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## Madison County Coronavirus Community Forum



**Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

LOCATION	TIME
Harrison School	8:00—9:00 am
Ennis High School	10:30—Noon
Virginia City Public Meeting Room	1:00—2:00 pm
Sheridan Elementary	3:00—4:30 pm
Twin Bridges School	5:30—7:00 pm

Come and learn about the Coronavirus,  
what you can do to protect yourself  
and a question and answer session

Presented by Madison County Public Health  
Any questions, please call 406-843-4295

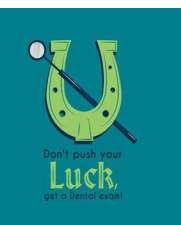


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# RUBY HABITAT FOUNDATION

In the winter of 2002, Craig and Martha Woodson began a quest for a partner to help them keep the Woodson Ranch intact and carry on their passion for agricultural sustainability and resource accountability. In the summer of that year, they arranged a meeting with The Montana Land Reliance and found them to be a good choice for the future of their land thereby creating the Ruby Habitat Foundation.

The mission of The Montana Land Reliance (MLR) is to create a balance with landowners for the protection for private lands that are significant for agricultural production, forest resources, fish and wildlife habitat, and resources.

A huge goal for the Ruby Habitat Foundation is to bring interested minds in from all over the world to educate themselves from the various experiments conducted on the 1100 acre property. The educational outreach programs include field trips with local school kids (from Kindergarten through College), to Wildlife Speakers and other programs. In 2019, the organization had welcomed over 1800 people to the ranch for various activities done on the ranch. They also offer virtual visitation through a live-streaming nest camera which can be viewed on their website.

One current exciting experiment is the 1 acre Heritage Apple Orchard. DNA was sampled from 185 various old apple trees from the Ruby Valley area. Volunteers then cleaned, trimmed and planted the new trees onto the one acre and are watching them closely for various growth patterns for the trees and apples. The hope is to also bring in the community to pick their own apples and host cider parties.

There are also soil health experiments, a trial on training cows to eat thistle plants, see if hemp will grow in our area and can be processed locally and so much more. All together there are 17 years of annual reports for various experiments.

The Woodson Ranch also offers a place to stay called the Hill House, a fully furnished, three-bedroom home. With a large kitchen, family room, screened-in-porch, and the ability to accommodate 6 guests. The Hill House rests in the shadow of the Ruby Mountains and overlooks the ranch itself. Also available to guests at the Hill House is an electric golf-cart which you can use to navigate the trails on the ranch for wildlife viewing or to get to the day's fishing on the ranch.

The legal structure of the partnership is that the Ruby Habitat Foundation is a 509(a)(3) tax-exempt support organization to the Montana Land Reliance, a 501(c)(3) corporation and is open to the community. The Ruby Habitat Foundation wants to be seen as a committed resource for local opportunities and ideas.

You can visit the Woodson Ranch at 2597 Hwy 287 South of Sheridan. This spring watch for wildlife speakers on Trumpeter Swans and other events on their website at [rubyhabitat.org](http://rubyhabitat.org), They are also on Facebook and can be contacted by phone at 842-5010.

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# RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

**MT YOUTH OF MADISON COUNTY ART SHOW** - Calling all artists ages K-12 - Art drop off - March 13th - 2-6 p.m. - Artist reception - March 28th - 2-5 pm. at the Elling House in Virginia City, MT. See poster in this issue for more information.

**2020 CHAUTAUQUA** - Those wishing to be on stage are encouraged to contact Toni James to make reservations at (406) 843-5454, email: [ranksmerc@yahoo.com](mailto:ranksmerc@yahoo.com) Other dates of 2020 Chautauquas are Feb 15th, March 21st and April 18th.

**RANCHER ROUND TABLE: Elements of a Sustainable Business FEB 27TH AT 7 P.M.** -Hosted by Ruby Valley Montana Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and MSU Extension Madison-Jefferson Counties. Are you considering starting a business? Is your business as profitable as it should be? Are you working for your business but it is not working for you? You and your employees' lives can be much more enjoyable and fruitful. Presented by Ray Marxer at the Alder Fire Hall.

**BRUNCH & BINGO** - Sundays - Jan 19-March 29th at Virginia City Elks Lodge - Brunch \$9, Bingo \$5 for 3 cards. 10 A.M. Brunch

**CARE GIVER/ DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP** - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center Conference Room. Every 3rd Tuesday there is a training. Contact Gail at 842-5600 or Karen at 842-7164 for more information or to sign up.

**WOMEN'S NONDENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY** - Meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. - Located at 3 Rivers Family Church

**PATCHWORK PALS QUILT GUILD** -Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM at Bethel Hall. For more information please contact Patty Bates (President) at 842-7432.

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

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

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH GAME NIGHT** -Every last Friday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Sheridan.

**SHERIDAN LIBRARY** - Movie night - 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. - Knitting Club Thursdays at 2 p.m. Garden Club every 4th Monday of every month. Book club meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

**TWIN BRIDGES LIBRARY** - Winter story hour has been very well attended this year! Come check it out Wednesday mornings at 10:30. We also have Spanish class Wednesday at 1:15, and it doesn't matter where you are in your learning! Crafting/Knitting class, or Crafter's Unite, has been moved to 2:00 on Mondays. Come see what they're working on, and also give a guess for our Where's the Library Bag board! Stop in the library April 7th-13th for Public Library Week and get a treat! You can also pick up a library bag and fill it with books from our sale area for \$15.00. Come see what's happening at your local library! Are there classes you would like to see us offer? Let us know! A new thing at the library is our craft supply exchange. Need supplies to start or finish a project? Come see what we have! Have extra supplies you don't need anymore? Donate them to the exchange! We have cross-stitch supplies, yarn, and more! Stop by and see the new items in circulation, look at the plans for the back room, leave us ideas if you have them, and pick up one of our new book bags...\$15 filled with books from the sale area!

**THOMPSON-HICKMAN COUNTY LIBRARY** - We will be gathering at the VC Library at 6:30pm, every other Wednesday to play games! We will be bringing games from our homes. You can bring any games you want to play, or just show up and play with us! Yes, you can bring snacks too if you want to! Story & craft time - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.- Free Movie Nights are every other Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - 406-843-5346 to find out what is playing.

**HOME PARK HAPPY HOUR** - At Ruby Valley Brew every third Wednesday of the month at 1p.m.

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presents  
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*Lee Robison*  
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**"HAVE POEMS"**




Lee Robison will kick off National Poetry Month at the Elling House on April 4, 2020 at 6:00PM. Lee will read from his recently published book, *Have Poems*, and also read a poem or two by at least one of the Montana Poet Laureates.

Poetry is essential to pass along the culture of a people and time. And the poems in *Have* draw from Lee's experiences, including his life growing up on a Montana ranch, for their subject matter, imagery and themes. In the poem "Native," ranch and mining imagery are contrasted with the imagery of Montana's pre-history to ask to whom does this land belong, and what validates that possession. What is it that make this Madison Valley, this River, these Mountains ours? The poem "Requiem for a Rancher" considers what an old rancher might take with him when he dies? And just how much of him remains in the land and the landscape he formed in his lifetime? These poems, no less than those of Robert Frost, T.S. Elliot, Baxter Black and others, examines the culture, the world as the poet sees it.

Lee is a Madison County Native. He grew up on a ranch about five miles up a dirt road from McAllister, Montana. He earned a BA and an MA from Brigham Young University, and in 1980, he began working for the Indian Health Service, a Federal Agency, in Window Rock, Arizona. His job eventually took him and his family to Maryland, where he spent twenty-two years at the IHS Headquarters as a technical writer.

Lee returned to the Madison Valley in 2013 with his wife Kathy. They live in a house they built on a slice of the old homestead.

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#2 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th Christ Episcopal Church Social Hall, Sheridan	#5 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th Church of the Valley, Social Hall, Twin Bridges
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**March 2020**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3pm Bible Study (MT room) 	2 Noon Duty: Mr. Dawson, Mrs. Elser	3 6pm Booster Club mtg (MT rm)	4 12:15pm FFA mtg	5 	6 Little Guy Wrestling Tournament (main gym) FFA Crops & Mechanics (Conrad)	7
8 3pm Bible Study (MT room)	9 Noon Duty: Dr. Males, Mr. Reynolds HS Track practice starts	10 7pm REG BOARD MTG (MT room)	11 Lifetouch Spring Individual Pictures 3:45pm staff mtg	12 State Bask Regional Science Fair (MT Tech) 7pm American Legion Mtg (MT rm)	13 etball Tour	14 ney (Missoula)
15 3pm Bible Study (MT room)	16 Noon Duty: Mr. Keller, Ms. Meier 7pm Trailblazers 4-H (lunchrm)	17 St. Patrick's Day 8am IC grading window OPENS JrHI Academic Olympics (Bozeman)	18 HS Academic Olympics (Bozeman)	19	20 End 3rd qtr MS Music Festival (Boulder)	21
22 Close-Up 3pm Bible Study (MT room)	23 Trip to Noon Duty: Mr. Nordahl, Mrs. Sandru	24 Washing-MS MASS Band (Whitehall) 4pm IC grading window closes 6pm Alumni mtg (MT rm)	25 ton D.C. FFA State	26 Convention 12:30pm School Early Out 1-7pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	27 (Great Fall No School - Spring Day)	28
29 3pm Bible Study (MT room)	30 Noon Duty: Mrs. Belice, Ms. Ward Hunter's Ed 6:30pm Ramblin' Rose practice (MP gym)	31 (MT room) →	April 1	2 ACT Testing	3 	4 PROM (Madison Co. Fairgrounds)

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2 LGW Practice 5:30 pm FFA Meeting 7pm	3 LGW Practice 5:30 pm Robotics Meeting Ski Trip	4 Science Fair	5 LGW Practice 5:30 pm HS Band Trip to SLC	6 Family Movie Night 6pm HS Band Trip to SLC FFA Conrad Crops	7 HS Band Trip to SLC FFA Conrad Crops
9 LGW Practice 5:30 pm HS Track practice starts	10 LGW Practice 5:30 pm Robotics Meeting Board Meeting 7pm	11 Turner Grant Mtg	12 LGW Practice 5:30 pm Regional Science Fair	13 FFA District Mechanics	14
16 LGW Practice 5:30 pm 4-H Meeting 6pm	17 LGW Practice 5:30 pm Robotics Meeting MS Academic Olympics	18 HS Academic Olympics	19 LGW Practice 5:30 pm End Quarter 3 FCCLA STATE	20 FCCLA STATE	21 FCCLA STATE
23 MS Track practice starts	24 Robotics Meeting MS Band Festival	25 FFA STATE	26 FFA STATE Spring Play	27 FFA STATE HS Track @ Frenchtown Spring Play	28 FFA STATE
30 State Science Fair	31 Robotics Meeting State Science Fair				

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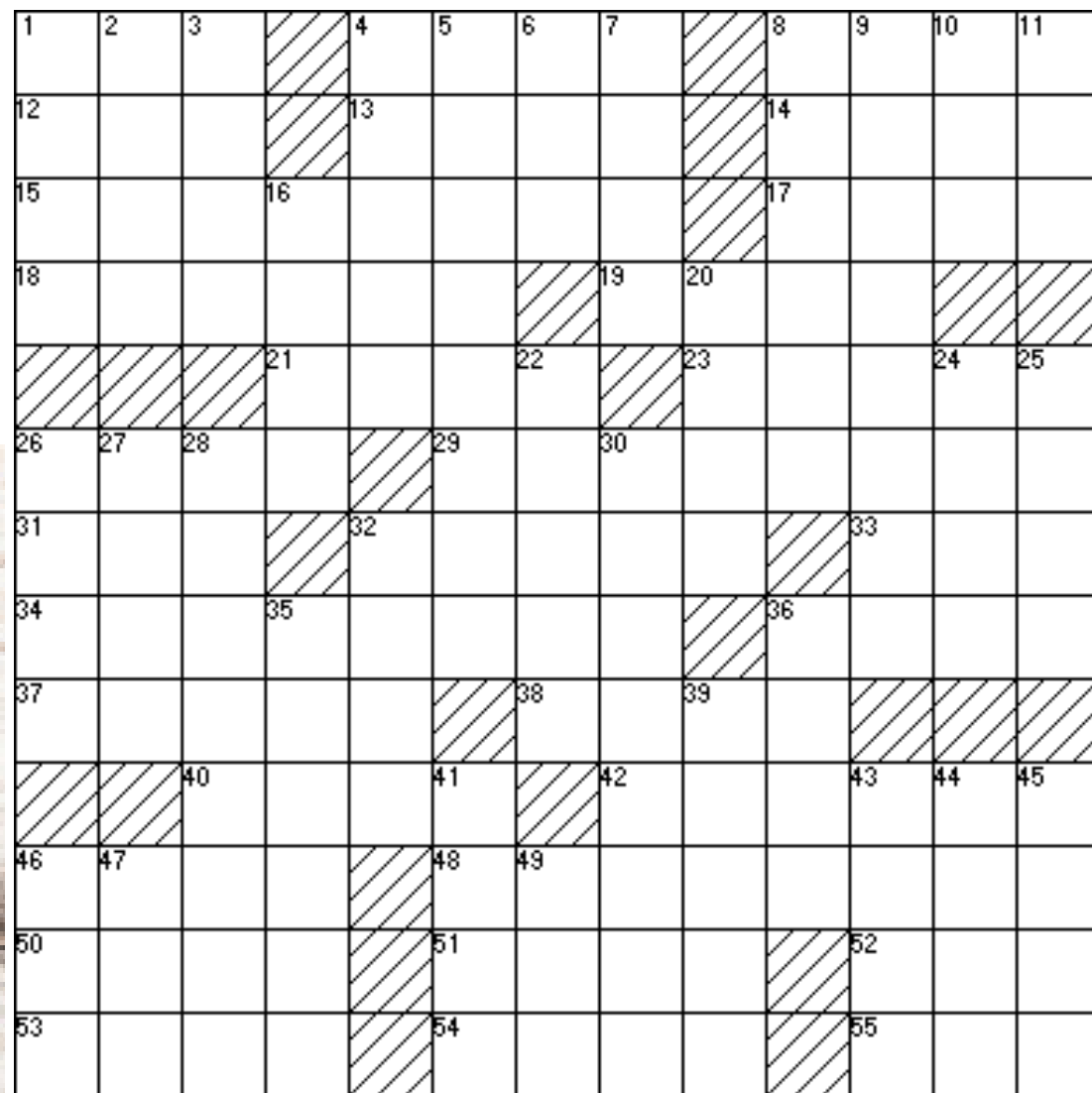
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### ACROSS

- Rest here please, abbr.
- The compass point that is one point south of southeast
- A French abbot
- Own (Scottish)
- A sword similar to a foil but with a heavier blade
- River in South Africa
- A way to decree
- \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- A group of similar things ordered one after another
- Network of nerves
- Alligator
- Dish
- Part with
- Fulmination
- Turn tail
- African cape
- The compass point that is one point east (clockwise) of due north
- A way to vanish
- Crinkle
- In a way, fed
- Stake
- Turkish leader title
- Spoke
- Staff of life
- Coil
- A way to squeeze
- Clupeid
- Queen of Scotts
- Surrender
- Hosiery
- Born of

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### DOWN

- Letters of the alphabet
- Rich person
- Person
- More dried-up
- Shows
- Article of furniture
- Visionary
- A visible personification of an abstract quality
- An imaginary line or standard by which things are measured or compared
- Eutherian
- \_\_\_ Lilly, drug company
- Food grain
- This (Spanish)
- About
- Swedish rock group
- A way to view
- In a way, left
- \_\_\_ Shankar, Indian musician
- Exhaled

### DOWN

- Tumours
- Sacred writing
- A way to diverge
- A space reserved for sitting
- Business
- Cincture
- Sir in Asia
- Bulky grayish-brown eagle
- Sandy piece of seashore
- Beginning military rank
- Wrath
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

## HENRY ROSSITER & THE ROSSITER BUILDING

Henry Douglas Rossiter came to Montana directly after the Civil War, where he was wounded in the Battle of Stone River. He engaged successfully in placer mining for a time at Summit, where his first wife died in childbirth. In 1872, he married Janet Hall, a schoolteacher from Vermont who taught in Kansas before joining Rossiter in Summit. Janet died during the birth or their first child in 1874, and sometime later, Rossiter married her older sister, Helen Cross Hall. The Rossiter's moved to Santa Clara, California for a brief lime in 1881, had a son there and returned in 1883 to Sheridan, Montana. They built a house on Mill Street, settled into the community and H. D. Rossiter became the dominant partner in the H. D. Rossiter General Store where he regularly worked six days a week, and on Sundays would load up a wagon with goods and head up into the nearby canyons to sell in the mining camps. Lake Shore, Leiterville, Fairview and Nobleville were all on his route. A prosperous figure in the local business community, he eventually purchased the entire block which contains the store. Rossiter ran the H. D. Rossiter General Store until 1896, when Robert J. Ogden, Eugene Means and Walter Mesch formed a partnership and leased the property.

Between 1896 and 1898, Rossiter constructed a new brick business building on the site and in mid-November 1891 the new store opened for business. The first check was written on November 17, 1898 and the following day the local Sheridan Paper carried ads issuing a greeting to patrons from "Ogden. Means and Company, Successor to H. D. Rossiter, Dealers in General Merchandise." It appears from early maps that the original log building was skidded to the north end of the property where it remained for a number of years providing storage space for the store. Other outbuildings through the early period included a grainary, an oil house, and an ice house. A powder house located two miles south of town was also used by the store; it still stands south of town.

In the process of digging the foundation for the new business building, Rossiter's crew encountered live underground springs which created a building challenge. The problem was solved by draining the springs by pipeline three blocks to the west where the water ran out onto an open field. The resulting construction included a heavy rough-cut timber floor in the basement above a maze of channels to drain the water.

The brick for the building was manufactured in Sheridan at Brick Hollow, three miles east of town. This brickworks produced the bricks for builders around the area; the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City was also constructed of Brick Hollow bricks. Once completed, the walls were lined with shelves and the store was stocked with sundry items, groceries, dry-goods, clothes shoes, pots & pans, material, mining equipment, coal, window glass, hats, horse shoes, fancy glassware, and more. During these years, H. D. Rossiter became a prominent individual in the community, active in business, banking and political circles. He served as mayor of Sheridan from 1900-1902, and as a member of the Montana House of Representatives. In 1904, Rossiter, Ogden, Winthrop and Magraw founded the Sheridan State Bank and Rossiter served as the bank's first president. The bank was erected on the other end of the Rossiter Block, and Rossiter made an active practice of -grub-staking- miners who came to the valley hoping to make their fortunes in the small mines of the county.

The H. D. Rossiter Building gains significance on a local level for its associations with Henry Douglas Rossiter, whose investment in and commitment to the town of Sheridan contributed greatly to its growth and stability. As owner and developer of an entire block of business property in the heart of town, and as co-founder of the Sheridan State Bank, Rossiter made substantial contributions to the emergence of this rural town. He invested directly in local business himself, while supporting nearby mining and ranching enterprises through his bank. Rossiter's vision for Sheridan included the impressive H. D. Rossiter Building on one prominent corner, balanced by the Sheridan State Bank building on the other end of the block. Rossiter's energies and dedication were recognized by his contemporaries in Sheridan, who elected him to serve as both mayor and their representative in the Montana State House. The H. D. Rossiter Building, and others on this block, embodies the active business and financial career of this man who truly helped to shape the town of Sheridan and its history.

The interior of the H. D. Rossiter Building is laid out as a single, large store space ringed by a balcony along the sides and across the rear of the store. Many important elements of the original interior design have been retained including the wooden balcony, the high ceiling, and the open center floor plan. A pressed in ceiling dating to the late 1920s is also extended. Square pillars down the center of the floor provide bearing strength; they are ornamented at the top with scrolled volutes.

The H. D. Rossiter Building is an excellent example of popular construction in Montana during the late 19th century. Reflecting a broad body of architectural style defined as Western Commercial. This building and others like it embodied the desire for merchants and early town boosters to create urbanized settlements in the emerging western states. In Montana many buildings were erected, which, while not configuring to any formal architectural style of the day, never-the-less employed many popular elements designed to make the most of somewhat limited resources, materials and funds. This was manifested in simple one or two story masses, with ornamented primary facades. Often the fronts are symmetrically designed, with recessed, central entry storefronts, and decorative parapets dominate the design. The H. D. Rossiter Building is no exception, and today the well preserved building remains as an excellent example of this mode of building. The quality of the brickwork on the facade lends added significance to the building, as a fine example of late 19th century brick craftsmanship.