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**From the Wagon Seat:** It's good old "HOT" summertime here in the Madison Valley and from the Wagon Tongue Master's seat. We Are Cookin'. The history association presented its 12th consecutive float entry in the 4th of July Parade at Ennis. "Main Street Ennis" was this year's theme and our float was titled "MOONSHINE ON MAIN STREET". Of course Larry Loves's white tractor tugged the trailer which featured a rustic saloon (Swinging Doors too) in the style of Oscar Clark's Bar. Gamblers were Neil Kent, Kid Neville, Otis Thompson. Mountain man and Indian Maiden were Tony De'Armond and Karen Funk. Old Granny in rocking chair with a shotgun was Darla Black and The Fat Bar Tender with moonshine jug was Don Black.

The MVHA Museum has drawn national attention lately with the Travel Channel and the SY FY Channel doing documentary films on the BEAST (Ringdocus) story of the I.A. Hutchins family and Jack Kirby's donation to our museum.

Monthly MVHA programs for this season include: JUNE Moonshine On The Madison JULY A Historic Tour of the Madison Valley, Evans and McAllister Cemeteries AUGUST Otto Coss/W S Angle Blacksmith Event with Horseshoeing and finally SEPTEMBER A tour of the Noah Armstrong Round Barn (Spokane's Home) plus the Twin Bridges Museum and Shoshoni grave sites.

We are happy to introduce this year's 2012-2013 Board of Directors; Don Black -President, Larry Love Vice President, Otis Thompson - Past President, Duane Thexton – Secretary, Kevin Brenneke – Treasurer, and directors Liz Applegate and David Hoag. Shirley Love will serve as Wagon Tongue Editor. The Board thanks John White and Neil Kent for their past contributions as directors.

The Museum and Black Smith Shop have been busy with guests. Jynean Skank has been assisting Kevin Brenneke with our scheduling of GREAT VOLUNTEERS !

We would love to hear from you about your family news and historic notes/display to enhance the archives/displays. Feel free to drop us a line or email. See us also on Facebook. Help us keep in touch. Copies of programs are available on DVD plus our MVHA Cookbook, Early Day's In Madison Valley and much more ! Keep the wagons rolling.

Thanks; Don Black President

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**Museum Update** The Madison Valley History Association Museum opened for Memorial Day Weekend and then for the season on June 12. It is open from 1:00 to 4:00pm Tuesday through Sunday. Visitors are coming..more on some days than on others. The MVHA needs word of mouth advertising from our members. Tell your friends, relatives, neighbors and even a visitor to the Madison Valley about the museum and encourage them to visit. Posters and museum banners are up but the best way to get folks interested in visiting is to tell them about the museum yourself.

And in order to have visitors, the MVHA needs to have volunteers at the museum to greet and welcome our guests, act as hosts and hostesses, take folks around the museums, share history stories, sell a cookbook or other books and pictures and whatever you can do to make their visit memorable.

Kevin Brenneke () is the scheduling chairperson and she would welcome your call to volunteer for a day or more :) at the museum. Two folks work together so you do not have to do this alone. Great way to meet someone new whether another volunteer or a guest at the museum.

Some of our members do not live nearby but do visit Ennis sometime during the museum season. Plan ahead and call Kevin and she can arrange for you to volunteer at the museum during your time in the Ennis area. Many hands make light work and everyone who can volunteer at least once or more if possible will help out greatly. Many thanks to all those who have already signed up and worked a day!!

**Welcome to Membership** The following have joined since the January issue. Please add to any membership list you might be keeping.

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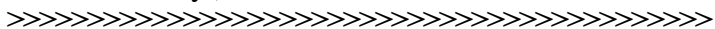
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**Membership Update** 2012 are now being accepted.

Please check your address label on your issue of the Wagon Tongue and you can tell when your membership is due or if you have not purchased it yet. Some of you have taken care of business and your 2012 membership has been received. Thank you! Your membership is good for a full year from the date that you purchased it and you are not penalized for submitting early. If your membership is due during July, August, Sept., or October you will find a membership renewal in this issue. Memberships are \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for individuals, \$15.00 for families, \$50.00 for Businesses, \$100.00 for Patrons and \$500 or more Benefactor.

If you are inviting a new person to join or want to purchase your membership before it is due, just write name, mailing address and type of membership on a slip of paper and mail with membership fee to MVHA at P.O. Box 474, Ennis, MT. 59729

The Board of Directors of your Madison Valley History Association appreciates all the memberships that are purchased as this allows them to have funds to continue the work of developing a museum in the Madison Valley:)



**Member News**

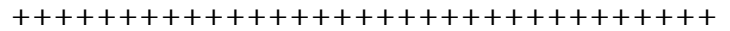
**Ruth Haak** was recently diagnosed with a serious medical condition requiring extensive surgery and post surgical treatment that will delay her return to Montana this year. Keep Ruth in your thoughts and you may write to her at 131 Snake Hill Rd., Scholhola, PA 18458 in care of Sue Peters. We miss you Ruth, get well soon!

**Ed Clark** recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, Ed.

**Peggy Todd**, former MVHA member, turned 90 this year and celebrated on the 4th of July. Happy Birthday, Peggy.

**Stevan Mark Liss**, who was born in Ennis and attended Ennis Elementary School graduated with honors from Digipen Institute of Technology on May 4, 2012. Digipen is an internationally known video game design school associated with Nintendo Corporation. **2**

His grandmother is MVHA member, Zoe Todd, his father is Harry Liss of Cameron and his mother is Charyl Snow Liss of Belding , Minn.



**Memories**

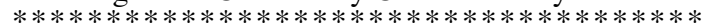
**Adeline "Addie"(Wessel) Storey**, formerly of Cameron passed away Feb. 25, 2012 in Plano, TX. Addie was born on Oct. 5, 1919 in Leith, N. D. where she graduated from high school in 1937 and moved with her family to Sheridan, MT in 1838. She worked at Canyon Hotel in Yellowstone Park and attended State Normal College (now called University of Montana Western) in Dillon for two terms. With her teaching certificate, she taught at Bear Creek School for two years. She met Kenneth R.. Storey, son of Luther Amos and Isabell Storey and they were married on May 8, 1943. They established their home at the family ranch in Cameron. Addie became a rancher and also worked for the post offices in Cameron and Ennis for 11 years.

**Ruth Jane (Christensen) Darby** passed away on April 7, 2012 at her home in Sheridan. She is the sister of MVHA member, Ethelyn Hanni. She was born and educated in Virginia City, graduating from high school there in 1949 then going to Butte where she worked as a bookkeeper for several businesses. She married Dale Ira "Harp" Darby in October of 1957. They made their home in Butte, Seattle, Phoenix and eventually moved back to Sheridan. Ruth Jane was a devoted Seattle Mariners fan and had two devoted "children". her toy poodles.

**Lloyd "Dickie" Noack** passed away May 22, 2012 after a long illness. He was born May 6, 1958 in St. Paul, Minn. and moved with his parents and brothers to Ennis in 1968. He graduated from Ennis High School in 1977. He began a career in construction which moved him around the country and he ended up settling in Fallbrook, Calif. for the past 24 years.

**Robin Shipman** passed away at his home in Ennis on May 31, 2012. He was born Feb. 19, 1954 in Ennis to Eddie and Verta Shipman. He graduated from Ennis High School in 1952, attended Vo-Tech in Butte and worked at many ranches in the Madison Valley.

**Veronica Tillinger Baker** passed away June 2, 2012 at the Madison Valley Hospital. She was born Jan.18, 1935 in Rnnis to Paul and Veronika Tillinger, Sr. She was raised and attended school in Ennis later attending 1 year of high school in Maine where she graduated. She attended college in Dillon and beauty school in Billings. She owned and operated beauty shops in Billings and Ennis and also worked at the talc mine. She also sang in the Community Choir for many ears.



It is never too late to submit a story about your deceased family member or friend for publication in the Wagon Tongue. If you have any stories that add to the history of the Madison Valley to share about anyone even if their name has never been printed in the Memories section, please sent it to: Editor, MVHA Wagon Tongue at P. O. Box 474, Ennis, MT 59729. The mission is to preserve the history of everyone and everything in the Madison Valley. Everyday our history is being lost!

The program in Oct. presented by the MVHA lead by Don Black was Sports in the Madison Valley. As a follow up, the *Wagon Tongue* did Skiing in January and Boxing in April. This issue will find Early Sports with the feature being baseball.

### **Early Sports in Montana and Madison Valley**

Coming to the Montana Territory was tough work and serious business. Lives and success depended on it. This was a new chance, with free land and riches to be made. Was there even time for sports? "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!" Yes, communities grew together. A sporting event usually meant the works. Friends, family, picnic meals, long hours, holidays, baths, dressed up and a little spare change.

The most popular sporting activities in the early settler days of the Madison Valley were racing, baseball games, rodeos, and ice skating. Fishing and hunting were considered as part of supplying food for the table. Predatory animals were hunted for the protection of stock and humans. The hides of wolves, coyotes, bears and varmints were tanned for clothing and sales.

Races were big appeal activities that gave participants a thrill and spectators entertainment with a bit of wagering thrown in for fun. Of course big time gambling was serious business at saloons on the other side of the hill. Early Montanans raced horses, mules, livestock and sometime wild animals. The fleetest a foot humans often sprinted from one business down the street to another business.

Sports were done just by the men. Women had the roll of fan and nurse. Many of the rodeo and racing games were for pride and posturing for that special woman's attention.

Team sports were generally baseball, baseball and baseball!! Local teams were promoted by area towns, mines and clubs. Baseball at the turn of the century was the American pastime. They called the batter a "striker". In 1900, there was a professional baseball league in Montana. Naturally called the Montana State League. The competing teams were the Anaconda Serpents, Butte Smoke Eaters, Great Falls Indians and the Helena Senators. In a book about early Montana history, James A. Scott writes about that league ... " If it don't end in bloodshed ... "

Baseball games also were one of the social and sporting events in the Madison County. Jeffers, Sheridan, Ennis, Alder, Laurin, Twin Bridges, Pony, Harrison, McAllister and Virginia City all fielded teams at the turn of the century. In the Jeffers area, games were played at the Mitchell Field, on land owned by William and his son, Bert Mitchell. The early baseball team of the area was called the Madison Valley Antelopes. They were coached by Dr. Marquis. Some of the players were Bing Ellinghouse, Fay Jeffers and Paul Jeffers. Bing Ellinghouse eventually turned professional. 3

News from the Madison about baseball included: **1904** V.C. 11, Antelopes 10 On the afternoon of July 4th, the Virginia City baseball team beat the Madison Valley Antelopes by a run earned when Jack Whelin stole home base in the 9th inning to end the game.

**1911-1914** Professional Union League: Teams were Ogden, Missoula, Boise, Helena, Great Falls, and Butte.

**1930** The Ennis Baseball team beat Virginia City 15-12 at Ennis in a five inning game on May 29th. Vernon Estes, Catcher, Elwin Grady, Pitcher, Romey Wiles, 2nd base, Ernie Erickson, Short Stop, Dallas Estes, Right Field, Ken Martin, Left Field and Chester Schendel, Center Field made up the team and all were from the Jeffers area. In August 1931 the Ennis Baseball team was crowned Madison County Champions. Jeffers players included Ted Martin, Ed Caddell, Mal Estes and Halbe Pasley.

History repeats itself and the 2012 Ennis baseball team is now called the Pronghorns.

### **CHILD OF STERLING CITY-LILLIE AIMIE RANDALL (STOREY) FROM STERLING TO BEAR CREEK**

Sterling City and the Hot Springs Mining district ... the excellent and detailed historical analyses by Jeffrey Safford have expanded our knowledge and piqued our interest. History, being necessarily based on existing records, often has a focus on males, so we have decided to write here what we know of a girl child born in Sterling who became a pillar of the Madison Valley Community--and our great grandmother--Lillie Aimie Randall Storey. By Maureen Cheney Curnow, Karen Cheney Shores, Larry Cheney-- from sources listed below and often written by Roberta Cakeek Cheney-- granddaughter of Lillie Storey.

Lillie Aimie Randall was born in Sterling City on January 25, 1868.

Her father, Henry R. (Harry) Randall, was born in 1835 and had been "reading" Law in Providence, Rhode Island before he came West prior to 1865. Lillie Randall's mother, Sarah Ann (Sally) Hudson was born in 1835 In Warrensburg, Kentucky, but her family soon moved to Missouri. The Hudsons came West overland on a covered wagon train from St. Louis to Bozeman in 1863 or 1865--she told of hearing the news of Abraham Lincoln's assassination (1864) as they were en route. The Hudsons lived briefly in Bannack and were neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Plummer. The Hudsons soon moved to Virginia City where Sarah met and married Harry Randall in an Episcopal service January 22, 1867. Their twins, Albert Randall and Alice Randall (Mrs. Sam Bell) were born in Virginia City, but the family soon moved to Sterling where their daughter Lillie was born.

The Randalls left Sterling (cont on pg 4)

and moved to a farmstead in the Gallatin Valley where they raised wheat. Harry died there on February 10, 1877 at the age of 42 when Lillie was only nine years old.

After the death of Harry Randall, Sarah married Henry McIntosh who had been doing carpentry work at their ranch in the Gallatin Valley. She gave birth to three more children. The McIntoshes returned to the Madison Valley, settling on a place called the Varney Ranch. They then moved to Dillon where they separated. Sarah remained there and managed to send her two younger children to the Normal School there.

Lillie Aimie Randall was a child of Sterling and her earliest years were spent there amongst the many buildings, stores and mines. She moved to the Gallatin Valley with her family, but her father soon died. As she told her daughter Pearl Storey Carkeek and granddaughter, Roberta Carkeek Cheney, there was trouble with her stepfather, so Lillie's mother took her to Virginia City to live with the Farrel family where she could go to school. At this young age, she worked for her board and room and went to school for two years. She then lived with the Moritz family until her marriage. At age fifteen, on December 15, 1882, she married Amos Storey at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Amos was a thirty year old who had been raised in Huntingdonshire, England and educated in Anglican Schools. He came to the United States at age eighteen, and in 1877 he had filed on a homestead on Bear Creek under the 1862 federal Homestead Act, receiving 160 acres for a filing fee of \$26-34. After six months of residency they paid the \$1.25 per acre and had clear title to the land. They filed for a "Tree Claim" of 160 acres under the Timber Culture Act of 1873. Lillie Storey, herself, proved up on a "Desert Claim" of 80 acres on Bear Creek which she later deeded to her daughter, Pearl Storey Carkeek. Lillie and Amos amassed a cattle ranch of some 2,000 acres, with extensive water rights on Bear Creek and Burger Creek. Amos and Lillie had 6 children. The boys were expected to become ranchers, but Lillie made certain that her daughters were well educated. Bessie studied at the Normal College in Dillon and Pearl at the Business Department in Bozeman at Montana Agricultural College (now MSU).

Lillie Storey's gracious two-story frame home was the center of their community as it included grassy tennis courts. Lillie made certain that the Storey children and grandchildren had a good life of work and fun. She organized games-checkers, Parcheesi, Carom, but they were not allowed to play with "real cards" as Mr. Storey thought they were evil. There were camping trips, sleigh rides, dances, taffy pulls, swings in the apple orchard and great celebrations at Christmas organized by Lillie Storey. Religion was important, and the children were warned that if they ate a bite before the

grace was recited, the devil would cause them to choke!

Dentists, doctors, peddlars, clergy and hide buyers would stay and work there when they came to the valley. The dentist set up his foot-powered chair in the parlor. Lillie sewed extensively and had young girls who helped her with the cooking and housework. She became known to have a "way with the sick" and was frequently called for medical situations. The Shoshone neighbors depended on her for steaming coffee and white blankets when they were about to give birth. Lillie delivered 51 babies. One year she delivered premature twins, so she wrapped them in flannel diapers and put them in a boot box with quart jars full of hot water which she alternately placed next to the car motor and the babies' boxes, thus keeping them warm until they were out of danger.

At one time Lillie Storey returned to Rhode Island to visit her Randall relatives and then met Amos in St. Louis at the World's Fair of 1904. They finally spent a winter in Long Beach, California and one in Burbank California--quite a long ways from her simple girlhood in Sterling.

At the death of Amos Storey in 1923, Lillie maintained the ranch, working with her children. She carefully and fairly divided all their lands, water rights, cattle amongst her five living children, and her will was skillfully and carefully drawn. She finally moved to Bozeman where she bought a house so that her granddaughter, Roberta Carkeek (later Cheney) and many other young girls from the Madison Valley could come there for high school education. She died in Bozeman January 25, 1929 at the age of 61. Lillie Aimie Randall Storey was a vibrant, active, creative, self-directed woman whose childhood in Sterling formed a solid basis for her strengths.

SOURCES: Oral descriptions by Pearl Storey Carkeek and Roberta Carkeek Cheney. Roberta Carkeek Cheney. STOREYS AND CARKEEKS: SPANNING 20TH CENTURY Montana. Missoula, Mt. 1995. Roberta Carkeek Cheney, Maureen Cheney Curnow. LILLIE STOREY (March 24, 2005) Series: "A Tribute to Women in Montana's History," The Missoulian Daily Newspaper. PROGRESSIVE MEN OF MONTANA. Chicago: A.W. Bowen & Co., no date. PIONEER TRAILS AND TRIALS MADISON COUNTY 1863-1920. Vol. I Madison County History Association. Great Falls, MT: Blue Print & letter Co., 1976. PROGRESSIVE YEARS MADISON COUNTY 1920-1950, Vol. II Madison County History Association. Butte, Mt. Artcraft Printers, 1983.

History Tidbit Settlement on Jack Creek put in Telephone system and made connection with Central. Bear Creek settlement working on it's line. When it is finished, the entire valley will have telephone service. *Times* July 10, 1903

## Thomas Hughes' Diary

MVHA member Robert Hughes has provided the WT with an electronic copy of his father's (Thomas Hughes) diary written from Oct. 31, 1904 to early 1906. This diary has been reprinted in past, this, and future issues of the WT. First part was in Oct. 2010, second in Jan. 2011, third in April 2011, fourth in August 2011, fifth in October 2011, sixth in January 2012 seventh in April 2012. If you have missed the first 7 installments check the web site or request a copy of the previous 7 issues. **DAD'S Diary** submitted by R R (Bob) Hughes.

Continued from *April Wagon Tongue* ending Wed, May 30

### Thur May 31

Nothing doing yet. Heard from Guy. Helps like hell. Guess Ed and Will have quit me. Got a picture of Ira and Dad yesterday. No change except Ira's mustache helps his looks considerable. Forgot to say that I had to shave my egregious hirsute off! Put my horse to a great disadvantage in the wind.

**Fri June 1st** No entry

**Sat 2nd** No entry

**Sun June 3rd** No entry

**Mon June 4th** No entry

**Fri June 5th** This is the day Edith and Billy Fletcher get married. Would be glad to see it if I weren't so sorry for Jim. **Wed June 6th. 1905**

June 6th is the last entry in the 2 booklet diary about the trip south that began in 1904. Some miscellaneous lists concerning various expenses while in California are in the final pages of the 2nd booklet. (See the Addendum at the end of this account) In addition to the diary booklets, a small black journal (noted in the foreword) contains notations pertaining to various expenses, work records, and miscellaneous things which he wished to remember. Diary entries for May 8, May 15, May 17, all indicate that work for Mr. Boyce was a possibility. Subsequent time records in the black journal indicate employment by C. E. Boyce at \$40.00 per mo. beginning July 18th, 1905, and continuing part time through December. Entries in the journal, in October and November, pertain to money and articles received from C. E. Boyce. An entry dated Jan 19th indicates he is still in Arizona but no record is found of exactly when he went home to Montana. These black journal entries do establish that he remained in Arizona throughout the remainder of 1905 and was there in January 1906. It seems logical that they waited for warmer weather before heading for Montana and a subsequent trip, in July, to retrieve horses and gear left in Idaho.

Returning From Arizona

Information from Lenny Gibson spells out a likely scenario for the trip back to Montana. Lenny remembers having heard stories about the two traveling cowboys making their way north by working at various mines and ranches. Also that Dad was booked on one occasion, somewhere in Colorado, in a prize fighting event which was cancelled because his opponent

never showed up. The promoter for the fight was supposedly the same person who promoted Jack Dempsey a few years later. Lenny also said that Army Adams stayed in Telluride, Colorado, and eventually became a mine foreman. This has a possible corroboration in the form of two manuscripts (western stories) written by Army Adams, which were found with Dad's original diary notebooks. The heading "Army Adams, Telluride, Colo.", appears on one of the typewritten manuscripts. I remember Dad saying that Army had written western stories. I don't know if any were published. Of note is that the central figure (cowboy hero) in the manuscript stories was a "Thomas Hughes".

### TRIP TO IDAHO TO RECOVER HORSES AND GEAR

(From June 26th to July 13th, 1906)

This is another diary type account, handwritten in pencil on tablet type ruled paper. Curled and yellow with age, but still legible.

**Tuesday, June 26th** Meadow Ck.

Ed and I started up Madison R. with team (destination unknown) Camped on Indian Ck. broke King bolt on wagon.

**Wednesday 27th**

Repaired wagon. Crossed steel bridge about 4 o'clock and camped one mile above. Have our usual good luck (Rained like hell).

**Thurs. 28th**

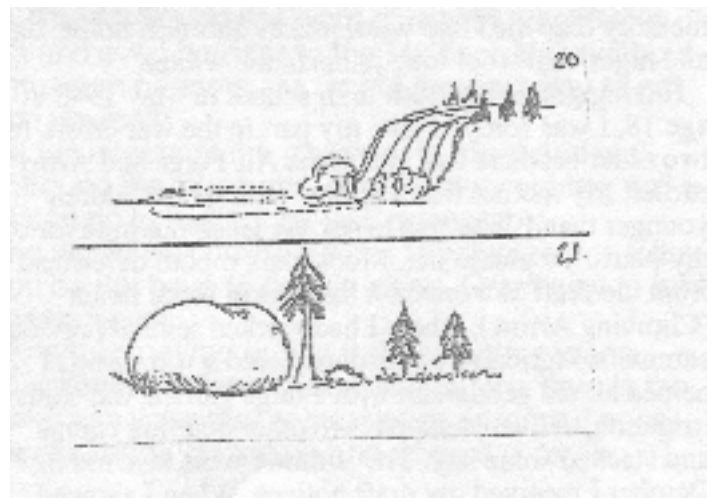
Rained all night Wed. and all day today. Cold and disagreeable. Drove to Henry's Lake by 2 o'clock and camped for the day. Old J. D. Rockefeller is going to shave, has his razor strap tied to his big toe stropping his razor (Great head that.) Will split a rain drop and half each way.

**Friday 29th**

Rather cold today but no rain. Drove from Henry's Lake to 15 miles inside Park. Camped near a small hot spring on Madison R. Had a visitor last night, a skunk came in and helped. The WT will pick up the diary in October 2012 as diary is completed.

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**Montana Trivia answers to April 2012 #18 Cook City #19 Circle**



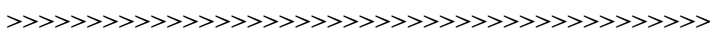
**For Your Reading Pleasure**

From Don Black who presented the program for Moon Shine on the Madison comes this adaptation: "A Youth to his Grave" In the days before Prohibition came to the Madison Valley, a young boy found a corked jug southwest of Varney. He looked around to see if he was hidden from sight and took a quick sip followed by a big gulp. His buddies found his body, brain dean, at that spot. As historian, Jimmy Spray, wrote of the 1st cemetery in the valley, the boy was buried in the Evans "Necropolis". To this day here is a view over the Madison and in the background, Cedar Creek and Fan Mountain. Read more in Early Days in the Madison Valley by James S. Spray. pg. 23 to 25. Book available at the Madison Valley Public Library, Madison Valley History Museum and also owned by many MVHA members There are still copies available for sale at the Madison Valley History Museum and the Blue Heron in Ennis.

**Looking Ahead**

**August 18** will be a Forge Day. Times, details, etc. to be worked out and announcements made in Madisonian, by the calling committee and E mail contact.

**September** will be a field trip to the Noah Armstrong Round Barn (Spokane's Home) plus a visit to the Twin Bridges Museum and Shoshoni grave sites. Date and time to be announced.



**MVHA Cookbook** It ia not to late to get a copy of the MVHA historical cookbook. It is available at the at the Museum and Ennis Pharmacy. You may still order copies for \$15 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling to MVHA, P.O. Box 474, Ennis, MT 59729.

**Walk of Names** Orders are still being taken for the Walk of Names boards for the museum walkways. We are in need of Walk of Names boards to complete the deck and handicapped access to the forge building.You may order one for \$50 at the address below or by calling 682-5780 or 682-7415. Don't forget to honor someone or give a memorial. Madison Valley History Association, Inc. P.O. Box 474 Ennis, MT 59729

+++++ This following story is by MVHA member June Haigh. and was shared at the MVHA program on World War II in February 2012.

**When My World Turned Green** by June C. Haigh

When I went into Marine boot camp in San Diego we were issued a wardrobe of Marine clothes including white T shirts and boxer shorts (Jan 1944) My shaky memory tells me I had worn jockey shorts at home, day and night, and wool long johns in the winter.

Having graduated from high school in May 1943 at age 18, I was ready to take my part in the war effort. My two older brothers had joined the Air Force and Army earlier. My mother was a widow with three children younger than I. She was to say the least, not in favor of my plans. To please her, I took a six month deferment from the draft to work on a large local cattle ranch (Climbing Arrow), where I had worked several previous summers. Agriculture was considered a war effort. I helped an old gentleman with a huge garden, did some irrigation, delivered supplies to other outlying camps and stacked some hay. The summer went fast and in October I received my draft notices. When I showed 6

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my boss the notice, he said he could get the draft board to to extend my deferment. I decided then to let the process continue and as a result, I became a Marine in Butte, Montana on January 19, 1944.

My mother had a big surprise because I had been unable to play sports two years in high school because of high blood pressure. There have been many jokes about physical exams for the military draft in WWII.

Fast forward-training in Camp Pendleton near Oceanside, CA, left in September on a 9 day cruise to Hilo, Hawaii and Camp Tarawa located between three volcanoes.

Because we might end up fighting Japanese on some occupied island, white laundry might not be a good thing. Our outer garments were light green. At 8000 the speakers blared "NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS-all white skivvies will be dipped in barrels of green dye and hung up to dry." "NO HOLD BACKS" Hey! This is better than calisthenics or a forced march. So it was and by noon the whole camp had turned green. Green on every clothes line, tree branch, tent rope, vehicle, and sky hook. Almost as much excitement as the modern connotation of the world Green can cause in today's world. (June displayed the two green T-shirts dyed in December 1944 and even was wearing one of them. They have crossed the Pacific Ocean four times and one of them likely worn for 36 days on Iwo Jima. The shirts are now 67 years old).