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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:** What a spring! May rain, June dry. The May moisture seems enough to help make a first cutting hay crop at least. But the other day Lynn Owens pointed out to me that the "14" on Old Baldy was already nearly melted away. On North Meadow Creek that has long been the sign that there isn't much irrigating water left in the mountains.

The annual membership pot luck was held on May 21 at the Trinity Church in Jeffers. Larry Love, Devonna Owens and Lee Robison were elected to continue serving on the History Association Board for another three years. Liz Applegate and Don Neville were recognized for their contributions; Liz for making posters and maintaining the organization website and Facebook page, and Don for his work in making picture frames and contributing his personal knowledge about Ennis History. In addition 5 members were recognized for 15 years continuous membership and 23 members were recognized for 10 years membership.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, several member volunteers met to "walk the road" during our annual highway cleanup on Virginia City Hill. We started at 10AM and were finished in good time at about noon, so thank you to all who turned out to help.

June came and went so fast, it seems I woke up on June first soaked from May rains and suddenly it was the Fourth of July with fire warnings. But somewhere in that month I did manage to join other members of the History Association in a visit to the Ennis Pharmacy and Yesterday's Soda Fountain, where Corinna Christensen told members the history of the Pharmacy and Soda Fountain. Her very interesting presentation included the story of how soda water became a part of our lives, from natural springs that were thought to be medicinal to a variety of attempts through time to "make" soda water available to everyone, even if they lived continents from a soda spring. After Corinna finished her presentation, various members shared their earliest memories of the Ennis Pharmacy and pharmacists. The event was topped off with ice cream for all attendees.

Membership programs for the summer include a visit to Ruby, a visit to the Power Plant at the Ennis Lake Dam, We are making a return visit to Ruby because the last visit was such a hit and did not seem to be enough to explore completely the mining equipment and other artifacts. We will meet to carpool to Ruby at the Madison Valley History Museum at 10:00 AM on July 25. Les Gilman will be our host and will show us around. The visit to the Power Plant will be sometime in mid-August. As we get more detail we will let members know.

I have been glancing back at previous issues of the Wagon Tongue and it was interesting to see how much Larry Love, who was last year's President, has been involved. Since shortly after our incorporation as a non-profit in 2002, Larry has been either the president or the co-president almost every year, including that first year. I believe it is appropriate to recognize and applaud his dedication to the Madison Valley History Association efforts to preserve and display the history of our Valley. If we look back on the accomplishments of the History Association, Larry has been involved in helping most of them happen: the acquisition and installation of the museum, the planning and construction of the forge building, the several moves from one location to another and then finally to the museum on the hill have all had Larry's mark on them in some way. These are only a few of the more obvious examples of Larry's work to help make history of our Valley accessible. I am pleased that he remains on the board of directors so that we can continue to tap his energy and commitment. Thank you, Larry Love.

We history dabblers and buffs appreciate people who take the time to share their history and stories with us. And the History Association is always searching for anyone who has stories about our Valley, stories about the miners, farmers, merchants, ranchers, cowboys, and yes even the outlaws who lived, worked, and played in the Madison Valley. If you have a family trunk of clothing and aging notebooks and diaries, or a shoebox full of old photographs, you have history. We would like to give you an opportunity share them and the story they tell with us. If a father or mother or grandmother or grandfather told you stories of their business, friends, or life in the Madison Valley in general, this is something we would enjoy hearing.

Your Wagon Master, Lee Robison

**Welcome to Membership** The following have joined since the April 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. Kay Frisbee gave a great gift of memberships to the Madison Valley History Assoc. to her sons. Think of this for your family as birthdays and other gift giving times occur. Give a gift of Madison Valley History!

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

#### **Member News**

Jonathan W. Cummins son of long time MVHA members, **Liz and Bill Applegate** is currently serving in the United States Navy in the rank of Chief Petty Officer and has circumnavigated the globe in a list of diverse assignments and is currently on board the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt on an eight month

combat deployment headed to the Middle East and Africa. *Madisonian*

The **Gene Walsh Family** were the parade marshals for the Ennis 4th of July Parade. The late Gene Walsh and Lois Walsh bought their ranch south of Cameron in 1957 after moving from California. "I think I want to move to Montana and be a cattle rancher," Lois recalls her husband, Gene, saying and that is exactly what they did. *Madisonian*

Long time MVHA members, **Larry and Shirley Love**, welcomed their first grandchild, a bouncing baby girl, Adley Love Mozako, into their family on May 20. Adley lives in California with her parents Laura and Tom Mozako.

Four generations of the **Mainwaring** family had a parade float in the 4th of July parade. 89 members of the family honored the family that got it's start in the Madison Valley 100 years ago. After the parade they had a family reunion with 129 members present and that wasn't all of them.

The Love Family gathered in Sheridan, MT on July 4th for a Memorial service for **Audrey Jennings** long time MVHA member, who was daughter of Nova Love Birdsill Bower. She passed away on Oct. 4, 2014. (Memory was printed in Jan. 2015 issue of the Wagon Tongue.

Correction from April. The correct address for **Jane Rybus** was received by the Wagon Tongue after it went to print so the corrections were hand printed. If you could not read the corrections or your copy was missed here is the correct information:

Jane Rybus  
Red Oak Assisted Living  
650 East North Bend Way #207  
North Bend, WA 98245

Jane will welcome letters or notes so stay in touch with her.

Samantha Robison was visiting her parents, **Lee and Kathy Robison**, and used some of her time assisting with a wonderful Summer Reading program at the Madison Valley Public library helping summer readers make a map of the world.

**Ann Storey**, honorary MVHA member, celebrated her 101st birthday on July 14th.

#### **Memories**

**Anthony A. Bubany, Jr.** of New Ringgold, PA passed away on March 31 in Orwigsburg, Pa. He was born in Sheridan, Mt. to Betty (Kingrey) Bubany of Virginia City, MT and the late Anthony A.(Tony) Bubany. Anthony, Jr. graduated from Ennis High School in 1971 and he went on to attend Montana State University, North Shore College and Salem University earning a BA degree in nursing.

**Mildred "Arlene" Leslie** passed away on April 6, 2015. She was born on March 26, 1922 in Gilead, NE to Fred and Minnie Naiman. Arlene met Hugh Leslie in high school at Belvidere, NE and they were married June 21, 1942. *(continued pg. 3)*

(Cont from pg. 2) After Hugh finished his Army duty, he trained in veterinary medicine. Hugh and Arlene moved to the Madison Valley and set up his veterinary practice with Arlene by his side.

Jonathan Losee remembered Arlene with this story: "In the early summer of 1960, I was playing outside in front of the two story log house we rented that proudly faced Main Street with the huge open lawn and row of big cottonwood trees and log rail fence that ran along the sidewalk. The one that school kids used to sit on during lunch hour. I heard a yelp from my too short, half blind, black mutt, Buttons, who unfortunately was hit by a car. I picked him up and trotted down the street with my convulsing dog in my arms and took him to the vet hoping for immediate help. I was relieved to find Arlene Leslie at home sadly looking down at me, fully aware of the rough circumstances, offering both me and Buttons the most comforting words of love she could muster as she grabbed an old towel and made up a soft bed in their little office space for a fatally injured pup.

"Words of comfort and love—that was Arlene in a nut shell. She and Hugh provided the valley with such a wonderful personalized veterinarian service, filled with warm humor, comfort and support. And boy could she cook! We enjoyed warm "Millie-Arlenes," her signature cinnamon rolls, without fail every Christmas morning for years and years.

"Sadly Arlene is no longer with us, but our memories of her sparkling eyes, sweet smile and welcome arms will remain with us forever. She will be sorely missed in this community."

**Bernard Allen Peterson** passed away at his home in McAllister, MT on April 7 2015. He was born to Pete and Edna Peterson on April 26, 1946 in Anaconda, MT. He graduated from Anaconda High School in 1965 and worked for the Anaconda Copper Company as a pipe fitter. He married Pamela Bender in 1974. After completing the powerhouse in Colstrip, MT in 1984, he moved his family to Ennis, MT to start Bernie's Plumbing and Heating. After selling the plumbing business after 25 years, he purchased Emerson Halls's faucet and fixture business. Bernie loved golfing at the Madison Meadows Golf Course.

**Lee Poole** passed away on April 18, 2015 in Bozeman, Mt. He was born in Rocky River, OH August 20, 1948. He moved his wife, Lathie, and two kids from Rocky River to Ennis in 1973 to work at a guest ranch. In 1992, he bought 3 Gary Carter paintings and they were the first pieces for sale in the Poole Hall—later the Hole in the Wall Art Gallery. Lee bought the land near Big Sky and developed Moonlight Basin with business partners Joe Vujovich and Keith Brown. Moonlight Basin merged with Big Sky Resort in 2013.

**Robert "Bob" Harrison** of Ennis passed away at the Madison Valley Medical Center on

May 23, 2015. He was born Nov. 12, 1926 at Lake Village, AR to Dean and Idell (Trigleth) Harrison. After high school, he served in the Marine Corp. Upon retirement he moved to Montana where he worked as a cowboy in the Madison Valley.

**Dorothy Margaret Bohrman** passed away June 13, 2015 in Ennis. She was born on Feb. 20, 1920 to Harley and Dora Chambers in Universal City, CA.

Dorothy received her degree in Cosmetology in 1939. On August 4th, 1940 she married Henry James Bohrman. After Henry returned from WWII and after the birth of their second son, Dorothy went back to school and graduated from Oxnard Evening class and received her GED, something of which she was very proud. The family enjoyed many adventures and fell in love with Montana. They had the opportunity move to Montana and in 1964 they purchased the Exxon Distributorship. She was an active member of the Ennis Art's Association and was a fairly good artist.. She also worked for the Ennis Trading Post.

**Storrs Myron Bishop III**, long time MVHA member, passed on June 14, 2015. He was born in Glens Falls, N.Y. on June 2, 1934. After spending time in New York, US Army Airborne Division, earning a degree in English at Syracuse University. He then headed to Colorado University in Boulder to get a teaching degree and stayed in Colorado to ski. In 1973 Storrs moved to Ennis and bought ranch property south of town. He raised Norwegian Fjord horses and in his 40 years in the Madison Valley on the land he named the Willow Ranch, Storrs realized his lifelong dream to farm and raise animals. Stores also contributed to the community on the Ennis School Board, Trinity Church, Montana School Board Association, and the Montana Board of Public Ed.

**Patricia Rose "Patsy" Paugh**, former MVHA member, of Bozeman passed away June 19, 2015. She was born in Ennis on Dec. 27, 1938 to Earl William "Pat" Paugh and Marie Ryan Blondet. She grew up on a small ranch near McAllister and graduated from Ennis High School in 1957. She graduated from Montana State College in 1961 with a degree in Home Economics Education and worked for the Montana Extension Service at Fort Peck Indian Reservation and later taught home economics at Plains, Froid and Ryegate. Due to ill health, she moved to Bozeman.

**James (Jim) E. Clavadetcher** of Ennis, MT passed away on June 21, 2015 in Salt Lake City of complications after surgery. He was born Dec. 27, 1950 in Seattle, Wa. to Carl J. and Madeline Clavadetsher. After Jim's birth the family resided in Great Falls and later Billings. Jim graduated from C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls, graduated in secondary education from the University of Montana, attended graduate school at Eastern Montana College and eventually (continued pg. 4)

(cont. from page 3) received a B.S. degree in nursing at Montana State University. This led him to Ennis where he worked as a nurse.

**Arlene Brown**, mother of Larry and Sandy Brown passed away on June 29, 2015. Memory to follow in next issue.

### **History of Bowling** by John Heckler

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

(Continued from April) Free speech and Bowling Seems like bowling greens, alleys, and bowling halls provided an environment for men to converse while benefitting from the physical activity of bowling. Physical activity was OK but sharing of ideas was not. 1555 Banned again..Bowling centers closed because they were being used as places of “unlawful assembly”.

When the Pilgrims walked ashore at Jamestown, they brought their balls and pins to America. Bowling was then declared the earliest recreational social pass time in America. Captain James Smith returned to the colony in Jamestown, Virginia to find the colonists starving, but still happily bowling. The sport was quickly declared illegal and punishable by up to three weeks in the stocks.

You just can't keep a good game down! In Europe during the 17th century, forms of the game of bowling at nine pins became extremely popular with varieties of the game played widely in most of Europe. It was often found as a game of social amusement in inns and taverns, places where the proprietor would wish the visitor to linger in order to consume more and spend more money, and where the social humanity would meet to enjoy each other. Bowling had a unique magic because just about anyone could roll a ball! Three main forms of the game emerged by the year 1650 including German and Dutch versions of *nine pins* and an English form of nine pins called *skittles*.

The Dutch enjoyed playing nine-pins in their colony New Netherlands in 1623 in the area of New York on Manhattan Island. Bowling Green Park in the financial district of New York City was established. Bowling was here to stay!

In 1670 King Charles of England (a compulsive gambler) standardizes bowling rules in order to even the odds, and this act sets bowling up for failure in the colonies who are predominantly controlled by the Puritans and others who don't favor gambling.

In the early American colonial period, during the early 1700's, pins and bowling balls were brought to America in the luggage of an immigrant who played the game in the home country. The equipment was all hand made and as a result there were many types of pins and balls, all unique with various sizes and weights. Rules governing the play of local

bowling games varied from tavern to inn, from village to town and region to region. Even the number of pins used for play ranged from 3 to as many as 17, but the the most common form used nine pins as a target. During the early 1700's the cold winters of New England pushed the game indoors and the “bowling alley” began to emerge in saloons and taverns. Indoors, it was usually played on a polished wooden surface in various lengths such as the monastery cloister hall from ancient times or the seagoing wooden plank of the Dutch or English explorers.

By 1750 bowling had become a primary form of entertainment in America. A very active and social game began to emerge in the gathering places for the young colonial agricultural society. Where the game of nine pins was played became a place to gather to be part of a social group, a place for friends and fun. Bowling became an immensely popular activity as it offered entertainment for both the participants and the spectator.

Somewhere around 1750, the gutter was introduced to “help” not act as a barrier! The gutter was added not as a hazard, but to simplify returning the bowling ball to the player from the pin deck, a job always handled by the “pin” boy.

From 1770 to 1790, the attraction to places that offered bowling created social unions of peoples and ideas, support for the run up to the American Revolution in colonial America. Since free speech was governed and tightly controlled, the meetings in the taverns and inns where people socialized allowed the word of discourse and revolution to spread.

By the 1800's New York was appointed as the official capital of bowling The east coast was populated by Taverns, Inns and gathering places that included nine pin bowling facilities. Gambling on the game became rampant, but the noise of crashing bowling pins may have even been tolerated less! Bowling was being banned by the good citizens as the game developed scoundrels and led to alcoholism. By the 1820's laws were being passed to ban nine pin facilities throughout the East. In 1841 Connecticut lawmakers made it illegal to run any nine pin lanes in the state. In 1870 New York banned nine pin bowling. Many residents considered noisy and smelly alcohol fueled bowling saloons and taverns a “public nuisance” filled with shady characters. Bowling attracted an “unsavory crowd”. Alcohol was always present where games of bowling were being played, and with their sweaty, smoky, stale beer and rum smell and always boisterous atmosphere, the taverns and the games of bowling were often despised by wives and significant others. Bowling alleys were the haunts of such vagabonds!

Cont from pg. 4) Texas became an independent republic in 1836, not part of the United States or Mexico. It was a land of extreme opportunity that was seized by the German people who established many German settlements in the new Republic. Their communities prided themselves on offering bowling as a family gaming sport by eliminating gambling and rowdy behavior. To this niche society, socializing was more important than athletic success. By 1837, nine pin bowling alleys were numerous enough in Texas to warrant an annual tax by the Republic of \$150 per year! Nine pin bowling survives in central Texas to this day.

The politicians made just a little error in creating laws. All of the ordinances that were passed were banning nine pin facilities. Oops?! The invention of today's 10 pin game quickly resulted in getting around these new laws. Seems the cops could only count to 9!

In 1848, the exciting format if the "new and popular bowling fame called The American Ten Pins" was being advertised in classified ads for gaming establishments.

During 1861-1865, around 750,000 Americans were killed in the Civil War to end slavery, the spread of bowling slowed in America. Recreational activities came second to survival. During this time (1860) Albert Edward, the celebrated side if Queen Victoria-the Prince of Wales, visited Canada and the United States (just before they were not so "united") and kept himself fit by participating in American Ten Pin Bowling.

After the Civil War-1870-the spread of 10-pin bowling reawakened with German immigrants moving into the upper states (New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio,etc.). With no other rivaling sport available for the common man, bowling became a primary form of entertainment during this industrialization period. Not only was the game fun to play with its exciting penalty, strikes and spares scoring format, it was also pleasing to socialize with a beer or rum and simply observe the behavior of players and their attempts at the pins. Bowling had truly become a spectator sport too.

Railroads were pushing West and taking bowling with them. Soon Chicago would rival New York City for the most fanatical bowlers and it was said that bowling was in the "far West" state of Illinois.

In 1875 eleven New York area bowling clubs met to create rules and some standardization of equipment. No significant impact since no agreement could be reached among the clubs on the width of the lane or size of the pin.

But a bunch of Germans got together in New York City and agreed to alter and standardize the shape of the ten pin into a carafe or "bottle" shape with a belly and a head with a selected standard size for all the pins. The pin rack was modified to space

the pins further apart and harder to knock to the deck or put into the pit with a bowled ball. The game was modified to score with only two balls in each 5 frame where strikes and spares became paramount achievements for the more skilled bowlers.

Standardization came about when a restaurateur named Joe Thum got representatives from various bowling clubs from all over the country and formed the American Bowling Congress on Sept. 9,1895. The ABC would establish a standard for all bowling in America and would organize national competitions. The ABC continues its role today and is at the heart of bowling in America but is now known as the United States Bowling Congress or USBC. The Maximum score of 300 was established at that time.

1903- E.D. Peifer inaugurates a handicap method for bowling.1905-First hard rubber ball developed... the Evertrue. Max weight set at 16 #. All previous balls were of "lignum vitae" a hardwood.

1906- Brunswick-Balke-Collender opens factory to make wooden bowling bowling balls.

1906- Women refused to become members in ABC.  
1916- ABC amends constitution limiting membership to white males only.

1916 -Women's Bowling Confederation founded.  
WIBC

1927- World Champion Jimmy Smith beaten in exhibition against bowler Mrs. Floretta McCutcheon.

1930- First 300 score by a woman, Jenny Kekkeher of Madison, Wis..

1939- National Negro Bowling Association founded. Now called the National Bowling Association.

1941-1942-WWII- The military builds 4,500 alley bed on bases as a major source of recreation. The first exposure to bowling to many service men and women.

1941- ABC Hall of Fame instituted.Only baseball and golf have older Halls of Fame.

1940's-Bowling comes to Ennis, Mt when two lanes with manual pin setting were installed at Erdie's Bar (now the Gravel Bar) on Main St.

1948- Brunswick introduces dots and arrow markers to their lanes. Bowling scores improved.

1951- The American Machine and Foundry Company (then a maker of bakery, tobacco and apparel business machinery) purchased the patents to Gottfried Schmidt's automatic pinsetter, and by late 1952 production model pinsetters were introduced. No longer did a proprietor have to rely on "pin boys".

1959- The Professional Woman's Bowler Assoc. becomes the first organization for professional women bowlers.

1963- **The Fish Bowl— Ennis Montana** - Bob and Shirley Story laid the foundation and started the Ennis Fish Bowl. No alcohol ( cont pg. 6)

**For Your Reading Pleasure**

**Ken Robison** Montana Territory and the Civil War: A Frontier Forged on the Battlefield and Confederates in Montana Territory: In the Shadow of Price's Army

Confederate veterans flocked to the Montana Territory at the end of the Civil War seeking new opportunities after enduring the hardships of war. These men and their families made a lasting impact on the region. Visit with Ken Robison on Aug. 8 at the Ennis Art's Festival in the author tent at Peter T Park on Main Street.

**Looking Ahead**

**August**\_\_ Field trip to Madison Power Plant... Date and time to be announced. Check email and Madisonian.

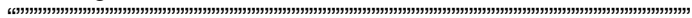
**August 26:** Former Secretary of State, Bob Brown, will present "The Life and Legacy of Frank Bird Linderman" at 6:00pm at the restored Frank Bird Linderman cabin at the Robber's Roost site. Program is open to the public.

**MVHA Museum** open until mid September or when tourists stop coming. Volunteers are needed to keep the doors open. Call Jynean at 406-682-4440 to schedule a shift for Aug or Sept.)

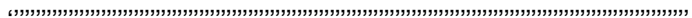


**Walk of Names** It is always a great time to honor a family member with a board! Help the MVHA finish the walkway to the Forge building. Remember a family member with a Memorial on the Walk of Names. Or just get one for you and your family. A great way to make a memorial, a gift, or a donation to the 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.



**Of interest to members:** James and Suzanne (Edwards) Nelson have a good condition copy of Pioneer Trails and Trials Madison County, Montana for sale. Call them at 682- 3492 for more details.



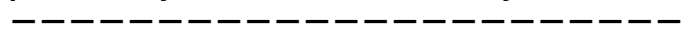
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was allowed but they had great burgers and fun was had by all for many years. It was the neighbor hangout for all the children after games at Ennis High School, staying open until all the buses got home. Mid 1980's- Art and Laura Dywer purchased the Ennis Fish Bowl. Then Dywers sold to Mike and Brenda Jones (year ?) and they ran the bowling alley and gradually phased it out to finally close around 2005.

2012-April 2013- John and Shannon Heckler purchased the "old" bowling alley building. They renovated the entire facility with the help of Bryan Sennette (Shannon's youngest son) and his new wife, Sarah, and upgraded the existing 1963 Brunswick A2 pin spotting (cont next column)

**MVHA Board of Directors**

- President: Lee Robison
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- Meeting and programs held monthly on the **third** Thursday of each month or as scheduled. Watch the Madisonian, posters and your email for details of time, place and program. Board meetings are held on the **first** Wednesday of each month at 10:15 am, First Madison Valley Bank conference room Oct. to April and museum conference room May to Sept.
- The Wagon Tongue* will be published quarterly. Next issue will be October 2015. Articles of historic interest and memories of the departed are welcomed.
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  - Madisonian* obituaries
  - Memory of Arlene Leslie* by Jonathan Losee
  - History of Bowling* by John S. Heckler

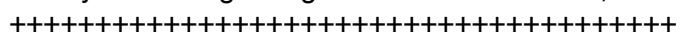
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*(History of Bowling cont.)* machines on all 6 lanes. The Fish Bowl was put into operation once again in the community of Ennis on October 10, 2012.

October 2013- The 50th anniversary of the old Fish Bowl and the 1st birthday of the new Fish Bowl was celebrated in Ennis, Montana!

July 2015- The Fish Bowl Lanes are open for the summer on an abbreviated schedule, Check for times and will be open in the fall for league bowling and open bowling. Join a league or come up and bowl or be a spectator and remember the amazing history of bowling that got us here. Thanks, John!



**History Tidbit** The Sportsman's Lodge, an important piece of Ennis History burned on Jan. 20, 2015. Although not a total loss, the main structure was heavily damaged and a lot of history was lost. Otis and Laura Crooker had a vision and purchased land as they could afford it. In 1945, they started to construct the Sportsman's Lodge on Ennis. They built the main building first and then cabins in a horseshoe shape. *Madisonian* January 29, 2015

- Montana Trivia** Montana State Symbols
- Motto: Oro y plata (Gold and Silver)
- Nick name: Treasure State
- Slogan: The Big Sky Country
- Song: Montana
- Flower: Bitterroot
- Tree: Ponderosa Pine
- Bird: Western Meadowlark
- Mammal: Grizzly Bear