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Sheridan man enters Alford plea in sexual assault case

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A Sheridan man arrested in July on sexual assault charges entered a change of plea in District Court on Monday, Feb. 4 be-

fore Judge Loren Tucker.

Dennis Ray Jensen entered an Alford plea of guilty to one count of sexual assault, a felony. According to the affidavit for probable cause in the case, Jensen allegedly grabbed three girls inappropriately inside his Main

Street business in Sheridan in June 2012. The girls were between 11 and 12 years old at the time of the incident, and the alleged victims were all included in the one count of sexual assault.

After the Court accepted Jensen's plea, a second count

of sexual abuse of children was dismissed by a motion from the prosecution.

An Alford plea is similar to a no-contest plea in which a defendant admits that sufficient evidence exists with which the prosecution could likely con-

vince a judge or jury to find the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. According to Montana law "a person who knowingly subjects another person to any sexual contact without consent commits the offense of sexual assault."

Madison County Deputy Attorney Chris McConnell said Jensen must undergo a pre-sentence investigation that includes a psychosexual evaluation by the Adult Probation and Parole Bureau before a date is set for his sentencing.

Regional land agencies present updates, coordinate efforts

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The Madison County Commissioners met with representatives from various regional land and resource management agencies at the Alder Fire Hall on Thursday, Jan. 31 to report on current and ongoing projects running through their respective offices.

As those in attendance introduced themselves, Commissioner Dave Schulz explained the purpose of coordination meetings is to help facilitate the sharing of useful information in an interactive and informative setting.

"The value of that is how it might reflect, benefit, alter or be a means to anybody else at the

table," Schulz said.

Ennis National Fish Hatchery biologist Ron Hopper reported that they are currently spawning four of their six strains of rainbow trout that will produce approximately 23 million eggs that will be sent out all over the country. They are also producing sterile triploid eggs to be sent to Arizona.

Tim Egan, a Department of Natural Resources and Conservation unit manager out of Dillon, reported a recent sale facilitated by the Bureau of Land Management of approximately half a million board feet of timber from the Monkey Gulch Area near California Creek. Egan also reported on March 15 -17 there will be firefighter training hosted

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Harrison community receives presentation on school safety

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The Harrison School Board and members of the surrounding community listened to a presentation on school safety presented by the Madison County Sheriff's Office at their regular school board meeting on Tuesday night.

While the presentation was scheduled at the January board meeting following the mass school shooting in Connecticut on December 14, several members of the community took an extra interest in the topic following an incident on Jan. 25 where a Harrison student brought firearms to school.

The presentation was given

by Madison County Undersheriff Roger Thompson and outlined the different types of scenarios that law enforcement agencies plan for when they conduct an emergency rescue operation at a school.

"It was designed to give the schools and school staff an idea of what to expect in worst case scenario for law enforcement response," Thompson said of the presentation. "There is no fool-proof way to do this."

The three scenarios that law enforcement agencies plan for are barricaded suspects, hostage rescues and active shooter interventions. Thompson said that a barricaded suspect is the best

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SCHOOL SAFETY



Several members of the Harrison community gathered during Monday night's school board meeting to listen to a presentation on school security from Madison County Undersheriff Roger Thompson.

Schools around the county take closer look at safety plans

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Schools across the country, including area schools, began taking a closer look at their safety plans after the December 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut. While this reexamination of procedures is recent the desire to keep local students safe is not new.

Kim Harding, Superintendent in Sheridan, said her school's safety plan was implemented long before she began work there.

"The school is extremely

safe," Harding said. "All doors at the school are locked except the front door. Visitors must walk by and check in with the administration before proceeding elsewhere in the building."

The procedure for visitors is nearly identical in Ennis.

"The outside doors are locked and visitors must be buzzed in by the secretary or principal," Ennis Superintendent John Overstreet said. "Visitors check in and get a visitor's badge."

Although all the Madison County schools have strategies in place in case various

safety issues occur, the plans do not do any good if they are not routinely practiced, reviewed and updated. To get school staff and boards of trustees thinking even more about student safety, Madison County Undersheriff Roger Thompson has presented information at all the schools on school hostage and active shooter incidents. Thompson most recently presented this information at Har-



Madison County Undersheriff Roger Thompson

rison School Board's Feb. 11 meeting.

"Obviously for us it is a little closer to home," Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman said of safety concerns. A Har-

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Llew Jones

Local schools eye increased funding

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Students will not be the only ones benefitting from a popular school funding bill if it passes the senate and house. Senate Bill 175, which along with increased funding also proposes property tax relief, is backed by both parties, schools of all sizes, and numerous education groups. It unani-

mously cleared the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee on Feb. 6 with some technical amendments, but is not yet scheduled for a vote on the Senate floor.

"It's fairly complete," Ennis Superintendent John Overstreet said of SB175. "It includes funding for large and small schools. All schools are facing budget shortfalls."

Sponsored by Repub-

lican Llew Jones of Conrad, SB175 had few opponents at a Jan. 30 hearing. There were more than 40 proponents representing school districts of all sizes from all corners of the state and only two opponents. Among the proponents was Harrison School Board Trustee Ann Hokanson. She said that while the bill is not perfect, it's the best thing the board has seen.

"We have a low property tax base and declining enrollment," Hokanson said during the committee hearing last month. "We seem to be continually asking for more and more just to keep up."

Keeping up includes implementing new Common Core standards as well as updating school infrastructure and technology. Hokanson told the committee that although

the school is happy to have used computers from the Department of Corrections for students to use, the 89 students in Harrison deserve better.

The bill, which can be found online in its newest amended version, calls for funding and flexibility for student achievement, statewide tax relief, tax relief for oil and gas impacted areas, and an alignment of natural

resource development and school taxpayer success. Larger school districts, such as Billings, would receive a larger basic entitlement compared to smaller schools like Harrison. Oil and gas revenue provides much of the funding, so if the revenue goes away so does the tax relief, Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman said. He added

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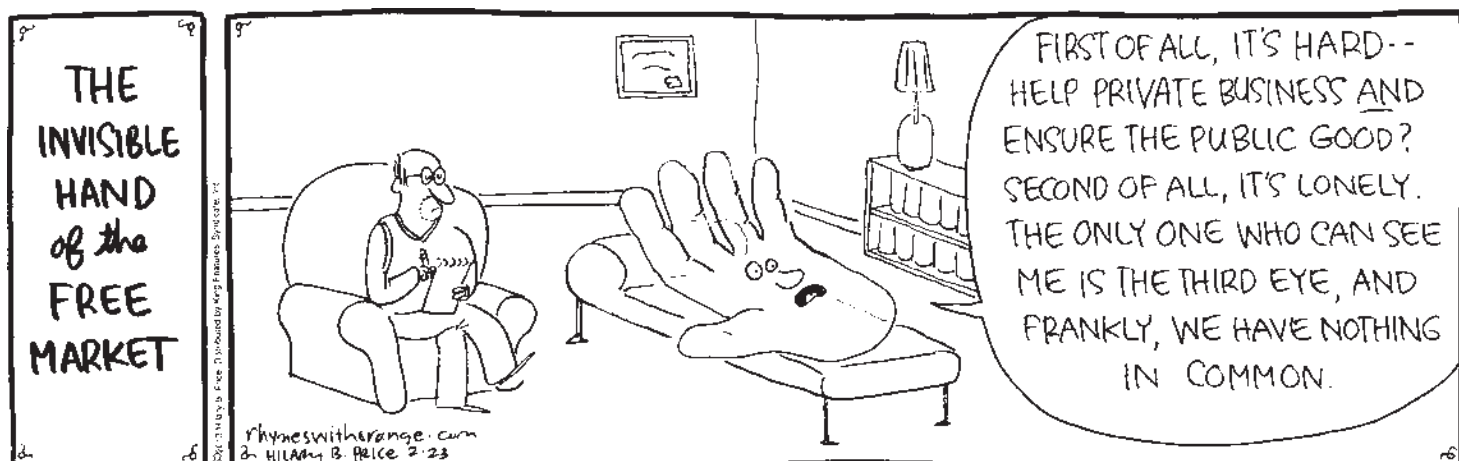
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X = I

Dear Maddy,

Valentine's Day is on its way and I am single. I really like someone but am too shy to ask him out. How can I let him know I like him without embarrassing myself? Especially if he doesn't like me back.

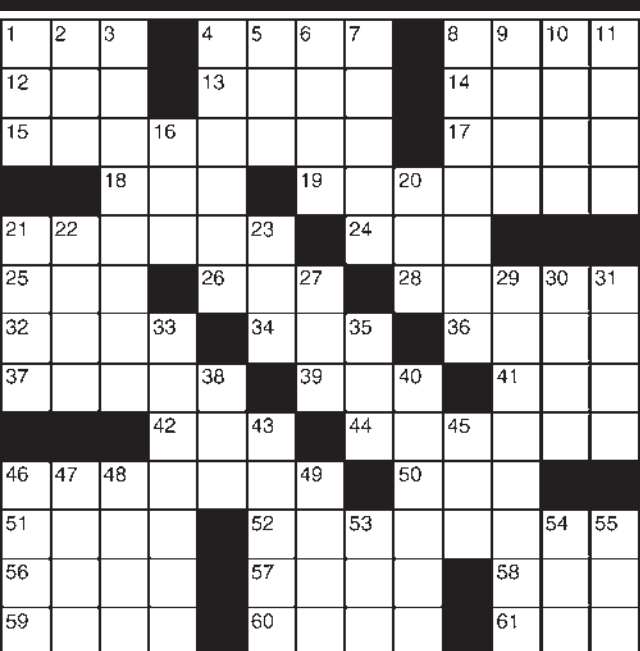
Single near Silver Star

Dear Single,

It seems as though being single bothers people more around the holidays than any other time of year. Valentine's Day closes out this holiday season so the pressure you put on yourself will soon be lifted. The easiest way to see if this gentleman likes you is to put yourself where he is. Do you share similar interests? Without knowing in what capacity you see this person every week, I would suggest going to the places you know he will be. I am not saying to stalk him by any means but if he is a coach for a local team think about hitting a few games and making a point to say "good job", or at least "hey", before you head out. If he is involved with a group or cause ask how you can help at their next event. Showing up everywhere he is may turn him off so don't go overboard. Group activities are always great for no pressure as well as community events. You can always be frank and ask him to a movie or for a drink, too. Being with someone may make you feel happier but do not let it be the source of your happiness. Good Luck!

for entertainment purposes only

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer



- ACROSS**
- 1 Light touch
 - 4 Ducks' home
 - 8 Creche trio
 - 12 Swelled head
 - 13 Acknowledge
 - 14 Touch
 - 15 Its capital is Gaborone
 - 17 Give a darn
 - 18 Massive weight
 - 19 Mistake in print
 - 21 Bouquet component
 - 24 Online help page
 - 25 CD- —
 - 26 Badly lit
 - 28 Ancient African kingdom
 - 32 Help surreptitiously
 - 34 "— Town"
 - 36 Billions of years
 - 37 Now
 - 39 Off-tattooed word
 - 41 Placekicker's pride
 - 42 Dylan or Dole
 - 44 Potassium source
 - 46 Set free
 - 50 Can material
 - 51 Off base
 - 52 Form of food poisoning
 - 56 Arp's style
 - 57 Storyteller
 - 58 Long sandwich
 - 59 Watchful one
 - 60 Hamburg's river
 - 61 Afternoon affair
- DOWN**
- 1 Newcomer to society
 - 2 Past
 - 3 Reached the nadir, with "out"
 - 4 Hocked
 - 5 Eggs
 - 6 Zilch
 - 7 Happy, for one
 - 8 Rhesus monkey
 - 9 Blind as —
 - 10 Mentor
 - 11 Thing
 - 16 Boar's mate
 - 20 Skedaddled
 - 21 "Animal House" group
 - 22 See 23-Down
 - 23 With 22-Down, John
 - 27 Silent
 - 29 Gregor Mendel, e.g.
 - 30 Part of the loop
 - 31 Cruising
 - 33 Arranged in rows and columns
 - 35 Plagiarize
 - 38 — Kippur
 - 40 Ripe
 - 43 Sacred text
 - 45 Zero
 - 46 Put together
 - 47 Vacationing
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 - 54 Seek damages
 - 55 Biz deg.

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A: Congratulations! If your website doesn't include a blog, I recommend that you set one up. Make sure that you include an RSS feed and offer email subscriptions. Post teasers or introductions to your blog posts on your Facebook page. Your fans will enjoy the opportunity to continue reading your ideas and news. Even if you are selling your book via your website, set up an affiliates account with an on-line bookseller. Amazon.com probably has the most popular affiliate program. Affiliate programs are also available with Barnes & Noble and IndieBound (independent booksellers). If a visitor uses the link on your website to buy your book through the affiliated on-line bookseller, you make some money! In fact, you can also list other books on your website with your affiliate link and make money on those sales too!

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Q: What is Pilates?

A: Pilates is a method of exercise created by Joseph Pilates almost 100 years ago. There are 6 Pilates Principles: Control, Centering, Concentration, Breath, Flowing Movement & Precision. These are necessary qualities in most aspects of everyday life, recreation and sports. They help to bring about mental and physical health. Pilates is beneficial for every BODY from the de-conditioned to the elite athlete. "Controllogy (Pilates) is designed to give you suppleness, natural grace and skill that will be unmistakably reflected in the way you walk, in the way you play and in the way you work" - *Joseph Pilates*
This article was written by Shauna Laszlo of Body Dynamics Pilates in Ennis, Montana. She has studied and taught the classical work of Joseph Pilates for more than twelve years. Peak Pilates also employs her to certify instructors in the United States and Internationally. She is honored to share the method and legacy of Joseph Pilates.

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PHARMACY

Q: What are the Earwax Basics?

A: Great topic, right? Maybe not, but earwax is a natural, normal part of your body. It helps clean and lubricate your ears. Earwax traps dust and dirt, and transports these "invaders," along with skin cells, to the ear opening. Typically, you clean your outer ears when taking a shower or bath. But, when earwax builds up, it's time to take action. But, don't insert a cotton-tipped applicator, bobby pin, or your finger into your ear canal. This pushes wax deeper into your ear canal and can cause infection. You can also damage the ear canal or eardrum. Avoid ear candles-they can cause injury. If symptoms persist, wax-softening treatments often work fine. I can direct you to some options in our store. If you have diabetes, a weakened immune system, perforated eardrum, or tube in your ear, a doctor should manually remove any build-up. You can see your doctor for preventive cleaning every 6-12 months. Infection may require antibiotics.

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Submitted by Pamela Kimmey

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Sheridan students of the month

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Schools!

- K Ella Sutton
- 1 Michael Galiger
- 2 Jake Dvorak
- 3 Joseph Gilman
- 4 Hartson VanHouten
- 5 Micara Devereaux
- 6 Hattie Ronnander
- 7 Christina Ackerman
- 8 Janie Smart
- 9 Marcus Fuller
- 10 Cheyenne Shields
- 11 Mikhail Ronnander
- 12 Natalie Hagen

EHS State Speech Competitors wrap up a successful season

From Marilyn Jenkins
ENNIS SCHOOLS

EHS State Speech Competitors—Matthew Skillman and Muhammad Nizamani competed in Huntley Project on Jan. 25-26 at the State Speech/Debate/Drama Meet. Matthew

placed 5th, losing out in quarterfinals, the top 8, by a split decision in Lincoln Douglas Debate. In Original Oratory, Muhammad ended his season in the semifinals, which was the top 12. Congratulations to both young men for an outstanding season.

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Dante Salerno

Dante Salerno is a student in the Fifth Grade at Twin Bridges Elementary. This hard worker always put her best effort into whatever she attempts. Her kindness towards her classmates, others students as well as adults is one of her strongest characteristics. On any day you can see her voluntarily picking up litter in the hall or on the playground, or holding the door for others students as they travel from one classroom to another or even assisting a younger student who might be struggling with putting on their shoes or mittens. Dante's caring attitude has made her a great candidate for Student of the Week. Thanks, Dante, for all you do to make Twin Bridges Elementary a better place to learn. Dante is the daughter of Macey and Eric Antikainen of Silver Star.

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Thursday	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 10 to 25. Highs 30 to 40.
Friday	Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 10 to 20. Highs 25 to 35.
Saturday	Partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 25. Highs 30 to 40.
Sunday	Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 15 to 25.
Monday	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 25 to 35.

SNOW REPORT

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SECTION B

Thursday, February 14, 2013

Speaker encourages students to embrace who they are

Ben Coulter
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The Twin Bridges Rotary Club hosted motivational speaker Jerry Traylor, a man who has overcome no small obstacles to become a renowned symbol of determination and perseverance. He spoke to students at both Twin Bridges and Sheridan schools.

58-year-old Traylor was born with cerebral palsy, and endured 14 corrective operations early on in life. Despite this challenge, he went on to run 28 marathons, jog over 3,500 miles across the United States and climb 14,110 foot Pikes Peak in Colorado. Having been a motivational speaker since 1976, Traylor has shared his own experience with more than 1 million people and 4,000 audiences.

Throughout the presentation Traylor showed a slideshow of photographs from his journeys, and early on he reflected on a picture of himself as a child after an extended stay in the hospital, a huge smile beaming across his face.

"I was smiling because I knew I was loved, and even though I was on crutches I could do things," he explained. "Use what you've got. I found out if I did not have these crutches, I'd be handicapped."

Traylor also reminisced on how he first got into jogging, starting with a three-mile race he completed in 36 minutes, 41 seconds and working up to a full marathon. His first

marathon took over seven hours to complete, and his personal record time is 5:09:00. Traylor's best mile on crutches is 9:29. And while Traylor has come a long way since first stepping up to the starting line, he explains that every great journey begins with a single step even when you fall along the way.

"Society will say 'You're no good, you fell down.' Well, here's the truth: falling down has nothing to do with being good or bad. Falling down has everything to do with being human," Traylor said. "Strive for excellence and leave the perfection for God or whoever that is for you, because all of us in our human condition will not reach perfection, so just accept who you are and do the best you can."

The experience of jogging from San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge to New York's Brooklyn Bridge taught Traylor a lot about more than just long distance running.

"At times, I wanted to quit. At times, my attitude was terrible. When you and I are hurting, we've got to look for the beauty. When you and I are hurting, we've got to take that next step," he said.

"I can look back at some of the struggles I've faced, and here's the key," he continued. "You and I can all look back, but it's more important to look forward and say 'Where am I going in my life?'"

"You and I don't need to have incredible eyesight to have vision. You and I don't have to have two good legs to



Twin Bridges elementary students interact with motivational speaker Jerry Traylor during his presentation. Traylor, who has cerebral palsy, spoke at both Twin Bridges and Sheridan schools on Tuesday during a presentation put on by the Twin Bridges Rotary Club.

Photo by Ben Coulter

run a marathon. You and I don't have to have the most brilliant mind to think great thoughts."

Traylor was hosted by the Twin Bridges Rotary Club, which actively works to better the Ruby Valley community through service projects and scholarships for graduating high school seniors from Twin Bridges and Sheridan.

The club also participates in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp in Livingston each summer, where young members of the community learn to meet new people and develop the leadership skills they will need to be successful in the future.

Following his presentation in Twin Bridges, Traylor

shook hands with each one of the students as they made their way out of the gym, laughing, smiling and joking with kids young and old. When asked what it feels like to be successful in trying to overcome an obstacle, Traylor looked at it from a different perspective.

"I think it's even simpler

than overcoming. I think that I will never overcome cerebral palsy. I will always have crutches. So what I do is deal with it. I know I can't overcome it. I know I will never overcome the effects of cerebral palsy," he said. "But I will deal with it and do great things within those limitations."



Photos by Allison Clark
Clockwise from top

2013 Bloody Mary team members Cory Hardy and Allison Veland show their passion for the game.

The 2013 Iceholes celebrate getting one past the Bloody Mary's goalie.

Some of the original "broomballers", circa 1983: Chuck Sturgill, Jeri Kneeland, Danny Lowney, Stephanie Wood, Dana Harvey, Gary Butler, unknown, Todd Wigen, Jeff Wigen, Monty Tichenor, Russell Stuber. The photo hangs at the Pioneer in Virginia City.

Winterfest weekend in Virginia City was best ever

By Allison Clark
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Last weekend, the three-day annual Virginia City Winterfest drew onlookers, broomballers, dogs of all sizes and folks of all ages to participate and cheer.

Broomball, dog-in-a-wheelbarrow racing, live music, two-man log sawing and community support have brought fans and players out to the ice rink in Virginia City for 34 years for the three days of events. There were a few years that Winterfest dissipated, but thanks to the efforts of Candy Vincent and Joanne Erdall, the event was 'resurrected', and has been back for the past 9 years.

The two women, along with Micki Benedict, form the committee that has put the event together each year since.

This year two teams from Virginia City, one from Ennis and three from the Ruby Valley formed to compete in the Broomball Tournament. The Allhands from the Ruby Valley took first place, the Bloody Marys from Ennis took second and the Ice Hole team from Virginia City placed third.

The competition was intense, starting Friday evening and going through Sunday evening. Scott Stone and his dog, Guy won the dog-in-a-wheelbarrow race. Brian "Bird" Morris and

Andy Nevan won the two-man log sawing competition. Sheridan won the fundraising event for the best fans, where dollars and votes were placed in a jar at The Pioneer. The town of Sheridan got half of the \$148 towards their fire department, and the rest went to ice rink improvement.

Sheri Jarvis even drove from her new home in Butte to make original Broomdogs, her homemade version of corn dogs, but shaped like a broom. Jarvis had been making the snacks for the last several years before moving to Butte last year. There was huge excitement that she came back for the Winterfesters, according to Vincent.

"I feel like this year was the best year we had," says Vincent. "We had a large crowd, we had great community support and everyone pitched in and helped."

The committee took a vote this year to move the festival to the weekend before President's Day, when it normally takes place. They thought they might get better attendance. Vincent says they will vote again next year to see what the general consensus is.

Of course, Winterfest would not be such a success without the volunteers and community support they receive. Helpers took time out of busy schedules to flood

the ice rink, raise money and prizes for the event winners, repair fences and put posters everywhere, even as far away as Idaho.

This past year, the rink underwent some major improvements thanks to volunteer labor efforts. Boards were replaced and raised up a bit, essentially to keep the ball in, or the dogs out. Regardless, the 2013 games still saw a few out of bounds balls and one dog on the ice episode.

"I think it's hilarious that we built a fence to keep the dogs out, and that didn't even work," says Vincent. "It's Virginia City. Everything is unusual, and that makes it normal."



VIRGINIA CITY'S
Winterfest
IS BOTH UNIQUE AND HISTORICAL

If you want to learn all about Broomball in Virginia City, Montana, do not look at photos on the internet. You will be misled. Rather than the plastic or aluminum paddles most teams call "brooms", true Winterfesters use actual brooms, most of them wrapped in duct tape, while maneuvering the ice rink in winter boots to try and score a goal with the soccer ball that plays the part of the puck.

The sport itself can trace its roots back into the early part of the 1900's, and began to spread into the lower states from Canada. According to the USA Broomball website, teams began forming in Minnesota in the 30s, but it officially became the six-man team broomball as we know it today sometime in the 1960s.

Virginia City's Winterfest began as a brain storm of residents Gary Butler and Dana Harvey in 1980, when the first Virginia City Broomball Tournament began. Players like Bob "Dude" Erdall have been playing Broomball in Virginia City since the 1960s.

"We used to play at night at the rink. We would park all the cars around in a circle with the lights on to see," said Erdall. "We actually played in the streets sometimes. Some people had sticks, some people had brooms."

Erdall can still be seen out on the ice playing the annual tournament with one of his daughters, Stacy Gatewood, on the Ice Hole's Team.

Broomball remains the feature event during the weekend of Winterfest, with the dog-in-a-wheelbarrow race and two-man log sawing contest serving as events that draw crowds between tournament play.

CLASS C



Kristen Ashcraft, Twin Bridges Lady Falcon, drives the ball to the basket during a 2012-2013 season game against Ennis.



Levi Strickland (00) looks to rebound as John Brennan attempts to score against the MCHS Eagles on Saturday night's game at Harrison High School. The Wildcats suffered a loss of 80-55 while the Lady Wildcats captured a victory of 45-29 the same night.



CJ Cox helps lead the Twin Bridges Falcons to the District Tournament.

District 11-12 C tournaments preview for 2012-2013 season

By Kate Schwend
FOR THE MADISONIAN

The Boys' and Girls' Basketball District 11-12 C tournaments will be held at the MAC center in Butte on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Here's a preview of what to expect for our local teams this weekend:

Boys
Rankings: 1) Twin Bridges 2) Manhattan Christian 3) Shields Valley 4) Ennis 5) Sheridan 6) Gardiner 7) Lima 8) Harrison 9) White Sulphur Springs 10) Lone Peak 11) West Yellowstone

After an end-of-season rally with two big wins in one weekend, Twin Bridges is the number one seed for the Boys' District 11-12C tournament. The Falcons beat #2 Manhattan Christian

in a tough game on February 1, and then triumphed over favorite Ennis in an overtime thriller on February 2. The two wins thoroughly rearranged the tournament bracket, putting Twin Bridges on top, Manhattan Christian in second, Shields Valley in third, and Ennis—currently ranked number 9 in the state—in the fourth seed. But as games between all four teams have been incredibly tight, it's quite possible that the initial seeds won't count for much by the end of the tournament.

Things are tight at the bottom of the bracket too. The bottom six teams—in order, Gardiner, Lima, Harrison, White Sulphur Springs, Lone Peak, and West Yellowstone—will play on Wednesday to fight for spots in the tournament. Gardiner (6) and Lima (7)

are seeded higher and likely favored over Lone Peak (10) and West Yellowstone (11), but the Harrison (8) v. White Sulphur Springs (9) game at 12:00 appears to be a fight-to-the-death scramble.

Sheridan, smack-dab in the middle of the bracket, is a wild card. Their record earned them a spot on the bracket, and they have the potential to fight for a divisional spot, but their first game is against formidable Ennis. What's more, they lost to both Gardiner and White Sulphur Springs in regular season play, so they'll face tough games if they play either of these teams.

Games to watch:
Twin Bridges vs. Ennis, 6:00 Friday

If both teams win their first games, they'll face each

other on Friday night at 6:00. The winner is guaranteed a spot at Divisionals. These fierce rivals split the series this season. Their last matchup went into overtime, with the Falcons narrowly winning on a last minute layup to tie it by CJ Cox, who then made a free-throw to put them up by one. Twin Bridges has the momentum, but Ennis has the state ranking, and they'll be looking for revenge, so you can bet it'll be a full-on buzzer-beater.

Manhattan Christian v. Shields Valley, 7:30 Friday

Once again, these teams will have to come out victorious in their first game to face each other, and Shields Valley will face a tough one against Gardiner in the first round. But if they do come out on top, this one will be a nail biter. Manhattan Christian (2) is seeded ahead of Shields Valley (3), but their regular season matchups were close, and tournament time do-or-die mentality always leaves the possibility of an upset.

Girls

Rankings: 1) Twin Bridges 2) Ennis 3) Harrison 4) Manhattan Christian 5) Shields Valley 6) West Yellowstone 7) Gardiner 8) Lima 9) White Sulphur Springs 10) Sheridan 11) Lone Peak.

Twin Bridges, undefeated in the conference play, is the clear favorite to win the girls district championship. But aside from the Falcons, the rest of the bracket is a complete scramble. The teams with the next three best records, Ennis (2), Harrison (3), and Manhattan Christian (4) have all won at least 10 conference games, but the other thing they share is that they've all lost to Gardiner, ranked 7. Gardiner, on the other hand, will have to battle Sheridan on Wednesday to earn even a spot in the bracket.

If Gardiner (7) beats Sheridan (10), they'll play (2) Ennis in the first round. The Bruins beat the Ennis handily mid season, but the Mustangs' record and rank show that they've grown a lot

in the latter part of the season. Either way, the winner will most likely face Harrison (3) on Friday, and games between Harrison and Gardiner as well as Harrison and Ennis have been within two points. Bet on a scrappy contest at Friday's 4:30 game.

On the other side of the bracket, Manhattan Christian (4) and Shields Valley (5) will face a tough go in the first round. Manhattan is ranked ahead, but Shields Valley easily got the upper hand over them in regular season play, and Manhattan's overtime loss to Gardiner (7) means the stage is set for an upset. But watch for the Lady Eagles to fight hard in the losers' bracket.

Almost all of the regular season games for these girls have been low-scoring, all-out scrappy affairs, and that trend will almost certainly continue in do-or-die losers' bracket play. That means that although Twin Bridges is favored take the championship, the tournament is bound to be exciting. Ennis, Harrison, Manhattan Christian, Shields Valley, Gardiner, and even Sheridan are likely candidates for spots in the Divisional Tournament.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

<p>FEBRUARY 5 GIRLS</p> <p>Twin Bridges 46, Lima 20 Cox 5 pts. Phillips 3 pts. Konen 8 pts. Dustin 1 pt. Ashcraft 6 pts. Wetzel 8 pts. Martin 4 pts. Griebenow 6 pts. Martin 5 pts.</p> <p>BOYS</p> <p>Twin Bridges 67, Lima 37 Konen 7 pts. Pferish, J. 2 pts. Myers 2 pts. Miotke 7 pts. Cox 7 pts. Orrin 8 pts. Pferish, M. 6 pts. Hirst 10 pts. Broksle 8 pts. Johnson 8 pts. Guillot 2 pts.</p> <p>FEBRUARY 8 GIRLS</p> <p>Twin Bridges 59, Lima 17 Cox 9 pts. Phillips 12 pts. Beagley 4 pts. Konen 9 pts. Ashcraft 6 pts. Wetzel 4 pts. Williams 2 pts. Martin 11 pts. Griebenow 2 pts.</p> <p>Harrison/Willow Creek 44, Shields Valley 46 Cooper 20 pts. White, B. 5 pts. Wilson 5 pts. Nesbit, J. 10 pts. DeFrance 2 pts. Nesbit, A. 2 pts.</p>	<p>Sheridan 32, Ennis 57 Lee 6 pts. Degel 7 reb. Lueck 20 pts. Evans 2 pts. Schwend 4 pts.</p> <p>BOYS</p> <p>Twin Bridges 78, Lima 34 Konen 4 pts. Pferish, J. 18 pts. Myers 8 pts. Miotke 8 pts. Cox 12 pts. Orrin 6 pts. Pferish, M. 7 pts. Hirst 7 pts. Broksle 2 pts. Johnson 4 pts. Guillot 2 pts.</p> <p>Sheridan 54, Ennis 79 Goodman 2 pts. Off 10 pts. Croy 6 pts. McKitrick, B. 15 pts. Bullock 14 pts. Sullivan 19 pts. Leo 3 pts. Clark 10 pts.</p> <p>FEBRUARY 9 GIRLS</p> <p>Sheridan 22, Twin Bridges 59 Lee 3 pts. Degel 1 pt. Lueck 10 pts. Evans 3 reb. Woirhaye 2 pts. Guinnane 2 pts. Schwend 2 pts. Cox 6 pts. Phillips 6 pts. Konen 10 pts. Dustin 6 pts. Ashcraft 6 pts. Williams 2 pts. Martin 6 pts.</p>	<p>Griebenow 6 pts. Martin 11 pts.</p> <p>Harrison/Willow Creek 45, Manhattan Christian 29 Cooper 23 pts. White, B. 8 pts. Wilson 7 pts. White, K. 3 pts. Nesbit, J. 2 pts. DeFrance 2 pts.</p> <p>BOYS</p> <p>Sheridan 43, Twin Bridges 80 Burke 5 pts. Marsh 2 pts. Green 6 pts. Tilstra 13 pts. Kenworthy 17 pts.</p> <p>Konen 7 pts. Pferish, J. 16 pts. Myers 5 pts. Miotke 7 pts. Cox 17 pts. Orrin 10 pts. Pferish, M. 10 pts. Hirst 4 pts. Broksle 4 pts.</p> <p>Harrison/Willow Creek 55, Manhattan Christian 80 Strong 17 pts. Petersen, G. 15 pts. Lehman 7 pts. Brennan 7 pts. Strickland 4 pts. Von Bergen 3 pts. Nye 2 pts.</p> <p>Ennis 74, Gardiner 65 Goodman 11 pts. Off 5 pts. McKitrick, B. 3 pts. Bullock 19 pts. Sullivan 32 pts. Clark 4 pts.</p>
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Thursday - February 14
 Breakfast - Ham & cheese omelette, hash browns
 Lunch - Chili, cinnamon rolls
Friday - February 15
 Breakfast - Pancake, sausage
 Lunch - Potato bar
Monday - February 18
 NO SCHOOL
Tuesday - February 19
 Breakfast - Breakfast burrito
 Lunch - Chicken rice soup, cheesy bread stick
Wednesday - February 20
 Breakfast - Biscuits & gravy
 Lunch - Spaghetti

HARRISON

Thursday - February 14
 Breakfast - Bagels & cream cheese
 Lunch - Pizza, special Valentine dessert
Friday - February 15
 Breakfast - French toast, ham
 Lunch - Chicken BLT, salad
Monday - February 18
 Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, scrambled eggs
 Lunch - Grilled chicken, broccoli & cheese baked potato
Tuesday - February 19
 Breakfast - Waffles, fruit
 Lunch - Spaghetti, roll, salad
Wednesday - February 20
 Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, fruit
 Lunch - Chicken/black bean tacos, veggies

SHERIDAN

Breakfast Buffet: Toast, bagel or muffin, fruit, yogurt, eggs, hot & cold cereal, milk, juice (first & last day of week includes: eggs, ham, sausage or bacon)
Lunches include: vegetables, fruit and milk
Thursday - February 14
 Breakfast - Biscuit & gravy, fruit
 Lunch - Mac & cheese, meatballs
Friday - February 15
 NO SCHOOL
Monday - February 18
 Breakfast - Oatmeal bar, fruit
 Lunch - Pizza, salad
Tuesday - February 19
 Breakfast - Waffles, sausage patty
 Lunch - Baked rotini, salad
Wednesday - February 20
 Breakfast - Yogurt, cereal
 Lunch - Sloppy joe on bun, french fries

TWIN BRIDGES

All breakfast menus include: toast, fruit, milk, juice
All lunch menus include: salad bar, fruit, cold milk
 Breakfast - Ham & cheese omelette, hash browns
 Lunch - Chili, cinnamon rolls
Thursday - February 14
 Breakfast - Cereal, bagel
 Lunch - Spaghetti dinner, valentine treat
Friday - February 15
 Breakfast - Cobbler
 Lunch - Hot dog, baked beans
Monday - February 18
 NO SCHOOL
Tuesday - February 19
 Breakfast - Choice of cereal, pop tart
 Lunch - Chicken strips, seasoned rice
Wednesday - February 20
 Breakfast - Ham omelette
 Lunch - Hamburger or fish sandwich



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

Thank gosh we didn't get the likes of the snowstorm that hit the east coast this past week! The snowdrifts from the storm in January are still with us, to deal with. I read on the CBS News web page that January 2013 with temperatures across the globe, made January the second warmest January in the past 35 years. Obviously who ever came up with this, was not in Southwestern Montana.

I was so busy being happy that my kitchen water lines didn't freeze up for the first time in years, that I forgot to pay attention to the level in my fuel oil tank. So this past week I ran out of fuel. Came home and thought to myself, "I must have turned the thermometer down too far this morning, it is cold in here." But it wasn't that, I went out and measured my tank and nothing showed on the stick. So I decided that since I made the stupid mistake of not paying attention, I could just stay at the house and deal with the cold. Oh my gosh,

that was a great idea or self afflicted punishment; it was so cold. Especially getting up in the morning and really the temperatures were kind last week, nights were in the 30's. So right away I ordered fuel, which they were kind enough to deliver right away. But I forgot that the heater fuel lines would have to bleed. So when I got home, turned the heater on and nothing again. I decided that I could bleed the lines, which was a no go. I couldn't even find the bleeder screw. Didn't want to call my rescue team, my kids, late at night to come help me out again, so stayed at the house for the second night with no heat. I have to say, you got to have a lot of respect for those people who go weeks without electricity and heat after Mother Nature strikes. I know there was a point the second night that I really didn't think I could do it, it was so cold. But I kept telling myself it would be colder getting out from under all the covers, so braved it out. Makes you rather appreciate a warm house after a couple nights of freezing with no heat.

Much sympathy goes out to the family of Wayne Gilman and Mary Tolson with their passing this past week. They both were surely foundation stones of the Sheridan/Alder community. They will be missed.

That is so cool that Doug Denson was awarded this week for his 30 years of volunteering

to teach hunters safety. That is a long time to teach hunters safety. But Doug believes in it so he has stood behind the program full hearted! I had to laugh about a little story about Doug Denson this week. Doug was the school principle for years, also teaching 7th grade math at the Twin Bridges School. Doug was always great with the kids but was a no nonsense teacher. Luckily he taught all my kids in school and hunters safety. I am here to tell you, I had to go the principle's office a few times with each one of my boys through the years. This past year my oldest son Davey and his wife and kids moved into the house right next to Doug and Janice Denson. I was over visiting one night and Davey and Jolene tell me that they are so happy to live right next to Doug and right down the street is the deputy Clay Garrison. I just had to laugh, who would have ever thought years ago that they would be happy living next to a cop and their school principle. They really do grow up! And it really helps in the understanding area, when they have kids of their own!

I have a young friend that has a case of shingles, so I got to thinking that I would get the shot that is out that helps a person not get shingles. I have known a few other older people that have gotten shingles, and they were in so much pain. Went into Walgreens, because

they advertise they can give it right there. But you have to be 60 years old to get it without a prescription, and many insurance companies don't pay for it. The shingles shot is nearly \$250.00. Found out it wasn't like going to get a \$20.00 flu shot!

So what have we learned this week? Put on a WINNING smile and GO get 'em. If it wasn't for guns, we would be British! Try and figure this out: we can watch violence in a movie for two hours and they tell us it has no influence on our behavior BUT a 30 second super bowl ad, is worth 3.8 million because it will make a viewer go out and purchase the product?? TRUST - Is a fragile thing. Easy to break, easy to lose, and very hard to get back. Some relationships are like Tom and Jerry...They irritate each other... They tease each other but...They still can't live without each other.

Class C Basketball tournament starts in Butte this week. Best of luck to all the county teams.

Thursday is Valentine's Day. Don't forget your honey! You know I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon.

"They say all you need is love, BUT a little chocolate now and then sure helps!"

Ruby Valley Lenten Breakfast Schedule

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:
Wed., Feb. 20
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:
Wed., Feb. 27
DAYSRING CHURCH:
Wed., Mar. 6
NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH:
Wed., Mar. 13
NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH:
Wed., Mar. 20

All meals are served at 6:30 a.m.

Madison Valley Lenten Breakfasts Schedule

MADISON VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:
Wed., Feb. 20
ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:
Wed., Feb. 27
MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH:
Wed., Mar. 6
ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:
Wed., Mar. 13
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH:
Wed., Mar. 20

All meals are served at 6:30 a.m.

Ennis Meals on Wheels

Thursday, February 14 - BBQ Meatballs, potatoes, corn, cole slaw, bread, iced brownies
Friday, February 15 - BUFFET
Tuesday, February 19 - Ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, spinach salad, rolls, banana bread & pineapple
Wednesday, February 20 - Hamburger & Noodles, tomatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls, pistachio pudding with topping
Thursday, February 21 - Pork roast, dressing, peas, pears & cheese salad, bread, rhubarb cake
Friday, February 22 - BUFFET

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TOPS' ten ways to boost self-esteem

MILWAUKEE, WI – February is International Boost Self-Esteem Month. Winter doldrums can get the best of anyone, and this annual observation is a timely opportunity to focus on cultivating feelings of self-respect. TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, offers these ideas to improve self-esteem when on a journey to better wellness. **1. Stop comparing yourself to others.** Trying to live up to or exceed someone else's personal best is a losing game. As the saying goes, "How boring would it be if we were all the same?" Focus on being the best you that you can be. **2. Compliment yourself regularly,** either by looking in the mirror and saying something you like about yourself or writing it in a journal.

Many times, we're quick to compliment others on their success but hesitate to do the same for ourselves. **3. Exercise consistently,** at least 30 minutes of exercise several times a week, to strengthen muscles and to burn calories. Improve your physical strength, and you may feel a sense of empowerment that can dramatically enhance your self-esteem. **4. Simply smile.** The mere act of smiling changes blood flow to the brain and can actually make you feel happier and relieve tension. A smile sets off chemical and physical reactions within your mind and body, releasing endorphins that boost your mood. **5. Focus on your accomplishments.** Forgive yourself for mistakes and focus on the positive by celebrating your victories. Consider writing them down so you can review

and reflect when you're feeling down and need to renew your confidence. **6. Get the support you need to succeed.** Join a weight-loss support group, like TOPS, which can help you to stay on track to accomplish your wellness goals. Fellow members will help keep you motivated. **7. Make a list of your positive qualities.** Are you generous? Kind? Write down at least ten positive qualities about yourself and return to this list as often as needed to boost your morale. **8. Find something special in each day.** Even if it's in a small way, do something pleasant and rewarding, like catching up on your favorite television show, taking a walk to the park, or indulging in a bubble bath. Or treat yourself to something small that isn't a food or beverage, like a manicure or a new piece of

costume jewelry. **9. Eat better.** Pay attention to your food choices and nourish your body. Buy healthier foods and prepare well-balanced meals that will help give you energy and feel like your best self – not sluggish and overstuffed. **10. Explore a passion.** Whether it's a side job, hobby, or as a volunteer, pursuing your passion in even a small way can lead to a sense of purpose and significantly improve your overall happiness and quality of life. TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is the original weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Founded more than 65 years ago, TOPS is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS promotes successful weight management with a "Real People. Real Weight Loss.®" philosophy that

combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has about 170,000 members – male and female, age seven and older – in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada. Visitors are

welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is affordable at just \$28 per year in the U.S. and \$32 per year in Canada, plus nominal chapter fees. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

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MVMC receives trauma "re-designation"

From JoBeth Northrop, RN

Madison Valley Medical Center was initially designated as a "Trauma Receiving Facility" in November of 2010 by the State of Montana. This designation is granted by the State Trauma Committee through the EMS and Trauma Systems Section of the Public Health and Safety Division. In order to receive a trauma designation, a hospital must be committed to the care of the trauma patient, have a trauma director and a trauma coordinator, develop a trauma program to be implemented in the care of the traumatically injured patient, provide trauma data to the state registry, and meet the minimum requirements established by the State of Montana for delivery of trauma care.

Trauma designations are given relevant to the size

and capabilities of a facility. Madison Valley Medical Center is able to be designated as a "Trauma Receiving Facility", because it has the ability to evaluate, stabilize and transport the traumatically injured patient when needed.

Marty Hensel, PA-C, is the trauma director and JoBeth Northrop, RN, is the trauma coordinator. They work closely with Chief-of-Staff Dr. R. D. Marks to develop, implement and continually reassess the trauma program at Madison Valley Medical Center.

Madison Valley Medical Center was visited in November of this year by Kim Todd, RN, Trauma Designation Consultant with the State of Montana, and Doug Schmitz, MD, FACS, Trauma Surgeon and Trauma Reviewer from Cheyenne, WY. During their survey, they were presented with an overview

of Madison Valley Medical Center's trauma program by JoBeth Northrop, as well as informed of the strengths, weaknesses, improvements and goals of the program. Managers from all the trauma related areas of the hospital were present to answer questions as well as the members of the hospital's trauma committee, which has representatives from the hospital departments, nursing staff, providers, and Ennis Ambulance Service. The reviewers were given a tour of the facility, including the Emergency Department, Imaging, and Laboratory. They were shown how and where care is given and were able to visualize the equipment used in each department. The reviewers described the facility as "modern and state-of-the-art for a rural receiving facility". They were able to review data collected in

the care of trauma patients at Madison Valley Medical Center in order to gain an understanding of how the program is actually implemented in patient care.

In their written report to the State Trauma Committee, the reviewers stated that "This team has developed a very nice comprehensive trauma program. Most impressive is the Trauma Performance Improvement Process that is currently in place." Madison Valley Medical Center is pleased to announce that they have been granted a full, three-year re-designation as a Trauma Receiving Facility effective until November of 2015. Receiving this designation shows the commitment Madison Valley Medical Center continues to make in caring for our community and providing excellent emergency care to our patients.

Addiction a result of a person's inability to cope with feelings

By Jennifer Johnson

People say write about what you know. So here goes. I earned my Masters Degree in Social Work from Denver University in 1993 with a focus on Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment. I had various jobs, experiences, and interactions in this field. I started back in the day when insurance companies paid for months of rehabilitation for a disease that took years to develop. Now it's a 28 day spa retreat for a fad drug abuser. But that is a debate for another day. Through the years, I worked with every walk of life and age group and learned about the ins and outs of addiction and how to treat it.

I am often asked "How do you know if I (or a loved one) is an addict?" In the eighties drug and alcohol specialists circulated a questionnaire with ten questions that, they claimed, if answered honestly would tell you if you were an alcoholic or not. The questions went something like this: Have you ever had more than two drinks a day? Have you ever

had a black out while drinking? Have you ever done or said something you regret while drinking? Well, my question to that is: "Have you ever been to college?" If you have you could probably answer yes to all the above and be sent to rehab 101. The failure of that questionnaire was it didn't get to the root of the problem. For me, the questions are simpler, just one actually, an open ended question at that: "What negative consequences have you had due to your drinking?" If the person answers, "I have 3 DUIs and I beat my dog every time I drink." then perhaps that person has a bit of a problem.

There are different categories of alcohol "users": Social drinker, daily drinker, binge drinker, maintenance drinker, heavy drinker. A social drinker is one who will pour a drink at a party and walk around with the same drink all night. Perhaps on a whim they will have one more and call it a night. A daily drinker is one who consumes 1-3 drinks a day with no apparent physical or emotional consequences. A

binge drinker is one who will not drink for a month or two or seven and then consume a large amount of alcohol in one sitting with some or a lot of physical and emotional damage to self. A maintenance drinker is defined as someone who needs to keep a consistent amount of alcohol in their system in order to function. Their consequences are usually overt with negative impact on their emotional, physical, and spiritual self. A heavy drinker is one who drinks several drinks, perhaps daily, perhaps with little apparent consequences. Where one falls in these classifications is frankly how honest they are to their own self.

Addiction is classified by the American Medical Association as a disease. The Disease Theory of Alcoholism is that it is an illness that is chronic and if not treated will progress to the point of death. There are numerous damaging effects to the brain and the body as a result of alcohol addiction. Some are overt and easy to see. Some are less apparent. Every person's chemistry is different so it effects everyone

differently. What I have taught in my drug and alcohol classes is that addiction is a "DIS-EASE" (an uneasiness) of a person's feelings and emotions. The addiction is a symptom of an underlying issue(s). An addict does not know how to cope with their inner feelings and thus self medicates with their drug of choice.

In this column I focused on alcohol addiction. Clearly substance abuse and addiction does not just pertain to alcohol. There are so many drugs and mind altering substances out there today that effect the brain and body in so many different ways that addiction seems more complicated now than ever. For me, it all comes down to a person's inability to cope with his or her feelings and emotions. If we, as counselors, therapists, medical professionals, etc. can guide a person to their core feelings and help them find the tools to cope with those feelings more positively then the healing process can begin.

If you have any comments, concerns, criticisms or questions about alcohol or drug use or abuse, family issues, relationship issues or other therapy related topics please feel free to email me. There is more to come!

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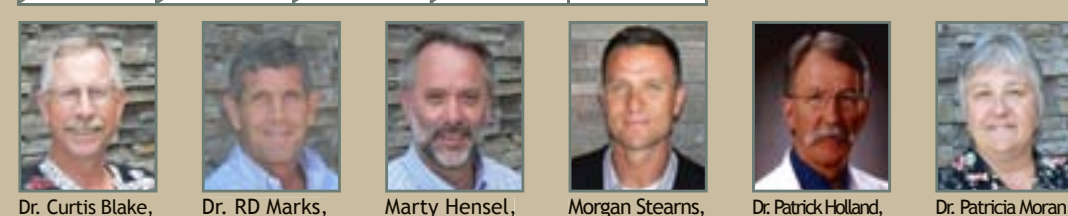
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Ennis students make gnocchi and get rave reviews

From Natasha Hegmann
FOODCORPS SERVICE MEMBER

Ennis Culinary Arts students recently prepared gnocchi to celebrate the January Montana Harvest of the Month food: potatoes. Gnocchi is a simple handmade potato pasta and the students used potatoes grown in the Ennis school garden, flour from Three Forks and eggs

from Great Falls to make the dish. The class served samples of the gnocchi with marinara sauce to staff and students during lunch and met positive feedback - the pasta tasted delicious and many folks wanted to try making it at home.

Check out an upcoming issue of the Scuttlebutt for a recipe to make your own gnocchi!



Ennis' Culinary Arts Class prepared potato gnocchi for the Chefs Move to Schools program and received rave reviews.

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If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an active participant on the Board of Trustees of 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. please call one of the Nomination Committee members listed below for requirements, qualifications and responsibilities by February 18, 2013.

At-Large	Committee Member: Ethel Parker	406-264-5877
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Fairfield/Augusta/Fort Shaw/Helena	Committee Member: Ken Naylor	406-467-3409
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In addition, there are two other ways to be nominated:

1. Any 15 or more members acting together may make nominations by petition up to 30 days prior to the meeting.
2. The president of the board will call for additional nominations from the floor at the actual meeting.

For further details on these alternative nomination procedures, please call 1-800-796-4567 ext 4132.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13

Books and Babies, Ennis

Books and Babies is for babies, toddlers and their caregivers and is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library. Books, music, songs, nursery rhymes, lullabies and toys. For more information call 682-7244.

District Tournament, Butte MAC (13th-16th)

High School Basketball teams from around the county will be in Butte for four days participating in the District Tournament. Go out and show your support for your local team! Contact your local high school for exact times.

TOPS, Ennis

TOPS members weigh in at 9 a.m. with a program at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the Madison Valley Medical Center. For more information, call Jeannie at 682-3299.

Local Organizations Meeting, Twin Bridges

This meeting is open to all persons/clubs/organizations in the Ruby Valley and surrounding areas for discussion of the importance of community involvement and how to raise awareness of

our causes. All are welcome. 7pm.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14

Winter Workshop Series, Ennis

Creating a balanced system to benefit livestock and land health. This is the second part in a 3-part series geared specifically to local producers & land managers. Class will be at 10am at Madison Valley Baptist Church. Cost is \$5 and includes lunch.

Blanket Drive Kick-off, Ennis

Join COVERUPS Gift, Embroidery and Quilts at 110 W. Main Street, Ennis in keeping families warm this year. From February 14th thru December 14th new blankets can be donated for those in need. The kick-off party will include refreshments and in-store discounts. Anyone who donates a blanket between Feb. 14th - Feb 28th is eligible to sign-up for a drawing to win \$50 gift certificate. Call Stacey @ 682-7745 for more information.

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Jackson's Community Garden Fundraiser, Sheridan

"A Celebration of the Heart" Mexican Dinner is to benefit the Jackson's Community Garden in Sheridan.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Judy Mumme
Ruby Valley sunset.

The dinner will be held at the Ruby Hotel and the cost is \$20 per person. Tickets are available at Ruby Valley Bank in Sheridan, Booze & Buns and The Sheridan Town Hall or at the door the night of the event. Please call Linda @ 842-5678 or Kathy @ 596-1005 for more information. 5pm.

Documentary Film, Sheridan

The Sheridan Public Library invites you to a free showing of Koch Brothers Exposed, a documentary about these brothers, highlighting environmental pollution to their efforts to dismantle social security. 5:30pm

FRI DAY FEBRUARY 15

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Annual Banquet, Bozeman

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Live Music, Norris

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Fiddle Contest, Dillon

Tickets for the Dillon Fiddle Contest are available from any Dillon Junior Fiddler, The Bookstore, Sweetwater Coffee and at the door for a cost of \$10 that includes a chance to win a door prize. Saturday night tickets will be available at the door only, due to limited seating, at a cost of \$5 at The Old Depot Theatre.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17

Live Music, Norris

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 18

Documentary Film, Ennis

The Madison Valley Public Library invites you to a showing of The Last Mountain, a documentary about Appalachian West Virginia and its citizens trying to prevent a coal company from

blowing up their mountain for its coal. The showing starts at 6pm and is free to the public. Call 682-7244 for details.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19

Fly Tying Class, Ennis

Everyone is welcome to join us in a fly-tying class every Tuesday (except holidays) at 6:30pm. Class will be held on the 2nd floor of the Ennis Café. Call Brad at 600-6081 for more information.

Documentary Film, Sheridan

The Sheridan Public Library invites you to a showing of The Last Mountain, a documentary about Appalachian West Virginia and its citizens trying to prevent a coal company from

blowing up their mountain for its coal. The showing starts at 5:30pm and is free to the public. Call 842-5770 for details.

School Board Meeting, Twin Bridges

7pm in the Montana Room at the Twin Bridges School. Call 684-5613 for agenda details.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20

Books and Babies, Ennis

Books and Babies is for babies, toddlers and their caregivers and is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library. Books, music, songs, nursery rhymes, lullabies and toys. For more information call 682-7244.

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Supper Club, Bandito's

A local favorite is back by popular demand. Supper Club will continue at Bandito's starting in March. As with past Supper Clubs, there will be a theme to inspire the cuisine. Whether it's Amy behind the line or guest chefs from the area, you can count on good food and a fun atmosphere. Look for information about the March 2, Supper Club, coming soon. Reservations can be made by calling 682-5553 and are highly encouraged, as they are known to sell out every time.

Looking for a special treat for your sweetie this Valentine's Day? The Alley Bistro is offering a special menu to make your Valentine's Day memorable. Come in for Grilled Mahi-Mahi, Pork Tenderloin, Sweet Potato Wontons, Chocolate Decadence or Strawberry Sponge Cake in addition to other specials and their regular menu. Call to make reservations, 682-5695, or just stop in.

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