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Our mission is to develop a museum to house and preserve collections of artifacts, tapes, photographs and stories of historical importance to the Madison Valley and interpret them through display and education.

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From the Wagon Seat: With our open winter, spring has arrived. We are 85% in snow pack so we will be a little dry by this summer. The MVHA is moving right along in 2015. In February we had the Mainwaring Family history pre sented by Keith M. along with George M., Stanley M., Doris Daems. and Marion Hedglin. It was a great presentation, enjoyed by all with lots of question afterwards. The Mainwaring clan was certainly a robust and active family in the Ennis area. If you have a family history you would like to share, let us know.

March was our annual William Ennis Birthday Irish Stew dinner. The numbers were down a little but we still made a profit of about \$430. A big thanks from the board to all the soda bread and blarney stone chefs. Plus a big thank you from the board to those helping take money, selling raffle tickets and books, working in the kitchen, serving stew, setting up the tables and cleaning up. It takes all of us helping out in order to be a success. Plan to help next year. Our April program was Ann Hokanson of the A. M. Welles Corp with a presentation of the history of the A. M. Welles Corp. May will be the Annual potluck meeting to approve the budget and elect members to the board. June, July, and August are still being planned so stay tuned.

MVHA is selling raffle tickets for a Gary Carter print donated to the MVHA by long time members, Jack and Kathryn Northway. This is a fundraiser for the new building that is a work in progress right now. MVHA is running out of room for storage and displaying some of the larger artifacts. There is a page included with this Wagon Tongue edition with a picture and information about the print and an order blank for you to purchase and/or sell raffle tickets. Please plan to help on this project.

The museum will be opening for Memorial Day. We need hosts and a scheduler for June, July, August, and part of June. This is a priority. Please look for some time in your schedule and sign up to host for a day each month or even better a day each week or even better to be the scheduler. All our members need to share in this. Plan your visit to Montana and Ennis around a time that you can work a day or more. The MVHA board needs your help in keeping our museum open. Let us know what you can do and please say yes when called.

Lee Robison and Larry Love attended an Montana Super Host training meeting on tourism in the Madison Valley so the Madison Valley Museum will be part of that. They will be passing the new ideas on to you.

If you have ideas, program ideas, suggestions or anything, let the board know. We need your participation. With your help we can keep the MVHA going, keep the museum open and continue to preserve the history of the Madison Valley. Your wagon master, Larry Love

We now have all the past Wagon Tongue newsletters in one file on the **madisonvalleyhistory.org** website. To access this file for research, download it to your computer from the website. The file is located in the section of Wagon Tongues and is entitled "All issues Volumes 1-12 in one file." Use Adobe Reader to find what you are looking for. Adobe reader is a free program that you can download from **adobe.com** website. After downloading the Vol 1-12 file, open it in Adobe Reader and go to "Edit" drop down menu on the menu bar and pick "Advanced Search". Type in the word or words that you are wanting information about. For instance a person, place, or thing. A list will pop up which contains the pages where your searched words can be found. The words are also highlighted on the individual pages. Have fun. If you have any questions, send a message on the Facebook site listed above and I can try to help you.

From the email box: From Margaret Ann Crennen for Mainwaring family history.

Mrs Mainwaring made wonderful bread and my Mom bought a loaf every week. I loved to go to the Mainwaring house, which was not far from our house, and get the bread and stay and play. The Mainwaring kids always had fun games going on. Janet and I still through Christmas cards. It would have been fun to be there and hear their stories. Say Hi to them for me. Marg Thank you. Marg. for sharing.

Montana Trivia: Oldest building on record in Montana is Old Fort, Fort Benton, 1849.

Quotable Montana Quote: "Guard, protect and cherish your land, for there is no afterlife for a place that started out as heaven." CM Russell

More Montana trivia and facts next issue.

Welcome to Membership The following have joined since the January 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 Any outstanding 2014 memberships are now over due. Almost all of you have taken care of business and the MVHA has received your membership. Just check your address label on the envelop and you can easily tell if your membership is paid or which month you are due. Your membership is good for a full year from the month you purchase it and you are not penalized for submitting early. If your 2015 membership is due during April, May or June, or if you are past due, you will find a membership renewal form included with this issue. Memberships are \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for individual, \$15.00 for Families, \$50.00 for Businesses, \$100.00 for Patrons and \$500 or more for Benefactor. If you are inviting someone to join or if you 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 MVHA Board of Directors appreciates all memberships that are purchased and your support as this allows them to have funds to continue the work of developing a museum in the Madison Val-

If anyone needs a ride to a meeting and program, call 682-5780 and a ride will be arranged for you.

#### **Member News**

Jane Rybus has moved to be closer to family and her new address is: 2

Red Oak Assisted Living 650 East North Bend Way #207

North Bend, WA 98245

Jane will welcome letters so keep in touch. Jane is a founder of the MVHA, early board member and secretary for many years.

#### Memories

Ruth Dawn Theriault Davis was born on March 3, 1937 and passed away on Jan 7, 2015 at her home in Ennis. She is mother of long time MVHA member, Monte Davis and Energy Alliance Propane delivery driver for Madison Valley, Colette Davis.

Hal Joseph Dale passed away January 17, 2015. He was born on April 19, 1923 in Abe, MT, a town named by his father to be the first Montana town in the alphabet. It was a town of five ranch families on Ruby Creek of the Madison River. His father became under sheriff in Virginia City and Hal spent his early years roaming the streets of Virginia City.

Elizabeth Margaret Baker McCallum Hokanson passed away January 29, 2015 in Butte. She was born October 14, 1919 in Butte to Adolph Arlio Baker and Hazel Mae Argall Baker. She spent her early years at the family ranch near Elk Park, MT. On August 15, 1937, she married Kenneth Edwin Mc-Callum, lived in Butte for two years and moved to the McAllister area. They moved to Ennis in 1969 and Kenny passed away there. Beth married Fred Wilhelm Hokanson and moved to Norris.

Cathleen Skank Cline passed away in Gilbert, Arizona on Feb. 9, 2015. She was born in Ennis on June 28, 1961 to David and Jynean (Peterson) Skank. Cathy grew up in the McAllister area with a ranch life raising and milking Saanen goats and showing them in 4-H.. She graduated from Ennis High School in 1980. She received an Associate degree from Ricks College and served her mission in San Diego, CA. She married Christopher Cline in the SLC Utah temple. Her mother, Jynean, is a long time MVHA member.

Neal C. LaFever passed away February 22, 2015. He was born on June 16, 1944 to Clarence and Helen (Mehlos) LaFever. He grew up in Wisconsin and ventured West to Montana working in Billings. In 1975 he wound up in Virginia City searching for gold. While he did not strike it rich in Alder Gulch, he bought the Pioneer Bar on May 26, the same day that gold was discovered many years before in 1863. After Virginia City, he moved back to Billings. John "Jack" Carl Held passed away March 5th. 2015. He was born on Dec. 2nd, 1926 to Frank and Annie Mae (Wing) at their ranch in Waterloo. He

married Joyce Atkinson on Sept. 25, 1949. He is father to Linda Schott and grandfather to Dulcie Clark.

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Shirley Ann (Slavish) Badura passed away on March 6, 2015. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio on Aug. 29, 1942 to John and Becky Slavish. She graduated from Belfry (MT) High School in 1960 She married Martin Budura in Bridger, MT on Sept. 3, 1960. After moving to the Madison Valley, she with the help of Martin, loyally ran a rural mail route from Cameron.

Robert Lee Niner passed away on March 9, 205. He was born on May 20, 1952 in Westminster, Maryland lived with his father, William Joseph Niner and step-mother Mary Elizabeth Niner. In 1977, he married Faye Ann Poff of Homestead, MD. In 2007, he and his wife moved to Cameron, MT. Upon arriving in Montana, he worked for True Value in Ennis.

Nance Lee Kilgore Myers passed March 12, 2015. She was born Nov. 4, 1949 to Jesse and Eloisa Kilgore in Townsend, Mt. She and her sister, MaryLee, were members of the Madison Valley Side Saddle Club.

Shirley Sue Jeffers Gustafson, 16 year member of the MVHA, passed away on March 14, 2015 at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis. She was born on Feb 8, 1926 to Lawrence and Josephine "Jo" (Dawson) Jeffers at their ranch home in Jeffers. Shirley attended school in Ennis, graduating in 1944. Shirley participated in 4-H, basketball and ski racing. In June of 1944 she married Jule K. "Duke" Gustafson. They moved to Havre, MT in 1946 and in 1989 moved back to her child hood home in Jeffers. She was immensely well versed in the history of the Madison Valley. A memory of Shirley would not be complete without a story of her family. Her father, Lawrence M., was born October 8, 1889, a month before Montana became a state. His parents were J. Burton and Suzie (Switzer) Jeffers. In or about 1902 he helped take some cattle to Canada for the Jeffers Brothers. These cattle were driven to Boulder, Mt. loaded on the Great Northern stock cars and shipped to Havre, Mt. and from there they we're driven to the Cypress Hills about 20 miles from Maple Creek, Canada. He joined George Potter's surveying crew about 1906 to survey several townships of land in the Judith Gap area. His work was putting in corners. Wayne Barnard was flagman. Clifford Watts and Walter Gilmer were chainmen. In 1909 he was hired by the Northern Pacific Railroad to help classify land in the Lewistown area and the next year on the Tongue River, Colstrip and Sarpy Creek areas. About 1912 he with Fay Jeffers bought a large tractor and started dry land farming on the Jack Creek bench. They bought and used the first combine in the valley. After two or three good

years that were followed by several dry seasons that put a stop to any further farming. On November 22, 1914 he and Josephine Dawson, a Butte girl, were married at her aunt's house in Toole, Utah. In 1915 he and W. A. Duffield built about three-quarters of a mile of flume out of Jack Creek to carry irrigation water up on the bench for Homer Hutton, Fay Jeffers and Tim Crandall ranches. When his father passed away in early 1920, his mother was having a problem with renters, so he took over the ranch, running sheep for a few years, then purebred Herefords. Lawrence was a member of the steering committee for the Madison County History Association, compiling "Pioneer Trails and Trials".

Pg 93-94 Lawrence M. Jeffers <u>Pioneer Trails and Trials</u>

**Donald Wayne Moilanen** passed away on March 15, 2015 at the Madison Valley Medical Center. He was born May 14, 1943 in Clatskanie, Ore. to Wayne and Alfreda Moilanen. He married his wife, Judith, on Feb. 24, 1977 in Reno, NV. Don and Judy owned the Sportsman Lodge in Ennis, MT from April 2006 to July 2013.

Memories are composed from information that the editor can find on deceased Madison Valley natives or residents. Obituaries from newspapers are not reprinted..only vital statistics are gathered. Family stories from <a href="Progressive Years">Progressive Years</a> and <a href="Progressive Years">Pioneer Trails</a> and <a href="Trials">Trials</a> are used. Any family member or friend is encouraged to submit a memory or story of anyone and any and all stories are welcomed.

<<<cc><Corrections from prior Jumping Horse Ranch History.</pre>

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1st paragraph...**Don (Kid) Neville** noted a typographical error..the dam burst in 1938 not 1983 as printed..thanks for Kid's sharp eyes!

And in the third paragraph...

**Philip Hutton**, long time MVHA member wrote to say. The Hodges' chauffeur, Ralph James, became well known in the community and married **Genevieve Hutton**, daughter of the local Madison Valley Hutton family. (Thank you, Philip for correcting that piece of Madison Valley history.)

And an update and correction from **Carl and Suzie Yeckel...**Bob Beck writes that Jane and Phil Yeckel spent only summers at the ranch while the "remainder of the time" they lived "at their Arizona winter home". Not only did Phil and Jane live at the ranch during the feeding and calving "season" but my wife, Suzie, and I would move down from the mountain ranch and spend our winters in the cookhouse. continued on pg 4

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After leaving the valley, my parents purchased a smaller ranch near Big Horn, Wyoming where horses and steers were raised, They did not own any home in Arizona until a number of years after the Becks purchased the Jumping Horse Ranch. Jane and Phil's year round home was in Wyoming for several years until they did purchase a winter house in Arizona. There they would stay for about three months then back to Wyoming before full snowmelt

My sister's nickname was "Toady" not "Toby" (pg 4, column 1) The two mules mentioned (pg 4 column 2) were indeed named in honor of Ed and Olive, but not "Ollie" Beardsley. "Auntie Olive" would bring her namesake carrots and apples. Not so for "Uncle Ed!"

At no time did Phil Yeckel ever consider cutting the large show barn in half. There were serious discussions about enlarging the center arena area to accommodate the use for cutting horse training and of steer roping practice. All new corrals and cutting pens were constructed. A number of the barn's larger stalls became an OB/GYN and nursery for the mother cows!

The swimming pool had several cracks that would not, nor could not, hold water from the irrigation ditch. The first summer we lived there the young boys in the bunk house made several stabs at repairing with tar in hopes of keeping water in the pool. The most water we could measure in the pool was 3 inches. Sorry, no pool parties. Swimming was done in the lake. Phil did consider taking a jack hammer to the bottom of the pool, filling it with dirt and turning the pool into "Jane's Vegetable Garden!" Never happened while we were there.

Carl is a proud graduate of Ennis High school. He was christened at the Trinity Church in Jeffers with Elsie and Bob Cunningham as Godparents. The years the Yeckel family lived in the Madison Valley were full and happy ones. They are ever grateful to and for the many faithful friends we made there as they are forever in our hearts and memories of Montana.

Editor's note: "And now you have heard the rest of the story." Thank you, Carl, for getting the history of the Madison Valley and the famous Jumping Horse Ranch up to date. Carl and Suzie Yeckel are long time MVHA members and frequently contribute artifacts and interesting stories to the MVHA. They live in Dallas, Texas.

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History of the Jumping Horse Ranch (continued) by Robert Beck and Nancy Lein Griffin with research by Helene Beck. In the January issue,

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we left off with Beck's ranch history up to the preservation of the McKee house.

The McKee house, built in 1880, was saved from destruction by Mrs. Beck and moved to lower Jordan Creek on that portion of the ranch which was originally the Edgar Michener ranch. The house has been restored to the condition of a late 1800's homestead. The contents of the entire house, down to the window sashes and the hardware, were collected to create a house as it was when occupied by the early families of the valley. The McKee family purchased the house and the ranch property from Olive Smith. It was ideally suited for the McKee's eleven children and the upstairs rooms, small by current standards, is divided into two open rooms which probably served as boys' and girls' dormitories. Mrs. Beck has furnished the house with beds, bed coverings, curtains, dishes and kitchen equipment that are typically those used by a pioneer fami-

In 1987 the Becks granted the Montana Land Reliance a conservation easement on the Jumping Horse Ranch. This easement, a title attachment which will follow the property into the future, restricts the number of buildings which can be constructed on the ranch property and protects native wildlife and vegetation. The Montana Land Reliance, a private, non-profit organization, has as it's goal the protection of large tracts of Montana land in an agricultural trust. The Becks, among the first in the Madison Valley to grant the Montana Land Reliance a conservation easement, were instrumental in the addition of other Madison Valley ranches to the Montana Land Reliance land trust. The Jumping Horse Ranch, near to the Beaverhead National Forest and the Lee Metcalf Wilderness area, has proved to be valuable property to acquire as a conservation easement. The Beck's worked in conjunction with Montana Land Reliance land planners and government wildlife management officials to further mutual conservation goals. The conservation easement has little effect on the operation of the ranch.

The operations of a cattle ranch are planned around the seasons. In the spring, during May and June, when a young bull's fancy turns to thoughts of love, the cows are bred. The cows are still nursing a three to four month old calf. Each bull works only three years to avoid inbreeding. Replacement bulls are purchased each spring. This purchase is the major source of good new genes for the herd and is crucial to the maintenance of a healthy herd. the ranch retains the services of some Hereford bulls to breed replacement heifers.

Often non Hereford bulls, such as

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Angus or Shorthorn breeds, are used to produce crossbred calves. These crossbreeds can often fetch a higher price on the beef market. Heifers who are bearing their first calves will sometimes be bred to a Black Angus bull to assure that their first deliveries will not be difficult ones. In July the bulls are removed to their special bachelor's pastures and the cows and their calves to their own pastures.

Haying is a time consuming job on a ranch. The dry climate of the Madison Valley makes reliance upon the spring rains a less than sure bet. The hay crop requires irrigation, and the water from Jack and Jordon Creeks to irrigate the hay lands.

Access to water is crucial to the mountain stockman. even in pioneer days great effort was directed towards diverting the mountain streams to the thirsty hay meadows. One of the most impressive early irrigation structures in the valley is the Jack Creek flume built in 1915 by Lawrence Jeffers and W. A. Duffield. Parts of the three guarter mile flume can still be seen on the left side of Jack Creek Road leading up to the Diamond J Ranch. (Editor's note: Since Becks wrote this history more of the flume has been weathered or been taken away so you have to really look hard to see any remains.) One can only wonder how this timber flume, located on incredibly steep slopes through almost impenetrable timber, was even constructed. In the early 1900's the materials, packed by horse and mule, could only have been arranged and secured by simple pulleys and brute force.

The Jumping Horse Ranch uses modern pivot systems as well as the old fashioned flood irrigation methods of the early pioneers. During the summer months of July, August and September, the ranch produces two hay crops. About 2000 tons of hay is harvested and stored in bales for cattle feed during the winter months. After harvest, some of the hay fields are plowed and reseeded for the next year.

Around the middle of October the cows and calves are rounded up and the calves are weaned from their mothers and are sold. The cows are pregnancy tested to determine those carrying next year's calf crop. A portion of the female calves are retained to replace older cows and open cows...those who did not get pregnant—a big mistake for a stock cow! During the winter months the herd is delivered, on a daily basis, a tasty meal of last summer's hay crop. In February, often during nasty mountain weather, the cows begin delivering their calves. The show barn serves as maternity ward with special services provided for troublesome births. The calving season can be especially 5 arduous for the cowboy working 24 hour days.

A lost calf can mean a big financial loss. Some cows may just not prove to be the motherly type and the little critter's life may depend on bottle feeding at the hand of a kindly ranch hand or other family member. Some cows, just like humans. are prone to breech births, twisted cords, and can need the occasional cesarean section operation.

Six to eight weeks after calving, the calves are gathered for branding, rugged ritual which involves marking their hide with a hot branding iron to show ranch ownership. The Jumping Horse Ranch brand, the "Seventy Six", is written with the seven and the six sharing the vertical line. Such a single line brand is very desirable because it avoids overheating the calf's hide at an intersection of lines in a brand.

As in pioneer times, there is never enough time in a day to complete the work on a ranch. Dragging fields, fertilizing, repairing corrals and fences, breaking and training horses and checking on the cow/calf pairs in the summer pasture. The ranchers lament is that there is always more to do.

There is, however more to ranching than livestock production. In these times of rapid transit, electronic communication and high technology lifestyles, the cultural phenomenon of ranching is becoming increasingly unique. Grasslands across America are being sacrificed to man's development. The future of the Jumping Horse Ranch, as in the past, will be dedicated to the preservation of our country's rural traditions.

Credits: Jess Armitage, Donna Bausch, Helene Beck, Robert Beck, Kelly Carkeek, Richard Clark, Wilson Clark, Elsie Cunningham, William Hodges, Ralph Paugh, Tom Williams.

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Editor's note: The Jumping Horse Ranch was sold by the Becks to the Braxton Ranch Corp(Terry Braxton) and Braxtons are long time MVHA members. The Jumping Horse Ranch continues as a working cattle ranch in the Madison Valley and the history goes on. I am sure there will be more stories to tell.

## For Your Reading Pleasure

Ivan Doig who is one of the most respected and acclaimed writers of the American West has passed away. He is the award winning author of 16 books and he wrote passionately about his native Montana. If you have not read one of his books, plan to do so.

#### **Looking Ahead**

**May 21, 2015** MVHA Annual Meeting Potluck Place and time to be determined. Names starting with A to F is asked to please bring bring dessert, G to R bring Main dish and S to Z bring salad.

**May 23,24,25, 2015** Museum open for Memorial Day Weekend. Board will decide on opening day for summer

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Walk of Names Memorial Day is a great time to honor a family member with a board! Help the MVHA finish the walkway to the Forge building. Remember a family member with a Memorial on the Walk of Names. Or just get one for you and your family. A great way to make a memorial, a gift, or a donation to the MVHA. The walk way project is complete but there are still blank boards. You may order a board for \$50 at the address below or you may call 406-682-5780 or 406-682-7415. Madison Valley History Association, P.O. Box 474, Ennis, MT 59729. Your donation is tax deductible.

Madison Valley Historic Playing Cards have been selling like hot cakes so don't miss out. Check them out on the website listed on page 1 to see what they look like. They are \$10 per deck. Add \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Mail order to address above.

#### History of Bowling by John S. Heckler

Continued from the presentation by John from the MVHA tour of Fish Bowl Lanes.

Martin Luther was mentioned in the last issue as using an early form of bowling to determine the absence of sin. But it is said that he had his own single lane next to the side of his home. He must have been avoiding a lot of penance. German monks and the parishioners bowled (the name Kegeln) on the hard wooded surfaces in the cloisters of their monasteries.

The first time the word "bowling" is found in writing was when it was being banned by King Edward III in 1366. He felt that his serfs were spending way to much time rolling a stone and knocking down wooden pins. The time used for bowling should be better spent practicing archery to defend the king's domain during the 100 years war. This ban continued into the reign of King Henry VIII. King Henry kept his serfs from bowling but expanded its use in the royal court. So while the king wed several wives, he bowled in the castle. All through the 1300's bowling greens appeared in the homes of wealthy European royalty, but the common man

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History of the Jumping Horse Ranch by Robert and Helene Beck and Nancy Lein Griffin

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was limited to bowling benefits.

The first indoor bowling "alley" was built in London in 1455.

King Edward IV of England bans bowling again! He forbids "hustling of stones" and other bowling like sports. Probably had something to do with serfs not spending their time in an appropriate manner again? History teachers taught us that Columbus discovered America in 1492 but he also introduced bowling to the American continent. Bowling on the decks of the boats when the opportunity presented itself would surely have been a joy for the sailors. Not sure how they did this when the ship listed to port? Free speech and bowling. This time in history is not known for the promotion of free speech and liberty. Many counties banned assembly and talk against the government. Seems like bowling greens, alleys and bowling halls provided an environment for men to converse while benefitting from the physical activity of bowling.

History of Bowling will continue in the July issue. Spend sometime this summer bowling at our historical Fish Bowl Lanes.