

The Wagon Tongue

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From the Wagon Seat: The seasons keep rolling along. We have had our first fall big snow and more to come. The fishermen are after the spawning brown trout and the hunters are arriving. On Oct. 25, the MVHA will have a table for the annual Hunter's Feed. Board Member, Liz Applegate, will have a dish of Sweet Chile Elk for you to sample. Stop by and get a sample. Then be sure to vote for Liz's dish as your #1 choice so MVHA can win one of the prizes.

In July, MVHA had the historic barn tour which included trips and oral histories of the Lichte Barn, the Walsh Ranch Barn, the Jumping Horse Barn, the Jeffers "Yellow" Barn and the Gary Clark Family Barn. Special thanks to Otis Thompson and Kevin Brenneke in helping arrange for these barns and giving the narrative for each. In August field trips continued with a trip to Pony arranged by Devonna Owens. History given by Les Kilman and assisted by Pearl Kilman along Main Street, to the Morris State Bank, the jail, two churches and the school. In September, a BBQ was held at Willie's Distillery. Willie Blazer, MVHA Business member, gave the history of the distillery business along with the making of bourbon whiskey from moonshine. For October, MVHA attended the Fish Bowl Lanes with talks on the history of bowling and bowling here in Ennis arranged by Liz Applegate.

Our field trips and events have been well attended. A big thank you to all the board members, volunteers and community members to make this happen. If we are to offer these kinds of events in the future, we need member's help and ideas. Better yet, MVHA needs you to help give a program or share your family history in a program. The Board is struggling to find programs for the coming year. Let the Board know of your ideas.

The Museum closed on Sept. 15 with another great year. The stats are in the following article. A big heartfelt thank you from your board of directors for all the volunteers for helping out and keeping the museum open. Without you, the volunteers, our MVHA will not succeed. We have a museum facility that the whole valley can be proud of.

Invite some of the younger generation to join the MVHA and get involved. Madison Valley history is their history too. In order to keep the wagons rolling, MVHA needs your help. See you at the next meeting or around the history corner. Larry Love, your Wagon Master

Museum Update

The MVHA museum closed on Sept. 15 after a great season. After Labor Day the tourists through Ennis really slow down. We hate to miss the Seniors who travel in the fall but the museum is open by special appointment so anyone who wants to visit the museum in the off season can just call 682-5780 (Larry or Shirley) or 682-7415 (Otis) and we will open it special for you and/or your guests.

Our guest book count is not an exact science but is our only estimate of folks visiting. If they sign the guest book, we get a count. 427 folks signed the book this season. This is 25 more than counted last season. Montana led the way with 180 visitors with California second with 35, Washington with 34, Idaho with 25 and Utah with 21 and 26 other states having visitors. Italy led the foreign countries with 4 visitors and we had guests from Canada, Denmark, South Africa and Austria.

Many folks came specifically to see our "beast" so he/she is getting well known. Special thanks to all of our faithful volunteers who say yes when asked to volunteer or signed up on the sign up calendars. And the MVHA has some very special volunteers who chose a day and worked almost all they could schedule in for the summer.... Mona Durham and Virginia Black worked 11 of the 13 Tuesdays. Rick Arnold worked 9 of 14 Fridays, Vern Thibodeaux 8 Thursdays and Larry Knittel 6 Thursdays or Fridays and the many, many others who answered the call to substitute for someone or to fill in anywhere when needed. And then the most important museum volunteer of all, special thanks to Kevin Brenneke who gave way too many hours to count doing the museum scheduling. MVHA has a very good museum but it remains closed on the days that no one volunteers to be at the museum for 3 hours that day.

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History Tidbit Thomas Tucker bought land (currently Cecil Klatt's place in Jeffers) from John E. Woodworth in 1910 for \$400.

Welcome to Membership The following have joined since the July issue. If you know any of these new members or if they live near you, please invite them to attend the next MVHA meeting and welcome them aboard.

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Membership Update 2013 memberships are now due. 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 2013 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 '13 membership is due during Oct., Nov., or Dec. or if you are past due, you will find a membership renewal slip included with 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 for 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:)

If anyone needs a ride to a meeting, please call 682-5780 and we will arrange a ride for you.

Member News

Virginia Black and **Doc Ron Losee** were parade marshals for the Madison County Fair Parade in Twin Bridges.

Larry Love was master of ceremonies for the Virginia City All School Reunion held Aug. He also entertained the group with several songs accompanied by Donna Gilman.

Ethelyn Hanni and other former cheerleaders for

Virginia City High School led the reunion group in school cheers and the school song.

Mary Ann Alger is on a little fall trip visiting Anita in Missoula and Ellen and Patty in Washington State.

Mary and George Clausen celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary this summer in July.

Hal Pasley will be celebrating his 103rd birthday on Nov. 12. Give him a call and wish him a Happy Birthday. Discuss some history of Ennis and he will love it.

Please send any member news to the editor so any special news of our members can be included in the Wagon Tongue.

Memories

James Harrison Saunders passed away on March 4, 2013. He was born in Morgantown West Virginia August 15, 1923 to William Millard and Virginia Saunders. His memorial was held on August 17, 2013. Following is an edited version of the eulogy given by Mary's son, Steve Sjoberg, at the memorial service for Harrison. Thank you, Steve, for sharing..... This past Thursday, Aug.15, would have been his 90th Birthday. Along with his 3 sisters, Mary Ellen, Louise, and Lizabeth, the family moved to Ennis when Harrison was 5 years old.

Harrison became known locally as "Hungry" because he was tall and slim as a teenager. During his years at Ennis High School he played 1st trombone and continued to enjoy music throughout his lifetime. As a teenager Hungry was also active in sports most notably basketball and football. After Harrison graduated from Ennis High School he attended Western Montana College in Dillon. His college experience was brief as he was drafted into the 41st Army Division to serve as a radio operator in the Pacific Theater in WWII.

He met Jean Cline from Huntsville, Texas on a hike up Sphinx Mountain. They were married in 1952 and during 20 years of marriage, they raised 3 children, Bill Saunders, Cassie Spangrude, and Sabrina Wood; here in the Madison Valley.

Harrison found his calling when he became a backhoe operator and formed Saunders Excavation Company in 1962, providing backhoe, dump truck, grading and ready-mix cement services for the general region. He was a talented backhoe operator, often getting into places other operators avoided. He was called on in 1972 to dig a channel into the gorge ice near the Ennis Bridge so that the Madison River water would not flood the town. That event made national news.

Harrison and Jean divorced in 1973 and he later married my mother, Mary Sjoberg. They would have celebrated their 40th anniversary this coming October.

Harrison (along with Mary) promoted Amsoil Products and was very successful with that business as well. Through the years Harrison's family ranch estate was developed into a private mobile home park and vacation rentals with spectacular views, complete with blue ribbon trout streams and abundant wildlife.

Hungry was well known for his humor, card playing, his love of dancing and especially square *cont pg 3*

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dancing, where he also learned to “call” the dances. He was a big guy but incredibly light on his feet. He enjoyed square dancing well into his 80’s. He was also a very sharp chess player and when he could no longer dance he enjoyed playing chess on his computer in his later years.

Harrison is survived by his wife Mary, his son Bill, daughters Cassie and Sabrina, my siblings Bill Sjoberg, Kari Pearson and Nancy Schenk, as well as 12 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

I recall sitting with Harrison at his home last fall while watching the Seahawks play against the Jets. That was our last visit together before he passed away. Having known Harrison since I was in grade school; becoming family was an easy transition. Being a college student in the early 70’s during the height of the Vietnam War; I had opinions that many would consider radical. Dressed in my bell bottom jeans, tie dyed t-shirt and hair out to “here”, many adults were not eager to invite me in. But, not Hungry. He welcomed my visits from college with open arms. Seldom would he agree with my convictions, but he would listen, ask questions and encourage me to express my opinion.

My wife, Brenda, says that engaging in a deep conversation with Harrison is like a box of chocolates. You never know what’s inside.

From the pyramid he built in the back yard...to searching for gold near Elk Lake, he always had a new interest that was somewhat unconventional.

Generous is another word used to describe Harrison. If you had a project that he was able to help with, he was there. Whether it was digging the foundation for Nancy and Dave’s home or driving to Wyoming to rescue my brother’s motorcycle. We could always count on Harrison.

For 10 years, on my nephew Greg’s birthday, Grandpa Harrison brought him a load of topsoil to play in. He even brought a little extra for Nancy’s garden. One year, on my sister Kari’s birthday, Harrison delivered a dump truck load of rocks which she cheerfully (but painstakingly) used to make several gardens.

I’d like to close with a quote from one of Harrison’s favorite motivational speakers and authors, Zig Ziglar. “The foundation stones for balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty.” These same characteristics were evident in how Harrison lived his life.

He touched this family in a very positive way. We will miss him but we are grateful for the memories.

Murel Francis Clancey, 92, passed away on July 10, 2013 at Generations Assisted Living in Ennis. He was born in Wolf Point, MT on Nov. 23, 1920 to Walter and Nellie (Ford) Clancey. They moved to Havre when he was about two years old, where he lived, except for college and service. He moved to Generations to be near his son, Pat, for the last 5 years of his life. Pat is our mayor of Ennis. While Bud Angle was alive and lived at Generations, he and Murel used to take long walks and ended up at some unusual places and the staff at

Generations had to come looking for them.

Bonnie Lee MacMillan Rice passed away on July 12, 2013 in Ennis. She was born on June 7, 1925 to Peter and Mary Elsie MacMillan at the “Stone House” one of Harrison, MT first hotels, during an earthquake. Bonnie loved dancing, and bowling and became an avid golfer when the family donated land to create Madison Meadows Golf Course in Ennis. Bonnie married Robert Charles Rice, a dashing young rancher from Cherry Creek on Dec. 16, 1946.

Darrel Glen Shelton passed away on July 16, 2013,. He was born to Glenn and Beverly Shelton on Oct. 1, 1951 and raised on the old Shelton Ranch, which is now the Sun West Ranch. He was one of the first babies born in the old Madison Valley Hospital when it was first built. He left the Shelton Ranch around 1970 and worked for the Longhorn Ranch and then worked for the county for 23 years. During the last 10 years he worked for Hokanson’s at their gravel pit.

Doris M. ‘Dodie’ Barnett passed away on July 20, 2013 at the Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis. Dodie was born on Jan 25, 1929 at the family home in Ennis to Lewis A. and Gladys Thexton Chamberlin. A memory of Dodie would be very incomplete without remembering her early family history. Grandfather, Edwin Austin Chamberlin was born in Windham, Connecticut on April 11, 1864, the only child of a sea captain plying between Boston and Melbourne, Australia. He was raised in Boston. Upon the retirement of the sea captain, he and his wife and son, Edwin, moved to Minnesota where Edwin married Minnie L. Wruck, who was born in 1873 in Coburg,, Germany and came to Minnesota when 4 years old. They farmed in Minnesota and Edwin also worked for M. W. Savage, owner of the famed Don Patch, the great trotting horse.

In 1902 some horse races were held at Rosebud, Mt. Edwin was there and met William J. (Will) Ennis and became interested in coming further West. Will Ennis had a race horse name Dyke. Edwin came to Ennis, took over the handling of Dyke and also Will’s “Big Red Barn” where travelers stabled their horses. The Telephone Company building stood on the site in 1974. (Now in 2013, this is the location of Shedhorn Sports.)

In January of 1903, Minnie, children Anthony Lee (Tony), Lewis Austin (Dodie’s father) and Grace Hannah arrived to visit Edwin and possibly to evaluate the place as a future home. They stayed only a short time, but the boys remember the many robes and wraps that were required to keep them warm on their trip by stage coach over the mountains to the Madison Valley from Norris which was the end of the railroad. Minnie and children returned to Minnesota to prepare for a move to Ennis. They took up residence in a house Mrs. William Ennis owned on Main Street. There Dorothy Louise was born and the beautiful child drowned in an irrigation ditch behind the house.

Edwin fed and took care of some pet elk that lived on the Ennis ranch. One old bull ‘Jimmy’ was especially menacing and had to be prodded with a

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pitchfork to be kept in his place. He was annoyed at seeing clothes hanging on clothes lines and unless chased away, was known to leave with his horns decorated with sheets, pillow cases or whatever.

Mrs. William Ennis gave a parcel of land to Edwin on which to build his house. (Valley Bank is now on that plot of land.) Minnie was a fine cook and took in boarders. Edwin had a contract to carry the mail to Lyon Post Office. He was also foreman at the Valley Garden Ranch in 1919 and from there went to the Green Acres, working for the Buford-Elling Ranch Company until about 1924. From there he went to the Bear Creek Ranch near Cameron, and then to be foreman for Cunningham and Biering.

written by Lewis A. Chamberlin for the Pioneer Trails and Trials Madison County, Montana Vol 1 *Edwin Austin Chamberlin pg. 33.*

There was no school in Ennis at that time, so children walked to Jeffers to school. They attended Sunday school in Jeffers and on Sunday when it was hot they decided to go swimming in one of the ponds near the river. When dressing after swimming they got their starched collars on backward. When they returned home, their father asked were on time for Sunday school. They said they had been, but after swimming they weren't sure how the collars went on so they put them on the way the minister wore his.

Lewis worked for J. W. Chowning as a grocery, hardware and dry goods clerk. On April 9, 1923 he and Gladys M. Thexton were married. They had a home in Ennis from that time on. Their son, Norman Hugh and daughters, Doris Marilyn (Dodie) and Freda Louise were born there. written by Gladys Chamberlin for the Progressive Years, Madison County, Montana Vol 11, *Lewis A. and Gladys May(Thexton) Chamberlin pg. 726*

Dodie graduated from Ennis High School in 1948 and attended Western Montana College in Dillon for two years where she received a teaching certificate. On June 17, 1951 she married Howard "Barney" Barnett and they had three daughters. Dodie was very active in her community being a member of Madison Valley Woman's Club, working faithfully at the Nearly New Store, Ennis Arts Association, where she was raffle ticket seller extraordinaire, Madison County Volunteer Hospice, Order of Eastern Star, Trinity Episcopal Church, Madison Valley Medical Center, Sons and Daughters of the Montana Pioneers and was a 14 year member of the Madison Valley History Association where she was a wealth of historical information for the Madison Valley. She supported the Madison Valley Volunteer Fire Department of which Barney and Vurnie Kay were members. She supported all of the Ennis High School sports teams and rarely missed a home game..receiving an award for her support.

Dodie was renowned for her homemade pickled beets and dill pickles. She enjoyed cooking for a bunch and was always putting on an extra plate or two for

anyone who might be around.

Jan Eugene Smith passed away on July 21, 2013. He was born in Ogden, Utah on Dec. 24,1938 to Gene and Mary Chapple Smith. He and his wife, Jackie Dockter, moved to Ennis in 1999 after retiring. Jan was a member of the Masonic Lodge and received his 50-year recognition. He helped to found the Madison Valley Shrine Club.

Mark Leslie Jasmann of Cameron, MT passed away in July, 2013. He was born in Ennis on Jan. 2, 1951 to Mike and Sylvia(McQuire) Jasmann. He attended his last years of high school in Ennis. After college and travel, Mark began setting up his own cattle operation. In 1988 his family moved to Corral Creek Ranch and leased grazing rights and managed the livestock and ranch responsibilities for Marian Cummings and her daughter, Molly Cook, and in 1991 for Pam and Fred Rentschler.

Dennis Clinton Frisbie, long time MVHA member passed away on August 4, 2013. He was born Feb. 24, 1932 to Jean (Howell) and Clinton Frisbie in Butte, Mt. His childhood was spent mostly in the McAllister and Ennis area and he graduated from Ennis High School in 1951 and spent a year cowboying on local ranches before serving in the Naval Air Corp. He married Wilhelmine "Willie" Marquart in Oct. 1954. He graduated from Montana State College in premed. and after all his schooling and training, became the only Child and Family Psychiatrist in northern Wyoming in 1973.

Andrew "Bud" Cooper passed away Sept. 14, 2013. at the age of 91. He was born May 27, 1922 to Andrew 'Andy' and Jennie (Velkamp) Cooper. He married Helen Cook in 1953 and began a long career in the talc mining industry.

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In August, the MVHA field trip was a historic barn tour.

Lois Walsh, long time MVHA member was a gracious host at her family's ranch and barn and shared this history of the Walsh Barn.

This historic landmark on the Gene Walsh Ranch at Cameron, Montana was built in 1917 by Walter McAtee of the McAtee Horse Ranch. Mr. McAtee was a member of an early pioneer and ranching family in the Madison Valley of Montana. This barn was the "pride of the ranch," and is reputed to be the largest barn of its style/design in the Madison County. It had eighteen stalls each of which was designed to accommodate a team of work horses, and each stall held a team at the time when horses were used for ranch work. In addition to the stalls for the teams, two enclosed stalls were provided for breeding stallions. The barn has a full loft where hay was stored and each stall had a manger with an opening and an enclosed shaft to the loft so hay could be easily forked down to be fed to the horses below. A track ran the full length in the top of the barn. A large fork and trolley was used to elevate the loose hay from the wagons and move it to the desired location in the barn.

Tommy and Marie Thompson bought the ranch from the McAtee's and ranched *cont. pg. 5*

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there for a number of years. Neil Thompson, one of their son's and long time MVHA member, carved his initials in the door of the barn so we know he was there. The Olsen brothers, Lee and George, were the next owners of the ranch.

When the ranch was purchased by Gene Walsh, the barn was badly in need of being repainted and reroofed. During one summer, circa 1974, the owner's teenage daughter, Eileen repainted the structure by hand, taking care to wire brush any worn, chipped, and flaking paint away first. It took forty five gallons of Columbia Paint's barn red and several gallons of white trim paint., but the barn glistened with its new coat. The same year it was reroofed with 6,000 T-Lock shingles. It has been well maintained since.

The ranch has been owned by Gene Walsh since 1957.

By Lois Walsh

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Another barn on the Historic Barn Tour Field Trip was the Jumping Horse Ranch Barn. The Jumping Horse Ranch has a long, storied history in the Madison Valley so this is a very appropriate time to share the *History of the Jumping Horse Ranch* by Robert Beck with Nancy Lien Griffin with research by Helene Beck. Both Robert and Helene are long time MVHA members. (The first edition of this history was printed in October, 1989 during Montana's Centennial Year and the second Edition January, 1997.)

The past lives all around us. It lives in dusty family histories and in the memories of old timers and in the traces left behind by those who worked the land. The early pioneers of the Madison Valley survived rough winters and dry summers to carve out a subsistence existence for their families. Each owner of the land that later became the Jumping Horse Ranch proved to not really possess the land but only handed it on to the next owner. Each owner of the land served as a steward participating in life's regeneration and felt the land's eternal power. People came and people left but the land endures as a testament.

Nestled among the foothills of the Spanish Peaks in the Rocky Mountains of Montana, the Jumping Horse Ranch faces west across the valley of the Madison River to the Tobacco Root Mountains. This sprawling ranch sits in the shadow of Fan Mountain. This great granite peak, a regional landmark, is so named because of the prominent alluvial fan that has developed over eons at the mountain's base through the gradual deposition of materials by the nearby Cedar Creek flowing out of the Madison Mountain Range.

Alluvial fan formations, often found in other mountainous regions, are nowhere as pronounced as this "fan" of the Madison Range. Such formations only occur in dry areas where stream flow from the spring snow melt gains great velocity as the water finds its way to the valley floor. The rushing water washes rocks and soil out of the mountains to build the "fan." The streams in the Madison Valley lose elevation rapidly in the high mountains and are slowed only by the intermediate

terrain composed of the materials collected in alluvial fans, known locally as "benches."

The Jumping Horse Ranch is located along the crests of several Madison Valley benches, eight miles east of the town of Ennis. The ranch spans tumbling 5 mountain streams-Jack Creek, Jordan Creek, Crooked Creek, Watkins Creek and Short Creek-which drains the snow melt from the high mountains down to the sparking Madison River far below.

The earliest history of the Madison Valley credits the land of the Jumping Horse Ranch as being the birthplace of an Indian chief whose family lived each summer in the Madison Valley. Ten Doy was so named by his father, Tanchanica (Tanca'hanca), chief of the Bannack tribe, because on the day of Ten Doy's birth, his father looked out of the wigwam to see ten boys coasting down a nearby hill using slabs of elk hide for their sleds. It was the Indian custom to name their children after the first thing they saw upon the birth(Ten Boy later became Ten Doy.) James Spray in his manuscript titled "Early Days in the Madison Valley" places Ten Doy's birth in the winter of 1822-23 "near the location of the Paugh Ranch on Jack Creek."

Ten Doy was the son of Tanchanica and the grandson of White Bear, the elder for whom this clan of the Bannack tribe was named. The White Bear clan roamed a wide expanse of territory from the middle of Nevada, to central Montana, and from central Wyoming to Idaho. They were a small and peaceable band. In fact, the White Bears boasted that they had never shed the blood of a white man.

Former workers at the Jumping Horse Ranch claim that rocks with Indian paintings still adorn caves on the upper parts of the ranch, and that large rock formations probably arranged as hunting blinds are evidence of Indian settlement on the ranch.

Pioneers Many early settlers claimed land within the borders of the present day Jumping Horse Ranch. Some of the valley's first and most prominent settlers, or members of their families, were among their numbers. Names like William Ennis, M.D.Jeffers, E.A.Maynard, Andrew Switzer and George Watkins are peppered throughout any history of the Madison Valley. Some pioneers left virtually no records. Settlers like L.S. Briggs, Erastus Paugh, Ernest, Charles and John Vetter, Tim Crandall, Harold and Chester Bower, William Maginess, Edgar Michener or Pat Daiey are known to us because we are fortunate enough to have surviving family members to tell their stories. The others have left their mark only in the dusty pages of county land records or in the memories of those who were just children when they died.

Many of the early patents on the Jumping Horse Ranch were small 160 acre parcels, although some settlers such as E.A.Maynard, purchased full sections from the Northern Pacific Railroad patents. The more determined settlers claimed additional patents or purchased claims when the original settlers moved on.

Most notable of the early homesteaders is Erastus Paugh who claimed

For Your Reading Pleasure

Long Way Home Journeys of a Chinese Montanan by Flora Wong with Tom Decker. The editor met Flora this summer at the EAA Art's Festival and she was a delight to visit with. Robert Swartout, chair of History Dept. of Carroll College, says " Amazing book. For those who love Montana history, we now have this eloquent and dramatic Chinese voice." Available at the Madison Valley Public Library or check with your local library or on line.

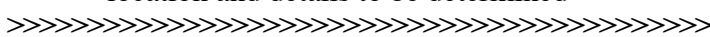
Looking Ahead

Oct. 25, 2013 Hunter's Feed 3:00pm Stop by and sample Liz's Sweet Chile Elk and vote!

Nov. 21 4:00pm. Fist Madison Valley Bank Program to be announced.

Nov. 30, 2013 Christmas Bazaar Stop by the MVHA table for your Christmas purchases.

Dec. 19, 2013 Annual Christmas party and program location and details to be determined



Walk of Names MVHA's project for 2013 was to complete the deck and handicapped walkway to the Forge building . MVHA still does not have enough board orders to complete this project. Orders are being taken for the Walk of Names boards. You may order one for \$50 at the address below or by calling 682-5780 or 682-7415. Don't forget to honor a family or family member or give a memorial. A great gift!

Madison Valley History Association, Inc. P.O. Box 474 Ennis, MT 59729. Your donation is tax deductible. Boards are needed to complete the project.

Early Days of Madison County by James S. Spray and the the MVHA Historic Cookbook are available for sale and make great gifts for Christmas gift giving. Just contact MVHA at P.O. Box 474, Ennis, MT 59729 or call 406-682-5780. or stop by the table at the bazaar.

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the property where the Jumping Horse Ranch headquarters is located. Paugh, like many early Montana pioneers, was afflicted with the wanderlust of his generation. A native Ohioan, Paugh served three years with the Union Army before he headed to the gold strike at Alder Gulch to seek his fortune. The 23 year old came to Virginia City Via Ogden, Utah. Paugh worked several mining claims, but his family reports that he was discouraged by mining because the money was always spent before it was found.

Paugh was 36 years old when he claimed his homestead. All that was required was the planting of trees and the registration of the claim at the territorial land office. Many of these "tree claims" still dot the landscape of the American West. Visitors to the Madison Valley need only scan the ranches which run the length of the valley to locate other properties originally claimed by planting trees.

The ranch office located adjacent to the main house of the Jumping Horse Ranch is the original dove-tailed 6

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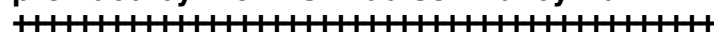
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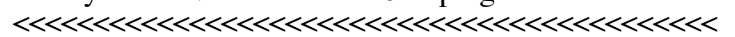
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cabin Paugh built nine years later when he brought his bride, Minnie Vetter, to live at the ranch. Erastus may have met his wife through his former employer and neighbor, George Watkins. Minnie worked at the Watkins ranch prior to her marriage. Erastus and Minnie had six boys, four whom were born in the Paugh's cabin at the Jumping Horse Ranch location. Erastus operated the ranch for 19 years. He was 55 years old and had been married for 10 years when he sold his ranch to Minnie's younger brother, Ernest Vetter.

To be continued in January, 2014 issue with a short history of the Vettters and the Jumping Horse Ranch.



History Tidbit In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have the "the rule of thumb."

Montana Trivia Answers to #24 Deer Lodge #25 Butte. From July 2013.

