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## October 2017

# Ennis Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



A very recent, ultimately, and unfortunate event caused me to evaluate the phrase, "Strength in numbers". It occurred to me that "numbers" is a very relative term. When I explored the word, numbers, and related it to our small community, I concluded that we gain strength through our limited resources. In large and fast moving urban environments, with vast resources; whether it be people, supplies, or money, it can be a tremendous challenge to bring awareness and mobilize resources in support of a single family. In contrast, I am inspired and moved by our tight knit community, where word travels fast and help is mobilized even faster. Generous and heartfelt demonstrations of kindness do not always have to be large scale; although sometimes necessary, and I marvel at how our community rallies and helps no matter how small or large the need. These connections are so important and I am gratified and proud to be part of an exceptional community that works diligently to keep these connections alive.

~K Mita (Chamber of Commerce-Vice President)

### QUICK LINKS

[www.ennischamber.com](http://www.ennischamber.com)

[www.southwestmt.com](http://www.southwestmt.com)

[www.visitmt.com](http://www.visitmt.com)

[www.virginiacity.com](http://www.virginiacity.com)

[www.ennismontana.org](http://www.ennismontana.org)

[www.backroadtoyellowstone.com](http://www.backroadtoyellowstone.com)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out the Chamber's [event calendar](#) or [Norris Hot Springs, Gravel Bar, and Willie's Distillery](#) websites for details on live music every week!

**The Buckboard Mercantile \*\*New Ownership\*\***

**October 2, 10-5 PM.** Stop by and meet the new owners!

**Water Rights Workshop hosted by Ponderosa Advisors LLC**

**October 5, 6 PM** at Borden's Hotel, Whitehall.

**Montana Chamber of Commerce - Montana Business Agenda Tour**

**October 6, 2 PM** at First Madison Valley Bank. The MBA tour provides an opportunity for input by members, as well as updates from the State





## Safe Hunting in Bear Country

Hunters are, by design, good at sneaking up on bears unobserved. They also provide bears with an attractive food source in the form of gut piles and carcasses. Follow a few precautions to minimize bear interactions and increase safety while hunting this season.

1. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Watch for bear sign or signs of carcasses that would attract bears such as scavenging birds or foul odors. Be on alert in areas of low visibility and by streams which mask noises.
2. Bear spray works! Bear spray produces a large cloud that targets a bear's nose and eyes - its most sensitive areas. It has proven 98% effective at preventing human injury in actual encounters. Remember that bears have thick hides and that they move faster than most pistol shooters can properly aim.
3. Calling for elk and deer/elk scents are attractive to bears. Bears have approached and injured hunters while calling. Always hunt with a partner and keep your bear spray readily accessible if calling for elk. Include a coagulant like quick clot in your first aid kit.
4. Keep a clean camp. Bears are very smart, have a great memory and if they receive a food reward in one camp, they may become aggressive as they continue to raid camps. Make sure all attractants are placed in a hard-sided vehicle, locked in a bear-resistant container, or hung 10 feet up and four feet out from any supporting branches. Anything that has a smell or has once had a smell needs to be put away.
5. Regular coolers are not bear-resistant and must be appropriately stored, even when empty. Check with a local ranger station about obtaining bear-resistant containers through the loaner program, free of charge.
6. If you are fortunate enough to harvest an animal this year, gut it immediately and move the gut pile away from the animal and in a place where you can view it from at least 200 yards away as you return. This may help keep the bear stay away from you and your carcass and may also prevent other hunters from stumbling on a bear. Pack tarps for moving gut piles, ropes and a pulley for hanging game.
7. *Never bring a carcass into your camp!* If you need to leave a carcass on the forest, hang it (10' up, 4' out) 100 yards or farther from a sleeping area or trail. If you must leave it on the ground make sure it is at least a half mile from any sleeping area and 200 yards from a trail. Leave your kill in a place where you can view it from at least 200 yards away as you return.

If you do encounter a bear, it is important to leave the area quietly as soon as possible without running or turning your back. Avoid making eye contact with the bear and immediately take out your bear spray and be ready to use it. Report any encounter to your local Forest Service Office.



Chamber, as well as updates from the State Chamber.  
**Madison Valley Medical Center Cancer Support Group**  
**October 10 (second Tuesday of every month), 6 PM to 7:30 PM** Cancer survivors, newly diagnosed cancer patients, and family and friends are welcome at Moonlight Basin Building. Contact: Lisa Brubaker 406-670-4546.

**Ennis Town Commission Meeting**  
**October 12, 7 PM** at Ennis Town Hall.

**Bear Safety Presentation and Bear Spray Giveaway Hosted by Southwest MT Bear Education Working Group**  
**October 19, 5:30 to 7 PM** at the Madison Valley Public Library.

**Ennis Lions Club Halloween Carnival and Bingo**  
**October 31, 6 to 8 PM** at Ennis Elementary School Gymnasium. Haunted house, games, cake walk, costume prizes, bingo, and food!

**2017 Chamber Board**  
 John Way - President (The Tackle Shop)  
 K Mita - Vice President (Braggin' Rights Guns)  
 Amanda Nelson - Treasurer (Agency Insurance)  
 Bill Mercer (RE/Max Mountain Property)  
 Russ Whitacre (Ennis Lions Club)  
 Shanna Swanson (Shanna Mae Photography)  
 Danica Lewis (Black Diamond Estate Services)

**Event Calendars**  
**For the most up to date activities and events during the month please visit the below links. If you have events that you would like to be added to the Chamber events calendar, please send them to: info@ennischamber.com**

[www.ennischamber.com](http://www.ennischamber.com)  
<http://www.southwestmt.com/calendarofevents/>  
[www.outpostevents.net](http://www.outpostevents.net)

**Chamber Merchandise Sale Items:**  
 We have various products from our local non-profits and T shirts from previous events. Stop by the Chamber to check them out.

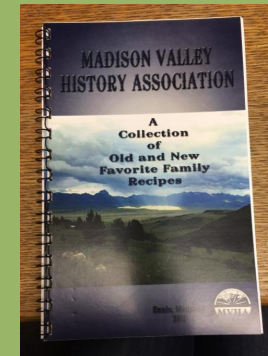




For information about local regulations or bears, go to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf), or stop by a local Forest Service office.

Don't miss the October 19th Bear Safety Presentation, 5:30PM at the Madison Valley Public Library!

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS—October 5



### Ennis Chamber Cash

Keep it local by using the Ennis Chamber of Commerce's "Chamber Cash" which is specially designed anti-copy currency produced in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations and can be used at any one of the participating businesses for full face value. It's like a gift card to the town of Ennis! You may purchase and get reimbursed for Chamber Cash at the Chamber Visitor Center.

**SHOP LOCAL.  
EAT LOCAL.  
SPEND LOCAL.  
ENJOY LOCAL.**

*Rest assured, it's yours.*

**AMERICAN LAND  
TITLE COMPANY**

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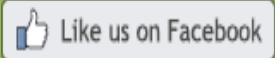


American Land Title Company will be hosting the October 5 Business After hours from 5 to 7 PM. They are located at 3 Geyser St, Ennis, MT. They will have an awesome spread of Caprice Kabobs, Ham Asparagus Roll Ups, Stuffed Mushrooms, Baked Brie & Crackers, Cheese Board with Fruit and Beer/Wine/Soda/Water! Don't miss it!

This is a FREE networking event open to all Chamber members and their guests (be sure to bring a friend!). Come visit, talk shop, share news in the area, and exchange business cards



Remember to like us on Facebook and to check us out for community and event updates!



You can pay membership and purchase merchandise on line at the chamber website and pay with credit card via PayPal.

*32nd Annual*

# HUNTERS FEED



*Ennis Chamber of Commerce*

**OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 3-5 PM**  
**LOCATED ON MAIN STREET ENNIS**

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Free to the public to taste and vote on Best Chili, Best Non-Chili, and Most Unusual & there will be 3 judges to pick Judge's Choice.

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**COOKS:** Please sign up to enter your dish by 4 PM on October 19th and check in by 2:30 PM on October 20th at the Chamber Visitors Center (201 E. Main St)



**VOTERS:** Turn in your ballots no later than 5 PM at the Chamber Visitors Center.



WWW.ENNISCAMBER.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION  
& SIGN UP FORMS - 406-682-4388

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### **Register to Participate**

Don't delay! Enter your dish to participate in this year's Hunters Feed! Visit our [Hunters Feed Web Page](#) where you'll find a link to the [sign up form](#). Please email, mail, or drop the completed form off at the Chamber Visitors Center **before 4 PM October 19th**.

**Registered cooks:** please check in at the Chamber Visitors Center no later than **2:30 PM on October 20th**. I will have your participant number and napkins, utensils, and serving containers if you need them.

### **T shirts**

As in previous years, we will have long sleeved Hunters Feed T shirts for sale. Thank you to **First Interstate Bank and First American Title Co.** for making sure we can get quality shirts by being our sponsors. **T shirts will be for sale starting October 19** at the Chamber Visitors Center for **\$25**.



## **WILLIE'S DISTILLERY**

**4th ANNUAL**

**CRITTER CALL**

**COMPETITION**

**6 PM Right after the Hunters Feed!!**

**Come Compete With Your Best Animal Calls in 5 Different Categories:**

- Big Game**
- Waterfowl & Upland Birds**
- Predators**
- Barnyard Animals**
- Other/Misc:**

**Impress our qualified Judges & win prizes from our sponsors! Registration starts at 4:30pm in person, or register ahead at [info@williesdistillery.com](mailto:info@williesdistillery.com) or call (406) 682-4117.**



**Montana Department of  
LABOR & INDUSTRY**

The display of 5-in-1 labor law posters are mandatory in all businesses with one or more employees, but don't spend extra money buying one. They are available for free at your Chamber of Commerce office or by calling [Job Service Bozeman](#) at 406-582-9200. Job Service is a proud member of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce!

