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CLASS C DAY OF ADVOCACY



Students from Harrison spent the day in Helena during 63rd Montana Legislative Session during the Class C Day of Advocacy. Photos submitted by Harrison Schools

Students visit legislators, capitol in Helena



The rotunda during the Class C Day of Advocacy.

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Harrison students spent the day in Helena on Feb. 20 observing the 63rd Montana Legislative Session and taking part in legislative action along with other students from across the state for the Class C Day of Advocacy. Eighth graders, Zach Jackson, Doug Christensen and Isabella Arcangeli were accompanied by teacher Linda Ehlers, board member Ann Hokanson and Superintendent Fred Hofman. They were introduced to the Montana House of Representatives after passing out pamphlets to the legislators as they entered the chamber floor. The school's annual/newsletter staff prepared the pamphlets. Harrison staff said the students represented the school and community well, letting the legislators know what is going on at Harrison School and what is important to them.

Group meets to discuss reclamation of abandoned mines initiative

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A group of technical and resource advisors met at the Bozeman Public Library on Thursday afternoon to discuss how to proceed forward with the Missouri Headwaters Mine Reclamation Project, a regional initiative to reclaim abandoned mine sites while stimulating local economies, creating jobs and addressing mine-related safety issues.

The project will be run by a core team comprised of Monique DiGiorgio, a consultant with Common Ground Conservation, Dennis Glick of Future West, Brent Brock of the Craighead Institute and Cameron Ellis of the Sonoran Institute, as well as the Western Environmental Law Center and Madison and Jefferson Counties. A technical advisory committee was also formed to provide support for the project as it relates to the prioritization of abandoned mines, development of an overall approach between economically viable re-mining, cleaning up abandoned mines of high ecological value, best practices for mine reclamation

and restoration at abandoned sites.

The technical advisory committee consists of representatives from state land agencies and the mining industry. Forest Service environmental engineer Bob Wintergerst and economic geologists Fess Foster and Alan Branham were present at the meeting on Thursday.

Madison County Commissioner Dan Happel was enthusiastic about the potential for the project, although he recognized not every site that needs to be cleaned up will be economically viable.

"I think there are some positive things that we can be doing to create both good, clean mining jobs and at the same time produce a cleanup operation," he said.

In moving forward, the core team first plans to develop communication around the project using historic photographs to help layout the context for what the project hopes to accomplish by telling the story of Montana's rich mining history. The next step will be to compile and analyze the existing data to determine priority areas for the

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Commissioners approve grant application; support mine reclamation project

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At their regular Tuesday meeting in Virginia City, the Madison County Commissioners met with Madison Watershed Coordinator Sunni Heikes-Knapton to approve a HB223 Conservation District Grant application.

According to guidelines for the grant on the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation website, conservation districts have used the HB223 grants for conservation related equipment purchases, saline seep and weed control projects, conservation education and information projects, soil survey and various other water and soil conservation projects since 1981.

The grant the Commissioners approved the application for will help fund both a bio control and education project and a noxious weed project on Norwegian Creek, according to Commissioner Jim Hart.

In other news, the Board submitted a draft memorandum of understanding between the county and the Montana

Department of Transportation for the repair project on Blaine Springs Bridge. The draft was submitted to Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen for review. The MOU outlines the responsibilities of both MDT and Madison County for the project, and Hart said the Board would wait to give their approval until Christensen could review the draft document. Hart said that work on the project could potentially begin as early as Fall 2013, but given consideration for planning, engineering and permitting, the bulk of the work would most likely take place in 2014.

The Board also carried a motion to offer their support in the amount of \$5,000 from the commissioners contingency fund for the Missouri Headwaters Mine Reclamation Project, a regional reclamation project aimed at improving the environment by cleaning up abandoned mining projects, creating jobs and stimulating local economies. The project involves various representatives from local governments, land management agencies and the mining industry as well as environmental consultants.

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Motion to continue granted in shooting incident case

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In a District Court hearing in Virginia City on Monday, Judge Loren Tucker granted a motion to continue the arraignment hearing for Ryan David Maddison of Alder until March 11, 2013.

Maddison is charged with

three counts of felony criminal endangerment, one count of felony assault with a weapon and one count of resisting arrest, a misdemeanor, stemming from an incident that occurred on Jan. 31. Allegedly, Maddison confronted three teenagers as they drove south on MT Hwy 287 between Alder and Sheridan. After driving along side the teens' vehicle in the oppo-

site lane of traffic, Maddison allegedly fired multiple shots from a semi-automatic pistol in the direction of the vehicle. When the vehicle pulled off the highway and into the driveway of a nearby home, Maddison allegedly followed in his own vehicle before ordering the driver to get out of the car at gunpoint.

The motion to continue the arraignment hearing was made

unopposed by council for Madison in part because they received the remaining discovery materials in the case on Feb. 21, just four days prior to Monday's hearing. The motion stated that the defense council needed additional time to review the case in light of excessive pre-trial publicity to determine whether a change of venue is necessary.

TB school board discusses possible security improvements

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At their regular monthly meeting for February, the Twin Bridges School Board received a safety committee report from Superintendent Chad Johnson and

discussed ideas for controlling access to the building through a single point of entry.

Johnson said that the school does have a single point of entry 95 percent of the time but there are always instances where a door could be left unlocked, such as when students go out-

side for recess. During a recent trip to Lima, Johnson observed a keyless entry system at the Lima School that allows school administrators to electronically monitor who is coming into the building.

With a keyless entry system, locks on the doors to the school

can be controlled from a central location. The system keeps track of the time and date that staff, administration and permitted visitors enter and exit into the building. It can also unlock access points to allow students to

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project as well as the commodities that are available.

The group noted that some of the main of the obstacles facing the project include sites

that need to be cleaned up but are not economically viable, as well as developing a working relationship with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Montana Department of En-

vironmental Quality.

"A lot of these messes that are there, that was the norm at the time that they did it," Hapel said of the abandoned mines that dot the landscape across the

southwestern part of the state. "And it wasn't like these people were trying to wreck the environment, that was just the way of technology and mining at the time."

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move freely through the hallways in between classes.

Johnson also proposed using a shatterproof adhesive on the school glass doors and windows that would keep the glass in tact long enough for anyone inside to contact the authorities and ini-

tiate a lockdown procedure for the building. Johnson suggested that any changes or upgrades to the school's door locks and access points should be made by the Building Committee and he emphasized the balance that exists between keeping students as safe as possible and maintaining an inviting environment.

In other news, principal Aaron Griffin reported that the first grade classroom recently received five iPads with the help of a \$1,200 grant from Northwestern Energy secured by Mrs. Paden and Mrs. Reynolds. The school also received a \$2,500 grant from the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program and a \$500 grant

for nutritional programs that were secured by Mrs. Denson.

Before adjournment the Board went into executive session to conduct a conference call with Kris Goss, an attorney with Montana School Board Association. The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Twin Bridges School Board is March 19.

TAKING PART



Teacher Linda Ehlers and eighth grade students Doug Christensen, Isabella Arcangeli and Zach Jackson at the 63rd Montana Legislative Session in Helena.

Legislative report from Debby Barrett

I am proud to report that the Montana Senate has endorsed two more pieces of legislation to protect Montana's most vulnerable citizens. SB 160 Tropila (D-Great Falls), is an "Act creating the offense of criminal endangerment." SB 198 Thomas (R-Stevensville), is an "Act to revise laws related to penalties for assault on a minor." Both of these laws will ensure that at the local level the government now has wider authority to consider past offenses and the ability to increase the penalties associated with these terrible crimes.

Last Friday, SB 175, Jones (R-Conrad), "An Act to generally revise public education funding," was heard in 2nd Reading. I have received much, much correspondence from the education community strongly urging the passage of this bill. The bill's title alone is one and a half pages long! The accompanying fiscal note is 14 pages long and includes

significant local government impacts, significant long-term impacts, includes dedicated revenue, and possesses technical concerns.

I have spoken often, in my thirteen years as a Legislator, of the extremely complex K-12 education funding formula that we have in Montana. SB 175, in my opinion, actually adds to that complexity. While I have read the bill and the fiscal note on the bill 3 times, and listened to the Senate Floor debate, I was unable to support the bill for the following reasons.

The new funding formula going forward in Montana is now patterned on how the state of Wyoming has funded K-12 education, that being based on the success and revenue of a certain natural resource. In Wyoming, when there was a boom, education funding continued to increase; however, now that the boom is over, Wyoming is reducing the amount of

dollars going into K-12 education. (Wyoming did not, by law, protect the schools at a detriment to local taxpayers.) SB 175 proposes just the opposite. SB 175 protects the funding going into schools at a detriment to local taxpayers going forward.

During the Floor debate, 10 amendments were offered and none passed. I supported three of the amendments. The first amendment I supported was to return the bill to its original form so that the state should not have to backfill the general fund. I do not support this tax shift. The second amendment I supported was to protect the taxpayers against the natural volatility of natural resource revenue to the state. The third amendment I voted for would eliminate Section 1 which establishes a K-12 data task force for the Office of Public Instruction and hires one new full time employee to assist this data task force.

SB 175 grows government with increased cost and several new full time employees, and, as written, has the potential to increase taxpayer debt. Growing government and increasing your tax debt are two things I did not come to Helena to do. I truly question if the cost of this bill, which is estimated above \$120 million per biennium, will be sustainable in future years.

The only aspect of SB 175 I do support is that it provides more flexibility in spending at the local level. However, the bill actually does more to centralize all of the other components of K-12 education and ensures that future decisions will be made from the top down.

To me, SB 175, as written, comes close to mirroring the Affordable Care Act, passed by the Democrats in our U.S. Congress. Some portions of SB 175 will not go into effect until 2020, and some portions of current law are to terminate on June 30, 2016.

Since the Montana Senate passed SB 175 on 2nd and 3rd reading last week, I am now beginning to receive e-mails and phone calls from the rest of my constituents, those not in the education community. These people are now questioning all aspects of SB 175. I would respectfully request that if you have questions regarding this bill that you contact your local school superintendent or the sponsor of the bill for further explanation. If you are disappointed in my failure to grow government and possibly increase your portion of tax debt in the future, then please contact me.

By all means, keep in mind that SB 175 will now be transmitted to the Montana House of Representatives. Thus the process will begin again. There will be a public hearing on SB 175 in the House Education Committee, and upon passage out of that committee, the bill will have a 2nd and 3rd Reading on the House Floor.

I will end this week's article by informing you, ahead of time, that next week I will not have a Legislative Report in the paper. February 28th begins the Legislative Transmittal break. I have been in Helena since January 3rd—and I am anxiously looking forward to returning home and having three days away from my duties at the Capitol.

HEY BUDDY



A rooster pheasant near Twin Bridges.

Photo by Ben Couffer

MORE NEWS

Summer road repair project planned in Twin Bridges

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The Town of Twin Bridges will look to repair damages to local roadways made by thawing groundwater bubbling up as the weather warms each spring,

making the roadway surfaces uneven and impassible for motorists.

Currently a section of North Bridge Street between Highway 41 to Dillon and 6th Street going to the Twin Bridges School is in need of repair. Twin Bridges mayor Tom Hyndman

said the Town would meet with engineers next week to discuss how to use capital improvement funds to fix the damaged streets.

"In the spring the frost starts coming out of the ground and it makes it really tough and spongy through there,"

said Hyndman. "Even when you walk on it you can feel the ground going up and down."

The repair project will likely take place this summer, and Hyndman said the typical fix for these problems involves digging up the street and adding fresh gravel and topsoil

to help level out the roadway. While Hyndman did not know what the project would cost, he estimated it could take between one and two weeks to do the repairs.

"We usually just close it off when it gets bad," he added. In addition to the repairs on

North Bridge Street, the Town will look to also make repairs to other streets around town using capital improvement funds.

"We try to look at every year and see what we've got that we can get done just to make the town a little better," Hyndman said.

County School Trustees meeting focuses on technology

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

A short agenda Monday night kept the County-Wide School Trustees Meeting in Sheridan concentrated on SMART boards, Kindles and iPads in the classroom. Sheridan School staff members informed the group of roughly 25 about how many new tools are now available to teachers and students compared to just 10 years ago.

Whether it is supplementary web-based materials for textbooks, tablets used with the SMART boards, or a simple video lesson on YouTube, teachers are able to instruct students of varied learning styles with more ease today.

"Kids are always plugged in," history and government teacher April Wuefing said. "We are fortunate as educators to have these tools. They give the

students something to connect back to."

The school's use of technology is also important since statewide Common Core standards and assessments will need to be implemented soon which means some changes in instruction methods. The Common Core State Standards will replace Montana's current state standards in English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects, and mathematics. The Common Core shifts instructional intent from high school completion to college-and career-readiness for every student.

Literacy is the focus of Sheridan English teacher Rodney Stout's use of Kindles in his English classrooms. Stout said his students find it cool to be using an electronic version of a book rather than a paper version. The electronic version also has

tools for understanding the text more completely than the old-fashioned version does. Students can quickly find definitions of words they don't understand using the scroll-to-word feature on the Kindle.

"This puts some students at ease because they can do this discreetly without having to ask the teacher," Stout said.

The Kindle can also be used independently as a dictionary and it is a useful tool when students need to mark text as they look for particular information and literacy techniques. It makes it easy to take and save notes for later class discussion and group work and the text-to-speech function is a great option where students can have the text read to them as they follow along. Stout said this is a good tool for students that struggle with reading. And although a newer version of Kindle is needed for this func-

tion, Kindles and other tablets are becoming more cost efficient and evolving to add new and better tools for users.

Many technology-based teaching tools are available for educators, but sometimes there is not always an app for a specific lesson or unit a teacher needs. That is when the teacher creates their own.

"It's worth the time because of what the kids get out of it," Wuefing said of the lessons and review material she puts together to tailor the technology to her classroom. Wuefing shares ideas with other educators using Edmodo, which is basically Facebook for educators. "I'm all about not reinventing the wheel," she said.

Science teacher Shawn Regneus agrees with Wuefing. Regneus encourages students to become independent learners and look for another explanation

online if students do not understand a concept or lesson in his classroom. Regneus said the college-bound juniors and seniors he teaches will need this skill as they head off to larger schools where they will not always have the same amount of one-on-one time with their teachers.

The iPads Regneus uses with students replace many electronic devices and allow students to do research in class. Some students use their own iPad or other device in class, but must have permission before it comes out of their bag or pocket.

"We don't have to teach the technology. We have to teach the students how to use it in classrooms and how to use the tool productively," Regneus said.

Members of the Sheridan FCCLA are using technology to complete their projects for the upcoming state competition. These students served dinner at

the beginning of the meeting and explained some of the exciting things they are doing in FCCLA.

Also discussed before the technology presentation, was the opportunity for students to study abroad with scholarships from the government and school funding/legislative issues. School funding bill SB175 recently passed the senate 32-17 un-amended on third reading and now moves on to the house. Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman encouraged others in attendance to contact their legislators regarding SB175. He also mentioned that information about the bill and how to contact legislators is available on the Harrison website.

"Spread the word," Hofman said. "Everyone in this room is not enough."

Corner crossing bill hits roadblock as GOP access measures advance

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HELENA — Busload by busload, hundreds of people in orange hunting vests rolled into the Capitol parking lot last week. Some came from as far away as Glasgow to send their elected officials one message.

"Every day we read about something where access is being reduced for hunters," said Randy Newberg, a sportsman from Bozeman. "We have nothing that we as a hunting community can do about it."

The sportsmen came to Helena to support House Bill 235, a land access measure sponsored by Rep. Ellie Hill, D-Missoula. Her legislation would allow members of the public to step from one parcel of public land into another over a vertex where the two sections share corners with private land.

Although the bill failed in committee last month on a party-line vote, Hill sought to

"blast" it onto the House floor for further consideration. The unusual motion required a three-fifths vote and ultimately failed, with only 45 representatives — mostly Democrats — voting in favor.

Although unsuccessful in their effort to revive the bill, the sportsmen's persistence demonstrates the heightened debate surrounding land access.

"Yes, the blast failed, but we are not done," Hill told the crowd, who cheered in response. "Continue to wear that orange and continue to follow what we're doing here."

Jay Bodner, natural resource director for the Montana Stockgrowers Association, said recent land acquisitions by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and debate surrounding the relocation of bison has led to conflict between landowners, sportsmen and the department. His organization, for one, did not support Hill's measure, which received a strong

backing from sportsmen.

That tension is now playing out in the Capitol, as seen in the disagreement over Hill's "corner crossing" bill.

People familiar with the issue often describe it in terms of checkers — think of a token moving diagonally from square to square. Those squares represent parcels of public land, and sportsmen cannot move between them because that could constitute trespassing.

The law books do not clearly outline corner crossing rules, and courts have yet to clarify the matter, said George Golie, lobbyist for the Montana Wildlife Federation. His organization supported HB 235.

"The air space is not defined," he said. "So are you really trespassing, or are you just stepping over that spot?"

While proponents argue that legalizing corner crossing would open up hundreds of thousands of acres of public land currently inaccessible, opponents view it as a violation of

private property rights.

"For a long time in this state, we've had a hunting ethic that says you respect private property rights and you ask permission," said Chuck Denow, policy director for United Property Owners of Montana. "The corner trespass bill that's come this session would just simply destroy that hunting ethic."

He and others familiar with the debate note that corner crossing isn't the only issue at play. Road closures also block access to public land.

Despite those obstacles, alternative means of access do exist, Denow said. That's why his organization and other landowner groups have thrown their support behind two Republican-backed measures.

The first, House Bill 404, sponsored by Rep. Kelly Flynn, R-Townsend, received an initial endorsement on the House floor last week. It would shift some funds that currently support wildlife habitat into the block management program.

Supporters say the bill would provide monetary incentives to landowners to open up their property to the public.

House Democrats and the Montana Wildlife Federation argued the measure would strip the wildlife habitat program of vital funds.

"It was a hard choice for us to pick between Habitat Montana and block management," Golie said. "But in the end, we have to have the habitat for the game before we can have legitimate access to it."

HB 404's companion, House Bill 440, sponsored by Rep. Doug Kary, R-Billings, would use some of the wildlife habitat money to purchase new easements to connect parcels of public land. The measure passed out of a committee last week and awaits action on the House floor.

Under HB 440, Denow said the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks would make one-time payments to landowners. Once an easement purchase

is complete, the public can use the corridor for years to come.

Both HB 404 and 440 contain an expiration date of June 2015, at which point all money would be restored to the wildlife habitat account. The Montana Stockgrowers Association backed both bills.

"That's an incentive-based, voluntary approach," said Bodner, the group's lobbyist. "It's an effort to see if we can try to make successful programs more successful."

Regardless of whether the bills receive the governor's signature, landowners agree on one way sportsmen can gain greater access.

All it takes is a phone call or a knock on the door.

"If you ask permission, odds are you're going to get it," Denow said.

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LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP - WEEK 7

School bill passes Senate test as session heads toward halftime

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HELENA — After clearing the Senate last week with bipartisan support, a major school funding bill that increases money for K-12 schools while providing property tax relief is headed to the House.

Senate Bill 175, sponsored by Sen. Llew Jones, R-Conrad, passed the Senate 32-17 Friday with 12 Republicans joining Democrats.

Jones called his sweeping piece of legislation "evenly balanced," and colleagues on both sides of the aisle praised its carefully crafted provisions.

"It puts student achievement first, it respects a whole lot of hard work, and it unites a lot of people," Jones said.

The Republican senator spent the past 18 months developing the bill with the help of schools and education groups around the state. The measure draws upon natural resource revenue to provide an additional \$120 million to schools over the next two years.

Some in Jones' party worried about the funding increase. Sen. John Brenden, R-Scobey, said that while he wants to support education, other issues also need money.

"I don't know how we can expect to spend that kind of money when we are trying to cut government in other areas," he said

Despite 10 attempts to amend the bill on the Senate floor, Jones managed to garner enough support from the more moderate members of his party to fight off those measures and pass the bill.

The bill filters oil and gas tax revenue through districts impacted by oil activity in eastern Montana. Districts there can currently keep oil revenue up to 130 percent of their general fund budget. Jones' bill ensures that when one school reaches that cap, the remaining revenue cycles through other Bakken schools before landing in the state treasury.

Jones said under his plan, schools in neighboring communities that see increased enrollment but have little to no oil production will receive adequate funding.

Other lawmakers are busy pushing their bills through committee and onto the House or Senate floor as the session's half-way point draws near. Here's a look back at other highlights from the seventh week of the session.

Business equipment tax

The House Taxation Committee voted down Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock's proposal to eliminate the property tax on businesses with less than \$100,000 in equipment.

Eleven Republicans voted against the measure, although one member of the GOP voted alongside Democrats to support

House Bill 332.

Republicans have proposed several of their own measures to reduce the business equipment tax. The committee also heard testimony last week on House Bill 472, sponsored by Rep. Jerry Bennett, R-Libby, which would create an exemption on equipment valued under \$250,000.

Bennett argued that his bill would eliminate the tax for 14,000 businesses. Under his plan, businesses with more than \$250,000 in equipment would still pay a 1.5 percent tax, but would be exempt from paying any tax on the first \$250,000. Companies with more than \$3 million in equipment would pay a 3 percent tax.

The governor's plan would have required that businesses over the \$100,000 threshold pay tax on the total value of equipment, including the first \$100,000.

"If we only offer a threshold as a break, where is the incentive to buy more equipment and hire more employees?" asked Bennett.

Another tax proposal, Senate Bill 96, sponsored by Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, R-Kalispell, has passed the Senate and awaits action by the House. Tutvedt's bill reduces the tax rate to 1.5 percent on equipment valued up to \$10 million. Equipment above that amount would be taxed at 3 percent.

Gay rights

A bill decriminalizing sex between two people of the same gender cleared the Senate last week with bipartisan support.

Senate Bill 107, sponsored by Sen. Tom Facey, D-Missoula, aims to strike a provision from the Montana law books that the state Supreme Court had already thrown out in 1997.

Sen. Christine Kauffmann, D-Helena, said the unconstitutional statute reminds her every day that she's not wanted in her home state because she's a lesbian.

"It says I deserve to be in prison for 10 years for making a family with the woman I love," she said.

The Senate voted 38-11 to pass the measure. A similar bill cleared the Senate during the 2011 Legislature but died in a House committee.

Marijuana

A measure to allow people with post-traumatic stress disorder to use medical marijuana received support from veterans and the medical marijuana community last week in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill 310, sponsored by Sen. David Wanzneried, D-Missoula, adds PTSD to the list of conditions for which a doctor can prescribe the drug. Those conditions include intractable nausea, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, peripheral

neuropathy, muscle spasms and admittance into a hospice program.

Vietnam veteran David Paul Dube said he's lived with PTSD for more than 25 years and cannot go bed without worrying that he might accidentally hurt his wife with the pool cue he keeps nearby if she wakes him up during the night. Like others who spoke before him, he said he believes medical marijuana can help people with his condition.

"Make it possible for us to get a decent night's sleep," he urged the committee.

An opponent from the Rimrock Foundation asked lawmakers to reject the measure, citing marijuana as a gateway drug and its potential to lead to further substance abuse problems.

Wanzneried presented another measure, Senate Bill 311, which would automatically make state law comply with federal law should the federal government ever reclassify marijuana.

Native American language

Native Americans want to ensure their native tongues live on as the number of people who speak them dwindles.

Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy, D-Box Elder, brought forward legislation last week to continue that tradition. Senate Bill 342 would establish a Native American language pilot program in partnership with Montana's eight tribal governments.

The program would be contingent upon an appropriation in the state budget, and supporters, including the governor, are asking for \$2 million to fund the pilot project.

Physician-assisted suicide

After the Senate Judiciary Committee rejected a bill to ensure the legality of physician-assisted suicide earlier, its House counterpart passed a bill that would make the practice illegal.

House Bill 505, sponsored by Rep. Krayton Kerns, R-Laurel, heads to the House floor.

Several physician-assisted suicide bills have come before the Legislature in recent years in response to a 2009 state Supreme Court decision that left many people confused about the issue's legality.

Proponents of ending the practice argue that assisted suicide can lead to elder abuse and may deprive people who receive incorrect prognoses of a long life.

Those who support assisted suicide say people who will suffer greatly near the end of their lives should have the right to choose how they die.

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My life, my death, my choice

Dear Editor,

The love of my life died of Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS) in April of 2009. Richard progressively lost his ability to walk, hold his head up, use his arms and hands, swallow and breathe. His basic bodily functions shut down, one by one. He suffered horrific leg cramps that sometimes lasted nearly an hour. He felt "stuck" to the bed sheets, like a prisoner in chains. Richard wanted the comfort of knowing he had the choice to die with dignity as he had lived his life. Sadly, Richard didn't get that comfort or that choice, despite best efforts by his doctor and hospice nurses to provide palliative care. But several months later, the

Montana Supreme Court ruled that terminally ill, mentally competent, adult patients could request and receive a prescription for lethal medication from their doctor. This ruling affirmed Montanans' right to personal privacy, personal dignity and individual choice at the end of life.

House Bill 505 now before the Montana State Legislature would eliminate that right. HB 505 is shocking in its attack on both Montana doctors and the dying patients they care for. This bill presumes to "protect" people like Richard, by jailing doctors who respond to patient requests for aid in dying a peaceful, dignified death.

To fellow Montanans who wish to retain your right to end-

of-life choices and also preserve your doctors' ability to practice medicine in a respectful, compassionate and pain-relieving manner: Please contact your State Representative immediately. Ask him/her to vote NO on HB 505. Call 444-4800 or email a message using this link: <http://leg.mt.gov/css/Sessions/63rd/legwebmessage.asp>.

Currently in Montana, it's my life, my death and my choice. Let's keep it that way. Lawyers and police officers have no legitimate place in end-of-life conversations between my doctor, my God, and me.

Doris Fischer
Sheridan

In unanimous support of the Madison Valley Rural Fire District Capitol Improvement initiatives

Dear Editor,

We the Madison Valley property owners listed below are unanimous in support of the Madison Valley Rural Fire District Capitol Improvement initiatives – specifically funding for "Rapid Response Plan – Phase I" which will be voted on by Madison Valley in March of this year.

We firmly believe the plan is well thought out and should be approved by all voters. This includes all components: 1) Construction and equipping Varney Station #3; 2) Purchase of an Engine/Rescue Unit for Ennis Sta-

tion #1; 3) Increase operations and maintenance by a permanent levy.

There are many residents who live in areas far removed from existing Fire Stations requiring an extended response time. All landowners and residents of the Bull Wheel Ranch and Shining Mountain Developments live in one of these more remote areas.

As time goes by, more development will occur and therefore more properties will be served by approval of Phase I and then Phase II. Approval will provide these taxpayers the confidence

that their lives and properties will be much safer.

Sincerely,

David & Carolyn Benjamin
Bruce Combs
Milton & Linda Michaelis
Pat & Deena Toalson
Larry & Ann Leonard
Jack & Stephanie
McFarland
Gary & Lori Hadley

Thank you for your hospitality

Dear Editor,

I would like to gladly thank the Sheridan Library and Velma for all their hospitality and good cheer at my book signing. I was amazed at how much support there was for me and at the great turnout. I would also like to thank my friends who supported this event; it means more to me than you will ever know. Also to the Sheridan Bakery

for their very fine spread of goodies, of which most were donated. I also would like to thank the Twin Bridges Library for their hospitality of my book signing there. It was greatly appreciated that Betty came to open for me, and all my friends who showed up and supported me, and also for the goodies. There are also many people who have supported me who couldn't make it to these sign-

ings, and I thank you kindly. I also want to thank the Sheridan Book Club for inviting me to their dinner. I had a great time with everyone there and appreciated all of your support. It was a great evening. Thank you to everyone!

Love to you all,
Donna Sorenson-Nolte

Thank you for "Having A Heart"

Dear Editor,

A BIG THANKS to the community for all of the support in the Valentines "Have a Heart" hat and glove drive! It was a huge success!

From all of us at Prudential Montana Ennis

Thank you Ennis Town Pump

Dear Editor,

Ennis Elementary School would like to thank Exxon Mobil and the Ennis Town Pump for the \$500 Educational Alliance Math and Science Grant. The money will be very useful in supporting math and science programs in our schools as we encourage our students to pursue studies in fields involving math and science. Thank You!

Brian Hilton

OBITUARY

George Llewellyn Grice, Jr. Oct. 12, 1928-Feb. 20, 2013



George Llewellyn Grice, Jr. died at home in Rhinebeck, NY,

with family and loyal cat Winston by his side, on Feb. 20, 2013, after a brief illness. He was 84 years old. Until he moved east in October of 2012, he had been a resident of Virginia City, Mont., for ten years. He was a proud and loyal citizen of Montana, serving both the Episcopal Church and Virginia City in many capacities during his time there. Prior to moving to Montana, he had lived in Woodbury and Southbury, Conn., for over 35 years.

George was born on Oct. 12, 1928 in Orange, NJ to George

L. and Jane E. (Christy) Grice. During his youth, the family moved frequently; he lived in 17 different houses in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York and attended 14 different schools by the time he received his BA. He considered the area of Rochester, N.Y., his home. He graduated from Hartwick College in 1950 and the Harvard Business School in 1956. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving for three years during the Korean Conflict, primarily as an instructor in the Signal Corps.

George married Mary Case Drummond in 1954. They were married for 49 years, and raised four daughters, until her death in November 2003. Upon his graduation from the Harvard Business School, they moved to Ravenswood, W. Va., where he was employed by Kaiser Aluminum. In 1964 the family moved to Connecticut, where George worked for Scovill Manufacturing Co. and later for the Stanley Works. After retirement, they moved to

Virginia City where Mary had family roots. Although Mary died just 18 months after they moved west, George made a full life for himself in Montana. In addition to serving on the Virginia City Town Council from 2005-2008, he was a life member of the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center Board of Directors, a board member of the Virginia City Preservation Alliance, the president of the Vigilance Club, and volunteered at the Virginia City Thompson Hickman Museum.

George's deepest interests, apart from his family, were music and his faith. Throughout his life he loved to sing. Over the years he performed in solo recitals, sang in church choirs and community choruses, and appeared in a number of local opera and musical theatre productions. With his wife as organist, he served as choirmaster of three church choirs in West Virginia and Connecticut.

George was a lifelong mem-

ber of the Episcopal Church and served on the vestries of St. Paul's Church in Woodbury, Conn., and St. Paul's Church in Virginia City as well as serving as a senior warden, deacon, altar guild member, and in many other capacities throughout his life. He worked as a consultant for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, assisting individual parishes, as well as serving on the Montana Episcopal Diocesan Council for over 5 years.

George is survived by his four daughters, Marthe Grice and her husband Glendower Jones of Fayetteville, Ark.; Anne Grice Coleman and her husband William of Ellington, Conn.; Amy Grice and her husband Bruce Leach of Rhinebeck, N.Y.; and Elizabeth Grice of Waterbury, Conn. Six grandchildren also survive him: Zachary Bell and Catherine Bell of Ellington Conn.; Samuel Leach and Jacob Leach of Rhinebeck, N.Y.; Mary Catherine Jones of Fayetteville, Ark.; and Alexandra Grice of

Waterbury, Conn.

A memorial service will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck, N.Y. on Saturday, March 2 at 11:30 a.m. A second memorial service will take place at a later date in Virginia City. In lieu of flowers, in recognition of George's lifelong faith and love of the Episcopal Church, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 92, Virginia City, MT 59755 or to Church of the Messiah, Box 248, Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of Dutchess and Ulster County and all the special people that shared in George's last months; we could not have done it without you.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 91 W. Market St. Rhinebeck, NY.

For directions, or to sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com

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Participate in the 34th annual Rendezvous Race

From Moira Dow

There are just over two weeks until the cannon fires for the 34th annual Yellowstone Rendezvous Race, on March 2, 2013. Make plans now to participate in this historic race and experience some of the best skiing the world has to offer in West Yellowstone. Race organizers are already busy marking the course and making final preparations for the event. If you have been to West Yellowstone at any time this season, you'll know that the Rendezvous Ski Trails are in outstanding shape.

The Yellowstone Rendezvous Race is part of the American Ski Marathon Series and is a cornerstone of cross-country skiing in West Yellowstone. Once again, this year the race is proud to have Yellowstone National Park Lodges as its corporate sponsor. There are six different race divisions offered for skiers of all ages. Marathoners can enter the 50-kilometer freestyle race, which consists of two laps around the perimeter of the Rendezvous Ski Trail system. Racers can enter the 25-kilometer classic or freestyle events and the 10-kilometer race is a great

choice for those preferring a shorter distance. The 5k and 2k races are geared for kids—bring the whole family.

Camaraderie at the starting line follows racers along the entire course. To support racers in the 25 or 50k division, costumed volunteers staff feed stations along the trails and the theme this year is "Dr. Seuss". Look for the Cat in the Hat, Sam I Am or even the Lorax. Bragging rights are on the line, as racers get to vote for their favorite feed station and the winners gloat for the rest of the year.

For most, crossing the finish line is the goal; but the fastest skiers will be rewarded with medals and cash prizes at the

awards ceremony on Saturday evening. All racers are invited to treat themselves to the complimentary desert bar at the Holiday Inn after the race.

The Yellowstone Rendezvous Race is a fun, festive event in a unique location. As the name implies, West Yellowstone sits at the western entrance to Yellowstone National Park, which is open to over-snow vehicles until March 15, 2013. Inside the park, local snow coach companies offer ski tours around Old Faithful, Firehole Drive, Gibbon Falls and many other spectacular spots. Alternatively, a short drive will find many trailheads for those interested in a light backcountry tour of Yellowstone National Park or the Gallatin National Forest.

Visitors are encouraged to extend their stay and truly enjoy a winter wonderland that is unlike any other place. Whether it is skiing or sight-seeing, West Yellowstone is the home base for winter fun. There is no other place in the world where you can spend one day racing or skiing on 35 kilometers of professionally groomed trails and the next day see bison grazing next to hot springs or bald eagles soaring past geysers.

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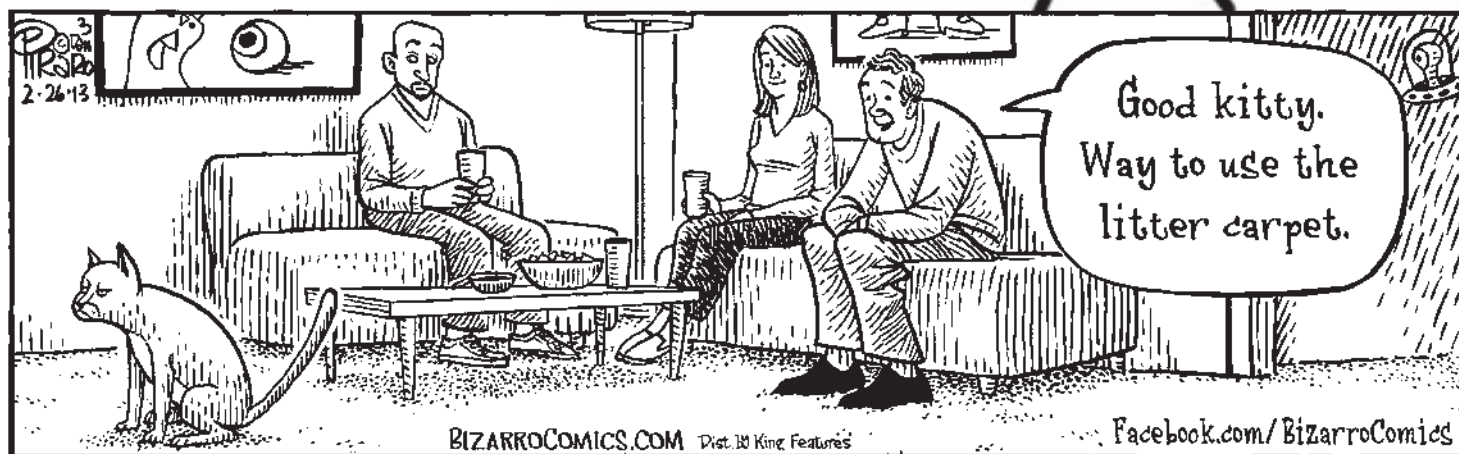


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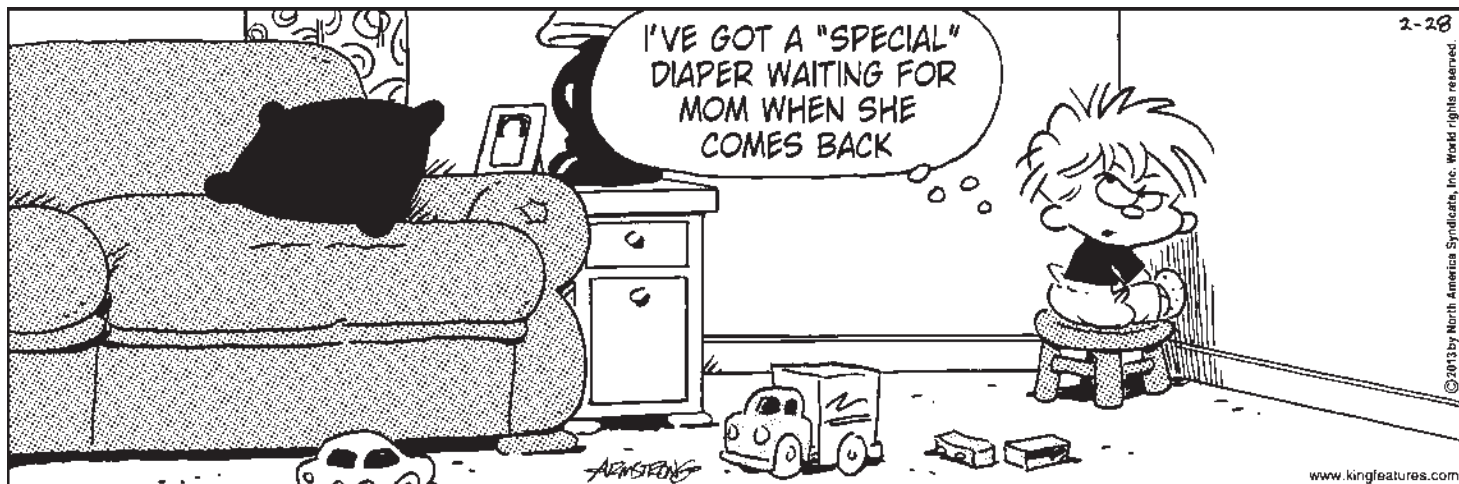
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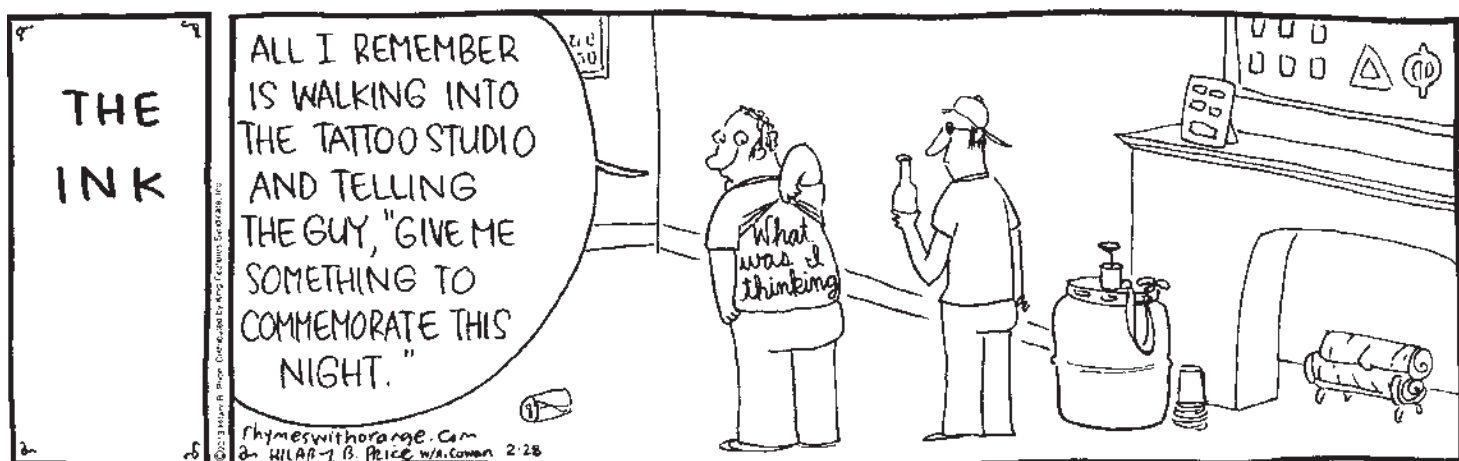
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L = T

dear maddy

By The Madisonian
 Do you have a question you'd like to submit?
 Email dearmaddy@madisoniannews.com

dear Maddy,

I am currently a senior in high school. I have already applied to a handful of colleges for the fall. My parents have their ideas of where they would like me to go. Honestly, I don't know where I want to go or if I even want to go to college right away. I'm scared to tell my parents this is how I am feeling but I'm more scared of going to school in the fall not knowing what I'm there for. What should I do?

*Undecided in
Madison Valley*

dear Undecided,

The thoughts and fears you are experiencing are absolutely normal for a person of your age. I bet some of your classmates are even feeling the same way. If you are truly feeling this way, then you owe it to yourself and your parents to be honest. Most parents just want their children to be happy and have more opportunities than they had growing up. Most children just want to make their parents happy and to gain acceptance from them. If you sit your parents down and talk this through with them, you will hopefully find support and understanding. It would be harder on you to keep it in, go to school in the fall and then drop out or do poorly because you didn't really want to be there. You may even change your mind in a couple of months. The world is filled with opportunity and there is no right or wrong way as long as you are doing your best and following your heart.

for entertainment purposes only

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 - 15 Healing
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 - 18 Porter
 - 19 Different
 - 21 What @ means
 - 22 A crowd?
 - 24 Soon, in verse
 - 27 Exist
 - 28 Cain's pop
 - 31 Chaps
 - 32 Workout venue
 - 33 Eggs
 - 34 Cookware
 - 36 Cleopatra's slayer
 - 37 Dance lesson
 - 38 Core
 - 40 "I think, therefore I —"
 - 41 Massage
 - 43 Meager
 - 47 Fresh
 - 48 Traveling, maybe
 - 51 George's brother
 - 52 Boyfriend
 - 53 Frat party garb
 - 54 Plaything
 - 55 Black, poetically
 - 56 Stalk
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- 1 Smell
 - 2 Cattle, old style
 - 3 On pension (Abbr.)
 - 4 Depth charge
 - 5 Temptress
 - 6 "— Got a Secret"
 - 7 D.C. VIP
 - 8 Passion
 - 9 Promptly
 - 10 "— Only Just Begun"
 - 11 Shakespearean king
 - 16 Dine
 - 20 Afternoon affair
 - 22 Rendezvous
 - 23 Rope fiber
 - 24 Pump up the volume
 - 25 Ultramodern (Pref.)
 - 26 Getting there
 - 27 Culture medium
 - 29 "Hail!"
 - 30 Chart
 - 35 Vast expanse
 - 37 Intelligence
 - 39 Pueblo building
 - 40 Mimic
 - 41 Make booties
 - 42 Infamous fiddler
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 - 50 Confucian concept

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Q IS FOR QUILL



by Regan Goettle
Q was the letter of the week. Madi took the children back in time as they learned to write with a quill during an art project. Garrin and Chevy could be our next founding fathers, once they learn to spell, that is.

ANTI-BULLYING PROCLAMATION SIGNED



Submitted by Jonnie Lee and Samantha Zetler
 The City of Sheridan, Sheridan School District and Sheridan FCCLA joined together to sign a proclamation to a unified commitment to the education and prevention of bullying within our community and school, exploring solutions to the problem, and offering support in raising awareness

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MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT REFERENDUM MAIL-IN BALLOT COMING SOON!



MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT Capital Improvement Planning for the Future

Background Information

Your Fire District developed a plan over the last 4 years to ensure the best possible level of fire protection for all Madison Valley residents. Montana State University assisted the Fire District in this planning effort, which highlights the need for Planning and Capital Improvements.

In order to determine needed Capital Improvements, the Fire District set the acceptable level of emergency response and analyzed how the Fire District is currently meeting this standard across the Madison Valley. The Fire District mapped existing population and response time, and reviewed the efficiency of equipment. Estimated population growth over the next 30 years was modeled to determine how the Fire District can continue to meet the increasing needs of the community. The results are that new, professionally equipped stations are needed in the Varney Bridge and McAllister areas to meet current and future demands.

The "Rapid Response Plan" calls for the modernization and upkeep of the Fire District fleet and equipment. The Bond Plan sets aside dollars for the acquisition of a new combination engine/rescue unit for Ennis Station #1. This new first response unit will efficiently and safely replace two pieces of outdated apparatus, one over 30 years old. Additionally, the recommended permanent levy increase will help fund the ever escalating fixed costs, and costs of operations and maintenance of fire protection.

In order to offer an acceptable level of taxation, the Fire District is proposing the "Rapid Response Plan", in which Capital Improvements are phased in over 20 years. Phase 1 is proposed for 2013, depending on citizen approval. Phase 2 is proposed for 2023, also dependent on funding.

Rapid Response Plan Phase 1 (2013)

- Build and Equip Varney Station #3
- Purchase Engine/Rescue Unit for Ennis Station #1
- Increase Operations and Maintenance Permanent Levy

Rapid Response Plan Phase 2 (2023)

- Build and Equip McAllister Station #4

Funding "Rapid Response Plan" - Phase I

The Fire District is proposing to fund the Rapid Response Plan Phase I through a \$985,000 Bond and a 6-mil increase in the Operations and Maintenance Budget. The tables below illustrate the estimated impact on taxes for Madison Valley residents.

2013 \$985,000 10-Year Bond

Home Value	Annual Tax Increase*
\$100,000	\$12.38
\$200,000	\$24.77

6-mil Increase in O&M Budget

Home Value	Annual Tax Increase*
\$100,000	\$8.84
\$200,000	\$17.67

AND
 (note that these will be 2 separate ballot items)

*Source: D.A. Davidson and Company, Bond Underwriter

Your Opportunity to be Heard

Registered voters and holders of title to lands within the Fire District will have the opportunity to vote on this issue. Madison County will mail ballots to all registered voters in the Fire District on March 4, 2013. Ballots are due back to the Madison County Election Administrator by **March 26, 2013**. Voters will vote yes or no to the \$985,000 10-Year Bond and will vote yes or no to the 6-mil increase in the Operations and Maintenance Budget. For more information, please contact the Madison Valley Rural Fire District at (406)682-3311.

GET INFORMED!

2 PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR:

1. GRIZZLY BAR
 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28 AT 6 PM
 1405 US HWY 287 NORTH
 CAMERON, MT
2. FIRE STATION #1
 FRIDAY MARCH 1 AT 7 PM
 5037 US HWY 287 NORTH
 ENNIS, MT

BE SURE TO CAST A VOTE!

BECAUSE THIS IS DONE BY MAIL BALLOT, IF FEWER THAN 30% OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT/VALLEY CAST A VOTE THE REFERENDUM FAILS.



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MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

February 17, 2013 thru February 23, 2013

February 17, 2013

Deputy dispatched to disturbance at Barker Village Apts
Deputy & EA dispatched to 70 blk Jeffers Rd
Received civil complaint in 500 blk E Hugel St
Received suspicious circumstances complaint in 200 blk N Madison St
Received unfounded 911 call
Received animal complaint on Mt Hwy 287 between Sheridan & Twin Bridges
Received unfounded 911 call
Received privacy in communications complaint
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint in Norris

February 18, 2013

Received theft complaint in Pony
Received unfounded 911 call
Received report of vehicle accident at Norris Hot Springs parking lot
Received report of vehicle accident on Norris Hill
Received report of juvenile matter in Pony
Deputy dispatched to animal complaint at Mt Hwy 287 MM 18
T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 17

February 19, 2013

Deputy dispatched to dog complaint on Lariat Loop

Dispatched TBFDD to an alarm in 50 blk E Bench Rd
Received suspicious circumstances complaint on W Ennis St
Received report of vehicle/deer accident on Mt Hwy 287 North of Sheridan
Deputy dispatched to traffic complaint on Mill Creek Rd

February 20, 2013

Dispatched AFD to 60 blk Ruby Rd
Received unfounded 911 call
Received unfounded 911 call
Deputy dispatched to animal complaint on Mt Hwy 41 by Redfield Ln

February 21, 2013

Received missing person complaint at Twin Bridges School
Received wildlife complaint at US Hwy 287 MM 30
Received traffic complaint at Mt Hwy 287 MM 17
Deputy dispatched to trespass complaint at Seyler Lane Bridge
T/s on US Hwy 287 by Madison Valley Manor

February 22, 2013

Dispatched EA for transfer to Bozeman
Dispatched EFD to 200 blk E Fagin St
Deputy dispatched to an alarm in 20 blk Nye Rd

Received abandoned vehicle complaint in 100 blk Pattee St
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Ennis
Received criminal mischief complaint in 200 blk Ruby St
Deputy dispatched to assist other agency on US Hwy 287 Norris Hill
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 71
Dispatched EA for transfer to Bozeman

February 23, 2013

Received unfounded 911 call
Received report of vehicle stuck on Parrot Ditch Rd
Dispatched TBQRU, TBFDD & RVA to vehicle accident at Mt Hwy 41 MM 51

Deputy dispatched to vehicle accident at Mt Hwy 94 MM 7
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Butte
Deputy dispatched to dog complaint in 100 blk E 9th Ave T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 51
Received request for welfare check in 200 blk S Charles St
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint outside Mill Creek Inn

The Sheriff's Office made 4 traffic stops and received 44 calls for service between February 17, 2013 and February 23, 2013.

HARRISON SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHAVES HEAD



A send off for the girls' basketball team on Feb. 21 turned into a shave off for the Harrison School Superintendent Fred Hofman. The Lady Wildcats did their part and advanced to the Western C Divisional Tournament in Hamilton, and so Hofman held up his end of the bargain as well by shaving his head. Cheers and applause from students and staff alike filled the gymnasium as hair hit the floor all in the name of school spirit.

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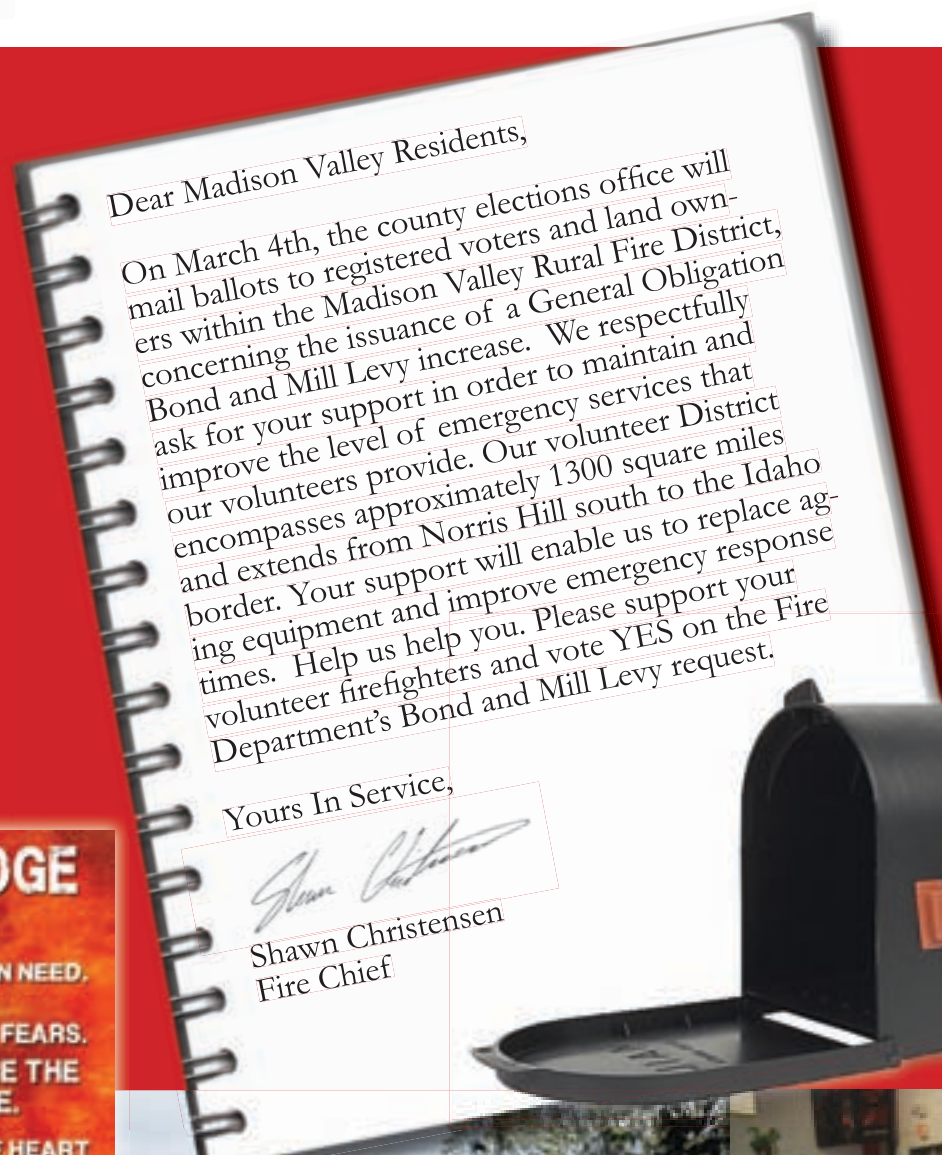
***In 2011**
2692 volunteer hours logged.

***In 2011**
99 volunteer calls for service.

***In 2012**
114 volunteer calls for service.

***In 2012**
3624 volunteer hours logged.

***Approximately 1300 square miles (top of Norris Hill clear to Idaho border)**



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Sandy Hook

by Sierra Parsons

it is winter and
I am home again
in this house where the walls
creak and breathe
with memories of my
childhood
my sister and I have left our
mark
our laughter still settles in the
hardwood floor
if you step on the right spot
it floats up around you
often like the scent of
cinnamon does
when you open the oven door

my childhood home
smells like warmth
and summer sunsets
like the crook of my mother's
neck
and my father's t-shirt
it is safe

tonight I lay wrapped in a

cocoon of blankets, like I did
as a child
making sure there were no
monsters under my bed
and unabashedly whispering
wishes into my pillowcase as I
drifted off to sleep
I am protected from the evils
of the world
rain taps on my window and on
my roof
and I am not afraid

but still this nest does not
shelter my thoughts (especially
tonight)
I think about death
I think about now and always
I think I am sad
even when I am happy
I am still figuring out what this
means but its like
a nagging in the back of my
mind
I'll forget but then all too soon
it is there again
like a hangnail will always

snag on your favorite sweater
I've run out of ways to tell my
parents that I cry (especially
tonight)
that I am constantly
overwhelmed
that I am heartbroken

like my great-grandmother's
teacup
life is so precious
life is so fragile
and the hairline fractures keep
splintering
and even as an adult I am still a
clumsy child
I cannot keep it from cracking
my heart
or this teacup of life

if I could have handed it to
those 20 children today
I would have
their hope would fill it to the
bring
and my heart would swell with
their promise

and their wishes
and their dreams

and even though I am safe
and even though I am not
afraid
I think I am still scared
because as I get older
it gets harder to convince
myself
that monsters aren't under my
bed
that monsters aren't real
aren't make believe
aren't just figments of my
imagination

Sierra Parsons, age 20, is
John and Dianne Claypool's
granddaughter, daughter or
Marnie and Michael Parsons.
She currently goes to school at
the University of California,
Santa Cruz where she is
pursuing a double major in
Theatre Arts and Creative
Writing.

Keeping the roads of Madison County safe

From Roger Thompson

Last December, Madison County signed an agreement with Compliance Monitoring

Systems, an authorized 24/7 SCRAMx service provider. SCRAMx is part of the 24/7 Sobriety Program that was signed into law by Gov. Brian Schwi-

etzer in May of 2011 to help with DUI-related traffic fatalities. Madison County is now a participant in the 24/7 program.

SCRAMx is an alcohol-monitoring bracelet that constantly detects alcohol in an offender's system. This helps verify that the offender is complying with court orders to abstain from drinking, which has been difficult to do in the past. Consequently, offenders are able to continue working, attend school, care for their families and contribute positively in the community while our roads are kept safe. Additionally, taxpayers save money by not having to pay for the individual to be jailed.

The offender pays for the SCRAMx program costs so counties and taxpayers are not burdened with the expense of installation and monthly fees.

Currently, more than half of the state uses the 24/7 Sobriety Program. There have been multiple success stories from of-

fenders. One ScramX participant shared, "Drinking only made my problems worse. SCRAMx plus meetings and counseling have strengthened me mentally to cope without a drink. My counselor said if all her clients had to wear SCRAMx, there would be fewer relapses and it would give clients more time to clear their minds. For me, I now have no desire to drink and have become a stronger and more positive person."

In 2012 Madison County had a total of 1,100 days monitored on SCRAMx. 1,089 of those days were sober days for a 99 percent sober rate. With more offenders being held accountable through the 24/7 Sobriety Program.

Undersheriff Roger Thompson is pleased to say that Madison County is part of the 24/7 program because it is a proactive effort between the courts and law enforcement to help make Madison County roads safer for all to drive on.



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Saturday	Partly cloudy. Lows 20 to 30. Highs 40 to 50.
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ALDER SCHOOL
Kole Hill



Kole Hill has been chosen as Alder School's student of the week. As a third grader, Kole exemplifies outstanding characteristics as a student. He is a top math student and he does well in all areas of the curriculum. He enjoys helping his teacher and the other students. If you want a job done well and on time, just ask Kole to do it for you. Being quite competitive, Kole enjoys many sports as he plays and works hard in all areas of his life. He LOVES football and is a BIG PACKER fan. Congratulations, Kole!

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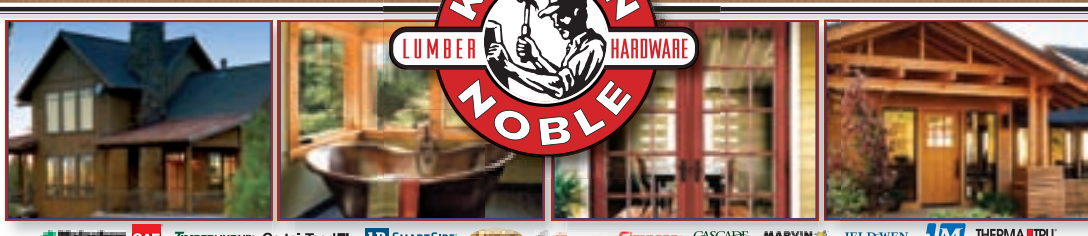
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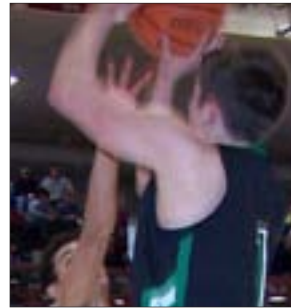
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SECTION B

Thursday, February 28, 2013



Dr. Roman Hendrickson presents the Ruby Valley Medical Clinic Sports Physical Donation to Jamie Reynolds at Twin Brides School



Dr. Roman Hendrickson presents the Ruby Valley Medical Clinic Sports Physical Donation to Superintendent Kim Harding at Sheridan School

Ruby Valley Hospital donates to support school science education

From Debra McNeill

Every fall, the healthcare providers at the Ruby Valley Medical Clinic offer low-cost sports physicals for athletes at Twin Brides and Sheridan Schools. For the past three years, the money collected from those physicals has been donated back to the schools in the Ruby Valley. The schools can use the funds as they wish to purchase books or equipment in support of science education. Last week Dr. Roman Hendrickson, on behalf of Ruby Valley Hospital, presented Sheridan School Superintendent Kim Harding with a check for \$400 and Twin Brides School

Librarian Jamie Reynolds with a check for \$1,150.

The Ruby Valley Hospital's Board of Directors has graciously allowed that the funds be used by the school libraries for science education. "Our science teacher is already shopping the science book catalogs," said Superintendent Harding. Mrs. Reynolds has coordinated a plan for Twin Brides School to use their funds to purchase several iPad tablets which will be filled with science applications and digital books to compliment the K-12 science curriculum. The library will work with the teachers to coordinate and supervise group

projects with the students. While accepting the donation, Mrs. Reynolds said, "We are excited for the students to experience these iPads as powerful learning tools in the classroom."

Only funds collected during the on-campus sports physicals are used for the donations. The Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioner who perform the Sports Physicals enjoy the opportunity to contribute to the safety and health of our young athletes. Dr. Hendrickson expects that this program will continue indefinitely. He adds, "It's great to see these funds circle back to our schools."



New owner for the old bank building

From Don Bowen

The new owner of the former First Madison Valley Bank building sends greetings to the community. He adds, "My thanks to Rikki Dilschneider of Prudential Real Estate and Don and Toni Bowen of Arrow Real Estate for the professionalism and excellence shown helping me through the purchase process. And to Mary Oliver, the First Madison Valley Bank and the Madison Valley Hospital Foundation Board for allowing me the opportunity to own an Ennis landmark building--The Old Bank Building."

The owner has no specific plans for the future of the building yet; however, he guarantees, "It will not be a building of embarrassment to

the City of Ennis or the people who live here."

He plans to refurbish the building and be the proud caretaker of a property he has loved for many years. While he prefers to maintain his privacy at this time, he intends to relocate permanently to the valley within 18 months and become a part of the community.

This historic building plays an important part in the development of the town. William Ennis erected the first house in Ennis in 1863. The town grew gradually until 1896 when Mr. Ennis erected the first saloon and then the town "boomed." The Elling estate established the first bank in 1909, named the Southern Montana Bank, on Main Street where the first post office was

located in what is now the Ennis Pharmacy. In 1913, the present bank building was constructed with Mr. Steffens as its first cashier. In 1931, it changed its name to the Madison Valley Bank with Hugh Wakefield as its cashier and president. This bank later closed down and housed an insurance office for many years. It wasn't until June of 1965 when Ennis had banking services again, thanks to Peter Combs who came to the valley and started the First Madison Valley Bank and the Diamond J Dude Ranch.

Everyone involved in this transaction is pleased about the purchase of this wonderful landmark and has confidence that the new owner will do it justice.

Manor news

From Julie Christensen
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, MADISON VALLEY MANOR

What a great Valentine's Day we had at the Manor! On Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, the Madison Valley Manor's Women's Auxiliary gathered for the monthly meeting at the Manor in the sunroom. We discussed many items prior to our monthly birthday party and annual Valentine's Day party. The Ennis Lions Club hosts our Valentine's Day party with cake, ice cream, candy and fun decorations. Thank you again to the Ennis Lions Club and the MVM Women's Auxiliary.

One of the items we discussed was the possibility of fundraisers this year to benefit the lives of the residents at the Manor. Any money we raise will continue to go to the

improvements of our restorative room. In the near future, we are looking at purchasing a new television, new paint and new artwork to enhance the physical therapy room for all who utilize the space. Last year's fundraiser helped purchase the Nu Step equipment, which has been a great addition to the equipment we already have.

The Auxiliary members continue to donate money to the activity department for various items like birthday and Christmas gifts, the Bingo bank and various other supplies and goodies. They continue to strive to better the residents' lives. With all the wonderful things these ladies already do for us, they wish to do even more by volunteering their time in scheduled activities. We are all grateful for what the Auxiliary members do for our

big family at the Manor.

Moreover, we had other new and exciting topics to discuss. First off, thanks to 3 Rivers, we now have a wireless hot spot in the sunroom so residents can potentially Skype with family members who are far away. This has been a goal for us here at the Manor so we are so glad to have finally reached our goal. Thanks 3 Rivers! Secondly, we now have a new call light system; this has also been another goal of ours to check off of the list.

The Auxiliary ladies are planning for Easter already. Whatever they have planned I'm sure will be a lot of fun for the residents. Lastly, we are planning on holding a Chamber after-hours event at the Manor in the Gazebo on July 11. We hope to see you there. Happy spring!

Informational meeting to discuss capital improvement plan

From Madison Valley Rural Fire District

On Friday, March 1, The Madison Valley Rural Fire District Trustees will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m. at the Ennis Fire Station

#1. Those who attend will learn more about the District's Capital Improvement Plan and its financing through a proposed General Obligation Bond and an increase in the District's mill levy.

The public is encouraged

to attend this meeting to learn the details regarding the upcoming Mail Ballot election and the mail-in ballots that will be received by all registered voters in the District on March 4.

Calling local businesses to 6th annual Buy Local Business Expo

From Bob Reimard

The Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce is seeking local businesses to participate in the 6th annual Buy Local Business Expo. This year's expo will be held at

the Twin Bridges Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 4.

Since there will only be 45 tables available, Ruby Valley businesses—home based and main street—are encouraged to reserve their space at their earliest convenience. This

is an excellent opportunity to showcase products and services and to network with customers and fellow entrepreneurs.

For more information or to reserve your space, contact Bob Reimard at 842-7900.

Farm to Fork



By David Hoag

Madison Valley gardening starts in February at the Madison Farm to Fork Greenhouse. Kay Suzuki, Greenhouse Manager, and volunteers Sue Welna and Cathie Jean relocate a trellis in the raised bed rotation scheme.

CLASS C DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT

SPORTS

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Thursday, February 28, 2013

Lady Falcons rise to the challenge, earn state tournament berth

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

It seemed the Lady Falcons were on the easy path to a repeat trip to the State Class C Girls Basketball Tournament, but a waived off last-second shot in the girls' Western C Divisional championship game derailed the Twin Bridges team right into a challenge game with the Shields Valley Lady Rebels.

Diverted to Bozeman to earn a trip to the state tournament in Belgrade, the Lady Falcons held off their district foe 57-30 with scrappy defense and a great offensive showing from lone senior Hannah Konen. The win pits Twin Bridges versus Hinsdale

at the Belgrade Special Events Center on Feb. 28, at 2:30 p.m. Hinsdale comes into the state tournament as the number one seed from the Eastern C. The winner advances to the 7 p.m. semifinal game tomorrow and the loser plays tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Twin Bridges beat Superior 64-44 and Seeley-Swan 53-35 before falling to the Drummond Lady Trojans 46-48. The Lady Falcons were able to put up big numbers in their first two games to pull away from their opponents, but Drummond proved harder to shake. Drummond held its biggest lead of the game, 12 points, at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Twin whittled that lead down to

just four by the midway point of the quarter, but could not get shots to fall and when they did time had run out.

Superior 8 9 17 10 — 44
Twin 11 24 18 11 — 64
SUPERIOR
Marissa Koke 4, Myranda Kuhl 2, Nicole Stroot 20, Jordan Mueller 5, Kinzie Cooper 2, Danielle Ewonuk 9, Sierra Ireland 0, Nadea Ewonuk 0, Michele Smith 0, Anesa Ruiz 2, Hannah Hollenback 0, Kayla Boone 0. TOTALS: 15 13-28 44.

TWIN BRIDGES
Hannah Konen 13, Kristen Ashcraft 6, Abby Williams 8, Morgan Martin 6, Alison Griebenow 10, Julia Cox 8, Paige Phillips 2, Kelsie Dustin

0, Madyson Beagley 2, Cassidy Wetzel 2, Rylee Mehrring 0, Megan Martin 7. TOTALS: 28 7-13 64.

Twin Bridges 7 10 16 20 — 53
Seeley-Swan 6 11 13 5 — 35
TWIN BRIDGES — Hannah Konen 4 8-10 18, Kristen Ashcraft 0 0-2 0, Julia Cox 0 0-2 0, Abby Williams 1 0-0 2, Morgan Martin 4 4-6 12, Alison Griebenow 1 4-6 6, Madyson Beagley 0 0-2 0, Cassidy Wetzel 0 1-2 1, Megan Martin 6 1-1 14. Totals 16 18-30 53.

SEELEY-SWAN — Hope Crowell 6 2-4 14, Tiffany Wendel 1 0-0 3, Hailey Towe 1 2-2 4, Kelsey Linford 1 1-2 3, Paige Holmes 2 0-1 4, KeAnna

Conley 1 0-0 2, Mariah Cooper-Nies 2 1-2 5. Totals 14 6-11 35.

3-point goals — Twin Bridges 3-8 (Konen 2, Meagan Martin), Seeley-Swan 1-8 (Wendel). Total fouls — Twin Bridges 15, Seeley-Swan 27. Fouled out — Shelby Holmes. Rebounds — Twin Bridges 43 (Morgan Martin 10), Seeley-Swan 40 (Linford 7). Turnovers — Twin Bridges 19, Seeley-Swan 27.

Twin Bridges 10 16 2 18 — 46
Drummond 10 13 15 10 — 48

TWIN BRIDGES — Hannah Konen 5 3-4 14, Kristen Ashcraft 1 2-2 4, Abby Williams 0 0-0 0, Morgan Martin 2 0-0 4, Alison Griebenow 1 2-3 4, Julia

Cox 5 3-4 13, Paige Phillips 1 0-0 2, Cassidy Wetzel 2 0-0 5, Megan Martin 0 0-0 0, Madyson Beagley 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 10-13 46.

DRUMMOND — Alexys Bryant 4 0-0 8, Krissy Paske 4 3-5 13, Frankie Bignell 7 3-6 17, Ashley Mannix 3 4-8 10, Melanie Parke 0 0-0 0, Samantha Henderson 0 0-0 0, Audrie Parke 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 10-19 48.

3-point goals — Twin 2 (Konen, Wetzel), Drummond 2 (Paske 2). Total fouls — Twin 15, Drummond 12. Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Twin 33 (Konen 6), Drummond 40 (Bignell 18). Turnovers — Twin 14, Drummond 18.

Ennis Mustangs one win shy of state tournament

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

A challenge game against the Arlee Warriors was not the game the Ennis Mustangs were hoping to be their first after the Western C Divisional Tournament in Hamilton.

Despite junior Connor Sullivan's best efforts, the Mustangs' season ended 68-60 versus the Warriors. Ennis led 32-31 at the half, but poor transition defense created multiple opportunities for Arlee to get back in the game while Ennis was dominant down low on offense. The Warriors led 49-46 after three quarters of play.

Arlee standout Isaac Camel scored seven unanswered points to start the fourth quarter. Sullivan brought the Mustangs within four points with 22.5 seconds on the game clock, but

Warrior free throws put the game and trip to the state tournament out of reach for Ennis.

An up and down post season pitted the Mustangs against some talented teams running on momentum. Ennis narrowly squeaked by the Drummond Trojans 55-54 in its first game of the divisional tournament. Game two gave the Mustangs a bit more breathing room and a spot in the championship game against the Victor Pirates as Ennis beat Superior 55-46.

The Pirates proved too much to handle on the boards and from the three-point line. Victor out rebounded the Mustangs 41-31 and tallied 21 points from behind the arc while Ennis had just three. Ennis trailed by as many as 20 points in the fourth quarter while only scoring six points total in the final quarter.

Ennis 14 14 13 14 — 55

Drummond 8 19 18 9 — 54
ENNIS — Wes Goodman 1 0-0 2, Tucker Ott 0 0-0 0, Braydon McKittrick 5 2-3 13, Dalton Bullock 5 1-3 14, Connor Sullivan 10 4-10 24, Colten Clark 1 0-0 2, Walker McKittrick 0 0-0 0, Wylie Leo 0 0-0 0, Reid Farnes 0 0-0 0. Totals 22 7-16 55.

DRUMMOND — Mac Bignell 11 8-14 31, Bryce Gill 0 0-2 0, Kevin Oberweiser 6 3-4 18, Danny Mannix 1 0-0 2, Josephe Park 0 3-4 3, John Manley 0 0-0 0, Gregory Schindler 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 14-24 54.

3-point goals — Ennis 4 (Bullock 3, B.McKittrick), Drummond 4 (Oberweiser 3, Bignell). Rebounds — Ennis 40 (B.McKittrick 9), Drummond 34 (Bignell 11). Total fouls — Ennis 18, Drummond 16. Fouled out — B. McKittrick, Gill.

Superior 5 13 17 11 — 46
Ennis 13 18 10 14 — 55

SUPERIOR — Billy Smith 2 5-9 10, Tucker Smith 0 2-2 2, Adam Kay 1 0-0 2, Zach Benda 5 1-3 11, Clint Voll 6 2-2 14, Jarrod Tippens 1 0-0 2, Wyatt Zylawy 2 0-0 5. Totals 17 10-16 46.

ENNIS — Wes Goodman 0 4-15 4, Tucker Ott 1 0-1 2, Reid Farnes 1 6-8 8, Braydon McKittrick 6 2-2 17, Dalton Bullock 14-8 7, Connor Sullivan 8 1-1 17. Totals 17 17-35 55.

3-point goals — Superior 2 (B. Smith, Zylawy), Ennis 4 (McKittrick 3, Bullock). Total fouls — Superior 26, Ennis 13. Fouled out — Voll, McKittrick. Rebounds — Superior 31 (Voll 5), Ennis 39 (Farnes 8). Turnovers — Superior 11, Ennis 14. Technical foul — Bullock.

Ennis 12 7 8 6 — 33
Victor 14 13 16 8 — 51

ENNIS — Wes Goodman 2 0-0 4, Reid Farnes 1 0-0 2, Brayden McKittrick 3 0-2 6, Dalton Bullock 4 -1 10, Connor Sullivan 5 0-4 10, Wylie Lee 0 0-0 0, Colton Clark 0 0-0 0, Chad Johnson 0 0-0 0, Walker McKittrick 0 1-3 1, Brady Croy 0 0-0 0, Tucker Ott 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 2-10 33.

VICTOR — Kyle Ball 8 4-9 23, Corey Deering 1 1-2 3, Randy Miller 2 0-0 4, Derrick Cavill 3 0-1 7, Matt Kittle 4 0-0 11, Nate Bishop 1 1-2 3, Michael O'Leary 0 0-0 0, GP Monta 0 0-0 0, Austin Lewis 0 0-0 0, Jack Pederson 0 0-0 0, Koltan Benish 0 0-0 0, Terrill Sherrill 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 6-14 51.

3-point goals — Ennis 1 (Bullock), Victor 7 (Ball 3, Kittle 3, Cavill). Total fouls — Ennis 18, Victor 16. Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Ennis 31

(Farnes 11), Victor 41 (Ball 8, Miller 8). Turnovers — Ennis 9, Victor 15.

ENNIS 14 18 14 14 — 60
ARLEE 15 16 18 19 — 68

ENNIS — Wes Goodman 1 0-0 2, Reid Farnes 3 2-2 9, Braydon McKittrick 5 2-4 13, Connor Sullivan 14 5-7 34, Colton Clark 1 0-0 2. Totals — 24 9-13 60.

ARLEE — Christian Haynes 2 0-1 4, Rocky Lewis 4 2-2 12, Zack Camel 14 2-4 31, Justin Adams 2 4-4 8, Patrick Big Sam 0 2-2 2, Josh Reed 3 1-2 8, Isaac Camel 1 0-0 3. Totals — 26 11-15 68.

3-pointers — Ennis 3 (Farnes, McKittrick, Sullivan), Arlee 5 (Lewis 2, Z. Camel 1, Reed 1, I. Camel 1). Total fouls — Ennis 16, Arlee 13. Fouled out — none.

Falcons battle at Western C Divisional

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Losing their opening round game against Superior 62-46 did not deter the Twin Bridges Falcons. The team rallied and won its next game against Seeley-Swan 54-47 before falling out of the tournament to the Drummond Trojans 52-49.

The first quarter versus Drummond was a low-scoring one for both teams, and ended tied 9-9. Twin Bridges pulled away at the start of the second quarter, but the Falcons' lead was cut down just before the

half. The third quarter remained close as well, before the Trojans finally clinched the win with key shots from Mac Bignell. The score was tied three times in the final quarter. The final tie being at 49 apiece with less than two minutes remaining. Bignell hit a three-pointer, and the Falcons missed free throws and turned the ball over on a traveling call giving the ball and the win to the Trojans.

Superior 17 19 14 12 — 62
T. Bridges 16 6 10 14 — 46
SUPERIOR — Billy Smith 2 3-4 7, Tucker Smith 3 6-7 13, Adam Kay 2 0-0 4, Zach Benda

1 0-0 2, Clint Voll 8 1-1 17, Jarrod Tippens 5 3-4 14, Wyatt Zylawy 0 5-6 5. Totals 21 18-22 62.

TWIN BRIDGES — Nolan Konen 0 0-0 0, Jesse Pfertsh 4 0-0 9, Cole Miotke 6 6-6 20, CJ Cox 6 0-1 13, Max Orrin 0 0-0 0, Michael Pfertsh 1 0-0 2, Mackay Hirst 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 6-7 46.

3-point goals — Superior 2 (T. Smith, Tippens), TB 4 (Miotke 2, J. Pfertsh, Cox). Total fouls — Superior 11, TB 17. Fouled out — Orrin.
Seeley-Swan 6 12 12 17 — 47

Twin Bridges 7 19 11 17 — 54

SEELEY-SWAN — Tylan Dial 1 6-6 9, Jordan Everson 1 0-0 3, Christian Cahoon 9 1-2 22, Jacob Casebolt 2 0-0 4, Skyler Lee 1 2-2 4, Conor Marlatt 2 0-0 5, John Parcell 0 0-0 0, Justin Cahoon 0 0-0 0, Justin Grimes 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 9-10 47.

TWIN BRIDGES — Jesse Pfertsh 2 2-4 6, Cole Miotke 5 4-7 17, CJ Cox 5 4-6 15, Max Orrin 2 0-0 4, Michael Pfertsh 0 5-8 5, Mackay Hirst 3 1-2 7, Tate Myers 0 0-0 0, Nolan Konen 0 0-0 0, Tristan Guillot

0 0-0 0, Gabe Johnson 0 0-1 0, Jerricho Broksie 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 16-28 54.

3-point goals — Seeley 6 (C.Cahoon 3, Dial, Everson, Marlatt), Twin 4 (Miotke 3, Cox). Rebounds — Seeley 23 (Casebolt 7), Twin 51 (Pfertsh 10). Fouls — Seeley 21, Twin 7. Fouled out — none.

T. Bridges 9 20 12 8 — 49
Drummond 9 15 15 13 — 52
TWIN BRIDGES — Jesse Pfertsh 1 0-0 2, Cole Miotke 3 4-6 11, CJ Cox 7 2-2 17, Max Orrin 1 1-1 3, Michael Pfertsh 5 0-0 12, Mackay Hirst 2 0-2 4. Totals 19 7-11 49.

DRUMMOND — John Manley 1 0-0 2, Mac Bignell 10 4-6 30, Bryce Gill 0 0-0 0, Kevin Oberweiser 1 0-0 3, Danny Mannix 2 1-2 6, Joseph Parke 4 3-3 11. Totals 18 8-11 52.

3-point goals — Twin Bridges 4 (M. Pfertsh 2, Cox, Miotke), Drummond 8 (Bignell 6, Oberweiser, Mannix). Total fouls — Twin Bridges 11, Drummond 13. Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Twin Bridges 52 (Orrin 16), Drummond 36 (Bignell 11).

Harrison-Willow Creek Wildcats fall in two at Western C Divisional

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

The Lady Wildcats ended their season in Hamilton losing first to eventual champion Drummond and then the Arlee Scarlets. Harrison-Willow Creek finished the season with a 16-7 record.

Drummond cut into the Wildcats' lead in the third quarter after a close first half that ended with the Wildcats ahead 19-17. A win slipped further away from Harrison-Willow Creek as the Lady Trojans outscored the Wildcats

12-6 in the fourth quarter. The score was tied at 29 halfway through the fourth, and the Wildcats managed to stay within three points much of the rest of the final quarter as Drummond held onto its lead and clinched the 38-33 win with free throws in the last seconds.

The Wildcats were led by Jaci Nesbit's 13 points and six rebounds. Britt Cooper added 11 points and 12 rebounds while Tori Wilson tallied seven.

The following day, Harrison-Willow Creek started strong and received some great

play from bench players, but could not keep up with the Arlee Scarlets. The Scarlets started pulling away from the Wildcats in the second quarter and continued to in the third. The Wildcats posted 20 points in the final quarter, but it was not enough to close the gap. Arlee won 56-45, making 13 more free throws than the Wildcats and scoring eight more points off turnovers.

Cooper scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Wilson also had eight rebounds to add to her eight points.
Drummond 9 8 9 12 — 38

Harrison-WC 7 12 8 6 — 33
DRUMMOND — Alexys Bryant 3 3-6 9, Krissy Paske 4 3-7 11, Frankie Bignell 6 2-4 15, Ashley Mannix 1 0-0 2, Melanie Parke 0 1-2 1. Totals 14 9-19 38.

HARRISON-WILLOW CREEK — Kristen White 1 0-0 2, Britt Cooper 2 5-6 11, Jaci Nesbit 6 1-3 13, Tori Wilson 3 1-2 7, Becca White 0 0-0 0, Alecia Panagakis 0 0-0 0. Totals 12 7-11 33.

3-point goals — Drummond 1-10 (Bignell), Harrison-WC 2-15 (Cooper 2). Rebounds — Drummond 32 (Bignell 7),

Harrison-WC 44 (Cooper 12). Assists — Drummond 6 (Paske 4), Harrison-WC 11 (White 5). Steals — Drummond 15 (Paske 7), Harrison-WC 10 (Wilson 4). Total fouls — Drummond 14, Harrison-WC 17. Turnovers — Drummond 9, Harrison-WC 22. Technical fouls — none.

Fouled out — Paske, White.
Harrison 14 8 3 20 — 45
Arlee 10 18 10 18 — 56
HARRISON — Becca White 1 0-0 2, Kristen White 2 2-4 6, Britt Cooper 9 2-3 20, Jaci Nesbit 3 0-0 6, Taya DeFrance 1 1-2 3, Tori Wilson 4 0-0 8. Totals 20 5-11 45.

ARLEE — Whitney Malatare 7 7-11 23, Rebecca Whitesell 2 0-0 5, Tiffany O'Neill 0 1-2 2, Tayla Desjarlais 2 0-0 5, Violet Pablo 0 3-4 3, Skyla Perry 1 0-0 2, Alexis Shick 1 0-1 2, Mahalia Hendren 3 7-10 15. Totals 16 18-28 56.

3-point goals — Arlee 6 (Malatare 2, Hendren 2, Whitesell, Desjarlais), Harrison 0. Total fouls — Arlee 15, Harrison 24. Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Arlee 44 (Hendren 9), Harrison 48 (Wilson 8, Cooper 8).



Hannah Konen brings the ball down the floor in the championship game.



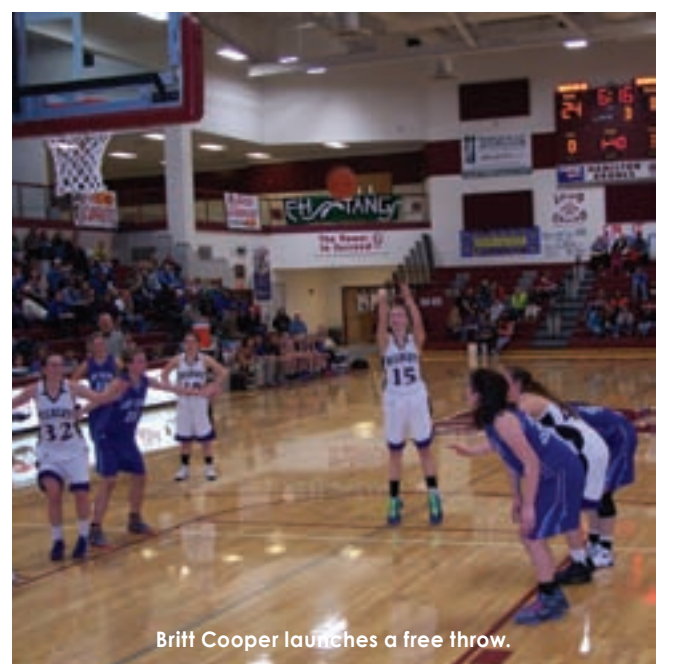
Wes Goodman puts up a shot over a Victor defender.



No. 4 Reid Farnes reaches for a rebound.



Julia Cox puts up a shot against Seeley-Swan.



Britt Cooper launches a free throw.

COLUMNS

Sustainably Sadie

Sarah Miller,
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Let your garden grow

Sure there's still snow on the ground, but we can all feel the rumblings of Spring under the frost. It's no joke that 40 degrees Fahrenheit is t-shirt weather for us Montanans and whether we are deep cleaning, airing out the place, or sharpening the garden tools, we are getting ready for Spring!

Seed catalogs arrive

to inspire "Aahhh" and "Oohhh" and "Can I grow blueberries?" Stores have seed packet displays front and center- ready to cash in on the deep desire for warmer, fruit-producing weather. My sustainable tip for these late-Winter temptations: give in! Try planting something indoors on a south-facing windowsill. Buy a seed packet from a local source, daydream as you flip through a gardening magazine and start mapping out your 2013 garden.

We are 13 weeks away from Memorial Day, which could potentially mark the end of freezing night temps. Although here in SW Montana, we could have frost well into

June. So if you want to start something indoors that you will sow into your garden, you probably want to hold off for a few weeks before seriously starting plants indoors. But you can start planning. Start your Garden Journal now and you might actually get some entries jotted down—come summer, you'll be too busy enjoying the warm weather to sit and write down details in your gardening journal.

I wouldn't spend the bulk of your Gardening Budget just yet. However, with \$10 or less, you could do some small-scale gardening that will satisfy the craving to toil in the soil. Try starting Kale indoors that you could plant into raised

beds in May. Kale is a hardy green with an anise-like bite. I like to sauté Kale with garlic. It is also great in salad, wraps and soup with sausage and potatoes.

Start some herbs on the kitchen windowsill. Basil, rosemary, parsley, oregano, thyme—try something new. Start greens or sprouts, as there are many articles out there about sprouts and you can grow them easily in the kitchen.

Or have fun creating fake flowers. Perhaps paint bright, colorful wooden flowers that you can stick in your flowerbeds. Make flowers that you can use for decorations come Easter. Do some drawing

with the kids. Give a tissue paper bouquet to someone special. Playfully anticipate the coming Spring.

Twin Bits

March 7: Juniors Heritage Fair at Parent/Teacher Conferences,

Sheridan Schools Elementary lunchroom and gym from 4-7 p.m.

March 8: TBCA meeting 8:30 a.m. at The Old Hotel in Twin Bridges.

March 14: TB Sophomores will be displaying their Big Read Projects during Teacher Conferences from 1-8 pm.

From TBS Calendar:

Feb 28- March 2: State Girls' Basketball Tournament @ Belgrade

March 2: Little Guy Wrestling Tourney @ Main Gym

March 6: Booster Club Mtg @ MT Room, 6 p.m.

March 7: Butte Science Fair, Grades 5-8; Ramblin' Rose Group Practice (Sherrie High) @ MP Gym, 7 p.m.

March 7- March 9: State Boys' Basketball Tournament @ Bozeman

I am here to promote activities and events in the Ruby Valley. Please contact me at 684-5222 or P.O. Box 491, Twin Bridges, MT 59754.

HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler

FOR THE MADISONIAN

Sometimes, waking up is like slogging through an impenetrable fog. This morning was such an occasion. Feeling



Art Kehler

like a mummy's curse, I staggered from the bedroom.

Then, with barely attuned senses, stalked the beckoning fragrance emanating from my preset percolator. Upon arriving at the hallowed destination, I mechanically poured a cup of "starter fluid."

As the first swallow splashed into an empty stomach, my mind grudgingly stirred to primitive perception, which led to such existential inquiries as, "Where the blazes am I? Am I still in this world? How did I get here? Why am I here? Who am I? What am I? and—to whom am I posing these questions?"

By mid-cup, my eyes began to focus, which resulted in slightly more complex contemplation such as, "What's up with that luminosity coming through the windows?"

What day is it? Whose hand is holding that mug of what looks like mud? and—If this is consciousness, I don't like it!"

Thus did the laborious process continue until, at the last slurp from the initial cupful, I felt the first discernible heart beat of the day. Upon achieving that reassuring milestone, it was time for a second cup. It was also time for work.

These days, work consists of writing or as I prefer to think of it, "recording my blather." Clasp the warm coffee mug in both hands, while the computer loaded, I unlimbered my fingers enough to permit rudimentary typing. By midway through the second cup, I was whipping out 10 words-per-minute with no more than 10 mistakes. At the cup's final sip, my fingers were

blazing across the keyboard at 45 words-per-minute and mostly hitting the right keys. Having reached my high-water typing rate, any lingering stupor was in full retreat. Even better, the words began to make sense.

As usual, by 9 a.m., my creativity spurt had stalled. But by then, I was also cordial enough to rejoin the human tribe. So, leaving the written word behind, I went to Harrison's cafe for an exercise in the spoken word and—more starter fluid. Soon, I was engaged in discussion by reliably opinionated locals, who gather at said restaurant daily. As usual, the conversations extended from "civil dialogue" to "vocal mayhem." While engaged in said exercise, the ebony elixir's effects continued

to buoy my efforts by lubricating the vocal cords and loosening my tongue. Subsequently, my lips were stimulated to such feverish motion, that even a semi-introvert such as myself was transformed to a commanding presence (aka-boisterous, motor mouth). Of course, my cohorts, equally buttressed with coffee, gruffly shouted over my pontifications and I returned the favor. Thus did the linguistic parry and thrust continue until, with my starter fluid tolerance maxed out, I virtually vibrated from the restaurant to complete the rest of my daily tasks.

In the final analysis, showing up for any activity before noon, without a coffee mug in hand, instantly brands one a slacker, not sufficiently

wired for exertion. So, it should come as no surprise if some folks take affront to my seemingly, ignoble term for their esteemed morning tonic. Nonetheless, I firmly maintain that it provides a more candid description than "coffee." Fact is, on mornings like today's, my "starter fluid" literally ratchets the sun up from beneath the eastern horizon. Without it, I might not escape the fog of sleep to reach full awareness all day. Then again, there are other days when that might not be such a bad thing.

Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories and poetry, have been published in regional newspapers and literary magazines.

CommodityInsite.com

By Jerry Welch FOR THE MADISONIAN

THEY WON'T BITE EITHER

Since early February, live cattle futures slipped more than \$5 to a 4-month low while feeder prices dropped more than \$8 to a 5-month low. What needs to be recognized, however, is that we are in February, one of the most negative months of the year. No doubt, cattle values are taking a beating but in recent days, coffee prices fell to a 2-year low with a 5 to 8-month low seen with hogs, cocoa, sugar, gold, silver, corn, wheat and several other commodity markets. Cattle prices are doing no different than most commodity markets.

February has been equally unsettling for

the world's third largest corporation, the biggest private employer in the world and the largest retailer in the world each of which is Wal-Mart. They just announced the worst sales start to a month in the past 7 years, calling the situation a, "total disaster". Which proves once more, when February rolls around, things can get dicey marketwise and otherwise.

But cattle prices may catch a bid because of what is being called the, "horse meat scandal" in Europe. From CNBC: "When officials in Ireland made a routine check on a few hamburgers, what they found made them nervous: One

burger was actually nearly one-third horse. It was a discovery that has sent shock waves reverberating across Europe."

"Since the disturbing DNA test results were disclosed last month, horse meat has been found masquerading as beef in countries including the U.K., France, Germany, Sweden and Norway."

"A small amount of horse meat was also found by British officials to contain a banned drug that, in high enough doses, could be fatal, although U.K. Chief Medical Officer Sally Davies has stressed there is a "very low risk indeed" that eating contaminated meat would be harmful."

"As supermarket shelves were cleared, meat suppliers in Ireland, the U.K., France, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Romania and elsewhere have come under scrutiny. Some officials believe only the "tip of the iceberg" has been

revealed, and on Friday the European Union endorsed a major DNA-testing program to establish just how much unlabeled horse meat is being sold as beef or other foods."

The European horse meat scandal may result in larger U.S. beef exports. The week just ending saw a nice improvement with U.S. exports from previous weeks with the horse meat news just now making headlines. As the scandal grows, and it will, there could be a noticeable rise in demand for U.S. beef that may help pull the cattle market out of the funk it has been stuck in since early February.

In 2006, Congress effectively banned the slaughter of horses by eliminating the funding of horse meat inspectors. Before the ban, eating horse meat was frowned upon, a taboo so to speak. However, the meat product could sometimes be found in upscale restaurants.

But in late 2011, lawmakers restored funding to horse meat inspectors.

According to Fox News, "Oklahoma, California and Mississippi ban the sale of horse meat for human consumption and Illinois prohibits the slaughter of horses for food. Texas has had a law since 1949 banning the sale of horse meat for consumption; however, the state was once home to one of the last remaining horse slaughter houses - which finally closed in 2007."

Jack Shafter, writing for Reuters under a headline, Horse Meat Hysteria stated, "The suppression of horse eating in the West can be blamed on Pope Gregory III who, in 723, called the practice a "filthy and abominable custom" and associated it with pagan practices. Back then, horse eaters could be punished with a penance of four years on

bread and water.

Mr. Shafter argues vigorously that horse meat, "as those who have sampled its pleasures will attest - should not be feared. Looked at rationally, it's merely the other, other red meat, as our French cousins are forever reminding us. It's a domesticated and hooved grass and grain eater with a tail, big eyes and a tannable hide, just like the cattle that most of us consume."

Be that as it may, even in an upscale restaurant with an alluring menu highlighting Equine Fare and offering mouth-watering specialties such as, Palomino Pizza, Shetland on Rye, or Pinto Bean Soup With Pinto, I would not order such a meal. And despite Mr. Shafter claiming that horse meat is the other red meat, I would bet heavily, the America public won't bite either.

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRELINE

By Steve Orr
MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mail ballot referendum coming in March

Remember to support your local Volunteer Fire Department. Help us protect you. We would like to remind you that registered voters and holders of title to lands within the Fire District will have the opportunity to vote on two issues in early March. Voters will vote yes or no to a \$985,000, 10-Year Bond and will vote yes or no to a 6-mil increase in the Operations and Maintenance Budget. The 10-year bond will finance the construction and equipping of the proposed MVRFD Station 3 at Varney. The bond will also finance the purchase of a new Rescue/Pumper for Station 1 at Ennis that will serve the Town of Ennis and the entire District. Madison County will mail ballots to all registered voters in the Fire District on March 4, 2013. Ballots are due back to the Madison County Election Administrator by March 26, 2013. Support the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department. Please vote on both ballot questions. Watch

for Details around town and in the news. You may also obtain more detailed information on our Facebook Page or under the public information section on our web page at mvrfd.org.

Two Public Meetings are scheduled to answer citizen's questions and concerns: Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Grizzly Bar and Grill, 1405 US Hwy 287 N. in Cameron; and March 1 at 7 p.m. at Ennis Fire Station 1, 5037 US Hwy 287 N. in Ennis.

On Feb. 22, at 6:37 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to the report of a chimney fire in the 200 block of East Fagin St. The MVRFD responded an Engine and a Command with four firefighters, while two firefighters stood-by at Station 1 with another Engine. Firefighters found no smoke or flames upon arrival. An investigation was done using the thermal imaging camera to detect hot spots or fire extensions. None were found.

The MVRFD was dispatched

to set up a landing zone on the highway at the Madison Valley Medical Center for Summit Air Ambulance on Feb. 23 at 12:01 a.m. The MVRFD responded a Rescue and a Command with three firefighters. Firefighters established traffic control operations and shut down traffic on US Hwy 287 for more than a half hour.

If you have any questions about the up coming ballot issues, Madison Valley Rural Fire Chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Remember, you can get up-to-date emergency information at the Madison County Montana Emergency Information web site, <http://madison.homestead.com/>. Please visit our home page at www.mvrfd.org/. Remember to sign our guest book and let us know what you think.

Montana's
Night Sky

By Richard Stouffer
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Highlights for MARCH

The biggest astronomical news lately occurred in the daytime skies over Russia on Feb. 15, the same day that an asteroid was making a very close approach to Earth. That same day, a meteor about a third of the size of the asteroid slammed into the atmosphere over Chelyabinsk, Russia. Fortunately, it exploded about 10 to 12 miles above the Earth, but the explosion had the force of about 20 Hiroshima bombs and caused considerable property damage and many injuries but fortunately no fatalities. The last time an object of that magnitude slammed into Earth was in the Tunguska River area of Siberia in 1908. Although the meteor was not associated with the asteroid, it does bring home how much a part we are of the cosmos and how events in the cosmos can and do affect us here on Earth.

Turning to the Montana night sky, only two planets, Jupiter and Saturn, will be visible this month. However,

there will be an extra visitor in the night sky in the form of Comet PanSTARRS.

As March begins, the evening sky is dominated by the brilliant planet Jupiter, which stands high up in the southeastern sky as the sky darkens to be paired with the reddish star Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, the bull. By the end of the month, Jupiter stands about halfway up in the western sky as darkness falls. About 2 hours before Jupiter sets in the early morning sky, Saturn rises a little after 11 p.m. as March begins and a little after 10 p.m. by the end of the month. With no bright stars nearby, Saturn stands out in this portion of the sky.

Now for the extra visitor I was referring to above. Comet PanSTARRS is making its first visit to the inner Solar System. For that reason, its brightness is very difficult to predict. Even so, Comet PanSTARRS will probably be the brightest comet visible from the Northern Hemisphere in many years. The best dates to find the comet will be from about March 8 through about March 20. On March 8, look low in the western sky to find the comet. It will set about 45 minutes after sunset. At that time, you will need a good set of binoculars in your search for the comet. By March 12, the comet will set 75 minutes after the Sun

and appear a little to the left of the crescent Moon. For the next week or so, the comet will remain low in the evening sky but will move further northward each night. The comet may be visible to the naked eye at this time. However, if you have a good set of binoculars, you may wish to use them even at the comet's time of greatest brightness. If you miss Comet PanSTARRS, a Sun-grazing comet that may be much, much brighter is predicted to be visible in December of this year.

Look for the Moon to the upper right of Saturn late in the evening of March 1 and well above Saturn on the evening of March 28. As noted earlier, the Moon will appear a little to the right of Comet PanSTARRS on March 12. March 17 finds the Moon quite close to Jupiter and between Jupiter and Aldebaran. The Moon is Full on March 28.

The Sun arrives at the vernal equinox at 5:02 a.m. on March 20, when the Sun heads north across the celestial equator and spring begins in the Northern Hemisphere.

For meteor shower watchers, there are no major meteor showers this month. However, as evidenced in February, a sporadic meteor can flash across the sky at any time. From a dark site, meteors typically can be seen at a rate of about 5 meteors per hour.

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

ENNIS

Lunch includes: fresh salad/fruit bar & milk

Thursday - February 28

Breakfast - Ham & cheese omelette, hash browns

Lunch - Chicken pita sandwich, tots

Friday - March 1

Breakfast - Egg and sausage muffin

Lunch - Hamburger and Fries

Monday - March 4

Breakfast - Breakfast Hot Pocket

Lunch - Chili Cheese Tots

Tuesday - March 5

Breakfast - Waffle and Sausage Link

Lunch - Tacos

Wednesday - March 6

Breakfast - Biscuits and Gravy

Lunch - Grilled cheese, tomato soup

HARRISON

Thursday - February 28

Breakfast - Pancakes, bacon

Lunch - Sloppy joes, veggies

Friday - March 1

Breakfast - Sausage, egg & cheese sandwich

Lunch - Fish sandwich, fries

Monday - March 4

Breakfast - Waffles, fruit

Lunch - Creamy chicken rice bake

Tuesday - March 5

Breakfast - Hot or cold cereal

Lunch - Taco Tuesday!

Wednesday - March 6

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, ham & cheese

Lunch - Corn dogs, tots

SHERIDAN

FYI: Breakfast meals are served with toast

Lunch meals are served with fresh romaine & spinach salad

and a vegetable bar which includes:

Carrots, tomato, broccoli, kidney or garbanzo beans

Thursday - February 28

Breakfast - Breakfast burrito

Lunch - Beef patty, mashed potatoes

Friday - March 1

NO SCHOOL

Monday - March 4

Breakfast - Whole wheat pancake

Lunch - Chicken wrap

Tuesday - March 5

Breakfast - Cheesy eggs & ham

Lunch - Spaghetti, meat sauce

Wednesday - March 6

Breakfast - Biscuit & gravy

Lunch - Taco Salad

TWIN BRIDGES

All breakfast menus include: toast, fruit, milk, juice

All lunch menus include: salad bar, fruit, cold milk

Thursday - February 28

Breakfast - Choice of cereal, breakfast bar

Lunch - Soup, dinner roll

Friday - March 1

Breakfast - Egg wrap

Lunch - Green eggs and ham bread

Monday - March 4

Breakfast - French toast, sausage

Lunch - Chicken fajita, rice

Tuesday - March 5

Breakfast - Choice of cereal, cream of wheat

Lunch - Tator tot hot dish

Wednesday - March 6

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs with ham & cheese

Lunch - Beefy nachos



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

I don't like this rumor floating around that there is horsemeat mixed in with the beef in some USA products, like they found in some European products. I know that I wouldn't be a happy camper if I found out I had eaten horse. On my list of things to never eat again: I have never had a best friend that was a chicken, pig or cow. So, as far as I am concerned, they're okay to eat. However, I will never eat horse or dog meat! I can still remember Hanson Packing in Butte. Thank the Lord I have

never saw any of the horses waiting to be killed for food during the war, but my dad told me about how the horses would be in the corrals waiting to be killed. You could see them from the road, in crowded corrals.

Sometimes I wonder why I even watch or read the news. So much of it messes up a good day. The recent murder and child abuse cases just make me sick. What the heck? How do these people have no respect for human life? How dare anyone abuse a child? I read a story about the man who hit a two year old over and over, picked up the child's mom, smoked marijuana, then 2 hours later took the baby to the hospital. They then found out he was hurt so badly that he had to be air lifted to a Seattle hospital. I was so angry that I had many evil thoughts about what should be done to the mom and her boyfriend. I hope neither is allowed to be near children again in their lifetimes. County

attorneys statewide are fighting now for stricter child abuse laws this legislative session, with 5 new bills that would help them fight child abuse. Yellowstone County Attorney Scott Twito said in a recent interview, "Right now in the state of Montana, the penalty for child abuse is five years. We don't think that's enough. Especially if you hurt someone that little. Someone so little and precious and unable to protect themselves. We think the penalty should be greater." I so agree!

District and Divisional basketball tournaments are over, now on to state competition. It is interesting sitting back at games and tournaments and watching parents and how they act. I was reading a bit about "Sports Parents", and found that they are classified into 10 groups: Here are the different types of sports parents - both good and bad: The model parent, the competitive

parent, the blasé parent, the 'living through your kids' parent, the outspoken parent, the 'coach' parent, the critical parent, the negative parent, the uncooperative parent, and 'my child is a superstar' parent.

So, which one of these parents are you? Be honest, you are only talking to yourself.

Best wishes go out to Dorothy Kleiss this week after being in a wreck with her daughter Shawna on Saturday. Dorothy is still in the hospital after having to have surgery on her back.

Daylight saving time starts in two weeks, March 10th, spring forward!

St. Patrick's day is right around the corner as is Easter this year on March 31st.

"Never underestimate the pain of a person, because in all honesty, everyone is struggling with something. Some people are better at hiding it than others"

Local Author to Lead Lenten Book Group

From Sandy Baril

Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan invites the community to a Lenten study led by local author Jerry Aaker. The series of five meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings in the Episcopal Parish Hall. The first meeting will be Feb. 20, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The evenings will start with a simple meal of soup and bread followed by a time to center on thoughts and meditations on themes related to the spiritual practices of Lent, finishing about 7:15 p.m. Readings will be from Jerry Aaker's book "A Spirituality of Service" though it will not be necessary to buy the book to participate.

Last Hurrah Virginia City's all school reunion

From Evalyn Johnson

The date is Aug. 29-31. We are sending out the invitations to attend this reunion but thru the years, addresses have changed and many have moved to other locations or even out of state. We have a great number of addresses from the 2004 reunion but would appreciate hearing from those who attended school or who could share the addresses of others who would like to be informed of the upcoming reunion.

Terry (Dixon) Bray is in

charge of the painting "V" group and Joe Beardsley will again be doing the "Memory Book" and would appreciate a few photos of the past school events or persons as well as a photo of "what we did" after leaving the school.

Least I forget, I need the words to the school song. Please help. Please contact Evalyn Johnson at P.O. Box 253 in Virginia City or Pat (Dixon) Davis at P.O. Box 411 in Sheridan.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Ruby and Madison Valley Lenten Breakfast Schedules

DAYSRING CHURCH:

Wed., Mar. 6

NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH:

Wed., Mar. 13

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Wed., Mar. 20

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.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

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Worship

September - April ~ 11 a.m.

May - August ~ 9 a.m.

Everyone Welcome

Rev. Jean M. Johnson

682-4355 ~ Ennis

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Liturgy Schedule

St. Patrick, Ennis

Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary, Laurin

Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.

Deacon Andy Dorrington,

Pastoral Administrator ~ 842-5588



Phil 2:16

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Pastor

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Pastor Lonnie Horn

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10:30 a.m. (Children's Ministry)

Tuesday Night

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study and Prayer

Wednesday (Kids/Youth)

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)

Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)

Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

Ruby Valley Food Pantry

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

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- Sunday School 10:15 am

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Ennis Branch

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12:10 p.m.

Sunday School
11:20 a.m.

Sacrament Meeting
10:00 a.m.

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682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614
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Madison County Volunteer Respite Care aims to fill need for neighborly help



By Andrew Morgan
MCVRC
mcvhospice@gmail.com

(Ennis)— Formerly the Madison County Volunteer Hospice, the Madison County Volunteer Respite Care Group has refocused its neighbors helping neighbors mission in order to fill the need for help beyond the hospital in our home towns.

Completely reliant on

its volunteers, MCVRC provides care coordination for homebound and/or chronically ill Madison county residents. Once focused on providing hospice care and skilled nursing to those around the county, the group has developed and diversified its resources to support coordination of volunteer care from neighbor to neighbor.

Some of the help provided by MCVRC volunteers include

transportation, running errands, relief of the primary caregiver, and companionship. In the case that the client's needs are beyond volunteer care, the group's coordinators will work with clients to find the appropriate community resources.

A county wide mailing outlining the services and goals of the Madison County Volunteer Respite Group was released last week. The group

is encouraging all residents interested in either receiving respite assistance and/or becoming a volunteer to contact the MCVRC coordinators.

All services provided are free of cost. Please call at (406) 682-3100 or visit our website at <http://www.mcvrc.org>. Madison County Volunteer Respite Care is here to help and is excited to continue to expand its connection to the community.

Establishing healthy attitudes and habits

Janie Smart

FCCLA SHERIDAN CHAPTER

Janie Smart, member of the Sheridan FCCLA Chapter has been working with the 5th grade class at Sheridan elementary to help establish healthy attitudes and habits to last a lifetime. Unfortunately, many of our youth are not physically fit, have poor eating habits, and are often bothered by a lack of self-esteem. The FCCLA National Program Student Body gives teens the facts and incentives they need to build a healthy body, both today and in the future. Student Body consists

of 3 parts:

* **Eat Right** — Explore good nutrition, eating disorders, healthy snacks, supplements, vegetarianism, and more

* **Be Fit** — Take action related to lifelong exercise habits, obesity, sports training, and other topics

* **Make Healthy Choices**— Choose a positive lifestyle by avoiding drugs, alcohol, and tobacco; managing stress; building self-esteem; and practicing good character.

Over the past three

months she has been talking to the kids about each of the topics in student body. She has done many different activities with them including, bringing in the Juvenile Probation Officer, who spoke about making healthy choices and the consequences of not doing so. A local business owner came in and spoke about being fit and taught them how to make a delicious and nutritious smoothie. Last week she took them into the gym and showed them fun exercise activities, and how to stay fit. This week they made fruit kabobs and miniature healthy sandwiches.



Why indoor tanning won't cure Seasonal Affective Disorder

From Becky Wiley

THE SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION

Those looking to alleviate symptoms of seasonal affective disorder (SAD) should steer clear of indoor ultraviolet (UV) tanning, as it does not treat the disorder and is extremely harmful to health. Light therapy, an effective treatment for SAD, acts through the eyes and relies on visible light, whereas the dangerous UV radiation emitted by tanning beds is invisible light.

It is believed that SAD, a form of depression, is caused by a hormonal imbalance that is commonly triggered during the shorter days of winter. Generally, levels of melatonin (a sleep-related hormone) in the body are higher at night and lower in the morning. For people with SAD, however, the cycle is often delayed and melatonin levels remain elevated into the morning, causing them to oversleep or leaving them fatigued. Meanwhile, the brain's internal clock relies on early morning light to keep circadian rhythms in sync with local time, but the late sunrises of winter deny our bodies that essential signal. Depression can result when we have to keep waking up

while it is still dark.

Research indicates that attempts to improve mood may motivate people to become habitual indoor tanners and that this behavior can become addictive. In one study, 80 percent of frequent tanners reported symptoms of SAD, and investigators suspect that some tanners use UV-emitting tanning beds to try to alleviate symptoms.

"Using indoor UV tanning beds to alleviate SAD has been linked with tanning addiction and seriously increases skin cancer risk," said Perry Robins, MD and President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "There are ways to ward off symptoms of SAD without compromising your health, such as receiving light therapy from a visible light box and adjusting aspects of your lifestyle, including your sleeping pattern, diet and physical activity."

The dangers of tanning are well documented: one indoor tanning session increases users' chances of developing melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, by 20 percent. Regular tanners are 2.5 more likely to develop squamous cell carcinoma and 1.5 times more likely to develop basal cell carcinoma, the two most

common skin cancers. To safely and effectively treat SAD, trade in trips to the tanning salon for these healthy alternatives.

Sit by a light box for 30 minutes each morning.

A light box is a portable, visible light source that provides up to 10,000 lux, a measure of light's intensity. It is up to 10-25 times as bright as ordinary lighting. A light box is equivalent to outdoor light about 40 minutes after sunrise and is beneficial in providing the body with enough visible light to decrease feelings of lethargy and fatigue by lowering the level of melatonin in the body. Choose a light box with 10,000 lux of illumination, since those offering fewer lux are not as effective. It is also important to use a UV filter and look for soft, white lights when shopping for a light box in order to minimize both UV radiation and blue light, which can also harm the eyes. The light should project downward toward the eyes to minimize glare.

Make sleep a priority.

Adjust your schedule to fit in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommended seven to nine hours of sleep each night and wake up earlier

to take advantage of natural light. Getting enough, but not too much, sleep is beneficial to both physical and mental health and helps stabilize mood and reduce anxiety. Finding ways to relax and recharge each night is key.

Maintain a balanced diet.

Eating a well-balanced diet full of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and calcium-rich foods, while reducing your intake of foods high in fats, sodium and added sugars, can help improve your energy level and relieve stress.

Find time for fitness.

Exercise has also been linked to improved mood and relieves feelings of stress and anxiety, which are both symptoms of SAD. The CDC recommends 150 minutes of moderately intense aerobic activity every week. It is best to exercise outdoors before or after the hours between 10- 4 p.m., when the sun's rays are strongest. Always practice proper sun protection. This includes covering up with clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses and applying a broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30 to the entire body.

If you are experiencing symptoms associated with SAD, consult your physician before making any decisions. Symptoms of the disorder include hopelessness, anxiety, increased appetite, weight gain, a heavy feeling in the arms or legs, and loss of interest in activities.

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Annual student art show at UMW Art Gallery

From David Nolt
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS,
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

The University of Montana Western presents its annual student art show from Feb. 28 to March 29 at the UMW Art Gallery.

This year's exhibit will feature the art of over 45 university students. The work includes drawings, paintings, printmaking, photography, video, sculpture, ceramics and glass.

The guest juror this year is Edgar Smith, an adjunct assistant professor from the University of Montana in

Missoula. Smith will award over \$700 in prizes and present a short lecture about the exhibition at 5:30 p.m.

Food and beverages will be provided. The opening reception is free and open to the public.

The opening reception will take place on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 5-7 p.m. The UMW Art Gallery is located at the South Entrance of Main Hall on the Montana Western campus.

For further questions, contact gallery director Glenn Bodish at 491-1444 or g_bodish@umwestern.edu.



Steve and Shelly Burke, Diane McPhetres and the late Dan McPhetres would like to announce the engagement of their children, Brittney Diane Burke and Michael Jordan McPhetres. An August 2013 wedding is planned.

Engaged!

Recycling old cell phones

From Allen Fox

The American Legion Dan Brockman Post 31 of Twin Bridges is now accepting old cell phones for recycling. There are a number of advantages to this, the first being that for each phone turned in, one member of our military serving overseas will get at least one hour of airtime which can be used to call loved ones back home. Also, cell phones take an extremely long time to decompose in a

landfill and their batteries leave very toxic material behind.

Roger and Therese Hutchinson have generously offered their store, the Main Street Market, as a depository for these phones. There will be a clearly marked box in the store where the phones can be dropped. Additionally, phones may be left with any Twin Bridges Am. Legion or United Veteran's member. Please remove the SIM card before drop-off.

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The online service will allow citizens to purchase a burn permit using a debit/credit card or an electronic check. Citizens will also be able to activate their permit online, or by calling the county's new automated phone system at 1-866-614-0222. To activate a permit, the permit holder simply enters the start and stop times of their burn for that day, and county fire and emergency personnel are immediately notified of the burn. An interactive map will also be available to allow citizens and county personnel to view all current burn activity within the county.

Burn permits are now available online at a cost of \$15.00 for the entire 2013 burn season. Proceeds from the sale of permits will go to funding the volunteer fire departments training needs.

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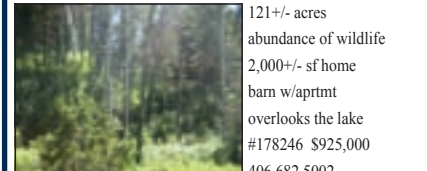


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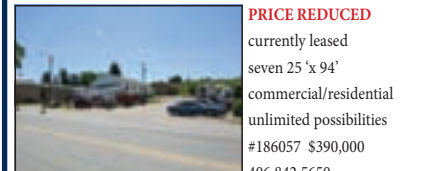
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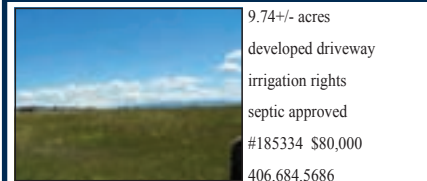
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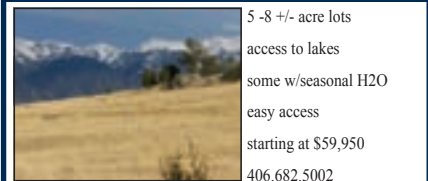
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W E D N E S D A Y
F E B R U A R Y 2 7

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.

Senior meals, Virginia City

Senior meals now being served in Virginia City for citizens 60 and over every Tuesday and Thursday at the Creamery for a nominal fee of \$3. Lunches served between 11:30am and noon.

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. If you have at least 15 lbs. to lose and would like more information, call Jeannie at 682-3299.

Bread Baking Class, Ennis

Learn bread-baking basics from local experts! 5pm at Ennis School. 682-4258 to sign up.

Community Barn Dance, Mad Co. Fairgrounds

Description: Sheridan and Twin Bridges Schools are hosting a potluck supper and barn dance with dance teacher/caller MarkMatthews of Arlee and the Broken String

Band of Bozeman to celebrate heritage and community. Potluck from 5-6 pm and dancing 6-8 pm. This event will be held in the Jeffers Building. Call 287-3515 for more information.

Spelling Bee, Alder

Madison County Schools come together at 1pm for a countywide Spelling Bee at the Community Center in Alder.

T H U R S D A Y
F E B R U A R Y 2 8

Felt Making Classes, Sheridan

Join Kim Miller and learn the art of Wool Felting. No experience necessary. A fee of \$30 for the cost of materials will be collected at the first class. Feb. 28th & March 1st from 5:30-7:30pm and March 2nd 10-3pm. Call Lois at 842-5401 to sign up and for more information.

Mad-Gals Meeting, Ennis

The Mad-Gals regular meeting will be at 12 Noon at the 20-Below Restaurant in back of the Longbranch.

US Constitution Class, Ennis

6:30pm in Ennis High School (room 3). This class costs \$15 for the full series of 6 classes and the cost covers the refreshments only as all other items are free. Students under 18 are free and we encourage parents to bring their children for these important discussions. Space is limited so please make reservations as soon as possible. Reservations may be made by calling 682-7552. Join your friends and similar interested individuals and discuss the key founding document of these United States.

HSBB, State Tournament, Belgrade (Feb. 28 - March 2)

Check your local school for schedule.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Submitted by Amy Kelley
Pygmy owl at the Kelley residence in Virginia City.

F R I D A Y
M A R C H 1

Meals for seniors, Twin Bridges

The TBS&CC provides Meals for Seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30am at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Sign-in is requested and donation can be provided.

Shooting Tournament, Bozeman

The Montana 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament will be held today. Call Todd at The MSU Extension Office for details and more information. 994-6816 or tkesner@montana.edu

Live Music, Norris

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Running OM Winter Workshop, Bozeman

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Live Music, Norris

Betsy Wise. Beloved as part of the Bozeman mainstay group the "Hooligans", Betsy as a solo sings sweet bluesy originals with a few cool covers and keeps her crowd mellow and happy. Music starts at 7pm.

Community Event, Cameron

Pinochle party at Bear Creek School House. Fun starts at 7pm with

snacks and prizes available. All ages welcome. Call Mona at 682-4638 for more information.

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Mountain Moonchicks is a trio hailing from Butte, Montana. Playing a mix of Americana folk fun of traditional and original songs, they are sure to keep you entertained. Music is at 7pm. Visit www.norrihotsprings.com for more details.

M O N D A Y
M A R C H 4

Documentary, Ennis

The Madison Valley Public Library presents "The Vanishing of the Bees". This film takes a piercing investigative look at the economic, political and ecological implications of the worldwide disappearance of the honeybee. The documentary examines our current agricultural landscape and celebrates the ancient and sacred connection of honeybees to human life to human life. No admission will be charged and all are welcome. 6pm.

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Senior meals, Virginia City

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Meeting, Ennis

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

VIGILANTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S

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Friday March 8, 2013

- Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.
- Dinner by reservation will start at 12:15 p.m. (Reservation cards must be mailed by March 1st)
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Ennis School District 52 is currently seeking two trustees for three year terms. Anyone qualified for and interested in running for this position may pick up a petition from Ginger Martello at Ennis High School. Petitions must be turned in at the District Clerk's office prior to 4 p.m. March 28, 2013. No candidate may appear on the ballot unless he or she meets this deadline. If you have any questions about the trustee position, please call Superintendent John Overstreet at 682-4258. (Pub. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013) es

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY BENJAMIN T. CORY, as Successor Trustee, of the public sale of the real property hereinafter described pursuant to the "Small Tract Financing Act of Montana" (Section 71-1-301, et seq., MCA). The following information is provided:
THE NAMES OF THE GRANTOR, ORIGINAL TRUSTEE, THE BENEFICIARY IN THE TRUST INDENTURE, ANY SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE BENEFICIARY OR GRANTOR, ANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, AND THE PRESENT RECORD OWNER ARE:
Grantor: FARMHOUSE PARTNERS - BIG SKY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (the "Grantor") Original Trustee: AMERICAN LAND TITLE COMPANY Successor Trustee: BENJAMIN T. CORY, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Montana (the "Trustee") Beneficiary: AMERICAN BANK OF MONTANA (the "Beneficiary") Present Record Owner: FARMHOUSE PARTNERS - BIG SKY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY COVERED BY THE TRUST INDENTURE IS: The real property and its appurtenances in Madison County, Montana, more particularly described as follows:
TRACT 5F OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF A PORTION OF TRACT 5 AND TRACT A OF BLOCK 1, AMENDED, CASCADE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, P.M.M., MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 327, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA.
RECORDING DATA: The following instruments and documents have been recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's Office in Madison County, Montana. Deed of Trust dated March 26, 1998, and recorded March 27, 1998, in Book 416, Page 965, under Document No. 065390, as modified by that certain Modification of Deed of Trust dated September 23, 1998 and recorded October 9, 1998, in Book 423, Page 527, as Document No. 068477; and Substitution of Trustee dated December 11, 2012 and recorded December 14, 2012, under Document No. 148541.
THE DEFAULT FOR WHICH THE FORECLOSURE IS MADE IS: Nonpayment of the real property taxes due under the Deed of Trust.
THE SUMS OWING ON THE OBLIGATION SECURED BY THE TRUST INDENTURES AS OF NOVEMBER 26, 2012 ARE: Principal: \$278,995.32 Interest: Interest continues to accrue at a rate of 8.53% per annum. As of November 26, 2012 the interest balance is \$727.34 and interest accrues at the rate of \$66.11 per day. Real Property Taxes: \$143,173.80
The Beneficiary anticipates and intends to disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the real property, and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts or taxes are paid by the Grantors or successor in interest to the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligation secured by the Trust Indenture. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of the sale include the Trustee's and attorney's fees, and costs and expenses of sale.
THE TRUSTEE, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BENEFICIARY, HEREBY ELECTS TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO SATISFY THE AFORESAID OBLIGATIONS.
THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE ARE:
Date: May 22, 2013
Time: 11:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect.
Place: Front steps to the Madison County Montana Courthouse.
Terms: This sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, and excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid in cash. The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession

of the property on the 10th day following the sale.
DATED: January 3, 2013.
/s/ Benjamin T. Cory
BENJAMIN T. CORY, Trustee
STATE OF MONTANA
ss
County of Missoula

This instrument was acknowledged before me on January 3, 2013, by Benjamin T. Cory, as Trustee.
/s/ Christa Shaw
Christa Shaw
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Missoula, Montana
My commission expires: 04/18/2015
(Pub. Feb. 14, 21, 28, 2013) cf

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE:

This is a public notice from B & D Keylock to the Lessee of Unit #44, located at 3538 Hwy 287 N, Sheridan, MT 59749 that your unit is under foreclosure proceedings.
(Pub. Feb. 21, 28, 2013) bd

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY A. CARLSON-RAY, Probate No. DP - 39 - 13 - 4
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be mailed to Jerry Ray, Personal Representative, C/O Michael G. Barer, P. O. Box 3153, Great Falls, MT 59403-3153, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
DATED this 30th day of January, 2013.
/s/ Jerry Ray
Jerry Ray
Personal Representative
STATE OF HAWAII
City and County of Honolulu
Jerry Ray, declares, under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Hawaii, that the foregoing is true and correct.
/s/ Jerry Ray, Personal Representative of the Estate of Beverly A. Carlson-Ray
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January, 2013
Printed Name: Ann M. Iwasnik
Notary Public for the State of Hawaii (Notarial Seal)
Residing at: Honolulu, Hawaii
My Commission expires: 6-15-2016
Personal Representative's Attorney:
BARER LAW OFFICE
/s/ Michael G. Barer
MICHAEL G. BARER
P. O. Box 3153
Great Falls, MT 59403-3153
(406) 771-8800
(Pub. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, 2013) mb

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY Probate No. DP-29-13-8 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN JAMES RUDMAN, a/k/a GRACE K. OSBORN, a/k/a GRACE KNOX OSBORN, a/k/a GRACE E. OSBORN, a/k/a GRACE EMMA OSBORN, a/k/a GRACE OSBORN, Deceased
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must either be mailed to EDWARD WILLIAM OSBORN, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of DOUGLAS L. SMITH, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 66, Sheridan, Montana 59749, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
DATED February 19, 2013.
EDWARD WILLIAM OSBORN
Personal Representative
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.
Signed this 19th day of February, 2013.
/s/ Edward William Osborn
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S ATTORNEY:

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DOUGLAS L. SMITH
P. O. Box 66
Sheridan, MT 59749
(Pub. Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 2013) ds

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That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
DATED this 29th day of January, 2013.
/s/ Carmen Jarrett Smith
CARMEN JARRETT SMITH
Personal Representative
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 2013) km

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DATED February 12, 2013.
STATE OF ALASKA: SS COUNTY OF MATANUSKA
SHERRI F. JACKSON, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:
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DATED this 29th day of January, 2013.
/s/ Sherri F. Jackson
SHERRI F. JACKSON
Personal Representative

Whitehall, MT 59759, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
DATED this 30th day of January, 2013.
/s/ Shirley F. Visintin
SHIRLEY F. VISINTIN
Personal Representative
STATE OF MONTANA
ss
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
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Personal Representative
/s/ Judy R. Schwab
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: Whitehall
My Commission expires: 12/21/2013
Personal Representative's Attorney:
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Personal Representative

NOTICE OF SEWER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 22, 2013, the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Virginia City, Montana (the "Town"), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the Town of Virginia City, Montana to Modify the Basis on Which Sewer Charges are Imposed and to Adjust Rates for the Users of the System.
The Council has determined it is in the best interests of the Town to modify the basis on which sewer charges are imposed and adjust the rates and charges for the use and availability of the System.
The Town charges users of the System, including users in Nevada City, a monthly flat rate of \$39.50 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) (the "Base Rate Charge"). The EDUs are variable based on the perceived use of the building and size of the service line.
The Town proposes to standardize its EDU methodology for imposing rates and charges and base it on the size of the service line for each connection. A ¾ inch service, which is the standard size service line for single family residential users, would be equal to 1 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). The following table shows the number of EDUs for each size of service line:

Service Line Diameter	Number of Hookups	EDUs per Hookup	Total EDUs
¾"	200	100	20000
1"	-	70	-
1½"	-	28	-
2"	-	400	-
3"	-	74	-
4"	-	1600	-
4"	-	267	-
TOTAL	200		20000

NOTICE OF WATER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 22, 2013, the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Virginia City, Montana (the "Town"), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the Town of Virginia City, Montana to Modify the Basis on Which Water Charges are Imposed and to Adjust Rates for the Users of the System.
The Council has determined it is in the best interests of the Town to modify the basis on which water charges are imposed and adjust the rates and charges for the use and availability of the System.
The Town charges users of the System a monthly flat rate of \$18.00 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) (the "Base Rate Charge"). The EDUs are variable based on the perceived use of the building and size of the service line.
The Town proposes to standardize its EDU methodology for imposing rates and charges and base it on the size of the service line for each connection. A ¾ inch service, which is the standard size service line for single family residential users, would be equal to 1 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). The following table shows the number of EDUs for each size of service line:

Service Line Diameter	Number of Hookups	EDUs per Hookup	Total EDUs
¾"	210	1.00	210.00
1"	-	1.70	-
1½"	-	2.78	-
2"	-	4.00	-
2"	4	7.14	28.56
3"	-	16.00	-
4"	-	28.57	-
TOTAL	214		238.56

Effective as of the April 2013 sewer billing, the Town proposes to increase the Base Rate Charge from \$39.50 to \$49.84 per EDU (the "Proposed Base Rate Charge") as follows:

Diameter	Cost per EDU	Multiplier	Base Rate Change
¾"	\$49.84	1.00	\$ 49.84
1"	\$49.84	1.70	\$ 84.73
1½"	\$49.84	2.78	\$138.56
2"	\$49.84	4.00	\$199.36
2"	\$49.84	7.14	\$356.86
3"	\$49.84	16.00	\$797.46
4"	\$49.84	28.57	\$1,423.93

In addition to the Proposed Base Rate Charge, effective as of

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FOR RENT: Commercial/Retail space available on Main St. in Ennis. **RENTED!** interested at 406-581-7878. 39-tfc

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HELP WANTED: Reliable person for part time maid/cleaning services for a small four suite seasonal Inn located in Sheridan, MT. Flexibility and dependability is a must. Season start up is April 1, 2013 and runs through October 2013. Please send resume to Rod & Rifle Inn, P.O. Box 645, Sheridan, MT 59749. 18-tfc-b

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HELP WANTED: Housekeeping positions. Apply in person at Fan Mountain Inn. 16-3b

FARM MANAGER responsible for dry land farming, equipment maintenance and seasonal livestock work. Central Montana Farm/Ranch near Winifred, MT. Experience & references required. Send resume to sarah-faithranch@gmail.com #070

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OUTPOST EVENTS.NET

C4 Thursday, February 28, 2013

Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library will hold its regular meeting at 10am in the Thexton Rm. Everyone is welcome.

Meals for seniors, Twin Bridges

The TBS&CC provides Meals for Seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30am at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Sign-in is requested and donation can be provided.

Workshop, Ennis

This is the final workshop in the 3-Part Series: Livestock and Land Health. Presentations on drought trends, irrigation water management and forage management. The workshop starts at 10am at the Madison Valley Baptist Church in Ennis. Registration is \$5 and includes lunch. Please register by March 4th by calling 682-7289.

Chamber Meeting,

Ruby Valley

The Greater Ruby Valley Chamber & Ag Meeting will be held at 12 Noon today. Contact Mike 842-5680 for info or to join the GRVCCA.

Youth Baseball/ Softball SIGN-UPS, Ennis

Sign ups for the spring youth baseball & softball season will be today at 3pm. Meeting will be in the Ennis Elementary office area. Call Kelly at 579-5442 for more information.

School Board Meeting, Ennis

Ennis Schools will hold a special Board Meeting at 5pm. It will be held in Room 3 at the High School. Please call 682-4258 for more information.

Documentary, Sheridan

The Sheridan Public Library presents "The Vanishing of the Bees". This film takes a piercing investigative look at the economic, political

and ecological implications of the worldwide disappearance of the honeybee. The documentary examines our current agricultural landscape and celebrates the ancient and sacred connection of honeybees to human life to human life. No admission will be charged and all are welcome. 5:30pm.

Fly Tying Class, Ennis

Join us every Tuesday (except for holidays) on the 2nd floor of the Ennis Café at 6:30pm for lessons in fly tying. Everyone is welcome. Call Ron at 600-6081 for information.

W E D N E S D A Y M A R C H 6

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.

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. If you have at least 15 lbs. to lose and would like more information, call Jeannie at 682-3299.

T H U R S D A Y M A R C H 7

Senior meals, Virginia City

Senior meals now being served in Virginia City for citizens 60 and over every Tuesday and Thursday at the Creamery for a nominal fee of \$3. Lunches served between 11:30am and noon.

Club Meeting, Ennis

Madison Valley Woman's Club will hold it's regular meeting at 12 Noon today at the Madison Valley Baptist Church. Call 581-8729 with questions.

Business After Hours, Ennis

Ennis Chamber of Commerce presents: Business After Hours at 5pm. This month's host is TRENZ Salon & Day Spa. Come check out the new space and mingle with other chamber members. It's a fun time - hope to see you!

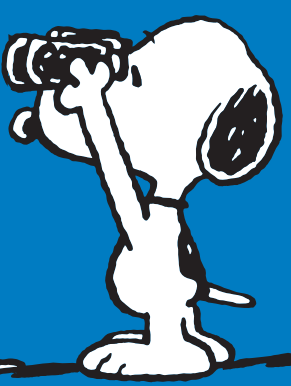
US Constitution Class, Ennis

6:30pm in Ennis High School (room 3). Students under 18 are free and we encourage parents for these important discussions. Space is limited so please make reservations as soon as possible. Reservations may be made by calling 682-7552. Join your friends and similar interested individuals and discuss the key-founding document of these United States.

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Celebrating Montana's Bounty, Bandito's

Locals now have another choSupper Club is back and proud to welcome Guest Chef, Chris Edgington. Chris is owner and creative chef of Reel Food on the Fly, a local personal chef and catering business. The menu he has created for Saturday, March 2, will include foods from or grown in Montana.

Items like smoked local trout, Flathead Cherry Pain de Champagne and a signature cocktail from Willie's Distillery are sure to entice one to plan a night out. There are still a few spots available so call 682-5553 to reserve your seat for this Montana made meal.

Stender's Baldy Mountain Construction

Steve Stender wants you to know he is available to help you with your project in the Sheridan and surrounding area. Whether you are looking to build, remodel or put on an addition, Baldy Mountain Construction will take good care of you. Call 842-5873 or 596-0364 for more information and remember: There's no job too small.

Ranch Services West

If you have been searching for some help with your ranch in the areas of management or profitability then your search is over. Ray Marxer is available to help you with management, consulting, herd work and A-I, which he is scheduling now. His expertise is backed by results for consistent profitability and sustainability. Call 925-9320 to

make an appointment with Ray today.

Sportsman's Lodge Poker Tournament

The date has been set for this year's Earl Holt / John Seaman Poker Tournament. Mark your calendars for March 23, 2013. Please contact Laura at 682-4242 for more information.

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