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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WILLIAM ENNIS



Larry Love and Jan Beekman entertain the crowd at the William Ennis birthday celebration.

Photo by Faith Moldan

## Ennis celebrates founding father's birthday

By Faith Moldan and Larry Love  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Old and young, Irish and non-Irish alike all gathered Sunday afternoon to celebrate William Ennis' 185th birthday.

Dining on Irish stew, soda bread and birthday cake, the crowd gathered listened to live music and student essays from Kelsie Frey and Will Gilmore.

Also present were Larry

Love, a descendant of Ennis' wife's family, and Jane Rybus, great-granddaughter of William Ennis.

The seventh-grade students in Mr. Nelson's class at the Ennis Junior High are invited each year to write an essay to help celebrate the birthday of Ennis. Seventeen students entered essays, and members of the Madison Valley History Association Board of Directors judged them.

Frey won first place and Gilmore placed second. Both students read their essays at the Irish stew dinner Sunday afternoon and each selected their very own copy of "Early Days in the Madison Valley" by James S. Spray for their award. Frey also received her choice of an Irish-green colored pendant made by MVHA President, Don Black.

The MVHA thanks all the

students for entering the contest and thanks Mr. Nelson for helping make this essay contest successful.

"Thanks to all who came to help celebrate William Ennis' birthday," said Don Black the Madison Valley History Association President. "It was a great turnout and good food. All the board members and spouses and volunteers worked hard to make this a success."

## House unanimously passes state budget

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Members of the Montana House made history Tuesday.

For the first time, republicans and democrats in the House joined together to pass a \$9-billion, two-year state budget by voting 100-0 at 9:23 a.m. March 19.

The Director of State Republicans Bowen Greenwood said the passing of the bill is a very exciting moment for all the members involved.

"Speaker of the House Mark Blasdel said we need to be more about work and less about politics," said Greenwood. "I think both sides thought while the bill wasn't perfect, it wasn't worth

having a big fight over or have a lot of mud-slinging on the House floor."

While it's typical for the House to take all day or even multiple days debating on a budget, this year's budget, HB2, saw the floor for about an hour and a half before all members passed the bill with no changes.

HB2 addresses all areas of the state government, including education, health and human service and corrections. Even though the budget passed in the House without any amendments, both Republicans and Democrats can make amendments as soon as the bill goes to the Senate. Both parties are expected to attempt amendments when the budget is presented to the Senate on Wednesday.

## Madison County schools preparing for May elections

By Faith Moldan  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

The May 7 school election may be a little more than six weeks away, but deadlines for candidates to file and schools to set levy amounts are looming.

Petitions to file for trustee positions are due by March 28, and most schools will decide on levy amounts at their March or April board meetings. Write-in candidates must be received by 5 p.m. on April 11. The last day to file resolutions for school elections with the county election administrator is April 2.

In Harrison, clerk Judi Ward said there is one trustee position open and two people have filed. Registered voters can vote at the Harrison school gym from noon to 8 p.m. on May 7. Polls across the county will have the same hours. Absentee ballots will be available April 17 and can be re-

quested up until noon on May 6. "Final decisions for levies will be made at the April 8 board meeting," Ward said.

Ennis' board has two positions for three-year terms open.

"Currently we have three people running. They are Maria Lake, John P. Scully and Mike Richman," said clerk Ginger Martello. "We have not set a levy amount for the general fund yet. That will hopefully be done at our next board meeting if the legislature has made any final decisions regarding school funding."

Twin Bridges has one position open, but no one has filed to run so far. Clerk Joyann Breakall said the budget and levies were on the agenda for the school's board meeting Tuesday night.

Levies have failed the past two years in Sheridan. Last year voters there turned down an elementary school levy and the year before that they turned down

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## Legislature addresses pensions, family planning, suicide prevention

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After four years of pay freezes, state employees are still waiting to hear whether they will receive an across-the-board 5 percent raise over each of the next two years.

Roughly two dozen people supported House Bill 13 at a January hearing before the House Appropriations Committee. That measure finally surfaced for a vote last Wednesday when Rep. Steve Gibson, R-East Helena, made the motion.

But he was the only Republican who joined Democrats on the GOP-controlled committee. The

measure failed, but that didn't stop the bill's sponsor, Rep. Kathy Swanson, D-Anaconda, from trying to revive it on the House floor the next day.

"Since 4:08 yesterday afternoon, my phone has been blowing up," she told House members. "I have visited with a single mother of three who sobbed in despair wondering if

she should start looking to move, to disrupt her children and try to find work out of Montana."

Swanson tried to blast the bill out of committee and onto the floor, a procedural move that requires a supermajority. But Republicans said they weren't ready to vote. Many, including

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## Family fun night teaches importance of ground water

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The Madison Watershed Partnership teamed up with Big Sky Watershed Corps to teach youngsters and their parents the ins-and-outs of groundwater Wednesday evening.

To commemorate National Groundwater Awareness week, the two organizations teamed up to host Family Fun Night at Ennis Elementary School. The event paired treats with education sessions geared both to children and adults.

"This event helps get the message out to adults while introducing the little ones to groundwater issues," said Sunni Heikes-Knapton, Madison Watershed Partnership Coordinator. "As a parent, sometimes I

can't go to things that are specifically geared towards adults since I can't bring my kids. This is a way we could get adults in to learn a little bit while giving the kids something to do."

In Montana, 94 percent of people rely on groundwater as their main source of water, and in Madison County alone, there are 5,000 wells. In addition, 30 percent of stream water is groundwater. So it's safe to say, a majority of participants on Wednesday have a strong connection with the water that flows under their feet.

"We are lucky to have good water in Madison County," said Heikes-Knapton. "We need to focus on preventative education since the well-owner is the only one tasked with taking care of the well."

Those that attended got a hands-on and tasty opportunity to

see how aquifers can be contaminated. Kids eagerly lined up to create their own edible aquifers. A layer of grapes created a confined aquifer. Yogurt layers on top of that represented clay while raisins stood in for gravel. Granola topped off the edible project as "sand." Milk then filtered its way through the different layers just as groundwater would.

Once the parfait in the shape of a real aquifer was created, a layer of contaminated water, which was actually milk with red food coloring, was dumped on top. The kids jammed a straw through the mixture as a way to demonstrate the effects of installing a well. Fascinated chitter-chatter echoed throughout the school cafeteria as the children watched their "contaminated" water mix with the

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AmeriCorps member Ethan Kunard teaches children how groundwater flows using an interactive model.

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nearly \$80,000 worth of mill levies to support the elementary and high school districts. Voters did however pass an \$18,376 high school levy by a narrow vote last year. Sheridan has two three-

year seats open for the election.

Alder passed both a general fund mill levy and building reserve levy two years ago. There was no levy on the ballot last year. Duke Gilman is running uncontested for the board

of trustees and no levies are proposed. There will not be an election in Alder.

For more information on filing to run for local school boards, contact the school district office. If you have questions about the

election and what district you should be voting in, contact Peggy Kaatz Stemier at the Madison County Clerk and Recorder's office at 843-4270. Voter registration closes for school elections on April 8.

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the Republican chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Rep. Duane Ankney of Colstrip, argued that the "freeze" didn't apply to all state workers.

Ankney said the state paid out more than \$18 million in raises over the past four years to certain state employees and it's taking time to find out who received that money.

"It's ridiculous when we can give that much money to some employees, and some employees don't get anything," Ankney said. "I'm working for those people that didn't get anything."

Lawmakers considered several other big-ticket items last week, including possible solutions to the expected shortages in state pension funds, the session's main budget bill, and the governor's plan to reform Montana's campaign finance laws. Here's a look at those highlights and others from week 10 at the Legislature:

#### Pensions

Several competing plans to fix Montana's pension system are making their way through the session. Last week, the panel tasked with solving the 30-year, \$4 billion pension shortfall gave up trying to agree on one solution and advanced three different plans for the Legislature's consideration.

"You can't meld those," said Sen. Dave Lewis, R-Helena, chairman of the pensions committee. "These are policy choices the Legislature is going to have to make."

One proposal, House Bill 338, comes from a Republican. It would change state pensions from a defined benefit to a defined contribution system for new employees.

Under the current plan, retired state workers receive monthly pensions based on a formula that takes into account their salary and duration of government work.

A defined contribution system would mean that employees participate in a system similar to a 401(k) plan, which would pro-

vide them with a payout when they retire based on the amount of money contributed throughout their career and investment gains or losses.

The bill would use money from coal severance tax revenue and state treasury to settle the system's shortfall.

The Democratic governor's proposal, House Bill 454, would pay off liabilities in the Public Employee Retirement System with money from natural resource development while maintaining a defined benefit system. Employers and employees would both increase their contribution rates by 1 percent.

A second Democratic proposal, House Bill 377, focuses on the Teachers' Retirement System. It would make up the deficit by increasing the employee contribution rate to existing defined benefit plans by 1 percent. It would also draw upon state land revenues and school district reserves.

#### Family planning funding

The battle over funding family planning services is heating up as the House Appropriations Committee approved a \$9 billion, two-year state budget last week that cuts federal Title X money that went to community clinics.

Citing concerns over those funds going to clinics like Planned Parenthood that perform abortions, all but two Republicans voted against an amendment to restore that money. A subcommittee had previously cut the \$4.6 million provision from House Bill 2.

"Many, many Montana taxpayers have a moral objection to abortion dollars that are spent by some providers that receive this funding," said Rep. Ron Ehli, R-Hamilton. "Tax dollars belong to the people of Montana. We shouldn't spend money on anything that they object to."

Clinics use Title X money to offer contraceptives and cancer screenings to low-income Montanans. Under federal law, the money cannot be spent on abortions, although some Republicans have questioned whether

health care providers follow that rule.

After the vote, Rep. Kimberly Dudik, D-Missoula, said Democrats will propose the amendment again when the budget comes to the House floor this week. She said clinics keep scrupulous records to show that the Title X money is not being used for abortions.

"Every single dollar is accounted for. There is no way this money could be misused," she said. "Instead, (those who voted against the amendment) are going to put the welfare of Montana citizens in jeopardy because of their fear that has no basis in reality."

#### Campaign finance

Lawmakers are considering the Democratic governor's bipartisan effort to combat so-called "dark money," those anonymous campaign contributions often blamed for negative attack ads during the 2012 election.

Gov. Steve Bullock and Republican Sen. Jim Peterson of Buffalo have dubbed Senate Bill 375 the Transparency, Reporting and Accountability in Campaign and Elections (TRACE Act).

The proposal would require that political action committees and political party committees disclose all contributions. It would also raise current donation limits and prohibit contributions from corporations or unions.

"I think Montanans are tired of dirty politics, nasty mudslinging campaigns and personal attacks" said Peterson, the bill's sponsor. "And I believe they are even more disgusted with the fact that many of these attacks are hidden inside dark money organizations that are unaccountable to the voting public."

The measure has its critics. Officials from Common Cause Montana and last fall's I-166 campaign to ban corporate campaign spending supported the bill's aim to eliminate dark money groups, but they opposed increasing the amount individuals can give to candidates and the total candidates can accept from all PACs.

#### Blast motions

In addition to the state employee pay plan bill, Democrats tried unsuccessfully last week to revive - or "blast" out - three measures bottled up in GOP-controlled committees.

House Democrats attempted to blast out bills would direct money toward out-of-school food programs for children, combat cyber bullying and require that all boarding schools obtain state licenses.

The House Judiciary Committee's decision to table the boarding school bill in February prompted a CNN crew to visit the Capitol to produce a story for Anderson Cooper 360. The controversy surrounding the bill stemmed largely from allegations of violence against students at an unlicensed religious boarding school in St. Ignatius.

Democrats argued that a 2007 law created a loophole allowing religious boarding schools to operate without any government oversight. That opened the door for abuse, they said.

Republicans who spoke against the effort to revive the bill said there are numerous success stories from those institutions. They also questioned whether more government regulation would improve the schools.

#### Suicide prevention

Montana has one of the highest suicide rates in the country, and a legislator from Conrad wants to explore ways to prevent those tragedies.

The House approved Republican Rep. Rob Cook's measure last week to establish a five-person team to review the causes of suicide and make recommendations on ways to prevent future deaths. House Bill 583 includes a one-time \$97,000 appropriation from the state treasury to fund the review team's activities.

The bill now goes to the Senate and must receive the governor's signature before the review team can start work.

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white milk groundwater. And then the time came to eat their aquifer creations.

"You can all suck on your aquifer now," said Ethan Kunard, an AmeriCorps Vista member who represents the Big Sky Watershed Corps. "Do you taste that contaminated water?"

The kids giggled and dug in with spoons. Parents in attendance didn't let their kids have all the fun. They created their own edible aquifers and enjoyed the snack right along with their

kids.

The adults then stayed inside to watch a short informational video on well and septic care, and kids ventured outside to see how water flows using a groundwater-flow model.

Once outside, the children crowded around a table while Ethan used different colors to represent how contaminants affect different source of groundwater and how wells can spread those contaminants. Each child eagerly jumped at their chance to "pollute" the water with different food colors.

Parents joined their kids at the end of the presentation to answer some quiz questions about the basics of aquifers and how to prevent pollution of groundwater. The adults were encouraged to take home free well-testing programs.

This family fun night marks one of the first times the Madison Watershed Partnership has created an educational presentation geared specifically towards groundwater. The Watershed Partnership has instituted different well-testing programs in the past as well as involving local

kids in stream monitoring and wildlife education programs.

The Madison Watershed Partnership covers a broad range of things involved with resources, and since a majority of homeowners in the area rely on domestic wells, groundwater is something that needed to be added to the different educational programs the organization offers. The Madison Watershed itself originates in Yellowstone Park and extends 130 miles to where the Jefferson and Gallatin Rivers converge to form the Missouri River.

## edible aquifers



Local kids create edible aquifers out of yogurt, grapes and other toppings.

Photo by Alyse Backus



## MORE NEWS

## Group works to determine public interest in parks district

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A group of community members came together Monday, March 11, at the Ennis Fire Hall to discuss creating a plan to establish a parks district in Madison Valley.

With Ennis being a mecca of outdoor activities in Southwestern Montana, some community members have established a committee to push for parks district that would create different recreation opportunities for Madison valley.

In the summer of 2012, the issue of creating a designated parks district in Ennis and the surrounding area was tabled because of technical issues. The proposed parks district would engulf all of Ennis School District, including Big Sky. However,

it was discovered a parks district already existed for the Big Sky area. The district had been created in 1988 but no taxes were ever implemented. Since it is illegal to have park districts overlap each other, Madison County pushed the idea to the backburner until all technicalities could be worked out.

Now that summer is about to roll around again, the idea of a designated parks and trails system is once again milling around in the community. At the meeting last Monday, almost a dozen community members sat down to work out details on plan that would outline a Madison Parks and Recreation District.

Kevin Germain, a Madison Byways member and the director of planning, development and environmental compliance at Moonlight Basin, has helped spearhead the project from its

infancy. He was a big advocate for the district before it was pulled from the May ballot in 2011 due to the discovery of the already existing district in Big Sky.

"Working with Madison Byways, we have really been trying to get trails established around here, but a question we could never answer is who would maintain those trails in perpetuity," said Germain. "A parks district makes sense. With organizations out there like the Aquatic Center and sporting clubs and 4-H, an umbrella of those organizations could own and maintain the parks and different recreation programs."

Since this plan is in its earliest stages, those who attended the meeting agreed the most important thing is introducing the idea to the community and gauging interest. While funding

eventually will need to be a priority, the group said generating interest is the top priority right now.

At a previous meeting, it was decided a survey would be the best way to reach out to the community to collect feedback and learn about the specific needs of the community. The survey would ask for responses to questions focused on the quality of life in Madison Valley and how important the creation of parks and other recreation programs would be to that quality of life.

The survey would also seek to find out what programs are important to the Madison Valley community. Those programs could include everything from hiking to an aquatic center to recreation programs for kids to snowmobiling.

"The biggest thing for me is

a park district would tie together all the different organizations and programs involving recreation in the community," said Germain.

The survey would complement the mission statement of the proposed Madison park district, which aims at creating that umbrella affect Germain talked about.

"It is our mission to provide and maintain comprehensive indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities for community economic, cultural and health benefits where people of all ages and abilities can enjoy activities now and for future generations," the mission statement says.

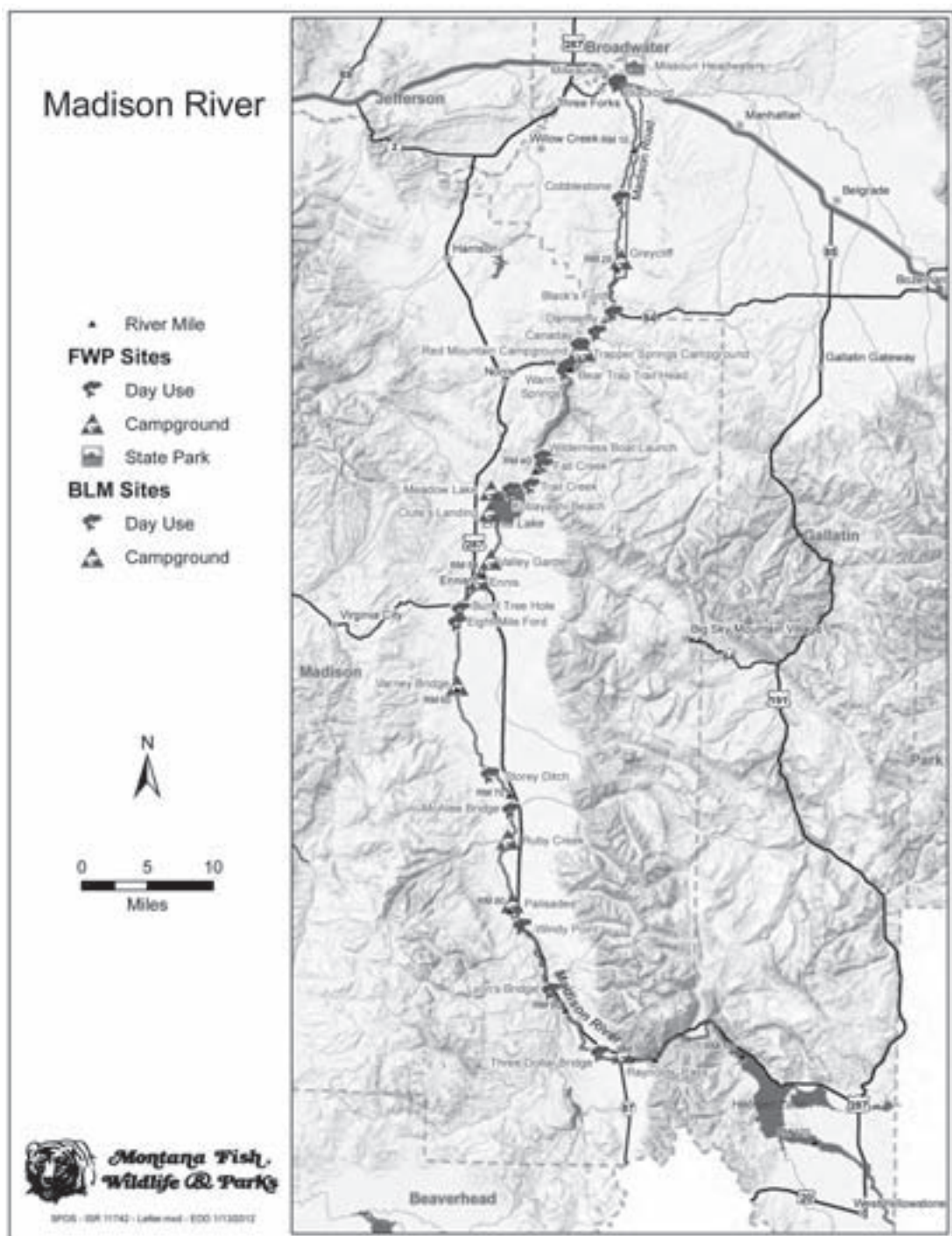
The committee came up with several different ways to distribute the surveys. Group members plan to reach out to various organizations and clubs to request members fill out the

survey, a Facebook page will be able to reach out to the community and the survey will be available to complete online via a program called SurveyMonkey.

The completion of the master plan is slated to take a little under a year in order for the issue to be part of the November 2014 ballot.

Germain says a perk of establishing a parks district is the county, which allows access to government-sponsored grants otherwise off-limits to smaller non-profits, would own it. Also, the link with the government would provide more liability protection for the different programs covered by the parks district.

The Madison Parks and Recreation master plan committee meets the second Monday of every month.



## Madison River CAC prepares for FWP commission presentation

By Faith Moldan  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Hard at work for nearly a year now, the Madison River Citizen Advisory Committee will have one more meeting and it may be the biggest one.

Members of the committee will be on hand April 11 in Helena when the Madison River Recreation Management Plan is presented to the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission. Committee member and Ennis resident John Way said he and others will be in Helena to offer a broad spectrum of interests and answer questions. The plan will guide future management decisions with a goal of providing a variety of quality recreation for a diverse public while protecting the resources in the river and on adjacent uplands, according to FWP. The final plan will be based on the committee's recommendations, input from the public, consideration of environmental impacts and input from

FWP staff.

"We finalized our recommendations at the March 3 meeting. Now the commission can choose to approve them or make changes," Way said. "There will be opportunity for more public comment after the meeting in Helena."

The committee's Feb. 10 meeting, held in Ennis, concluded with members and FWP personnel distributing and briefly presenting information and samples related to specific issues and format including characteristics of "Good" Standards and "Thresholds", a synopsis of FWP decisions regarding Blackfoot River Management, potential management actions from the Blackfoot River Recreation Management Plan and thoughts about the format for issues on river stretches. Committee members also revised, added to, edited and tentatively agreed on some specific items related to the Madison River Recreation Management Plan. The Blackfoot

River Management Plan is one of five completed plans FWP has done. Others include Beaverhead and Big Hole River Recreation, Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Montana State Trails Plan and the Smith River State Park and River Corridor Management Plan.

Way said there was and is a fairly big push to gather more information to make important decisions. According to the Feb. 10 session summary, collecting data at all access sites on the river and the need to customize survey questions for data collection from both anglers and other recreational users were discussed.

Work continued at the committee's March 3 meeting in Bozeman to complete unfinished draft portions of the plan, while other parts were reviewed and affirmed.

"This committee has worked extremely hard to express the needs of the river and its users," Way said. "There's a good foundation moving forward."

## Crews cleanup rock slides, avalanches along US-287

By Faith Moldan  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Road crews stayed busy near Quake Lake on Thursday, March 14 as snow covered parts of the roadway.

The Montana Department of Transportation reported that

US-287 was closed due to avalanches and rock slides from the junction with US-191 to the junction with MT-87 (Quake Lake Road) and another approximately 4.5 miles northeast of the junction with MT-87 at milepost 4.

"Crews were cleaning up

from two others earlier that day (Thursday) and had just left when the last one came down," MDT officials said.

Up-to-date road conditions are available on the MDT website at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/>.

## Commissioners discuss improvement, maintenance items

By Faith Moldan  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Residents of Ennis and visitors alike are on the way to having improved access to the town whether on foot or in the sky as the Board of Madison County Commissioners approved portions of projects for Madison Byways and Big Sky Ennis Airport at its regular meeting on Tuesday.

Becky Vujovich presented the commissioners with a cost breakdown for the sidewalk improvement and construction. The total cost of the project is \$214,000 and \$116,000 has been committed to it already from grants and other fundraising efforts. Vujovich asked the commissioners to roll money they committed to the Lions Club Park Connection, \$18,900, in to the Golf Course Connection. Commissioners approved Vujovich's request for CTEP funds after discussion.

"The CTEP funding is critical to this project," Vujovich said. "We need about \$135,000 to complete phase one and phase two. The CTEP funds we have

requested will just get us there and enable us to complete the most dangerous sections of sidewalks on the route."

Funds are still pending for a handful of grants and total about \$67,500. Vujovich expects partial funding from most of the grants and said that if they do come through the trail should be able to be built in a year which would significantly cut the cost of phase three construction, possibly by half. She added that Ennis Schools has contributed \$19,800 and is considering putting in a sidewalk in front of the school along the highway.

Paved and asphalt surfaces need improvements at the Big Sky Ennis Airport as well. Lance Bowser told the commissioners that the taxiways are in better shape than the aprons. He said the cracks are about three inches wide in some locations. Major improvement and construction at the airport is slated for 2017.

"We need to try and maintain what's there with reconstruction that far out," Bowser said. "There are some small safety issues on the side of the taxiways, but there are some options

to fix that without putting a lot of money into it."

Bids for the improvement project, with approval from the commissioners, will be put out with other airport maintenance projects and Bowser will advise the Board Chairman, Jim Hart, when the bids will be opened.

The commissioners also approved an engineering contract, which is divided into four task orders – project administration, design engineering, construction management services and land acquisition. They also approved the selection of two appraisers for the land acquisition. One will do the appraising and the other will review the appraisal. Commissioners chose the appraisal and review combination that was \$30 lower in cost. They decided against selecting a negotiator at this time. A negotiator is not required, but the appraisal and review are.

There is no regular commission meeting next week on March 26. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on April 2 in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

## FARM TO FORK



Madison Farm to Fork Greenhouse Manager, Kaye Suzuki and Josie water down straw bales while greenhouse assistant Emily Hayes and Luna have finished assembling the last of four raised beds. After more straw bales, come blood meal and seeding of lettuce, zucchini and squash directly into the bales.

## Students raise funds for Close Up trip to Washington D.C.

By Faith Moldan  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Friends, family and neighbors battled to outbid each other Saturday night in Harrison all in support of the sophomore class.

After the students served a hamburger dinner, various

items they gathered from businesses and individuals in the area went up for auction. Items ranged from jewelry, art pieces and furniture to machinery rentals, chicken feed and a landscape consultation.

"Remember this is for a good cause," said auctioneer Dave Nesbit, encouraging the

crowd to dig deeper into their wallets amidst the bidding for a large bag of dog food. "You either love the kids or the dogs."

Some students provided their own skills for bid. Two duos of male students were bought for a day of labor and in a female student offered babysitting expertise. Big sellers of the

night were art, food, professional services and furniture. Half a cow sold for more than \$600.

Funds from the dinner and auction go to pay for the class' Close Up trip. Close Up is a program aimed at taking learning out of the book and places it in the lived experience of the student. According to Close Up's

website, students experience democracy in action while visiting Washington D.C.'s many institutions and memorial sites. Students dialog with lawmakers, media and fellow students – using the nation's capital as a living classroom. Close Up partners with educators, schools and youth organiza-

tions throughout the country to help young people develop the skills and attitudes to become informed and engaged citizens. Since 1971, more than 740,000 participants have participated in Close Up programs.

A total amount of money raised was not available at press time.



## Lake announces school board candidacy

Dear Editor,

After much thought and prayer I have filed as a candidate for the office of School Board Trustee for District No. 52, the Ennis School District. To serve on a school board is an honor and carries great responsibilities.

There are so many, some overwhelming, factors to consider and in evaluating each one I found myself always coming back to why would you do this? It's simple, I'm a mother, I have two grandchildren in this school, I love children and children of all ages need every opportunity to succeed. Providing a good, sound education for our children now will be repaid with good, solid productive citizens in the future. The focus needs to remain on why the school exists--to educate the children. Every one of them counts!

This applies inside and outside of the classroom in every

aspect of the school and the community. All the adults involved are role models, including the Trustees. The Trustees, whoever they are, must move forward in resolving the circumstances before them responsibly and in a manner that is above reproach, always setting an example for the students.

Prior to moving to Ennis in 2001 my career was in construction management and accounting and today I use those skills as a loan officer with First Madison Valley Bank. I am solution-oriented and bring a strong background of successful business and volunteer experience where I have served in leadership positions and team member positions, each carrying a different subset of skills.

I love living in this very special community, full of people supporting one another and giving generously of their time, talents and resources. It is nothing

short of heartbreaking to observe the cloud of dissension that hangs over the school district. Let's get beyond the past and move forward. The board is a team and it takes a majority of that team to approve any change so the only specific promise I can make you is that I will listen to you, I want to hear your questions and concerns and give them my full consideration. I don't have all the answers. If I can't answer your question I'll find someone who can. I welcome the opportunity to visit with you and hope that you will call me at 682-7283.

May 7 is Election Day; please exercise your right and responsibility to vote and thank you for your consideration of allowing me to represent you as a Trustee of the Ennis School District.

Maria Lake

## House bill threatens end-of-life choices

Dear Editor,

I've had it with the misinformation coming from the group Montanans Against Assisted Suicide (MAAS). Shame on them.

In 2009, the Montana Supreme Court upheld my right to aid-in-dying. The means my doctor can write me a lethal prescription, if I am (1) an adult, (2) terminally ill, (3) mentally competent, (4) request the medication myself, and (4) can self-administer it. I beg to differ with those who would define this as physician-assisted suicide. Nothing

could be farther from the truth if you have ever witnessed the pain-ridden journey of a dying loved one as I have.

MAAS contends that the Supreme Court's decision renders the elderly among us more vulnerable to having family members conspire to kill them off before their time. This is nothing more than a smokescreen and fear tactic to win support for a horrible bill now before the Senate Judiciary Committee, HB 505. HB 505 threatens to send my doctor to jail for even discussing my end-of-life choices with me. How absurd. And how

dare MAAS or any legislator tell me how I can and cannot die.

Do not be misled by the MAAS campaign of misinformation. Rather, contact the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and your own state senator today, and urge them to oppose HB 505. Call (406) 444-4800. Your right to personal privacy, personal dignity, and individual choice is in their hands. The confidential relationship you have with your doctor is threatened. Your doctor is at risk.

Doris Fischer  
Sheridan, Mont.

## Thank you to the loving medical staff

I would like to express my gratitude and "thank you" to the medical staff at the Madison Valley Hospital for the tender loving care we experienced during Harrison's month long stay in that facility. All the nurses,

aides and doctors put great effort into making Harrison as comfortable as possible and seeing to his every need. They also kept me company during the long hours of vigil when it was evident that the end was near. I will

always be grateful for the compassion and encouragement they extended to me, and the rest of the family, at this difficult time. They were wonderful.

Mary Saunders

## Thank you so much for caring

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your visits, phone calls, cards and especially prayers as I recover from hip sur-

gery. Knowing friends are thinking of you makes the healing go faster.

Bobby Klatt

## Thank you everyone

The family of Mildred "Millie" Oliver would like to thank everyone for the kindness expressed with the flowers, prayers and cards when she passed away last October. Special thanks to Kenton, Barb and the staff at Generations and Madison Valley Manor and all the staff there for Mom's exceptional care. We are so lucky to have these two fa-

cilities in Ennis. Thank you Dr. Patti Moran, for the loving care given to Millie and the comfort of her family. This is a long overdue Thank You but, nonetheless, heartfelt!

Millie's Family - Mary Lou & Dave Smail and family, Allen & Mardi Oliver and family

## A memorable birthday

I want to thank all my family, husband and children and my friends for making my birthday party a big surprise and wonder-

ful time. I will remember that day forever!!

Dorma Helid

## Thanks for the quick aide

Thank you to the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department for their quick response and professional handling of the fire here at

the ranch.

The Robison Family

## We sincerely appreciate your support and time

Thank you Don & Toni Bowen for the ongoing time and effort you invested to promote the sale of the historic old First Madison Valley Bank building on Main Street Ennis and many thanks to Rikki Dilschneider for representing the purchaser. To Brad Bullock, the Foundation Board

remains grateful for the time, material and energy you donated improving the building and meeting with prospective buyers along the way. The professionalism displayed by the four of you made the transaction seamless.

We are sincerely appreciative of the Bowen's and the Dilsch-

neider's recent donations to the Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation. You all have contributed to a first-class medical center and critical access hospital...a tremendous asset to local residents and one that makes our region a more desirable place to live. Again we extend our gratitude to

Don and Toni Bowen, Brad Bullock and Rikki and Joe Dilschneider.

Mary G. Oliver  
President of the  
Madison Valley Medical Center  
Foundation Board of Directors  
Ennis, Mont.

## Richmann announces candidacy for school board

Dear Editor,

I am announcing today my candidacy for one of the open seats on the Ennis School Board. Under the new leadership on the Board, I believe we have taken important steps to restore our community's trust and confidence in the administration of our school system. But I also believe there is still much that needs to be done. It is my hope that in the next few weeks we can settle the district's issues with the Teach-

ers Retirement System by doing what I and others have advocated through letters in The Madisonian and at School Board meetings over the last two years: Tell the truth and pay our bills. It is also important that our school funds be restored to justifiable amounts and legitimate uses. And we are well past the time of needing to replace the lawyer who brought us to this point.

I look forward to meeting as many people as possible before the election and discussing in more

detail the solutions to our current predicament as well as my interest in other issues, which include school security, state-of-the-art technology, international exchange programs, reductions in mill assessments, budgets and fund allocations, returning school finances to local county oversight, new legal representation and the ongoing business of administering a transparent and accountable school district. These are not just words that I put out there to get your vote. They

are the reason that I am running and a pledge to you that I will not go back on.

I greatly appreciate your consideration, and I promise to serve you without prejudice or arrogance and to do my best to reunite this community and to continue the legacy of Ennis as the best Class C-school in the state of Montana.

Mike Richmann  
Ennis

## MVMC Auxiliary provides volunteer opportunities

To the Editor,

This is in response to the Dear Maddy column on Feb. 21. The person who wrote in was new to the area and feeling very lonely. Maddy's response was a good one: "Think about volunteering

and getting involved in community boards and activities". One such volunteer service organization is our Madison Valley Medical Center (MVMC) Auxiliary. We are women and men who give of our time and talents to help MVMC maintain the high-

est standards of excellence in health care. We would be delighted to have new people in our area come in MVMC and find out more about us. We are available from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may email the auxiliary at reception@

mvmccenter.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

In Service,  
Lorrie E. Milford, MVMC  
Auxiliary President  
Ennis, Mont.

## OBITUARIES

### Cole Walter

March 11, 1985 - March 14, 2013

God we give you our beautiful boy with a heart of gold and generosity to a fault. Cole was just beginning to live again after

being troubled by years of addiction. He went back one last time, and our hearts are broken without him here. To someone who didn't

know better, they would see Cole as a handsome, friendly, strong man with a spring in his step and a twinkle in his eye, but the addiction held and ruled him with an iron hand. Addiction doesn't discriminate and is relentless. It can take down the strongest of the strong and the weakest of the weak.

For any family battling with similar problems, we hope and pray that our loss can

somehow bring guidance and help to you with your struggles. We know what you are going through.

Cole was the son of Kristie Halse Kirby and Don Kirby and Ed and Lenora Walter. He is survived by his brothers Carsten Kirby and Nicholas Walter, grandmother Pat Halse, grandparents Barbara and Jack Kirby, uncles and aunts, Dean and Ann Halse, Cynthia Halse Stutsman,

Pam Halse, Suzan and Pete Stommel, Barbie Kirby Austin, Will and Susan Kirby Brooke, Jim Kirby, Tom and Marilyn Walter, Bob and Linda Walter, his special "Aunt" Muriel Holmquist along with numerous cousins who have joined us in Bozeman to celebrate Cole's life. Cole was preceded in death by grandparents Kenneth Halse and Bill and Irene Walter.



### Phyllis E. Richter

May 24, 1923-March 12, 2013



Phyllis E. Richter, a Toston, Montana resident, passed away Tuesday, March 12.

Phyllis Edith Day was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, May 24, 1923 to Lucy May and Abraham John Day. She was the twelfth of thirteen children. The family lived in Ammon and Bone, Idaho. They went to the ranch at Bone in the summer and in the valley at Ammon in the winter so the children could attend school. She graduated from high school in Ammon.

She married Mark "Bud" Chase Peterson, raised four chil-

dren: Jynean, Gene (deceased), Marilyn and John. She and Mark divorced. She later married Duane "Rick" Richter and made her home in Butte with him. She became a stepmother to his four children: Don (deceased), Jean, Jill, and Rick. She and her husband, Rick spent many happy years together.

Phyllis did beautiful handwork as she enjoyed crocheting, cutwork, sewing and quilting. Her love of quilting led her along a path to enjoy a small quilting business for a time. Her high school desire was to become a home economics teacher. This goal was fulfilled in a different line as she taught her daughters to cook, sew their own clothing (as she had learned from her mother), clean, garden and so forth.

In her youth, she was a tomboy. This tendency carried over into her adult life, as she loved the

outdoors, taking care of her garden, yard and enjoying the company of her family. After moving to Toston she joined the Townsend Garden Club and enjoyed entering her produce and flowers in the Broadwater County Fair.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Her musical talents afforded her the opportunity of leading the singing in Relief Society and other meetings within the Church.

Her daughters learned to serve from her example of taking a plate of cookies or some other dish to neighbors-new and old. Phyllis is remembered as a fun, joyful, cheerful and helpful individual and will be missed by many.

Mark, Rick, a son Gene, a stepson Don, her parents, eleven siblings, and numerous other relatives preceded her in death. She

is survived by brother Wendell Day, nieces and nephews, three children, three stepchildren, grand children, and great-great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity or The Perpetual Education Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The funeral service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints chapel in Townsend, Mont, on Friday, March 15. The viewing will be from 10-10:45 a.m. Family prayer will be at 10:45 a.m., and the funeral is at 11 a.m. The Townsend Ward Relief Society will serve lunch at 12 p.m. Interment will be Monday, March 18, at 1 p.m. at the Ammon Cemetery located in Ammon, Idaho.

Wayrynen Richards Funeral Home is assisting with the funeral arrangements.

A memorial for Joe Beard-sley, 74, of Three Forks will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March

23, at the cemetery in Virginia City. There will be a gathering afterwards with snacks and mu-

sic at the Outlaw Cafe. Please join us in commemorating Joe's life.

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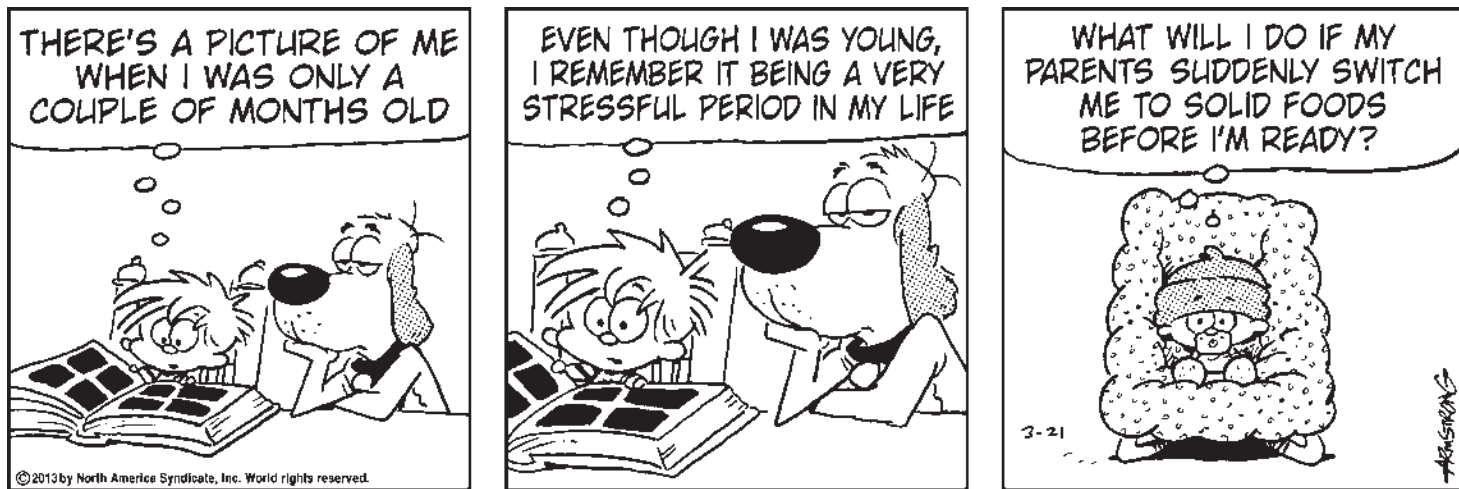
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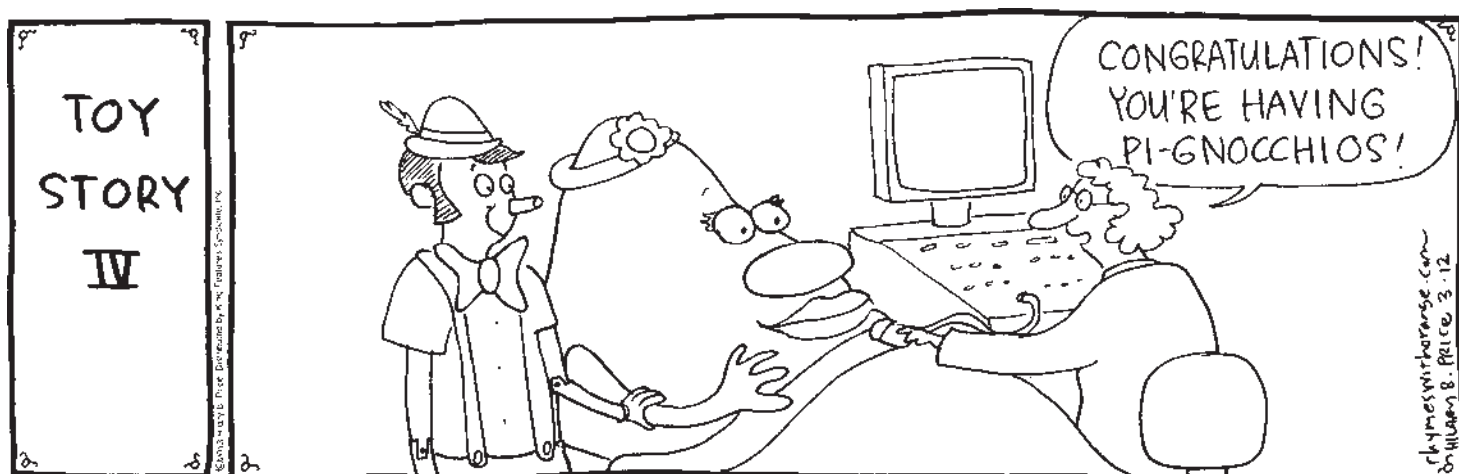
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E = D

**Blue Ribbon Recipes** from Hometown Cooks Just Like You!

**Banana Cake Recipe is Family Heirloom**

"This banana cake recipe has been in the family for 100 years."

Sandy Jones  
Redford, MI  
(pop. 161,632)

**Banana Cake w/ Buttercream Frosting**

**What You Need**

*Cake*  
3 c cake flour  
1 tbsp baking powder  
1 1/2 tsp baking soda  
3/4 tsp salt  
3/4 c shortening  
2 1/4 c granulated sugar  
3 eggs, well beaten  
1 1/2 c mashed ripe bananas (about 4)  
1 1/8 c buttermilk  
1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

*Frosting*  
3/4 c hot milk  
1/2 c butter  
1/2 c shortening  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 tbsp cornstarch  
1 c granulated sugar

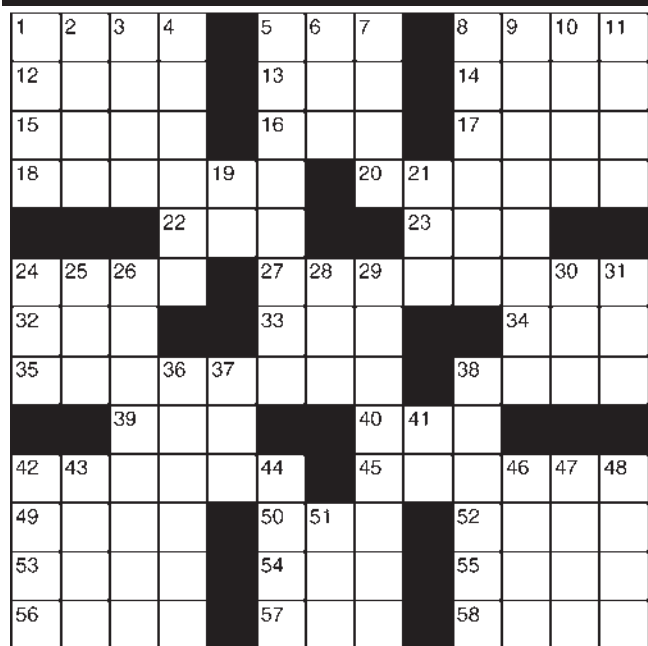
**Directions**

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Sift flour, baking powder, soda, and salt together; set aside.
- Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and bananas. Mix in buttermilk and vanilla.
- Add flour mixture alternately with wet ingredients beginning and ending with flour.
- Grease and flour two 9-inch layer pans and pour in batter. Bake 25 to 30 minutes.
- For frosting, heat milk until very hot but not boiling.
- Cream butter and shortening. Gradually add cornstarch and sugar. Beat well after each addition, then add vanilla.
- Add hot milk to sugar mixture a little at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition until all the sugar dissolves and it is thick enough to spread. Make sure to add milk a little at a time to make sure frosting doesn't curdle.

Submitted by: Sandy Jones, Redford, MA (pop. 161,632)  
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**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer



- ACROSS**
- 1 Last few notes
  - 5 Med. approval org.
  - 8 Fall into a beanbag chair
  - 12 Last write-up
  - 13 Valentine misspelling
  - 14 Actress Turner
  - 15 Missing
  - 16 Past
  - 17 Spore cases
  - 18 Pour wine
  - 20 Time of discontent?
  - 22 Calf's mama
  - 23 Fresh
  - 24 1/4 bushel
  - 27 Not steadily
  - 32 Vast expanse
  - 33 Play with robots
  - 34 Anonymous Richard
  - 35 Discontinue
  - 38 Nervous
  - 39 Type of humor
  - 40 Candle material
  - 42 Chemical relative
  - 45 Discount store
  - 49 Ms. Moore
  - 50 Blunder
  - 52 Green land
  - 53 Mideast nation
  - 54 Cartoonist Browne
  - 55 Kvetches
  - 56 Queue
  - 57 Chances, for short
  - 58 Jog

- DOWN**
- 1 Frigid
  - 2 Reed instrument
  - 3 Record
  - 4 Have at
  - 5 Platyhelminth
  - 6 Used a shovel
  - 7 Acknowledge
  - 8 Shaved a board
  - 9 Debate closer
  - 10 Previously
  - 11 Duo
  - 19 "Forget it!"
  - 21 Hostel
  - 24 Next-to-last letter
  - 25 Still, in verse
  - 26 Role for Julie, Eartha, Lee, Michelle, Halle or Anne
  - 28 Rapa — (Easter Island)
  - 29 Museum pieces
  - 30 Visibility hindrance
  - 31 "30 Rock" star
  - 36 White weasel
  - 37 Catcher's place?
  - 38 Range
  - 41 Symbol for gold
  - 42 "American —"
  - 43 Big rig
  - 44 Start over
  - 46 Storyteller
  - 47 Therefore
  - 48 Criterion
  - 51 Tear

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## FWP says time to prepare for bears

Montana's hibernating grizzly bears will soon be stirring.

Adult males usually emerge first from winter dens in mid-March. When bears emerge from their dens, they are physically depleted and food is a priority. They focus on finding and eating carrion, like winter-killed elk and deer, for a quick boost of energy.

Grizzlies are often tempted to go where black bear, raccoons and domestic dogs are getting into garbage. If these species are already causing problems near-

by, consider it an early warning that food attractants are available and need to be removed.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' bear experts stress that conflict prevention steps can greatly reduce the chances of attracting a grizzly bear.

FWP recommends bear resistant bins in communities and on ranches; electric fence systems to protect bee yards and sheep bedding grounds; random redistribution of livestock carcasses each spring; and educational pro-

grams in schools and communities.

FWP's "Be Bear Aware" website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) is an easy way for homeowners and landowners to assess what they need to do now to prevent bear conflicts. Go there for tips and tools on obtaining and using bear spray, safe camping and hiking, access to bear resistant produce and a guide to the many food-related and other items that attract bears to a property.

## Virginia City celebrates 150 years

Rebecca Ramsey

VIRGINIA CITY AREA CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

The summer of 2013 is filled with fun events celebrating the sesquicentennial of finding gold in Alder Gulch and the cultural heritage of Virginia City, Mont. Festivities begin Memorial Day weekend, with events planned every weekend through Labor Day and activities every day in between, there are opportunities for fun and learning throughout the season.

On May 26, 1863, around four in the afternoon, a trail-weary party of six men decided to make camp beside a mountain stream whose course they had been following since early morning. After having left the gold camp of Bannack in early February, they had a series of difficult adventures and were grateful to be nearing home. Four of the party went to prospect up the creek before dinner, and two stayed behind to picket the horses and do camp duty and ended up prospecting a piece of exposed bedrock. What they found would prove to be one of the richest

gold deposits in North America and would be one of the greatest events in the history of Montana.

Virginia City became a town in short order and soon became one of the most prominent cities in the Rocky Mountains, becoming the site of many "firsts" in Montana's colorful history; among which were: the first territorial capital, the first newspaper, the first meeting of the Montana Historical Society, the first public school, Montana's first Masonic Lodge and is also recognized as the original site for the Vigilantes of Montana.

The history of Virginia City and the area is long and rich, and features many cultures and characters. The Virginia City Area Chamber of Commerce website gives a detailed account of the evolution of the area, which is still living, thriving and will be celebrated throughout the summer of 2013.

The complete calendar of events is available under the events tab on the Virginia City Area Chamber of Commerce website at [www.virginiacity.com](http://www.virginiacity.com). Highlights include a non-motorized vehicle parade on Saturday,

May 25; discovery of gold historical performance and events on Sunday, May 26; Brothel Days on Saturday, June 29; the National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association National Conference July 10-14; Virginia City Treaty Days and Daylight Creek Gathering to honor the Lemhi Shoshone and native heritage of the area July 19-21; and Grand Victorian Balls June 21-23 and August 16-18.

The Virginia City Area Chamber of Commerce has led a partnership to plan and support the events of the summer including a team of volunteers and financial supporters and numerous agencies and organizations including the Montana Heritage Commission, Virginia City Preservation Alliance, Elling House Arts and Humanities Center, the Town of Virginia City, Madison County, Montana History Foundation, Humanities Montana and many more.

For more information visit the website at [www.virginiacity.com](http://www.virginiacity.com), email [info@virginiacity.com](mailto:info@virginiacity.com), call the Chamber at 800-829-2969 or Rebecca at 406-539-5683.



### Notice of 13th Annual Meeting of Stockholders Of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

To: Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

You are hereby notified that the 13th Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc., P.O. Box 129, Belgrade, Montana 59714, will be held on April 10, 2013; At the Broadwater County Fairgrounds 4H Building, Townsend, Montana. At 6:00 P.M. for dinner and 7:00 P.M. for transaction of any business that may properly come before the meeting.

You are hereby notified that at said meeting, the following will be presented to the membership:

- 1) Election of 2 members of the Board of Directors. (One from Beaverhead-Madison area, one from the Gallatin Valley area. Jim Sitz and Mark Reyher are up for re-election. *Anyone interested in becoming a board member, please contact one of the Board of Directors.*)
- 2) Audited Financials
- 3) Managers Report
- 4) Board of Director's Report
- 5) Guest Speaker
- 6) Door Prizes

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Please RSVP by

**April 5, 2013**

Please contact your local Rocky Mountain Supply to RSVP or call Belgrade (406) 388-4088

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*By the order of the Board of Directors*  
*John Jackson, Secretary*

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We apologize for any inconvenience these outages may cause. For any questions or concerns, please call our Customer Contact Center at (888) 467-2669.

To learn more about the DSIP project and its goal of proactively improving the reliability and safety of the electrical and natural gas distribution system, visit the *Utility Projects* section of [www.northwesternenergy.com](http://www.northwesternenergy.com).

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# SCIENCE SCHOLARS!



## Ennis students excel at regional science fair

Ennis Schools

Ennis Schools had a remarkable showing at the regional science fair held at Montana Tech in Butte. Students in fifth, sixth, eighth and tenth grades earned a trip to the regional science fair by qualifying in the top three places with a medal at the local science fair held on Jan. 29.

On March 7, the qualifying fifth through eighth-grade students competed at the Division II Regional Science Fair in Butte. Emmett Lingle, Jourdain Klein and Colter Korsmoe all earned medals and a trip to the State Science Fair held on March 18-19. Daniel Johnson also received a medal at the Regional Science Fair but fifth graders cannot move on and compete at the state level.

Maida Knapton won the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Best Natural Resource Project Award and the Dr. Gordon Haaland Memorial Award for best fifth grade scientific method project. Daniel Johnson won the George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited Award for the best water quality-related project. Jourdain Klein won the Clark Fork Watershed Educational

Project Award for best sixth through eighth-grade project related to watershed science.

Here is a complete listing of the fifth through eighth-grade place-winners:

5th Grade:  
Biological: Paige Dickinson – Red Ribbon – Second Place

Maida Knapton – Red Ribbon – Second Place

Earth: Ty Halderson – White Ribbon – Third Place

Behavioral: McCall Goodman – Red Ribbon – Second Place

Physical: Daniel Johnson – Blue Ribbon – First Place, Silver Medal

Kurt Funston – White Ribbon – Third Place

Edgar Garcia – White Ribbon – Third Place

6th Grade:

Earth: Jourdain Klein – Blue Ribbon – First Place, Silver Medal

Biological: Logan Crowley – Red Ribbon – First Place

Amanda Russell – Red Ribbon – First Place

Emmylou Grekul – White Ribbon – First Place

Physical: Emmett Lin-

gle – Blue Ribbon – First Place, Bronze Medal

Behavioral: Colter Korsmoe – Blue Ribbon – First Place, Silver Medal

8th Grade:

Biological: Bryson Glines – White Ribbon – Third Place

Physical: Brigit Croy & Baylee Sciuchetti – Red Ribbon – Second Ribbon

Beth Ball & Amanda Kimmey – Red Ribbon – Second Place

On March 14, the qualifying high school students competed at the regional science fair in Butte. The team of Tyler Elliott and Troy Fortner and Muhammad Nizamani, competing individually, earned medals and a trip to the State Science Fair. Muhammad placed second for the overall fair and earned a trip to the International Science Fair held in Phoenix, Ariz., in May.

Troy Fortner and Tyler Elliott won the Montana Tech Institutional Research Award. Muhammad Nizamani won the Rioch Sustainable Development Award, the Montana Tech Chapter of Sigma Xi Award, the Montana Water Environment Association for Stockholm Junior

Water Prize and was the highest scoring tenth grade project. The Ennis High School competitors also brought home the first-place trophy for small schools.

Here is a complete listing of place-winners:

10th Grade:

Physics: Troy Fortner & Tyler Elliott – Blue Ribbon – First Place & Silver Medal

Dallas Babcock – White Ribbon – Third Place

Plant Science: Muhammad Nizamani – Blue Ribbon – First Place & Gold Medal

Taylor Sitz – Red Ribbon – Second Place

Wylie Leo & Jake Lohrenz – Red Ribbon – Second Place

Engineering: Austin Newman – Red Ribbon – Second Place

Energy:

Haakon Fredrickson – White Ribbon – Third Place

Animal Science:

Brooke Griffis – White Ribbon – Third Place

Microbiology:

Jasmine Streight & Madi France – White Ribbon – Third Place

# Madison and Ruby Valley Conservation Districts seeks nominations for awards

Kate Schwend  
MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

cleaner water, healthy soils or improved wildlife habitat.

Any resident of the Madison Conservation District or the Ruby Valley Conservation District with outstanding stewardship practices, activities, or projects can be nominated for an award. Winners of the awards will receive two tickets to the banquet, recognition of their efforts at the banquet and a framed photo with a plaque. In addition, a framed photo of them will be hung in the respective conservation district offices.

The Madison and Ruby Valley Conservation Districts are once again looking for nominations for their annual Stewardship Awards. These awards, presented each year at the Conservation Districts' banquets, honor local people that have made a strong commitment to conservation and stewardship of natural resources in our area. An award will be given to an outstanding steward from each district.

The awards seek to recognize the important role private landowners and residents play in the conservation of natural resources and to capture the stories of successful conservation projects and efforts. Good candidates for the awards should demonstrate stewardship efforts that provide lasting benefits to the landscape including educational efforts involving streams, riparian areas, forests, rangeland or any other natural resources. The districts are looking for nominations whose stewardship efforts also provide community benefits such as education, open space,

To nominate someone outstanding in the Madison Valley, download the nomination form from [www.madisoncd.net](http://www.madisoncd.net), and send nominations for residents of the Madison Conservation District to ATTN: Sunni Heikes-Knapton, PO Box 606, Ennis, MT 59729 or [mwc@3rivers.net](mailto:mwc@3rivers.net).

In the Ruby Valley, send nominations for residents of the Ruby Valley Conservation District to ATTN: Rebecca Ramsey, PO Box 295, Sheridan, MT 59749 or [rubywatershed@gmail.com](mailto:rubywatershed@gmail.com).

Nominations are due by April 5, and the awards will be given at the banquet on April 27 at the Elks Club in Virginia City

# Students of the Month named for Sheridan Schools

SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

Sheridan Schools is very pleased to announce the February's Students of the Month. Faculty and staff members choose students based on the following criteria: citizenship, leadership and academic attitude. The recipients of this award expectantly look forward to the free meal so generously awarded them by Jennie Short, proprietor of The Prospector.

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- Second grade- Glynn Strauser
- Third grade- Becky Derby
- Fourth grade- Jenna Driscoll
- Fifth grade- Tanner Allhands
- Sixth grade- Isaac Bendon
- Seventh grade- Zane Bowey
- Eighth grade- Cassidy Hokanson
- Ninth grade- McKenzie Shields
- Tenth grade- Michael Hilliker
- Eleventh grade- Kolin Anderson
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# Ennis wrestling team wins state

ENNIS SCHOOLS

The Ennis Little Guy wrestling team won the small-team state championship trophy at the State Little Guy tournament March 16 in Helena.

Ten little wrestlers included Pee-Wees (6 and under): Nolan Brown (38), Bridger Clark (38), Brummie Boggus (40), Ben Inman (40), Bodhi Hutchins (46), Ethan Norby (55), and Zach Foss (65). Novice (10 and under): Jarrett Jenkins (60) and Lauren Yerbich (66). Middle (12 and under):

Dylan Yerbich (115).

The team scored 53 points to beat out Gallatin Gateway for the trophy. In order to secure the victory, six wrestlers were crowned state champions: Nolan Brown, Brummie Boggus, Zach Foss, Jarrett Jenkins, Lauren Yerbich and Dylan Yerbich. Two placed second, Ben Inman and Bodhi Hutchins, and Bridger Clark secured the victory placing fourth. This was a culmination to a great season filled with many personal bests as well as many prizes and ribbons for all of the wrestlers.

The little guy season started Feb. 11 with the first practice and 22 excited Little Wrestlers including PeeWees: Travis Halderson, Bridger Clark, and Nolan Brown (38), Brummie Boggus and Ben Inman (40), Caden Lovett (44), Bodhi Hutchins (46), Jaden Hutchins (48), Ethan Norby and Drew Anderson (55), Zach Foss (65). Beginners: Andrew Badura (50), Vance Wingard (53), Paul Christensen, Caden Anderson, Cameron Langley and Andrew Ball (59) Chaz Veland (65). Novice: Jarrett Jenkins (60)

Lauren Yerbich (66), and Cody Bohrman (80). Middle: Dylan Yerbich (115).


Coaches Travis Lohrenz, Nick Connell, Shawn Christensen, Todd Foss, Jesse Yerbich, Brian Lovett and Dan Jenkins, were extremely proud of all of the wrestlers. Everyone worked extremely hard this season, and even if they didn't compete in the state tournament, they all helped to bring the state trophy home. Thanks to all of the parents and wrestlers for an exciting and fun-filled season.

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Submitted by Bill Mercer  
Will Gilmore (seventh grade) and Rayvin Boyd (sixth grade) were the winners of the Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Ennis Lions Club. Their posters were then sent on to the District 37-S level for judging against other entries from the entire district. The number of clubs in District 37-S is 57 clubs and extends from the Helena area to the east side of Montana. Rayvin won first place and Will won second place at district. Congratulations Rayvin and Will for competing and excelling!

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## RUBY VALLEY MUSIC



The Tpsy Chicks get the audience going with some tunes from the sixties.



Cakes auctioned off during the intermission of the concert help raise money for music-related field trips.



Emcee Ross Massar leads the cake auction as crowd members shout out bids.

Photos by Alyse Backus

## Old-timers concert features familiar and new acts

Alyse Backus  
THE MADISONIAN  
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People of all ages packed the Sheridan High School gym for the 40th Annual Old-Timers Concert.

The lights dimmed and outstepped a different kind of old-timer. Thirteen-year-old Savannah Stewart raised her fiddle and played some good old-fashioned fiddle music.

"We are showcasing what I would like to call the future of old-timers," said Carla Wisler, Sheridan's music teacher. "Savannah is keeping the craft alive."

As soon as Stewart got the crowd clapping in rhythm with "Red Apple Rag," the Gilbert family joined her on stage to add to the multi-generational theme. Little Ernie Gilbert III played his banjo, and the boy had some trickery up his sleeve. Just at the climax of "Red Wing," the young Gilbert strummed his instrument behind his head, much to the crowd's amusement.

As Wisler's first year in charge of the Old-Timer's Concert, the music teacher wanted to put a few twists into the concert.

"I wanted to set the tone right away that old-time

music isn't boring," said Wisler. "This is a way to get together and make music. I am really excited for this opportunity, but at the same time I have remained humble and gracious of the traditions of the concert."

This year's concert had a change of name. Instead of the Sheridan Old-Timers Concert, the concert was expanded to include acts from Twin Bridges, Sheridan, Virginia City and Dillon.

Nine acts followed Stewart and the Gilbert family's performance, and emcee Ross Massar entertained the crowd with family-friendly jokes while the different

performances set themselves up. Acts included a few gospel numbers, a Johnny Cash cover, as well as some classic country and even some throwbacks to the sixties.

The Tpsy Chicks opened up the show after the intermission with John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane." The four women swayed to the music decked out from head-to-toe in fringed suede, worn blue jeans and flowers adorning their hair.

Dawne Smith, Linda Day, Erin Rossiter and Kathleen Wuelfing brought the sixties to life. After wrapping up their John Denver number,

things got a little groovier for the quartet. The four women rocked Three Dog Night's "Joy to the World." Feeding off the Tpsy Chick's energetic performance, the audience clapped along and joined in the chorus.

"We always dress up in costume for our performances," said Smith. "Our motto is we have fun."

About halfway through the acts, the concert took a break for a cake auction benefitting the Sheridan High School music program. Eager customers shouted out bids on everything from old-fashioned apple pies to cheesecakes

to decadent chocolate cakes topped with strawberries. Music students paraded the desserts around the audience while auctioneer Massar beckoned for the highest bids.

Money raised by the cake auction and donations totaled more than \$2,700. The funds collected go to fund field trips for students.

"To take our kids anywhere is very expensive," said Wisler. "The money we raised alleviates some of those costs and then it really opens doors for our kids. I was told we might raise \$1,200 and we doubled that. I am just gushing with gratitude."

## Cottontail Observatory hosts star party and weekly kids' astronomy groups

By Faith Moldan  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Joe Witherspoon's love of stars and planets began at a young age. Now he and his wife Gwen help educate others on the celestial bodies from their homemade observatory nestled between Sheridan and Twin Bridges.

"I was in fourth grade when I got interested in astronomy," Witherspoon said. He added that it has come in handy, as he used his knowledge of the night sky during navigation training in the Army.

The Witherspoons, who built the observatory in 2010, hold star parties throughout the year to allow better viewing of astronomical events such as comets like the most recent one PanSTARRS. The small group gathered at the observatory on Friday, March 15, was unable to see the comet due to overcast skies, but it did view the Earth's moon, Jupiter and three of its moons and the star Sirius.

Two telescopes are secured deep below the observatory's viewing area — one to look at the stars and planets and one

solar. These two can be hooked up to computers, which makes stargazing possible from inside. The Witherspoons also have two smaller telescopes that can be set up anywhere.

In addition to the star parties, the Witherspoons also have a kids' astronomy group that meets weekly.

"We start by having the kids simply look up at the sky with the naked eye and go from there," Witherspoon said. "We don't assume they know anything about astronomy."

According to the

Witherspoons, PanSTARRS has been visible in the southern hemisphere since June and just recently crossed the equator at the beginning of March. It should be visible, with clearer skies, for the remainder of the month. As a long-term comet, PanSTARRS' orbit will not bring it back for another 200 years or more.

For more information about the observatory, star parties or kids' group, call 842-7722 because as Witherspoon says, "Have telescope, will travel."



## The Madisonian welcomes news manager

Susanne Hill  
THE MADISONIAN  
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The Madisonian is proud to announce and welcome Alyse Backus as News Manager. Alyse will have a wide range of responsibilities including the management of content and news coverage. She will serve as lead reporter while working closely with The Madisonian's editorial board regarding editorial policy, projects, company vision and the continual improvement of The Madisonian.

Born and raised in Dillon, Mont., Alyse is a fifth-generation Montanan. Her grandfather's family was one of the first to settle in Beaverhead County. Coincidentally, Alyse's grandmother and her family

likely read quite a few editions of The Madisonian as they lived in Sheridan before moving to Dillon.

While completing her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Montana, Alyse contributed to numerous print and online news publications including the Missoulian. Following graduation, she enjoyed several challenging roles at such organizations as University Relations at the University of Montana and the sports information department at the UM Athletic Department. Her byline also frequented the "Montanan," a UM alumni magazine with a circulation of over 90,000.

Journalism runs through Alyse's veins. Her father, Perry Backus, has enjoyed a career in

journalism. Much of his career was spent working for The Montana Standard, covering the news of Beaverhead and Madison Counties. Alyse watched as he connected with his readers. Eager to do the same, she set out to pursue her own career in journalism and The Madisonian is thrilled to welcome her to the team and Madison County.

"I am very excited to join The Madisonian. The paper is very reputable when it comes to small town coverage and I would like to continue that legacy," Alyse said. "I enjoy giving news a human face that is relatable. Growing up in a small town, I realize how important news is to the people who live in those rural areas of Montana. News really hits home and isn't simply facts strewn on a piece of paper.

Montanans have a very personal connection with their news and I am excited to be the one who provides that important resource for people."

In addition to news, Alyse enjoys the outdoors, specifically hiking and fishing. Although she is used to spending much of her time indoors clicking away at her keyboard, she is eager to explore the Madison Valley and all of its nooks and crannies.

"I am thrilled for the change of scenery. I always told my family I would never end up back in a small town, but there is something about Montana that pulls a person back in. Now, I couldn't be happier to be back in a small town with friendly faces and in a place that everyone waves to each other on the roads."



## Just one pre-prom tan can be dangerous

### A Young Melanoma Survivor's Regrets

From The Skin Cancer Foundation

Teenagers tempted to head to the tanning salon before prom should think twice: just one indoor tanning session per year in high school or college boosts the risk of developing potentially deadly melanoma by 20 percent, and each additional session during the same year raises this risk almost another two percent. The risk of basal cell carcinoma (BCC), a common non-melanoma skin cancer, increases by 25 percent after only one to two indoor-tanning sessions. The risk soars to 73 percent after six or more sessions.

"A tan, whether you get it on the beach or in a tanning bed, damages your skin," says Dr. Perry Robins, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Despite what you may hear at the tanning salon, a tan doesn't come without consequences: the cumulative damage caused by ultraviolet (UV) radiation can lead to skin cancer, as well as wrinkles, brown spots, and other signs of premature skin aging."

Chelsea Price was just 23 years old when she was diagnosed with Stage III melanoma. The Virginia native tanned indoors as a teenager before vacations and special events, including prom. Since her diagnosis, Price's treatment has included several invasive surgeries, which have left her

with multiple scars on her neck and back. Although she is currently cancer-free, Price diligently continues to have skin checks, CT scans and treatments every three months.

"My battle has been ongoing, and it has not been easy. It has included repeated trips to the hospital, multiple surgeries and visible scars," said Price, now 25. "If I could do things over again I would have avoided tanning beds at all costs. My scars are a constant reminder of this painful journey, and I can't shake the feeling that I wouldn't have them if I had accepted my natural skin tone and protected my skin the way I do now."

The Skin Cancer Foundation has always recommended that women embrace their natural skin tone. However, those who can't resist the bronzed look but won't sacrifice their health to achieve it should consider sunless UV-free tanners. Sunless tanners effectively produce an even "tanned" look without causing skin damage. The days of unsightly orange streaks are over; new self-tanners are easier than ever to apply and more capable of providing natural-looking color. They are available in many different formulations, including creams, lotions, gels, pump sprays, aerosols and wipes. For best results, consider these tips:

Prep your skin. Exfoliate

skin with a scrub or loofah and follow up with a moisturizer to ensure even application.

Follow the package directions closely. For example, wait at least 12 hours after shaving to apply (to avoid dark spots in hair follicles) and don't use on skin with active eczema.

Be patient. Self-tanners can take 30-60 minutes to produce visible color on the skin, and this color typically lasts about five days.

Repeat as necessary. Generally, the product should be reapplied daily for two to three days, until the desired shade is achieved. Then, reapply about three times a week to maintain the shade.

Go to a pro. Professional spray tans are an option for those who want to safely achieve a bronzed look in a hurry. Many salons provide automated application of high concentration, no-rub, aerosolized non-UV tanning products, while others provide a customized airbrush tan. When receiving a professional spray tan, wear protective gear for the mouth, eyes and nose to prevent ingestion or inhalation.

Don't rely on sunless tanners for sun protection. Even if your self-tanner contains sunscreen, reapply a separate broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every two hours when outdoors.

Note that sunscreen is not the only form of sun protection. The Skin Cancer Foundation has always recommended that everyone follow a complete sun protection regimen that includes seeking shade, covering up with clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses, in addition to daily sunscreen use.

For those ready to give up their tans, The Skin Cancer Foundation advocates embracing one's natural skin tone, like many celebrities do. The Foundation's Go With Your Own Glow™ campaign features print public service advertisements, developed to encourage women to love — and protect — their skin, whatever its natural hue. Go With Your Own Glow™ relies not just on health and safety information but also on fashion and beauty trends to convey the message that tanning is unhealthy and simply no longer in style. More information is available at SkinCancer.org/glow.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, early detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. For more information, visit SkinCancer.org.

## Madison Valley Medical Center diabetes program becomes AADE-accredited

From Madison Valley Medical Center

The Madison Valley Medical Center Diabetes Education Program in Ennis was recently named an accredited diabetes education program by the American Association of Diabetes Educators. This will allow the residents in and around Madison Valley increased access to critical diabetes education services.

Diabetes education is a collaborative process through which people with diabetes

or at risk for diabetes gain the knowledge and the skills needed to modify behavior and successfully self manage the disease and the related conditions.

Elisabeth Mann, RN CDE CPT, will provide the education. She has been a diabetes educator for 20 years. She established her first Diabetes Clinic in McMinnville, Ore., where she worked for 10 years.

Mann has experience in patient counseling, meal planning, blood glucose monitoring, prevention of

complications, injection technique, medication counseling and insulin pump therapies.

Patient education has shown to improve the outcomes of those people afflicted by diabetes. Many problems such as heart attacks, strokes, amputations and kidney disease can be avoided or postponed with increased patient knowledge and adherence to the therapy.

Mann can be contacted by self-referral or by referral of a medical provider.

Her phone number is (406)

599-9977.

"Trends show that diabetes education is moving out of the hospital and into the community, so the AADE's accreditation program was created in part, to encourage diabetes education where the patient is seeking care" said Leslie E. Kolb, RN, BSN, MBA, Program Director, Diabetes Education Accreditation Program. "The Madison Valley Medical Center Diabetes Education Program is exactly the type of program we envisioned when we set up our accreditation program in 2009."

## Conquer health goals in four steps

From NewsUSA

Setting healthy goals is a great way to promote your own well being by lowering your risk of conditions like heart disease, stroke, diabetes, obesity and more. But that's sometimes easier said than done.

After all, have you ever caught yourself saying, "I'm going to get in shape this year by exercising more and eating healthier"? As it turns out, the Huffington Post reports that about 100 million Americans make resolutions every year, but only 45 percent follow through with them.

Setting health goals isn't simply about buying into a new health fad. You have to take the proper steps to ensure that you follow through. Here are some steps to help make your objectives doable:

Step one: Make several small goals rather than one lofty goal.

Big goals can motivate some, but they're also overwhelming. If a certain goal seems unattainable, find ways to scale it down to make it more manageable. Try setting monthly goals that work toward the big picture -- whether for weight loss, an ideal size, exercise routines or healthier home cooking.

Step two: Buddy up.

Setting goals with a friend makes it easier to stick to them. If you're both relying on each other, you'll be less likely to back out or quit altogether. Partner up with a friend or family member with the same goals as you then work together to make them happen.

Step three: Give yourself a

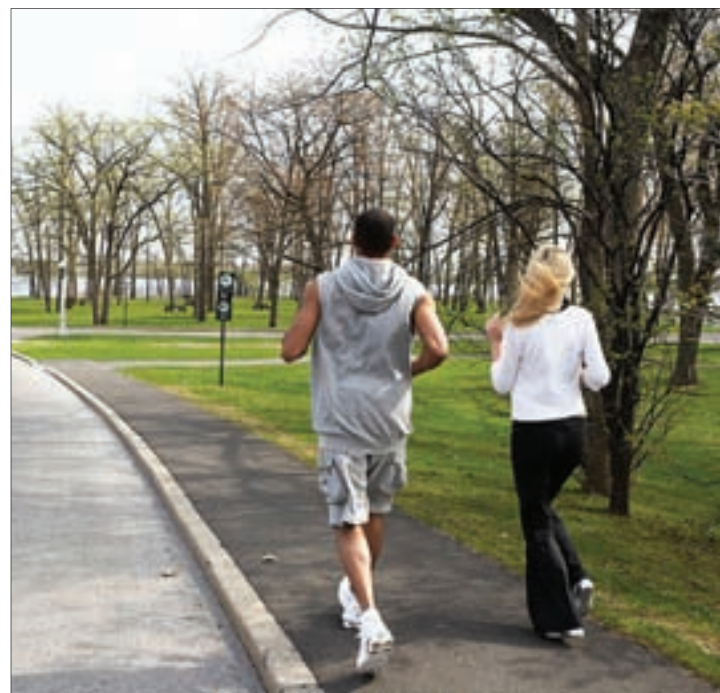
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To make your goal more fail-proof, don't set it up to be too difficult to achieve. Be realistic. If your goal is to eat healthier, don't make every food you enjoy off limits. Everything is better in moderation.

Step four: Establish a support system.

Failure is more likely if the people around you are pressuring you and tempting you to fail. Make sure your friends and family are on board with your goals and lifestyle changes to ensure they won't try to steer you down the wrong path.

New goals are a great way to gain lifelong health and lower your risk of disease. Healthy choices can be made any day, any time, so if you find yourself falling short, start again.



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# COLUMNS

## Sustainably Sadie

Sarah Miller,  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

### Redneckified Prius Tales

Two gents from Southwest Montana take a Prius on road trip. No, it's not the beginning of a fabulous joke. It's a true story and the only joke here may be counter-culture yarn spun at the gas pump with two carpenters chuckling as they kick tires with steel-toed boots. There is a breed of man out there who prefer small, economical clown cars to putt-putt around in, and

though comical it may be to see a couple of outdoorsmen flying down the interstate in a hybrid, they are saving money and the environment.

They're breaking the stereotype and having fun as every minute they check on the status of their miles per gallon. The gauges in the car tell them that they are getting between 29 and 99 mpg. It's a constant conversation as they make their way to Missouri and eventually Bass Pro Shop in Independence. They eat gas station hot dogs for breakfast, dinner at Hooters (it was the only restaurant without an hour wait on St. Patrick's Day). They make fun of each other's taste in music.

Camouflage seat covers and the appropriate hunting and fishing bumper stickers make this green Prius unique. Ever since planning this trip, remarking at the amazing gas mileage of the hybrid car has become my husband's favorite conversation topic. While I think it is important for us to have a vehicle with 4-wheel drive for getting up into the mountains, there may be a hybrid car in our future. The freedom to do more traveling because it will be more affordable is pretty tempting for getting our family out into the world. Taking this trip with his buddy has been a great experience for my husband. A much-deserved man-cation/

research venture has helped to recharge batteries and provide distraction from the work-a-day business life. It was a change from the daily drive in the work truck, averaging 12 mpg. They averaged 48 mpg on a 3,200-mile round trip. This isn't the end of "Redneckified Prius Tales" I'm sure. The Prius and other hybrid models aren't just for city folk...there are good reasons to look into a more fuel-efficient vehicle as we roam our wide-open prairies and meander through the Big Sky river valleys.

### 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, 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 Friday March 22 at The Old Hotel, 8:30 am. Contact TBCA chair Paula Kinoshita, 684-5959.

### From TBS Calendar:

Thursday, March 21: Tentative Ski Day  
Friday, March 22: Junior High Band Festival in Phillipsburg  
Saturday, March 23: Ruby Valley Prom in Sheridan, 8 pm to midnight, Grand March at 8:30 p.m.; Madison Country March Madness Basketball Tourney at both TB gyms

March 28- April 1: No School, Easter Vacation

*I am here to promote activities and events in the Ruby Valley. Please contact me at sustainablsadie@hotmail.com, call me at 684-5222 or snail mail: P.O. Box 491, 59754.*

## This, OUR VALLEY:

### Remembrances old and new in the Valley

*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18*

#### Memory; what a gift!

An NBA player was going up for a shot a few years back and was flagrantly fouled by the player guarding him. He was knocked unconscious on his ascent, yet he released the ball and ... swish, hit

nothing but net!

The player did not remember making the shot, but it was a shot he had made so many times before in both practice and games that he credited the score with "muscle memory." Even when his brain was driven out of commission, his body took over and did what it was trained and designed to do. Memory-- what a gift!

A woman suffered a stroke a few years back. It left her unable

to speak, but one day I made a pastoral visit and as I began the Lord's Prayer, she began to say it with me. Although her ability to engage in normal conversation had been taken away by the stroke, she was able to recite the prayer she had prayed daily for more than eight decades of her life. Memory; what a gift!

I remembered those two incidents as I read the command from the prophet Isaiah, "Do NOT remember the former things ..." (emphasis mine).

"Not" remembering has never been a problem for me. When I go to the store to get an ingredient needed

for dinner, I write it down lest I forget. I put the note in the same top-left shirt pocket I've used for some thirty-three years of marriage so I will always know where to find it.

I have begged many store owners to arrange their shelves alphabetically so I can find things more easily, but all to no avail. I have to read the little sign-boards over each aisle to know where I am and where I am headed. As I read the signs, I often forget what I am looking for as I scan the many products on display, but ... now, where was I?

Oh, yes: Not remembering. That seems like an odd command,

doesn't it? Aren't we told to remember what God has done? Remember who created you; remember who brought you out of slavery; remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; remember Me when you eat the bread and drink the wine. So it seems strange for Isaiah to bark out a new order: Do NOT remember the old times.

But maybe it isn't so strange. The past can be quite captivating. People often long for a golden age that is far richer in their imagination than it ever was in reality.

Perhaps our tendency to venerate the past - to engage in idolatry - is the reason we are commanded to let go of "what was" and embrace the present.

We do not regret the past or wish to shut the door on it. Instead, we look forward to what God has in store for us now, and for what we will find as the future unfolds before us.

God does not appear to be nearly as anxious about the future

as we are. You may say, "Well, of course not; He is God and we are not."

That's true, and yet we were created in the image of God. If God looks to the future as a child with wide-eyed wonderment, peace, and joy, why don't we?

When Mom wanted her children to eat their vegetables, she reminded us: After the meal, there's dessert!

I think that's the point Isaiah is making. If you think the past was great (certainly, better than vegetables), wait until you see what God's got coming out of the kitchen now - dessert, the likes of which you have never seen!

I have no doubt that whatever God has got cooked up for us - if nothing else, it will be unforgettable. What a tasty gift - a gift to remember in this, our valley!

*Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at kfaxberg@gmail.com.*



Rev. Keith Axberg

## CommodityInsite.com

By Jerry Welch FOR THE MADISONIAN

### A Squeeze Coming?

It is generally accepted that the greatest short squeeze in history for a stock took place in October 2008 with shares of Volkswagen. In 24 hours, the stock soared 500 percent, moving from €200 to €1000. The short squeeze occurred as Porsche announced it had increased its stake in the company to 74 percent, and Germany's Lower Saxony holds about 20 percent of the stocks, which reduced the public shares to about six percent.

Wikipedia defines a short squeeze as, "a rapid increase in the price of a stock that occurs when there is a lack of supply and an excess of demand for the stock." Keep those seven key

words in mind.: "Lack of supply and an excess of demand."

Wikipedia goes on to state, "Short squeezes result when short sellers cover their positions on a stock. This can occur if the price has risen to a point where short sellers must make margin calls, or more loosely if short sellers simply decide to cut their losses and get out. This may happen in an automated manner for example if the short sellers had previously placed stop-loss orders with their brokers to prepare for this possibility. Since covering their positions involves buying shares, the short squeeze causes an ever further rise in the stock's price, which in turn may trigger

additional margin calls and short covering."

A short squeeze can also occur with a commodity as with crude oil in

September 2008. On the final day of trading for the October contract, some traders were caught on the wrong side with precious little time to get out. According to About.com, "the traders who had long smelled blood and went in for the kill. As crude oil moved higher throughout the day, the short squeeze really hit around 1:30 p.m., as the price moved from \$113 to \$130 a barrel in about 30 minutes. The market was moving at speed of nearly \$566 a second.

More recently, come these comments from edgetraderplus.com written on

Jan. 27. Their comments are based on chart considerations only.

"While most eyes remain fixed on gold and silver and the stock market to a lesser extent

and the Fed having driven the little investor away, we take a fresh look at the corn market. It has been some time since we last visited grains, and corn deserves some attention. What do traders in S&P, natural gas, t-notes, and corn have in common? To them, nothing. Being chart-driven, for us, all charts are the same. An opportunity is what we look for, and it matters not from which sector that opportunity arises. We are equal-seeking opportunists."

Edgetraderplus.com goes on: "We reference this as a short-squeeze clinic because if it can happen in corn, it can happen in any market and does! This analysis also conveys why the best source for information comes from the market itself. This corn chart is bullish. One has to like the potential for corn from the long side. So says the market. We are mere messengers."

I always mention the oat market as a leading indicator

market. The saw "as oats go, so go other grains" is proven accurate. Within the past six trading sessions, March oat futures rose nearly 10 percent, going off the board at \$4.28 for half a bushel, the second highest close in history, a level not seen since March 2008. Are oat prices hinting that something is afoot in the grain complex?

Old crop U.S. corn supplies are tight but demand sloppy with year-to-year exports falling more than 53 percent. Still when stocks are tight, it does not take much in the way of demand to boost prices. Which may have been the reason that old crop March oat prices jumped nearly 10 percent the past few days. Or the reason March K.C. wheat soared upward by \$1.13 a bushel, at one point, on the day of expiration this week.

My work centers on supply-demand trends, not charts. My work has also been hinting the corn market may be squeezed. However, for some time now, I

have been touting a commodity with far better odds and greater upside potential for prices than corn, oats or K.C. wheat. It will be interesting to see all the fundamentals fall into place that will generate a legitimate squeeze with that commodity market.

My newspaper column comes out once a week. But a high profile website,

Inside Futures, now publishes my twice-a-day writings daily. As a reliable source of market information, I highly recommend that site for up-to-date news. They offer a host of excellent market analysts to draw from.

I am focusing on a market that may be squeezed in the period ahead. It all comes down to, as Expedia explains, whether or not there is "a lack of supply and an excess of demand." Based on that straightforward definition, it sure looks to me like a squeeze is coming.

## MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRELINE

By Steve Orr | MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Less Than One Week Remaining 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 less than one week left to vote on two Fire District issues. Voters will vote yes or no to a \$985,000, 10-Year Bond and will vote yes or no to a six-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.

The Madison Valley Rural Fire Department responded to two calls for service last week.

On March 12 at 11:50 a.m. the MVRFD received report of a possible smoke or carbon monoxide problem at a residence in the 200 block of East Fagin in Ennis. The resident reported that the alarm in their residence was activating for no obvious reason. They were unsure if the alarm was due to smoke or carbon monoxide. The MVRFD responded a Command with one firefighter who checked the residence with a four-gas monitor. No dangerous levels of smoke or carbon monoxide were detected. It was determined that the alarm activation was due to the curing process of a new stovepipe that had recently been installed.

The MVRFD was dispatched to a woodpile fire near the residence on Max's Lane at 8:01 p.m. on March

16. The MVRFD responded a Command, two Engines, a Rescue, and a Tender with 12 firefighters and one additional firefighter arrived in a private vehicle. MVRFD personnel established Incident Command and dismantled the woodpile to gain access to and extinguish the fire. Due to a quick and robust response, suppression of the fire and overhaul was accomplished in a little more than one hour.

If you have any questions about the up coming ballot issues, Madison Valley Rural Fire Chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Remember, you can get up-to-date emergency information at the Madison County Montana Emergency Information web site, at 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

### WHAT DO HOME BUYERS REALLY WANT?

Bill Mercer  
CLEARWATER MONTANA  
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TROPHY PROPERTIES

We are still in a buyer's market here in Ennis, and while price is always a driving factor, there are many other things that buyers are looking for.

These days, many Americans are considering smaller homes. The most online searches are for homes in the area of 1,400-2,600 square feet.

Some of the other amenities that potential buyers are looking for are master bedroom suites with walk-in closets and separate shower and tub combinations, energy-efficient windows,

appliances and natural lighting. A large linen closet located near the bedrooms and a central living area with at least nine-foot high ceilings that includes the kitchen, dining room and a living room or great room are also priorities.

Potential buyers tend to look for split-zone heating with programmable thermostats so that rooms that are unused can be closed off to save energy and energy-efficient insulation throughout with extra insulation in the attic. High-end upgrades such as granite countertops and wood or tile flooring are also desirable.

Lots of storage space

is key. People have a lot of stuff. That's why the storage business is booming.

These are some tips to keep in mind if you will be building or renovating your home. At minimum, you will want three bedrooms two baths. Even single buyers often want a guest room and a den/office.

If you will be adding a garage, always consider an attached garage or at least a covered walkway between the home and garage. This makes carrying groceries, children, furniture etc so much easier, and always make the garage or any other addition as large as your budget allows.



# Breakfast & Lunch Menu

## ENNIS

Lunch includes: fresh salad/fruit bar & milk

**Thursday - March 21**

Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls  
Lunch - Chicken & wild rice soup

**Friday - March 22**

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs & fries  
Lunch - BBQ pork sandwich

**Monday - March 25**

Breakfast - Donuts  
Lunch - Baked chicken & mashed potatoes

**Tuesday - March 26**

Breakfast - French toast & ham  
Lunch - Hamburger & fries

**Wednesday - March 27**

Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls  
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, tots

## HARRISON

**Thursday - March 21**

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs with ham & cheese  
Lunch - Teriyaki stir fry

**Friday - March 22**

Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls  
Lunch - Grilled cheese, tomato soup

**Monday - March 25**

Breakfast - Sausage egg & cheese sandwich  
Lunch - Chef salad

**Tuesday - March 26**

Breakfast - Waffles, fruit  
Lunch - Chicken, black bean tacos

**Wednesday - March 27**

Breakfast - Muffins  
Lunch - Tater tot casserol

## 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 21**

Breakfast - Hot ham & cheese sandwich  
Lunch - Chicken pattie

**Friday - March 22**

NO SCHOOL

**Monday - March 25**

Breakfast - Oatmeal  
Lunch - Beef & bean burrito

**Tuesday - March 26**

Breakfast - Whole wheat pancake  
Lunch - BBQ beef on a bun

**Wednesday - March 27**

Breakfast - Cheesy eggs & ham  
Lunch - Turkey & cheese sandwich

**TWIN BRIDGES**

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

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

**Thursday - March 21**

Breakfast - Choice of cereal  
Lunch - Hot pork, mashed potatoes

**Friday - March 22**

Breakfast - Breakfast pizza  
Lunch - Chili fritos

**Monday - March 25**

Breakfast - Biscuits & gravy  
Lunch - Porkies

**Tuesday - March 26**

Breakfast - Choice of cereal  
Lunch - Pizza

**Wednesday - March 27**

Breakfast - Waffles, ham  
Lunch - Hot dogs

# Ennis Meals on Wheels

**Thursday, March 21** - Turkey roast, cranberries, sweet potatoes, peas, cottage cheese, bread, danish roll

**Friday, March 22** - BUFFET

**Tuesday, March 26** - Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, potato chips, relish tray, banana bread & pineapple

**Wednesday, March 27** - Roast beef, potatoes, corn, fruit salad, bread, cake

**Thursday, March 28** - Pork roast, dressing, brussel sprouts, applesauce, bread, tapioca with topping

**Friday, March 29** - BUFFET

Ennis Town Hall. Tuesday - Friday at NOON.

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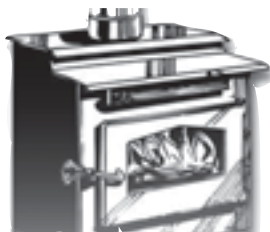


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# AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

We went into Butte for the St. Patrick's Day parade. What was there was good, but there certainly wasn't much there, it lasted about 15 minutes and was over. Kids all got a green football and were happy, but I was pretty disappointed. St. Patrick's Day is my son Adam's birthday. So we try to go do something Irish, before eating corned beef and cabbage. I asked Adam what he needed for his birthday. Isn't it funny how when they are little you ask them what they would like for their birthday but when they get older it is what they need?! "Cowboy boots would be really nice," is what he said. I had to laugh a bit. You just never get too old for cowboy boots in Montana.

I can remember when I was growing up, my brother and I were able to get a new pair of cowboy boots once a year, and when that time came, we were excited. It was always just a few weeks before the Madison/

Jefferson County fair because when showing animals you needed to wear boots. Our parents always took us to Millers in Butte to get the boots. Millers knows their boots, and plus that they had the biggest, fattest, friendliest cat in the state of Montana. How can you beat getting new cowboy boots and getting to play with that big cat all in the same day?! So Adam got his boots and corned beef and cabbage for his birthday. He was a happy camper!

Much sympathy goes out this week to Marc and Linda Ahola from Twin Bridges with the death of son Adam. Marc and Linda have been back in Washington with their son and his family through his fight with cancer. Linda sent me a copy of his obituary and a simple but so heartfelt message, "Mark and I loved our son for 40 years, and will be with him forever by the fishing stream in heaven. Our precious son we love you so..." Their son was only 40-years-old when he passed away from cancer this week. He and his wife had three children, the youngest being two. Really makes a person wonder why?

I was a person very dear to me that just found out that her mom is very ill. She said to me that her life is falling apart. What can I do? How do you answer that? How do you or can you even prepare for what could be the worst scenario?

Well I sat back last night in my rocking chair and did some deep thinking about this. At some time in all of our lives we will be in the same position of having to deal with a bad sickness, a terrible accident or death. I personally have decided that you can't prepare yourself. You can only be truthful with yourself. Don't try to make sense of it all, and be ready to accept that your life is gong to change forever. You are going to miss how times were with that person. You are going to cry at the drop of a hat when you see or hear something that reminds you of that person, but life does go on. You still have to get up each morning and live your life. You still have to be wife or a husband or a parent; you still have lots of memories to make. So when you time comes, people will miss you and be glad that they knew you!

The only other thing I came up with is talk about how you feel. Talk to some one you care about, talk to your dog but talk it all out. If you can't talk about how you are feeling write it down.

Life can really be the pits some times but think of all the really wonderful times; those times hopefully are much more than those bad times.

It is nearly Easter! The first day of spring was this week but Mother Nature certainly needs to work on the spring thing a little harder! I was telling my

grandson Gus that the Easter bunny would lay eggs all over the lawn for him and Lilly to find on Easter. He looked at me with such a disgusted gesture on his face, and told me: "Grandma, rabbits don't lay eggs, chickens do!" He certainly straightened me out! Where in the heck did that come from anyway? I wonder how a rabbit earned the position of being the Easter Bunny, instead of a chicken? I know, I know, "don't question something set in stone!"

So what have we learned this week? Some people laugh at a joke three time: Once when it's told to them, once when it's explained to them, and once five minutes later when they finally understand it. Whoever said anything is possible never tried slamming a revolving door. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the fire department generally uses water. Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in his or her shoes. That way, if they get angry, they are a mile away and barefoot! Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups. Never play leapfrog with a unicorn. Sometimes your knight in shining armor turns out to be a loser in aluminum foil. April 15 is coming along real soon, hope you have started your taxes!

"Don't Do Something Permanently Stupid, just Because You Are Temporarily Upset."



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# ACADEMIC OLYMPICS



Photo by Gail Banks

Twin Bridges recently attended Academic Olympics in Bozeman for Junior High students. We enjoyed great success and students had a great time testing their knowledge against their peers. Seventh grader Savanna Stewart was honored for placing 3rd on the written test for all seventh graders attending. Way to go, Savanna!

## Rancher Roundtable scheduled in Sheridan

Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce will present on grazing management options following last year's drought. Mosley will discuss ways to plan ahead and adjust beef cattle and sheep grazing for 2013. The presentation is free to the general public and includes a sponsored meal. RSVPs made after March 18 may not be guaranteed. Register for the roundtable by calling 287-3282.

The Montana State University Extension office teams up with the Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce to host the Rancher Roundtable Thursday, March 21, in Sheridan. The roundtable is in the Fellowship Hall of the Episcopal Church at noon. Dr. Jeff Mosley

## Virginia City cake walk slated for Saturday

Toni James, Virginia City Volunteer Dept. The Virginia City Volunteer Fire Department. There will be cakes galore, a cash bar, cupcakes for the little ones and a DJ spinning classic tunes starting at 6 p.m. Please show up with a cake, your checkbook, and a smile. For more information, call 843-5454.

The entire family is sure to have a ball at the annual Virginia City cake walk Saturday, March 23, at the Elk's Lodge. This is one of the best family fun events of the year! In fact, it's so much fun that you'll forget that you are raising money for

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# CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY AWARD

Photo submitted by Bill Mercer

The Ennis Lions Club was happy to welcome science fair participant Paige Dickinson and her family to their meeting on Feb. 27 to present her with a special award. The fifth grader received the Lions Club Creativity and Originality Award recognizing her project at the Ennis School Science Fair last month. Her project hypothesized that dogs could be identified by nose prints, just as fingerprints can identify humans. She proved her hypothesis to be correct.



## Local real estate company host seminar series

By Melinda Merrill  
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Prudential Montana Real Estate is dedicated to informing and educating the general public about real estate in the area. This coming Thursday,

March 21, is the first of three seminars. This one is designed to help sellers understand the current market and options they have when considering selling their home or property.

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. Prudential will be hosting round table discussions exploring such

subjects as staging your home, marketing in a competitive digital world, creative ideas for owner financing and more. It will be a great opportunity for every individual, including those that opt to sell on their own, to ask questions. Feel free to bring friends or real estate

agents to the Ennis Elementary School for snacks and a fun-filled evening of information.

If you have any questions, please call Melinda Merrill at 406-596-4288. Also, mark your calendar now, April 11, for the second seminar about Lending Options.

## Vintage Attic offers assortment of formalwear



MADISON VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB

The January 2013 Volunteer of the Month at Nearly New and the Nearly New Shoppe was Barbara Bloemeley and the Vintage Attic volunteer crew.

The Vintage Attic located at the Nearly New Shoppe in Ennis, operated by the Madison Valley Woman's Club, has recently been reorganized and refurbished. Many volunteers have spent the past year doing this work and are eager to share the results with the community.

Vintage Attic has a collection of period clothing

with emphasis on the history of the Madison Valley. In addition, there are era pieces from the 1920s through the 1980s which can be rented for parties, plays, Halloween and social events for a small nominal fee. The fee is used to clean pieces to keep them in top shape for the community's use.

Unique prom dresses, tuxedos and accessories, like a fur coat, are available to rent or purchase. If you haven't visited the Vintage Attic or would like to see the new look, please come by for a tour by one of our knowledgeable members

during business hours every day except Saturday. If you wish to shop for a prom dress or tuxedo or any other item on Saturdays during business hours, please call Vintage Attic Chair Person Barbara Blomeley at 682-7782 to make an appointment.

VintageAttic and the Nearly New Shoppe winter hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every day except Sunday and Thursday. We thank you all for your donations which make these two shops a unique shopping experience, and allows the Woman's Club to give back to the community.

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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

### Quickbooks Training, Butte

Continuing education class: Introduction to Quickbooks Training will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Reading Program Wrap Up Party, Ennis

At 2 p.m. the Madison Valley Public Library will host a party, celebrating the Adult Reading Program. Special grand prize drawing, refreshments and many other prizes. 682-7244 for more details.

### 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.

### Red Ants Pants Trunk Show, Ennis

Sarah Caulhoun and friends are in town with their wear for working women. Join them at Willie's Distillery from 5-8 p.m. for drinks, banjos and pants galore. She will bring one pair in every size she makes for guests to try on and place orders for. Willie will also introduce a new cocktail: The Red Ant. Stop by 312 E Main Street, Ennis.

### Real Estate Seminar, Ennis

Buyers and sellers alike are invited to this free seminar sponsored by Prudential. This is an informative and educational seminar about the process of trying to sell your home. It will cover staging, marketing and pricing your home in today's market. Everyone is welcome to Ennis Elementary at 5:30 p.m. for this event. Contact Melinda at 596-4288 for more information.

F R I D A Y M A R C H 2 2

### Meals for seniors, Twin Bridges

The TBS&CC provides Meals for Seniors



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Liza Schwend  
Bald eagle on a mission. Ramshorn Creek.

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

Performing an eclectic mix of covers from bands like The Grateful Dead, Widespread Panic, Phish, the Allman Brothers and more, Luke dazzles with vocals and accomplished guitar playing. You see Luke in several top local bands - this is his chance to shine in a solo setting. Music starts at 7 p.m. Visit [norrishotsprings.com](http://norrishotsprings.com) for more info.

### Movie Night, Ennis

Madison Theatre presents a showing of "Safe Haven", starring Julianne Hough and Josh Duhamel. Rated PG-13. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Call 682-4023 for more details.

S A T U R D A Y M A R C H 2 3

### Prom Night for the area schools. Check your local school for time and details.

### 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.

### Beardsley Memorial, Virginia City

A memorial for Joe Beardsley, 74, of Three Forks will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the cemetery in Virginia City. There will be a gathering afterwards with snacks and music at the Outlaw Cafe. Please join us in commemorating Joe's life.

### Live Music, Norris

Self-styled Lewistown "soul troubadour" Charlie Denison is a high-energy acoustic Americana artist that will take you on a trip through several decades in a series of sets. Denison, originally from the suburbs of Indianapolis, has picked up culture and influences from musicians in Kentucky, Tennessee and Montana. In 2012, he self-released his first solo EP, titled "Whispers of the Lonely" an album of

original songs that blend country, folk, blues and soul. Music starts at 7 p.m. Visit [norrishotsprings.com](http://norrishotsprings.com) for more info.

### Poker Tournament, Ennis

Join the folks at the Sportsman's for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Earl Holt-John Seaman Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. Money raised will go toward scholarships benefitting graduating senior at Ennis High School. 1 p.m. Call 682-5208 for more information. This is an 18+ event.

### Community Event, Cameron

Pinochle party at Bear Creek School House. Fun starts at 7 p.m. with snacks and prizes available. All ages welcome. Call Mona at 682-4638 for more information.

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S U N D A Y M A R C H 2 4

### Palm Sunday Service, Harrison

Come together on this Palm Sunday at Harrison Community Church at 10:30 a.m.

### Live Music, Norris

It's always a good time when old friend Connor Garvey visits Norris from his home in Maine. Connor writes and performs catchy, memorable songs and has a blast playing music. Each of his shows is completely different and fun - this will be a big night at the Holy Bucket! [www.connorgarveysongs.com](http://www.connorgarveysongs.com). Music starts

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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 the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to EDWARD WILLIAM OSBORN, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of DOUGLAS L. SMITH, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 66, Sheridan, Montana 59749, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

DATED February 19, 2013.

EDWARD WILLIAM OSBORN

Personal Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 19th day of February, 2013.

/s/ Edward William Osborn  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S

ATTORNEY:

DOUGLAS L. SMITH

P.O. Box 66

Sheridan, MT 59749

(Pub. Mar. 7, 14, 21) ds

## 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 Stemler

Madison County Election Administrator

(Pub. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2013) mccc

## 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 deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to 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 pm, March 28, 2013. Not less than 40 days before the election on May 7, 2013.  
(Pub. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28 2013) as

## 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

## 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.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Dated: December 14, 2012

Shandale Gordon

Assistant Secretary,

First American Title Company, LLC

Successor Trustee

Title Financial Specialty Services

P.O. Box 339

Blackfoot ID 83221

STATE OF Idaho ss.

County of Bingham)

On this 14th day of December, 2012, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Shandale Gordon, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Dalia Martinez

Notary Public

Bingham County, Idaho

Commission expires: 2/18/2014

(Pub. Mar. 14, 21, 28, 2013) apps

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Ennis Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ennis Town Hall to receive public comments on the proposed subdivision of Block 11, Lot 2 of the North 40 Subdivision. Comments may be made in person at the Public Hearing or may be made in writing by sending your comments to: Town of Ennis, Attn: North 40 Subdivision, PO Box 147, Ennis, MT. 59729.

Written comments must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., March 20, 2013 at the Ennis Town Hall.

Contact Ennis Town Hall @ 682-4287 or at 328 W. Main Street with any questions regarding the proposed subdivision.  
(Pub. Mar. 14, 21, 2013) toe

## INVITATION TO BID:

Installation of 22 gauge metal and all flashings on old fire hall roof, 116 W. Wallace St. (Material already purchased). Tear off old roof and demolition of cinder block chimney.

Send bids to Town of Virginia City, PO Box 35, Virginia City, MT 59755

(Pub. Mar. 14, 21, 28 2013) vc

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY

Probate No. DP-29-13-13

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARY TOLSON,

Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be mailed to John Warren, DAVIS, WARREN & HRITSCO, P.O. Box 28, Dillon, Montana 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 26th day of March, 2013.

/s/Don Tolson

DON TOLSON

Personal Representative

Personal Representative's Attorney

John Warren

Davis, Warren & Hritsco

PO BOX 28

Dillon, Montana 59725

(Pub. Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4) dwh

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY

Probate No. DP-29-13-15

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MOLLY F PARENT

Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be mailed to Personal Representative, Rhonda L Hobbs, return receipt requested, at 121 Carney Lane, Whitehall, MT 59759, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2013.

/s/Rhonda L. Hobbs

RHONDA L. HOBBS

Personal Representative

121 Carney Lane

Whitehall, MT 59759

(Pub. Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4) rh

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Madison County, Montana, is requesting proposals for Employee Group Benefits Coverage inclusive of medical, prescription, dental, vision, and life insurance for plan year beginning July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, and may be extended for additional years without calling for subsequent proposals at the discretion of Madison County.

All proposals must be sealed and identified on the outside of the envelope as "Employee Group Benefits Proposal". Proposals must be received no later than April 15, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. by the Madison County Commissioners' Office at 205 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755-0278.

All proposals must be submitted in the format specified in the RFP with 10 copies available for the Employee Group Benefits Committee and Commissioners. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Laurie Buyan, Commissioners' Assistant, or a Madison County Commissioner at 406-843-4277, or madco@madison.mt.gov.

Madison County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive formalities, and to select the carrier and benefit options that best meet the needs of Madison County and its employees. Madison County reserves the right to select and terminate any servicing agent, agency, company or administrator.  
(Pub. Mar. 21, 28) mcc

## REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS INSURANCE AGENT SERVICES

The Madison County Board of Commissioners is requesting qualifications from qualified agents to provide insurance agent services for Property and Casualty Insurance and/or Workers' Compensation Insurance. Please provide 4 copies of the qualifications to Madison County Commissioners, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; Telephone 406-843-4277. All responses to the detailed RFQ must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 15, 2013.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE

Available from 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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Carrier by meeting guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission and the Montana Public Service Commission. We have been offering quality reliable telephone service since 1953 and realize basic service is a fundamental aspect of everyday life.

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- o Access to operator services, interexchange carriers, and directory assistance

- o Extended area service (toll free calling from all 3 Rivers' exchanges to any other 3 Rivers' exchange, with the exception of Conrad, Great Falls, Helena, Shelby)

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc. is proud to offer basic service to all customers in our serving territory. Our monthly rates for residential and business basic services are listed below. Low-income individuals may be eligible for Lifeline telephone assistance programs, which provide discounts from these basic rates. Also available to Lifeline customers is toll blocking free of charge which lets customers block outgoing long distance calls. Individuals may subscribe to only one Lifeline subsidy.

If you have questions, or would like to become a customer of 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. please contact us at 467-2535 from any 3 Rivers exchange listed below.

1-800-796-4567, www.3rivers.net or visit our business office at 202 5th Street South in Fairfield.

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Residential .....\$ 22.00  
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(Pub. Mar. 21, 2013) 3R

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application for Air Quality Permit (pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Open Burning), Madison County Solid Waste Department has filed on or about March 13, 2013 an application for a conditional air quality open burning permit from the Permitting and Compliance Division of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Applicant(s) seeks approval of its/their application to open burn clean wood waste and tree branches

At Madison County Class III Landfills: Ennis (379) S1/2, SW1/4, S36, T5S, R1W; and Twin Bridges (380) NW1/4 SW1/4, S26, T3S, R6W.

Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the Department's determination, and the location where a copy of the application and the Department's analyses of it can

be reviewed, or to submit comments on the application, must contact the Department at 1520 East Sixth Ave. P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901 phone (406) 444-3490.

Any comments on the application must be submitted to the Department within 20 days after publication of this notice or filing of the application, whichever is later. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application for a conditional open burning permit may be reviewed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) according to the following procedure:

When the Department approves or denies the application for a conditional open burning permit under this section, a person who is jointly or severally adversely affected by the Department's decision may request, within 15 days after the Department renders its decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefore, a hearing before the Board. A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act.

The Department's decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section. The filing of a request for a hearing postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until the conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board.

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## INVITATION TO BID

Madison County Weed Board is calling for sealed bids for Noxious Weed Herbicides for the 2013 Madison County Weed Management Season. Bid specification (Type and Amount of Herbicides), and invitation to bid forms are available at the Madison County Weed Board Office, 2296 Hwy 287, Alder, PO BOX 278, Virginia City, Montana 59755. 406-842-5595.

Bids will be accepted until the close of business, 5:00 pm Thursday April 11, 2013. Bids will be opened and read publicly at the regular Weed Board Meeting at the Weed Board Office, Alder, Montana, at 2:00 pm Thursday April 18, 2013.



# the Madison County MARKETPLACE

View classifieds online at [www.madisoniannews.com/classifieds](http://www.madisoniannews.com/classifieds).

## FOR SALE

**FINNIGAN'S FIREWOOD:** Honest Cord, \$150 delivered. Any size or amount, Ennis/VC/Ruby Valley. 599-5270. Senior/Veteran/Volume Disc. 15-13p

Corgi Pup for sale – Female, 12 weeks old, house broken, well behaved. \$350 682-7940 21-2-B

**ESTATE SALE: EVERYTHING MUST GO! Friday, March 22 8am through Saturday, March 23 at 12 Noon at 305 Beiler Lane, Sheridan. Household goods, old tools and much more. 21-1-P**

WOMANS CRUISER-type bicycle. Less than 10 miles on it. Paid \$330 new – will sacrifice for \$250. Call 682-4837 21-2-B

Moving Sale, 9:00 to 5:00, Friday & Saturday, March 22 & 23; 640 Nicole Way, off Armitage Street; in garage if raining. 21-1-B

FOR SALE  
2010 Toyota Sequoia Platinum. Like new, excellent shape. Blizzard Pearl / Loaded \$38,900 406-646-9661 19-4-b

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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

FOR RENT: Downtown retail space located in the Lone Elk Mall, 1,250 sq. ft. price negotiable call 640-1351. 28-tfc

Professional Office Space available in downtown Ennis, close to banks, restaurants. Common area facilities included. Various sizes starting at \$190 per month. Call 682-5653. 15-tfc

**PETERSON'S DISCOUNT STORAGE** now taking reservations for covered storage of any size motor home. 10'x19' units for rent. Ennis. 682-7442 18-3-b

**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

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Vacation and Long Term Rentals 406-682-7034  
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**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

FOR RENT in Ennis 20 x 30 heated shops/storage. RV Storage also available. 581-7687. 46-tfc

**BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:**  
1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$600 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-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

FOR RENT: Large mobile home site 1 mile from Ennis. 100 x 150', water & sewer, country atmosphere, quiet. **NO DOGS.** 682-4854. 29-tfc

BEAUTIFUL HOME with horse property. 3 bed/2 bath, 2-car oversized garage. Jefferson River fishing. Twin Bridges area – available April 1st. 842-5936 or 596-7023 19-tfc-b

## 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

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](mailto:careers@mvmedcenter.org). 15-tfc

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](mailto:sarah-faithranch@gmail.com) #070

**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

HELP WANTED: South West Septic is looking for an awesome team player and has an opportunity 16 available for a septic truck and/or portable toilet service driver. Pre-employment and random drug 30 screening is mandatory. Position requires good driving record and must have a Class B CDL with 46 tanker's endorsement. Preferred non-smoker, experience pulling a trailer, ability to keep good 58 housekeeping, knowledge of Madison County and surrounding areas. Starting wage \$15-\$18/hour, wage 70 depends on your motivation; only hard working and ambitious persons shall apply. Flexible scheduling. On the job training, no prior experience with septic needed. Send resume or interest to [swsmt@hotmail.com](mailto:swsmt@hotmail.com) or PO Box 122 Alder, MT 59710 21-TFC-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

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, Scobey, 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

The Madison County Weed Board will be accepting applications for Field Crew Personnel for the 2013 season. Employment for field crew may be from May 6, 2013 to September 26, 2013 at 40 hour/week. Also taking applications for a Compliance Tech for the 2013 season. Employment approx. May 6, 2013 to September 26, 2013 at 16 hour/week. Applications and job descriptions are available at the Weed Board Office at 2296 HWY 287, Alder, MT. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2013. Please return applications to: Madison County Weed Board PO Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755. For additional information contact: Margie N. Esdall, Coordinator, or Janie Alt, Office Manager, at (406) 842-5595 21-3-B

## REAL ESTATE

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

NEWLY REMODELED HOME at Rainbow Point with private access to Ennis Lake. Info @ [www.ennislakefront.com](http://www.ennislakefront.com) or 406-581-7820 . 22-tfc

HOME FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new everything, extra large master, landscaped Sheridan home, \$139,000. Call 916-600-3018 or 406-842-7737. 5-tfc

HOME FOR SALE: 1200 sq./ft. with 2-car attached garage and 30x40' shop. 3bed/2bath on 1.04 acres in Troutdale II (406)564-8552 21-4-p

Bank Owned Property For Sale  
Lot 14 - Duke Drive, Hollowtop Vista Heights, Harrison, Montana. 1.57 acre residential lot offering amazing views, only 1 mile south of Harrison, and 25 miles north of Ennis, \$22,500.  
Contact Matt at 682-5922 for more information. 11-e/o

## MISCELLANEOUS

SEMI-RETIRED RANCHER: Available for your ranching operation in the Ennis area. From management to ranch services. Call for complete resume. (530) 249-4338 18-tfc-p

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Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals 19-4-b

## WANTED

PAYING CASH for running or not cars, trucks, buses, tractors & more. Also accepting donated vehicles. FREE towing, also FREE removal of all metal products. 406-548-1622 20-5-P

FAMILY NEEDING COUNTRY HOME WITH HORSES ALLOWED. Need 4+ Bed/2 Bath on 3+ Acres. Great rental history. Very respectful & clean. Non-smokers/no pets. Would love fixer-upper/old country home but will consider anything. Ennis/McAllister or surrounding area. Looking for long-term lease. Call/text (307) 620-5620. 21-1-p

WANTED: JUNK CARS / FARM EQUIPMENT - Free removal. Call 684-5551. 11-tfc

## SERVICES

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FREE older 19" color TVs - pick up at Fan Mtn. Inn  
FREE DISTILLER SPENT GRAINS @ Willie's Distillery in Ennis. Corn/Oats/Barley/Wheat mixture. Call or stop by for details. (406) 682-4117  
5 pc. Black Fireplace Tool Set. 30" tall. Retail \$69. Sale price \$35. 406-599-5485  
Stainless Cuisinart Toaster Oven, \$30. 682-4428

<p><b>ENNIS ALANON</b> Monday ~ 10:45 a.m. Basement of Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, Ennis Hugel &amp; Charles CALL 682-5097 or 682-7023</p>	<p><b>Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group</b> Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help. SUazN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking, Virginia City Library MON. - Open, 7 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking WED. - Closed, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church FRI. - Open, 8 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking 682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis 843-5352 Virginia City</p>
<p><b>"Keep it Simple."</b> <b>A.A. MEETING</b> Bethany Hall, Sheridan (behind Methodist Church) Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ALANON</b> Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley Thursdays, 8 pm</p>
<p><b>ACA Meeting</b> 12-step program for Adult Children of Alcoholics Bethany Hall-Sheridan   Weds 7 pm</p>	<p><b>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS</b> Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges <b>ALANON MEETING</b> Same Time - Same Place</p>
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C4 Thursday, March 21, 2013

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**M O N D A Y**  
**M A R C H 2 5**

**Mad-Gals Meeting  
RSVP Deadline**

The ladies of the Mad-Gals will be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 28 at the Kountry Korner Café at 4-Corners in Bozeman. If you are planning to make the meeting please RSVP to Jackie, at 682-5510, or Ethelyn, at 682-4348, by Noon today.

**Documentary, Ennis**

There will be a showing of Scientists Under Attack, a documentary about Genetic Engineering in the magnetic field of money - a film about courage, secrecy and danger. Everyone is welcome to this free event at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the Madison Valley Public Library.

**Planning Board Meeting, Virginia City**  
The Madison County

Planning Board will meet today at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse or the Broadway Annex.

**T U E S D A Y**  
**M A R C H 2 6**

**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.

**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.

**Watershed Meeting, Sheridan**

The monthly meeting of the Ruby Watershed Council will be held at 6 p.m. at the Moraine

Center in Sheridan. Potluck at 5:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Call Rebecca at 539-5683 or email her at [rubywatershed@gmail.com](mailto:rubywatershed@gmail.com) for more information.

**Documentary, Sheridan**

There will be a showing of Scientists Under Attack, a documentary about Genetic Engineering in the magnetic field of money - a film about courage, secrecy and danger. Everyone is welcome to this free event at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheridan Public Library.

**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.

**W E D N E S D A Y**  
**M A R C H 2 7**

**Books and Babies, Ennis**

Books and Babies is

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

**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

**T H U R S D A Y**

**M A R C H 2 8**

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**Mad-Gals Meeting, Bozeman**

The ladies of the Mad-Gals will be holding their monthly meeting at the Kountry Korner Café at 4-Corners in Bozeman. The meeting will be at 12 p.m. Please call Jackie, at 682-5510, or Ethelyn, at 682-4348, with any questions.



*Editor's note: The Madisonian is happy to put your event in the community calendar. Any community event is welcome. Please email [communitycalendar@madisoniannews.com](mailto:communitycalendar@madisoniannews.com)*

## Business Briefs

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**Arbor Medic Tree Service**

Spring is here and the arborists at Arbor Medic Tree Service are ready to help you get your trees ready for the season. Wade Dooley and the family offer a wide variety of services from tree pruning, moving or removal to diagnosis,

treatment and care of your trees. With over 30 years of servicing the Madison and Ruby Valley they've established some roots in our communities. Give them a call at 585.0687 or look for their ad for more information

**Annual Blood Screening**

**at Ruby Valley Hospital**

Mark your calendars and plan on coming over to the Ruby Valley Hospital on April 3rd and 4th from 7-11 a.m. The hospital will be offering health screenings and blood tests for a reduced cost. A 12-14 hour fast is required for accurate

results and it is suggested that you drink plenty of water. For a list of services or for more information please call 842-5081.

**The Pic-a-nic Basket**

Sherri and the gang are happy to say they are back and open for

the season on Thursday, March 21st. They will offer the same great food we're used to as well as some new menu items. Spring hours will be Tuesday - Saturday 7-2 p.m. Be sure to stop in and welcome them back. 682-7900

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