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Ennis School Board carries motion to mediate with TRS

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The Ennis School Board carried a motion to proceed with mediation in the matter of contributions owed by the district to the Montana Teachers Retirement System after holding a conference call with attorney Elizabeth Kaleva during a special meeting on Tuesday evening. The discussion began with

Kaleva explaining the current status of the case. She said that because the TRS Board denied the Ennis School District's motion for summary judgment, it opens the door for discussion about mediation to resolve the matter short of a hearing. In moving forward Kaleva said the district would need to determine what the high end of litigation would be as well as an acceptable settlement range and the approximate cost of litigation.

The issues at hand are unpaid contributions to TRS from the Ennis School District and former superintendent Doug Walsh. The district owes approximately \$100,000 in employer contributions and Walsh owes approximately \$100,000 in unpaid employee contributions into TRS.

In addition, Walsh also owes approximately \$500,000 in retirement benefits that he should not have received beginning in

2001 when he started working for the district as a part-time superintendent and part-time consultant.

Kaleva explained that the recent decision by the TRS Board also reaffirms a two-year statute of limitations on TRS's efforts to recover overpaid benefits from Walsh. The statute does not apply where there is fraudulent concealment, which prevents a plaintiff from discovering a cause of action, according to

MCA 27-2-102(3). Kaleva said that TRS may try to argue there was fraudulent concealment, but it would be a long drawn-out process with a very high standard to prove.

"It would require a fair amount of discovery and... a lot of time for the part of the staff," Kaleva said. "It would be longer for you guys having this drag out."

Kaleva added that TRS has a vested interest in resolving the

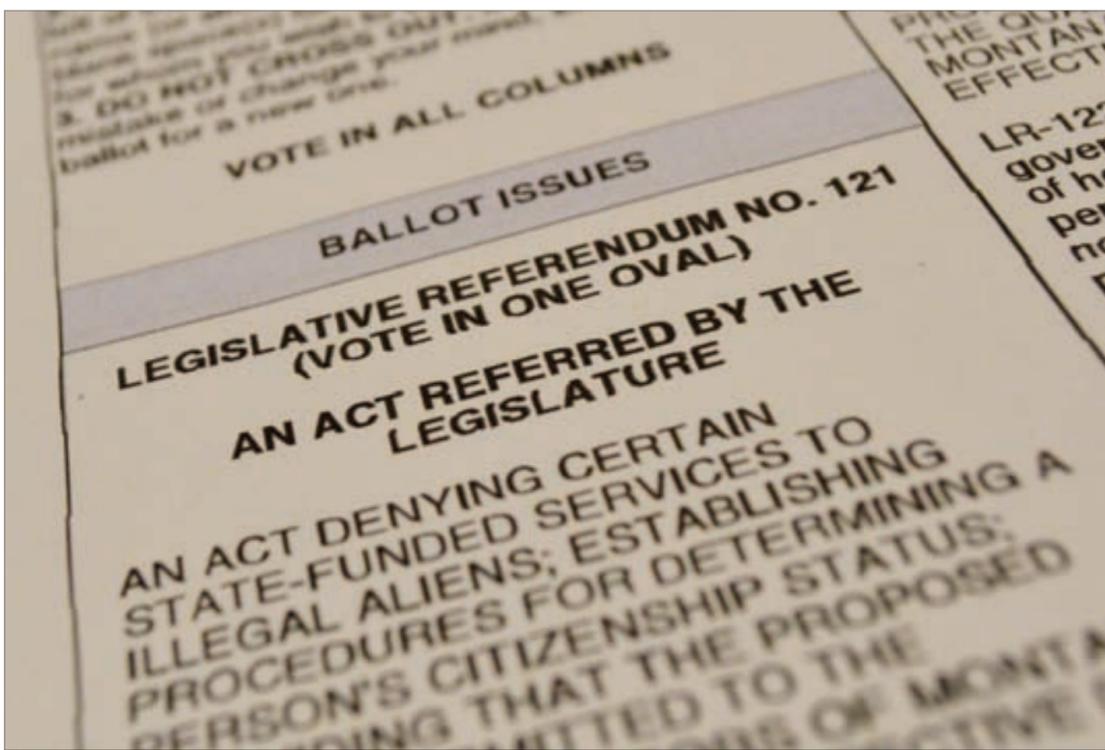
matter just as the Ennis School District does.

"If there is a chance to settle it without going through the agony of litigation, most parties will try to make that happen," she said. "It's timely, it's expensive and there is a risk on both sides of there being a ruling that is not acceptable to the parties."

During the conference call, Superintendent John Overstreet

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RETURN OF THE REFERENDUMS?



Voters passed three measures in November 2012 sent to them by the Legislature. As the deadline to propose referendums draws near, lawmakers are again drafting bills to put items on the ballot.

GOP lawmakers aim to take legislation straight to voters

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HELENA – When voters went to the polls last November, they noticed several measures they do not typically see.

The three referendums on the ballot came directly from the 2011 Legislature, and current lawmakers are aiming to do more of the same in 2014.

They are running up against a deadline next week to propose referendum bills. So far, Republicans have made at least 15 requests on topics ranging from property taxes to sex education.

"It is a good way to have people engaged with the legislative process," said

Rep. Keith Regier, R-Kalispell. "I think it gives them an idea of what goes on here."

The referendum requests come from Republicans eager to see certain ideas become law. Some Democrats on the other hand view the referendum process as a way to shift the duties of elected officials to the public and undermine the government's system of checks and balances.

Like initiatives, referendums are a way for the public to approve a law. Whereas initiatives originate with the public and require a certain number of signatures to reach the ballot, referendums begin in the Legislature. A lawmaker can propose a referendum, and assuming it garners a simple majority vote in both the House and Senate, it goes straight to the ballot.

Regier is the sponsor of a bill and an identical referendum measure that would criminalize assaults resulting in the death of an unborn child. He and other lawmakers drafting bills intended for a public vote say the Legislature must rank those measures and be careful not to send too many bills to the ballot.

In the 10 years leading up to last year's election, lawmakers sent only one referendum to the ballot.

The 2011 Legislature referred five Republican-backed proposals to the ballot, although two never made it because courts blocked them before the election. In the end, the public voted all three referendums into law.

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Commissioners adopt Madison County Growth Policy 2012 Update

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After a lengthy review and discussion process the Madison County Commissioners carried a motion the Madison County Growth Policy 2012 Update at their regular meeting in Virginia City on Tuesday.

The growth policy is not a regulatory document and does not confer any authority to regulate that is not otherwise specifically authorized by law or regulations adopted pursuant to the law, according to state law. In Madison

County, the purpose of the 2012 Growth Policy Update is to revise the document to make sure it meets the standards for a Growth Policy outlined by state law, keep the policy current in its goals and recommended actions and finally to provide more effective guidance for local decisions on growth, conservation and development over the next 5-10 years.

Throughout the review process, the Commissioners held multiple work sessions to address topics of concern within the policy as well as review public com-

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Area law enforcement teams up to apprehend two escaped detainees

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The Madison County sheriff's department assisted Idaho State Police with the apprehension of two detainees who escaped from a minimum-security pre-release center in Great Falls Thursday morning.

The two detainees were spotted after driving off without paying for gas at McLeod Mercantile in Norris. Video footage from the mercantile revealed the vehicle matched the description of a stolen truck in Great Falls and had a .17-caliber weapon in it. The driver matched the description of one of the escapees.

As the vehicle headed towards Ennis, Madison County

Deputy Craig Schroder began searching for the stolen vehicle. After notifying Idaho State Police, Schroder teamed up with a West Yellowstone police officer to patrol the Montana-Idaho border.

Law enforcement pursued the two suspects for over 25 miles into a roadblock set up by Idaho State Police and Fremont County Sheriff's deputies. The two escaped detainees were apprehended at the base of Ashton Hill.

"I am especially proud of how Madison County Dispatch orchestrated the event and worked to collaborate with other agencies," said Madison County Sheriff Dave Schenk. "It was because of all public service agencies working together that the escapees were taken into custody without someone getting hurt."

Commissioners discuss grant for Jack Creek Road improvements

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At their regular meeting in Virginia City on Tuesday the Madison County Commissioners met with Ennis resident Becky Vujovich to discuss an application for a grant that would allow the county to make improvements to the lower part of Jack Creek Road.

Vujovich learned about the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant opportunity

through a discussion with Jeremiah Theys, a project engineer with Great West Engineering, who has worked with Madison County on several occasions. Vujovich explained her vision to one day have the Jack Creek Road be open to the public and outlined what that access would mean for Madison County from an economic perspective.

While Ennis and the Madison Valley would see the greatest impact from having public access to and from Big Sky, Vujovich

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Wolf harvest numbers increase since 2011

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Following the closure of wolf hunting at the end of Feb., officials from the Department of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks released results from the 2012-13 wolf hunting and trapping season showing a 26 percent increase over the number of harvested animals in 2011.

In a press release published

March 4, FWP reported a total of 225 wolves were harvested during this year's hunting season, 128 by hunters and 97 by trappers. Those numbers are up from the previous season, where hunters harvested a total of 166 wolves statewide. While this year's season ran longer than last year's, the numbers clearly show that the wolf population is growing as the state continues their

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asked what would happen if one party agrees to a settlement during mediation but the other does not. Kaleva answered that the party could try and continue mediation with more specific parameters as long as the other side is willing to continue. During discussion with the Board and members of the general public following the conference call, Overstreet said he was in favor

of proceeding with mediation.

"One reason is its probably going to cost us more if we have to go through the discovery hearing process and pay more attorney fees," he pointed out. "The second reason is the timeliness. This is still dividing the community, and one of my goals is to get the community back together and I already feel we can do it more quickly if we mediate."

Board trustee Bill Clark was

also in favor of mediation, stating he thinks it is the only way to go.

"In the mediation if they can separate Doug Walsh's portion from ours, we would benefit, the school would benefit, the taxpayers would benefit," said Clark. "If we had to go after Doug Walsh to get this share he was supposed to pay, that could cost more than what he owes."

Trustee Mike McKittrick

echoed Clark's sentiments.

"I believe we are here for the sole purpose to make sure the District is headed in the right direction," McKittrick said. "And I'm for putting it to mediation to try and get this thing put to an end."

Overstreet said the Board would continue the discussion regarding the specifics of moving forward with mediation at their regular March meeting.

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ments and the policy itself in entirety, word for word. One of the more common topics of concern expressed by local residents was the accuracy and consistency of the maps included in the document.

In working with Madison County Planning Director Charity Fechter, the Commissioners advo-

cated the inclusion of a disclaimer or qualifying statement with each map included in the policy. Boundaries on the maps are approximate and therefore cannot be used for legal purposes. They are made up of various layers of information of various scales and intended to be used for general planning purposes, not individual properties, explained Fechter.

The maps included in printed copies of the Growth Policy 2012 Update are formatted 11 inches by 17 inches. Larger, poster size maps are available and will be included in copies of the policy kept at local public libraries.

Commissioner Jim Hart emphasized that it is important for residents to understand the intent and purpose of the maps included

in the policy.

"Maps are quite often used as an educational tool," he said.

"Each of us has responsibility, one to take a look at these maps and then do further research that has to do with your particular parcel or property," Hart continued. "I'm confident that all of us agree that that was the intent of each of these."

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said the rest of the county would also benefit from having the increased traffic through the region. She said the majority of people who would travel an improved Jack Creek Road down from Big Sky would do so to escape the glamour of the destination resort for a glimpse at real-life, rural Montana.

"It is going to help Ennis the most, but what is more true Montana than on this side of the hill?" Vujovich said of Virginia City.

Currently, the upper portion

of the Jack Creek Road is privately owned by Moonlight Basin and closed to public access. The lower section is a county road with a 40-foot easement from the electronic gate on the portion owned by Moonlight to the bottom of the Jack Creek canyon. Obstacles to the project include the fact that is privately owned, and there is concern that increased traffic and improvements to the roadway could deposit sediment into the creek.

"We already have to do the maintenance on that road, we already have to take care of it," said

Vujovich. "It's not going to be an additional cost to the county."

According to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration website, FLAP provides \$250 million annually for projects that improve access to the Federal estate on infrastructure owned by States and local governments. Funds are distributed by a formula based on recreational visitation, Federal land area, Federal public road mileage and the number of Federal public bridges. Eighty percent of funds go to states with

large areas of public land.

Commissioner Jim Hart agreed with Vujovich's points about the benefit to the county, adding that getting people from Big Sky to Ennis means getting people from Ennis to Virginia City and the rest of the county. Commissioners Dan Happel and Dave Schulz both offered their support for a continued dialogue with Great West Engineering to determine the potential cost and other specifics for the project before moving forward.

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efforts to manage these animals. The need to reduce the states wolf population is becoming increasingly urgent, and FWP is doing what they can to achieve that, explained FWP director Jeff Hagener.

"Montana has made room for wolves," said Hagener in a press release. "We are long past the period of recovering wolves, and we are committed to managing for a recovered population. We also need to remember it is FWP's responsibility to manage with an eye to how all of our special wild resources affect each other and address issues such as public tolerance, including that

of landowners."

"FWP is working to manage wolf numbers and will continue to use reasonable tools to maximize harvest opportunities," he continued.

According to the 2011 FWP Wolf Hunting Season Report, the state sold 18,689 wolf hunting licenses, 158 to non-residents, generating a total license revenue of \$407,389. In 2012, Montana sold a total of 18,642 licenses, 246 to non-residents, and approximately 1,500 of more than 2,500 prospective trappers who participated in mandatory education certification classes last fall purchased trapping licenses. In Wildlife Management Unit

310, which includes portions of Gallatin, Madison and Park Counties, a total of 22 wolves were reported harvested, 19 by hunters and 3 by trappers. In Wildlife Management Unit 320, which includes portions of Beaverhead, Broadwater, Gallatin, Madison, Jefferson and Silver Bow Counties, a total of 3 wolves were reported harvested. According to the March 4 press release from FWP, the highest reported wolf harvest numbers came from Lincoln County with 38, Park County with 24 and Missoula County with 22 animals.

A recent wolf management bill passed by the 2013 Montana Legislature and signed into law by

Governor Steve Bullock on Feb. 13 has given FWP additional resources for managing the state's wolf population. The law allows hunters to purchase up to three wolf tags and reduced the price of non-resident tags from \$350 to \$50 and the waiting period to use licenses from five days to 24 hours after purchase.

According to the 2011 Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Report, the minimum number of wolves counted in the state was 653. Data on the Montana's wolf population from 2012 is currently being compiled by wildlife managers, and FWP's annual wolf report will not be available until later this month.

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"There was a clear strategy to try to circumvent the governor's veto, and I expect to see that strategy replayed this session," said House Minority Leader Chuck Hunter, D-Helena.

He added that the influx of referendums on the 2012 ballot stemmed from heightened tensions between the parties.

Rep. Jerry Bennett, R-Libby, sponsored a referendum during the previous legislative session that required doctors to notify the parents of girls under 16 before they had an abortion.

He said he believed most Montanans agreed with that idea, even though the governor vetoed an identical bill to create the law.

The ballot measure passed with 71 percent of the vote.

This session, he's sponsoring House Bill 391 to take the 2012 referendum one step further by requiring parental consent for a minor to have an abortion. He has also drafted an identical referendum measure.

"I'm not going to make any decision until I see what the governor does," Bennett said in reference to the likelihood he will pursue the referendum. "I don't want to take that opportunity away from him to make that decision."

Lindsay Love, a lobbyist for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana, said she feels lawmakers this session are singling

out reproductive issues in the referendum process.

Her organization testified against Bennett's and Regier's bills, as well as one that would require parental consent for a child to take sex education in school. All three of those bills have accompanying referendum measures.

"We elect legislators for a reason to do the people's business during our legislation sessions and not to punt every single issue to the ballot," Love said.

She added that she considers the measures a waste of taxpayer dollars, especially if they are struck down in court.

Bennett said that despite a note attached to his bill that

raises questions about its legality, there is no definitive ruling on the issue and a court could choose to uphold it.

As for the future of ballot measures, Bennett said it will depend on the will of that particular legislative body.

Hunter said he would not be surprised if Republicans continue to use the referendum process, but he also acknowledged that political strategies change over time.

"As long as there is success with this method, it is likely to be replicated," he said.

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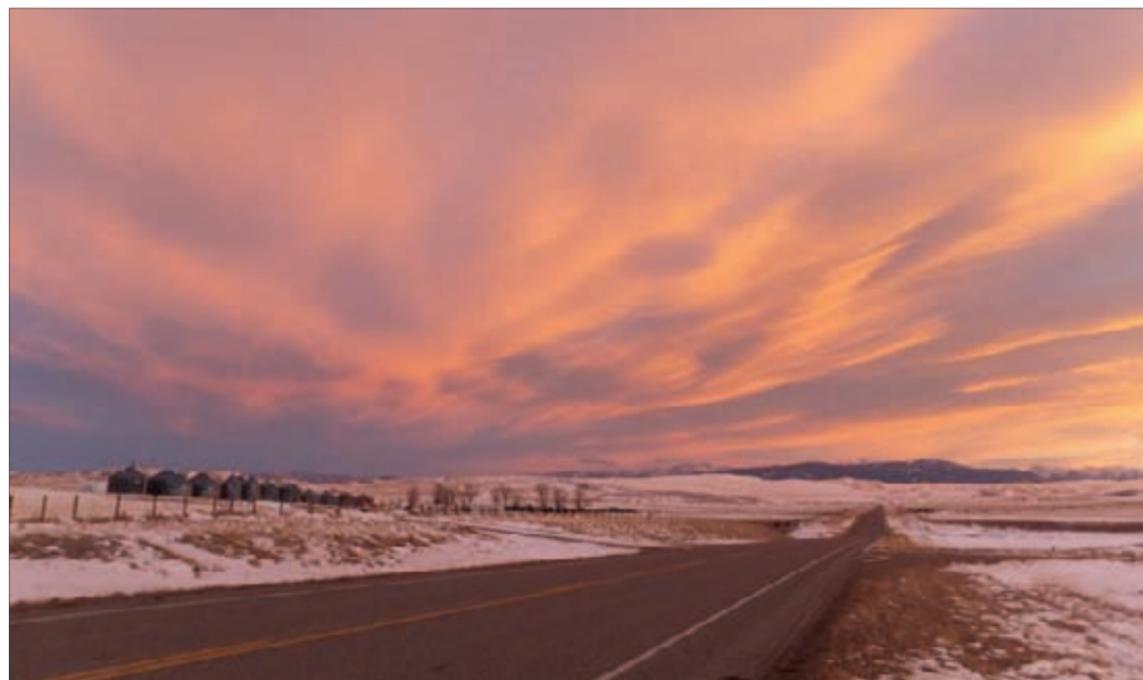


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Alder man pleads not guilty to felony charges from shooting incident

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An Alder man pleaded not guilty in District Court on Monday to felony charges following a shooting incident involving a .38-caliber handgun that took place on Highway 287 in January.

Ryan David Maddison appeared before District Judge Loren Tucker with his attorney Stephanie Kruer at the Madison

County courthouse to enter a not guilty plea to three counts of felony criminal endangerment, one count of felony assault with a weapon and one count of misdemeanor resisting arrest.

Madison County Deputy Attorney Chris McConnell said the prosecution is seeking an enhanced sentence that carries a maximum of 20 years for the three criminal endangerment charges because a weapon was allegedly used in the incident.

The felony assault charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years and the resisting arrest charge carries a maximum fine of \$500.

According to court documents, around 7 p.m. on the night of Jan. 31, Maddison allegedly confronted three teens on MT Hwy 287 as they drove home heading south from Sheridan toward Alder. Maddison then was said to fire multiple shots from a semi-automatic pistol in the direction of the teens' vehicle after

driving alongside the car in the opposite lane of traffic and shouting threats and profanity. When the male teen who was driving pulled off the highway into a nearby driveway as an attempt to flee the situation, Maddison allegedly followed in his own vehicle before ordering the driver to get out of the car at gunpoint.

Maddison was previously released from custody on \$25,000 bond. The conditions of his release require Maddison to ob-

tain written permission from the court before leaving the state and avoid contact with any convicted felons or probationers. Maddison is also prohibited from possessing alcohol or any controlled substance without a physician's prescription, the possession of firearms, destructive devices or dangerous weapons and entrance to bars or any area where the primary activity involves alcohol or drugs. Other conditions for Maddison's release are that he must

wear a secure continuous remote alcohol monitor (SCRAM), have no contact with the victims or their family and comply with a 9 p.m. curfew.

During the hearing, discussion was held regarding a motion filed by McConnell for substitution of District Judge Loren Tucker from the case. Kruer said that the defense plans to file a motion objecting to the substitution.

Software helps people with multiple sclerosis and paralysis

Allison Clark

FOR THE MADISONIAN

For many people who suffer from physical challenges, the seemingly simple task of using a computer and keyboard can be daunting. Jon Bjornstad, a California software consultant, created a program that has allowed many people with paralysis and multiple sclerosis overcome the barrier between their physical disabilities and the world of technology.

Karen Claassen, a resident at The Madison Valley Manor assisted living home in Ennis, lives with severe multiple sclerosis, which affects her nerves, making it difficult to control the use of her hands the way she used to. With the help of Bjornstad's program, she will soon be able to send emails, write stories and even control the television set in her room with a simple movement.

Candy Vincent, the Dietary Manager at The Manor, had the

brainstorm to bring Sue Center software to Claassen.

"I thought that surely somebody makes something for people like Karen," said Vincent. "I found this website called www.suecenter.org and I called [Bjornstad] to see if it would be something realistic for Karen."

He called her back the next day and explained that his software was designed specifically for people with MS. And the best part is that the program is free. Bjornstad designed the program for a close friend with paralysis. Since then, he has helped many people in his hometown of Santa Cruz and across the country reconnect with the world outside of their homes.

"There's even a lady in Ohio who used to the software to write her own autobiography," notes Vincent. "For people with disabilities, or a limited range of motion, it gives them the ability to use a computer. The goal is for Karen to be self-sufficient with the pro-

gram."

Local residents donated all the computer and accessories used for the program to help get Claassen back to writing. She has just begun to practice with the program and has a ways to go before honing her skills, but she is excited for the prospects.

"I think it's a really good idea, it will be great," said Claassen.

With a small piece of reflective tape, she is able to control the entire screen by moving less than one square inch. The tape can be anywhere, on her forehead, her finger, even her cheek. The software puts large letters onto the screen, similar to a keyboard. A small camera tunes in to the reflective tape and the motion she uses to come to a stop over a certain letter. Once she picks a letter, the cursor hovers over it and begins spelling words that start with that letter, or combinations of letters. It has a memory component that remembers certain



words and combinations she uses frequently. It even has an option to read back paragraphs as she

completes them.

With a little more practice, Claassen will soon be back to

writing stories for The Madisonian, sending emails to family and friends and playing Sudoku.

Ennis schools address budget concerns

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During their regular meeting for March on Monday evening the Ennis School Board received a preliminary budget update from Superintendent John Overstreet, comparing the information from budget data sheets from the Montana Office of Public Instruction for the 2012-13 school budget with projections for 2013-14.

Overstreet used the highest over-base levy authorized between 2007-08 and 2011-12 of \$458,331 to show what the schools highest budget would be with and without a vote by the taxpayers. For 2012-13, the district's adopted general fund bud-

get was \$2,557,186. Overstreet said the Board opted not to run a \$16,000 mill levy last year that would have raised the budgeted to \$2,573,935, adding that the community may not have supported a levy at that time.

For the 2013-14 school year the base budget for the district is \$2,033,521 because of a decline in enrollment. Including the highest over-base levy, the highest school budget without a vote would be \$2,518,852 and with a vote, would be \$2,568,381. Overstreet said the district would receive some additional funds from the state legislature, but he estimated a budget shortfall of approximately \$38,000 from last year to this year.

Additional estimated expenses to the district include

teachers steps and lanes, salary increases for classified staff, increased health insurance costs, principal and clerk salary increases and a loss of budget authority totaling over \$105,000. But Overstreet said the district would also realize a savings of over \$115,000 in teacher salaries due to retirement. Other variables that could potentially increase the budget include negotiated salaries for teachers, utility costs, property and liability insurance, maintenance, fuel for activity busses as well as basic supplies.

Overstreet recommended that the school district run a small mill levy this year because it would benefit the general fund budget, and it would be a good way to determine the level of

trust between the district and taxpayers in the community.

In other news Principal Brian Hilton reported that 18 fifth, sixth and eighth grade students from Ennis participated in the regional science fair in Butte on Thursday, and students Jourdain Klein, Emmett Lingle and Colter Korsmoe qualified for the state science fair in Missoula on March 18-19.

Principal John Sullivan reported that the technology committee is looking at textbook applications for the Apple iPad in an effort to go paperless. He recommended getting iPads for the school's teachers because the devices are already being used for research and various documents, adding that there is a possibility of getting iPads for all high

school students in the future.

"We thought if we got the teachers on board first, rather than just dumping them in the hands of the students and teachers, we'll get a learning curve going and hopefully introduce some iPads to the kids in high school," said Sullivan. "Putting this device in the hands of our students I think would really help them in the future. Rather than packing a backpack home of six textbooks, we'll be able to have the textbooks on the iPad."

The Board also received a presentation from Kathy Olkowski and Cori Koenig on the school's adult education program and the potential for starting a General Education Development (GED) program in Ennis. Recently the district had 213 stu-

dents participate in winter session adult education classes, and Olkowski said she spoke with the GED program director in Bozeman about having a similar program in Ennis. The district would need to form a committee to develop a proposal for the school board first before advertising for students and developing a budget for the program. Students would be required to complete a computer course as part of the program, and assessments would be conducted in Bozeman. Koenig said the big question is determining the cost of the program and identifying a need within the community.

For more information about the adult education program in Ennis, contact the school at 682-4258.

Harrison School Board focuses on securing building

By Faith Moldan

FOR THE MADISONIAN

The mood was somber at the Harrison School Board meeting Monday evening with talk of how to make the school a safer place while it also faces the tough reality of declining enrollment and possible budget shortfalls.

Superintendent Fred Hofman presented cost estimates for security options that were spurred on by Madison County Undersheriff Roger Thompson's safety presentation at the February board meeting. The options run the gamut from installing a controlled access system, security window film and a video camera system to new doors and simple peepholes for classrooms. Superintendent Fred Hofman visited with security professionals and other schools in the state that have made varied levels of changes in their own building security.

"These options help minimize access for the bad guy and create options to escape danger," Hofman said. He added that the

school can save money by making some of the changes and doing some installation themselves. "We could save about \$5,000 if we did our own work."

Expanding the main entryway makes room for community members to wait to be buzzed in if a controlled access system is installed. Intruders have to work harder to bust through thickened, window film covered door and window glass. Staff can monitor live video feeds from cameras throughout the school from their classroom computers or smartphones. Emergency personnel can do the same. New and better doors seal off parts of the school and keep the danger risk low in cases of an intruder or someone with a weapon. Teachers decide whether or not to take students out of the classroom while in lockdown after scanning the hallway via an old fashioned or new digital peephole.

No decision was made by the board on security upgrades at this meeting. They will decide at the April 8 meeting. While the board waits to take action on that

item, they also wait to see how current proposed legislation in Helena will pan out and affect the school's future budget.

School funding bill SB175 passed out of the Senate last month and was transmitted to the House, but no action has been taken on it there yet. Without passage of SB175, Hofman told the board Harrison School faces a \$31,142 cut. With passage of the bill, they would see a \$20,818 boost in the budget.

"That's a \$51,000 difference," Hofman said. "That's 5 percent of our budget."

The school's general fund budget is pretty much set by its annual number belonging (ANB), basic entitlement and a few other factors set by statute. Harrison's declining enrollment does not greatly affect the amount of basic entitlement funds, but they are emphasized in regards to ANB funding especially if legislation does not aid the school.

During the next five years, Harrison looks at enrollment numbers that are 10 less students

in the elementary and 21 less in the high school. The school uses the three-year average ANB number if they are higher than actual enrollment numbers. With that count, the elementary would have 16 less students and the high school would have 18 less.

"Doing the math, we lose \$117,990 in high school ANB over the next five years and \$81,920 in elementary ANB," Hofman said. "We need to make cuts."

Hofman encouraged the board to be proactive, creative and aggressive in their actions, which will more than likely include an uncomfortable truth and decision to replace four of the school's top five teacher salaries with new, young teachers. This change would result in \$80,000 in annual savings.

"We are too top heavy for a school of our size to continue on as is with our enrollment declining," Hofman said. Harrison's average teacher salary and insurance package is more than \$39,000.

The board was presented

with the option of teacher buyout, but Hofman said the teachers he talked to did not like the idea. "They love what they do," he said of the veteran teachers.

Action on this matter would also take place at the April 8 board meeting and include a possible ask of the public to transfer funds from the bus depreciation fund to the flex fund since the school does not currently have funds to buyout teachers or make necessary facility repairs, security upgrades and technology upgrades. This would not create any new taxes.

"It's different, it's outside the box, but it makes sense," Hofman said. "We could set the students and this school up to survive the next decade in the face of budgetary shortfalls and declining enrollment. We could fix everything that needs to be fixed and then hold on."

In other business, the board heard news of the upcoming track and field season schedule and the 2013-2014 basketball schedules.

Students reported on the up-

911 calls ends assault in Twin Bridges

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A concerned citizen's 911 call helped stop a domestic dispute Tuesday in Twin Bridges.

At the intersection of US 287 and MT 41, a woman screaming for help tried to jump

out a pickup truck. She threw her purse out of the vehicle in order to attract attention, but the male driver pulled her back inside and took off north.

While making a traffic stop north of Twin Bridges, Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Bauers got the call from dispatch around 3:30 p.m. The deputy no-

ticed the speeding vehicle with the woman and stopped the truck. Inside, he found the woman and a young girl crying along with the male driver.

The young girl told Bauers the driver had been yelling at her and her mother for hours while they were driving from Sun Valley to Bozeman, and she feared

for their safety.

Bauers escorted the two females into the back of his patrol car and called backup. Law enforcement arrested the man and charged him with partner family member assault. A friend picked up the mother and her daughter.

Get Results.



Filed to be a candidate for for the Ennis School District Board

Dear Editor,
Last Friday, I filed the required petition to be a candidate for one of the two open positions for the Ennis School District Board. As you all know, new information sometimes travels quickly. I was asked during the fol-

lowing days, "What side of the fence are you on"? I thought it best to answer the question publicly. I am not on either "side". The "fence" must be mended. Better yet, the divide between us needs to be torn down, so that we can return our focus together on the always-challenging tasks of providing a quality

education for the young members of our community. I will do my best to assist with that shared goal. The current circumstances must be dealt with in a responsible manner applying the legal and fiduciary duties required of a school board. You have my commitment to do so. Along

the way, I intend to save a moment or two to laugh at myself because I am quite sure that a sense of humor will be needed, as the decisions will not satisfy all. Respect input from all, focus on process not people, be engaged in the understanding of school finance and budgets

and strive to provide a high quality educational opportunity for teachers, staff and students, are all pieces of my commitment to each of you. Please continue to be engaged in the interest of our students and community while restoring dialogue and relationships without the "fence" and

choosing "sides". I look forward to responding to questions and working with others for the right solutions. Thank you for your consideration

*John Scully
Ennis*

Looking ahead, part I

Dear Editor,
There is a little hint of spring in the air, and as we know this is Montana and the weather can change quickly. There are a few thoughts I would like to share with you. There has been a lot of conversation about hunter access to state lands, for instance the Corner Crossing Bill, I am sorry to say that this turned into nothing

more than a political rally. Representative Kary has introduced HB440, which will use money from funding Wildlife habitat to funding hunting access easements across private lands to adjoining public lands. I think this will be a great avenue for gaining hunter access. Speaking of access, something that really concerns me and should concern all of us is the amount of Federal Land that has

been closed off to the public and this practice continues to happen as we speak. An example of how this is accomplished in some areas is if a bridge or culvert washes out they are not replaced. The main excuse is they have no money to replace them. Another thing they are doing is not maintaining access roads, in the hope that they will become bad enough that they can just close them. This is where we are los-

ing millions of acres of access. Gaining our access back, which belongs to "We the People", remember, these lands are multiple use lands. Federal Land is where our main focus of access should be, which will lessen the pressure on state and private lands. Senator Tester's Jobs and Recreation Act will do nothing but create less not more access.

*Ray Shaw
Alder*

Thank you for your support

Dear Editor,
The Ennis Wrestling Club would like to extend a large THANK YOU to everyone in the community that helped to make our 2013 tournament a great success. Thank you very much!

*Truly,
The Ennis Wrestling Club*

OBITUARIES

James Harrison Saunders August 15, 1923-March 4, 2013



James Harrison Saunders passed away March at the Madison Valley Hospital in Ennis.

He was born in Morgantown, W.Va., Aug. 15, 1923 to William Millard Saunders and Virginia Manley Southern Saunders. The family of three girls and Harrison, the only boy, moved when he was five-years-old to Ennis, Millard's hometown. Harrison, known locally as "Hungry" because he was tall and slim as a teenager, graduated from Ennis High School. He was active in sports, most notably basketball and football, and played first trombone in his high school band. He was a fisherman and a hunter. Harrison attended college at Western Montana College

in Dillon briefly before being drafted into the 41st Army Division to serve as a radio operator in the Pacific theatre in WWII. He met Alma Jean Cline from Huntsville, Texas, on a hike up Sphinx Mountain where they fell in love. They were married in 1952 and raised 3 children, Bill, Cassie and Sabrina, in the beautiful Madison Valley. Harrison found his calling when he became a backhoe operator and formed Saunders Excavation Company, providing backhoe, dump truck, grading and ready-mix cement services for the general region. He was a talented backhoe operator,

often getting into places other operators avoided. He was once called on in 1972 to dig a channel into the gorge ice near the Ennis Bridge so that the Madison River waters would not flood the town. He also promoted Amsoil Products and was very successful with that business as well. Harrison and Jean divorced in 1973 and later he married Mary Nelson Sjoberg. They will have celebrated their fortieth anniversary in Oct. 2013. Through the years Harrison's family ranch estate was developed into a private mobile home park and vacation rentals with a spectacular view,

complete with blue-ribbon trout streams and abundant wildlife. "Hungry" was well known for his sense of humor, card playing, his love of dancing and especially square dancing, where he also learned to 'call' the dances. The family plans a Celebration of Life gathering on the 90th anniversary of Harrison's birthday at the family home in Ennis Montana on Aug. 15. Harrison Saunders is survived by wife Mary, son William C. Saunders, daughters Sabrina Saunders Wood and Margaret C. Saunders Spangrude, Will and Mary Sjoberg,

Steve and Brenda Sjoberg, Nancy and Dave Schenk, Kari and Bob Pearson, nephews John Leipold, Richard and Frank Searl, niece Linda Morgan, grandchildren Eric and Kandice Saunders, A.J and Rhianna Wood, Nissa and Kayle Sjoberg, Stephanie and Kelsey Sjoberg, Kristy, Brian and Greg Schenk, Jennifer Weaver, and a smattering of great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents Millard and Virginia, sister Mary Ellen Searl, and twin sisters Louise Werner and Elizabeth Leipold. Memorial contributions may be given to the Madison Valley Hospital Medical Center.

Naida E. Mills March 7, 2013

Naida E. Mills of Sheridan passed away early Thursday morning March 7. She lived in Sheridan for 14 years. Naida was married in

1948, and her marriage to Howard Mills lasted 65 years. Howard survives and lives in Sheridan. Their eldest son Howard and his wife Kathleen

live in Alder. Their other two sons, David and John, reside in New York. Naida and her husband have been blessed to have many grandchildren as well as nephews and nieces. Naida spent two years in college and then completed her

nurse's training in Jersey City Medical Center. Naida worked as a registered nurse for many years before her marriage. Naida was a member of various Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses in Pennsylvania, New York and Twin Bridges.

Through the years Naida treasured the promise found in the Book of Revelation where chapter 21 verse 4 states, "And He will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The

former things have passed away." Naida was a lifelong student of the Bible and believed firmly in the Fifteenth Chapter of Corinthians. K&L Mortuaries & Crematory is assisting with arrangements.

Ruth Salmosen May 11, 1919-March 4, 2013

Ruth Salmosen, age 93, passed away March 4 at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center in Sheridan. Ruth was born May 11,

1919 at Great Falls, Montana to Martin and Esther (Israelson) Hedengran. She was raised in Helena and moved to Sheridan when she was 17.

While living in Sheridan she met and married Nels Salmosen in 1936. They had four children: Richard, Pete, Fred, and Jean. They lived on a ranch near Sheridan prior to moving to Butte in 1949.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Fred and Carol Salmosen of Florence, daughter and son-in-law Jean and Doyle Branch of Reno, 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, sister Alberta Wohlfiel of New Ulm, Minn., and nieces Bunny Cooper and Carla Holland both of Sheridan.

Once in Butte, Ruth owned the Hilltop Bar in Walkerville. In 1967, they moved to Virginia City where she managed the Pioneer Bar until she turned 75. Ruth then retired and later moved to Sheridan in 2000. The last four years of her life have been at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center. Ruth loved to play pinochle and cribbage. She also loved music and enjoyed singing and was a tremendous cook. Her husband Nels, two sons Richard and Pete, and a sister Ethel Lockridge preceded Ruth in death.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you for the tremendous care Ruth received at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center. Memorials are preferred to the charity of the donor's choice. Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m. at the New Beginnings Church in Sheridan. K&L Mortuaries & Crematory of Sheridan is assisting with arrangements.

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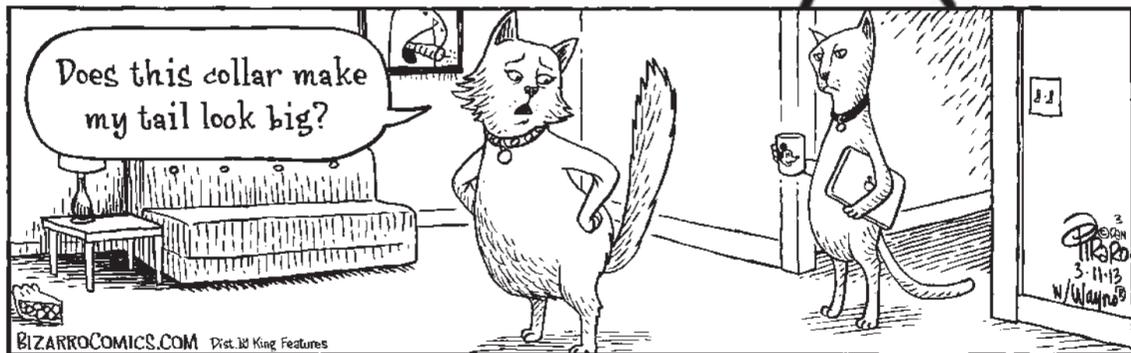


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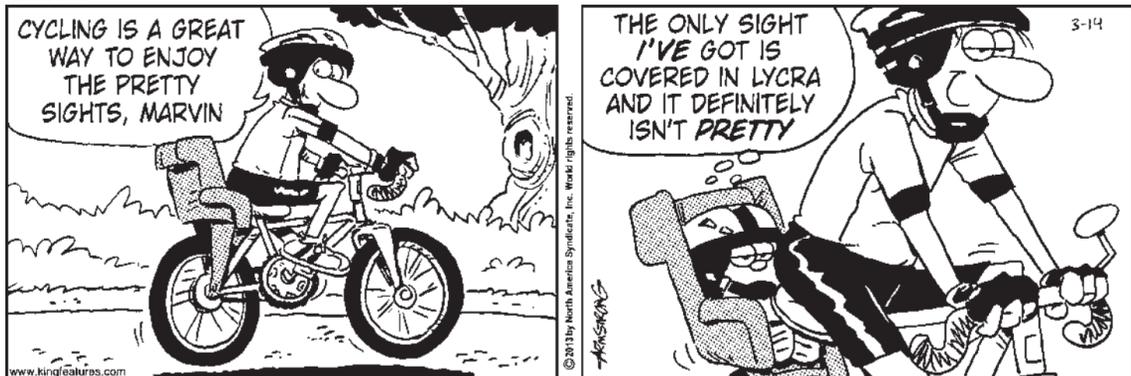
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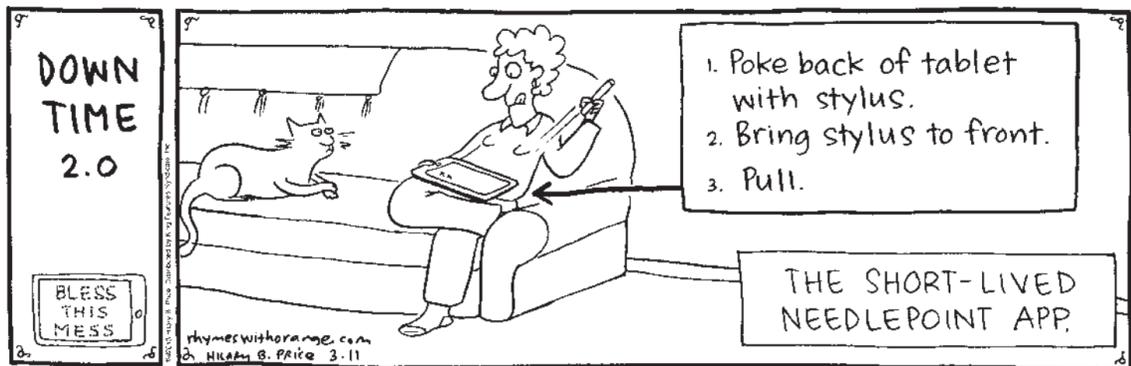
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Dulce de Leche Cookies

What You Need

2 c all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp salt
1 c (2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temp
1/2 c confectioners sugar
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 pinch Kosher salt

Directions

- In a medium bowl whisk flour and salt. In a larger bowl cream butter and sugar. Beat in vanilla.
- Gently beat in flour mixture just until incorporated. Flatten dough into disk, wrap in plastic wrap, and chill 1 hr.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F with rack in middle. Line two baking sheets with parchment.
- On a lightly floured surface, roll dough 1/4 inch thick. Using a lightly floured 1-1/2 or 2-inch round cookie cutter, cut dough. Place cookies on baking sheets and chill in fridge for 15 min.
- Bake 7-10 minutes until edges of cookies are light brown. Cool on cooling rack.
- For filling, empty can of sweetened condensed milk into an oven-proof dish, sprinkle with kosher salt and tightly cover with foil.
- Place dish in a larger roasting pan and fill with water until it reaches three quarters of the way up the covered dish. Bake at 425 degrees F for 2-1/2 to 3 hours, refilling water every 30 min. Dulce de leche is ready when it looks like caramel. Remove from oven, whisk, and let cool completely.
- Spread filling on flat side of cookie, then top with another cookie. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

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SANITATION

Q: Is it necessary to buy and use additives for your septic tank improve its function? I have recently seen advertisements promoting their use to help my septic system and save money on having my septic tank pumped out?

A: Contrary to advertisements, it is not necessary to use septic additives. Many of these products actually contain acid that breaks down the solids prematurely and can send out harmful contaminants to your drainfield before they naturally breakdown. The only thing that can save you money on maintenance and longevity of your on-site septic system is regular maintenance by a licensed septic pumper. I advise to have a new septic tank pumped after 3 years of normal use, especially if you have not had your system pumped in the last 5 years. After 3-5 years of normal use, your licensed pumper can tell how often you should schedule pumping. To save money on your septic system, I jokingly tell people to "flush a silver dollar down your toilet and the next time you have it pumped, find the silver dollar and you have then saved a dollar on your system."



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GENERAL HEALTH

Q: With the summer recreation season approaching, what first-aid gear should I carry with me on my summer excursions?

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PHARMACY

Q: Could you have sleep apnea?

A: Does your snoring raise the dead? Are you way too drowsy during the day?

Other signs may include: Waking often to urinate; morning headaches; memory or concentration problems; irritability, depression or mood swings; dry mouth or sore throat upon awakening. With sleep apnea, breathing is shallow and may have regular pauses, lasting a few seconds to minutes. Sleep apnea can also increase the risk of: high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, obesity, diabetes, heart failure, irregular heartbeats. A sleep study can confirm diagnosis—snoring may not mean you have sleep apnea. Many things can help: weight loss, avoiding alcohol or sedatives, quitting smoking and sleeping on your side. Ask your doctor if allergy medicines or nasal sprays might help open your nasal passages at night. Remember—I can help you find products in our store. A sleep doctor may recommend a custom-made oral appliance to move your jaw forward, Provent Therapy, or a CPAP breathing device. Some people benefit from surgery to widen breathing passages. Of course, I'll also answer any questions I can. Sweet dreams!



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CHIROPRACTIC

Q: Does chiropractic treatment require a referral from an MD?

A: A referral is usually not needed to see a doctor of chiropractic; however, your health plan may have specific referral requirements. It's best to contact your insurance company directly in regards to your plan to find out if there are any referral requirements. Most plans allow you to just call and schedule an appointment with a chiropractor. You can also inquire about other treatments that are often used in chiropractic offices that are covered by some plans, but not others. These can include Exams, interferential therapy, trigger point therapy, or even hot/cold therapy. Dr. Kate can also help you figure out what your insurance plan will cover. You can call 682-5634 with any questions.



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ART SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW

For Ennis/Harrison area graduates

FROM ENNIS ARTS ASSOCIATION

April 15 is the deadline for this year's Arts Scholarships. The Ennis Arts Association is offering tuition scholarships to Ennis/Harrison district students pursuing arts curriculum. Scholarships are available to High School graduates (or its equivalent), home school graduates or students from the Ennis/Harrison school districts already pursuing an arts curriculum in any institution of higher education.

Scholarship details and applications are available at the school guidance counselor's office or at the Ennis Arts Association (EAA) website, www.ennisartsassociation.org. One scholarship for \$1,000 and two for \$500 will be awarded this spring.

If you have a family member, neighbor or friend who is planning to pursue arts curriculum please encourage them to apply. An art curriculum may include the visual arts such as painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography and other visual media as well as architecture. Art curriculums may also include the performing arts such as music, theatre, film and dance as well as literature and interactive media.

The Ennis Arts Association's mission is to promote the local arts and to support local

aspiring artists. EAA annually offers tuition scholarships to students as well as art-related workshop scholarships to any age student ranging from first graders to adults.

For more information about the scholarships or joining the EAA please visit our website at www.ennisartsassociation.org or email info@ennisartsassociation.org.

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Pronghorn Meadows - Ennis 1.8-7.2 +/- acres \$53,500 - \$170,000	Virginia City Ranches - Ennis 5 - 6 +/- ac \$ 45,000. - \$89,000



WIFE OF TOWN FOUNDER REMEMBERED

From Shirley Love
MADISON VALLEY HISTORY
ASSOCIATION

During March, the Madison Valley History Association celebrates the birthday of William Ennis, who was born on March 17, 1828, in Ireland.

William claimed a homestead on Aug. 13, 1863 and founded the town of Ennis.

As successful as William Ennis was, his wife Katherine Shriver Ennis was equally as successful, and it is appropriate that the MVHA acknowledge her in Ennis' founding father's celebration.

Katherine Ennis was born on April 2, 1835, in Columbiana County, Ohio, to John and Rachel Summer Shriver. She lived on the farm of her parents while attending public school in Oneida. In 1861, she and William Ennis were married in Oneida. William was at that time freighting into Pikes Peak Colo. Katherine accompanied him on some of his trips.

In March 1863, Katherine returned to her father's home while William prepared to go to Bannack, Idaho Territory, to the gold diggings with freight. He sold his ranch and small store in Colo., loaded up with about 80 tons of freight and came west, arriving about June 10, 1863. William filed on a homestead in the Madison Valley on Aug. 13, 1863, the exact day that his wife gave birth to their first child, a daughter named Jeannie Winifred, in Ohio.

He built a one-room cabin on the homestead, and in 1865 brought his family to Alder Gulch. The first winter, Katherine taught school in Virginia City. In 1866, they moved to the cabin on the Madison, where a son, William John, was born on Jan. 29, 1867. In 1872, the

couple took their children and accompanied by the family of William I. Marshall, went on horseback to see the wonders of Yellowstone National Park. The two Ennis children rode double. As far as it is known, they were the first white children to visit the park.

In 1868, a four-room log house was moved from Virginia City for a roomier home. This house had two stories, and a "lean-to" was added for a kitchen. Katherine often kept large amounts of money for William. She hollowed out a place in the log wall, put the money in, and pasted paper over the place, so it looked just like the rest of the wall.

In 1881 and 1882, the Ennises built a large home of 13 rooms, with 11-foot ceilings. Katherine designed the building, which had a large masonry cellar beneath the kitchen. A hand-driven well supplied water, with a pump in the kitchen. Materials for this home were hauled from Franklin, Idaho, as well as the fine furniture that furnished the five bedrooms, parlor, sitting room and dining room. The house burned in 1917, but some of the furniture downstairs was saved. (MVHA note: The Ennis house was located on the land now occupied by the Ennis Homestead house and cabins.)

Katherine was confirmed into the Episcopal Church, the church of her husband, and was a charter member of Trinity Guild. The ministers who came to hold services in the valley were most often her guests, but preachers or ministers of any denominations were welcome in her home. She was an excellent cook and a fine seamstress and needleworker. Her dining room table was always covered with a hand-hemmed linen cloth, yet she could do most any of

the ranch tasks and did if occasion required it. On many occasions she served as a midwife and helped nurse the sick.

Katherine was widowed in 1898. She continued to run the part of the ranch that William willed to her. She was a woman of true pioneer spirit and nothing daunted her. She loved to milk a cow and in spite of protests by her family, she kept a cow until she broke her hip on a visit to Wash. in 1919. The doctors were amazed that the hip began to knit. She was not put into a cast and was able to massage her hip, which she did regularly and when allowed to return home by train, she sat on a straight chair as was transferred from train to train, as necessary. In a few months, she was on crutches, which she used for about a year. She was able to use a cane around the house or on a level walk. Eventually, she walked with just a cane, but that leg was a trifle shorter.

She was a long time member of the Society of Montana Pioneers and attended the yearly meetings if at all possible. On her birthday, she held open house, assisted by her daughter, Chowning, and niece, Hattie Angle. She especially liked to meet the new schoolteachers. She donated land for the school, Methodist Church, Forest Service Buildings on Hugel Street and the V.F.W. buildings.

Katherine attended the Pioneer meeting in Aug. 1931. Her death followed on



Nov. 4, 1931 at the age of 96.

*Written by granddaughter, Winifred C. Jeffers. Story taken from

Pioneer Trails and Trials, referred to as the "Gazebo Madison County, Montana Park" but now named in her honor as "Grandma Ennis Park". (MVHA: Katherine donated to the city of Ennis the land on Main Street commonly

Fifth annual William Ennis birthday celebration scheduled

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Sunday, March 17 marks the 185th birthday of Ennis' founding father, William Ennis. In honor of his birth in County Down, Ireland in 1828, the Madison Valley History

Association invites everyone to celebrate William Ennis with Irish food and music at the Ennis schools cafeteria.

An Irish stew dinner will be served from 1-4 p.m. Also served will be Irish soda bread, blarney stones (dessert), Irish tea and Irish-flavored coffee.

The dinner costs \$10 per person and \$25 for a family with children under the age of 12. Madison Foods has donated a birthday cake for the event, and the remainder of the dinner is being catered by Vicki Noack.

The event was held in different locations previous

years, but Larry Love of the Madison Valley History Association said he hopes the larger location this year draws more people to the event. Love and Jan Beekman will perform Irish music during the dinner.

"Jan will play her accordion and I'll sing," Love

said. "Folks are welcome to get up and dance."

In 2010 the Madison Valley History Association added an essay contest to the festivities. This year 8th-grade students in Ennis were asked to submit essays for the "I like William Ennis because" themed contest.

Irish-born William Ennis is actually of Scottish descent. His parents immigrated to Ireland because of religious persecution, Love said. Ennis claimed a homestead on August 13, 1863 and founded the Town of Ennis.

Ennis Chamber of Commerce moves forward with new projects for the business community

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

The chamber board is adding more to its plate and benefits to the community with a new website, newsletter, downtown beautification and chamber cash.

To keep locals and their money in Ennis more, the chamber has put together chamber cash that matches dollar-for-dollar at area merchants. The cash, in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20, cannot be photocopied and shoppers cannot receive change back if the full value is not spent. Once instituted, participating stores will have signs promoting the chamber cash. If the dollars, which feature town founder William Ennis, sell out that means \$11,200 will be spent in Ennis. Bozeman has a similar program and it brought in \$65,000 last year.

While the website aids visitors, the chamber also has office hours throughout the week for those needing face-to-face assistance. Volunteers are needed to staff the office on Saturdays. Visitor numbers for 2012 were up slightly from 2011. A total of 2,182 people visited between May and September last year. That does not include traffic during Fourth of July festivities. Chamber membership is up as well. Six new members have joined to add to 12 paid returning members. A monthly newsletter adds to the chamber's promotional efforts that include an Ennis visitor brochure, which Pam Kimmey said the chamber always makes money from.

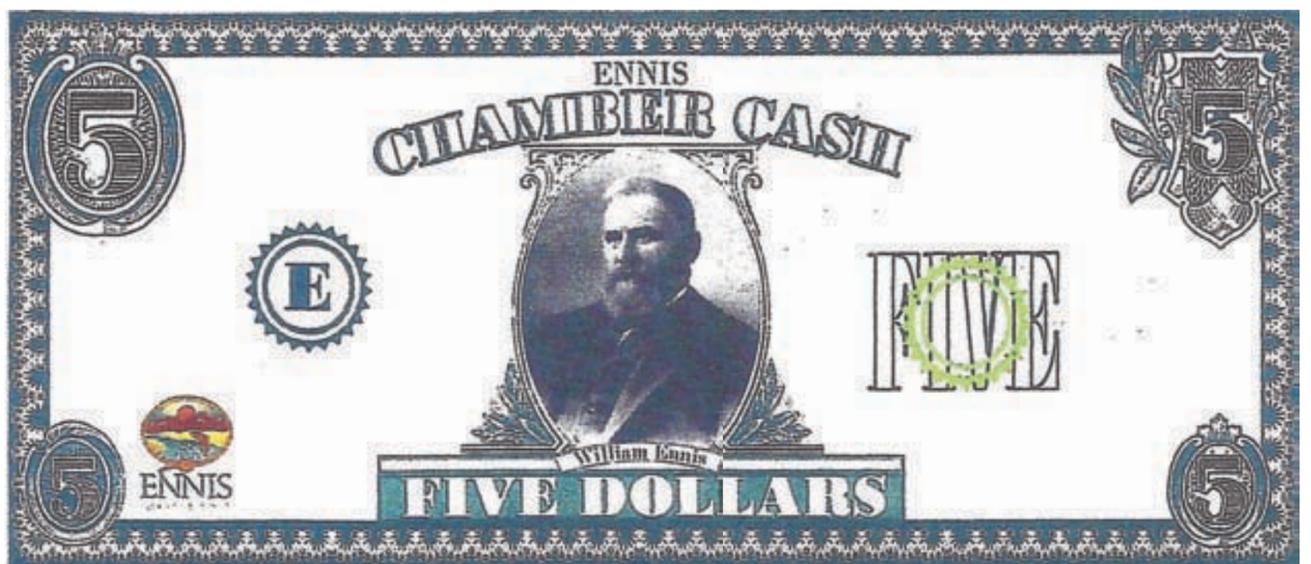
Flower baskets will adorn downtown Ennis in the near future. The baskets are designed to be secured to and wrap around a post. Vandal-proof, they are more secure than normal hanging and swinging baskets. Fourteen will be purchased at a cost of about \$180 each. The baskets coincide with sidewalk upgrades downtown in a beautification effort.

Plans are in the works for the annual

Fourth of July parade and fireworks stand. Also this summer is collaboration with Cycle Greater Yellowstone. The event will bring about 1,000 bicyclists to town on Sunday, Aug. 18. The week-long road bicycle tour marks its first night in Ennis. The chamber aids in welcoming the bicyclists, providing directions to participants, and organizing local businesses to set up booths, activities, and food options.

The chamber is also working on collaborating with the Virginia City Chamber of Commerce on the town's 150th anniversary.

The next chamber meeting is scheduled for April 9 at 9 a.m. at the First Madison Valley Bank. For more information, call 682-4388 or visit the chamber website <http://www.ennischamber.com>.



CLASS C



Basketball players earn post-season honors

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

While Madison County cannot boast a state championship team, local athletes have earned recognition for their efforts this season, including 14 players chosen for the Southwest All-

Star game in Butte. All-State recipients for the boys include Ennis Mustangs Connor Sullivan and Dalton Bullock, Twin Bridges Falcons Cole Miotke and CJ Cox. Harrison-Willow Creek Wildcats Britt Cooper and Jaci Nesbitt as well as Twin Bridges Lady Falcons Hannah

Konen and Alison Griebenow. Miotke and Cox were also named All-Conference with teammate Mackay Hirst. Kristen Ashcraft and Morgan Martin join Konen and Griebenow with All-Conference honors too. Braydon McKittrick and Wes Goodman were named All-

Conference with Sullivan and Bullock. Garrett Petersen and Steven Strong were both selected All-Conference Second Team for Harrison-Willow Creek. Becca White and Kristen White were Second Team selections for the Lady Wildcats, while Nesbitt and Cooper were name

First Team All-Conference. Sports writers and media personnel chose the all-star teams after coaches nominated players. The game, held Tuesday at the Montana Tech HPER Complex, included a 3-point contest at half-time. Players and alternates included Cooper, Nesbitt,

Konen, Griebenow, Miotke, Cox, Hirst, Bullock, Sullivan, Petersen, McKittrick, as well as Ennis' Chelsey Martello and Haley Nestegard, and Sheridan's Brooke Lueck. Martello earned All-Conference honors and Nestegard was selected All-Conference Second Team.



All photos by Ben Coulter

Above-

Top Row Left: Britt Cooper (15) of Harrison brings the ball up the court against the Ennis Lady Mustangs.

Center: Garrett Petersen (32) of Harrison shoots against the Ennis Mustangs.

Right: Connor Sullivan (left) of Ennis shoots over Harrison's John Brennan.

Below-

Left: Twin Bridges senior Hannah Konen brings the ball in for a layup against Sheridan.

Top Right: Twin Bridges senior Cole Miotke (5) puts up a shot over the Gardiner Bruins defense during the championship game of the District C 11/12 basketball tournament at the Maroon Activities Center in Butte.

Bottom Right:

Twin Bridges juniors Morgan Martin (34) and Alison Griebenow (42) defend against a pass from Hinsdale's Whitney Molina (14) during the 2013 Class C state basketball tournament in Belgrade. The Lady Falcons beat the Raiders 51-37.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!



Mrs. Tilstra's kindergarten class at the Twin Bridges grade school dressed up as "Cat in the Hats", in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday Friday. Submitted by Gail Banks

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Big Brothers Big Sisters in Ennis receives 3 Rivers Communications grant

From Cori Koenig
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS-ENNIS
BRANCH

3 Rivers Communications recently awarded a \$1000.00 Community Enhancement grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters-Ennis Branch for program support, helping provide Ennis children with positive mentors. Big Brothers Big Sisters is a proven prevention

program for youth, providing needed support to children in our local community through professionally supported one-to-one relationships. Big Brothers Big Sisters Ennis Branch matches children aged five through eleven with high school volunteer mentors and is dedicated to providing positive opportunities for Madison County kids.

Bill Dringle, board member

for 3 Rivers, was pleased to give this money to BBBS. "I'm so glad we can make this donation and help these kids. 3 Rivers supports so many of the sports activities these kids like to do and now we are helping in another way and can keep this great program going."

When asked why the program was important, volunteer Derek Wham, a Big Brother, stated, "I like the

program because it lets the little kids have someone to look up to. You get to be a role model and it teaches the "Big" and the "Little" life lessons."

Another "Big", Jasmine Streight, notes, "I am an only child, I always wanted a sister. This gives me that chance. I grew up as a "Little," now I get to be a "Big." It teaches me responsibility."

Wardens remind public feeding wildlife is against the law

From Fish, Wildlife & Parks

People often feel sympathy for wildlife appearing to be stressed by winter conditions. Sometimes people take matters into their own hands and provide these animals an artificial source of food, and while the intent might be to help the animals through a difficult and demanding period, the end result could be injury and even death to the animals. Another unforeseen consequence is the possibility of those animals injuring a person, whether or not that person is the one doing the feeding.

It is against the law to feed most wildlife including bears, deer, elk, antelope, moose, mountain lions and bighorn sheep.

Supplemental feeding encourages wildlife to become dependent on food sources that are not part of their natural diets. Young animals that are taught to depend on humans sometimes never develop normal foraging behavior, and

could starve if the artificial food sources are removed or more likely become nuisances and come in conflict with humans. Wildlife lose their fear of humans and learn that they can boldly forage for artificial food, causing possible risks to human safety;

Wild animals being fed by humans may congregate in unnaturally high numbers, and this is the perfect opportunity for disease to spread. Feeding wildlife, especially prey species such as deer, squirrels and rabbits, often causes a domino or food chain effect. An example is an increase in deer numbers in yard, which may be invite a mountain lion for a free meal.

Offenders could be charged with a misdemeanor, which carries a maximum fine of \$1,000, six months in jail and you could lose your privileges to hunt, fish or trap. The law does not apply to normal feeding of livestock, backyard gardens or to commercial processing of garbage.

In Region 3, Fish, Wildlife and Parks wardens and biologists annually receive dozens of tips about artificial feeding.

In Livingston, Warden Drew Scott has given out four warnings about feeding deer in the last few months. Bozeman area wardens are currently working on the unlawful feeding of bighorn sheep in the

Big Sky area. Over the summer of 2012, the Ennis warden caught and cited a man for illegally feeding bears in the Big Sky area. In all of the above instances, these individuals were putting themselves, their neighbors and wildlife at risk.

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Community Involvement

The Twin Bridges Community Association recently posted this quote on their Facebook page: "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say: This is my community, and it's my responsibility to make it better." -Tom McCall, Oregon Governor, 1967-1975

The Mission Statement of the Twin Bridges Community Association is "The TBCA, a not-for-profit organization, strives to enhance the lives of people who call Twin Bridges 'home' as

well as those who visit, through beautification efforts, promoting our amenities, planning and supporting healthy events and activities that provide economic growth and entertainment for the community."

Since 2010, this completely volunteer organization has been responsible for Floating Flotillas and Fish Fantasies festivities as well as the Twin Bridges Christmas Stroll. This community organization beautifies our small town Main Street with fall-themed decorations, Christmas decorations, flower box benches and blue and gold banners attached to our streetlights. The TBCA supports the River's Edge Gallery, a non-profit gallery that often offers classes and workshop in various art media, the Twin Bridges Farmer's Market, and Cruz by the River Car Show.

Other events cultivated by the TBCA include a Fall Festival and Wine Tasting Fundraiser.

Born from the Horizons project of the Northwest Area Foundation, this organization, like many others in the Ruby Valley, is running low on volunteers. All our community organizations need more bodies in order to continue their efforts. The Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture that connects Ruby Valley businesses and provides support to businesses, community organizations and events is also in desperate need of volunteers. The Main Street Improvement Team and Jackson's Garden of Sheridan need volunteers as well.

You are apart of your community, not separate from it. Take a few minutes to look at your time budget and calculate

exactly how much time you have to donate to your community thereby making it more beautiful, fun and lively.

If you have one day a year that you and your family could give the gift of your time to your community that you love, perhaps you can help with set-up or clean up of one of our festivities. Maybe you want to help plant flowers for Main Street. Share your thoughts. The gift of your input is just as valuable as your ability to help put up or take down decorations.

We live in a beautiful place among caring neighbors and friends. Become apart of your community, give input and enjoy the events and amenities.

Twin Bits

The Ruby Valley Foundation is sponsoring an event facilitated by Carol Delisi: "Collaborating to Enhance the Quality of Life

in the Ruby Valley." Please join the conversation April 2 at the Episcopal Parish Hall in Sheridan at 5:30 pm. Hors D'oeuvres provided. If you have any questions, suggestions or thoughts about our community organizations please check out this interactive event.

The next TBCA meeting will be 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 22, at The Old Hotel. Contact TBCA chair Paula Kinoshita, 684-5959.

Twin Bridges sophomores will be displaying their Big Read Projects during Teacher Conferences 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 14.

From TBS Calendar:

Wednesday, March 13: HS Academic Olympics @ MSU

Thursday, March 14: Early Out, 12:30 pm; Parent-Teacher conferences 1 p.m. to 8 pm; VFW meeting @ MT Room, 7:30

p.m.; Book Fair and Industrial Arts Silent Auction during conferences; Industrial Arts Silent Auction

Friday, March 15: NO SCHOOL—March break

Monday, March 18: Trailblazers 4-H meeting, 7 p.m. @ Lunch Room

Tuesday, March 19: Reg. School Board meeting @ MT Room, 7 p.m.

Thursday March 21: Tentative Ski Day

Friday March 22: Junior High Band Festival @ Phillipsburg

Saturday, March 23: Ruby Valley Prom @ Sheridan, 8 p.m. to midnight, Grand March @ 8:30 p.m.; Madison Country March Madness Basketball Tourney @ both Twin Bridges gyms

March 28- April 1: No School, Easter Vacation

HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

On Feb. 2, I was driving west on the road between Harrison and Pony. Just as the car's radio reminded me that



Art Kehler

this day was "Groundhog Day," I glanced out the driver's side

window and saw my first gopher of the year. I pulled off the road to savor the occasion. As I watched the gopher, the broadcaster mentioned "Punxsutawney Phil," the Pennsylvania groundhog for whom the holiday was supposedly named.

Waxing poetic, the commentator went on to repeat the legend of the exalted groundhog: if he were to emerge from his burrow and see his shadow, six more weeks of winter awaited. On the other paw, if old Phil didn't see his shadow, spring would come early. Such is his legendary stature that Keystone State folks proudly proclaim Punxsutawney Phil as the "world's most famous prognostic rodent." While listening, I wondered how the unheralded, western prognostic

rodent outside my car compared. Then, as though reading my thoughts, the announcer went on to reveal some little known facts about Phil.

To begin, his full name was unveiled as Punxsutawney Phil Sowerby. Now I could grasp him having a title reflecting his region. Additionally, pets customarily have a first name--but a last name? Really? That sounded pretty pompous to me. I wasn't buying that until presented with a legal birth certificate and an ancestry.com-approved family history.

Next, the radio reporter testified that Punxsutawney Phil didn't really "emerge" on Feb. 2. Rather, he was dragged from a cage and hustled off to nearby Gobbler's Knob, where he was rudely dumped into a man-dug

Pony Pete-Prairie Prognosticator A Western View of Groundhog Day

burrow. After all the assorted dignitaries and media folks arrived, the hapless woodchuck was again yanked from his temporary quarters. Whereupon, Phil predicted the coming of spring--while having no idea where he was.

Lastly, the broadcaster said that, shortly after his sage prediction, pampered Phil would be put back into the cage and returned to his "real" home--the town library. There, two handlers dote on him and his wife Phyllis until next year's ballyhooed prediction. Based on those shocking revelations, I thought perhaps a more fitting name for Punxsutawney Phil's holiday would be "Househog Day."

Unable to bear anymore, I dubbed the nearby gopher "Pony

Pete-Prairie Prognosticator." No one had to drag our local rodent out of his burrow (let alone a cage), while still snoring. Pony Pete emerged of his own will because he was powerfully hungry. By so doing, like a hairy robin, the Prairie Prognosticator predicted spring would come when it was danged-well ready--and that was enough! Only a dummy would predict the end of Montana's winter.

Suddenly, a streaking blur descended from the sky. Aghast, I watched as a hawk snatched Pony Pete from atop his prairie home. The image of that pitiless predator, winging off with the prophetic rodent dangling from its claws, was indeed a grim sight. Unlike his eastern counterpart, there were no handlers, dignitaries

and reporters to protect our Prairie Prognosticator. But then, fiercely independent westerner that he was, Pony Pete wouldn't have had it any other way.

Finally, in profound sadness, I drove on to Pony, and recounted the story of Pony Pete. Soon, it was the "talk of the town"--even bigger news than scours. Since, there has been speculation about erecting a "Pony Pete-Prairie Prognosticator" statue in the Pony Park and of an annual February 2nd celebration of his brief but inspiring life. Take heed Punxsutawney Phil Sowerby! I'll keep ya posted.

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

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By Jerry Welch FOR THE MADISONIAN

The days of a rising tide lifting all boats are over.

The Dow Jones rose to a new all-time high this week, surpassing its previous record of close to 14,164 set nearly five and a half years ago. But of course, the economics and concerns of today are far different than those of 2009 when the housing market collapsed, Europe was coming apart at the seams, the U.S. financial system was melting down and the politicians in Washington went eyeball-to-eyeball with every budget measure that came up for a vote.

But wait! The politicians in Washington are still up to their old habits. A few months ago, the Democrats and Republicans played, "lets see who blinks

first" over the so-called fiscal cliff. The latest imbroglia is sequestering. Even with nearly five and a half years having gone by, the Dow more than doubling and the economy on the mend, some things never seem to change -- namely, politicians.

While digging through my archives with dust fluttering, I found some old ramblings in a column I did for this newspaper dated November 27, 2009.

It is always fun and oftentimes enlightening to look back on history and note how events and forecasts actually unfolded. Here is my opening paragraph in that column:

"On March 4, President

Obama boldly stated it was a ripe time to buy into the stock market. 'What you're now seeing is profit and earnings ratios starting to get to the point where buying stocks is a potentially good deal if you've got a long term perspective on it,' he said. Many observers interpreted the remarks as a veiled attempt to spark a market rally. But the market failed to rally and instead, the Dow closed that day in the red by 37 points to settle at 6,726."

This week, the Dow approached 14,500 thanks to a bullish jobs report. The market has doubled since the President spoke on March 4, 2009. Based on the news, it would seem that investors are breaking out the champagne and singing, "Happy Days Are Here Again!" The fact is, rejoicing is not happening. It has been a stealth rally, ignored by most except for the media.

From USA Today come these comments about the "historic

rally that is going largely unnoticed and unloved."

"The Dow's new high could change the dialogue on Wall Street and convert market skeptics into believers. Thanks to the Dow, this rally may finally shake off its reputation as "one of the most unloved bull markets in history," says James Stack, editor of InvesTech Research newsletter.

"It's still unloved but no longer ignored," says Stack.

"There are still a lot of disbelievers out there," says Nicholas Sargen, chief investment officer at Fort Washington Investment Advisors. "I say to the disbelievers: Stocks have more than doubled off their lows. If it hasn't been a bull market, what has it been?"

The commodity markets, on the other hand, are moving inverse of the Dow Jones. While the Dow rose to a new high, the CRB Index fell to an eight-month low, dragged downward

in large part because grain and livestock prices also fell to levels of seven to eight months ago. Commodities are leaking badly and the media in this case is eerily silent. The bottom line is stocks rule and commodities drool.

But commodities are far more complex than equities. Commodity values are driven by various segments of the world economies and by an exceptionally wide array of fundamentals such as weather conditions during the growing season, labor unrest, natural disasters or calamities, policy decisions and demand trends. It is a difficult chore to forecast commodity trends and to be right.

Moving forward, I believe the days are gone when a stock or commodity investor, wearing a blindfold could throw a dart at a board and hit a market that morphed into a bull. Stocks and commodities have rallied dramatically over the past five

and a half years because the Federal Reserve with their various stimulus packages, cheap money, smoke and mirrors, printing presses and practicing the skillful art of legerdemain, boosted greatly stocks, home values and commodities. The days of a "rising tide lifting all boats" are over.

The Feds will not back away from supporting the economy as needed and interest rates will remain historically low. That will not change. What will change, however, is the need to be a stock picker instead of moving into stock indices such as the Dow Jones. As for commodity investors, all I can say is understand basic supply-demand fundamentals before buying or selling anything. The days of a rising tide lifting all boats are over. Stick a fork in it. It is over.

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRELINE

By Steve Orr | MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Remember to vote 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 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, which 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. Ballots are due back to the Madison County Election Administrator by March 26. 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 www.mvrfd.org.

At 1 p.m. March 9, the MVRFD Station 2 was dispatched to a vehicle accident at the junction of US 287 and MT 87. A rescue vehicle with two firefighters responded from Station 2. An engine from Station 1 with three firefighters that was on a training operation in North Meadow Creek also responded but was canceled en route. One additional firefighter stood by at Station 1 should he be needed. The vehicle in question had struck a rock in the highway near Quake Lake and damaged the transmission. The vehicle, which was leaking transmission fluid, made it as far as the junction before becoming incapacitated.

At 4:40 p.m. March 10, the MVRFD was dispatched to a dumpster fire in the compactor at the Ennis Dumpster Site. The MVRFD responded with a command, an engine and a tender with five firefighters from Station 1. Suppression efforts were delayed due to

awaiting the arrival of Madison County Solid Waste personnel to disconnect the container from the compactor. Madison County Solid Waste personnel assisted in accessing the fire so that it could be suppressed by the firefighters. Madison County and MVRFD personnel were on scene for nearly three hours. Please remember that ashes are to be placed in the reciprocal designated for ashes and not in the dumpsters or compactors.

If you have any questions about the upcoming 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.



The REAL ESTATE CORNER

SELLING SEASON

Melinda Merrill
PRUDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Are you considering selling your property this year? Potential sellers should mark your calendars for Thursday, March 21, as they are cordially invited to attend an educational forum designed to explain options and how to maximize real estate investments. In today's world, probably the biggest investment and the primary way to wealth for most of the middle class, is created by owning your home. This second annual round table discussion will be held at Ennis Elementary from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and we

will be exploring:
* The current market conditions in Ennis and the Madison Valley
* Setting the "right" price on your home or land
* Staging your home to maximize your showings
* Expectations during negotiations
* Marketing in today's digital world
* Possible seller concessions for creative financing
* Home Inspections, Appraisals, the Closing Process and more
The presentation will be split between several local Prudential real estate agents, and there will be ample opportunity for questions and

discussion. This seminar is being sponsored by Prudential but guests are welcome to bring their real estate agents along with specific questions to the discussion.
Spring in Montana always brings forth our local "selling season" and we want to make sure that you are ready this year. If you would like the written information but can't make it to this year's seminar or if you have any questions regarding the information that is going to be presented, then please contact Melinda Merrill at 406-596-4288 and we will be sure to get a packet to you. We hope to see you there. Happy selling!

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

ENNIS

Lunch includes: fresh salad/fruit bar & milk

Thursday - March 14

Breakfast - Ham & cheese omelette
Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes

Friday - March 15

Breakfast - Pancakes & sausage links
Lunch - Pizza

Monday - March 18

Breakfast - Breakfast burrito
Lunch - Strawberry waffles, sausage links

Tuesday - March 19

Breakfast - Waffles with sausage links
Lunch - Chicken tacos

Wednesday - March 20

Breakfast - Biscuits & gravy
Lunch - Beef stroganoff

HARRISON

Thursday - March 14

Breakfast - Muffins, bananas
Lunch - Cheeseburgers, fries

Friday - March 15

Breakfast - Pigs in a blanket, fruit
Lunch - Pizza

Monday - March 18

Breakfast - Bagels, cream cheese
Lunch - Finger steaks

Tuesday - March 19

Breakfast - Malto-meal
Lunch - Sausage gravy, biscuits

Wednesday - March 20

Breakfast - French toast, sausage
Lunch - Hoagie sandwich

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 - March 14

Breakfast - Cream of wheat, toppings
Lunch - Macaroni & cheese, meat balls

Friday - March 15

NO SCHOOL

Monday - March 18

Breakfast - French toast, sausage
Lunch - Hot ham and cheese on a bun

Tuesday - March 19

Breakfast - Breakfast burrito
Lunch - Pepperoni pizza

Wednesday - March 20

Breakfast - Biscuits & gravy
Lunch - Taco burger

TWIN BRIDGES

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

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

Thursday - March 14

Breakfast - Choice of cereal
Lunch - Sub sandwich

Friday - March 15

NO SCHOOL

Monday - March 18

Breakfast - Muffins
Lunch - Spaghetti, garlic toast

Tuesday - March 19

Breakfast - Choice of cereal
Lunch - Hamburger or fish sandwich

Wednesday - March 20

Breakfast - Hashbrown bake
Lunch - Tacos



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

I can remember through the years of raising my sons, telling them over and over again, "If you want to have a best friend, you have to be a best friend." I would start to repeat this to them, and they would get so they would finish the sentence for me; they certainly knew it by heart. But in all honesty, it is a true statement, and as they grow older they will realize how true it is. True best friends are a rare find in a lifetime. We all have friends, good ones, so-so ones, back stabbin' ones, and shouldn't-be-ones, but having a best friend is a real honor.

My kids were lucky they had best friends. Davey was raised with a friend the same age, Cody Atkins. In mind and soul, he was Davey's brother. They were so bad and so good together. Out of that friendship, I can say that I was always so

proud of Davey. He shared everything with Cody and never did I see jealousy. The only time I have ever seen them fight was over a girl. Wouldn't you know, it would be over a girl! They both fell in love when they were eight with Tracey Sewell.

Adam and Luke were so close in age that they seemed to form a deep-seeded friendship. I keep telling Adam that having his brother for his best friend is great. Many people don't even talk to their brothers or sisters. Adam and Luke were both close friends with Bruce Cox, and took his untimely death as hard as family. They learned much from Bruce's death-- loss and faith. If you asked either one today about Bruce, they would still say Bruce is a best friend.

Luke was lucky when Clay and Cody Pierson moved to Twin Bridges because instantly they became best friends. I remember when they moved to town, Luke came in my office and said there is a lady out front with a kid that just came to our school, and they want to know if I can come over and visit them. I asked him, "Do you think they are good people?" Luke says, "I think so. I don't know about the mom but Clay seems nice." I still tease Tammy about that today. But that was the start of another best friendship for

Luke. Like I said before, I am so happy that they have all developed best friendships and have learned and grown with each. I also learned from the not so good friendships.

I was lucky too. I had some really good friends when I grew up. After high school most just moved away, and our lives went different directions.

One friendship I had is still such a disappointment, even to the day. I thought she was my best-of-best friend. Guess sometimes people just change, but the friendship ended very badly. We have never spoke again, not once in 34 years. I know for me, ending that friendship made me so cautious that I haven't made best friends easily. Just keep most friendships at good friends. I do thank the good Lord for Tammy Pierson and Deb Griebenow. They let me talk when I need to, never judge me, just listen, give their opinions and we just get on with life. I think about our friendships and what binds it. I think it is similarities in backgrounds. Deb lost her mom in a horrible accident and Tammy lost her mom to a horrible disease, as did I. All three of us have a faith that gets us through life, differently but it is there. We have kids and know the joys and tough times. All I know life is easier having best friends, and I do give thanks to the good Lord for my nutty friends.

Funny after writing about friends this week, I witnessed at the end of the week a high school girl hurt so badly from what a friend had said to her. She was crying so hard and was so hurt. I just had to say to her, "I can't make you feel better

right now, but you really need to think about your friends and realize that real friends don't purposely say things to hurt you. That is not a friend. Find a new one."

Maybe those kinds of hurt make you pickier on friendships 'til you find the real keepers! There comes a point in your life when you realize who really matters, who never did, and who always will.

So what have we learned this week? A stranger stabs you in the front; a friend stabs you in the back; a boyfriend stabs you in the heart, but best friends only poke each other with straws. A friend is someone who can see the truth and pain in you even when you are fooling everyone else.

As people grow up, they realize it becomes less important to have more friends, and more important to have real ones. Want see who your real friends are? Screw up and see who's still there. There are some people in life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger and just live a little better.

Have a fun time on St. Patrick's Day. I guess we all get to be Irish for the day. Happy birthday to my dear son Adam on St. Patrick's Day. It is on a weekend this year, so we are headed to the parade in Butte to watch the crazy people. I had to laugh at Adam this week, he reminded me of when he was a little boy. I asked him what do you want for your birthday, and he smiles a big smile and says, "Cowboy boots!" Not just boots, cowboy boots.

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Friday, March 15 - BUFFET
Tuesday, March 19 - Corned beef & cabbage, carrots, potatoes, tossed green salad, bread, pistachio pudding
Wednesday, March 20 - Hamburger tator tot casserole, tomatoes, corn, pickled beets, bread, carrot cake
Thursday, March 21 - Turkey roast, cranberries, sweet potatoes, peas, cottage cheese, bread, danish roll
Friday, March 22 - BUFFET
Ennis Town Hall. Tuesday - Friday at NOON.
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Willie's Distillery of Ennis is open for business

By Robin Blazer
WILLIE'S DISTILLERY OWNER

Owners and Founders Robin and Willie Blazer are proud to announce that after years of research, development, planning and good old-fashioned hard work, Willie's Distillery of Ennis, is open for tastings, liquor sales and gifts. Willie's offers four products

right out the gate, all hand-made and crafted in small batches.

Montana Moonshine is an unaged version of bourbon whiskey. It is a clear spirit – grassy, sweet, and strong – just like the spirits of the old west. Pear Brandy and Raspberry Brandy are also available in limited amounts. They have a sweet nose and a dry finish and are perfect for a before or after

dinner sip. The distillery also makes Grappa (a special type of grape brandy), something normally only found in Europe.

The distillery has whiskey aging in barrels, which should be ready later this year. In the meantime, the current lineup will suit any taste. A time and attention-rich process, distilling and finishing a liquor can take anywhere from two weeks

to several years before it is released.

Montana Moonshine can be found at the following liquor stores: The Bottle Barn in Ennis, Belgrade Liquor in Belgrade, Krisco Liquor in Missoula, Grizzly Liquor in Missoula and O'Brien's Liquor in Columbia Falls. More locations will be available soon.

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A fabulous February at Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center

By Roseann Troyer
TRMCC ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

On the first day of fabulous February, we at Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center had both an array of ice cream sundaes and a round of brain teasers, now a Friday tradition!

Our well-attended Resident Council Meeting on Feb. 5 had everyone deciding that "everything is fine". The Butte Silver Bow Cloggers, dressed in fiery red blouses and wearing flashing heart necklaces, entertained us during the morning of the seventh.

We celebrated Valentine's Day on the fifteenth and we had a wing ding of a celebration! Willa Lipsy was elected Queen of Hearts and Hoot Kirk was our King. The Ruby valley Boys and Barb played and sang their hearts out. The afternoon went by in the blink of an eye. Delicious chocolate treats were available as was a flavorful fresh fruit salad. It all added up to a very good party!

The Ladies of the Dayspring Church hosted the February birthday party, which was for one resident, Donna Crump. They gave her a very cute hat. Ladies present



at the party were Dorothy Peterson, Sue Funk, Elaine Elser and Barb Dedman. Also present was Iris Morgan who put a bounce to our steps as she played a selection of old favorites on the piano that had everyone singing.

We ended our month with a well-attended Happy Hour in the Activity Room. Those present enjoyed a cold

beverage of their choice, chips, cheese and sausage. We are looking forward, or should I say marching forward towards March!

We would like to extend a warm invitation to community members who would like to volunteer some of their time. Our residents enjoy opportunities to hear stories, tell stories or just "shoot the

breeze". We need helpers with Bingo, games, and puzzles. If anyone has a collection, talent or hobby that they would like to share, you would find us an appreciative audience. Cribbage anyone?? We have a couple of avid cribbage players and would love to put together a tournament! Please give Roseann a call to discuss ideas at 406-842-5600.

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Florence Bell Ore to Talk about Memoir

From Lucy Ennis

"The Road Between," a memoir by Florence Bell Ore will be discussed at Madison Valley Public Library at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16

In it a child seeks her identity on the windswept prairies of Alberta, Canada, under the influence of three diverse cultures. Her family of English immigrants carry on the morals and cultures of their homeland, while they manage Old Sun School, the residential school for Blackfoot Indian children at the Anglican Mission.

Florence Bell Ore was born in British Columbia, Canada, Florence Bell moved with her parents to the Alberta Prairies when she was five years old. Her father was employed as farm manager at the Old Sun Residential School on the Blackfoot Reserve, where her maternal Uncle Jack was the principal

Florence is sent to school in nearby Gleichen, where she hears different accents and habits than those she's learned at home. The Dust Bowl, the Great Depression and WWII also affected her emerging sense of self. In this book, Florence shares her memories and gives us a clear view of the time and place of her coming of age.

She remained in British Columbia until Canada joined the fight in World War II and her father volunteered to join the army. Without a tie to the mission school, her mother moved to Calgary where she could better support herself and her daughter. Florence attended St. Hilda's School for Girls, Central High School, and Mount Royal College.

Upon graduating, she worked in an accountant's office. She later joined a rifle club, pursuing a hobby that used the skill introduced years earlier by her Uncle

Jack when he taught her to shoot prairie dogs on the grounds of the mission.

When she met an American, Wesley Ore, at a competition held by the rifle club, a long-distance romance developed. She eventually married him and moved across the border to Montana, where she raised her family. Now widowed, Florence continues to make her home in the shadow of the Tobacco Root Mountains in the small town of Pony, Montana, where children and grandchildren surround her. She writes and works as an editor both freelance and for a small publishing company and continues to read voraciously, a habit developed early in life in the extensive library of her Uncle Jack.

Friends of the library present the program and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Local students honored for academic excellence

From Becky DiGiovanna

Montana State University Billings recently announced the 2012 Dean's List and several of the names on that list might sound familiar.

The following local students are currently

undergraduate students at MSU Billings and were named to the list for excelling academically during the 2012 fall session.

Shelby Martinell of Dell; Emily Paffhausen and Luke Renfree of Dillon; Stephanie DiGiovanna of Sheridan;

Morgan Jorgenson of Harrison; Alexa Day of Twin Bridges; and Ian MacMurdie of Whitehall.

The Dean's List honors students who complete 12 or more credits and earn a 3.50 grade point average or better. Nice job, students.

RELAY FOR LIFE KICK-OFF



Community members registered for teams at the Ennis Relay for Life Kick-off event on Feb. 23 at the Madison Valley Medical Center.

TWIN BRIDGES LITTLE WRESTLERS



The Twin Bridges Wrestling Club placed ten wrestlers going to the state tournament Saturday in Helena. Piper Denno, Devany Davidson, Ruby Rossiter, QiQi Puckett, Samantha Frazer, Blane Downing, Zeke and Isaiah Redfield, Landon DeBoer and Ashton Henry all placed in the Little Guy Wrestling Divisionals in Dillon last weekend, earning them a spot at the state competition. Photo from Gail Banks.

Madison County Relay for Life is up and running

From June Crouch

Relay for Life is up and running in Madison County. More than 26 folks, braving the blizzard, attended our Ennis Kick-off event on Feb. 23 at the MVMC. Participants, team captains and cancer survivors attended this exciting Kick-

off event.

Sheridan's Kick-off event was held on March at the Sheridan Community Library.

The team captain training is scheduled March 16 from 10-12 p.m. at the Madison Valley Baptist Church. Food and door prizes will be provided.

Remember, community members can still register for this year's Relay for Life at madisonrelay.com or relayforlife.org. Contact Halsey Bishop at 580-4277 or halseyw@yahoo.com for more information. Everyone can Relay and everyone can make a difference. Relay on.



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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.

Grief Support Group

This is a drop-in support group that will meet every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Madison Valley Baptist Church on Highway 287. No registration required for this group and is open to all ages. 682-4244

Family Event, Ennis

The Madison Watershed Partnership invites your whole family to take in some fun activities as you look into the importance of groundwater protection. This event is hands on and begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Ennis Elementary School Cafeteria. Call 682-7289 for more information.

T H U R S D A Y
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Documentary, Ennis

Sheridan Public Library presents: Future of Food, a documentary

that examines the complex web of market and political forces that are changing what we eat. This free event starts at 5:30 p.m. 842-5770

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 11:30-12 p.m.

Subaru Freeride Series, Moonlight Basin

The arrival day of this event, we welcome the skiers and riders today. March 15 and 16 mark the competition days (March 17 and 18 are reserved for weather days). This is a 4-star qualifier for the Freeride World Tour. Call 993-6000 for more information. Hope to see you there.

Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis

At 1 p.m., in the Sun Room of the Madison Valley Manor, the Auxiliary of the MVM will meet for their monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Reading Group, Ennis

Madison Valley Public Library hosts the Reading Group meeting today at 1 p.m. Judy Miller will lead a group discussion of Yellow Raft in Blue Water by Michael Dorris. 682-7244

F R I D A Y
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Heritage Commission Meeting, Helena

The Montana Historical Society, at 225 North Roberts in Helena, will host the quarterly public meeting of the Montana Heritage Commission at 9 a.m.

Registration Deadline - Quickbooks Training, Butte

Last day to sign up for the March 19-20 continuing education class: Introduction to



Submitted by Stacy Gatewood
Pair of bald eagles in Jeffers.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Quickbooks Training. Call Julie at 533-6780 or Stacy at 533-6779 to register. \$45 cost includes training, refreshments, snacks and lunch for both days. Classes run from 8-5 p.m. in the computer lab on the third floor of the ELC Building at Montana Tech.

Subaru Freeride Series, Moonlight Basin

Today is reserved for the qualifying runs of the participants. Skiers and riders will be judged in five categories: line difficulty, control, fluidity, jumping and crashes. This is a 4-star qualifier for the Freeride World Tour. Call 993-6000 for more information. Hope to see you there.

Meals for seniors, Twin Bridges

The TBS&CC provides Meals for Seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. 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.

Live Music, Norris

With a background in blues and folk, Kent Johnson performs his original songs during

the winters at Big Sky nightspots. We're glad to have him back at the Dome! Music starts at 7 p.m. Visit www.norrishotsprings.com for more info.

Old-Timers Concert, Sheridan

It's the 40th Annual gathering of local musicians to perform country, bluegrass, gospel, fiddlin' music at the Ruby Valley Old-Timer's Concert. Pie and cake auction at intermission. Everyone welcome. 6:30 p.m. at the Sheridan High School Gym.

Star Party, Twin Bridges

The Cottontail Observatory will conduct a Star party on Friday March 15th starting at 7:30 p.m. We will be watching for the comet Panstarr, which should be visible in the Western horizon, to the naked eye, some time after sunset. This is a free event but donations are appreciated. For directions to the observatory call Joe or Gwen Witherspoon at 842-7722.

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Open House, Maverick Mountain Ski Area

Join the Beaverhead

Ski Patrol in a FUN RUN and Open House at Maverick Mountain today. \$5 gets you into the run with the option games and prizes. Baked Potato Bar at 4:30 p.m. where donations are much appreciated. Call Leslie at 683-4713 or Jana at 924-2794 for more information.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry, Sheridan

Open Saturdays from 10-12 p.m. Located at 114 N. Main St. in New Beginnings. Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doris at 842-7161 or Wannetta at 842-5783 for more information.

Subaru Freeride Series, Moonlight Basin

Today skiers and riders participate in the finals in hopes of making it to the World Tour championship event. Skiers and riders will be judged in five categories: line difficulty, control, fluidity, jumping and crashes. This is a 4-star qualifier for the Freeride World Tour. Call 993-6000 for more information. Hope to see you there.

Live Music, Ennis

Willie's Distillery presents an evening of folksy music with Hoodoo. Come enjoy

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Live Music, Norris

Big Sky's favorite acoustic quartet The Driftwood Grinders derives its name from its easygoing approach toward mountain music. Drawing from several decades' worth of folk, bluegrass, jam and country, the Grinders have been providing fun acoustic revelry to Montana's speakeasies and campfires since 2009. Crack a cold one and enjoy lightning fast musicianship, toe-taping improvisation, and sing-along favorites from The Driftwood Grinders. Music starts at 7 p.m. Visit www.norrishotsprings.com for more info.

Book Reading, Ennis

Florence Bell Ore, Pony native, will discuss her memoir The Road Between, about growing up on the plains of Alberta in the 1930's and 40's. Join us at 11 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library for this special event.

Community Event, Cameron

Pinochle party at Bear Creek School House. Fun starts at 7 p.m. with snacks and prizes

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MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
Probate No. DP-29-13-8

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF 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 said decedent 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 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:
DOUGLAS L. SMITH
P. O. Box 66
Sheridan, MT 59749
(Pub. Mar. 7, 14, 21) ds

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Reference is hereby made to that certain trust indenture/deed of trust ("Deed of Trust") dated 11/09/05, recorded as Instrument No. 110211 Bk 547 Pg 197, mortgage records of Madison County, Montana in which Jerry Pack, and June L. Pack, husband and wife was Grantor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender was Beneficiary and Charles J. Peterson was Trustee. First American Title Insurance Company has succeeded Charles J. Peterson as Successor Trustee. The Deed of Trust encumbers real property ("Property") located in Madison County, Montana, more particularly described as follows: A tract of land situated in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 4 South, Range 5 West, P.M.M., more particularly shown and described as Lot 3-B on Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, Page 1293-FC, records of Madison County, Montana. By written instrument recorded as Instrument No. 147050, beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust was assigned to Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP. Beneficiary has declared the Grantor in default of the terms of the Deed of Trust and the promissory note ("Note") secured by the Deed of Trust because of Grantor's failure timely to pay all monthly installments of principal, interest and, if applicable, escrow reserves for taxes and/or insurance as required by the Note and Deed of Trust. According to the Beneficiary, the obligation evidenced by the Note ("Loan") is now due for the 07/01/12 installment payment and all monthly installment payments due thereafter. As of December 4, 2012, the amount necessary to fully satisfy the Loan was \$214,022.55. This amount includes the outstanding principal balance of \$205,459.46, plus accrued interest, accrued late charges, accrued escrow installments for insurance and/or taxes (if any) and advances for the protection of beneficiary's security interest (if any). Because of the defaults stated above, Beneficiary has elected to sell the Property to satisfy the Loan and has instructed Successor Trustee to commence sale proceedings. Successor Trustee will sell the Property at public auction the North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace St., Virginia City, MT 59755, City of Virginia City on April 17, 2013 at 2:00 PM, Mountain Time. The sale is a public sale and any person, including Beneficiary and excepting only Successor Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding at the sale location in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by trustee's deed without any representation or warranty, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis. Grantor, successor in interest to Grantor or any other person having an interest in the Property may, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, pay to Beneficiary the entire amount then due on the Loan (including foreclosure costs and expenses actually incurred and trustee's and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred. Tender of these sums shall effect a cure of the defaults stated above (if all non-monetary defaults are also cured) and shall result in Trustee's termination of the foreclosure and cancellation of the foreclosure sale. The trustee's rules of auction may be accessed at www.northwesttrustee.com and are incorporated by the reference. You may also access sale status at www.Northwest-trustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. (TS# 7021.14232) 1002.236871-File No.(Pub. Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21)03) nts

IN RE ESTATE OF:
ALBERT G. VISINTIN,
Deceased.
That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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.

IN RE ESTATE OF:
ALBERT G. VISINTIN,
Deceased.

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 either be mailed to SHIRLEY F. VISINTIN, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 618 Whitetail Road, 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

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SHIRLEY F. VISINTIN, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: 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.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 30th day of January, 2013.
/s/Shirley F. Visintin
SHIRLEY F. VISINTIN
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:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON

Cause #: DP-29-13-3
IN RE ESTATE OF:
MAVIS ARLENE JARRETT, aka MAVIS A. JARRETT,
Deceased.

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 either be mailed to CARMEN JARRETT SMITH, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 2887, Norris, MT 59745, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. CARMEN JARRETT SMITH, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

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
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Ennis, MT 59729
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON

Cause #: DP-29-13-10
IN RE ESTATE OF:
WILBUR FRANK FRISBIE
Deceased.

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 either be mailed to SHERRI F. JACKSON, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 17, Palmer, Alaska 99645, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

DATED February 12, 2013.
STATE OF ALASKA:SS COUNTY OF MATANUSKA

SHERRI F. JACKSON, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: 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/ Sherri F. Jackson
SHERRI F. JACKSON
Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12th day of February, 2013.
/s/ Terisha Eiler
Notary Republic for the State of Alaska
Residing at Palmer, Alaska
My commission expires: 8/15/2015
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

NOTICE OF WATER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

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	-
1¼"	-	2.78	-
1½"	-	4.00	-
2"	4	7.14	28.56
3"	-	16.00	-
4"	-	28.57	-
TOTAL	214		238.56

Effective as of the April 2013 water billing, the Town proposes to increase the Base Rate Charge from \$18.00 to \$32.24 per EDU (the "Proposed Base Rate Charge") as follows:

Diameter	Cost per EDU	Multiplier	Proposed Base Rate Charge
¾"	\$32.24	1.00	\$ 32.24
1"	\$32.24	1.70	\$ 54.80
1¼"	\$32.24	2.78	\$ 89.63
1½"	\$32.24	4.00	\$128.96
2"	\$32.24	7.14	\$230.91
3"	\$32.24	16.00	\$515.91
4"	\$32.24	28.57	\$921.09

In addition to the Proposed Base Rate Charge, effective as of the April 2013 water billing, the Town proposes to add a monthly water usage charge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons consumed per connection or proportionate charge for gallons of water consumed in excess of any 1,000 gallon increment (the "Proposed Usage Charge").

The monthly charge for the use and availability of the System is proposed to be the sum of the Proposed Base Rate Charge and the Proposed Usage Charge (such sum, the "Proposed Monthly Charge"). For a user with a ¾-inch service connection using 5,000 gallons of water a month, the Proposed Monthly Charge represents an increase of approximately 107% over the current monthly charge.

On Thursday, March 21, 2013, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Rehearsal Hall, 316 West Idaho Street, in Virginia City, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all protests against the proposed water rate increase.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Nancy Stewart, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Virginia City at (406) 843-5321. Done by Order of the Council of the Town of Virginia City, Montana, this 22nd day of February, 2013
/s/Nancy Stewart, Town Clerk
(Pub. Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14 2013) vc

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

Service Line Diameter	Number of Hookups	EDUs per Hookup	Total EDUs
¾"	20	1.00	20.00
1"	-	1.70	-
1¼"	-	2.78	-
1½"	-	4.00	-
2"	-	7.14	-
3"	-	16.00	-
4"	-	28.57	-
TOTAL	20		20.00

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 Charge
¾"	\$49.84	1.00	\$ 49.84
1"	\$49.84	1.70	\$ 84.73
1¼"	\$49.84	2.78	\$138.56
1½"	\$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 the April 2013 billing, the Town proposes to add a monthly sewer usage charge of \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons of water used per connection or proportionate charge for gallons of water used in excess of any 1,000 gallon increment for residential users and a monthly sewer usage charge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used per connection or proportionate charge for gallons of water used in excess of any 1,000 gallon increment for commercial users (the "Proposed Usage Charge"). Because users of the System in Nevada City are not on water meters, such users would not be charged the Proposed Usage Charge.

The monthly charge for the use and availability of the System is proposed to be the sum of the Proposed Base Rate Charge and the Proposed Usage Charge (such sum, the "Proposed Monthly Charge"). For a residential user with a ¾-inch service connection using 5,000 gallons of water a month, the Proposed Monthly Charge represents an increase of approximately 33% over the current monthly charge. For a commercial user with a ¾-inch service connection using 5,000 gallons of water a month, the Proposed Monthly Charge represents an increase of approximately 26% over the current monthly charge.

On Thursday, March 21, 2013, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Rehearsal Hall, 316 West Idaho Street, in Virginia City, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all protests against the proposed sewer rate increase.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Nancy Stewart, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Virginia City at (406) 843-5321.

Done by Order of the Council of the Town of Virginia City, Montana, this 22nd day of February, 2013
/s/Nancy Stewart, Town Clerk
(Pub. Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14 2013) vc

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

March 26, 2013
Madison Valley Rural Fire District
Notice is hereby given that on March 26, 2013, an election will be held for the election on the Madison Valley Rural Fire District Mill Levy and Bond Election.

The Electors who reside in the Madison Valley Rural Fire District, or any holder of title to lands within the district who presents a proof of payment of taxes on the lands, to the election administrator, are eligible to vote in said election.

Ballots were mailed on March 4th, 2013 to Active electors only. If you are a registered voter in Madison Valley Rural Fire District and do not receive a ballot, contact the Madison County Election Office to update your information as necessary and receive a ballot. If you have moved, please have your registration transferred to your present address. DATED this 5th day of March, 2013
Peggy Kaatz Stelmier
Madison County Election Administrator
(Pub. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2013) mccr

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
MADISON COUNTY

Probate No. DP-29-13-11
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BOYD JOHNSON, a/k/a ROBERT B. JOHNSON, a/k/a ROBERT JOHNSON, a/k/a BOB JOHNSON,
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 decedent 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 DEEANNE BUSH-JOHNSON, 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 25, 2013.
DEEANNE BUSH-JOHNSON
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 25th day of February, 2013.

DEEANNE BUSH-JOHNSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S ATTORNEY:
DOUGLAS L. SMITH
P. O. Box 66
Sheridan, MT 59749
(Pub. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2013) ds

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The term of two trustees of Alder School District No. 2 will be up for election this year. Anyone qualified and interested in running for this position may pick up a nominating petition in the Alder School office. The petitions must be turned into the Alder School office prior to 4:00 p.m. March 28, 2013. Not less than 40 days before the election on May 7, 2013.
(Pub. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28 2013) as

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Madison County Fair Board will be accepting bid proposals for:

*The purchase and installation of two (2) 400,000 BTU Natural gas unit heaters installed in the Pavilion (round building) at the Madison County Fair Grounds

*Ceiling fans of appropriate number, size and placement installed to circulate heat evenly throughout the building

*All electrical service, gas service, materials, piping, thermostat, wiring, and connections, etc. to the heaters and fans must be included in this bid and installed by a certified electrician

*The successful contractor will be responsible for complete installation of heating system
*Bid must indicate schedule for installation and date of final completion
Please send bids c/o of Madison County Fairgrounds, PO Box 414, Twin Bridges, MT 59754, until March 18, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact the fair office 406-684-5824 for details. A list of electrical and mechanical components and proposed equipment suppliers should be included with the bid.
(Pub. Mar. 7, 14, 2013) mcc

PUBLIC NOTICE

The term of ONE (1) trustee of the Twin Bridges School District #7 will expire this May. The trustee position is elected for a THREE (3) year term. Anyone interested and qualified, according to MCA, in running for these positions may pick up a nominating petition at the Twin Bridges School District office at 216 West 6th Avenue.

The nominating petition must be returned to the same District office prior to 4:00 p.m. on March 28th, 2013...which is NOT LESS than FORTY (40) days before the election on May 7th, 2013.

Please contact Jovann Breakall, District Clerk, for any additional information at 406-684-5656.

(Pub. March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2013)

NOTICE OF HEARING

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY

Probate No. DP-29-2013-12
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA E. JENSEN,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jason J. Henderson has filed an APPLICATION OR PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF LIMITED SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of Barbara E. Jensen which may be examined in the office of the Clerk of this Court.

Hearing has been set at the Courtroom of this Court in Virginia City of Madison County, Montana on the 22nd day of April, 2013, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., at which time and place all interested persons may appear and object.

This notice is being given at least 14 days prior to the date of the hearing, pursuant to S 72-1-301, MCA.

DATED this 8th day of March, 2013.
/s/Jason J. Henderson
Jason J. Henderson
Mackoff Kellogg Law Firm
38 2nd Ave East
Dickinson, North Dakota 58601
(Pub. Mar. 14, 21, 28, 2013) mk

NOTICE

The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.
(Pub. Mar. 14, 21) mcc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning February 1, 2013, and ending on February 28, 2013, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Courthouse. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madison.mt.gov. Signed this 11th day of March, 2013.
Peggy Kaatz Stelmier
Madison County Clerk and Recorder
(Pub. Mar. 14) mcc

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved claims for payment in the amount of \$431,384.02 and payroll for all funds in the amount of \$791,098.44 with a total of \$1,222,482.46 for the period beginning February 1, 2013, and ending on February 28, 2013. The full and complete claims and payroll lists are available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Courthouse. Individual requests for personal copies of these lists will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Signed this 11th day of March, 2013.
Peggy Kaatz Stelmier
Madison County Clerk and Recorder
(Pub. Mar. 14) mcc

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE ON April 23, 2013, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana: Unit 6-1 of Hill Condominium as shown and designed

on those certain Basic Unit Floor Plans and Site Map recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. Together with an undivided 0.5476 percentile interest in and to the Common Areas and Facilities as shown and designated on said Basic Unit Floor Plans and Site Map being a portion of a tract of land located in the SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, which tract is more particularly described as Exhibit "A" in the Declaration of Hill Condominium recorded June 21, 1974, at 10:15 A.M., in Book 242, page 6, and Amended Declaration recorded January 9, 2006 in Book 550, page 577, records of Madison County, Montana. Said unit intended for residential purposes only. Dawnetta J. Holladay, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Stewart Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on August 11, 2006 and recorded on August 17, 2006 as Document No. 115218. The beneficial interest is currently held by MetLife Home Loans, a division of MetLife Bank, N.A., First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$895.78, beginning August 1, 2012, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of January 12, 2013 is \$119,851.51 principal, interest at the rate of 6.7500% now totaling \$4,288.77, late charges in the amount of \$125.88, escrow advances of \$177.78, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$94.00, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$22.16 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

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FOR RENT

Commercial/Retail space available. 219 E Main St in Ennis. Great exposure and location. 950 sq ft. Call Paul if interested at 581-7878. 20-tfc-b

ENNIS MINI STORAGE New low prices with 10 x 10's starting at \$35. Larger sizes available. Call Reed Real Estate at 682-4236. 15-tfc

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Commercial Property For Rent Large commercial building on Main Street in Ennis. A high traffic location for your business. Call Sara, Prudential Montana, at 682-5002 for more information. 22-tfc

MADISON MANAGEMENT Vacation and Long Term Rentals 406-682-7034 www.madisonmanagement.com 22-tfc

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS: 1 bedroom furnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$650 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

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FOR RENT: 2bed/ 2 full-Bath Home in Sheridan. New everything w/ W/D, 3 decks, fenced yard. No smoking/pets. \$575/mo 842-7737 or 916-600-3018 18-tfc-b



VACATION RENTAL: Close to Ennis. Rent by the night, week or month. Sleeps 12+ people. Call for rates and more information at 406-287-7861 or 406-498-6113. 48-e/o tfc

LONE ELK MALL Retail/Service/Commercial space for rent. 2,000 +/- sq/ft. Previously occupied by kitchen & bath boutique. Call for terms. 406-682-5653. 15-tfc

FOR RENT: 4 Bedrm Ranch House - McAllister. No Smoking. Pets possible. \$750/mo. 682-7153 17-tfc-b

FOR RENT: Call Apex Management at 682-7112 or 581-0103 for long term or vacation rentals in Ennis and the Madison Valley. 1-tfc

FOR RENT IN ENNIS: Office Space - 390 sq. ft. includes office, storage area & bathroom. Please contact Cindy at 682-3011 or 581-5372. 14-tfc

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HELP WANTED

Help Wanted: Housekeeping positions. Apply in person at Fan Mountain Inn. 20-2-b

Help Wanted: Madison Laundry & Cleaners needs reliable, self-starting person to do pressing/laundry. Experience a plus, but not necessary. Apply in person or call 682-4933 for John or Marilyn. 20-tfc-b

HELP WANTED: Ruby Springs Lodge Housekeeping. Must be willing to work weekends. No experience needed. Call Lorretta at 221-6672 or Marie at 221-6373. 19-tfc-b

HELP WANTED: South West Septic is looking for an awesome employee and has an opportunity available for a seasonal, P/T or F/T septic truck and/or portable toilet service driver. Pre-employment and random drug screening is mandatory. Position requires good driving record and must have a Class B CDL with trucker's endorsement. Preferred non-smoker, experience pulling a trailer, ability to keep good housekeeping, knowledge of Madison County and surrounding areas. Starting wage \$15-\$18/hour, wage depends on your motivation; only hard working and ambitious persons shall apply. Flexible scheduling. Send resume or interest to swsmt@hotmail.com or PO Box 122 Alder, MT 59710 20-tfc-b

PART TIME MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Seeking personable individual to assist providers in patient care, taking vital signs, prepping for procedures, EKGs, injections, and performing other duties as directed. Must have experience with computers, knowledge of MS Word and Excel, and good communication skills. Send cover letter and resume to careers@mvmedcenter.org. 15-tfc

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED for small resort near Cliff Lake; flexible schedule; reimbursed gas expense; wage \$8-\$9 per hour DOE; other perks. Contact Janet at 406-682-4982 19-2-p

HELP WANTED El Western Cabins *General lawn and building maintenance work. Seasonal full-time employee April 1 to Oct 31. Pay DOE with year end bonus. *Housekeeper position - Full or Part time; Experience a plus. Pay DOE. 682-4217 20-3-b

WANTED: Caretaker for the Twin Bridges Cemetery. Duties include: Lawn maintenance and general upkeep: mowing, trimming, watering, etc. Must learn layout of cemetery. Must be able to accurately measure for interments. Some hand shoveling required as well as moving sprinkler pipes. Compensation depends on experience. Approx. 6 hours per day 5 days a week. Seasonal work May 1 - Sept. 30. Please send resume to: Twin Bridges Cemetery, PO Box 231, Twin Bridges, MT 59754. Application deadline April 15, 2013 20-4-B

The Alder School is seeking a part-time art teacher, up to 4 hours per week with prep and class time. Pay is \$15.53/hour. Certification not required. Successful candidate is subject to background check. Phone 842-5285 for more info. Send letter of introduction, resume & references to PO Box 127, Alder, MT 59710. 19-tfc-b

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

HELP WANTED - Shop help/tire service truck operator, full-time with good benefits. Also need several seasonal drivers with CDL (or be capable of obtaining CDL) for fertilizer delivery. Grain Growers, Scooby, MT. Call Tanner at 406-487-2741. #071

Zoning/Floodplain Administrator/Office Assistant Position The Town of Ennis is taking applications for the position of Zoning/Floodplain Administrator/Office Assistant. The position is part time, consisting of 80 hours per month. (approx. 20 hrs. per week). The position offers vacation and sick time accrual on a prorated/per hour basis. Applications may be picked up at the Ennis Town Hall during normal business hours. Applications must be returned to the Town of Ennis by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2013. For further information, contact the Town of Ennis, at Box 147, Ennis, MT. 59729, or call 406 682-4287. 20-3-b

REAL ESTATE

DUPLEX FOR SALE: Troutdale 1 on Golden Trout Lane - Will sell separately - on pond. Call 406-682-4105 ask for Marilyn. 35-tfc

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WANTED

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Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
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ALANON
Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley
Thursdays, 8 pm

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Basketball Tournament CANCELLED, Ennis

Call Kelly at 579-5442 for more information.

2013 Cold Smoke Awards, Bozeman
Join the areas finest for a special night at The Emerson. Doors

open at 6 p.m. with the awards for the best ski flick starting at 7:30 p.m. \$15 for the awards and \$20 if you want to hit the awards and the after party.

SUNDAY MARCH 17

Happy Birthday William Ennis.

Irish Stew Feed, Ennis
Join the Madison Valley History Association for a celebration of William Ennis' birthday and the 5th Annual Irish Stew Feed and fundraiser. 1 p.m. in the Ennis School Cafeteria. Contact Larry at 788-0346 for more information.

Live Music, Norris
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MONDAY MARCH 18

Documentary, Ennis
The Madison Valley Public Library presents The World According to Monsanto, a documentary film about the biotech giant Monsanto, genetically modified crops, food labeling and the intimate links between Monsanto and government agencies. Are our best interests at heart? This free event is open to all ages. 6 p.m. 682-7244

TUESDAY MARCH 19

Meals for seniors, Twin Bridges
The TBS&CC provides Meals for Seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. 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.

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 11:30-12 p.m.

Fly Tying Class, Ennis

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

Documentary, Sheridan

The Sheridan Public Library presents The World According to Monsanto, a documentary film about the biotech giant Monsanto, genetically modified crops, food labeling and the intimate links between Monsanto and government agencies. Are our best interests at heart? This free event is open to all ages. 5:30 p.m. 682-

Quickbooks Training, Butte

Continuing education class: Introduction to Quickbooks Training will be on March 19th and 20th. Deadline for registration was March 15, 2013. \$45 cost includes training, refreshments, snacks and lunch for both days. Classes run from 8-5 p.m. in the computer lab on the third floor of the ELC Building at Montana Tech. Space is limited to 30 students. Call Julie at 533-6780 or Stacy at 533-6779 for more information.

Scrapbooking Workshop, Ennis

Ennis Continuing Education is offering a scrapbooking workshop where one will learn how to make a 12x12 Framed Page. Beginning and experienced scrap bookers are encouraged to join in the fun. 6:30 p.m. at the Ennis School. Call 682-4258 for more information.

Editor's note: The Madisonian is happy to put your event in the community calendar. Any community event is welcome. Please email community calendar events to events@madisoniannews.com

Business Briefs

Sara Racine
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Shotgun Construction-Excavation

Kipp Kelm, owner of Shotgun Construction-Excavation, is running a spring ditch cleaning special as he introduces himself to our valley. He is available for excavating and logging in addition to other construction-based jobs. Give him a call at 287-5030 for a quote. Kipp believes all jobs are

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Home & Garden Edition

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