

Survey of Supportive Housing Needs: Results Are In



Last summer & fall, the Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council conducted a countywide survey posing the question: *Do we need safe, supportive, and short-term housing options for residents who live with mental illness, with drug or alcohol addictions, with domestic abuse, and/or in homeless situations?*

Council members recently reported to the Madison County Commissioners, that the answer was yes. How to address such needs drew many comments from the 227 local residents and service providers who participated in the survey.

According to Ke'lah Savage-Willauer, Council Chairperson, nearly all of the people answering the survey have lived in Madison County at least 6 years. Professions and backgrounds most commonly represented were emergency responders, health care providers, senior center participants, public school staff, and civic club members.

Survey findings identified Supportive Housing needs as follows:

- 74% in favor, for victims of domestic abuse.
- 57% in favor, for patients being discharged from the Emergency Department after a mental health crisis and/or a drug or alcohol overdose.
- Just under 50% in favor, for people who are homeless.
- 64% of survey respondents said that Supportive Housing would benefit their community.

The prospect of having Supportive Housing prompted some concerns about cost, the safety of children living nearby, and the need for careful planning to prevent negative impacts. Larger Montana communities such as Butte, Bozeman, and Dillon do offer emergency shelter for domestic abuse victims, sober housing for drug or alcohol addicts, and crisis stabilization facilities for people suffering a mental health crisis. Such programs are limited but can be very helpful to people wanting to transition towards a safer, healthier life.

At their July 21 meeting, the County Commissioners gave consent to pursue the proposed "next exploratory steps", (1) explore options for expanding existing local transportation services and (2) learn more about the services offered by existing Supportive Housing programs in the region. More detail about these Supportive Housing survey results can be found at the Mental Health & Substance Abuse website on the County's Homepage, <http://www.madisoncountymt.gov/>.

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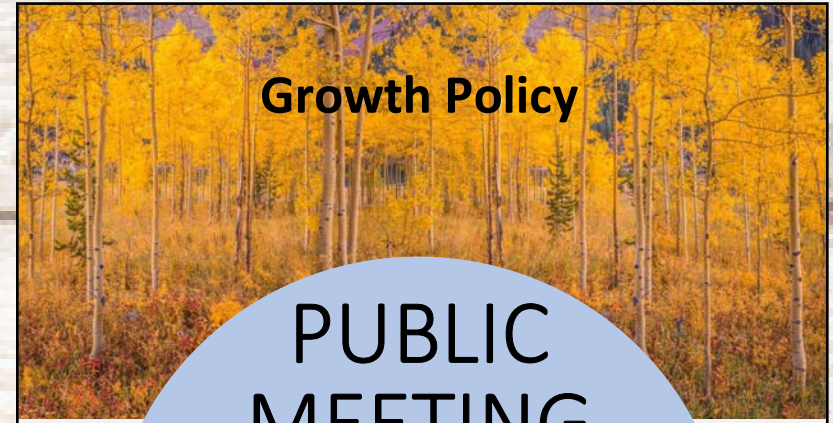
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PUBLIC MEETING

The Town of Sheridan will hold a public meeting to update the **Growth Policy and Capital Improvement Plan** on Wednesday **October 7, 2020** at the **Sheridan Senior Center** from **6 to 7:30 pm**.

There will be no seating except on the side of the room for individual folks who cannot stand for long periods of time. There will be tables spaced out with a key topics on each table for attendee comments and placing stickers showing support / priority for the next five years.

A short presentation will start the meeting.

Questions?

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Per Madison County Covid 19 rules, masks are required to attend the meeting.

Up to 50 people can attend the meeting, and social distancing is required.



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OUT AND ABOUT

TWIN BRIDGES POST 31

POST 31 members are a dedicated group heavily involved in the school and local community. POST 31 consistently receives Children and Youth Program awards and are constantly looking for more ways to help our local young people. Here are a few of the programs they are involved in each year:

1. Veterans Community Christmas Dinner. This event is hosted by local Veterans at no cost to the community.
2. A Kids Summer fishing derby with prizes at Lori's pond. They also maintain and care for the pond.
3. Members accomplish periodic Veteran-in-uniform visits to the Twin Bridges schools.
4. Halloween safety program at the local grade school.
5. Provide a \$500 college scholarship.
6. Members cook at the annual Fathers Day Fly-in.
7. Collect donations for the Ruby Valley Food Bank.
8. Collect old cell phones for the "Cell Phones For Soldiers" program.
9. Conduct an annual Oratorical contest with a cash prize.
10. Sponsor a Boy to the Summer Boys state event in Helena.
11. Conduct a Constitutional essay contest with cash prizes.
12. Veteran Honor Guard at every Veterans funeral at local cemeteries.
13. Veteran Honor Guard for Memorial Day at all local cemeteries and conduct a dignified disposal of unserviceable flag ceremony afterwards.
14. Lay all Veteran burial headstones.
15. Maintain white crosses for Highway Fatalities.
16. Present the colors and our local Veterans lead the Madison County Fair parade. 17. Present Flag raising and retreat ceremonies for the local community.
17. Provide a Veteran float in the parade and at the Rodeo.
18. Maintain flags and poles at multiple locations around Twin Bridges.
19. Maintain and update a Veterans Memorial in Twin Bridges by the library.
20. Provide medical equipment that we sign out to any local family for as long as they need it.
21. Teach Flag Etiquette merit badges for the local Cub Scout pack.
22. Donate monies to the Cub Scout, close up kids, SHODAIR childrens hospital, Toys For Tots and the Twin Little League.
23. Was awarded the American Legion Outstanding Post Award for 2014.
24. Was awarded the American Legion Meritorious Service Most Outstanding Post Children & Youth Program 2012-2013, 2014-2015 .
25. Completed another Eagle Scout Project at Lori's pond to build a covered pic-nic area. As you can see for a small post they stay pretty busy.

Local Citizen Serves in Marines

The Women for Veterans Auxiliary submitted information about Nora Humbert. She completed her boot camp and infantry training with the United States Marines. After training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, she will serve as a heavy equipment mechanic. Noria is a 2019 graduate of Twin Bridges High School. Her parents are Hans and Sharen Humbert.

Congratulations!

We are proud of our local Servicemembers and Veterans.



Nora Humbert, U.S. Marine

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

TWIN BRIDGES FARMERS MARKET ALL YEAR!: May through September on Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Main St. City Park. October through April at the Fairground on Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Coree Martin at 596-1978.

MONTANA FOOD NETWORK MAIL A MEAL: Grace Community Fellowship of Laurin will be distributing non-perishable food once a month. If you or someone you know will need a food box, please email gcflaurin@gmail.com or call 406-842-5915 to register for a monthly food box. Pre-Registration *is required* to ensure enough boxes are ordered.

VIRTUAL TRAINING: Our Oct. 1st event has been moved to Nov. 16-18th and will now be a VIRTUAL event only. Madison Valley Faith Leaders, Community Support Center, in partnership with Safe Havens, have chosen to move the free training to a virtual event. We hope that you will join us to share your knowledge and experience to create safe communities for all and to help us meet the spiritual needs of survivors in your area.

POETRY & SHORT STORIES GROUP: All are welcome! Every Wednesday at 11 am to 12 pm at the Sheridan Public Library. Please bring your imagination, and if you like to share already written work of a favorite artist please feel free to do so... Everyone who participate may take a turn to share, and have a discussion about what is presented. Group Organizer: Jonathan Laurin. For more information call 406-842-7981.

TWIN BRIDGES VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE: September 30, 2020, 2pm - 5:15pm. By Appointment only, no walk-ins at this time. Masks are necessary. TBHS MT Community Room. 406-596-1978

WILD GAME COOK-OFF: Sump Saloon. Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2020 at 2 PM. Clean out those freezers before hunting season! No entry fee! Any wild game. Limited to 2 entries per person. 1st & 2nd Place 50/50 Raffle (proceeds from raffle to help with prize money). Music: The Buffalo Nickle Band~4-7 PM. Great Food-Music-Cash Prizes!

TRIVIA NIGHT AT RUBY VALLEY BREW: Every Wednesday Night from 6 p.m - 8 p.m.

RUBY VALLEY CRUISE & SHERIDAN STREET BAZAAR 2020: Ruby Valley Brew's car/motorcycle cruise-in every Thursday from 6-8pm throughout the Summer. The Sheridan street bazaar will also take place during this time. Live Bands! So get your cars looking spiffy and come on down for an evening of fun. Please pass on the word and we look forward to seeing everyone's cars! Cheers!

ROCKY'S ROADHOUSE EVENTS: Fri., 9/25~Dalton Lemberg (8 PM); Sat., 9/26~Road Agents (8 PM); Fri., 10/2~Reckless Abandon (8 PM); Sat., 10/3~Tom Susanj (8 PM); Fri., 10/9~Kailey Marie (8 PM); Fri., 10/16~The Restless Pines (8 PM); Fri., 10/23~Steve Ingram and Friends; Fri., 10/30~John Montoya (8 PM); Fri. & Sat., 11/6 & 11/7~3 Miles to Clyde (8 PM)

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY: Food is distributed on Saturday mornings from 10-12 at Valley Assembly Church - 114 N. Main - Sheridan, MT

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS: Bring your crafts in the week of October 26 through the 30th for The Christmas Gift Shop in Sheridan! It will be \$30 up front and the shop will officially open November 2nd! If you have any questions call Lynda Johnston at 842-7883 or text at 310-9195.

VIRGINIA CITY ELKS LODGE #390: Happy Hour on Friday's from 5-10 p.m. Public is welcome!

THE RUBY VALLEY INN/B&B will remain closed indefinitely to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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COILING WEAVE CLASS: Mondays from 2 - 5 PM · Twin Bridges Public Library · Class is FREE. Materials are \$5.00 for a coaster or small basket and up to \$20.00 for large basket, bowl, trivet and more. Ages 9+ Materials included are 1/4 white cording; yarn(s), needle all of which you take home with you. Hosted by Coree's Crafty Corner

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SPOKANE, "SPIRIT HORSE OF THE ROCKIES"

One of Montana's earliest claims to fame was born, started, and broke right here in the Ruby Valley.....

Noah Armstrong was a successful miner in the Glendale Mining District south of Butte. Upon striking rich, he got involved in the Thoroughbred horse industry while on business trips on the East Coast. He built the Doncaster Round Barn outside of Twin Bridges and equipped it with a quarter-mile indoor racing track on the bottom floor. He purchased a pregnant mare named Interpose from a retired Civil War General, Richard Rowett, in Collinsville, IL. The sire of the forthcoming colt was Hyder Ali, a brother to the 1st Kentucky Derby winner, Aristides. When the copper-colored colt was born, Armstrong named him Spokane. Every day for the first two years of his life, Spokane was trained on the ranch grounds.



At the time, Montana was not yet a state and was still viewed as wild and untamed. As a yearling, Spokane "desperately outran the raking claws" of a mountain lion that left wounds and "life-long scars" across his flank. This account was published in the Police Gazette by Horace Wade in 1951. At age 2, Spokane was sent to Tennessee to be trained by John Rodegap, who had conditioned Thoroughbreds for around 5 years. On October 2, 1888, Spokane won the Maiden Stakes at Latonia and 1 other important race, qualifying him for the 15th Annual Kentucky Derby.

When the flag was dropped at Churchill Downs in Louisville, KY on May 9, 1889, the horses shot off and Spokane was last in line. As the pack turned the first corner, he started picking off his competitors one by one...Proctor Knott was the favored choice for winner and maintained a one-length lead midway through the Churchill stretch. But, jockey Shelby "Pike" Barnes was having difficulty controlling him. With about an eighth of a mile remaining, Proctor Knott suddenly veered on a sharp angle toward the outside. Meanwhile, Spokane, ridden by Thomas Kiley, was making a late move and blew past Proctor Knott with 1/16th of a mile remaining. Spokane's path was arrow-straight, while Proctor Knott was forging front and sideways at the same time. Spokane won the Kentucky Derby in a time of two-minutes, thirty-four-and-a-half seconds! That time still remains the record for that 1.5-mile course.

It was not a major upset, but it was surprising, even to Spokane's own jockey. Kiley told the "Nashville American" that he had "wagered \$25 to win on Proctor Knott," which would be a scandalous admission today, but was within the acceptable boundaries of that era. Among most on-site bookmakers, Spokane was the 6-1 second choice. At the windows, he returned \$34.80 to win and \$6.30 to place; it was the first year that \$2-win wagers were available. Armstrong received his winner's share of \$4,880 from the purse of \$5,330. A correspondent for the May 18, 1889, edition of Spirit of the Times assessed the race as "the greatest Derby ever run in America." His margin of victory in the Kentucky Derby was described by Goodwin's Official Turf Guide, a manual of record during that era, as "a short neck." Frank James (brother of Jesse) cashed in for \$5,000 with Spokane's victory.

Five days later, Spokane beat Proctor Knott again, winning the Clark Stakes by two lengths. The following month, Spokane was victorious in the American Derby, with Proctor Knott finishing last in the field of seven. Spokane had ascended to star status. Unfortunately, the star quickly faded. On July 4, Proctor Knott defeated Spokane in Washington Park's Sheridan Stakes. And in 7 more races over the following 2 years, Spokane never won again. From there, documentation dwindles. Armstrong sold his Montana ranch at the turn of the century. Spokane did stud duty for a while in Kentucky at Fairhaven Stock Farm, Niddervale Stock Farm, Elmendorf Farm; and, as late as 1897, at Maxwelton Stock Farm. The fee for his services apparently never exceeded \$50, and none of his offspring did much. If there ever were references in Thoroughbred journals to a "Spokane line," they have not been found.

The end portion of Spokane's life is a mystery. Newspaper articles from the period include inferences that Spokane was shipped back to Montana; that at age 6, Armstrong wanted to return him to racing; that Spokane was fatally stabbed by a farm worker with a pitchfork; that he was mortally injured in a railroad accident; and, more happily, that he died a natural death in Ennis, Montana, at age 30. Spokane's gravesite (if he had one) is unknown. In Montana folklore, he is dubbed "Spirit Horse of the Rockies."

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 - With great force
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 - Ear-related
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 - Type of cereal grass
 - Small slender gull
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 - Leave in a hurry
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 - Former boxing champ
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 - Gangster's gun
 - Ham it up
 - Wears away
 - Stow, as cargo
 - Discharge a firearm
 - Gradually vanishing from sight
 - Scare
 - Excuse
 - Coward
 - Decant
 - Record (abbrev.)
 - Pepper___
 - 18-wheeler
 - Synagogue scroll
 - A house with a slop- ing roof
 - Exhaled breath
 - Craftsman
 - College
 - Thigh armor
 - They cast ballots
 - Fathers
 - Silly mistake
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 - Auspices
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 - Consumed food
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 College Application week for Seniors • JV Football @ Joliet	29 • Middle School Volle	30	1 • Volleyball @ Harris	2 • Middle School Foot • Middle School Volle • Volleyball @ Lima (A) • Football vs Ennis	3 • Middle School Volley • Volleyball @ West Y
4	5 • JV Football @ Ennis	6 ACT test - Seniors • Middle School Foot	7	8	9 HAVE SCHOOL • Middle School Volle • Volleyball @ Gardin • Football @ Flint Cre	10 • Middle School Volle • Volleyball vs. Shield
11	12 • JV Football vs. Flint	13 Board Meeting • Volleyball vs. Twin E	14	15 NO SCHOOL PIR teacher MECL - MEA	16 • Middle School Foot • Football @ Park City	17
18	19 • JV Football vs. Ennis	20 ACT makeup	21	22 End Quarter 1 • Volleyball @ Ennis	23 • Middle School Foot • Football vs Joliet	24 • Volleyball vs. White
25	26 • Girls MS Basketball	27 Senior Citizen Harves	28	29 Volleyball District Tournament @ Manhattan Christian	30	31
1		3	4	5 Volleyball Divisional Tournament @ Manhattan Christian • Shakespear in the f	6	7

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29 4pm - MS VB w/	30 Schoolhouse IT here 10:15am - Army 1:30pm - Vitalant	1 4pm - MS VB w/	2 Cross Country at Homecoming 4pm - MS FB w/ Park 4pm - VB w/ Ennis 7pm - FB w/ Park	3 1pm - VB w/ Three
4	5 4pm - MS VB w/ Man	6 8:30am - ACT 2:30pm - MS VB w/ 4pm - VB w/ WSS (H) 6pm - Booster Club	7	8 4pm - MS VB w/	9 4pm - VB w/ Shields	10 Cross Country at 10am - MS FB w/ 1pm - FB w/ West 1:30pm - VB w/ Lone
11	12 Lifetouch Picture 4pm - VB w/ 7pm - REG. BOARD	13	14 Teacher Conventions - No School	15 4pm - MS FB w/ 7pm - FB w/ Lone	16	17
18	19 4pm - MS VB w/	20 4pm - VB w/	21	22 2pm - VB w/ 4pm - MS FB w/ 7pm - FB w/ Ennis	23 State Cross 6pm - VB w/ Lima	24
25	26	27 End 1st Qtr	28 District VB Tourney @ Manhattan Christian	29	30 FB 1st round play-	31

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