

The Madisonian.

THE LOCAL NEWS OF THE MADISON VALLEY, RUBY VALLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Montana's Oldest Publishing Weekly Newspaper. Established 1873

75¢ | Volume 147, Issue 31

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Wages increased to spur interest in working for care facilities

STAFFING TRAJECTORY IS LOOKING UP



Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center, in Sheridan, has hired five new CNAs since the wage increase. PHOTO COURTESY OF BONNIE O'NEILL

BY KEELY LARSON
connect@madisoniannews.com

Staffing both nursing homes in Madison county has been an ongoing problem. "The concerns have been in the works

for awhile, mostly because in order to have a really full house you need to have enough staff, and the staffing challenges have been ongoing since I have been commissioner," Jim Hart, Madison County Commissioner for 12 years reflected. Part of this is

due to the nature of the job, but also to the fact that the pool of eligible applicants is smaller in Madison County than it would be in a larger area. Despite that, Commissioner Hart explained the struggle to find employees in nursing homes extends further

than Madison County. It is a state and nationwide problem.

Madison Valley Manor and Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center need 50 employees at each location, Bonnie O'Neill, chief administrative officer for Madison County, reported.

"Working in health care, as you can imagine, is a hard job. We've got 28 residents in Sheridan (Tobacco Root Mountain Center) and 26 approximate residents in Ennis (Madison Valley Manor) and we operate 24/7. You have to have enough staff to operate those facilities on a 24 hour basis," she continued. "It's a tough job," County Commissioner Dan Allhands agreed, bringing up the fact that being operational 24/7 means some employees miss spending time with their families on holidays.

these benefits as including: health care at no extra cost through Blue Cross Blue Shield, life insurance, optional vision and dental insurance, contribution of wages into a retirement system, up to three weeks of paid vacation time dependent on number of hours worked, 12 paid sick days and 10-11 paid holidays.

When staffing does not meet the ratios required by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the county uses travelers to fill the gaps. Travelers are sent by the company they work for to provide employment to places that need it, usually as a last resort for the businesses looking to hire. "It's just a nation-wide deal. You've got assisted living now and home health and traveling nurses and everyone's struggling to find CNAs (Certified Nurse's Assistant)," Commissioner Allhands stated. Commissioner Hart explained travelers can be from virtually anywhere. One of the facilities had a traveler employee from Glendive, Montana, clear on the other side of the state.

The biggest part of this problem is how expensive it is to hire travelers. "The total number we spent on travelers in the last fiscal year is unreal," Madison County Commissioner Ron Nye stated. Commissioner Nye continued by saying if the amount of money spent on hiring travelers persisted, the nursing homes would go out of business. In an effort to keep this from

"THE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR AWHILE, MOSTLY BECAUSE IN ORDER TO HAVE A REALLY FULL HOUSE YOU NEED TO HAVE ENOUGH STAFF, AND THE STAFFING CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN ONGOING SINCE I HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONER,"
JIM HART REFLECTED

Employees at either facility enjoy the benefits of working for the county. O'Neill described

WAGE INCREASE continued on A2

Living in bear country

An in-depth look at what Madison County can do to avoid bear encounters

BY KEELY LARSON
connect@madisoniannews.com

Bears are out and about this summer!

Morgan Jacobsen, Information and Education Program Manager for Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Region 3, thoroughly explained the five universal messages that aim to prevent bear encounters. He began by introducing the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, which includes the park and forest services, FWP, tribes, sportsman, and wildlife representatives. The IGBC compiled these safety guidelines for use by all groups mentioned above to educate people on how to live in spaces with bears.

1. Bears can be anywhere (assume their presence).

The Greater Yellowstone Area grizzly population has improved and reached recovery levels. Jacobsen showcases this by providing numbers. In 1980 there were reportedly less than 200 grizzly bears in this area and that number has increased to 718 in 2018.

All of these numbers go to show there are more grizzlies in the GYA than before and chances of meeting one are higher.

2. Preventing a conflict is easier than resolving a conflict.

Most importantly, this can be achieved by group travel. Danielle Oyler, Education Coordinator for the Montana Bear Education Working Group, provides a statistic from YNP explaining how 91% of people were hurt by a bear traveling in groups of one or two. Only 9% were hurt that traveled in groups of three or more. Oyler points out these larger groups are just louder and more intimidating by default.

"If bears know people are coming, most of the time they will step off and wait. They don't want to be disturbed and they don't want a negative encounter," she said. Neither do all the day hikers and adventure seekers in town. It's like when you went to outdoor camps as a kiddo and the counselors made you sing call-and-response songs while marching through the woods. It seemed like just a

way to keep everyone entertained, but it also served a greater purpose by letting any bears in the surrounding area know people were near.

3. Keep food and other attractants away from bears.

Jacobsen emphasized the extraordinary memory bears have. If they find a garbage can full of food waste in early spring, they will store away the exact location and season of that food source in their brains. If this find was particularly easy to get at, one can imagine that location is stored even more concretely.

"One of your goals if you're an animal living in the wild is to do things the easy way," Jacobsen stated, describing a cooler full of food as an easy meal. "Once they're habituated to it it's extremely difficult to break that habit. Even when we relocate bears they have an uncanny way of finding their way back to those areas."

"Bears are really dependent on their extraordinary sense of smell. For you and me, it's kind of like eye site. It's hard to imagine life without it." With

this in mind, storing any food waste or products in a vehicle or other bear storage container is crucial, especially in Madison county since it encompasses bear country.

4. Be prepared to handle bear encounters.

This point sums up the prior three in a literal way. Madison county is no stranger to bear encounters and knowing how to interact with one you may have accidentally encountered is vital, for you and the bear. From the FWP's Grizzly Bear/Human Safety Information, Education and Outreach plan, Jacobsen goes through four different ways to handle a bear encounter.

The first is simple. If you are unnoticed, move away quietly. Secondly, if you are seen by the bear, stand firmly and wait until the bear loses interest. Thirdly, once the bear appears to be agitated, the more detailed steps take shape. Stand your ground, prepare yourself to use bear spray and speak calmly

BEAR COUNTRY continued on A2

TABLE OF CONTENTS

LOCAL NEWS.....	1-6	COMICS/GAMES	B4
OPINIONS.....	4	CLASSIFIEDS.....	B5
PANORAMA.....	B1	PUBLIC NOTICES.....	B6
HEALTH & WELLNESS	B2	OUTPOST	B10
COLUMNS.....	B3		



Visit us online @
www.madisoniannews.com



YOUR LOCAL BANK. YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

Member
Opportunity Bank
FDIC OF MONTANA

A MONTANA COMMUNITY BANK SINCE 1922.



B&E
CUSTOM BUILDING & DESIGN

- CONVENTIONAL FRAME HOMES
- COMMERCIAL REMODELS & ADDITIONS
- HAND-CRAFTED LOG HOMES

All phases of construction, design and consulting

e-mail: bande@3rivers.net | www.bandeconstruction.com
brad bullock 581-4117 | ken evans 490-2758 | office 682-7942
p.o. box 1444 Ennis, MT 59729

WAGE INCREASE continued FROM A1

happening, all three commissioners agreed a wage increase for nursing home staff needed to be put in place. It would contain a two-fold benefit: higher wages would increase interest locally in working for the care facilities and more local employees would reduce the need to hire travelers. "Our commissioners have been very supportive. In fact, we couldn't have done it without them," O'Neill explained. The wage increase went into effect on June 25 after a commissioner's meeting. As a result of this, hope in the hiring process was restored. "The pool is probably pretty slim regardless. We have already gotten some applicants from folks that have worked in other facilities

in Dillon and Bozeman, and it's kind of encouraging actually," Commissioner Hart provided. She advocated for Madison County as a great place to live and work and wants to maintain that mentality with the current staff, and also show it to the wider population. "We think in the very near future we will actually have a waiting list for individuals that want to work for the county nursing homes," she emphasized. "We're tickled with what we're seeing right now," Commissioner Allhands added. Commissioner Hart hoped they would not have to ask any more from the residents, who pay two property taxes to support the nursing homes,

"WE'RE TICKLED WITH WHAT WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW," COMMISSIONER ALLHANDS

in regards to this venture. He stressed how good the residents are to both homes and Commissioner Nye emphasized how much residents want these facilities to remain in place. "We may have to go to the voters to ask them to help us maintain these facilities the way they need to be maintained," he said. Commissioner Nye believed a lot of residents know they may need a facility like either of these once they reach a certain age. He is confident residents will not mind "digging deeper into their pockets" to help provide local care for future generations of the county.

BLUE MOON SALOON
CAMERON, MONTANA
SALOON • CABINS • CAFE

LIVE MUSIC 2019

FRIDAY MAY 31	STEVE ROSE
SATURDAY JUNE 8	CHE ZURO
SATURDAY JUNE 29	FOOLS GOLD
SATURDAY JULY 20	M CANCELED SE
SATURDAY JULY 27	ROCKY MOUNTAIN PEARLS
FRIDAY AUG 9	DIRK ALLEN
SATURDAY AUG 24	SAM PLATT
FRIDAY SEPT 13	MONTANA ROSE
SATURDAY OCT 26	SAM PLATT

BLUEMOONSALOONMT.COM CAMERON, MT 406.682.4555

BEAR COUNTRY continued FROM A1

Operating Your Bear Spray

1

2

This photo demonstrations how to unlock the safety on a bear spray canister. PHOTO COURTESY OF DANIELLE OYLER

Lisa Brubaker, LCSW, LLC
Licensed Clinical Social Worker

It's never too late to find balance.

PO Box 602
Ennis, Montana 59729
sw.privatepractice@gmail.com
(406) 670-4546

Insurance Accepted.

- Individual & Couples Counseling
- Specializing in Adults & Adolescents

SLINGIN' MUD LIKE BLOOD AND SLICING SHEETROCK UP SINCE 2001!

HARDY DRYWALL

FULL SERVICE DRYWALL, PLASTER & STUCCO

596-3137

to the bear. Lastly, when and if the bear does charge, lay face down and cover your head and neck with your hands. Bear spray can still be used after assuming this position. Jacobsen mentioned an example of a 17 year old boy near Ennis who was able to ward off a charging bear with his bear spray while taking the ground position. "We always tell people to aim low because if they try to aim to the bear's head, sometimes the bear will run under the cloud of bear spray," Jacobsen adds, which is another reminder of a bear's intelligence. Olyer provides another statistic encouraging the use of bear spray. A 2008 study in Alaska showed 98% of people were not harmed by a bear after using bear spray and 92% of the time after use the bear changed its behavior. "It creates a negative association with humans and it kind of reinforces the fear and the respect that humans and bears should have for each other," Jacobsen said. These steps may seem overwhelming and impossible to perform if actually put into a stressful situation. Bear education and instruction on how to use bear spray are big parts of Hunter's Education classes in Montana, Jacobsen informs. Participants in Hunter's Ed. programs are commonly 10-14 years old. "Hunter's Education is a way we can educate hunters when they're early in their career of hunting," Jacobsen explained.



Upset griz near Pebble Creek, YNP. PHOTO BY MIKE COIL

GRAHAM DRILLING
SHERIDAN, MT

Water Well Drilling, Solar Pump Systems for Stock Water, Pump Sales Installation, Service & Repairs

Serving Residential & Commercial Customers in Madison County for over 30 years

QUALITY SERVICE AT A FAIR PRICE

Phone (406) 842-5214 or (406)682-5290

WWW.GRAHAMDRILLING.COM

Both Jacobsen and Olyer describe bear spray as the suggestion deterrent. This is one of the reasons that Hunter's Ed. classes teach how to use bear spray instead of defaulting to firing at a bear. "Accidental discharges

or badly aimed firearms can kill people, while bear spray has never caused a fatality. Bear spray leaves the bear alive, and less likely to approach humans in the future," the IGBC website notes, evoking back to the intense memories bears have. They will not forget the instance in which their nose and eyes were burned by this spray. If Hunter's Ed. is not your thing, Olyer mentioned a group called Bear Smart Big Sky which serves to educate people on bear safety and works to provide bear resistant garbage cans for many residences throughout town. This a Big Sky focused group with the "goal of making bear smart actions a natural part of Big Sky's culture so that bears are behaving wildly," Kris Inman stated,

coordinator of Bear Smart Big Sky council. The office is located and Ennis and more information about their programs can be found at <https://www.wcscommunitypartnerships.org/work>.

5. Grizzly bears are an important part of Montana's natural heritage.

It is a unique part of living, playing or working in Madison county. Wildlife comes and goes and oftentimes people are awestruck by moose, fox or eagles right in their backyards. Bears are no different. We would consider ourselves lucky to spot a bear. "They're a really extraordinary animal and one that has been iconic for this place, the place that we live," Jacobsen said.

Bill McKenzie woodconstrux@me.com

TIMBER PARROT CONSTRUCTION LLC

Ennis MT

406-210-0959

PO Box 689 Ennis, Montana 59729

(406) 596-1541
licensed/insured
Servicing Madison Valley and Big Sky

Alpenglow Window Cleaning

Holt / Seaman Scholarship Fundraiser Successful

Submitted by
ROSS LINGLE
Ennis Schools

The Earl Holt and John Seaman Memorial Scholarship funds raised \$10,351 at the 11TH annual Texas Hold'em charity tournament. Forty-four players joined together at the Silver Dollar to raise this impressive amount that will be awarded to seniors at Ennis High School. Due to the great turnout over the last eleven years, these scholarships were able to pay out \$14,000 in scholarships this year. Each of the recipients will receive the funds second semester of their university education. Con-

gratulations and good luck to these exceptional individuals!

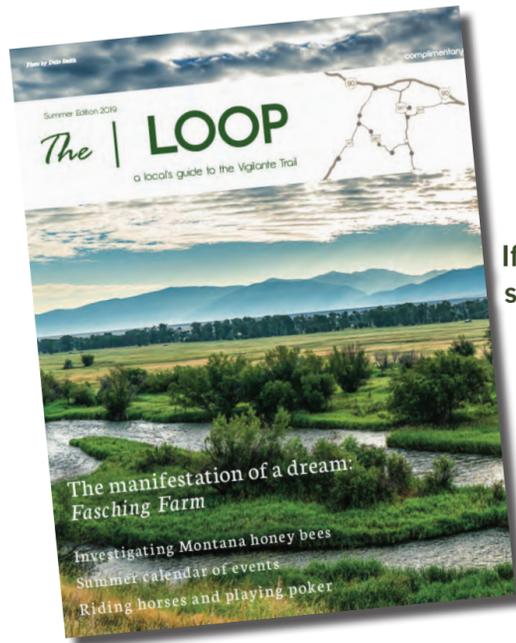
The charity poker tournament was held in March at the Silver Dollar with results as follows: 1st – SPLIT: Bernie Oglietti (Ennis) and Gary Schild (Lolo), 3rd – Kevin Helling (Ennis), 4th – Diane Mohr (Butte). Thank you to all 44 players who played and contributed to the scholarship funds! The tournament will take place again next March at the Silver Dollar Saloon. Special thanks to Wanda and Bill Skinner for planning the fundraiser! For a list of all of the individuals and businesses that supported the event, please see the thank you advertisement listed in this week's edition of *The Madisonian*.



Earl Holt Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Trevor Swanson, Amanda Russell, Whitney McKittrick, Joree Hokanson, Josie Griffiths, and Clay Coffman.



John Seaman Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Max Trapp, Madelyn Pines-Havens, Kylie Noack, Emmett Lingle, Culley Landgaard, Jourdain Klein, Logan Crowley, and Alyssa West.



THE LOOP IS OUT!
If you would like some copies for your place of business, give us a call at 682-7755

If these values are what you vote for, YOU might be a DEMOCRAT!

Children and Families: Vote like you mean it. Our children are our future.

***Education:** Public education, K-College, is an American cornerstone; Keep it, fund it, make it better. Reform and improve student loan programs.

***Financial Security:** Good jobs - worthwhile work and a living wage, Job security, health care, independent of employment, child care and a Strong Social Security.

***Childhood Poverty:** Support and improve programs for children, Including health insurance (CHIP), Head Start and SNAP.

***Nurture Families:** Maternal & Paternal leave, better day care and Preschool programs, family literacy and parental education.

VOTE: Democratic candidates share these issues/values
Paid for by Madison Democratic Central Committee, 111 Shining Mtn. Loop Rd. Ennis 59729.

The Madisonian.
Your partner in community.
682-7755


Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley, Inc.
Building Houses... Building Homes... Building Hope... Building Strong Communities

Are you Ready to Own Your Home?

Join Habitat for Humanity for an Informational Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at the El Western Conference Center 4787 US-287, Ennis MT 59729

Meeting will start at 6 p.m.
Refreshments will be served

This is a great opportunity for you to learn how you can become a partner with Habitat for Humanity and own your own home. If you are ready to have your own home, join us to learn how.

For more information contact
Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley at 406 388 8225
or email jdavid@habitatbozeman.org
Hope to see you there!



When Snakes Strike, We're Prepared for You

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare has fast care for rattlesnake bites

Timing is everything for the successful treatment of rattlesnake bites. Be sure to act quickly in the event of a bite: Come straight to the Emergency Department of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. Our staff is trained in the treatment of rattlesnake bites and we have ample supplies of antivenom. Our emergency medicine providers are on-site and prepared to initiate appropriate treatment 24/7. When snakes strike, head to Barrett Hospital & HealthCare.



BarrettHospital.org

The Madisonian.

Established in 1873

(USPS 325-340)

Montana's Oldest Operating Weekly Newspaper

Owners/Publishers:

Susanne Hill & Erin Leonard

Editor:

Cori Koenig

Accounts Payable/Receivable: Susanne Hill

Art Director: Erin Leonard

Reporter: Hannah Kearse

Staff Writer/Customer Service: Keely Larson

Contributors:

Keith Axberg, Les Gilman, Art Kehler, Stacy Gatewood, Kelley Knack, Nancy Nesbit, Christopher Mumme, Matt Hill, Keri Montgomery, Charlie Rossiter, Andi Christensen

ENNIS, MONTANA

- Madisonian Editorial Policy -

Editorials are intended to acquaint our readers with the Editor's viewpoints on matters of public importance. Guest editorials and letters from readers (Letters to the Editor) reflect the opinion of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editor or the staff of *The Madisonian*.

- Press Release Policy -

•The *Madisonian* staff will give all press releases full consideration, but ultimately retains the authority to determine whether or not to publish releases.

•Content must be factual and objective.

•Content must not contain advertising language (such as "Thank you," "Congratulations," "call now," "to buy tickets for," "now showing,") or include pricing.

•Items of a general business interest are appropriate for advertising—see advertising policy and current rates.

•Content must not be derogatory to competing companies or organizations.

•Content may only be submitted and published once.

•There are no guarantees that press releases will be published.

•The *Madisonian* may edit submissions for grammar and content.

•The *Madisonian* reserves the right to make all determinations relative to the above policy.

- Letters to the Editor/Readers Speak Policy -

The *Madisonian* encourages the opinions of readers on public issues and matters of local concern. Letters must be close to 350 words, and author may only submit twice monthly. Please include the writer's name, address and phone number. The *Madisonian* reserves the right to edit

content for grammar, good taste and libel. We also reserve the right to reject or delay publications.

We will not publish individual grievances about specific businesses or letters that are abusive, malicious or potentially libelous.

Announcements, thank yous and letters of a commercial nature will not appear in this column.

- Display & Classified Advertising Policy -

The *Madisonian* accepts most advertising, but may turn away any advertisement for any reason. It is up to us to decide on placement and content acceptability.

The advertisements in this publication are not necessarily the opinion of or supported by *The Madisonian*.

Please note: Our client information is confidential.

~ Subscription Rates ~

In-State - \$39.00/1 year or \$69.00/2 years • Out-of-State - \$49.00/1 year or 79.00/2 years (e-Edition complimentary with print subscription) •

\$30 - e-Edition only • \$45 - 6 mos. print/1 year e-Edition

Postmaster: Please, Send Address Changes to:

The Madisonian, P.O. Box 365, Ennis, MT 59729

Phone 406-682-7755

Toll Free 1-888-238-7849

email: sales@madisoniannews.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday - Friday ~ 9 am - 5 pm - Call ahead as we're short staffed and want to make sure we are available to you!

Any submissions to our paper, including photos or content, may be used in any of our print and digital products.

NEWS & ADVERTISING DEADLINE

5 p.m. - Friday

ANY ADS ACCEPTED AFTER THE FRIDAY DEADLINE OF 5 P.M. WILL BE CHARGED A \$25 LATE FEE.

Editor's note:
The Madisonian does not endorse the viewpoints or statements of those who submit letters to the editor. Please do your own research and check your facts.



Klasen Septic

How long has it been since you pumped your septic tank?

You don't want to be out in a foot of snow, hunting for that lid!

Call for a quote:
406-683-2063 or 925-1076



OPINION

Critical services all cost money but save lives

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article about the future viability of the Ennis Ambulance Service. Most of the over 8700 residents of Madison County have no idea what the Ennis Ambulance provides for services until they need it. May I suggest you all take time to understand the limitations of the service we have and think about what a really well run and funded ambulance service could provide to Madison County residents.

That is the reason for hiring an experienced consultant to rural communities to help us become prepared in what we offer to Madison County residents and visitors for their emergency services. Statistics for rural survival

are not encouraging and with paramedics and fast response times, many more lives can be saved.

Like most all volunteer EMS services in rural America today, they all are struggling with getting enough volunteers, enough training and remaining financially stable in the long term. Articles and studies are all over the internet. We are so very fortunate to have the system we have here, presently run somewhat independently by the city of Ennis, with a population of a little over 900 people.

Unfortunately the article did not point out any of what is mentioned here, and I believe at least Allen Rohrbach from the Madison Valley Medical Center may have been misunderstood. I believe the

hospital is very grateful for the small number of dedicated volunteers that do their best in the current unfunded, volunteer basic life support service. However, the current EMS system does not provide advance life support services and currently only transfers about half of the patients at the Madison Valley Medical Center needing transportation to a larger hospital. And on a side note, the assessment from the experts indicated the current volunteer Ennis Ambulance service is an entity of the town of Ennis and its reliability, viability and sustainability is questionable. We are so very fortunate to have this hospital here in Ennis, serving so many people through its clinic as well as emergency room services. However, many rural

hospitals are closing, this one is very viable today and the need is to elevate the emergency system in place in Madison County. Critical services all cost money but save lives. We cover a large geographic area, provide mostly basic services to patients and in my opinion, we need to elevate to full time employee(s) who are paramedics and a quick response system, supplemented by volunteers. That is the trend in rural America. It is viable here through a coordinated effort.

Tom Riggs
Ennis

OBITUARIES

June G. Haigh Memorial Service

A memorial service with full military honors for June Haigh, age 94, who passed away December 23, 2018 will be held Saturday, July 20th at 2 p.m. at the Fairview Cemetery in Three Forks. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

Following the cemetery ceremony there will be a gathering at his home in Ennis. Refreshments will be served.

Please plan on coming and sharing your stories of June, as he was himself a good story teller.

Judith A. Ruffner
July 18, 1939-July 2, 2019

Judith A. Ruffner, age 79, resident of the Madison Valley for 24 years passed away July 2, 2019 at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital at Bozeman.

Judith was born July 18, 1939 at McGuffey, Ohio to George and Beulah (Allen) Jordan. She worked as a Registered Nurse and Anesthetist in Pennsylvania for 30+ years retiring as the Chief Anesthetist at Indiana Hospital in Pennsylvania. She was married to Wayne A. Ruffner for 58 years. Judith was loved by everyone who met her.

She was preceded in death by her son Jeffrey W.A. Ruffner, her parents George and Beulah, sister Jane Bair, brothers Paul and Larry Jordan.

Survivors include her husband Wayne, brothers Charles and Roger Jordan, sister Brenda Stephens, several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

K&L Mortuaries & Crematory of Ennis has assisted the family with arrangements.

Madison County Sanitarian's Office
P.O. Box 278 ~ 103 W. Wallace Street
Virginia City, MT 59755
(406) 843 - 4275
sanitarian@madisoncountymt.gov

SERVS SAFE TRAINING

The Madison County Sanitarian's Office will be holding a ServSafe training. A successful passing grade will satisfy the Montana Food Code. The date and location is listed below:

DATE: JULY 22, 2019, MONDAY, 8:00AM-5:00PM
MADISON COUNTY ADMIN BUILDING, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, VIRGINIA CITY
Fee: \$75.00

Registration Deadline: One week prior to the class

Registration forms can be found on the Sanitarian's page of the Madison County website at madisoncountymt.gov or the Sanitarian's Office, located at 103 W. Wallace Street in Virginia City.

Textbooks will be available for pick at the Madison County Sanitarian's Office. Applicants must be registered and fee paid in advance of receiving your textbook and exam materials. Lunch will be provided at no cost. Please call the Sanitarian's Office at 843-4275 to register for this training. Seating is limited, so please register early.



LIVING WITH FIRE

THE EVOLUTION OF WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION

BY AMANDA EGGERT
Montana Free Press

Editor's Note: As the West enters another fire season, where, how and why federal land management agencies decide to suppress wildfires and implement fuel reduction projects will be hotly debated, as residents, environmentalists, agency heads, and politicians tangle with how much, if any, thinning, logging, and prescribed burning is appropriate to mitigate fire risk.

Three trends play an important role in the discussion: hotter and drier conditions wrought by climate change, which have led to an extended burning season and a spike in fires deemed "historically significant" by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; a near doubling of the number of homes built in areas of Montana with high wildfire risk since 1990; and nearly 900 structures lost to Montana wildfires in the past decade, despite ever-growing spending on suppression, to the tune of \$397 million spent suppressing Montana fires in 2017, including an all-time high of \$68.2 million from state of Montana coffers, which contributed to a significant state budget shortfall in 2018.

In this three-part series, Montana Free Press examines how federal land management agencies have approached wildfire in the past and high-

lights key public and private sector developments that could change how we engage with it in the future. This first installment outlines a handful of events and policies that have shaped the wildfire narrative in the last century.

Shortly after its establishment in 1905, the U.S. Forest Service underwent a literal trial by fire when a conflagration of fires in Montana and Idaho known as the Big Burn of 1910 consumed 3 million acres, killing 86 people (mostly firefighters) and reducing the town of Wallace, Idaho, nearly to ash.

Most of those 3 million acres burned in a two-day period, August 20-21, fueled by hurricane-force winds that sucked entire trees from the ground and turned them into airborne blowtorches. Impacts were felt far and wide. Smoke turned the sun an eerie copper color in Boston, and soot fell on the ice in Greenland. "Not ever before had a forest fire been given headlines so big or so black," popular historian Stuart Holbrook wrote a decade later.

"It [was] literally seared into [the Forest Service's memory] — in large part because many of the subsequent chiefs came out of Missoula and fought that fire," said Char Miller, a professor of environmental analysis and history at Pomona College and author of Public Lands, Public Debates: A Century of Controversy.

Damage sustained in the 1910 fires helped the fledgling Forest Service, Montana's largest federal land manager, rally public and political support to invest in more personnel, equipment and infrastructure (roads, lookout towers, and ranger stations) to help spot and fight wildfires in the ensuing decades. Through the war years, fire was largely regarded by the Forest Service and American public as a destructive force to be subdued.

In 1935, the Forest Service instituted a "10 a.m. policy" directing fire managers to contain all human-caused fires by 10 a.m. the following day. Even in the 1930s, the blanket suppression strategy had staunch opponents, including Elers Koch, a forester and former Lolo National Forest chief who'd fought the 1910 fires and found full suppression to be expensive, ineffective, and unmerited in some steep, dangerous landscapes of northern Idaho lacking high-quality timber.

"After years of experience, I have come to the considered conclusion that control of fire in the backcountry of the Selway and Lochsa drainages is a practical impossibility. I firmly believe that if the Forest Service had never expended a dollar in this country since 1900 there would have been no appreciable difference in the area burned over," he wrote in a 1935 issue of Journal of Forestry. Miller said Koch's position was so controversial that the editor of the Journal of Forestry felt



Smoke from burnout operations rises above the Madison River during the Maple Fire in Yellowstone National Park, September 10, 2016.

compelled to write an editorial opposing Koch's views.

The Forest Service largely stayed the course of the 10 a.m. policy, but it wasn't until the agency began employing emerging technologies including dozers, aircraft, and flame retardant in the 1950s that it found greater success meeting that objective, Miller said.

By the 1960s, the ecological role of wildfire in fire-adapted landscapes had gained greater recognition among land managers. In 1968, the National Park Service began allowing natural ignitions sparked in favorable conditions to run their course, and used prescribed fires to meet management objectives.

The more hands-off fire

management that Elers Koch supported was vindicated in 1972 when the chief of the Forest Service approved the agency's first wilderness fire management plan, which gave fire managers authority to let lightning-sparked fires burn in a portion of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, typically under predetermined conditions and within a specified geographic area.

The National Park Service policy faced a political test in 1988, when 1.2 million acres burned in and around Yellowstone National Park during an exceptionally hot and dry summer, leading some frustrated residents in nearby communities to petition park administrators to scrap the park's 1972 policy

allowing some natural ignitions to burn.

Efforts to reframe the narrative about those fires, including a February 1989 cover story in National Geographic documenting the regeneration that followed the flames, met with some success, Miller said, catalyzing a sea change that took about a decade to soak into public consciousness.

"There was this much more ecological view of fire — that fire was a good thing. It's not destructive, but actually it was regenerative," he said.

Even with evolving attitudes, much of the West's forested landscape is still subject to what ecologists call a fire deficit. Fewer

FIRE continued on A6



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
Montana Properties

BHHSMT.COM
ENNIS: 406.682.5002
SHERIDAN: 406.842.5650
TWIN BRIDGES: 406.684.5686

RANCH PROPERTIES

Michelle VanDyke
BROKER
406.684.5686

18 WHITE ROCK LANE, WHITEHALL
\$695,000 | #333773

- Custom 3,276± sf log home on 46± acres
- Greenhouse, workshop, garage, sauna house
- New counter tops, expanded guest bath

Rob Klatt
BROKER
406.580.2002

BECHLER AVE. WEST YELLOWSTONE
\$735,000 | #334342

- Spacious, open design w/new wood floor
- 4,504± sf, 7 bd, 3.5 ba, gym & fly tying room
- Attached oversized 3 car garage w/dog run!

Holly Driskill
SALES ASSOCIATE
406.451.3527

6 RUBY ROAD, ALDER
\$259,000 | #332141

- Beautiful & well-maintained log home
- Alder Creek flowing through the property
- Detached garage for all of your toys!

Jill Gaar
SALES ASSOCIATE
406.580.5636

40 SUN EAGLE LANE, CAMERON
\$784,000 | #325611

- 4 bd, 3 ba log home w/river rock fireplace
- Open floor plan w/wrap around deck
- Very hard to match this setting

Ron Gay
SALES ASSOCIATE
406.596.5000

SUNDANCE BENCH ROAD, CAMERON
\$495,000 | #330549

- Very unique custom log home on 31.7± acres
- Spectacular views of the Madison River Valley!
- 1,558± sf, 2 bd, 2 ba bordering USFS

Rikki Dilschneider
BROKER
406.581.5155

WASHINGTON BAR LOOP, MCALLISTER
\$899,000 | #331523

- 5 bd, 3 ba Swedish Cope Log Home
- 395' of bold mountain stream flowing through
- Vaulted ceilings, wall of windows, wrap around deck

Dawn Marie Dickson
SALES ASSOCIATE
406.600.4802

SHEEP CAMP ROAD, WHITEHALL
\$479,000 | #334341

- Custom home on 38.1± acres
- New carpet, hickory cabinets, stainless appliances
- Attached 2-car garage, shop w/apartment

Joszie Driear
SALES ASSOCIATE
406.580.4469

11 COTTONTAIL RUN, ENNIS
\$449,900 | #334905

- Cozy, single level home w/huge workshop
- 5± acres, attached garage, covered porch
- 1,971± sf, large kitchen/dining, upfront views!

A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Three

Great Services Under One Roof!

Locally Owned & Operated
Free Estimates - Licensed & Insured

Call Mike McKitrick Today!
406-682-4529

100 Prairie Way #2 - Ennis, Mt 59729

Pet of the Week

..... Because it's time to meet your match.

Hi there. I'm looking for a loving forever home. I'm a year old, neutered and UTD on my vaccinations. All I need is you to adopt me and give me a loving forever and ever home. I need a fenced yard. I'm good with other dogs. I don't chase the cat here, but I'm not sure about elsewhere. I do have one bad habit though, I must confess. I chase chickens. I do need some training as I didn't get much at the last place. But I promise I'd do my best to be a good boy and try to learn really fast. Please call Misty at 439-1405 and help me out. Thanks, Ranger.



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
Montana Properties

Kristie Vessey, Sales Associate
406-580-1842
klvessey@gmail.com





Thank You HOLT/SEAMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS! 11 Years of Supporting Students!

The 2019 Earl Holt / John Seaman Memorial poker tournament raised \$10,351 to go toward scholarships for Ennis students. A very special thank you to the following individuals and businesses that helped make the Earl Holt / John Seaman Memorial Poker Tournament a success!

- HOST**
Silver Dollar
- SPONSORS**
B & E Construction Inc. Brad Bullock & Ken Evans
Bill's Painting Service – Bill Skinner
Stuart & Carol Clarkson
Croy Construction Inc. – Gray Croy
D&D Auto – Dennis Dedman
Ron Goodman & BJ Radell
Kalena's Teas – Kalena Wise
Kenyon Noble
Madison Valley Bank
MDM Construction – Mike & Cindy McKitrick
Matt Oehler Construction
Triple S Electric – Scott Sciuchetti
Trenz Salon – Tanya Moen & Deb Coffman
- AUCTION / PRIZE DONORS**
- LOCAL**
Benjies
Cabin Creek
Chelsie Oehler / Mary Kay
Ennis Lumbe Company
Ennis Pharmacy & Yesterday's Soda Fountain
Ennis Trading Post
Ennis True Value
Gallery 287 / Cathy Toot
Gravel Bar & Grill
Healing Hands Massage / Jen Davies
John & Mickie Benedict
Kalena's Teas / Kalena Wise
Montana Fish Man / Brian Rosenberg
Riverborne Outfitters / Mike Treloar
Ron Goodman
Madison Meadows Golf
McAllister Inn
- Montana Stan's Leather / Stan Tavenner
MTCreationsJustForYou / Marilyn Tavenner
My Home In Montana
Nacho Mama's
- BOZEMAN**
Cat's Paw Liquor / Jesse Odenheimer
Cosmic Pizza / Ken
Kenyon Noble Lumber Company
- CASH DONATIONS**
Jim Hart
Casey Heischer
- DEALERS**
- BUTTE**
Dennis Bugni
Erland
Nathan
Jed
4-CORNERS POKER ROOM
Kelly
- FOOD**
Wanda Skinner
Alicia Lingle
Roberta Maxwell
Molly Guillen
Sheri Shows / Pic-A-Nic Basket
Madison Foods / Chris Gentry & Blake Leavitt
- TOURNAMENT HELPERS**
Molly Guillen
Marla Holt
Chelsie Oehler
Eric Reed
Trevor Evanger

FIRE continued FROM A5

acres have burned than would be historically expected, likely due to decades of human activity, i.e., wildfire suppression, logging, grazing, and the conversion of landscapes for agricultural use, according to a 2015 article in the journal Ecosphere. Given how many acres of the West have been gobbled up by wildfire in recent years, the idea of a fire deficit might come as a surprise, but long-standing policies geared toward extinguishing fires have led to higher fuel loads, amplifying fires. Researchers working with the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station cite aggressive wildfire suppression as "one of the major factors that drive the increased extent, intensity, and damage associated with the small number of large wildfires that are unable to be suppressed."

A 2001 update to the multi-agency Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy rec-

ognized that Fire Management Plans should be "based upon the best available science," and lists ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, pinyon/juniper woodlands, and tallgrass prairie as fire-adapted ecosystems where over-suppression of wildfire has been a "destabilizing influence." The report describes the challenge of reintroducing fire to these landscapes as "both urgent and enormous," while also recognizing that suppression has benefited humans by reducing air quality impacts, for example.

Almost 20 years later, managers and policymakers still struggle to balance the ecological benefits of fire with unwanted human impacts, particularly given development in the Wildland-Urban Interface. Miller stresses that there's no one-size-fits-all approach that will work across diverse landscapes, but says there's plenty of thoughtful

science supporting less suppression in favor of planning measures to prevent home losses and better human adaptation to wildfire.

Missoula County Commissioner David Strohmaier is one elected official in Montana trying to move the needle on wildfire preparedness with more comprehensive land-use planning.

"Fire is here, and it's here to stay," said Strohmaier, who authored Drift Smoke: Loss and Renewal in a Land of Fire after spending 15 years in fire management. "I'm confident [that in Missoula] we can make some meaningful difference in resetting the narrative related to how we live with fire."

Part 2 of Living with Fire will look at the challenges and benefits of land-use planning policies in Missoula County aimed at minimizing losses in the Wildland-Urban Interface.

COPPER K FIBER FESTIVAL

"Fiber Arts...getting back to its roots"



Come experience a weekend of fiber fun in the countryside with classes, vendors and a gathering area to spin, weave, knit, and crochet or to just sit and visit.

www.ranchingtraditionfiber.com



July 20 & 21, 2019
Sat 8-5 Sun 8-4
Festival entry is Free to the public

Great Shopping opportunity with Over 25 vendors selling a mixture of products

Fiber Art classes available for fee, sign up NOW on website

COPPER K BARN
786 Point of Rocks Rd
Whitehall, Montana



Maura Davenport, MD - Family Medicine

RD Marks, MD - Family Medicine

David Newton, MD - Family Medicine

Mick Lilson, MD - Gynecology

Marty Hensel, PA-C

Kristin Nutt, FNP - Family Medicine

Chrissy Fanelli, FNP - Family Medicine

Martin deGroot, PA-C

DON'T FORGET! We Have

Walk in

appointments available daily.



MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER
Clinic

682-4223
305 Main Street Ennis, MT 59729



THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE.

FINE DINING

Grand Re-Opening

THIS SEASON

THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE.

F I N E D I N I N G

For Information Call 682-7600

Madison County DISPATCH

6/23/2019 – 7/6/2019

6/23/19
DUI arrest on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis
Disturbance in 300 Blk E Williams St. Ennis
Citizen assist in 500 Blk W Hugel St. Ennis
Abandoned vehicle at Three Dollar Bridge
Cameron
Suspicious circumstances on US Hwy 287 MM 40 Cameron

6/24/19
Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 16 Cameron
Theft complaint in 400 Blk S Third St. Ennis
Welfare check on Neely Lane S Cameron
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 36 Cameron

6/25/19
Citizen assist on Wisconsin Creek Rd. Sheridan
Abandoned vehicle on MT Hwy 287 MM 31 Sheridan
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 16 Nevada City
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 30 Sheridan
Medical aid in 200 Blk E Main St. Ennis
Medical aid on Sky Ln. Sheridan
Harassment complaint in 200 Blk E Crofoot St. Sheridan
Road hazard on MT Hwy 287 MM 23 Alder

6/26/19
Wildlife complaint at MT Hwy 287 & Wisconsin Creek Rd. Sheridan
Trespass complaint on Alder Creek Way Alder
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 50 Ennis
Theft complaint on MT Hwy 84 MM 8 Norris
Suspicious circumstances on Gravelly Range Rd. Cameron

6/27/19
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 45 Twin Bridges
Traffic complaint on Upper Ruby River Rd. Alder
Theft complaint in 100 Blk N Main St. Sheridan
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 N MM 48 Twin Bridges
Missing persons on US Hwy 287 MM 17 Cameron

6/28/19
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 60 Norris
Animal complaint in 200 Blk W 8th Ave. Twin Bridges
Suspicious circumstances in 100 Blk S Main St. Sheridan
Animal complaint on Parsons Ln. Sheridan
Accident at Main St. & S

Chowning St. Ennis
Fire call on Johnny Ridge Rd. Cameron
Animal complaint on Bull Wheel Rd. Ennis
Animal complaint in 200 Blk Atkins Ln. Harrison
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 55 McAllister
Suspicious circumstances on MT Hwy 84 MM 8 Norris
Accident on US Hwy 191 Big Sky

6/29/19
Suspicious circumstances in 6500 Blk US Hwy 287 Norris

6/30/19
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 50 Ennis
Accident on MT Hwy 41 S MM 26 Twin Bridges
Animal complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 19 Twin Bridges
Fire call at Twin Bridges Dump Site Twin Bridges
Suspicious circumstances on N Meadow Creek Rd. McAllister
Dog complaint on MT Hwy 84 MM 5 Norris
Citizen assist in 300 Blk Main St. Twin Bridges
Suspicious circumstances on Pennington Rd. MM 5 Twin Bridges
Citizen assist on MT Hwy 287 MM 15 Virginia City
Vandalism complaint in 200 Blk E Williams St. Ennis

7/1/19
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 Ennis
Animal complaint on Golf Course Dr. Ennis
Dog complaint on Main St. Twin Bridges
Trespass complaint on Osprey Ln. Cameron
Fire call on Bear Gulch Rd. Twin Bridges
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 19 Nevada City
Fireworks complaint in 100 Blk W Main St. Ennis
Suspicious circumstances on 7M4R Rd. Sheridan
Public safety complaint at N Ennis Lake Rd. & Clay Dr. McAllister

7/2/19
Animal complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 14 Virginia City
Public safety complaint in 300 Blk Waterloo Rd. Whitehall
Public safety complaint at Pennington Bridge Twin Bridges
Alarm call in 1200 Blk Jack Creek Rd. Ennis

7/3/19
Fire call at MT Hwy 287 & Varney Rd. Ennis
Theft complaint in 300 Blk E Main St. Ennis
Welfare check in 100 Blk

Bald Eagle Dr. McAllister
Animal complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 17 Twin Bridges
Trespass complaint in 200 Blk Norwegian Creek Rd. Harrison
Accident in 300 Blk W Wallace St. Virginia City
Suspicious circumstances on US Hwy 287 N MM 48 Ennis
Fire call on Odell Dr. Sheridan
Accident at US Hwy 287 & Old Yellowstone Rd. Ennis

7/4/19
Traffic complaint on Gravelly Range Rd. Cameron
Suspicious circumstances in 600 Blk Upper Ruby Rd. Alder
Suspicious Circumstances on N First St Ennis
Fire call on Wallace St. Virginia City
Disturbance in 300 Blk Armitage St. Ennis
Disturbance in 500 Blk Rainbow Trout Run Big Sky
Dog complaint on Wallace St. Virginia City
Citizen assist in 100 Blk W Main St. Ennis

7/5/19
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 35 Sheridan
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 44 Ennis
Alarm call on Hot Springs Loop Rd. Ennis
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 13 Virginia City
Warrant service in 2200 Blk MT Hwy 287 Alder
Welfare check on Springbrook Creek Rd. Alder
Suspicious circumstances on Clay Dr. McAllister
Alarm call in 100 Blk S Main St. Sheridan
Fireworks complaint in 200 Blk S Main St. Twin Bridges
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 17 Nevada City

7/6/19
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 N MM 54 Silver Star
Citizen assist on Main St. Harrison
Warrant service in 100 Blk Main St. Harrison
Warrant service in 800 Blk MT Hwy 84 Norris
Medical aid in 300 Blk Sterling Rd. Norris
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 15 Cameron
Fire call in 100 Blk Tuke Ln. Sheridan
Suspicious circumstances on Jeffers Rd. Ennis
Medical aid in 300 Blk N Main St. Ennis
Traffic complaint at Comley Way & Fagin St. Ennis

FINAL DAYS!

Bozeman Saddle Outlet, Inc.

Closing Forever at 5 p.m. on July 27, 2019

**50% off saddle prices
75% off sale room
(discounts off original prices)
50% off all used TACK
(used saddles excluded)**

**NEW ON THE FLOOR:
Some of Don Adamek's saddle collection
Wood saddle stands
\$69/ea - 4 or more \$50/each**

**NO CHECKS!
Cash, Master Card, Visa, AMEX accepted
Call 406-586-8225 for more information.
80155 Gallatin Rd, Bozeman, MT**

RE/MAX MOUNTAIN PROPERTY
130 E Main Street • Ennis, MT
Outstanding Agents • Outstanding Results
(406)-682-5001

Nobody Sells More Real Estate Than RE/MAX!
Call us at 406-682-5001
"We Give Where We Live"™
Bill Mercer, Broker/Owner
Quinn Diamond, Owner/Office Manager
RE/MAX Mountain Property

Since 2012 Bill Mercer and Quinn Diamond have been distributing over 3,000 flags annually during the July 4th parade. The Re/Max team and their families distribute the flags up and down the parade route so everyone can wave "Old Glory" on this special day. This is our way of saying "THANK YOU" to our amazing little town. We are blessed with the Madison River, incredible scenery, and most importantly, the kindest people in the world. God Bless Ennis and God Bless America! See you next year!



406-581-5574 Fax 406-682-3524 • www.EnnisMontanaRealEstate.com

SAVE MONEY ON HOME & AUTO INSURANCE

Call for a **FREE** Quote!

HOME • AUTO • LIFE • COMMERCIAL • AND MORE!



Big Sky (406) 993-9242
Ennis (406) 682-4202

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 331 Calls for Service from June 23-July 6, 2019, including more than 180 Traffic Stops and more than 35 Accidental 9-1-1 calls in this two-week period.



Pure Window Cleaning

Mark Sixel
(406) 660-0421
PO BOX 314
Ennis, MT 59729

- Free Quotes
- Residential
- Commercial
- Satisfaction Guaranteed

pure-windowcleaning.com
ennispurewindowcleaning@gmail.com

Bozeman Saddle Outlet
BozemanSaddleOutlet.com

All Major Brands ~ Best Prices ~ Saddles ~ Tack
Pack Equipment ~ 200 Saddles ~ In Stock New & Used,
along with all the Matching Tack

YEAR ROUND DISCOUNTS

10% OFF Tack, Pads, Reins, Bits, etc. ~ 20% OFF Tack w/ purchase of Saddle ~ 25% OFF Saddles ~ 30% OFF SALE CORNER Saddles & Tack (Some Exceptions Apply)

Circle Y • High Horse • Tucker • Billy Cook • Dakota • Courts
McCall • Pack Saddles • Pack Equipment

Gift Certificates Available
2 Mi. South of 4 Corners
80155 Gallatin Hwy • Bozeman, MT
Mon-Sat 10-5 • Closed Sundays

406-586-8225 (TACK)
bzmsaddleoutlet@gwestoffice.net
Cid Klebenow, Manager
WE SHIP!

ENNIS FLEA Market

JUNKERS, DEALERS,
ESTATE REDUCTIONS,
THRIFTY FOLK, LOCAL
ARTISTS & MAKERS, REPURPOSE & UPCYCLERS,
FOOD TRUCKS, PACKRATS, GARAGESALERS &
TREASURE HUNTERS WELCOME.

Sell your Stuff.

7-2PM MAIN STREET, ENNIS
2nd & 4th Saturdays thru Summer
www.ennisFLEAmarket.com

Next to the ENNIS Antiquerie MALL across from the NEARLY NEW



PEAK MENTAL HEALTH

Ke'lah Savage-Willauer, MSW, LCSW
Licensed Clinical Social Worker #7713

Peak Mental Health, LLC
phone: 406-925-9441
email: peakmentalhealth@gmail.com

Sherwood Swanson Drywall Inc.

Hanging Custom Textures Finishing Painting

Office: (406)682-5438 Cell: (406)599-3524

Arts and Entertainment

Madison Valley Arts Festival Raffle

Submitted by
MARGIE RECK

The Ennis Arts Association will hold its 24th Annual Madison Valley Arts Festival Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in beautiful Peter T.'s Park on Main Street in Ennis. In addition to the 60 juried artists, there will be live entertainment by the popular local Tune Tangles, delicious food, and children's rock painting. This annual festival, sponsored by the Ennis Arts Association, will also include a raffle of special donated art pieces. Ticket holders will have the opportunity to win a Carle McCambridge Giclee with a Don Neville barnwood frame, a copper earring, necklace, and bracelet set by Linda Maydak, framed oil painting by Sherri Gold, a barnwood Cross with turquoise inlay by Joe Gillispie and a sunflower gourd by Margie Reck. Tickets may be purchased from EAA members, at First Interstate Bank, Madison Valley Bank, Right Angles Framing and Gallery and at the festival.

The generous use of Peter T.'s Park is courtesy of the Madison Valley Bank of Ennis. All proceeds from the Festival will aid the Ennis Arts Association in local promotion of the arts. For more information regarding the festival, please go to www.ennisarts.org.

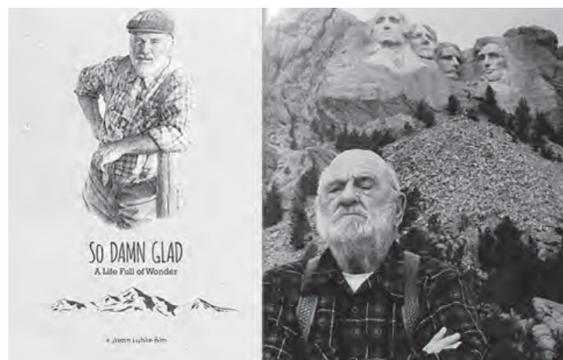


Doc Losee Documentary to be aired at the Elling House

Submitted by
THE ELLING HOUSE ARTS AND HUMANITIES CENTER

The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center will host a short film presented by Montana Film Maker, Justin Lubke, about local physician "Doc" Losee, on Saturday July 13 at 7PM.

Dr. Ronald Losee came to the Madison Valley, Montana, in the early 1950s and, having determined that this would be his home, set about ensuring the Valley had a hospital in which he could provide care to the inhabitants. With the help of fund-raising activities by local citizens and the Town of Ennis a hospital was build and opened. Dr. Losee was nationally noted for his specialty, orthopedic surgery. He developed innovative surgical techniques to deal with knee injuries that are still in use today. Yet in Southwest Montana, we knew him as a healer. This film by Lubke is a tribute that tells something of his story.



Ennis Flooring Installation & More

121 West Main Street, Ennis, MT
Gemcore (waterproof LVT & Hardwood)
Carpet - Vinyl - Hardwood
NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL!
Owner/Sales/Installation - Rod Blair (406) 539-1440

Get Results.
Call 682-7755

Red Apron Catering

Catering for all occasions!

BBQ - Reunions - Luncheons - Wine Tastings
Weddings - Funerals - Business Meetings
Holiday Events - Box Lunches - Branding Parties

Cindy Brennan
854 Hwy 359
Cardwell, Montana 59721

406-287-7942
cindy@redaproncatering.com
www.redaproncatering.net

D&D Auto, Inc.
AUTO & TRUCK SALES

We Are YOUR Go to Guys!
Auto & Truck Repair - Gas or Diesel - All Makes & Models

We Make Hydraulic Hoses
New Tires, Wheels & Tire Repairs
Engines & Transmissions Installed - Car & Truck Accessories
We Install Windshields - Alignments

ENNIS • 682-4537

Daily Parts Deliveries to Alder, Sheridan & Twin Bridges Areas
24 Hour Towing (CELL 406-570-9872)

MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High 66F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Friday
Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 72F. Winds light and variable.

Saturday
Sunshine and some clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High around 75F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday
Mostly cloudy in the morning. Isolated thunderstorms may develop later in the day. High 74F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Monday
Some sun in the morning with increasing clouds during the afternoon. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 71F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Quote of the Week:

"It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

4 RIVERS CONCRETE PRODUCTS
SHERIDAN, MT
WHITEHALL, MT

Quality Concrete - Premium Service

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Front Discharge Trucks
Ready Mix Concrete
Washed Sand & Gravel

842-5735 • 287-3728

PANORAMA



Noyes' sheep grazing in pasture reduces weeds and provides her with wool. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARCI WHITEHURST

BY MARCI WHITEHURST

Few of us think about where our clothes come from as we head out the door each morning, but when you throw on a hat or scarf made by someone local, the feeling is rich. Especially if you've seen the livestock and you know the origin of the fiber used. Touching that garment brings feelings of attachment--sending you right to the roots from which it grew.

In a day where much of what we use is disposable, fiber arts provides a lasting connection. In many cases, a connection that extends to multiple generations.

Kami Noyes, an artisan located near Whitehall, has found her niche in growing, spinning, and creating with natural fibers. As a fifth generation rancher, raising both cattle and sheep, Kami's agricultural roots run deep. She remembers having sheep as a child. When her kids were little, she picked up a couple bum lambs for them to raise. It didn't take long before Kami began keeping the wool and processing it. Today she sells fleeces, mostly to other artists, along with a variety of other fiber products.

Kami raises Targhee Rambouillet sheep, which supply excellent wool. "Sheep are highly resourceful," says Noyes. "You have the benefits of pasture management for weeds, plus the sheep them-

selves--which provide meat and wool."

Kami was gifted her first spinning wheel by her husband, Reid Noyes and her mother. Now, Kami has a studio where she spins and dyes wool into yarn.

"Spinning made me learn more about sheep," Kami said. Her knowledge base has grown into a viable business producing colorful threads. She even creates products like hats and scarves with the very wool she's grown on her ranch. Kami's personal line, titled the Tobacco Root Valley Yarn, is one of her favorite developments because she spins and dyes the wool herself.

To see the process from beginning to end is a treasure to Kami. "It's a gift to connect to products and know where something comes from," Kami shared. "To see the lambs born and raised to adulthood for wool is an amazing natural process. Plus, there is a dramatic difference between synthetic blends and pure wool. Pure wool has remarkable breathability, making it functional year-round. It also lasts a long time and the texture and feel are completely different."

Kami mills some of the wool herself, but also takes wool to Paul and Cheri Shaw, owners of the Montana Wool Barn in Cardwell, who are able to clean wool and mill it into a raw fiber. They also card and spin wool, in addition to other services. There are others who share Kami's passion.

Butte native, Betty Kujawa, raises alpacas and creates fiber from their fleece. The two have teamed up to create the Copper K Fiber Festival, a fiber arts festival that not only sells fiber products, but provides classes and demonstrations.

The Fiber Festival is similar to Art in the Park--only with textile arts. In just three years, the event has grown to include around thirty vendors from various states--some as far as Iowa, Virginia and even Florida. Peggy Downey travels from Colorado and teaches dyeing.

Admission to the Fiber Festival is free and open to the public. Classes are available for begin-

ners to advanced artists for those that register by July 15th. More information is available at www.ranchingtraditionfiber.com.

"This festival is more than just a place for those interested in producing fiber arts. I'd love for people to come see the vivid colors and beauty in the work," Noyes invites.

The Fiber Festival runs July 20-21, 2019 on the land and in the very barn where Kami remembers lambing when she was a child. Today, the Copper K Barn is a remodeled event venue. Saturday hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Red Apron caters the event, so food is available.

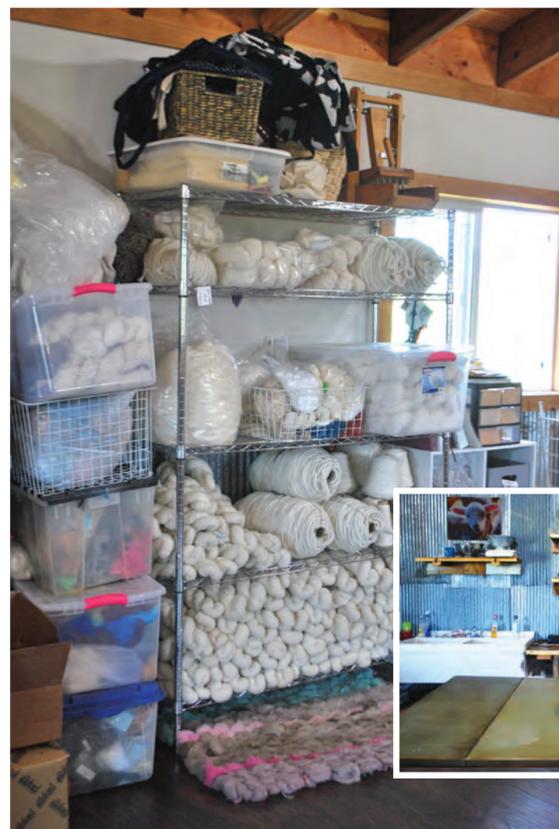
Music is on site during lunch. The Copper K Barn is located outside Whitehall at 786 Point of Rocks Road and is worth the drive!

**Marci Whitehurst is a freelance writer and ranch wife. You can find her at www.cowboywife.net.*

Left: Pure wool and fleece awaiting spinning and dye. Below: Kami created color blends in her studio specifically for the 4th of July.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARCI WHITEHURST

Kami's sheep look on as she poses with her spinning wheel where she spins their fiber. PHOTO COURTESY OF KAMI NOYES



LIVING HISTORY

JULY 13 & 14

"CHILDREN'S WEEKEND"

LOCATED IN THE NEVADA CITY MUSEUM.

Oh, to be a kid again: chores in the morning, then school, then back home for more chores, and then... Oh the fun!

Who would'a thought rolling a hoop down the street could be fun?

Montana Heritage Commission | PO Box 338 | Virginia City, MT 59755
www.virginiacitymt.com | 406-843-5247



Gianforte introduces resolution to establish National Health Literacy Day



Submitted by
TOM SCHULTZ

On June 27th, Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte and Representative Mike Levin (D-CA,) introduced a bipartisan resolution to establish October 1 as National Health Literacy Day. The resolution encourages individuals to assess their health knowledge and history and urges the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt tools and incentives to improve health literacy.

“Empowering people through health education can result in better outcomes and more affordable care,” Gianforte said. “National Health Literacy Day will be an opportunity to promote helpful information and resources, so families and choices about their care and live healthier lives.”

“Too many families are struggling to cover their medical bills and make ends meet, which is why we must do more to drive down health care costs and help families make smarter health decisions,” Levin said. “There is a proven connection between poor health literacy and higher hospitalization rates, greater emergency room use, poorer overall health status, and higher mortality. Ultimately, lowering health care costs and improving health outcomes is paramount, and this resolution would help us achieve those goals.”

Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. The majority of adults have intermediate health literacy while more than 75 million adults have basic or below basic health literacy, costing the US economy between \$106 billion to \$236 billion annually.

People with heart disease sharing experiences

Submitted by
PEGGY SHUMSKY, RN,
Madison Valley Medical Center

A new group for people with heart disease and their caregivers is starting. Heart 2 Heart will meet Tuesday, July 16 at 1pm at the Ennis Public Library.

Sharing experiences allows people to understand what they are going through and that they are not the only ones. Those with recent heart events or struggling with their disease gain hope when seeing healthy survivors. Peer to peer support empowers people to

have better control over their lives and helps improve quality of life.

If you have any questions, you may contact Peggy Shumsky, RN, Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab, Madison Valley Medical Center, 406-682-6619.





Dr. Jeff Squire
406-586-2173
222 E. Main St #1C, Ennis, MT

Exams
Glasses
Contacts



Ennis: The first and third Friday of every month by appointment.
Bozeman: Monday–Thursday 8am–6pm and Friday 8am–5pm.

We appreciate your patronage and will work hard to maintain your trust.

Montana Community Health Centers receive more than \$500,000, thanks to Tester

\$520,000 for Health Center Controlled Networks, Montana Primary Care Association

Submitted by
VICTORIA SCORDATO

As part of his ongoing effort to deliver affordable health care to all Montanans, U.S. Senator Jon Tester has

secured more than \$500,000 for community health centers across the state.

The \$520,000 grant—administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—will help cover operating costs for community health centers across Montana, providing funding for essentials like electronic medical records, telehealth, and state-wide health information systems.

“In many parts of Montana, community health centers are often the only health care providers that folks can rely on,” Tester said. “These resources mean that folks across the state will continue to have access to the critical, affordable health care they need and deserve.”

Tester led the charge to secure these resources after the Community Health Center Fund expired in September 2017 and lapsed until February 2018, when Tester was able to broker a deal to secure two years’ worth of funding. He was

the only member of Montana’s delegation to vote for this funding. In January, Tester introduced the Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence Act, which mandates annual increases in community health center funding for the next five years.

Tester recently helped secure more than \$1 million for the Glacier Community Health Center in Cut Bank and \$4.4 million for RiverStone Health in Billings. In March, Tester received the ‘Distinguished Community Health Champion Award’ for the second year in a row because of his work defending community health centers across the country.

Montana is home to more than 60 community health center delivery sites that serve over 100,000 patients a year. A timeline of Tester’s work on behalf of Montana’s community health centers is available at https://www.testersenate.gov/?p=press_release&id=6011.



Ruby Valley Medical Clinics

Sheridan
321 Madison Street
(406) 842-5056 www.RVMC.org

Twin Bridges
104 S. Madison Street
(406) 684-5546


Dr. Roman Hendrickson


Dr. Molly Biehl


Dr. Kathy Meyer


Chris Hartsfield
APRN, FNP-BC


Paula Christensen
APRN, FNP-C


Dayna Therghesen
CPNP-BC


Judy Weitzel
PMHNP-BC


Katherine Tetrault
PA-C

Ruby Valley Medical Clinic Offers Chiropractic Care!
Dr. Kathy Meyer from Whitehall Chiropractic sees patients in the Twin Bridges clinic every Tuesday and Thursday.
Call 684-5564 to set up an appointment!



The Ruby Valley Medical Center is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Office Visits
- Well-Woman Exams
- DOT Physicals
- Chiropractic Care
- Acute and Chronic Health Care
- Evaluation and Treatment for Mental Health Issues
- Tele-medicine to off-site specialists
- Well-Child Check-Ups
- Life Insurance Exams
- Sports Physicals
- Osteopathic Care

Accepting most insurance including Medicare & Medicaid Sliding Scale Payment Program available based on income

MAC'S CHC PHARMACY

(406) 842-7434

317 Madison St
Sheridan, MT

Monday - Friday
9 am to 5:30 pm





COLUMNS



The other day I went out to hack away some of the overgrown weeds around my father's house. He's not able to tend to them anymore, so I do what I can to control the tangle of greenery. They look like they're victims of some botanical form of highway robbery, reaching for the sky as if they're going to be shot.

I know I can be a vegicidal maniac, but I don't shoot the shoots. Rather, I chase after them a bit like Freddy Kruger or Michael Myers of horror movie fame, slashing at them with garden shears, rusty hoes, or chattering hedge trimmers. If that doesn't make your sap run cold, you ain't got no sap! Speaking of saps ...

Summers in the Pacific Northwest are absolutely amazing. Things grow so fast out here. A yard can be wonderfully landscaped, each plant shaped and sized to fit its tract ever so perfectly, but within a year, it becomes a jungle. Invading Triffids would stand no chance against the local flora. Even as careful as I am, as well-equipped and well dressed as I am for my assault on the overgrown brambles of life, they do not go quietly into the bin for garden clippings. They have their own plan of attack, snagging anything and everything they can find.

It's no wonder I'm not overly fond of yard work. I am sure I leave a pint of blood for every

ounce of sap they leave behind. I like to think of myself as a man of peace, but the shrubs have made a bushwacker of me, instead. I should "leaf" them alone.

That's easier said than done, of course. I was out spraying dandelions the other day (a real pain in the grass, if you ask me) and a neighbor noted in passing, "You know, if dandelions were hard to grow, we'd treasure them the same as we do our roses or orchids. They're actually kind of pretty."

When you think about it, it's true. When I peek at a dandelion, I see a weed, but it's not all that unpleasant to look at. A weed, as we are told, is just a flower that grows where you

don't want it. Every spring I head out and admire the fields of daffodils and tulips in the Skagit Valley, and yet whenever I see a lawn that's more dandelion than grass, I'm offended. Why is that?

Who made me a judge over the world's botanical delights — to decide what is worthy and what isn't? At the end of the plant planting day, did God say, "It is good" or "Ew, ick, dandelions!?"

God found everything in creation to be delightful. Do honeybees avoid dandelions? Of course not!

I have only been stung three times in my life by honeybees and, ironically, all three occurred on the same day, and each bee was on a dandelion I

had carelessly trampled while barefooted. I was about twelve years of age at the time, and I learned two things. One, watch where I step, and two, wear shoes ... period.

Bees don't seem to care whether the flower they milk for nectar is a weed or something else. What they care about is that it has what they need for the health and well-being of the hive. A flower is their gold; they need not dig for it, nor do they need to melt it down or refine it. They do not destroy the flower, kill it, or crush it. They simply flit from plant to plant, benefiting the entire field by transferring pollen from one plant to the next.

I've gotten to that stage in

life where I'm less interested in pulling weeds, and more interested in sitting in the back yard, sipping a spot of tea (with a touch of honey) and appreciating how plants are contributing more to the health of our planet than I am with my hacking and wheezing.

The fact is there is little reason to do as much "yard work" as is often done for in the end, nature wins. Nature always wins. I want to learn to relax and enjoy creation more; that's the buzz here in this, our valley.

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

COMMODITY INSITE: A Sea Change For Cattle Prices

BY JERRY WELCH

One of my all-time favorite songs is a saddle song entitled, "The Strawberry Roan" composed by Curley Fletcher, an American composer of cowboy songs and cowboy poetry. The classic cowboy song, "The Strawberry Roan" was written in 1915. Curley passed away in 1954.

Over the years, I have referred to, "Strawberry Roan" often when markets become volatile, unpredictable and so difficult to trade that I dub them, "frog walkers." Curley Fletcher dubbed that strawberry roan a, "frog walker" a, "regular outlaw." The, "worst buckner" on the range. Strawberry could, "turn on a nickel and give you some change." He would, "hit on all fours and goes up on high" leaving the rider, "spinning up there in the sky."

A bucking horse hard to ride and stay with is a frog walker. A market hard to trade and stay with is a frog walker as well. Lately, frog walking markets are popping up all over the place. The orneriest markets at this time are corn, gold, hogs and bonds. Allow me to explain with

the help of Curley Fletcher.

Corn: The most recent USDA report regarding planted corn acres was released about two weeks ago and it was shockingly bearish. It was bearish in face of what was the wettest and slowest planting season on record. The report data caused corn prices as well as soybean and wheat prices to make a, "high dive." Trying to stay with corn or other grains on the long side of the ledger while the markets bucked so violently was nearly impossible.

Hogs: The USDA, a few trading sessions ago released a Pig Crop report that only comes out twice a year. The data showed that US hog producers continue to expand herds above expectations. According to the report, the US hog herd is now the largest since 1943. And when that news hit the wires, hog prices headed north, not south. Those old oinkers are not quite the orneriest market on the board but darn near!

Gold: According to the Federal Reserve, inflationary pressures remain nearly non-existent. Yet, gold prices this week ended at a new, six year high. History shows that gold is a perfect indicator for inflation. Or, political turmoil. Do investors and traders following the lead of gold? Or, do they following the observations of the Fed? Or, is the gold market simply ready to, "turn on a nickel and give you some change."

Bonds: Yields on US Treasuries have been inverted for a full quarter. In the past, such a scenario was a perfect indicator an economic downturn was at hand. Consider: the yield curve inverted prior to each of the last seven recessions over the past 50 year without making a mistake. With bond prices now at a two year high, an inverted yield curve and gold prices at a six year high there is trouble ahead for something. Maybe several somethings. And historically, bonds are a, "regular outlaw," difficult to ride and stay with.

Below are the final two verses to, "Strawberry Roan." Read them and learn what a frog walker can do.

*He's about the worst buckner I've seen on the range
He'll turn on a nickel and give you some change
He hits on all fours and goes up on high
Leaves me a spinnin' up there in the sky
I turns over twice and I comes back to earth
I lights in a cussin' the day of his birth
I know there are ponies that I cannot ride
There's some of them left, they haven't all died
I'll bet all my money, the man ain't alive
That'll stay with old strawberry
When he makes his high dive*

My advice for investors and ag-producers is to "pull your hat down snug and tighten that cinch. It is frog walker time!"

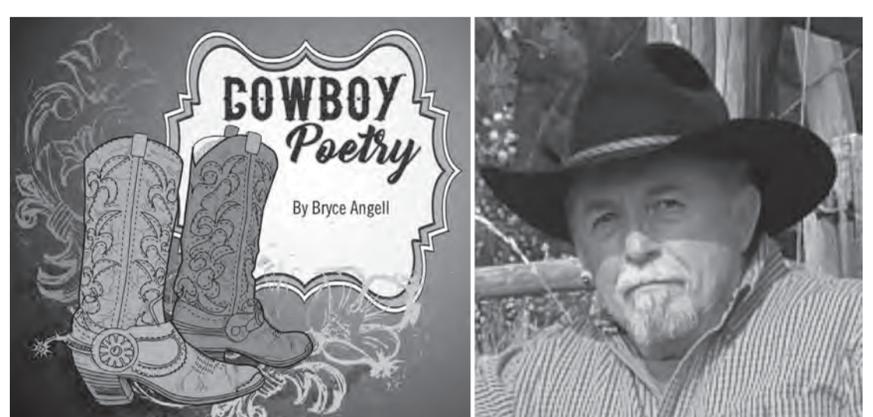
What if
America
didn't
NOTICE?

Public notices help expose

- fraud in government!
- dishonest businesses!
- unfair competitive practices!

Find out about these
and much more in your local newspaper!

**Participate in Democracy.
Read your Public Notices.**



The Grinnin' Skunk

I chose a spot down by the creek and backed my camper in. A jagged tree limb snagged the roof and tore right through the tin. Now, the weatherman's prediction was there ain't a chance of rain. So, I didn't bother fixin' the new hole in my domain. I lit my Coleman lantern. 'Twas so dark I couldn't see. Then the noise of runnin' water told my bladder, "Time to pee!" I hopped down from my trailer, held my lantern up to see. Then promptly stopped dead in my tracks. A skunk was eyein' me. The ball of furry black and white sat straight back on his heels. I couldn't move a muscle just stood blurtin' tiny squeals. I swear the doggone, stinkin' polecat grinned from ear to ear. No doubt he'd tried this trick before. He prob'ly sensed my fear. He almost seemed quite friendly but I ain't no stupid clunk. Don't ever trust these varmints. 'Cuz they've earned the name of skunk. I turned around and made the dash, the fastest five-yard run. The skunk lit in behind me. He was havin' all the fun. I opened up the camper door and slammed it after me. But I hadn't solved the problem. I still needed to go pee. That's when I saw the lightnin'. Heard the crackin' thunderclap. It was gonna be a down pour. I'm a one sure sorry sap. I peered out through the window. Couldn't see the little guy. So, I nudged the door an inch or two. The pungent squirt flew by. The smell was so horrific. Made the snort run out my nose. A dang good thing I ducked. That stuff shot like a garden hose. The rain was comin' sideways. Talk about the weatherman. He prob'ly got his education from the boogey man. Well, I've had enough of campin'. No more skunk and dumpin' rain. If you ever see me back again, you'll know I've gone insane.

COMICS & PUZZLES

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Collections
- 5 Toward the stern
- 8 Being, to Brutus
- 12 Enticement
- 13 Actress Myrna
- 14 "Once — a time ..."
- 15 Operatic solo
- 16 Harem's housing
- 18 Hex
- 20 "Long Day's Journey Into Night" writer
- 21 Fairy tale villain
- 23 Explosive letters
- 24 Three-striper
- 28 Dueling sword
- 31 Opposite of "post-"
- 32 Be philanthropic
- 34 Corn spike
- 35 St. Louis landmark
- 37 Dramatic musical work
- 39 Chance
- 41 Sandwich shop
- 42 Alexandrian peninsula
- 45 Maximally
- 49 Repaired

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
15					16			17				
18				19			20					
			21			22		23				
24	25	26					27		28		29	30
31				32				33		34		
35			36		37				38			
		39		40		41						
42	43				44		45			46	47	48
49						50			51			
52					53				54			
55					56				57			

- 51 Hee-haw
- 52 Wise one
- 53 Past
- 54 Slender
- 55 Low card
- 56 Neither mate
- 57 Otherwise
- 8 First name of period
- 9 Green type of soup
- 10 Earth
- 11 Carbon compound
- 17 Pismire
- 19 Curved molding
- 22 Finished
- 24 Hot tub
- 25 Blunder
- 26 Tend a dead battery
- 27 Bullfight VIP
- 29 Chow down
- 30 Historical
- 33 Whip mark
- 36 Invisible rabbit of stage and screen
- 38 Spry, like Jack
- 40 Luau bowlful
- 42 "Hey, you!"
- 43 Listen to
- 44 Read bar codes
- 46 Verbal
- 47 Without (Fr.)
- 48 Youngster
- 50 Id counterpart

DOWN

- 1 Pole or Czech
- 2 Continental coin
- 3 Small combo
- 4 Sailing veteran
- 5 Losers
- 6 Enemy
- 7 Novice

© 2019 King Features Synd., Inc.

SUDOKU

SUDOKU

The support you need to find quality
SENIOR LIVING SOLUTIONS
A Place for Mom has helped over one million families find senior living solutions that meet their unique needs.
There's no cost to you!
CALL (855) 439-6734
! We're paid by our partner communities.

aPlaceforMom.

		6	9		8			
5		3			4			9
		9			7	1	2	
9			6					
6				8				9
					9			3
	6	5	8			4		
	2		3			9		7
			4		6	2		

© StatePoint Media
Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Get the Good News!

www.madisoniannews.com
The local news of the Madison Valley, Ruby Valley and surrounding areas

Get the Good News!

www.madisoniannews.com
The local news of the Madison Valley, Ruby Valley and surrounding areas

SUDOKU SOLUTION

5	8	2	9	7	6	2	8	5
9	6	7	5	1	9	6	7	8
7	6	8	9	2	4	3	1	5
1	5	8	7	2	9	6	4	3
6	4	2	1	8	3	5	7	9
9	3	7	6	4	5	8	1	2
4	8	9	5	3	7	1	2	6
5	1	3	2	6	4	7	9	8
2	7	6	9	1	8	3	5	4

Puzzle answers on B11



Editor's Note: Any editorial cartoons printed in our paper do not reflect the opinion of the staff of The Madisonian.

SKYLINE SURVEYING INC.

MARGARET STECKER, PLS • (406) 581-0144
BOX 321, McALLISTER, MT 59740

* Property Corner Location * Boundary Surveys * Boundary Realignment
* Family Transfer Surveys * Subdivisions * Construction Layouts
* Elevation Certificates * Aerial Mapping * Topographic Surveys

KEEP-YOU-IN-STITCHES

— JAN WOOD —

Clothing Alterations
Custom Sewing
600-2518

JOE VELAND

579-2296

SERVICE WORK
NEW CONSTRUCTION
REMODELS

PO BOX 987
ENNIS, MT 59729

Novich Insurance Agency

PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE AGENT

"Insurance Is Our Business"

novich@3rivers.net
PO Box 394
Twin Bridges MT 59754
(406)684-5264

Tyler Holland
Pete Novich
Joy Day
Kathy Schaffer
Nikki Picken

MAGNOLIA TRAVEL GROUP

Pam Upchurch
Travel Advisor

P.O. Box 1666
Madison, MS 39310-1666

(601) 613- 8091 Cell
pam@magnoliatravelgroup.com

www.magnoliatravelgroup.com

HIGGINS PEST & WEED

CUSTOM WEED CONTROL

Jeff Higgins, Owner/Operator
PO Box 2, Ennis MT

406-577-4468 • higginspestandweed@yahoo.com

MARKETPLACE

ESTATE SALES

Able Estate Sales
Decorators Dream
1703 S. Black - Bozeman
59715



Estate Sale
STARTS WEDNESDAY
July 10, 11, 12TH
Wednesday - Thurs &
Friday
Open 10-2

Entire contents of beautifully decorated 4-bedroom condo and garage. Everything is quality. Sale starts on Wednesday. Couches, upholstered chairs, large roll top desk, dining table and chairs, yard décor, Antique accent pieces, Armoire, flat screen, computer, cranberry dishes, fine china, custom display cabinet, washer and dryer, BBQ, patio furniture, tools, skis, small items, nice clothing, craft tables, mirrors, statues, lots of décor items!!!!

See Photos at www.AbleEstateSales.com and Facebook
Hosted by Mike and Cheryl Gordon 406-842-5251

HELP WANTED

Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting applications for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Director and Instructor. The position involves curriculum planning, grant management, data collection, and meeting various federal program reporting requirements and instruction for the after school and Friday PALZ program; the combined position is approximately 22 hrs/wk. Information and employment applications can be obtained on the Sheridan School website at <https://sheridan.k12.mt.us>, or by contacting Rebecca Larsen, District Clerk at 842-5302. Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting applications for a cook. The position involves preparing, serving, and clean-up of breakfast and lunch during the regular school year Friday PALZ program; the position is approx. 6 hrs/week. Information and employment applications can be obtained on the Sheridan School website at <https://sheridan.k12.mt.us>, or by contacting Rebecca Larsen, District Clerk at 842-5302.

Ruby Valley Medical Center

Full-Time Maintenance Technician The Ruby Valley Medical Center is accepting applications for a Full-Time Maintenance Technician. Applicants must have a valid, non-restricted Montana Driver License. The ideal candidate must be able to lift up to 50 pounds and use various types of tools and equipment. Must be available for some early morning, evening, weekend, and call shifts. Low pressure boiler license and HVAC system knowledge is a plus. Please visit www.RVMC.org/career-opportunities for more information and to apply on-line.

Cashier/Housekeeping position available at 3 Rivers QuikStop located in Twin Bridges. Any question please call 406-596-1036

Ruby Valley Medical Center

Assistant Chief Nursing Officer
The Ruby Valley Medical Center is accepting applications for a full-time, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer. Please visit www.RVMC.org/career-opportunities for more information and to apply on-line.

Ruby Valley Medical Center

Seasonal Groundskeeper The Ruby Valley Medical Center is accepting applications for a Seasonal Groundskeeper for the spring, summer and fall months. Applicants must have a valid, non-restricted Montana drivers license. Ideal candidate must be able to lift 50 pounds and operate various types of lawn and maintenance equipment. Please visit www.RVMC.org/career-opportunities for more information and to apply on-line.

Ruby Valley Medical Center

Registered Nurse, PRN The Ruby Valley Medical Center is accepting applications for a PRN Registered Nurse for back-up and emergencies. Please visit www.RVMC.org/career-opportunities for more information and to apply on-line.

Madison Laundry and Cleaners is in need of a self starting person work in the plant doing laundry, pressing, and other related duties. DAYS! NO nights or weekends! Contact John or Marilyn at 406-682-4933 or STOP IN for an application.

Montana Department of Revenue Job Opportunity!!!! Benefits, Alternative Work Schedules available & NO Weekends Property Valuation Specialist III Position # 19141564 Virginia City, Montana \$35,015 - \$36,347/yr DOQ Job closes 7/17/19 To apply for these job posting, please see: <http://statecareers.mt.gov/>

Custodian needed at the Alder School. Basic cleaning and possible light maintenance work. Approximately 20 years per week during the school year, flexible hours. Pay and starting date are negotiable. Call 406-660-1006.

Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting applications for an assistant varsity volleyball coach. Information and employment applications can be obtained on the Sheridan School website at <https://sheridan.k12.mt.us>, or by contacting Rebecca Larsen, District Clerk at 842-5302.

Assistant 6-12 Cross Country Coach If interested, please contact Athletic Director Chris Hess at chess@ennisschools.org or call the district office at 682-4258. Applicants must submit a district application, letter of interest, and resume. Application deadline is July 31 by 5pm.

6th grade Volleyball Coach If interested, please contact Athletic Director Chris Hess at chess@ennisschools.org or call the district office at 682-4258. Applicants must submit a district application, letter of interest, and resume. Application deadline is July 31 by 5pm.

HELP WANTED FOR NEW GERMAN/AMERICAN RESTAURANT OPENING SOON IN VA CITY!
- Wait Staff -
Cook/Kitchen help
*Please contact 'JJ' at 406-202-5750 or by email at jjgeorge717@yahoo.com

JH Assistant Football Coach If interested, please contact Athletic Director Chris Hess at chess@ennisschools.org or call the district office at 682-4258. Applicants must submit a district application, letter of interest, and resume. Application deadline is July 31 by 5pm.

FOR RENT

Sheridan apartment for rent. 1 BR, W/D in unit. \$520 per month. No pets, call 596-4495.

Great home at Varney Bridge for rent. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, Available Sept 15, 2019. For information, call 801-419-7289.

12 x 40 RV Storage. Call 581-7687 for information.

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

1 bedroom furnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$750 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737.

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$700 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737.

Lone Elk Mall: Retail/office unit, 1250 sq ft, \$900/month plus utilities and maintenance dues. 640-1351.

PETERSON'S DISCOUNT STORAGE
Indoor & Outdoor RV/Boat storage, storage units. Ennis, 581-9254

MADISON MANAGEMENT
Vacation and Long Term Rentals
570-5401
www.madisonmanagement.com
22-tfc

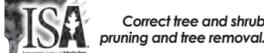
SERVICES

GOPHER EXCAVATING:
Mini 4x4 tractor/blade/bucket. Low impact/cross lawns. Tree planting, deck supports, trench water/sewer lines. No job too small! Affordable! Senior Discount!
406-842-7737 - 916-600-3018

Madison Valley Caring & Sharing
Hours:
Mon. Noon-2:00 p.m.
Sat. 9-11:00 a.m.
Wed. 5-7 p.m.
Lone Elk Mall, Unit 4.
Ennis. 682-7844

Expert Tree Care

406-683-5592
406-865-0000
60' Lift Truck



Chimney & Vent Cleaning

Gary Kinney
Call 702-5372
or Text 596-7003
WINDOW CLEANING

THE HANDYMAN

Property Caretaker
Remodels • Decks
Room Additions
Patio Covers
Roofing



ROBERT PEABODY (406) 404-5925

FOR SALE

2013 Ford F-150. Like new!
41,000 miles. \$22,000.
631-766-1853

Furniture, new rolltop desk, old desks and tables, new paint sprayer, ski and snowmobile gear, M.V./V.C. antiques, misc.
(406) 579-8411

2006 Silverlite Spirit 3
3 Horse slant horse trailer with living quarters. Excellent shape. For all inquiries and more info, call 406-640-1682.

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE BY OWNER
2.47 fenced acres, 6 miles north of Twin Bridges. Jefferson River Access. \$21,500. For information, contact 406-842-5936

YARD SALE

Wilson Downsizing Sale
Saturday July 13
9 am to 4 pm
1 mile north of Harrison.
Nancy Wilson residence. Lots of great stuff!

Christmas In July!
Moving Sale
July 12 and July 13
9 am to 4 pm
Lots of new things added. Horse tack, trailer, wagon, guns, tools, furniture, art and household items.
10 Bent Trail. Go to fish hatchery and follow yard sale signs.

YARD SALE
53 Depot Road
Fri, Sat, Sun
July 12, 13 and 14
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Garage Sale
Saturday July 13
8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
222 West Fagin, Ennis
Books, household, silver dollars, western saddle, tanned elk hide and much more!

FLEA MARKET

Virginia City Flea Market
Saturday July 27, 9 am Antiques, jewelry, collectibles Come to buy or sell! Free setup, Hwy 287 across from VC Fire Department
Call 406-843-5544 for info

LOST

\$100 REWARD
Small red camera lost on July 4 on Revenue Road, near North Meadow turnoff. Sentimental family photos. Please call 843-368-5956

WANTED

PONY DAYS VENDORS NEEDED! SELL YOUR CRAFTS IN THE PARK!
AUGUST 3RD--10:00 am TO 4:PM. \$10.00 A SPACE. CALL CYNTHIA AT 685-3488 TO RESERVE.

July 19 • Billings
REGISTER ONLINE
BIGSKYGAMES.ORG
For Best Price & T-Shirt Deadline July 1
Soaked
THE RUN THAT COOLS MORE THAN YOUR HEELS

PRE-OWNED 2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA
WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE
• Only 350 miles. 14" lowered rubberized floor.
• 56" headroom at foldout ramp.
• Overhead ramp/door controls
• Trade possible with wheelchair accessible vehicle
G&J ENTERPRISES
Check our selection for home or business at
(406) 248-5767

Montana NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION
43 PARTICIPATING NEWSPAPERS
JOIN MONTANA'S EFFECTIVE
Statewide Online Advertising Program (SOAP)
250,000 IMPRESSIONS FOR
\$1,499
BIG KEY. BIG IMPACT.
CALL: 406.443.2850 DETAILS: mtnewspapers.com

MORE Marketplace on page B6

more MARKETPLACE

MADISON COUNTY Employment Opportunities

- Madison Valley Manor, Ennis, MT
- Activities Assistant-Full-time;
 - Activity Director-Full-time;
 - Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time;
 - Dietary Aide/Cook-Full-time;
 - Dietary Supervisor-Full-time;
- Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Sheridan, MT
- Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time;
 - Dietary Aide/Cook-Part-time;
 - Director of Nursing-Full-time;
 - Director of Nursing-Full-time;
 - Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor or Licensed Clinical Social Worker, On-call/As needed; and
 - Nursing Home(s) Administrator (Supervise 2 Facilities)
- Madison Valley Manor-Ennis, MT, and Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center-Sheridan, MT, -Full-time.

- Madison County Employee Benefits
- Public Employees Retirement System – 5 Year Vesting
 - 457 (b) Deferred Benefit Plan Option Savings
 - Paid Employee Health Insurance-BCBS optional dependent coverage
 - 3-Weeks Paid Vacation + 12 days Sick Leave (pro-rated PT Employees)
 - 10 Paid Holidays Per Year (11 paid holidays in even numbered years)
 - Employer Sponsored Life Insurance \$20,000
 - Optional dental & life insurance benefits
- Additional employee benefit information is available online at <https://madisoncountymt.gov/> Join Our Team!

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

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

Ad #158
Real Estate– Northwest Montana – Company owned. Small and large acre parcels. Private. Trees and meadows. National Forest boundaries. Tungsten-holdings.com (406) 293-3714

Ad #159
Authentic Timber Framed Barns. Residential and Commercial Timber Packages. Full Service Design - Build Since 1990, (406) 581-3014 brett@bitterrootgroup.com, www.bitterroottimberframes.com

Ad #160
Northwest Community Health Center (NWCHC), Libby, MT, is seeking a professional, well-organized, team-oriented individual to fill our open Licensed Clinical Social Worker Position. Applicant must have a Masters in Social Work and current Montana Licensure. Applications and questions can be directed to: Maria Clemons. (406) 283-6919. maria.clemons@northwestchc.org

Ad #161
Northwest Community Health Center (NWCHC), Libby, MT, is seeking a professional, team-oriented individual to fill its open Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) Position. Applicant must have comprehensive knowledge of addiction and therapeutic change processes. Applicants must have a

MT LAC or be license eligible. (Required). Applicants in the process of obtaining licensing will be considered. Applications and questions can be directed to: Maria Clemons. (406) 283-6819. maria.clemons@northwestchc.org

Ad #162
Outdoor Antique Flea Market. Over an acre of antiques and Collectibles from many vendors. Sunday July 14th 9-5 at Virgelle, Montana 1-800-426-2926 or www.VirgelleMontana.com

Ad #163
Looking for a 1970 Boss 302 Mustang that I sold to someone in Montana back in 1973 or 4. The buyer picked up the mustang at Regis College in Denver. If anyone know the whereabouts of the Mustang please contact me at conroy52@icloud.com or (612) 991-4615.

Ad #164
Havre Area Chamber of Commerce is hiring an Executive Director. This position is responsible for providing leadership to the Havre Chamber. Further details at: <http://havre-chamber.com/careers>

Ad #165
Madison County, Virginia City, MT is recruiting for a Full-time

Nursing Home Administrator, Information can be located at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Contact Human Resources (406) 843-4201 tmahlstede@madisoncountymt.gov EOE/ Position Open Until Filled

Ad #166
If you are reading this ad, you can see that classified advertising works! Reach over 400,000 readers in Montana and beyond to promote your product, service, event and business. To get results, contact this newspaper, or the Montana Newspaper Association at (406) 443-2850 or email stacy@mtnewspapers.com or member@mtnewspapers.com. 25 words for the small investment of \$149.

View Classifieds online visit www.madisoniannews.com/classifieds

PO. Box 365 • Ennis, Mt
406-682-7755



50th SEASON – 2019

50 Years of Bringing Live Theatre to Northeastern Montana

FORT PECK Summer Theatre

The Marvelous Wanderettes

July 12 – July 21

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT www.fortpecktheatre.org and pick your seat

Show Times
Fridays & Saturdays – 7:30 pm
Sundays – 4:00 pm

PETER PAN
July 26 - Aug. 11

ON GOLDEN POND
Aug. 16 - Sept. 1

Call 406-526-9943 for more information.

YELLOWSTONE CLUB

- HIRING ALL POSITIONS -

Join Yellowstone Club for the largest season in YC History with the opening of the new Village Core!

Visit the hiring page, YC Careers at yellowstoneclub.com or visit <https://harri.com/yellowstoneclubcareers>



YELLOWSTONE CLUB



PUBLIC NOTICES

JULY 11, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: PENNY LOU PETERSON, also known as PENNY L. PETERSON, Deceased.
 Cause No. DP-29-2019-17
 That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to PERIANN WASHENFELDER, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 503, Shelton, WA 98584, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
 Dated: May 24, 2019
 /S/ PERIANN WASHENFELDER Personal Representative
 STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF MASON PERIANN WASHENFELDER,

OF DEAN VICTOR NORDBERG, Deceased. Cause No.: DP-29-2019-13
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Eric Dean Nordberg, Personal Representative, c/o Kruer Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749, return receipt requested or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 29 day of MAY, 2019. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 /S/ STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUER Attorney for Personal Representative (Pub. June, 27, July 4, 11, 2019)
 Stephanie Kruer
 MNAXLP

Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning May 1, 2019, and ending on May 31, 2019, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed this 7th day of July, 2019. Kathleen Mumme Madison County Clerk and Recorder (Pub. July 11, 2019)
 MC Commish
 MNAXLP

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting

Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The Board will consider the agenda item and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners who will take final action. A request for Preliminary Plat approval has been submitted by Haystack Development Inc, on behalf of MB MT Acquisition LLC, for Lower Utery's 4 Subdivision and PUD. This project is located in the Utery's Lake Neighborhood and the Moonlight East Development Area within the Moonlight Basin Overall Development Plan area, legally described as an un-platted tract of land in the southeast quarter and southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. The proposal is to subdivide 15.16 acres from the larger parent tract into Condo Lot 1 (5.48 acres) and Open Space 1 (9.68 acres). Condo Lot 1 is proposed to be developed with five detached residential condominiums to be served by existing public water and sewer services, operated by Moonlight

Basin Water & Sewer LLC. The Planned Unit Development (PUD) element of the application regards a requested modification to the design standards outlined in Table IV-1 of the Madison County Subdivision Regulations, to allow the proposed internal road to be constructed within a 40-foot right-of-way. Primary road access will be via Treeline Springs Road off of Moonlight Trail. Comments are encouraged to be submitted and should be received by 3:00 p.m. on July 29, 2019, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planning@madisoncountymt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: • Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City; • Madison Valley Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis; • Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout

Run, Big Sky Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. Darlene Tussing, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. July 11, 18, 2019)
 MC Planning Board
 MNAXLP

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
 The annual Madison County School Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 1:00.M in the Public Meeting Room at the Madison County Administrative Offices Building. All school transportation questions will be addressed at this time. A final agenda will be posted on the Madison County website under the Superintendent of Schools department, one week prior to the meeting. (Pub. July 11, 2019)
 MC Superintendent of Schools
 MNAXLP

Dr. Al OLSZEWSKI for GOVERNOR



Text AL to 53445
 Message and data rates may apply. Amsg/week. Text HELP for help and STOP to end.

- Montana Born and Raised
- Air Force Veteran
- Husband of 32 Years
- Bio and Adoptive Father of 6

ALFORMONTANA.COM
 Paid for by Montanans for Olszewski • PO Box 1596, Helena, MT 59624 •

being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana. /S/ PERIANN WASHENFELDER
 Personal Representative
 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24 day of May, 2019.
 /S/ CHRISTINA RUTH BINGHAM
 Notary Public for the State of Washington
 Residing at: Lakewood, Washington
 My Commission expires: January 19, 2021
 Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. June, 27, July 4, 11, 2019)
 Karen McMullin
 MNAXLP

BID REQUEST
 COP Construction LLC requests quotes from qualified MBE/WBE/DBE subcontractors and suppliers from all trades for the construction of the "Sheridan Water System Improvements" project for the Town of Sheridan, MT. Bid date is July 23rd, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Bids are due by July 22nd, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Types of work needed include, but are not limited to: Asphalt Paving, Jack & Bore, Horizontal Directional Drilling, Seeding, Traffic Control, Dewatering, Electrical, Aggregates, Concrete Ready Mix, and Trucking. Contact Dave Loyning at dloyning@copconstruction.com or at COP Construction LLC, 242 S. 64th St West, Billings, MT 59106, 406-656-4632 or by fax at 406-655-9286. Plans and specifications are available at www.greatwesteng.com or www.questcdn.com, or may be obtained at Billings Builders Exchange, Bozeman Plan Exchange, Butte Builders Exchange, Great Falls Builders Exchange, Helena Copy Center and Missoula Plans Exchange. COP Construction LLC is an EEO company. (Pub. July 4, 11, 2019)
 COP Construction
 MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE - MEETING MINUTES

BOATERS * ANGLERS * WATER USERS



YOU
 are the first line of defense in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species

CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.

CleanDrainDryMT.com
 Protect Our Waters Montana
 406-444-2440



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the currently enacted legislation regarding the Opencut Mining Act (see Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 82-4-432[5]), Madison County has prepared this public notice to inform interested parties of a pending amendment for an opencut mine. As the proposed Operator of the Harrison opencut facility, Madison County is required to provide the information herein.

Site: Harrison (Approx. 3 miles north of Harrison, MT on HWY 359)

- Operator:** Madison County; PO Box 278; 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755; Ph:(406) 843-4277.
- Proposed Permit Acreage:** 41.8 acres.
- Property Owner:** State of Montana Trust Lands, & Pleasant View Ranch, LLC;
- Average Depth of Reclamation Media:** 12 inches.
- Volume of Removed Materials:** Up to 2,000,000 cubic yards of gravel and sand.
- Proposed Equipment:** Crusher, Screen, Conveyor Assembly, Grizzly, Dozers, Backhoes, Excavators, Loaders, Dump/Haul Trucks, Scraper, etc.
- Duration of Activities:** Production is ongoing and will continue until Final Reclamation. Final Reclamation before June 2049.
- Access Point:** Unmarked approach on the East side of HWY 359 about 1 mile north of the intersection of HWY 359 and HWY 287. About 1.5 miles north of Harrison, MT.
- Legal Description:** Section 36, Township 1S, Range 2W.

Members of the public seeking to have the Department of Environmental Quality organize a Public Meeting to review and comment on the specifics of the proposed opencut operations amendment must complete, detach, and mail the Request for Public Meeting form below.

Please feel free to contact Jonathan Weaver at the office of Great West Engineering at (406) 495-6171 or jweaver@greatwesteng.com for further information regarding the contents of this notice & the proposed opencut mine. A Site Map can be viewed by visiting: <https://searchopencutpermits.mt.gov/>. Type "Harrison" into the Site Name Field and click "Submit." Refer to page 41 of the application PDF. Hard copies the Location Map can be obtained by contacting Jonathan Weaver of Great West Engineering.

DEQ OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM • PO BOX 200001 • HELENA, MT 59620-0001 • PHONE: 406-444-4987 • FAX: 406-444-4988 • EMAIL: DEQopenm@mt.gov
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting requests for a public meeting on the following proposed Opencut operation in your area:

DEQ SECTION

Operator: Madison County Road District #2 **Site:** Harrison **County:** Madison **Opencut #:** 86

Legal Description: Section 36, Township 1 S, Range 2 W

Public Meeting Request Period: The DEQ will accept requests for a public meeting until August 1, 2019.

SURFACE LANDOWNER SECTION

- When determining the number of surface landowners eligible to request a public meeting:
 - Multiple parties owning the same parcel of land are counted as 1 landowner.
 - A party owning multiple parcels of land is counted as 1 landowner, regardless of the number of parcels owned.
- If you wish to request a public meeting, complete the following and submit to: DEQ Opencut Mining Program, PO Box 200001, Helena, MT 59620-0001; Fax: (406) 444-4988; Email: DEQopenm@mt.gov

YES or NO (Check one) I request that DEQ conduct a public meeting about this proposed Opencut operation.

Landowner: Name (print or type) _____ Address _____
 Email _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Signature _____ Date _____ Phone Number _____

NOTE: Landowners can also submit written comments about the proposed operation to the DEQ using the contact information listed below.
 The following information applies to requests for a public meeting:

- A copy of the application for the proposed operation can be viewed at <https://searchopencutpermits.mt.gov/>. If additional information about the proposed operation is needed, please contact the operator at the address or phone number listed in the public notice provided to you by the operator.
- In accordance with MCA 82-4-432[9], the DEQ must hold a public meeting in the area of the proposed operation if requested by the applicant, or at least 30% of the property owners or 10 property owners, whichever is greater.
- Prior to holding a public meeting, DEQ will send notice of the meeting by first-class mail to surface owners of land located within one-half mile of the boundary of the proposed permit area.
- The public meeting will be held within 30 days of the closing date of the public meeting request period indicated above.

For DEQ use only

The landowner is on the list provided with the application pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[2](e) YES NO
 The landowner is on the list provided for the public notice pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[6](d). YES NO
 The landowner has previously submitted a Request For Public Meeting form. YES NO

Initials ___ Date ___

Download the b2 VirtualCare App to talk to a doctor after hours, today.



Get answers from doctors.

Not some randos on the internet.



VirtualCare

Ongoing headache?

Get answers after hours for commonly treated conditions such as sinus infections, or flu and cold symptoms from your cellphone, computer or tablet with b2 VirtualCare.

Convenient care when & where you need it.



MISSOURI RIVER CORPS OF REDISCOVERY. PART 6: A HAIL OF A PORTAGE

"I went with the [party] for the remainder of the baggage. we got all and was returning. Saw a black cloud rise in the west which we looked for emediate rain we made all haste possible but had not got half way when the Shower met us and our hind exltetree broke in too we were obledged to leave the load Standing and ran in great confusion to Camp the hail being So large and the wind So high and violent in the plains, and we being naked we were much bruuzed by the large hail. Some nearly killed one knocked down three times, and others without hats or any thing about their heads bleading and complained verry much."

—Sargeant John Ordway, June 29, 1805

Portaging around the Great Falls of the Missouri required eleven days of brutal work for the thirty-one men of the Corps of Discovery in 1805. Following their route in reverse, we did the portage in a day, accomplished as easily as making a phone call. Lewis and Clark learned of the Great Falls through talks with the Mandan Indians over the winter of 1804-1805 in present-day North Dakota. They were told to expect a half-day portage around

the falls, advice from people who traveled the area on horseback, rather than boat. Instead of a single waterfall, the explorers found five cascades spread out over ten miles. The Corps improvised wooden wheels and axels of cottonwood to convert their heavy dugout canoes into wagons, which they pushed and pulled over steep hills along the river. When they weren't suffering from mosquitoes on the river, they suffered from searing hot

weather, crazy storms, and prickly pear cactus spines in their moccasins. The work was so intense that the men were prone to falling asleep standing up when they paused. As if that wasn't enough, they were hit by golfball-sized hail that caused serious injuries. Their larger wooden pirogues were too big to portage, and thus hidden below the falls. The crew attempted to assemble Lewis's lightweight iron frame boat, but failed for lack of pitch

to seal the seams. They ultimately carved two more dugout canoes, consuming a total of thirty-one days at the Great Falls before proceeding up river. Nowadays there are fifteen dams on the Missouri River, including five dams at Great Falls. As in 1805, it is still necessary to portage around the entire Great Falls complex in one move, but fortunately, the portage is much easier. Canoeists can call a shuttle service to portage canoes,

gear, and people downstream beyond the dams. Belladonna Beaver, however, is no lightweight canoe. At more than 500 lbs, she requires a boat trailer and truck to tow her around. In the serendipitous ways of the Universe, I was gifted an older dugout canoe as a museum piece for our Outdoor Wilderness Living School LLC kids programs. I bought the custom-built dugout canoe trailer that came with it, complete with rollers

and a winch to reel the canoe in place. There are not many dugout canoe trailers in the world, but I became the owner of one just a few months before we started carving Belladonna. Migrating a trailer down the river might sound like a logistical nightmare, but so far so good. Family members helped us portage the first four dams and parked the trailer in Great Falls. My friend Jeff will

CORPS cont. on B11

Find Fellowship With Us



Christian Science Services
Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.
ALL WELCOME
 Each week a Bible lesson full of healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service.
 4983 US Hwy 287 N. • Ennis, Montana
 www.ChristianScience.com

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
 Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome
Sacrament Meeting Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group) Weds. 7:00p.m.
 3560 | MT State Hwy 287 Sheridan 842-5860
 Bishop Shaw 684-5255

MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4pm at St. Joseph's, Sheridan
Sunday 8am at St. Patrick's, Ennis
Sunday 9:30am at St. Mary's, Lauren
Sunday 11am at Notre Dame, Twin Bridges
Tuesday 7:30am at St. Joseph's, Sheridan
Wednesday 9am at St. Patrick's, 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!

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
 6 Blocks South of City Complex
 Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church
 WORSHIP
 September - April ~ 11 a.m.
 May - August ~ 9:30 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome, Fully Accessible
 In communion with ELCA, UCC, RCA
 Rev. Jean M. Johnson
682-4355 ~ Ennis
 Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

FISHERS OF MEN
 MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Phil 2:16
 Holding forth the word of life:
Dr. Ray Teston
 Pastor
 Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Nights:
 Prayer meeting 6 p.m.
 5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT
Phone 682-4244 SBC MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Aides for the hearing impaired

Valley Assembly
 Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley
 114 N. Main, Sheridan 842-5845
 Pastor Duane B. Deshner
 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.

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

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

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

Monthly Open Bible Study & Discussion
 Families, kids & everyone welcomed!
 4th Saturday each month 2-5pm
 Twin Bridges
 Senior & Community Center
 March 23 topic: Book of Esther
 Info (406) 684-5181 Scott or Dawn

3 RIVERS Family Church
 NON-DENOMINATIONAL
 Worship - Sundays - 10:30 am
 "Join the Revolution"
 3648 MT Hwy. 287
 Sheridan, MT
 3RiversFamilyChurch.org

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

THE BAHAI FAITH
 O SON OF MY HANDMAID!
 Guidance hath ever been given by words and now it is given by deeds.
 Everyone must show forth deeds that are pure and holy for words are the property of all alike, whereas such deeds as these belong only to Our loved ones. Strive then with heart and soul to distinguish yourselves by your deeds. In this wise We counsel you in this holy and resplendent tablet.
 www.bahai.org | 406-451-3923
 Bahá'ís of Madison County

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

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

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

Get Results.
 Call 682-7755

AREA SENIOR MEALS

ENNIS SENIOR CENTER
 315 W Main Street: Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 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 11 – French Onion Soup, Salad, Croissant, Dessert, Red Hat Ladies
Friday, July 12 – Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice Dessert Pinochle at 12:30
Monday, July 15 – Cold Italian Sub, Cottage Cheese, Veggie Sticks, Dessert, Mahjong at 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday July 16 – Corned Beef Pies, Veggies Dessert, Pan at 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday July 17 – Chicken Rice Casserole, Veggies, Dessert, Mahjong at 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 18 – Baked Manicotti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Friday, July 19 – Shrimp Skewers, Rice Pilaf Veggies, Dessert Pinochle, at 12:30 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.
Thursday, July 11 – Potato au gratin with ham, veggie, roll, dessert
Tuesday, July 16 - Fish and chips, 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. Activities include bingo each Monday, cards on Wednesday. The Senior Center Group meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10 - Chicken Curry, Crunchy veggie salad
Friday, July 12 - Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans, green salad, tiramisu
Monday, July 15 - Chicken with peach-cucumber salsa
Wednesday, July 17 - Meatloaf, mashed potato, gravy, veggie, salad, lemon meringue pie

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
 Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
ALANON MEETING
 Same Time - Same Place
ALANON
 Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley
 Thursdays, 8 pm
ALANON
 Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm
 Suzy 685-3692
"Keep it Simple."
A.A. MEETING
 Bethany Hall, Sheridan
 (behind Methodist Church)
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
 Faced with a drinking problem?
 Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.
 SUN. - 10 a.m., 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

— LIFERING —
 A Life Ring group is starting in Ennis. Lifering is an abstinence-based, worldwide network of people seeking to live in recovery from addiction to alcohol or non-medically indicated drugs.
 In Lifering, we offer each other peer-to-peer support to encourage personal growth and empowerment. Those interested in participating, can call 682-4463.

Ask the Expert

Local businesses have the information you need to make a variety of decisions. Best of all, they are here and available to meet your needs. In our "Ask the Experts" section, we went to these local experts for information on topics important to you.

Ask the Expert forum appears the second Thursday of each month. If you have questions for these area professionals e-mail us at info@madisoniannews.com.

HEALTH CARE

Q: How do you evaluate low back pain?

A: Low back pain is a common complaint for people of all ages. Regardless if it is from sports, work, recreation or an injury, the pain often interferes with daily life or a good night's sleep. The first step is to take a detailed history to understand what you have been experiencing. After a person tells me their story, I then ask their spine to tell me its story. I do this by performing a series of orthopedic and neurologic tests to identify the source of the problem. Then we discuss what the history and exam revealed and how to address your concerns. This is where a specific treatment plan with appropriate goals will be developed for each individual; let's face it, no two people are exactly alike. Ruby Valley Medical Center is pleased to provide chiropractic care for our community at the Twin Bridges Clinic. Please call 684-5564 to make an appointment.



Kathy Meyer, D.C.

RUBY VALLEY CLINICS
SHERIDAN 842-5056 • TWIN BRIDGES 684-5546

BIRDING

Q: Why do I have so many pine siskins at my feeder right now?

A: Every couple of years, Pine Siskins make unpredictable movements called irruptions into your back yard. An irruption is a dramatic, irregular migration of large numbers of birds to areas where they aren't typically found, possibly at a great distance from their normal ranges. An irruption is characterized by large numbers of unexpected birds. Depending on the species, irruptions may occur in cycles from 2-10 years, or they may be much more unpredictable. Several factors can lead to irruptive years for different birds. The most common cause is a lack of food in the birds' normal wintering grounds; famine can force large numbers of birds to seek more plentiful habitats until seeds, flowers and insects return. No matter what the cause of the irruption, however, it is difficult to predict where or when irrupting species may appear. They flock to feeders filled with thistle and sunflower chips or other small seeds such as white proso millet. Flocks are gregarious and you may hear their insistent wheezy twitters before you see them. Enjoy!



Debi Naccarto, Owner

WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED • 406-219-2066

FITNESS

Q: How is your Brain "on exercise"?

A: We know exercise helps your physical well-being...but it also has positive affects on your mental well-being. Higher cardio fitness creates better verbal memory and reaction time. Twice weekly resistance training betters the response inhibitor processes in the brain! Exercise has been shown to improve learning, reduce sensitivity to stress and depression, and prevent dementia and Alzheimer's. Exercise not only increases the activity of the temporal lobe (storing sensory memories) but increases levels of derived neurotrophic factor, which maintains and regenerates adult nerve cells. It's a win-win...

Madison Square Athletic Club



Madison Square Athletic Club
406-682-4560

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Q: What does it mean to have a short leg?

A: Leg length difference is common with everyone. It is noticed with clothing, i.e. pant length or an examination by a health care professional. It can cause an odd walking pattern, back/hip/knee or ankle weakness. In a normal healthy individual, without discomfort the body adapts. This is common in everyone, although if someone has pain, it can point to a leg length problem or a pattern. Everyone has a pattern (twist) to the right or the left. 99% of the patterns are to the right and the other 1% is to the left in the population. This has nothing to do with right and left handedness. In reality we all are built crooked and react to the ground and gravity. How we use our bodies determines how well we move with or without pain. The key is who do you have as your physical therapist. The only one with over 25 years of experience and the knowledge to determine if it is a real length problem or a pattern of movement.



Robert (Bob) Sahli, PTATCLAT

ENNIS PHYSICAL THERAPY PC • 406-682-3112

EYE CARE

Q: It seems like I'm more light sensitive than others. Is that a bad thing?

A: Photophobia, or light sensitivity, is an intolerance of light. The sun or bright indoor light can be uncomfortable, even painful. Photophobia is not an eye disease, but a symptom of many conditions such as infection or inflammation that can irritate the eyes. Things such as corneal abrasions, detached retinas, meningitis or other central nervous systems disorders, contact lens irritations, refractive surgeries, migraines etc. are all linked to light sensitivity. In addition, people with a lighter eye color also may experience more light sensitivity because darker-colored eyes contain more pigment to protect against harsh lighting. The best treatment for light sensitivity is to address the underlying cause. Once the triggering factor is treated, photophobia disappears in many cases. Wide-brimmed hats, polarized sunglasses and photochromic lenses may help outdoors, while tinted lenses or specialty contacts may be helpful indoors. Talk with your doctor, they can diagnose the cause and make the best recommendations for you and your individual needs.



Dr. Jeff Squire

EYES ON MAIN • 406-577-2380

INSURANCE

Q: Should You Teach Your Kids About Insurance?

A: Every parent worries about his or her kid(s). Are they eating well, getting enough sleep, studying like they should, dating the right person (or not dating the wrong person), and learning how to be an adult? Being an adult, a contributing member of society, requires the ability to properly manage financial affairs. Insurance, though not always portrayed this way, is a key part of personal financial management and something they will deal with for the rest of their lives. When you teach their kids about insurance, you help prepare the children for life. Without correct information, only price matters. Remember, somewhere between \$6 and \$7 BILLION is spent on television advertising telling consumers insurance is all about the best price. That's a lot of dollars to support a lie. Price is an important factor but the limits of insurance and the coverage's are where the meat is and what really matters when a loss happens.



Amanda Smethurst, Agent

THE AGENCY INSURANCE DIVISION • 406-682-4202

MENTAL HEALTH

Q: Did I Have a Panic Attack?

A: Panic attacks can wake you while sleeping and seem to occur unexpectedly. Panic attacks generally develop in young adults, and women are twice as likely as men to have panic attacks. Great discomfort and fear can increase within minutes and may include symptoms such as: pounding heart, palpitations, dizziness, light headedness, fear of losing control, nausea or abdominal distress, fear of dying, sensations of shortness of breath, shaking or trembling, and sweating. Several of these symptoms may cause people to frequently see their physician or go to the emergency room believing they have a serious life-threatening issue. Due to feeling embarrassed, these symptoms can trigger lack of communication with family, friends, and even physicians. Panic attacks are real and they are treatable through therapy and medications prescribed by your physician if necessary. Please do not isolate or suffer in silence, contact your physician or therapist if you experience any of these symptoms.



Lisa Brubaker, LCSW
(406) 670-4546

REAL ESTATE

Q: What can you tell me about online estimates of value?

A: Have you ever been stunned by the online estimate when looking to buy a property, or comparing your home to others for value? Well, rest assured; there's a reason for your reaction. These "estimates" are often incredibly inaccurate on estimating a property's value as Montana is one of three non-disclosure states. This means the "sold for" price of a property is not disclosed to the public. Thus, online companies have no "sold for" data to base their estimates upon. Websites are a good place to start when searching for a home, or the types of properties your home may compare to in our area. But when it comes to understanding the true market value of a property, reach out to a licensed local Realtor. Who understands the real market value of Montana properties. No one knows Montana like a Montanan does!



Dawn Marie Dickson, Sales Associate
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY • (406) 600-4802

PHARMACY

Q: What can I do to treat my seasonal allergies?

A: When your nose is dripping and your eyes are itchy, you need relief from allergy symptoms. The good news is that you can usually find it at your local pharmacy. Many people manage symptoms well with over-the-counter (OTC) medications. In fact, many OTC drugs were prescription drugs just a few years ago. The first line of defense for congestion, runny nose and sneezing is to take one of the newer, less sedating antihistamines: Cetirizine (Zyrtec), fexofenadine (Allegra) and loratadine (Claritin). These medicines generally have less side-effects over the older antihistamines such as Benadryl and ChlorTrimeton. If eye symptoms are your only complaint you may get by with just an antihistamine eye drop such as ketotifen (Zaditor). Often second line are nasal sprays like fluticasone (Flonase) or triamcinolone (Nasacort). These medicines contain corticosteroids as their active ingredient and may be more effective than antihistamines. Saline rinses used several times a day to rinse your nasal passages can be quite effective when used alone or with antihistamines and nasal sprays. Always use distilled water not tap water in rinses. Skip the sprays that shrink nasal passages, such as Afrin or Neo-Synephrine — they're okay for a day or two, but any longer can cause rebound congestion. If symptoms don't improve after a few days of OTC treatment, talk to your doctor about prescription options.



Gary Hadley, PharmD, BCGP
MAC'S CHC PHARMACY • 406-842-7434

Ask the Expert

Contact us at
406.682.7755
or info@madisoniannews.com

CORPS continued FROM B9

pick it up there in a few weeks and tow it out to meet us for the portage around Fort Peck Dam. I didn't do much actual planning; it just fell together as each person indicated when they wanted to visit. We'll still need to find drivers to move the trailer from dam to dam and all the way to St. Louis, where I will rent a truck to tow the canoe and trailer home.

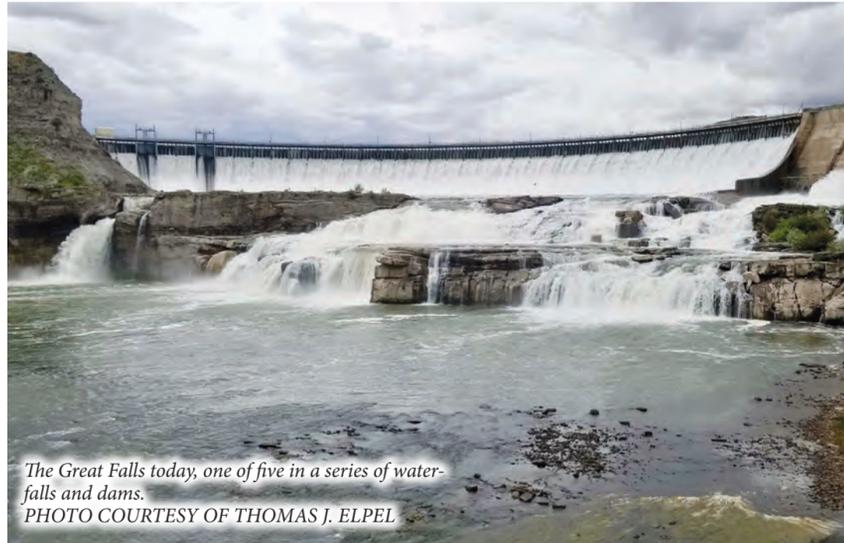
A few days before Great Falls we hit a short, but intense rainstorm. That same storm dropped baseball-sized hail farther north in Valier that totaled vehicles, broke house windows, and heavily damaged siding and roof shingles. Fortunately, we missed that part of the Lewis and Clark experience,

paddling instead through heavy rain that ended moments before we reached the shelter of a bridge.

On portage day, we started early and paddled ten miles from our campsite to Broadwater Bay in town, then called Montana River Outfitters to bring the trailer. They outsourced the job to Jim and Phyllis, who gave us the royal treatment in town. They delivered Belladonna Beaver and me to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center for the afternoon, where I talked with visitors and a large class of children about the canoe and our expedition. Meanwhile, Jim and Phyllis drove the crew around to get lunch, view the falls, and visit a sporting goods store.



The Corps of Discovery improvised wooden wheels and axels to haul the dugout canoes over land. Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Great Falls, Montana. PHOTO COURTESY OF THOMAS J. ELPPEL



The Great Falls today, one of five in a series of waterfalls and dams. PHOTO COURTESY OF THOMAS J. ELPPEL

Everyone had an opportunity to tour the Interpretive Center before we hitched up again and headed out of town.

Afternoon storms raged through while we were in the museum and again later while driving down the highway to Carter's Ferry, tapering off before our launch. We unloaded, repacked our gear, and paddled down the river looking for a campsite. Another rain squall forced us to be less choosy. We set up tents in the rain and hunkered down for the night. While the

landscape above Great Falls was prairie country, the river below is badlands with steep, eroding cliff faces. This is some beautiful country, and we are glad to be here.

Thomas J. Elpel is president of the Jefferson River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the author of seven books, including Botany in a Day, Participating in Nature, and Foraging the Mountain West.



Thomas J. Elpel is president of the Jefferson River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the author of seven books, including Botany in a Day, Participating in Nature, and Foraging the Mountain West.

VIRGINIA CITY
44TH ANNUAL
ART SHOW

{NEW WEEKEND}
July 26, 27, 28

Boardwalk & VC Community Center
Fri 10am-6pm Sat 10am-7pm
Sun 10am-4pm

Quick Draw & Auction
Saturday, July 27 7:30pm
Elk's Lodge

Featured Artist Sheri Jarvis Sheri Jarvis is a professional artist, small-business owner, and Montana native. She holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Communication with a minor in Fine Art from Montana State University - Billings. In her paintings, she invites you to consider spaces of solitude, exchange, and vast beauty. She's interested in finding ways to move thoughts and conversations to meaningful places through a visual conversation of edges, illumination, and texture and the representation of conflict, corrosion, and compassion. Sheri lives in Virginia City with her husband, Jim. Her work is represented by Artists on Main in Ennis, MT, where she is a gallery partner.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jim and Beth Hageman

Jim and Beth Hageman moved to the Madison Valley less than five years ago, but they immediately jumped into volunteer causes near and dear to their hearts, and have never looked back.

"It's a small community, but it has so many best-in-class features," says Jim. "The education and the medical care here, it's just a great place to live."

Jim serves on the board of trustees for Madison Valley Medical Center, so he's experienced the excellence of what the valley has to offer firsthand. He and his wife, Beth, are both also passionate about conservation and work extensively to protect one of the area's biggest draws: the Madison River.

They joined the Madison River Foundation not long after moving to Ennis, where Beth sits on the board of directors and serves as treasurer. The pair works on stream reclamation projects, including a 20-part riparian restoration project on the river that is currently in its early stages.

"It benefits everyone who lives here and uses the area," says Beth. "Even our property is on a conservation easement, so we're stewards of the land here."

Another passion of Beth's is the creation of more affordable housing throughout Madison County. She works in particular with Habitat for Humanity and hopes to provide for more accessible housing for both seasonal and permanent residents.

"We just love the small community here," she says. "The people are friendly and very invested in the lifestyle, so if you have an idea and want to do something, there's always people willing to help you get things done."

Where's Melinda?

You do more than buy a property in Montana... you purchase a LIFESTYLE!!!

- Are you a hunter?? 20 acres in Rising Sun - prime elk hunting - \$150,000
- Need owner financing? 29 acres of high mountain property with power & private access to public lands - \$185,000
- Need a shop? 7 acres with no covenants - 4 bed/2 bath manufactured home with large shop - \$299,500
- Want to ride mountain trails? Cabin on 20 acres within a 10 minute long trot of Sheep Creek Access - \$379,000
- Are you a golfer? #3 right out your back door from this 1635 SF home at Valley Garden Golf Village - \$397,000
- Want to be close to town? 3/2 newer home with high end finishes on 1.6 acres of elbow room - \$399,900

Interest rates continue low - buy your Montana DREAM today!!

Melinda Merrill, Broker

© 2019 BHH Affiliates, LLC. An independently owned and operated franchisee of BHH Affiliates, LLC. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices and the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices symbol are registered service marks of HomeServices of America, Inc.® Equal Housing Opportunity.

BH HS
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
Montana Properties

406.596.4288 | MELINDA.MERRILL@BHHSMT.COM

High Speed Internet
Digital Voice
Long Distance
Business Systems

467.2535 • 1.800.796.4567 • 3rt@3rivers.net • 3rivers.net

Stay a week...or a lifetime®

ERA REAL ESTATE Landmark ARROW

406-682-4290 | www.eraarrow.com
219 Main Street | Ennis, MT 59729

Donald Bowen
581-2991

Toni Bowen
570-9233

Teena Lawson
539-7254

Debbie Richardson
Office Coordinator

Robyn Erlenbush
Broker/Owner

The Jefferson River. PHOTO BY ABIGAIL DENNIS

OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

THREE FRIDAYS: JULY 19, AUGUST 16, SEPTEMBER 20

5 P.M. – 8 P.M. Evening of Art

At the Gallery 287 and the Cattleman Gallery in Ennis, Montana. Come enjoy refreshments and meet the featured artists at two of the friendliest and finest galleries in Montana. Free and open to all ages. Bring your guests and friends! For more information email cathy@Gallery287.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/371131383503952/>

THURSDAY, JULY 11, JULY 25, AUGUST 8 AND AUGUST 22

5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Sheridan, Montana Cruise-In

CARS-FOOD-MUSIC-FARMERS MARKET-FAMILY FUN!!
Every two weeks over the summer, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., the Ruby Valley Brew will host a Classic Car/Motorcycle Cruise-In. This is a free event to all. Our local farmers market will be taking place at the same time, along with music and wonderful food being dished up. Please pass on the word and we look forward to lining main street with old time beauties. Call in at the brewery for updates: 406.842.5977.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10



Habitat for Humanity Pick Up Day
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Drop off any donations for Habitat for Humanity at Ennis True Value. Habitat for Humanity will be at the True Value once a month from

June – September.

“Native Americans” by Joe Bettinger
6:30 p.m.

The Virginia City Preservation Alliance will be hosting a series of programs on Montana history during the month of July. The programs will be held in the Bovey Memorial plaza (adjacent to the Hangman’s Building) There is no cost to attend.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Grizzly Bear Awareness Meeting

The Cliff Lake Schoolhouse (near Three Dollar Bridge) will host a grizzly bear awareness meeting. Come for some grizzly bear knowledge and free pizza! For more information call 406.682.5244

FRIDAY, JULY 12

5:30 p.m. Evening with the Artists
Dancing Buffalo Gallery in Virginia City.

Dancing Buffalo Gallery would like to invite you for an evening with Jeanne (Fagen) Huffty, artistic custom jeweler. Jeanne was at our first event with Gloria D’ and brother in law, Rocky Hawkins nine years ago. So this is a special evening with a “trunk show” of creative pieces.

6:30 p.m. Linderman Lecture Series: Ireland in Montana: The Fenian Brotherhood

The EHAHC, in partnership with the Virginia City Preservation Alliance, is sponsoring their sixth Linderman Series history programs. The general theme of the 2019 Linderman Series talks will be the cultural and social life

of 19th Century and early 20th Century Virginia City.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

7 p.m.

Short Film on Doc Losee
Come to the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center to watch Justin Lubke will present a short film on Doc Losee, physician and energizing force in bringing a hospital to the Madison Valley.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

7 p.m.

Every Brilliant Thing
Come to the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center to see a witty comedy about mental health. Written by award-winning British playwright Duncan Macmillan with UK comedian Jonny Donahoe.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Summer Wildlife Speaker Series: Wolverines
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Ever wonder in what mountain ranges of Montana that you may be able to stumble across a Wolverine? Join us at the Lima School in Lima, MT for our seventh annual Summer Wildlife Speaker Series to find out! Wildlife Biologist, Bob Inman of MT FWP will present on Wolverine.

“The Elling Family” by Amy Grice
6:30 p.m.

The Virginia City Preservation Alliance will be hosting a series of programs on Montana history during the month of July. The programs will be held in the Bovey Memorial plaza (adjacent to the Hangman’s Building) There is no cost to attend.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
6:30 p.m.

Adult Pickleball

All adults are welcomed to play pickleball at the Sheridan Ball Fields at AR 72150. Come join the fun!

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City

Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Thompson-Hickman Library.

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis

Meet on the second Monday of every month at 10:30 a.m. ennisartsassociation.org

TUESDAYS

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Program
Come join the Children’s Summer Reading Program at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library. Tuesdays are for babies-Pre-K. Thursdays are for elementary kids.

Commissioner’s Meeting, Virginia City

Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Annex Building.

Children’s Story & Craft Time, Virginia City

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

Movie Night, Virginia City

Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every other Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

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.

THURSDAYS

MV Woman’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

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.

SATURDAYS

Every Saturday 10 a.m. - noon Jeffers Garden Market
Join us at the Jeffers Community Garden next to the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Every Saturday, May through September 9 a.m. – noon Twin Bridges Farmers Market
We invite everyone who makes it, bakes it, sells it & grows it to join us every Saturday at Main Street City Park (weather permitted).

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
7 p.m.

Farmers’ Market, Twin Bridges
9 a.m. every day.

SUNDAY

Live Music, Ennis
Willie’s Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room, 2 p.m.

MEETING CHANGE
Madison Conservation District Meeting
April meeting date is Monday, July 15 at 7 pm.
The deadline for 310 Permits will be Friday, April 7th

EVENINGS ADULTS \$8 • SENIORS \$6.50 • CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$6 SHOW TIME AT 7:15 PM, BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 6:30 PM

NOW PLAYING:
THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 (PG)

Let’s Go to the Movies this Weekend!
Friday 7:15 • Saturday 7:15 pm • Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm

COMING SOON:
Men In Black: International (PG13) and Spider-Man:Far From Home (PG13)

Please call to verify for last minute changes 682-4023 | 115 Main St, Ennis
EnnisMovies.com | [Facebook.com/MadisonTheatreEnnis](https://www.facebook.com/MadisonTheatreEnnis)

GRAVEL BAR

live music

WEDS. JULY 3RD after rodeo
THURS. JULY 4TH after parade

LEO RONDEAU

FRI. JULY 5TH

BIG BO and GIRL KACEY 8:30pm

SAT. JULY 6TH

CEDAR FEVER 8:30pm

682-5553

Please email any events to news@madisoniannews.com or submit on OutpostEvents.net.

NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

LIVE MUSIC IN THE DOME

FRI 7/15 **EDWIN JOHNSON**
SOLO GUITAR

SAT 7/16 **KRISTIN LUNDELL**
ACOUSTIC POP ROCK

SUN 7/17 **WESTON LEWIS**
ACOUSTIC ROCK

50-MILE GRILL & CAMPGROUND NOW OPEN!
HWY 84 @ HWY 287 • 15 MILES NORTH OF ENNIS
OPEN 10AM-10PM (CLOSED TUESDAY)
NORRISHOTSPRINGS.COM • 406-685-3303

THE SHOVEL AND SPOON

Fuel Up on Flavor

Cafe & Catering | Dine In Or Take Out
108 N. Main Street | Sheridan | 842-7999
11-7 Mon., Tues., Thurs, Fri
11-2 Weds. | Closed Weekends
www.theshovelandspoon.com

We’re Open for the SUMMER SEASON!

Dinner
Tuesday- Saturday
5pm to 9pm

Brunch
Sunday 9am to 2pm

View Our Weekly Dinner Menu our website

Reservations Highly Recommended

THE OLD HOTEL

Rustic Charm, Brilliant Cuisine in Twin Bridges...

101 E. 5th Avenue • Twin Bridges, MT
www.theoldhotel.com
406-684-5959