

#### Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting Agenda for MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 7:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Unfinished Business
  - a. <u>Discussion</u>/decision: Tourism kiosk to be located in Veterans Park
- 4. New Business
  - a. <u>Discussion</u>/decision: Selection of applicants to interview for Ward 2 Councilmember vacancy
- 14. Adjournment

#### **Guidelines for Public Comment**

Public Comment ensures an opportunity for citizens to meaningfully participate in the decisions of its elected officials. It is one of several ways your voice is heard by your local government. During public comment we ask that all participants respect the right of others to make their comment uninterrupted. The council's goal is to receive as much comment as time reasonably allows. All public comment should be directed to the chair (Mayor or designee). Comment made to the audience or individual council members may be ruled out of order. Public comment must remain on topic, and free from abusive language or unsupported allegations.

During any council meeting you have two opportunities to comment:

- 1. During the public comment period near the beginning of a meeting.
- 2. Before any decision-making vote of the council on an agenda item.

Comment made outside of these times may not be allowed.

Citizens wishing to speak during the official public comment period should come forward to the podium and state their name and address for the record. Comment during this time maybe time limited, as determined by the chair, to allow as many people as possible to comment. Citizens wishing to comment on a motion for decision before any vote can come forward or stand in place as they wish. Comment must remain on the motion before the council.

#### **Item Attachment Documents:**

a. Discussion/decision: Tourism kiosk to be located in Veterans Park



#### Agenda Item Request

#### To Be Submitted BEFORE Noon on the Wednesday before the Council Meeting

Agenda Item Type:	Unfinished Business
Person Submitting the Agenda Item:	Brandon E. Dewey
Second Person Submitting the Agenda Item:	
Submitter Title:	Mayor
Submitter Phone:	
Submitter Email:	
Requested Council Meeting Date for Item:	5/13/2019
Agenda Topic:	Discussion/decision: Tourism kiosk to be located in Veterans Park
Backup Documents Attached?	Yes
If no, why not?	
Approved/Disapproved?	Approved
If Approved, Meeting Date for Consideration:	5/13/2019
Notes:	



#### TOWN COUNCIL Council Communication

Special Meeting May 13, 2019

#### Agenda Item: 3a, Unfinished Business

Discussion/decision: Tourism kiosk to be located in Veterans Park

Other Council Meetings	August 13, 2018 July 9, 2018
	January 24, 2019
Exhibits	<ul> <li>A. Sept 29, 2017 Letter of Support, Jim Crews</li> <li>B. Kiosk Proposal</li> </ul>

This agenda item provides Council with the ability to approve the tourism kiosk placement and expenditures associated with the project.

#### Background:

The visitor kiosk received approval through the Town of Stevensville Mayor's Office. Then Mayor Jim Crews sent a letter of support dated September 29, 2017 to the Department of Commerce Tourism Grant program. In his letter he states,

"The Town of Stevensville supports the proposal submitted by the Stevensville Main Street Association to build an informational kiosk on Main Street in the Veterans Park. It will be a welcome addition that can be of great use to our pedestrians, motorists and cycling visitors. The Town will contribute to the project by providing the earthwork/concrete slab for the kiosk's permanent foundation, at an estimated value of 1,450."

Mayor Crews' letter was included in the Stevensville Main Street Association's (SMSA) application for grant money from the Montana Department of Commerce. SMSA was only required to get one bid for the project; that bid was from RTC Construction, which included some costs as well as donations.

The source of funding for the visitor kiosk project includes:

Montana Department of Comm	nerce	\$ 9,200 cash
<ul> <li>Rapp Family Foundation</li> </ul>		\$ 2,910 cash
• SMSA		\$ 1,780 cash/in-kind
<ul> <li>Town of Stevensville</li> </ul>		\$ 1,450 in-kind
Contractor		\$ 1,430
	Total	\$16,770

In January, Public Works Supervisor George Thomas provided an update to Mayor Dewey regarding the Visitor Kiosk and shared a concern regarding the Town's contribution. Former Mayor Jim Crews pledged that the Town would contribution to the project by providing the earthwork/concrete slab for the kiosk's permanent foundation as well as a sidewalk, at an estimated value of \$1,450. The Public Works Department does not have the equipment or the tools to perform the concrete work. The Administration sought Council's preference on how to proceed to ensure the Town's commitment is honored as additional expenses may be incurred. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, the Town Council thought it would best to proceed by seeking assistance from Job Corps. or volunteers. If further expense was to be incurred, the administration would seek further guidance from Council. The deadline to expend State grant funds is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Since the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, George has been able to contact Job Corps for concrete assistance. However, the soonest Job Corps. could complete the work is mid-late June. This falls outside of the established timeline to complete the project.

The Administration recommends that the Town hire a contractor to complete the concrete work for the project. The cost to do so would be approximately \$2,400 (\$950 above the original in-kind obligation). The Town would complete the dirt work in preparation for concrete, and back fill where needed. Additionally, to protect the assets in the park and underground infrastructure, it is recommended that the large cottonwood tree in the park be removed. The cost to remove the tree and stump will be \$2,600. The Montana DNRC has given the Town of Stevensville a grant to replace the tree in Veterans Park with a tree more appropriate for the location.

#### **Board/Commission Recommendation:** Applicable - Not Applicable

The Park Board supports the installation of the Visitor Kiosk.

Alternative(s): Deny the installation of the kiosk and/or the associated costs.

#### MOTION

**I move to:** Approve the installation of the visitor kiosk in Veterans Park and authorize the associated costs for concrete work and tree removal.

September 29, 2017



From: Jim Crews - Mayor 206 Buck Street Stevensville, Montana 59870

To: Department of Commerce Tourism Grant Program

Subject: Letter of Support regarding the Application submitted by the Stevensville Main Street Association

To whom it may concern:

The Town of Stevensville supports the proposal submitted by the Stevensville Main Street Association to build an informational kiosk on Main Street in Veteran's Park. It will be a welcome addition that can be of great use to our pedestrian, motorists and cycling visitors.

The town will contribute to the project by providing the earthwork/concrete slab for the kiosk's permanent foundation, at an estimated value of \$1,450.

Sincerely,

Jim Crews - Mayor

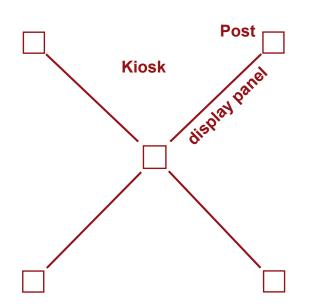
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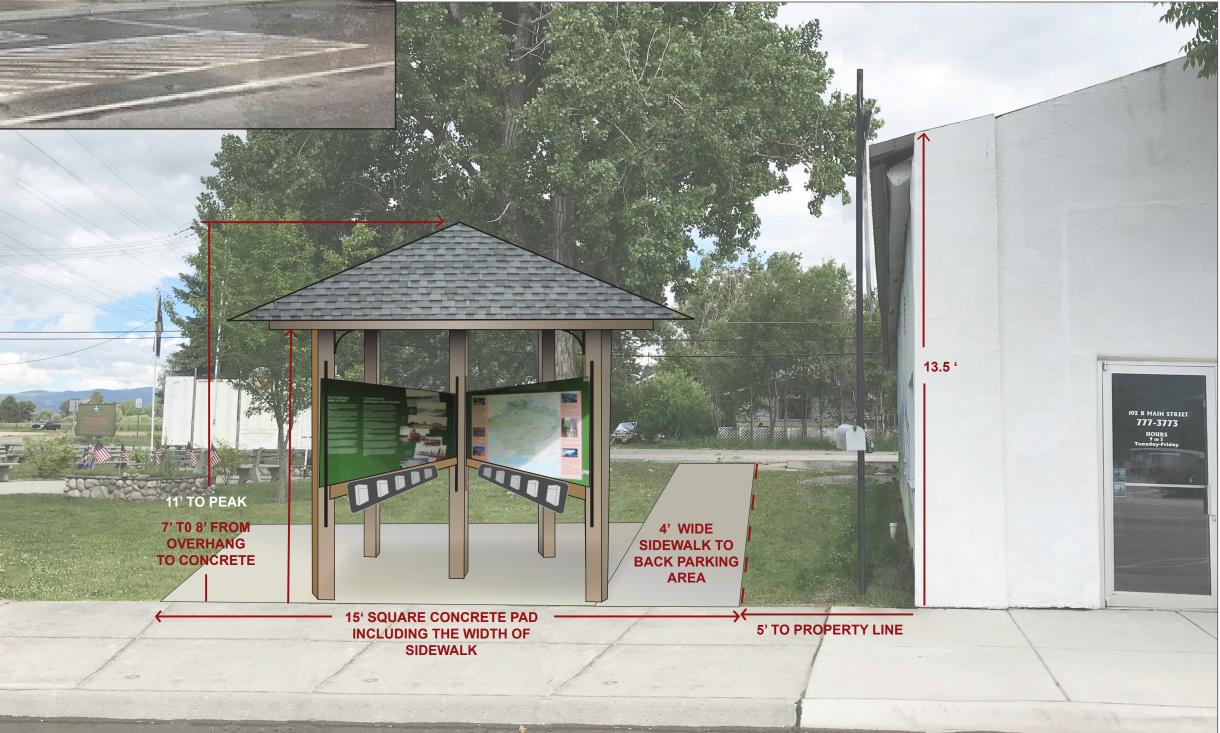


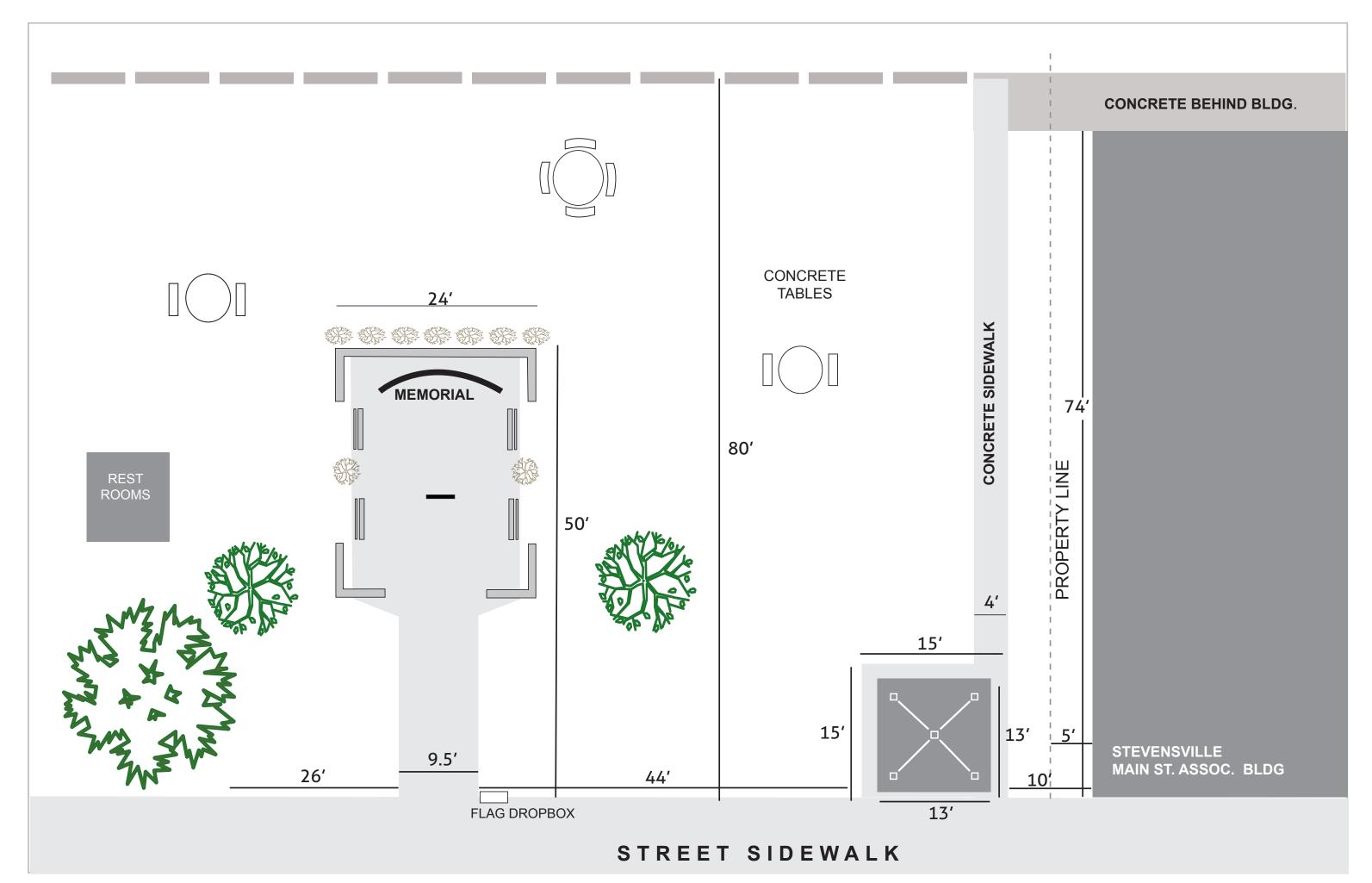
#### Stevensville Visitors Kiosk Conceptual plans

Roof is square - 13' / with a overhang - 16"
Space between posts - 4' 6" / post 6" x 6"
Four 2 sided display panels - 3' x 4' wide Panels depicting the story of Stevensville & surrounding area, along with all the area has to offer & where to find it

Clear boxes under display panels for rack cards, maps, etc. with local information







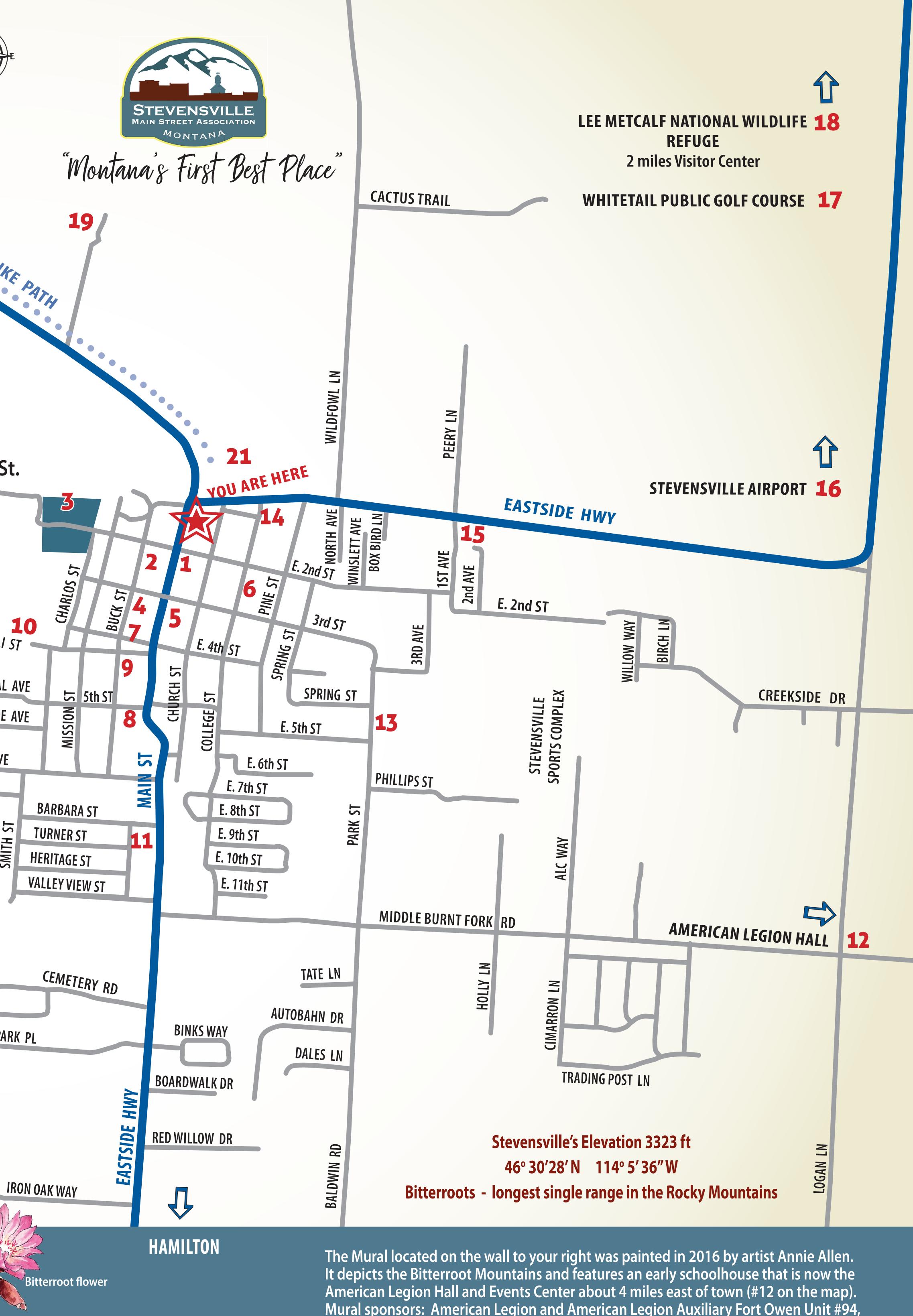
approx. 1/8 inch scale

Nelcome To **STEVENSVILL** 

	<b>Stevensville Main Street Association &amp; Visite</b>
1	North Valley Public Library – 208 Main St.
2	Town Hall, Police & Fire Department – 206 B
3	Lewis & Clark Park – Pool, Playground, Skate
4	Farmer's Market – Main & 3rd St. (May – Oct
5	Former Thornton Hospital (now a hotel) – 1
6	Former Early Stevensville School (now a chu
7	Stevensville Playhouse – 329 Main St.
8	<b>Stevensville Historical Museum – 517 Main</b>
9	Former Stevensville Feed Mill (now an antic
10	St. Mary's Mission & Living History Center –
11	U.S. Post Office – 701 Main St.
12	Fort Owen American Legion Post #94 – 754
13	Stevensville Public School – 300 Park Ave.
14	Bass Mansion (now a private residence) – 2'
15	Bitter Root Cooperative Creamery (now an a
16	Stevensville Airport – 3945 Flying Ln.
17	Whitetail Golf Course – 4295 Wild Fowl Ln.
18	Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge – 4567
19	Fort Owen State Park – 99 Fort Owen Ranch
20	<b>Stevensville River Park &amp; Fishing Access</b>
21	Stevensville Ranger District – 88 Main St.

Take a stroll into the past! The historic highlights listed above, and other historically-significant homes and downtown buildings, are featured on a self-guided tour map and informative plaques at each site, showcasing the early 1900s era of optimism and prosperity, along with thriving businesses of Today.

20 tor Center – Veterans Park Buck St. te Park, Picnic Area & Baseball Field – 2nd & Charlos St. **t.)** 107 E. 3rd St. nurch) – 216 College St. **10** RAVALLI ST St. (Memorial Day – Labor Day) ique store) – 407 Main St. **CENTRAL AVE RIVERSIDE AVE** – 315 Charlos St. (mid-April – mid-Oct.) SOUTH AVE 4 Middle Burnt Fork Rd. 5 SMITH 216 N. College St. antique store) – 4072 Eastside Hwy. 7 Wild Fowl Ln. h Rd. PARK PL Watercolors by A Seaman



Mural sponsors: American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Fort Owen Unit #94, Dean and Ramona Vance, and Stevensville Main Street Association.

# Montana's first pioneer settlement, right here in Stevensville, dates to 1841. Stevensville is noted for the state's first grain crops, first grist and saw mills, first raised cattle and pigs, the first water right and the first registered marriage.

# **SMALL TOWN, BIG PERSONALITY**

## **Charming Downtown, Shopping, Dining, Libations, Events, and the Arts**

**Downtown Stevensville is a vibrant place, with street festivals, music, a farmers market, and many** special events. Savor the hospitality of local shopkeepers, brows art galleries and gift shops, taste local food and brews in establishments featuring family fare to fine dining, linger at a coffee shop, or breathe fresh air in a downtown park. Got kids? Enjoy a show at the Stevensville Playhouse, activities at the library, or outdoor fun at the Bear Mountain Playground, "SK8" Park, or Stevensville swimming pool.

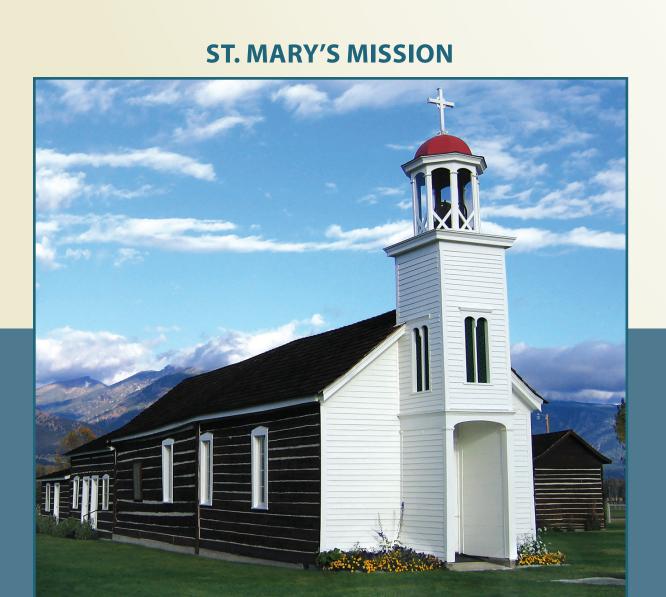
# If you have only a few hours, you might visit some of these highlights...

#### St. Mary's Mission and Living History **Center - A Legacy of "Firsts"**

The extraordinary history of St. Mary's Mission begins with repeated trips made by Salish and Nez Perce tribal members to bring "Black Robe<sup>"</sup> missionaries from St. Louis. In response, Fr. Pierre DeSmet and his fellow missionaries founded St. Mary's Mission in 1841. Fr. Anthony Ravalli arrived in 1845 and is the namesake of our county. Experience living history at St. Mary's Mission!

#### Fort Owen State Park - Peaceful **Trading Post**

St. Mary's Mission closed in 1850, the site with improvements was sold to John Owen which he developed as Fort Owen Trading Post. View the remnants of the original adobe and log fort with interpretation and imagine a bustling trading post.







### **Stevensville Historical Museum**

Photographs, artifacts and displays illustrate the unique history of Stevensville and the surrounding area. Learn about the early Salish (Flathead) Indians and their homeland, Lewis and Clark's journey, Fort Owen, local schools, the historic Creamery Picnic, and the era of the Apple Boom.

#### **Bitter Root Cooperative Creamery** (now an antique store)

In 1907 more than fifty local dairymen formed a cooperative creamery managed by John Howe. "Gold Bar Butter" and "Howe's Premium Blue Ribbon Ice Cream" were well known as two of the Creamery's outstanding dairy products.

 Thornton Hospital (now a hotel)

> Stevensville physician Dr. William Thornton established a hospital and surgical center. When it was built in 1910, it was the only hospital in the Bitterroot Valley.

- Lewis and Clark Park
- **Bitterroot Trail**

# The first inhabitants, the Salish Indians, lived here for thousands of years and continue to honor the entire Bitterroot Valley as their homeland.



### Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge

Immerse yourself in wildlife and wildlife habitat right on the edge of Stevensville. The Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge is home to diverse wildlife from warblers to wapiti. Established in 1963 for the management of migratory birds and focused on waterfowl and waterbirds, the Refuge hosts over 235 species of birds, 37 species of mammals, and 17 species of reptiles and amphibians. Abundant opportunities to observe and photograph wildlife, learn about native and managed habitats, hike, hunt, and fish all are available at the Refuge. The Refuge Visitors Center is open, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### Fish, Float, Frolic, Pedal and Hike **River Recreation, Birding, and Trails**

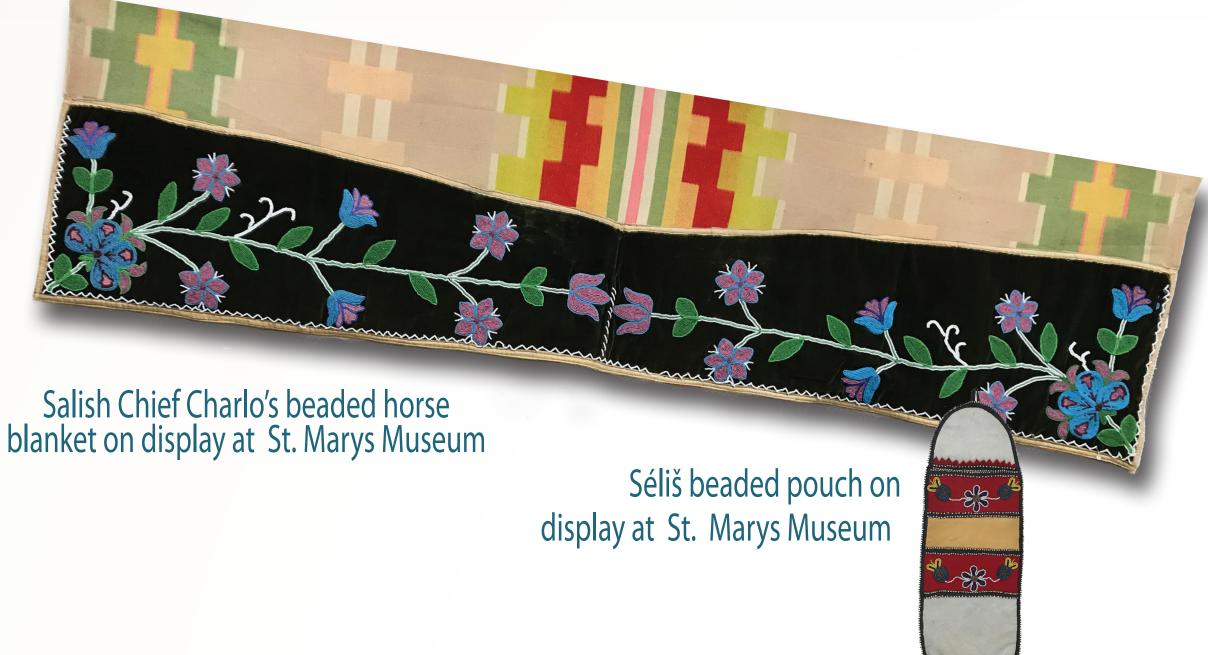
Stevensville sits along the sparkling Bitterroot River, truly a fisherman's paradise, and is surrounded by the awe-inspiring Bitterroot Mountains on the west and the Sapphire Range on the east. Trailheads to many hikes in the Bitterroot National Forest are within minutes of town. This spectacular outdoor playground offers endless hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, floating and wildlife viewing for outdoor enthusiasts of every age and ability.

Whether this is your first visit, or you live here, every day in and around Stevensville offers a chance for a "first" – what is yours?

# **EARLY BEGINNINGS**

# **The Bitterroot Valley - Homeland of the Séliš**

The Bitterroot Valley always has been an important part of the aboriginal territories of the Séliš (Bitterroot Salish or "Flathead') and their close relations and allies, the Qlispé (Kalispel or Pend d'Oreille). Their tribal ways of life helped maintain the great natural abundance of this region for thousands of years in tribal traditions, since Coyote first



#### **Łgełmiš - Wide Cottonwoods**

The Salish place-name for the Stevensville area is **L**getml's, meaning Wide Cottonwoods. This was the location of the most important Salish winter camp west of the Continental Divide - particularly along the east side of the river, where there was good fishing, abundant wood, and in later times, excellent grazing for horses. During the spring and summer, the area provided abundant supplies of Bitterroots, berries and camas. The adjacent mountains were home to plentiful deer, elk, and bighorn sheep. The area was the center of Salish life until the tribe was forced to move north to the Flathead Reservation in 1891.

#### **Salish Territories and St. Mary's Mission**

A dozen Iroquois Indians came into the Salish Country with the Hudson's Bay Company and introduced Christianity to the local tribes. During the decade 1831-**1841 four separate delegations of the Salish and Nez** Perce Indians traveled to St. Louis to petition for "Black **Robes**" to live among them. Belgian born Father Pierre **DeSmet, S.J., along with five missionaries, was sent in** response to the requests.

# **Timeline of Stevensville History**

#### 1805 and 1806

The Lewis and Clark Expedition travels through the Bitterroot Valley. Greeted by resident Salish Indians.

#### 1841

Jesuits build a log church and cabins, the beginning of the first pioneer settlement, named St. Mary's Village. Irrigation ditches are dug & crops are raised.

#### 1850

Jesuits close the mission and sell the property to John Owen who builds Fort Owen, a social and trading center for the entire region.

#### 1852

Water from Burnt Fork Creek, for irrigation at Fort Owen, becomes Montana's first recorded water right.

St. Mary's Mission was founded on September 24, 1841, which established the first church and pioneer settlement, 48 years before Montana attained statehood in 1889.

The legendary Father Anthony Ravalli, S.J., arrived from Italy in 1845. He was eager to embrace his assignment as a missionary priest to serve among the Indian Tribes of the Rocky Mountain region, where he spent forty years. The beloved priest was Montana's first physician, surgeon and pharmacist. He also was a gifted architect, artist and sculptor.

A guided tour of St. Mary's Mission draws the visitor into living history. The photo gallery and artifacts in Chief Victor's Cabin reveal a sense of the 19th century when the Indian and European cultures co-existed peacefully. The 1866 St. Mary's Chapel with living quarters, Fr. Ravalli's log cabin, and pharmacy all arel restored and furnished with artifacts hand crafted by Fr. Ravalli. Visitors can learn about native plants in the Salish Encampment and enjoy time in the tipis.

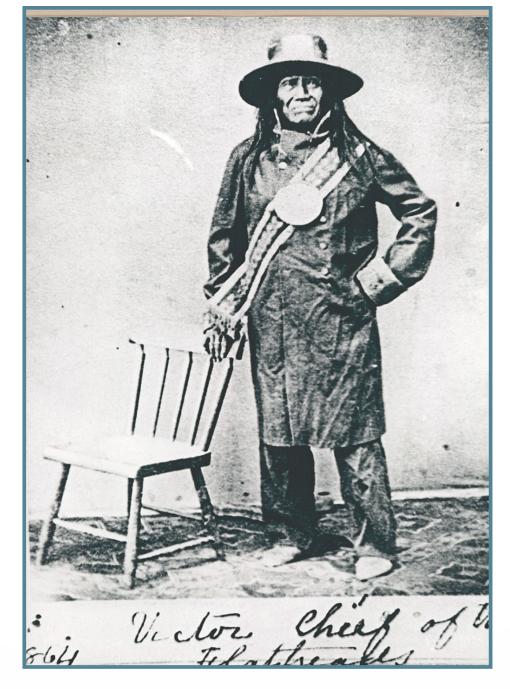
prepared this place for the human beings who were yet to come. Tribal place-names that refer to the Coyote stories are scattered throughout the Bitterroot Valley. Today the area remains of great importance to Salish and Kalispel people.

St. Mary's Living History Center hosts a Museum, Art Gallery and Gift Shop.



Salish Tribal Member Victor Charlo (Great-great-grandson of Chief Charlo)

Salish Tribal Member Claire Charlo (Daughter of Victor Charlo Great-great-great-granddaughter of Chief Charlo)



Bitter Root Salish Chief Victor 1790-1870

#### 1864

Montana becomes a territory. The town's name changes to Stevensville, after Territorial Governor Isaac Stevens. Stevensville serves as a regional commercial center for mining camps.

#### 1866

Father Anthony Ravalli returns to build a new St. Mary's Chapel.

#### 1869

The first apple orchard is planted at St. Mary's Mission and Fr. Ravalli's log cabin with a pharmacy is built.

#### **1870s**

Agriculture expands rapidly with irrigated farms, cattle, horses, and sheep grazing in the valley.



After returning from the coast on June 30, 1806, the party temporarily divided forces. William Clark headed south, through the Bitterroot Valley, while Meriwether Lewis headed northeast, following the Blackfoot River. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, designated in 1978, traces a 3,700-mile journey from Pittsburgh, PA to the Pacific and back.

For more information about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, check out Traveler's Rest State Park at 6717 Highway 12 in Lolo, MT.

## **Fort Owen State Park**

On November 5, 1850, John Owen signed a conditional bill of sale for \$250, the first written conveyance of property in Montana. Owen's prior experience as a sutler (a civilian merchant at an army post) qualified him to develop Fort Owen as a trading post. The mills, fields and buildings that represented the missionaries' labor gave Owen a solid base for his new development.

# **Nez Perce National Historic "Trail of Tears"**

Nearly 750 Nez Perce men, women, and children fled from their homelands in northeast Oregon's Wallowa Mountains, marking a tragic era in our history. They rode south through the Bitterroot Valley in a 1,170-mile journey to escape forced relocation by the US Army. The Nez Perce camped along Silverthorn Creek, west of Stevensville, on July 29, 1877, and stayed two to three days. Their flight lasted from June to October, ending at the Bear Paw Battlefield, just 40 miles shy of Canada and freedom.

Bitter Root Salish Chief Charlo 1830-1910 (son of Victor)

### 1877

Fleeing the U.S. Army, 1,500 Nez Perce Indians travel through Stevensville.

#### 1889

Montana becomes the 41st state in the Union. The Northern Pacific Railroad southern spur reaches Grantsdale, near Hamilton, and hauls carloads of lumber to fuel Marcus Daly's mines in Anaconda.

### 1891

Chief Charlo and the Salish Indians are forced to leave their Bitterroot homeland, and move to the Flathead Indian Reservation to the north.

#### 1893

Stevensville becomes the county seat of the newly created Ravalli County. The Montana gold rush ends, creating economic hardship.

#### **Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail**

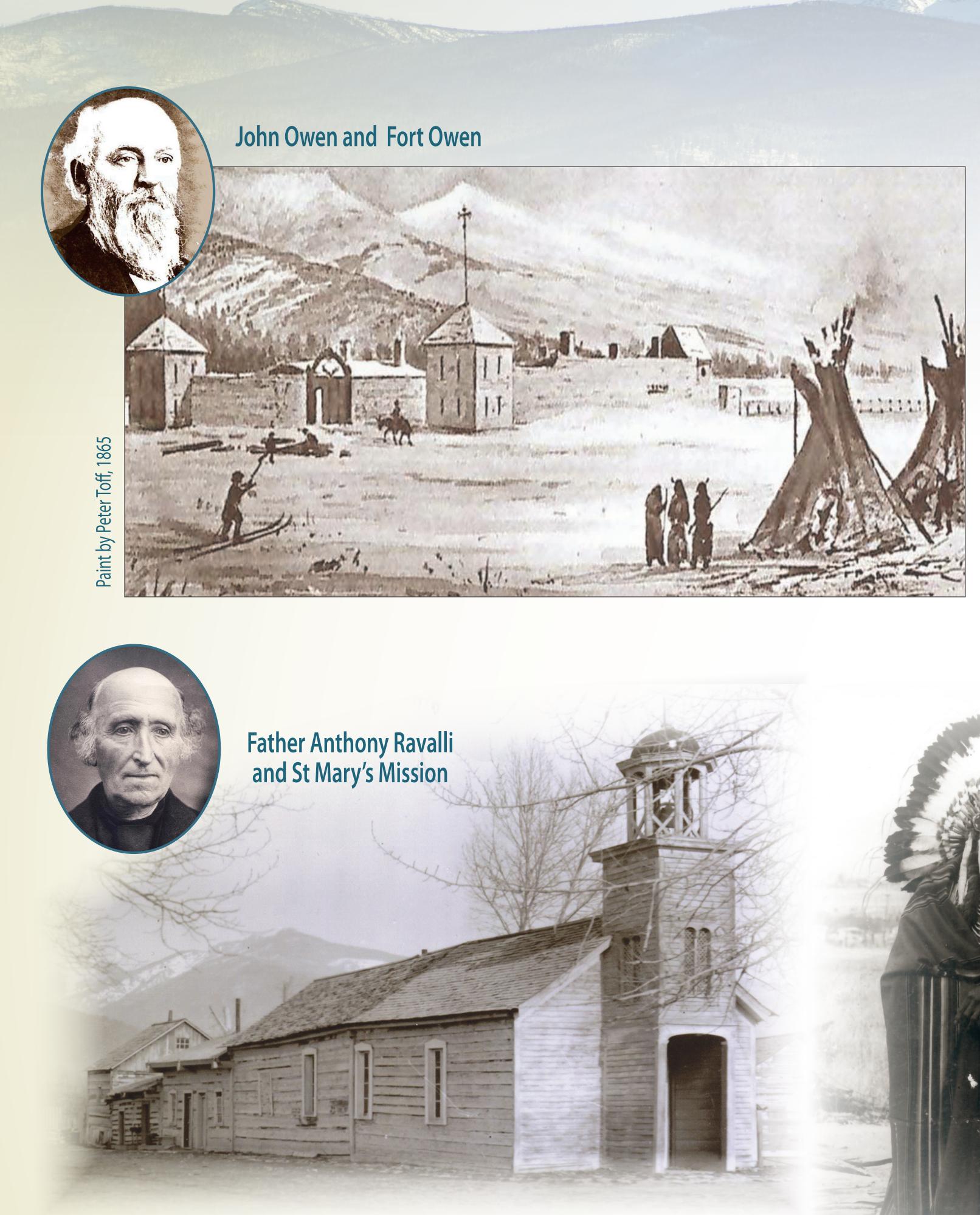
From September 4 to 9 of 1805, the Lewis and Clark Expedition entered the Bitterroot Valley from the south, and were welcomed by the Salish, who generously traded horses to help the exhausted party. The Expedition followed the Indian trails north through today's Stevensville and Lolo before crossing the Bitterroot Mountains in route to the Pacific Ocean.

Fort Owen sold supplies to trappers, military surveyors, Indians, prospectors and traders. Never a military post, Fort Owen became a center of trade and agriculture, and a community around which families lived, worked and gathered. John Owen was a key figure in opening the frontier.

> 1898 Hamilton takes over as the county seat, and Stevensville's economy expands with mills and new construction.

1899 Stevensville becomes an incorporated town with its own local government

# **HISTORY OF STEVENSVILLE** Hardy Past and Vibrant Future



# Renewal

Like the flooding and ebbing Bitterroot River, Stevensville's dynamic past ultimately is a story of renewal. In the early 1900s, four different raging fires ripped through downtown, and each time the resilient townspeople rebuilt. Finally, a period of optimism and prosperity arose, between 1906 and 1919.

#### 1901

The Training School opens, one of the only college preparatory schools in the state.

#### 1905

Surveying for the Big Ditch irrigation canal begins for the proposed fruit orchards. Fire destroys the heart of the Stevensville. The town responds by rebuilding with concrete blocks and brick. This era marks the construction of elegant homes between 1905-1912.

#### 1907

More than 50 dairymen form the Bitter Root Cooperative Creamery.

#### 1907 - 1908

More than 300,000 apple trees are planted in the valley. Investment companies divide up orchards into small parcels, to lure out-of-state buyers.

#### **The Bass Mansion**

The Bass Brothers, William and Dudley, crossed the plains from Missouri by mule team. They settled in the Bitterroot Valley in 1864 northwest of Stevensville, where they pioneered the fruit industry in Montana. By 1900s, the Bass' Pine Grove Farm produced 10,000 boxes of apples shipped to such distant markets as New York and the Atlantic Coast. Dudley commissioned Montana architect A. J. Gibson to design their Neoclassical style home in town.

#### Frank Loyd Wright: Bitter Root Inn

The great architect Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) designed the town of Bitter Root with a hopeful future northeast of Stevensville during the apple boom of the early 1900s. The two-story Bitter Root Inn, a church, and four residences were built among miles of orchards. The apple boom crashed in 1918 and the town never developed. Fire destroyed the Inn in 1924.

#### **Big Dreams, Big Ditch**

Some 60 years after Father Ravalli developed an irrigation system to water apple trees and vegetables at St. Mary's Mission, investors in land development dreamed of watering vast bench lands above the river for apple orchards and crops. By 1910, the Big Ditch ran from Lake Como (southwest of Hamilton) to the east side of the river and along the bench lands to north of Stevensville - a 72 mile long canal designed to irrigate 30,000 acres.

#### 1910

The Big Ditch, 72 miles long, is completed. The apple boom is in full swing. Valley Lumber Company is a thriving business. Thorton Hospital Opens.

#### 1911

The Salish Indians return for their first visit since their forced relocation 20 years earlier to the Flathead Reservation. The annual pilgrimage continues today in honor of the Bitter Root Salish Homeland.

Fire guts the creamery and the community responds by building a new one, twice as big. This marks the first Creamery Picnic, a tradition that continues today.

#### The Big Ditch continues to be the life line for Bitterroot Valley agriculture today.



1914 A cannery is built and processes peas and cherries.

1917 Fire destroys three businesses on Main Street.

1918 The apple boom bubble bursts due to killing frosts and drought.

#### **Bitter Root Cooperative Creamery** (now an antique store)

A cooperative creamery was formed in 1907 by fifty local dairymen and managed by John Howe. "Howe's Premium Blue Ribbon Ice Cream" and "Gold Bar Butter" and were known across the state. Fire gutted the creamery on June 20, 1911. Howe promised to host a free picnic if the community would help rebuild the creamery in one month. They did, and the result was the first Creamery Picnic. The beloved tradition continues every year on the first weekend in August.

# **Thornton Hospital**

(now a hotel)

Stevensville physician Dr. William Thornton established the Bitterroot Valley's first hospital and surgical center. Completed in 1910, builder W. R. Rodgers used brick and cast concrete of his own manufacture to construct the Classical Revival style building. The hospital closed in 1939.

## **Stevensville's Early School**

(now a church)

The Stevensville United Methodist Church building was originally built in 1885 as a two-story, three-room school house. Two rooms were added in 1906 to accommodate more school children. It was purchased in 1928 by the combined North and South Methodist-Episcopal Churches and remodeled.

### **The Downtown Historic District**

Many of Stevensville's homes and buildings are listed on the "Historical Historic Register", with informative plaques that offer interesting stories. Follow the historic home and building route to view the structures that showcase the early 1900s era of optimism and prosperity.

1919 Fire breaks out in the Stevensville Hotel, destroying half the town's business district.

1922 Fire destroys Stevensville's first cannery.

1924 The Bitter Root Inn burns down.



Historical photos on this and the previous panel were provided by St Mary's Mission, Friends of Fort Owen, and Ninepipes Museum.

1925 - 1940 The new Bitter Root Cannery processes cherries, green beans, peas, corn, pickles and sauerkraut.

1936 Fire destroys the southwest corner of 3rd and Main.

1941 A Centennial Celebration of the founding of St. Mary's Mission takes place, with close to 8,000 in attendance.





# **DOWNTOWN STEVENSVILLE** - Charming, Friendly, Walkable, Fun!

Stevensville is "Montana's First Best Place," and cherishes its rich heritage! It is a community where newcomers and visitors are welcome, and neighbors help each other.

The community works hard to encourage a thriving downtown business district, preserve its history, and

#### Just For Kids!

Youth enjoy the Bear Mountain Playground, "Sk8" Park, Stevensville swimming pool, special activities at the library, and performances at the Stevensville Playhouse. Kid-friendly walking, biking, and wading is available on the bike path, at the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge, and at River Park. Organized youth sports are held at Stevensville's outstanding soccer and baseball/softball complex just off Middle Burnt Fork Road.

Annual events like Western Heritage Days, July 4th "Pignic" BBQ, Creamery Picnic, Scarecrow Festival, and Country Christmas include horse-drawn wagon and pony rides, 1800s-era rope-making and leatherstamping, fireworks, parades, scarecrows, straw bale maze, bouncy houses, a magical Christmas light parade, and living Nativity.

#### Arts, Entertainment, and Community

Older visitors enjoy local breweries and brewfests, excellent dining and libation establishments, the Farmers Market, Artists Along the Bitterroot Studio Tours, Playhouse performances, concerts, Music at the Mission, car shows, and community events with live music and street dances



host fun, family-friendly events. Its efforts are recognized through its certification by the National Main Street Center (a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation), and the results shine in its vibrant downtown and lovely historic neighborhoods. Stevensville has activities for all ages, from the young to the young-at-heart.

The Stevensville Playhouse originally was built as a 250-seat movie theater in 1930, and in 1988 converted into a playhouse. It was donated to The Chantilly Players in 2000, and in 2008 became the Stevensville Playhouse, an independent nonprofit organization. They typically do four major shows annually, plus a variety show, and spring and summer youth theater workshops. The Stevensville High School theater program also uses the Playhouse.

The North Valley Public Library, originally opened in 1904, is a guide to information and community. Whether a visitor is researching Montana history, reading for fun, exploring the internet, or meeting with friends, the Library's friendly staff is ready to help. They sponsor interesting weekly programs and regular community events, promoting community and life-long learning.

Active adults enjoy hiking and biking on trails ranging from flat and paved to rugged mountain terrain, as well as fishing and boating on the Bitterroot River. The beautiful Whitetail Golf Course, 52-mile Bitterroot Trail, and tennis and pickleball courts also are warm season attractions, while adult league basketball and volleyball provide fun in colder months.

#### For information on current events, visit - StevensvilleMT.org



MONTANA

"Montana's First Best Place"

**Stevensville Main Street Association** We are a nonprofit organization dedicated To make the most of your visit, stop in next door for brochures and information, from local business services to fishing license dealers or local history. Enjoy your stay here in Stevensville!

Veterans are honored here in Veterans Park and during the annual 9/11 Memorial. The American Legion, Senior Citizen Center, and other groups provide social activities and services for mature citizens and visitors.

Stevensville's 30+ nonprofit organizations, and 15+ churches offer many opportunities to pursue an activity of interest, volunteer, provide leadership, worship, socialize, and give back to the community.



# **STEVENSVILLE - A FLOURISHING COMMUNITY** Past, Present, and Future! - From Farming to Trading, Building, Manufacturing, and Technology

#### **Food to Foodies**

The economy of Stevensville began with agriculture crops planted by the Jesuits at St. Mary's Mission.

Agriculture in Stevensville is still thriving today. Local specialties besides apples have included livestock, grains and vegetables, specialty chocolate, micro-brew beer, and hard cider (a resurgent byproduct of apples). John Owen's trading post gave way to grocery stores, a farmers market, and gourmet "farm-to-table" restaurants and breweries featuring locally-grown organic products revered by foodies.

As the population has grown, nonprofit groups have helped preserve working agricultural lands through conservation easements. In 2018, working agricultural lands represented <u>\_\_\_% of Ravalli County's private land base, \_\_\_% of gross</u> business sales, or \$\_\_\_\_ million.

#### **Building the West: Wood Products and Construction**

During the Gold Rush and Copper King era of the 1860s to 1890s, lumber was in demand for mine shafts, commercial buildings, houses, and barns. Anaconda mine owner Marcus Daly pioneered the lumber industry using the Bitterroot Valley's abundant forest lands, and his initiative led to the arrival of the railroad in 1889.

After the mines played out, Bitterroot Valley wood products were used to build elegant homes, downtowns, industrial buildings, barns, and post and pole fencing. By the 1980s and 1990s, the Bitterroot Valley had prosperous building trades, including custom log homes, trusses, and lumber, as population and business expanded. The construction trades continue to be a mainstay of the Bitterroot Valley economy today.



### **Early to Modern Medicine**

Father Anthony Ravalli practiced medicine in the 1890s and opened the first pharmacy in western Montana, serving patients in a 200-mile radius. In 1910, the tradition of quality medical care continued with Dr. William Thornton's hospital - the first in Ravalli County. Today Stevensville boasts a robust community of medical and wellness providers, including several clinics, pharmacies, diagnostic facilities, therapists, and natural-paths.

#### Learning, Literacy, and Legacy

Education was important to Stevensville's early residents: John Owen hired a teacher at Fort Owen, the first Lone Rock School was built in the 1870s, early settlers built the Stevensville Training School in 1901, and the Bitterroot Academy was a significant school for many years. That commitment continues today with the Stevensville and Lone Rock School Districts, diverse opportunities for youth and adult education, and workforce training. The Stevensville Public Library, founded in 1904 by committed citizens, provides life-long learning opportunities for all ages and interests. Local publishers provide excellent news coverage and books about Montana.

### **Quality Manufacturing and Recreation**

Surrounded by rugged mountains, thick forests, and an untamed frontier, John Owen's trading post was important not only for supplies of food and other staples, but also for firearms and ammunition for subsistence hunting and protection. Today, much of that spectacular wilderness is still untamed, but is now a playground for recreationists year round. Local residents enjoy fishing, hunting, hiking, biking, and other land- and water-based activities. A healthy hospitality and tourism industry relies on outdoor recreation and sportsmen's activities. As a result, local outfitters guide visitors on the river and into the mountains. Manufacturers create high quality recreation equipment, custom firearms and ammunition for sportsmen, as well as parts for law enforcement and defense applications.

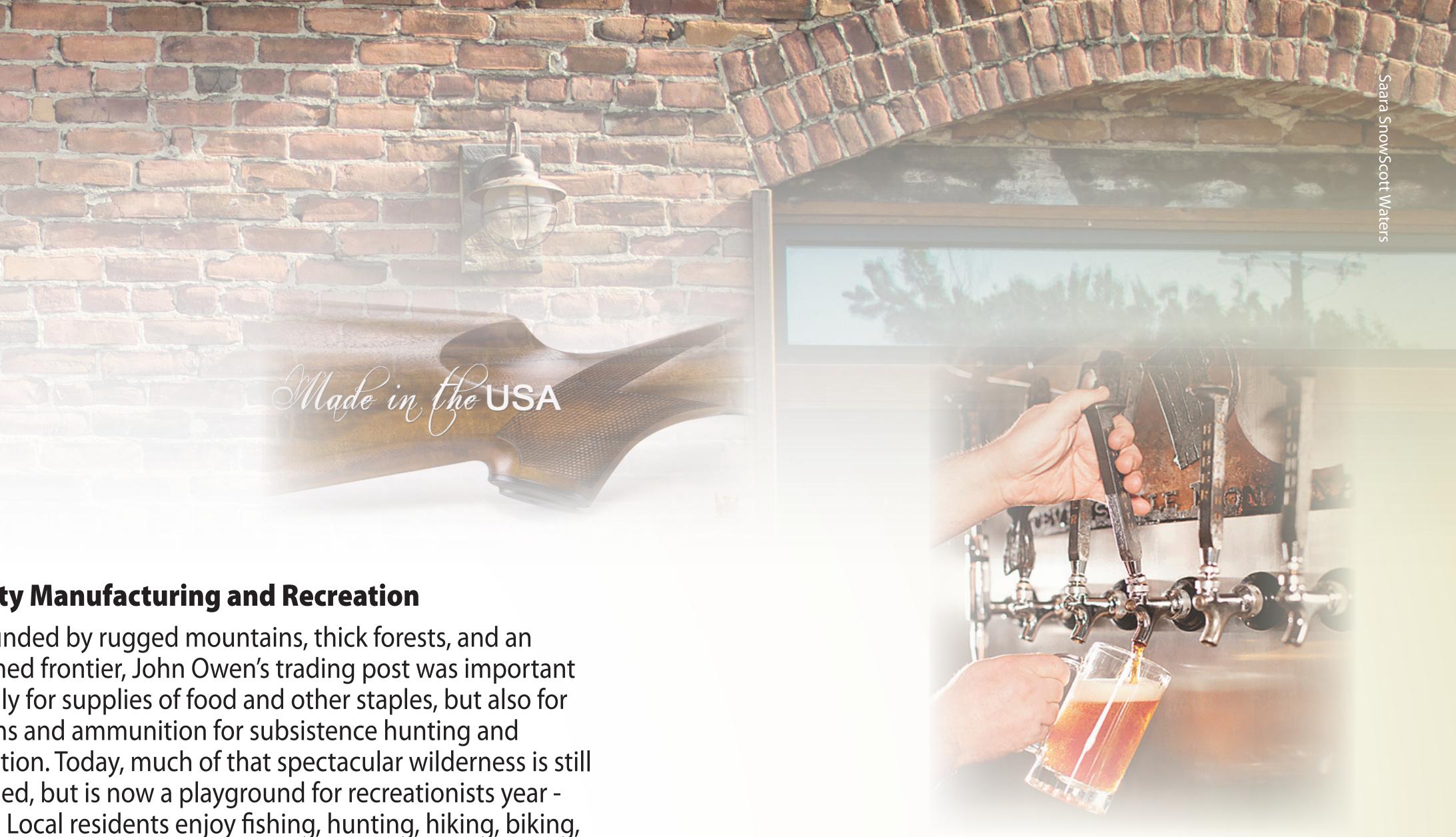
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#### **Magnificent Surroundings Inspire Creativity**

Creativity blossoms in Stevensville, whether it is in wood products, aviation, robotics, sculpture, photography, metal fabrication, cabinetry, architecture, green building, glass-blowing, engineering, culinary arts, sculpture, software apps, music, agriculture, theater, micro-brewing, or painting. From Father Ravalli to Frank Lloyd Wright and Huey Lewis, Stevensville inspires art in all its forms and functions. Explore our community to appreciate the vast talent that resides here!

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# **RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES - for All Ages and Abilities**



**Bounded by the Bitterroot Mountains to the west and the Sapphire Range** to the east, the Bitterroot Valley is bisected by the dazzling Bitterroot River. From Stevensville, outdoor recreation is everywhere you turn. Within ten minutes of where you are right now, there are dozens of hiking trails, bicycle/ walking paths, and river accesses for every age and ability.

Hike to the summit of St. Mary's Peak and Lookout for panoramic views of the **1.3 million-acre Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness—the third largest in the lower** 48 states.

Cast for fish on a world-class river. Pedal your bike on the Bitterroot Trail, a 52-mile paved path that extends from Missoula to Hamilton. Picnic at one of Stevensville's parks. Play a round of golf at Whitetail Golf Course. Whatever you choose, the fun is here and all around you.

#### **Pedal a Bike**

- Mountain bikers: Try Forest Service dirt roads for casual biking, or non-wilderness trails for challenging single-track routes.
- Road bikers: Ride part or all of the level, family-friendly Bitterroot Trail. Follow the Stevensville bike path to the river. Pedal on quiet, paved country roads off Highway 93.

#### Take a Hike

- Stroll the river along a half-mile path at Stevensville River Park or the trails of nearby Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge.
- Hike the Kootenai Creek Trail (4.5 miles northwest of Stevensville) past cliffs, big pines, and along a rushing stream. One of many canyon trails leading into the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Try Bass Creek, Big Creek, St. Mary's Trail and Kootenai Creek. The rigorous St. Mary's peak hike (a 9-mile round-trip) is a premier summer destination.
- Backpack deep into the wilderness, from overnight to multi-day trips.



#### **Paddle or Row**

For those with river knowledge, you can launch a canoe, kayak, drift boat, or raft at the Stevensville Fishing Access for an 11-mile float to the takeout in Florence. Drift by the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge to look for birds, from kingfishers to herons. There are many outfitters nearby who offer guided floats. For those who prefer to experience the waters from the shoreline, enjoy the "impromptu summer" gatherings" that pop up near river bridges throughout the valley.

#### **Ride a Horse**

Head into the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness or the Sapphire Mountains for trail riding. For valley horse trails in summer, try the Calf Creek Wildlife Management Area near Corvallis.

#### And Much More...

There's no shortage of activities, including camping, birdwatching, rock climbing, swimming, golf and hunting, as well as cross-country and backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling.



# **BACK TO NATURE**

#### **Find Nearby Natural Areas and Wildlife**

Clouds of snow geese descend on the ponds of Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge each spring and fall. Western Tanagers, Flycatchers and Swallows crisscross the Bitterroot River all summer. Elk herds follow ancient pathways from the Bitterroot National Forest to winter ranges in the valley.



#### **Wetland Jewel: Lee Metcalf National** Wildlife Refuge

This 2,800-acre Refuge conserves a necklace of ponds that is priceless for migrating and nesting waterfowl. Cottonwood forests along the river host Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons, Osprey, hawks, woodpeckers, owls, and songbirds. Wood **Ducks nest in sloughs and Merganser Ducks gather and** chatter on the shores.

Stop in the visitor center headquarters located within the Refuge for the latest wildlife and bird sightings. Walk the



#### **Mountains on the Move**

Between 80 and 53 million years ago, molten lava thrust up from deep within the earth to form the Bitterroot Range. As the magma rose to the surface, it pushed up the overlying rocks and caused a huge block to slough off and then slide east to form the Sapphire Range.



### Ice Age Floods: Too Huge to Believe

"At the end of the last Ice Age, some 12,000 to 17,000 years ago, a series of cataclysmic floods occurred in what is now the northwest region of the United States, leaving a lasting mark of dramatic and distinguishing features on the landscape of parts of the states of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon." - Public Law 111-11, March 30, 2009

The Bitterroot Valley was a backwater of Glacial Lake Missoula, with a depth of 500 feet above where you stand now and the shoreline at Sula. A 2,500-foot-tall ice dam (near today's Plains, Montana) held the water until it ruptured. The water quickly rushed out, scouring the valley as it went. You can see evidence of the water's work even



#### **Bitterroot National Forest**

The Bitterroot National Forest above the foothills, encompassing the two mountain ranges: the Bitterroot Mountains to the west and the Sapphire Mountains to the east. Half of the 1.6-million-acre national forest that spans Montana and Idaho is designated wilderness.

These peaks, alpine meadows, lush forests, streams and canyons are protected in their natural condition, with outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation. The Selway-Bitterroot, Frank Church River of No Return, and the Anaconda Pintler together form the largest expanse of continuous pristine wilderness in the lower 48 states. Many long and short day hikes are maintained by the Bitterroot National Forest. Visit the Stevensville Ranger Station, West Fork

Flowing 84 miles from its confluence with its West and East Forks near Conner to merge with the Clark Fork River, the Bitterroot River is a Blue Ribbon trout fishery. Native westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout thrive in the cool, clear and free-flowing waters.

Birders have recorded more than 260 bird species in the Bitterroot watershed. In dry western landscapes, rivers with ribbons of green forests are magnets for birds, and wildlife too. Watch for white-tailed deer, mule deer, mink, river otters, beaver, and moose.



#### **Bitterroot River**

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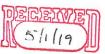
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#### Agenda Item Request

#### To Be Submitted BEFORE Noon on the Wednesday before the Council Meeting

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Person Submitting the Agenda Item:	Brandon E. Dewey
Second Person Submitting the Agenda Item:	
Submitter Title:	Mayor
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Requested Council Meeting Date for Item:	5/13/2019
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Backup Documents Attached?	Yes
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#### TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE APPLICATION – COUNCIL MEMBER

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