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Conservation groups seek to end trapping in Montana

By Alyse Backus The Madisonian news@madisoniannews.com

Three conservation groups filed a lawsuit Thursday that would halt all trapping in 15 Montana counties.

While Madison County is not considered a critical habitat for lynx, areas in bordering counties are.

The Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Friends of the Wild Swan and WildEarth Guardians have presented a lawsuit against the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission and FWP director Jeff Hagener in Missoula District Court for allowing trapping in

areas that are considered prime lynx maintains that Montana has the species protections.

The predatory cats were added to the Endangered Species List as a threatened species in 2000. Since then, at least nine lynx were discovered in traps. Four of those found later died. The conservationists see this as a violation of the Endangered Species

Lynx used to inhabit 16 different states. Now only small populations are found in Montana, Washington and Maine. Over-trapping in the 1980s significantly decreased the numbers of Lynx in the United States. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks

healthiest lynx population of the lower 58 states. The statement is based on winter track surveys and the agency has no definite population numbers. FWP provides trappers with resources on its website on how to avoid the accidental trapping of a lynx.

While the actual trapping of lynx is illegal, the large cats are attracted to the bait in traps set for other animals like wolves, bobcats and coyotes.

Until late last year, Montana still allowed the trapping of wolverines. A lawsuit ended the state's allowance to trap wolverines, and now the animal is being considered for endangered

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks acknowledges trapping is part of Montana's heritage. Trapping in Montana dates back to the time of Lewis and Clark. The FWP's website goes on to state trapping is biologically sustainable and is "an important part of Montana's cultural history and outdoor lifestyle.'

In addition to this most recent lawsuit, Friends of the Wild Swan joined two other groups to sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in order to speed up the process of creating a recovery plan for the lynx.



preparation for seniors and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

to reach across the aisle last week,

HB 2 still faces a long path to the

governor's desk. It next goes to

the Senate Finance and Claims

Committee, where legislators are

expected to renew debate over

funding. Democrats want further

support for public schools and to

restore federal family planning

that our constituents sent us here to support," said Rep Galen Hol-

lenbaugh, D-Helena. "We will be

carrying those concerns to our

colleagues in the Senate."

State employee pay

pay plan is moving to the House

that passed the Appropriations Committee last week charges the

executive branch with determin-

"We have some priorities

Here's a look back at other

A modified state employee

The version of House Bill 13

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Although the members of the House demonstrated their ability

Legislative Roundup

Week 11

House passes budget, shifts its focus to raises, pensions for state workers

By Amy R. Sisk

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and Democrats have unanimously

passed a two-year, \$9 billion state

done," said Rep. Duane Ankney,

R-Colstrip, in his closing remarks

last week on House Bill 2. "What

an honor to chair this appropria-

tions committee that has done something for the state of Mon-

uled two full days for debate

over HB 2. Lawmakers last week

passed the budget out of the

said Rep. Pat Noonan, D-Butte,

who served on the subcommittee

that reviewed health and human

compromises and applauded his

colleagues' efforts to fund early

childhood education, services

for people with disabilities, meal

House leadership had sched-

"Even though I was in the minority, I felt I had a platform,"

He said both sides made

budget out of the House.

tana that is historic."

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"This is my fourth term – I'm

UNTAMED SPIRIT



Horses in the Pryor Mountains are less confined than those that live outside of Ennis on the Spanish Q Ranch. (Photo courtesy of the BLM)

Wild horses struggle to remain an American icon

By Alyse Backus THE MADISONIAN news@madisoniannews.com

A classic symbol of the untamed spirit of the American West, the nation's wild horses wander lands often not visited by people.

While wild horses represent something so patriotic, the animals are the center of bitter controversy that dates back to end of the Wild West and the compared wild hogs in Texas. beginning of a time when horses weren't the lifelines of the country anymore.

One may picture wild horses as the brumbies in Australia as portrayed in "A Man from Snowy River" or as the inspiration behind the solid, sporty Ford Mustang. But to the others, the horses are feral animals that are not native to North America and can be

"Wild horses are protected by an act of congress which says they are living symbols of the pioneer spirit," says Suzanne Roy, the director the American Wild Horse Preservation campaign. "It was found that wild horses enriched the spirit of the country and were deserving of protection."

Each side has valid arguments, but lost in the contro-

versy is an animal with a long history of ups and downs and comes with complexities no

other type of animal has. Wild horses existed in the prehistoric ages in now North America. Saber-tooth tigers and dire wolves hunted horses, which were the size of house cats. The horses died out at the end of the ice age. The only

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Planning board hears information about conservation easements

House, unamended, in less than highlights from week 11 at the

Legislature:

By Faith Moldan For The Madisonian

Montana Land Reliance (MLR) staff answered questions and provided the Madison County Planning Board with information about what the MLR does best - conservation easements.

"I want to get both sides of the coin," board member Clyde Carroll said of the sometimes contentious topic.

Rock Ringling, MLR Managing Director, and Lois Delger DeMars, MLR Operations Manager, informed the board that the MLR holds easements in 47 of 56 counties and that includes 135,000 acres within Madison County. They also work in conjunction with The Ruby Habitat Foundation, which is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the natural resources and social and economic makeup of the Ruby Valley and Southwest Montana.

Whether it is succession planning, recreational, or other easement arrangements, Ringling and DeMars advised the board to comment on the easements as they come before it if they affect future growth or quality. MLR does the same and monitors its easements every

"We have a responsibility to approach landowners to have a bigger conversation," Ringling

Easements can be in perpetuity – no end – or have a term of a number of set years. Either way, an easement states that the land must stay the way it is if it is private land, forest resources, fish and wildlife habitat, or open space. Not everyone agrees that easements are the best for various reasons. Some opponents to conservation easements say they tie the hands of future landowners and give unfair tax breaks.

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Fire in Sheridan destroys garage, shop

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The alarm sounded in Sheridan at 9:30 p.m. Monday night.

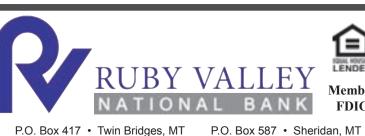
Fire crews responded to a structure fire on Tuke Lane.

firefighters Eleven responded from Sheridan. Ennis, Virginia City, Alder, Twin Bridges, Whitehall and Madison County Road Crews all assisted the Sheridan fire department.

The fire destroyed a garage/shop that was attached to the house, but the fire crews were able to save the house.

Sheridan Fire Chief Ted Woirhaye said the cause of the fire is unknown and the state fire marshal is conducting an investigation. At this time, the cause does not appear to be suspicious in nature.





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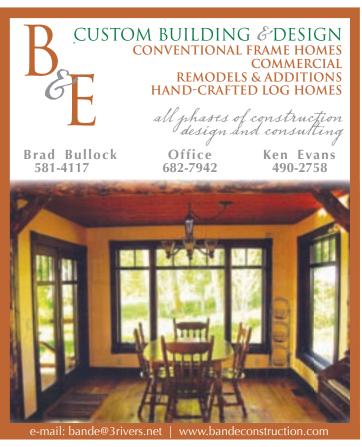
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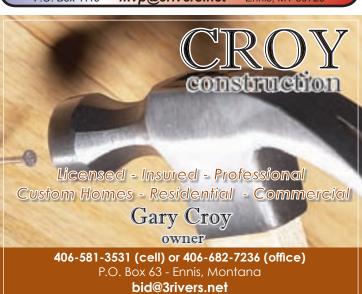
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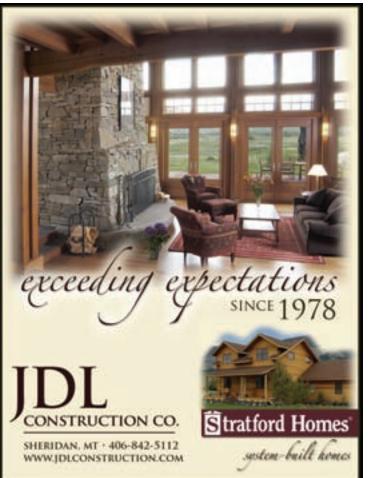


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true wild horse that still exists today is the Przewalski's Horse, which is native to Mongolia.

Stemming from the Spanish term "mustengo" meaning untamed beast, today's version of the wild horse was introduced back in the Americas by European explorers and conquistadors during the 15th century. The continent's first wild horses escaped the herds imported by Europeans. So since these horses come from domesticated blood lines, they are not considered truly wild, but to this day that term is still widely used to describe the feral mustangs.

However, some do not agree that today's wild horse differs from the wild horse that was native to North America, even though the animal was reintroduced.

"To call a wild horse feral is scientifically incorrect," says Roy. "The horses evolved in North America. The horses that were reintroduced by the conquistadors were the same as the horses that evolved in North America. There are a variety of experts including a curator at the American Museum of Natural History in New York who say they are the same horse. To say wild horses are a non-native species isn't correct."

By 1900, it was estimated two million wild horses roamed freely around the countryside

freely around the countryside.

Since then those numbers

have dropped dramatically. The military utilized wild horses in both of the world wars. Some animals were slaughtered and used for pet food. Some were hunted from airplanes or poisoned.

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In 1959, the first law was created to protect wild horses. Motor vehicles were banned from hunting or rounding up wild horses. Then in 1971, the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act was passed unanimously. The act established the Bureau of Land Management as the authoritative agency that would oversee the newly created wild horse program.

"A wild horse is defined under the 1971 Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act as a horse or burro roaming on BLM or Forest Service land," says BLM public affairs officer Tom Gorey. "The term refers to any unclaimed horse and is legal term, rather than on term based on science."

Today, free-roaming wild horses have disappeared from states in which they once thrived. While a few hundred mustangs roam in Canada, somewhere around 37,300 horses inhabit ten different western states according to numbers given by the BLM at the end of February 2012. About 50,000 horses are held in either short or long-term holding corrals. The BLM says the number of wild horses and burros that roams on government land exceeds by nearly 11,000 the number determined that can exist in balance with other public rangeland resources and uses. The maximum appropriate management level is approximately

Montana is home to the infamous Pryor Wild Horse Range, which is currently Montana's only official wild horse range. The 170 Pryor Mountain horses closely resemble the Spanish horses they descended from. Primitive markings dot the muscular bodies of the Pryor Mountain mustangs. Zebra stripes spiral up their legs and fishbone markings follow their spines. These horses have lived here for a very long time and the BLM has worked to maintain a herd within that natural hebitat

within that natural habitat.

The horses that now inhabit the Spanish Q ranch outside of Ennis originate from short-term holding areas and various herd management areas western states like California and Utah.

"The horses placed outside of Ennis are aged and not adoptable or have gone through several adoptions and not been adopted," says Carolyn Chad, the acting deputy chief of the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro program. "They come from herd management areas that are overpopulated and either the horses or resources were in poor condition."

Chad says the horses placed outside of Ennis are different than the Pryor Mountain horses in the sense they are confined in very large pastures and are handled in order to take care of horse

shoes and vaccines.

A source of fiery debate, some consider the horses the equivalent to knapweed, an invasive species that threatens the integrity of the land. Theories exist that say wild horses can be more detrimental to grazing lands than livestock like sheep and cattle. However, the opposite argument is also present. It is also said that certain wildlife can live in competition with the feral horses. While arguments have been made from both sides, no definitive answer has been reached.

The controversy surrounding the management of wild horse herds across the west has been raging for almost a hundred years now. While the debate remains on fire, the BLM has yet to land on management plan that can keep the number of wild horses on track with the carrying capacity of the land they roam on while making ranchers, hunters and horse advocates satisfied.

"No one can answer when the controversy will end, but I think we could adopt a better management plan that would make all sides happy," says Roy. "Since wild horses aren't in a natural environment, no one says they don't need to be managed, but the federal government needs to adopt a different approach that is both humane and cost effective."

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ing how much to increase its employees' salaries. The amended bill urges officials to pay "particular attention" to executive branch workers with low salaries and employees who have not received a raise over the past two years.

Republicans on the committee voted for the change to HB 13. The original Democratic proposal – the product of negotiations between unions and former Gov. Brian Schweitzer – would have established an across-the-board 5 percent pay increase over each of the next two years.

The eight Democrats on the committee opposed the amendment and voted against the bill, which passed on party lines.

The updated plan calls for \$38 million less than the \$152 million Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock proposed to cover the pay increases.

The amendment's sponsor, Rep. Steve Gibson, R-East Helena, said the bill's price tag is not far below where the governor's office is willing to negotiate. He added that the numbers are likely to change as lawmakers vote on other measures such as the bonding bill and tax relief.

State employees have not seen an across-the-board pay increase in four years, although certain individuals have received raises. Republicans argued that people who have received additional pay should not necessarily receive the same percentage increase as those whose salaries have remained flat.

Board of Regents

Board of Regents appointee Pat Williams addressed a state Senate panel last week, defending his comment to a New York Times reporter where he referred to University of Montana football players as "thugs."

"Some people took that and thought I was talking about the whole team," he told senators on the Education and Cultural Resources Committee. "But logically, folks, who would say that about a whole team?"

Williams discussed the remarks during a Senate hearing on his confirmation to the Montana Board of Regents, the sevenmember panel that governs all of the state's university system. More than a dozen people spoke in support of his appointment, but the hearing also drew a handful of opponents.

Former UM Vice President Jim Foley testified against Williams. He previously worked as a top congressional staffer for the appointee, who served as a Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Enough is enough with this name-calling of young men who, in most cases, can't defend themselves against those words," Foley said. "Words matter, and I just don't take those words lightly."

Committee chairman Jim Peterson, a Republican senator from Buffalo, said the committee will probably vote this week on regents' confirmations.

Pensions

The governor's two bills to fix the \$4 billion deficit in the state's pension system are moving forward after the House Appropriations Committee voted down a third Republican-sponsored measure last week.

The committee tabled House Bill 338, which would have implemented a defined contribution system similar to a 401(k). Instead, the full House will now consider House Bills 377 and 454, which maintain the current system.

The existing defined benefit system pays retired state employees monthly pensions based on a formula that takes into account their salary and years of work.

The two bills ask employers and employees to increase contributions. House Bill 337 addresses liabilities in the Teachers' Retirement System and draws upon state land revenues and school district reserves. House Bill 454 focuses on the Public Employee Retirement System while calling for funds from natural resource development.

Term limits

Montanans could decide to change state legislators' term limits when they cast their ballots in 2014.

The Senate passed House Bill 277 last week, which would ask voters to amend the Montana Constitution to allow lawmakers to serve in either the state House or Senate for 16 years, at which point they could no longer run for the Legislature. Currently, lawmakers can serve eight years

in a particular chamber within a 16-year period.

The bill's supporters argued that the term limits established by voters in 1992 have led to a lack of institutional knowledge among lawmakers due to their high turnover rate. They said HB 277 would allow legislators more time to understand complex issues and give them greater ability to develop seniority in a particular chamber.

Opponents expressed concern over the provision that bars people from running for office when they have served 16 years.

The bill now goes back to the House, and lawmakers must decide whether to accept the Senate's changes. The bill that passed through the House would allow legislators to run for office again after serving 16 years, provided they take an eight-year break from the Legislature.

Road kill

A bill to allow people to eat road kill is headed to Gov. Steve Bullock's desk.

House Bill 247, which passed the Senate last week, would allow law-enforcement officers to issue permits to people who want to salvage the carcasses of antelope, deer, elk and moose killed by vehicles.

If the governor signs the bill, Montana will become one of a handful of states to allow people to consume road kill.

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"There's a breaking point," board member John Fountain said. "Easements are making difficult governance problems."

The number of conservation easement opportunities is

dropping east of the Virginia City hill, but there is an increased interest on the west side of the hill, according to Ringling, which means discussion and problems will continue.

In other business, the board approved revisions to its Stan-

dard Operating Procedures to keep it consistent with its growth policy and to best do business to serve the county. Planning Director Charity Fechter said she continues to watch a number of bills being proposed and debated in the legislature. She advised the board that some bills, if passed, might mean revising the growth policy.

The next scheduled meeting is set for April 29 in Virginia City. Meetings are held the last Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

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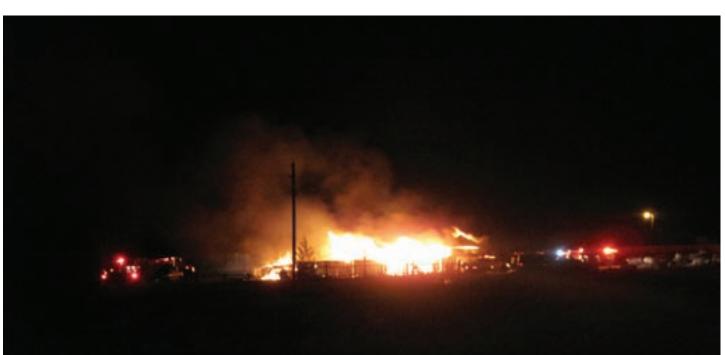


Photo submitted by Susan Marxer

Ph Every fire department in the valley clear to Whitehall responded, and concentrated on successfully saving the house.



Harrison-Willow Creek girls' basketball team receives academic award for excellence

By Faith Moldan FOR THE MADISONIAN

On a gymnasium wall in Harrison, a poster reads, "First in the classroom. First on the floor." The Harrison-Willow Creek girls' basketball team held true to this standard of academic excellence and was recently recognized with the Montana High Association/Montana

Army National Guard Academic All Team Award. The Wildcats finished the winter 2012-2013 season with a 3.921 grade point average to take top honors out of all the Class C girls' basketball teams across the state.

"I have been blessed to coach some outstanding ladies and they have always taken their academics seriously. The girls are self-motivated on and off the

Cooper. "Every preseason each individual and the team sit down and write down their goals for the season, and then I tell them my goals. My goals always have one constant and that is that I would like for every team member to make the academic allstate team. '

court," said Wildcats' coach Lisa

The award is given to the top three teams that exhibit outstanding academic achievement during the school year's fourth quarter of play for that activity and is awarded at all levels of competition - varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, and freshman - in each MHSA schools' classification – AA, A, B, and C. MHSA member schools calculate their students' accumulative average for the award. Winter selections are determined using only students who have participated in second quarter activities including basketball, winter spirit, drama, speech and debate, swimming, and wrestling.

"The MHSA/Montana Army National Guard are dedicated to making sure academics are a priority and are proud to recognize academic achievements by our student activity participants on the team level,"

said MHSA Assistant Director Scott McDonald.

According to MHSA, the award was established because other academic excellence awards recognized schools and individuals so there was a need for an award for teams.

A presentation of the certificate award to the team has not been completed or scheduled

Sheridan lines up notification system, sewer projects, road renovations

By Alyse Backus THE MADISONIAN news@madisoniannews.com

As summer nears, Sheridan is bustling with new projects.

Sheridan's mayor Dean DerryBerry said Sheridan is working on several different projects lined up to start this spring.

For a while now, DerryBerry has been trying to come up with a way to effectively communicate with the town things like water being shut off and other important messages.

Sheridan will employ a system similar to what Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Ennis schools use to communicate with parents any type of notification.

Town members will have the choice to receive notifications via email, a recorded message sent to a cell phone or a recorded message sent to a home phone. The system automatically defaults to leaving a message on a home

phone if a choice isn't specified.

The notification system should be up and running in the next 30 days.

"It would be really helpful if people could call town hall as soon as possible and let us know which way they would like to receive the notifications," said Der-

In addition to having notifications about water and sewer issues, DerryBerry said other entities like the fire department and library will have access to the notification system to get important messages out to the com-

Another project important to the town of Sheridan is the sewer project that has been in the works for a few years now.

Crews are finishing the clean up work left over from last year. In addition, electrical work from town to the existing lagoon is being finalized.

The last project Sheridan

has in the works is the preliminary steps of the Montana Main Street Project. As a member of the statewide project, Sheridan has come up with several different projects designed to boost the economic, historic and cultural vitality of the town.

Plans to fix the roads just outside of town were finalized last week and will now be put out to bid to contractors.

Some of the preliminary work could be done this fall, said DerryBerry. Storm drainages and pipes leading to a detention plan could be in the works this fall while projects like re-sloping ditches and borrow pits and building new fences will start next spring as weather permits.

Another meeting will be held sometime this summer to go over pre-bid details.

"It's been busy, busy," said DerryBerry. "I have been mayor for seven years and it has always been very busy."



Power outage planned for Harrison-Pony substation

By Faith Moldan

FOR THE MADISONIAN

Residents of Pony, Norris and Harrison will be in the dark Tuesday, April 2, from 8 a.m. until noon due to a planned power outage by NorthWestern Energy at the Harrison-Pony substation.

NorthWestern Energy will only complete the outage if weather permits. In case of bad weather on April 2, crews will do the necessary work another day and notify residents of that date and time Businesses and homes will be affected, but due and freezer doors closed as much intended to be proactive and ad-

son School students will be on spring break that day and the outage will not affect staff or students there.

During an outage, North-Western Energy advises customers to shut off appliances and lights. Leaving one light switch on is a good idea so you know when power is restored. Flashlights should be used instead of candles and curtains should be closed to keep heat in. North-Western Energy also recommends people keep refrigerator

to effective planning Harri- as possible to keep cold air in. If the temperature drops to 55 degrees or below, open faucets so a constant drip will prevent freez-

Butch Larcombe, North-Western Energy spokesperson, said the company is getting started on an eight-month project designed to improve the reliability and efficiency of NorthWestern's electric service in the area.

"It is our plan to invest about \$800,000 in 2013 to improve our system in the area," Larcombe said. "These improvements are

dress needs before they become problems for NorthWestern and our customers. The work stretches from inspecting and replacing power poles to tree trimming, installing new gas lines, upgrading substations and investing in automation and technology.'

Around Harrison, Pony and Norris, Larcombe said there are six parts to the improvement

Installation of new electric equipment that will confine outages to a smaller area and the result will be fewer outages and fewer people affected.

Re-routing a portion of the main line in the area, putting in about two miles of new poles and lines. This work will take place near Harrison.

Doing upgrades on a substation that serves the area. Substations are a critical cog in the electric system and play a big role in providing reliable, efficient service to customers.

 Doing maintenance on poles in the area, replacing worn-out elements such as cross

Installing guards poles to keep raptors from com-

Good Company

ing into contact with conductors. Such contact is often fatal for the birds and can lead to outages.

· Installing what North-Western calls "snow brackets," which are intended reduce problems caused when snow falls on conductors, which can cause lines to bounce and come in to contact with each other. When lines touch, outages can result.

Customers can reach North-Western Energy at (888) 467-2669 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday to report any problems with their service

Late nights, light-hearted pranks mark a legislative staffer's life

By AMY R. SISK Community News Service UM School of Journalism

HELENA - Jared Yates spent 11 hours in the Capitol's windowless basement last Thursday, printing hundreds of copies of bills and amendments hours after the legislator parking lots cleared.

"It's down and dirty, copies in and copies out," he said while squaring up a stack of papers hot off the press. "If it comes in here in the evening, it has to be ready for the next morning. That's just the way it is."

His office printed nearly 3 million sheets of paper during the 2011 Legislature, and it's on track to do it again this session. He can feel the pace of the 90-day session picking up, and he's not the only staffer running a mile a minute to keep up with the influx of work during the remaining five weeks.

As 150 lawmakers wrestle with issues like Medicaid expansion, pension reform and tax relief, more than 250 staffers make sure they have the tools necessary to do the people's busi-

For much of the staff, that means working long hours and sorting through copious amounts of papers, sticky notes and emails.

Sandy Bradford and Kathy Baird know what that feels like. They sit on the rostrum at the front of the House six days a week.

"Frick and Frack," as they call themselves, have worked side-by-side since 2006 keeping tabs on bills to make sure nothing gets lost in the process. Hundreds of bills cross their desks during the session, and they record votes on dozens each day.

The camera is often aimed at the rostrum, so it's critical they

maintain serious faces. That's not always easy, they say. Sometimes their best efforts are compounded by mischievous legislators.

To this day, Sen. Jim Keane, D-Butte, continues to pull pranks on the women. It started back in 2003 during Bradford's first session, when Keane served in the House.

"He knew I was terrified," Bradford said, explaining that she had not realized her job involved sitting at the rostrum in front of 100 representatives. "He sent a note to a page and told me I had food all over my face, which I really believed."

Several sessions later, Bradford and Baird discovered a walkie-talkie under their side of the rostrum. They figured Keane intended to disrupt the floor session, so they planned to counter

They turned off the device just before the session began and tried hard not to laugh at the confused look on his face when he couldn't hear any noise coming from their end.

"He could not figure out why it wasn't working," Baird said, smiling at the memory.

Bradford jumped right in, explaining that they turned the device back on after the House

"He came up to the rostrum testing it," she said. "It was work-

Keane, they both note, is a hard-working lawmaker. They said personalities like his help lighten the session's hefty workload.

Like the legislators, about half the staff comes from across Montana to work at the statehouse during the session, including Bradford and Baird. The rest work here year-round to conduct research, staff interim committees, implement bills in state code and prepare for the next session.

"It stays busy during normal times, but it's nothing like it is now," said Yates, who works in his print shop in the Capitol basement all year. "But when I'm doing the session, I feel like I can actually contribute to the success of the state government."

Like Yates, Dan Ritter gets caught up in the buzz. Every two years, he leaves his real estate job in the Flathead to work in Helena.

"You're running at a pretty significant gallop for the 90 days," the Senate sergeant-atarms said. "We try to cut down as much stress as we can as support staff so (the lawmakers) can focus on their work."

Staffers field all sorts of requests - even the not-so-pleasant ones – to keep the show running.

When Senate Secretary Marilyn Miller worked in the House, a lawmaker asked her to help him empty his catheter bag.

"I emptied it into a soda can, and I was standing there with a hot soda," she said, laughing as she recalled the unexpected request.

Regardless of the sometimes bizarre tasks and hectic schedule, she says the Legislature is "addicting." That's why she's been coming back for 21 years.

Bradford has not worked at the Capitol for nearly as long, but six sessions have convinced her that legislators work hard. Before she started, she had her doubts. "I would hear people in the

grocery store give their opinion, and I was right there to jump in and give my opinion," she said. "Now, I correct them." Reporter Amy Sisk can be

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ter for the latest from the Capitol.

Submitted by Dan Malessa

Senators Jon Tester and Max Baucus are stepping forward to make sure Montana women have access to needed preventative health care.

Tester and Baucus are backing legislation that would prevent pharmacies from discriminating against Montana women by denying them the sale of contraceptives. The Senators point to independent research by the Institute of Medicine that found access to contraceptive care is an important piece of women's overall preventive health care.

"The decision about contraceptives should be left up to

preventative health care a woman and her doctor," Tester said. "This bill keeps pharmacists out of a woman's private de-

cision and increases her access to

A cow moose's patience begins to run out as Bella runs figure eights around her in the yard just behind Home

Park Assisted Living in Sheridan. Bella belongs to Tony and Emily Simonsen, owners of Home Park, and she

Tester, Baucus increasing women's access to

clearly provides the residents with entertainment and good company.

"Every Montanan should be treated with respect and dignity when seeking the medicines prescribed to them by their doctors. This bill protects Montana women from discrimination and upholds their rights to make private health care decisions with their families and doctors," Baucus said.

Tester and Baucus' bill also prevents pharmacy employees from intimidating, threatening or deceiving a customer to keep them from receiving a contracep-

Under the Senators' bill, pharmacies who choose never to carry contraceptives will not be required to do so, but those who do carry it must provide it to all customers with the required prescription from their doctors, without discrimination. A pharmacy employee may still refuse to provide a contraceptive if the customer does not have a prescription.

Photo submitted by Emily Simonsen

Tester and Baucus are also backing a Senate resolution that says access to comprehensive reproductive health care is a critical component of improving the health and well-being of women and their families.

second opinion

Dear Editor,

I was so pleased to read Mike Richmann's letter to the editor last week announcing his candidacy for a seat on the Ennis School Board. Mike Richmann is the only candidate thus far who has consistently and unwaveringly supported cleaning up our school's finance issues and advocating for getting a second opinion from another attorney.

I know Mike Richmann and know that he is informed about the issues and that his word is

his bond. As he said in his announcement letter, there is still much to be done. I know he would serve us well and help to get the school system back on the right track.

I look forward to hearing more from him throughout this campaign. Please consider casting your vote for Mike Richmann on Tuesday, May 7.

> Sincerely, Phyllis Wasick Ennis

Richmann supports Medicaid expansion needed to protect Montana's working poor

Dear Editor:

As a registered Republican and someone who did not vote for Obama, partly because of his positions on healthcare, I feel strongly that Montana must expand Medicaid.

The Supreme Court has upheld the new healthcare law, and now we must deal with it. The expansion of Medicaid is probably one of the few provisions of this healthcare law that I can embrace. Montana is 49th in

personal income. We cannot afford to take the hit of rejecting Medicaid expansion on an ideological basis. Those people without health insurance in our state, who would otherwise be covered under the Medicaid expansion, are real people and need to be remembered and considered.

For the foreseeable future, if we do not expand Medicaid, there are no options available to these working poor to obtain healthcare coverage, except to neglect their health or face personal bankruptcy. The Accountable Care Act, better known as Obama Care, has raised the cost of healthcare for everyone.

The working poor in the state of Montana, who could not afford healthcare before, are now hopelessly priced out of healthcare forever, unless they are allowed the option of obtaining Medicaid. The Montana Legislature MUST expand Medicaid coverage to the working poor in our state, or accept that they have disenfranchised the working

poor from obtaining appropriate care for their healthcare needs. I urge all those in our legislature to vote in favor of Medicaid expansion for the working poor in

Sincerely,

Roman M. Hendrickson, MD

Times and mining technologies have changed in America

Dear Editor,

As a consequence of recent news articles in this paper, I have fielded a number of questions about mine cleanup and remining activities in Southwest Montana, and felt that a letter describing my involvement and perspective might be in order.

Since the early 1970s there has been a concerted effort by

environmental groups to reduce ronmentally responsible manner, and eventually eliminate most mining in Montana. Much of the rationale for this is based on the scale and environmental impact of 150 years of past mining under traditional (notably less stringent) standards and the scars left on the landscape. Times have changed and mining technologies have changed as well. Modern mining can happen in a much more envi-

can produce high paying (safe) jobs, can provide economic opportunity for local communities and be reclaimed in ways that were unimaginable even 50 years ago. It is time that we end the false perception that mining has to be bad for the environment and should automatically be banned.

We need mining. Without natural resources we could not function for 5 seconds as a modern industrial society. Look around your home or workplace and name one thing that could be produced without mining and natural resources. If we shut down American mining and send those jobs to third world countries, what will we have accomplished? We are losing high paying American jobs and the natural environment will be much more

polluted in a low skill, third world in wealth creation is because outcountry with lax environmental laws. If it really is about saving the environment, then why would we send our mining infrastructure to countries 10 to 20 times more likely to pollute the environment? This really makes no sense. In 1960, Montana was 6th in per capita income in the United States. Today we are 48th. The reason we are taking a nosedive

transferring our technology to anywhere but America. It is time we turn that around and no better place than here in Southwest Montana

side forces are shutting down our

natural resource industries and

Dan Happel County Commissioner Madison District 2

Road improvements could increase property values

Dear Editor:

The Jack Creek Road improvements proposed by Becky Vujovich should be supported by residents of Madison Valley for the increased value added to properties in Ennis and surrounding communities.

With access to Big Sky and Moonlight Basin, both visitors and residents will benefit. Resorts get more business from those of us on this side of the mountain, and residents can market their properties as having easy access to Big Sky skiing.

Business from summer and

winter visitors would increase as well as opportunities for a shared business community among the chambers of commerce in both areas. This can be a win-win solution to keeping the valley and the resorts healthy. Let's get on the bandwagon to encourage the County Commissioners to support this endeavor and build a stronger Madison County.

> Shay Sayre Shining Mountains

OBITUARIES

Juana McKnight August 30, 1938 - March 1, 2013

Bessie Hadzor Rule

April 6, 1918 - March 21, 2013

Juana Joyce (Willett) McKnight passed away peacefully at St. Peter's Hospital, March 1, 2013. She was born to the late Kemp and Doris Willett on August 30, 1938, in Butte, Montana. Juana attended Ennis schools, graduating from Ennis High School in 1956. She spent a good part of her adult life both working and volunteering in the care of the elderly and the newborn.

She is survived by her ing of love, prayers and supfour sons, Art (Karen) Pearce of Sandy, Utah, Ladd Pearce of San Francisco, California, Robert Pearce of Phoenix, Arizona and Gary Pearce of Enterprise, Nevada.; her brother Jay (Karen) Willett of Ennis, Montana and her sister, Nita (Jim) Sinclair of Wichita, Kansas.

Her sons would like to thank Juana's many friends and family for their outpour-

working so they could mar-

ry, she did. In re-telling that

port as well as the exceptional staff of St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, who provided the compassion and care that Juana appreciated so much in her battle with cancer.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service and interment at Ennis Cemetery are pending this summer with announcements to follow.



Thank you for your kindness

community after Dad's strength finally failed him. A heartfelt thanks to those nurses and CNA's who were Dad's favorite caregivers and made the last few years more bearable. We will all miss his unconventional nature.

Marilyn and Terry Jenkins Kelley and Steve Knack Jamie and Brian Lovett

Thank you for all the remembrances and kind words from the

Daniel and Tami Jenkins and all eight great-grandchildren Kristen and Chris Retherford

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5 p.m. - Monday -After that, only if time and space permit.-



Bessie Hadzor Rule died March 21 at Copper Ridge Health and Rehabilitation Center in Butte.

Bessie was born in Sheridan, April 6, 1918, to James H. and Viola Adams Hadzor. She graduated from high school in Sheridan in 1935. After high school, she contemplated attending Montana State University, but joined the workforce instead, serving in secretarial and bookkeeping positions in Madison County until 1939 when she moved to Butte with her parents and siblings.

In Butte, she worked at Westinghouse Supply as a bookkeeper. She enjoyed work and organizing so much she often happily remarked she would have made a "great suffragette." When her beau, Richard Bennett Rule, proposed in 1945 that she quit

story, she'd say "Isn't that romantic?" with a teasing smile. They were happily married for 35 years when Dick Senior, as family knew him, died in 1980. He had worked as chief sampler for the Butte mines and with Anaconda Co. for 40 years and 10 months.

Together the couple enjoyed a very active social life and danced many nights away at the Columbia Gardens. They raised their children, Dick and Jeanne, in Butte, moving from Crystal Street to a home they purchased on Bayard Street in the spring of 1950.

Bessie was generous as a homemaker and volunteer. Her endeavors included Silver Bow Hospital Auxiliary, AARP-tax Aide Program, with which she volunteered for 21 years, Butte Emergency Food Bank, with which she volunteered for 25 years, SCORE Chapter and Hospice. She is a recipient of the Rotarian of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards and other notable honors too numerous to name.

She attended the United Congregational Church and was highly active in her membership. At one time she was widely considered not only the eldest, but also the member with the longest record of active membership. She was entirely happy to serve her church, and laughingly told stories of the UCC's first pasty first, she said, was successful perhaps only because members, tired from the haste of baking, simply bought all the pasties so they could rest the day of the sale.

Bessie loved gatherings of all kinds, but most enjoyed those with family, friends and neighbors. Block parties hosted in her backyard are legendary on Bayard Street, as the Laceys, Mills and Sprague families can attest.

An accomplished seamstress, she was a member of the Butte Stitchery Group. She made her family's clothing, including her husband's undershorts. Bessie was the consummate expert on stitching, and she gladly taught her nieces and granddaughter to sew. She also enjoyed crochet and knitting, and made countless pairs of mittens and slippers along with afghans. She was an avid cross-stitcher, stitching sets of pillowcases and sheets. She also enjoyed embroidery. To consider how many needles she threaded and stitches she completed truly boggles the mind.

Bessie was preceded in death by her husband, Richard "Dick" Rule, her parents, brothers Thomas Howard "T.H." Hadzor, his wife Alsale. It wasn't the last, but the ice, Francis E. "Swede" Hadzor, his wife Marion, Leonard "Speed" Hadzor, sister, Florence E. "Babe" Schmitt, her husband, John, two infant granddaughters and a grand-

She is survived by her son, Richard B. Rule II, daughter, Jeanne L. Reynolds, both of Butte; very special niece Judy (Delano) Hadzor Ramsey of Butler, Okla.; granddaughter, Juliette Rule of Cheyenne, Wyo.; grandsons, Regan (Martha) Rule of Columbus, Wis., Jason (Lucinda) Radford of Queen City, Texas, Robert Radford of Steeleville, Mo.; sister-in-law, Ruth McDonald Hadzor of Boise, Idaho; two great-grandchildren; and very special friends, Bruce and Bev Sloan of Butte. She also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. All will remember fondly her love and support.

A viewing will be hosted p.m. Sunday at Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at United Congregational Church, 2945 Bayard St., with interment to follow.

Meeting scheduled to Discuss 2013 Season for River's Edge Gallery

Leslie Clark

Since first opening in 2010, The River's Edge Gallery in Twin Bridges has enjoyed three successful seasons exhibiting and selling the work of many talented Montana artists as well as holding regular art classes for the benefit and enjoyment of our community.

We'd like to invite all interested artists, volunteers and community members to discuss the future of the River's Edge Art Gallery at a meeting on April 8 at

5:30pm. To continue operating as a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt nonprofit organization under the auspices of the Twin Bridges Community Association, we need volunteers to fill the Board positions of Director and Secretary. Job descriptions for both positions will be available at the meeting.

Please plan on attending the meeting Monday, April 8, at 5:30 pm at the River's Edge Gallery in Twin Bridges – refreshments will be served!



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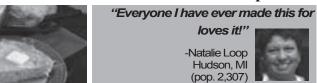


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• Return to oven and bake until golden, approximately 30 mins.

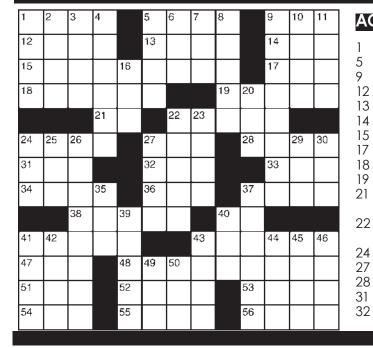
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March 17, 2013

Received report of possible fraud on Front St, Alder Prisoner transport to Gallatin

Dispatched RVA for transfer to Bozeman

Deputy dispatched to an alarm on Riverwood Dr

T/s on Main St, Twin Bridges Received unfounded 911 call T/s at US Hwy 287 MM

March 18, 2013

Received unfounded 911 call Deputies dispatched to domestic complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd

March 19, 2013

Deputies dispatched to mental complaint in 600 blk Mirza Way

Deputies dispatched to threats complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd. One male arrested for Partner or Family Member Assault Dispatched RVA & TBQRU to White Swan Ln

Prisoner transport to Gallatin

Vehicle inspection requested on Carney Ln

Received traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 south of Ennis Dispatched RVA to 500 blk Centennial Dr

Deputy dispatched to an alarm on Riverwood Dr

March 20, 2013

Vehicle inspection requested on Rainbow Loop Dr Received unfounded 911 call

Received suspicious circumstances complaint in 100 blk Mill St

T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 25 Received suspicious circumstances complaint at Sheridan High School

Received unfounded 911 call

March 21, 2013

Received dog complaint on Mt Hwy 287 by Post Office Received unfounded 911 call Received unfounded 911 call Deputy dispatched to animal complaint on US Hwy 287 by Madison Foods

March 22, 2013

T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 45 Received request for welfare check on Cover St Received suspicious circumstances complaint in 100 blk

Mill St Received unfounded 911 call

March 23, 2013

Received privacy in communications complaint in 400 blk W Hugel St

T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 49 T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 46 Received unfounded 911 call T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 45 T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 51 Deputy dispatched to dog com-

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Received traffic complaint in Twin Bridges

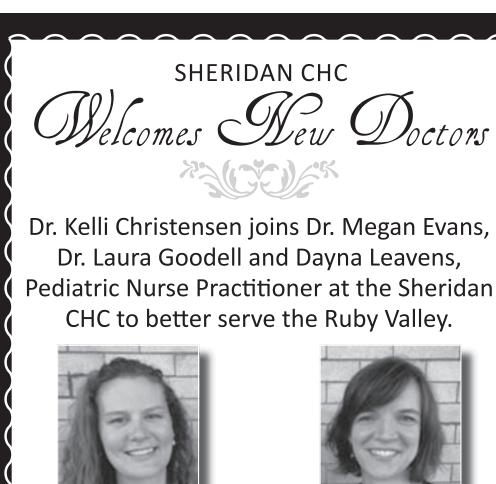
Deputy dispatched to animal complaint at US Hwy 287 MM

Deputy dispatched to an alarm in 100 blk W Main St, Ennis Deputy dispatched to standby to assure peace in 100 blk Ennis Lake Rd

T/s on Mill St T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 64

The Sheriff's Office made 12 traffic stops and received 37 calls for service between March 17, 2013 and March 23, 2013.







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Crews continue to implement NorthWestern Energy's Distribution System Infrastructure Plan (DSIP) in Montana. Utility work will be happening in the Pony and Harrison areas, which will result in a planned power outage beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, and lasting approximately four hours.

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.





BOYS SCOUT TROOP RECEIVES DONATION



Pictured are from left; Boys Scouts Jacob Mulholland; Dalton Green; and Doug Christensen followed by Scout Master; Kent Reid and contributor Bill Mercer.; Bill Mercer of Clearwater Montana Properties takes a percentage of commissions and distributes it to organizations in the Ennis community.; Bill; who was an Eagle Scout has always had great memories of Boys Scouts and felt this was a very good organization to receive a donation.

Montana Western leads the Montana university system in new freshman

By David Nolt University of Montana Western

Western (UMW) leads all state higher education institutions with a five-year 32 percent increase in Montana first-time degree-seeking freshmen, based on recently released statistics from the Montana University System (MUS).

Montana Western also shared the lead with Montana State University-Bozeman with a 27-percent increase in combined resident and non-resident firsttime degree-seeking freshman in the comparison.

The report, released by MUS Associate Commissioner Tyler Trevor, compares figures from Fall 2008 to Fall 2012 for students defined as first-time degree-seeking freshmen (students who have no prior experience at-

tending any institution at the undergraduate level).

University of Montana Western Chancellor Richard Sto-The University of Montana rey said a number of factors are contributing to the university's

> "Our unique Experience One, one-class-at-a-time approach to learning has been a phenomenal success and continues to draw students who realize the many advantages it provides," Storey said. "In addition, our outstanding faculty, including four Carnegie Foundation Professors of the Year in a row, and our dedicated staff create an environment where student success is paramount."

> Montana Western's results come at a time when higher education experts nationwide are beginning to raise attention to the overall stagnation and decrease in college and university enroll-



Twin Bridges Little League to begin

By Rachel & Jarrod Miotke

Spring is hopefully just around the corner and that means baseball time. Little League Baseball teams are forming in Twin Bridges for the 2013 season. Participation is open to all children 5 - 14 years of age. The divisions are: T-Ball for those that are 5 - 6 years of age; Ponies, which is machine pitch, is for 7 - 8 year olds; Minors for 9– 10 years of age; Majors are for students 11- 12 years of age; and

Juniors for 13 -14 years of age. Of course skill level also determines the division of play.

Little League Baseball is a great learning experience that is organized and run by community volunteers. The Twin Bridges teams play in the Beaverhead League. The season begins in early May and runs through mid-June. A nominal registration fee is required.

Rachel & Jarrod Miotke (684-5729) are heading up the Twin Bridges teams. Registra-

tion forms are available in the TB Schools and at the Ruby Vallev National Bank. The registration forms need to be turned in no later than April 12th.

The Twin Bridges teams have had great participation and support. They have great complex at Riverside Park for practices and home games. Volunteers are always needed, so if you would like to help out please let us know we would appreciate

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.
- Audited Financials Managers Report
- Board of Director's Report
- Guest Speaker Door Prizes

Please RSVP by April 5, 2013

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Please contact your local Rocky Mountain Supply to RSVP or call Belgrade (406) 388-4008

This is an important meeting. The Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc. requests your presence.

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

Local athletes excel at college academics Sydnee Burke from Sheri- coach or sports information and Lott is a guard for Rocky

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Ennis Lions Club hosts Easter egg hunt

By Bill Mercer Ennis Lions CLub

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Twin Bridges adult education offers new classes

Twin Bridges Schools

Twin Bridges Public Schools will be wrapping up its third year of adult education classes beginning April 1.

Kelly Downing will be teaching a mixed media art adult education class at Twin Bridges Schools. The first class will be held Monday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the school lunchroom, and a schedule for following classes will be decided then. Students can expect to create four to five projects. There is a charge of \$20 for supplies.

Please contact Downing at 684-5656 with questions or to enroll. Space is limited.

Jarrod Miotke will be teaching and supervising a weightlifting adult education class in the Main Gym of Twin Bridges Schools with the first class being held April 2 at 6 p.m. A schedule, as well as developing a customized program, will be created as the class progresses. The lengths of training and dates available will be adjusted weekly. Please contact Miotke at 684-5656 if you have questions or want to enroll. Space is also limited.

Garden throws afternoon **Spring Fling in April**

Jackson's Garden

Jackson's Garden is slated to host an afternoon of discussion about gardening with a panel of local gardening experts at their annual Spring Fling, Sunday April 7, 2 p.m. at Bethany Hall in Sheridan.

Mike Morgan will talk about composting while Sarris Marsh, owner of Marsh's Mountain Greenhouse in Sheridan, will talk about seed germination and container planting. Linda Day will describe how to start a lasagna garden and Debbie Rogers will explain how to extend growing seasons with walls of water and how to protect gardens from herbicide-

contaminated manure. Paulette Hardy will discuss various ways of mulching vegetable and flowerbeds and will answer general gardening questions.

Plans for this year's growing season at the garden will be discussed as well as adult education such as canning workshops, the Kids Club and opportunities for volunteers at the

Afternoon tea will be served and everyone is invited to this free event. For more information, contact Carla Marsh at 842-7956 or Linda at 842-5678. For more information about Jackson's Garden, visit jacksonsgarden.org.

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Samantha Kimmey

Montana Certified seed potatoes available at local nurseries, garden centers and the **Madison-Jefferson Extension Office**

Madison-Jefferson Extension Office

Home gardeners searching for unique potatoes to plant in the garden are in luck because Montana seed potato farmers produce a dazzling array of varieties, and this year, most Montana State University Extension county offices will take orders for seed potatoes.

Many varieties can be found at local nurseries, garden centers or grocery stores. The most important thing is to look for a blue tag on the box that says "Montana Certified Seed Potatoes." If you have trouble finding unique

specialty varieties, this spring of damaging pests and pathoyou can contact your local county Extension office.

Montana certified seed potato growers will supply everything from russets and fingerlings to golds, reds and purples through MSU Extension county offices. Starting March 18, most MSU Extension offices will be taking orders for seed potatoes. All orders need to be placed by April 1 and potatoes will be ready for pick up by April 15.

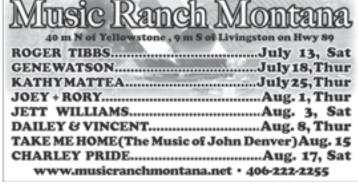
Planting Montana certified seed potatoes is an important way to protect Montana seed potato farms from the importation gens. Montana seed potatoes are grown at the highest standards with very stringent tolerances for disease and quality.

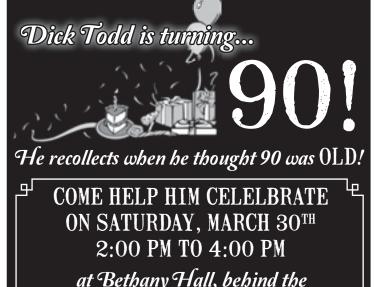
In addition, Montana growers have an amazing range of varieties that have outstanding and novel culinary qualities. Available varieties include: Russet varieties; fingerlings, including French Fingerling and Purple Fiesta (purple skin and flesh); reds, including Dark Red Norland, Pontiac, Caribe and Chieftan; yellows, including Yukon Gold and Yukon Gem; and the Purple Viking, which has purple

skin with pink blotches and pure white flesh.

If a county is not participating in the program, contact a neighboring county for availability, and again, be sure to check with your local nursery or garden center for Montana certified seed potatoes. Contact information for specific counties can be found at http://www. msuextension.org/localoffices. cfm. For more information, contact the Madison-Jefferson Extension Office in Whitehall at 287-3282 or asarchet@montana.







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MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 40 to 50. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 10 to 20. Highs 30 to 40.

Saturday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 45 to 55.

Sunday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 45 to 55.

Monday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 45 to 55.

SNOW REPORT

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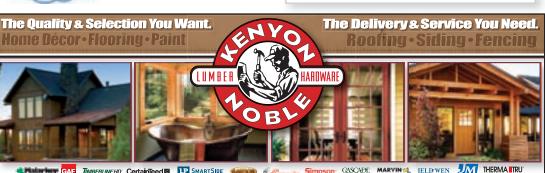
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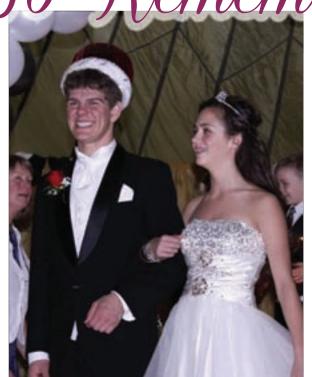


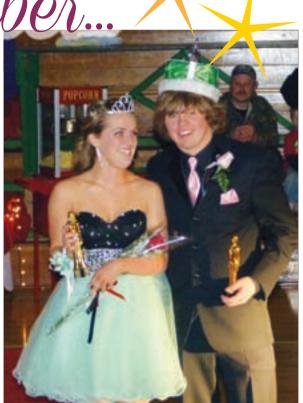
ECCS GETS VISITS FROM GREAT DADS, **B5**

SECTION B

Thursday, March 28, 2013















March 23 was prom night all across the county.

Clockwise starting top left: 1. Harrison students Rebecca and Kristen White share a moment. 2. King and Queen Clark Mocilac and Hannah Konen of Twin Bridges High School. 3. Ennis High School King and queen Tucker Ott and Madison Galloup. 4. Brittany VanDyk and Jake Davidson of Sheridan High School, 5. The Sheridan and Twin Bridges prom attendees dance the night away . 6. Harrison High School students gather for a large group photo. 7. Ennis High School had a "Hollywood Nights" theme for their prom.

Local sixth-grader excels at soccer at a state level

Alyse Backus The Madisonian news@madisoniannews.com

Colter Korsmoe kicks a soccer ball around in his backyard. He gives the ball a final boot and it skids over the dead grass and lands in the little bit of snow that covers the inside of the goal his grandfather constructed out of netting and PVC pipes.

It's clear by the amount of soccer balls scattered all over the yard with tears in the leather and the ones that can't hold air that this makeshift goal gets a lot of use. Korsmoe, a sixth-grader in Ennis, is a star soccer player in the making.

"I started playing soccer when I was four in New York," says Korsmoe. "We used two garbage cans to mark the goal. When I was little, it was the only sport I played."

Now that Korsmoe is older, he splits his time in between Ennis and New York, and his soccer skills have just gotten better and better. He was recently selected to play on the Montana Olympic Development Program team.

The Olympic Development Program in a nationwide youth soccer

league that tries to identify potential national team youth players. The Montana program seeks out the best coaches. Coaches are tasked with training the young players not only on a physical level but also a mental level.

Korsmoe tried out for the team in December.

"For me, I knew Colter was good but I didn't know if he was a gifted player," says Sam Korsmoe, Colter's father. "A true coach can see things I just can't. All the kids at the tryout were really good."

When Colter was selected to play on Montana's team, he was spending Christmas break in New York and couldn't get much practice in when he returned home to Ennis.

"I was really excited," says Colter. "It was snowing outside so I kicked this tiny soccer ball around inside to practice."

After he was selected to join the Montana team, he joined around 20 kids from all over the state, but he was the only one from a smaller town. Most were from Missoula, Butte and Bozeman, places where kids have league teams so they can play organized soccer from a young age.

"I think we raised a few eyebrows," said Sam. "I was talking to a coach who was surprised the team had a family from Ennis."

Colter practices with the team once a month, and he has to travel to different towns in Montana. The team then travels to different states to play in tournaments. The first game was in Kennewick, Wash. as part of the Blue Mountain Exchange soccer tournament.

definitely "It's investment on both of our parts," says Sam. "It's a lot of travel and time. I have tried to really take it on and provide the resources to take advantage of Colter's talent. It's really cool to think he could be good enough to take this all the way to college. I would love to see him get a scholarship."

In Kennewick, Colter had a big game. He kicked the first goal of the game-with his non-dominant left foot. The team went on to win that game

The team has also offered some unique opportunities to meet some new friends.

"Nobody at school really likes to play soccer so it's kind of hard to play there," says



Photo by Alyse Backus

Colter. "But through the ODP team, I have made friends. The coaches try to partner us up with someone from a different town. It's given me a chance footed goal.

to meet friends I never would game and I am really proud he is a part of that," says Sam.

Colter Korsmoe kicks a soccer ball around in his backyard with his dad

is in Boise, Idaho. Till then, "I used to live overseas and he will continue to kick the ball around his backyard in preparation for that next left-"Soccer is the world's

Colter was born in Vietnam. So it seems like soccer is just a good fit since it's so international. If it gets him an education and he gets to travel around, soccer is a really good

have.' Colter's next tournament

HEALTH & WELLNESS

What can be learned from blood tests

By Debra McNeill RUBY VALLEY HOSPITAL

Health screening events are an excellent opportunity to obtain low cost blood testing. These tests are vital health monitors and can provide early detection of serious diseases and conditions. Unless you have received some guidance from your healthcare provider, deciding which tests you should take can be confusing. Following is a brief explanation of the most typically offered health screens including what each test analyzes and why it is important.

chemistry provides information about your general health and includes 7 to 25 different tests. The tests measure the health of your kidneys, liver and thyroid. Also measured are:

- Blood glucose (sugar): This is used to detect hyperglycemia (high), hypoglycemia (low) diabetes.
- Lipids: These tests measure various blood fats. They include: total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol (good), LDL-cholesterol (bad), and triglycerides (a blood fat made from fatty acids).
- Proteins: These include: Albumin, which is made in the liver, globulin which helps with immunity, and total protein which is the total of globulin and albumin.
- Electrolytes: sodium, potassium, calcium, chloride and carbon dioxide are important for muscle, heart, nerve and other organ function.
- Liver Function Tests: these include ALT, AST and Alkaline Phosphatase when abnormal may indicate liver abnormalities.
- Kidney Function Tests: BUN and Creatinine are used to measure kidney function
- elevated in gout and other prostate metabolic diseases.

• Thyroid: The TSH National

measures whether the thyroid health is normal over or under active

The chemistry panel is important in identifying a wide range of serious and treatable conditions ranging from heart disease to diabetes and liver malfunction to kidney malfunction and many

A CBC or Complete Blood Count evaluates three types of blood cells - white cells, red cells and platelets.

- White blood cells act as defense agents against infections and cancer. The white blood count is useful in monitoring the progress of a patient's condition when a disease state or infection is
- Red blood cells carry oxygen throughout the body.
- Platelets are vital for normal blood clotting.

A CBC can help identify conditions and diseases such as anemia, bacterial or viral infections, bone marrow autoimmune disorders,

conditions, allergic reactions nutritional deficiencies.

The Prostate Specific Antigen or PSA test is used to help detect and monitor prostate cancer

men and other diseases of the prostate. The prostate specific antigen produced by the prostate gland. Elevated levels the protein • Uric Acid: can be can indicate recommend a baseline PSA test periodically after ages 40 or 50.

The Vitamin D test is particularly important for women who have or are at risk of having osteoporosis. Because it helps the body absorb calcium, it is very important in preventing bone loss and fractures. There is increasing evidence that Vitamin D plays a role in many areas of the body and almost all of the organs. Vitamin D deficiency has been associated with increased risk of breast, colon and prostate cancers, heart disease, diabetes, and autoimmune disorders. It supports a strong immune system. It is known as the sunshine vitamin and it is not uncommon for persons living in Montana to have a low

Hemoglobin A1C, also known as just "A1C", is a test used to diagnose and monitor diabetes. For diabetics, this

organizations test is used to monitor glucose over time with the objective of normalizing the glucose level. It gives the average blood sugar level over the previous 3 months. It is also used for diagnostic purposes when symptoms indicate the possibility of diabetes. These symptoms include increased thirst or urination, blurred vision, and fatigue.

The Ruby Valley Hospital is offering Health Screening Blood Tests to the community on Wednesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 4, from 7-11 a.m. Ruby Valley Hospital recommends that you share the results of your tests with your healthcare provider.

Please call Ruby Valley Hospital at 842-5453 for more information and look



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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK APRIL 1-7, 2013

Judy Edwards Madison County Public HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Madison County Public Health Department (MCPHD) would like to take this opportunity of National Public Health Week to thank the residents of Madison County for their ongoing support of public health. It was through your support of a ballot initiative to fund the public health department that we have been able to become more active in each of our communities and extend our services to more people.

Madison County is extremely lucky to have such a professional Board of Health overseeing the activities of the department. The chairman of the board is Dr. Doug Young, large animal veterinarian from Ennis; Dr. R.D. Marks, Ennis is the MCPHD Medical Director. Other members include: Dayna

Griffin LCSW, Twin Bridges; Melinda Tichenor, Laboratory Director, Madison Valley Medical Center; and Dr. Maria Bartoletti, Dentist, Sheridan. We are currently recruiting for another board member representing schools, hopefully from the Harrison area. These individuals volunteer their time and expertise to assure the staff uses sound public health principles and skills and that we are meeting the needs in the communities. Dr. Sarah Googe, our past Medical Director has retired and we will continue to be grateful for her guidance and commitment in developing the Public Health Department in Madison County.

To fulfill our Mission Statement to "protect and promote the health of county citizens and the environment through the efforts and dedication of skilled employees applying sound public health principles", MCPHD is striving

locations where it is convenient for people to get preventive services such as vaccines. We provide vaccine clinics in the Twin Bridges, Sheridan, Ennis and Harrison schools and at Well Child clinics in Twin Bridges, Sheridan and Ennis. MCPHD will provide flu shots in workplaces at the request of employers. The public can also call and make an appointment for an immunization at our Virginia City office. important note for parents: your insurance card or a copy of the front and back of your insurance card must be provided when your child attends the school clinics if you want MCPHD to bill your insurance.

To assist with the cost of vaccines for those without health insurance or have insurance that doesn't cover the cost of vaccines, MCPHD has implemented a sliding fee schedule based on family size and income. Please mention when you make an appointment that you would like to know if you could receive a reduced

MCPHD continues to be vigilant in emergency planning for physical or biological threats. Whether it is an earthquake or an outbreak of whooping cough, MCPHD is ready to reduce the impact on Madison County residents during an event and for the long-term health and safety consequences following an emergency.

Your staff at MCPHD is Judy Edwards, RN, MPH Director and Local Health Officer, Christine Durham, RN -Public Health Nurse and Tammy Mahlstede - Office Coordinator. We are here to be of service to you on public health issues. Please feel free to call us at 843-4295 or stop by our office at 7 Placer Loop in Virginia City if you have any questions. We appreciate your support and are always interested in your ideas or comments.

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COLUMNS

ustainablu Sarah Miller,

"Give Peeps a Chance"

can't take credit for that cute pun; www. makinglifewhimsical.com posted free Easter printables like the quote above under the blog post, "Show Me the Peeps." As Easter approaches, there is the pain accompanied with only having our daughter home for a few weeks a year. She loves Peeps and loves helping in the kitchen. It would have been fun to create dozens of Peep treats and throw a Peep party. The bright side is that I consume far less sugar by living vicariously through the blog posts I scroll through on Pinterest and that by writing about those colorful, sugary treats I can interact with the candy in a totally caloriefree manner.

Just in case you haven't seen the pastel-colored candy displayed prominently in stores the last few weeks, Peeps Brand Marshmallow candies are made in the USA by the Just Born Inc candy company. "The wonderful combination of sweet colored sugar and fluffy marshmallow creates an unforgettable taste experience" (www.marshmallowpeeps.

This year I was first com). inspired by Peeps when I saw a pic of a sunflower cake using yellow chick peeps as the petals of a sunflower. Last year, it was Easter Peeps s'mores dessert mix in mason jars. Because Peeps are marshmallow at the core, you can use Peeps as a marshmallow replacement. Remake s'mores treats. Create colorful popcorn balls using Peeps instead of marshmallows. Rice Krispy cereal treats take on a springtime hue when using Peeps instead of mini marshmallows. Or hide Peeps in chocolate brownies.

be made with strawberries, pineapple, grapes, melon and Peeps by layering the fruit and candy on bamboo skewers. Craft a colorful candy bouquet using one bunny-shaped peep per bamboo skewer and arranging the "bunny flowers" in a flowerpot. Search the Internet for a make-your-own Peep recipe if you want to challenge yourself this spring.

Peep-inspired From cocktails (Patron tequila, sparkling grapefruit juice and Monin Rose syrup or Peep martini: fluffed marshmallow vodka, vanilla syrup, simple syrup and sugar) to wreaths, cupcakes, coloring pages, and humorous dioramas, homemade popsicles, sewing patterns, toys and science experiments, peep straws, the possibilities are endless. Have fun this Easter and play around with this brightly colored candy.

Twin Bits

Create unique artwork this Peeps-fruit kabobs can spring with Kelly Downing at

the Twin Bridges School. Kelly is teaching a second round of Mixed Media Art as an adult education course. Call TBS at 684-5656 to reserve a spot in this space-limited class. The first class will be 8 a.m. to noon, Monday, April 1 at the school with the rest of the classes scheduled after the first

The next TBCA meeting will be Friday, April 12, at 8:30 a.m. at The Old Hotel. Election of Board of Directors will be held that day. Vote in person or by proxy. Nominations: Jack Leber for Chair, Heather Puckett for Treasurer, Pat Bradley for Secretary. At this time the Vice Chair position is still vacant; the TBCA can operate without a Vice Chair but it is helpful to the organization to have the support of a Vice Chair. There is room for Write-In nominations. Paula Kinoshita, out-going Chair, is taking comments and suggestions until the April 12 meeting at oldhotel@3rivers. The civic organization

is also looking to change the meeting time—on the floor is the suggestion of moving meetings to Wednesdays at noon. Pass on your ideas and volunteer by contacting Jack Leber at jack. leber@prumt.com.

The Buy Local Business Expo will be held at the fairgrounds on 4 May 9 am to 2 pm. There are still a few vendor spaces available for Ruby Valley businesses. Call BoB Reimard at 842-7900 to reserve a space.

Jackson's Garden will host an afternoon of discussion about gardening with a panel of local gardening experts at their annual Spring Fling, Sunday April 7th at 2 p.m. at Bethany Hall in Sheridan. Afternoon tea will be served and everyone is invited to this free event. For more information, contact Carla at 842-7956 or Linda at 842-5678. For more information about Jackson's Garden visit jacksonsgarden.org.

> From TBS Calendar: March 28- April 1: No

School, Easter Vacation

April 1- 4: Bow Hunter Education @ MT Room, 6 pm, contact Doug Stonebraker

Wed. April 3: Booster Club mtg @ MT Room, 6 pm

Sat April 6: State FFA Convention @ Billings; Track

Thurs. April 11: Senior Citizens Spring Dinner, 11 am; Pre-Festival Concert 7 pm; VFW meeting @ MT Room, 7:30 pm

Mon. April 15: Trailblazers 4-H mtg @ Lunchroom, 7 pm

Tues. April 16: Reg. School Board mtg @ MT Room, 7 pm Wed. April 17: Big Hole Watershed mtg @ MT Room, 7

April 19-20: District Music Festival @ Deer Lodge

Mon. April 22: No School, Spring Break

April 21- 28: Close-Up Trip to Washington D.C.

Tues. April 30: Nat'l Honor Society Induction/ Banquet, 6

HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler FOR THE MADISONIAN

This Too Shall Pass **Reliving An Annual Affliction**

For the tenth consecutive day, the sound of wind rattling the windows woke me. As I peered into the dim light, I was



Art Kehler

reminded that hours of darkness outnumbered daylight hours. Trees whiplashed in

the howling wind. The naked lilac branches seemed to plead for warmth. Stale snowdrifts covered the frozen ground. thermometer read. 20-degrees. Low-hanging, gray clouds smothered any hope of sunshine.

Across the street, a young male dog attempted to dispense excess fluids on a fence post, only to be hit with an untimely gust, which threatened to throw him on his back. Frantically teetering about on two legs, the wideeyed pup careened into a parked car's tire, which knocked him back on all four paws. While watching the mortified pooch sulk home, I recalled that winter's initial snowstorm had arrived six months ago, and it wasn't over yet.

Indoors.

houseplants died of despair a month ago. I heard a faint scream as the last housefly kamikaze dove to his demise on the kitchen floor. Then, in my mind's eye, the window curtains turned to iron bars. Hallucinating further, the exit doors appeared as sealed vaults. Rooms shrunk before my eyes. My house felt like a prison.

Suddenly, the miserable conditions, I had to go outside or go mad. Upon leaving the house, like a heat-seeking missile, my hat rocketed skyward. Only mega-flexed, facial muscles prevented my lips from being blown up over my nose. While staggering onward, my ears fluttered furiously in the wind. I had the car door leading by two takedowns and a reversal before finally wrestling it open.

Nearly exhausted, I drove action-packed, to uptown

Arriving at the grocery store, I was sarcastically accused of having combed my hair with a hand grenade. The normally friendly townsfolk exuded an aura of sullenness. Conversations were brief. curt, and risky. In the nearby cafe, husbands and wives sat at different tables, facing in opposite directions, preferring to gape at pictures on the walls rather than look at each other. A newly hired waitress unwisely acknowledged a patron with "good morning." Incited by such insolence, the outraged customer boisterously demanded to know just what the blazes was so swell about it! Such was the sense of despair that a local rancher complained

because a robin had soiled his calving coveralls. It was then my worst fears were confirmed: the Tri-Cities (Harrison, Pony, Norris) area was mired in the grip of "cabin fever."

As usual, cabin fever had set in fully during the first week of March. Regrettably, spring's distant arrival provided the only cure. Then, in a "take heart" epiphany, I recalled that short-term relief was only days away, in the form of St. Patrick's Day.

While originally celebrated in Ireland as a religious event, St. Patrick's Day has also evolved to serve as the "unofficial tri-cities cabin fever party." On that much-anticipated mid-March occasion, crazed local citizens gather to imbibe liquid spirits and engage in forced laughter.

After said spirits have taken effect, the forced laughter inevitably progresses delusional, raucous merriment. In short, everybody acts nuts because they've been going nuts all winter.

Ultimately, when the festivities end, cabin fever will still be in force. But then when the lingering effects of such hardy jollity wear off, spring really will be closer. Best of all, St. Patrick's day will have roused tri-cities residents from the pall of cabin fever long enough to recognize the annual affliction for what it is and to remember "this too shall pass."

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

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There But For The Grace of The Fed

The U.S. equity and commodity markets, as measured by the Dow Jones and

CRB Index respectively, are once more moving in the same direction. The Dow recently posted a new all-time historic high, trading a bit over the 14,500 level while the CRB, bouncing off an 8-month low, managed to claw its way to a one-month high. Needless to say, equities continue to outperform commodities with investors, traders and agricultural producers recognizing the obvious -- Stocks rule and commodities drool.

The all time high for the CRB Index was set in the March-April period of 2011. The Index began to roll over following the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear plant disasters that struck Japan in late March of that year. When the Japanese economy was brought to it's knees, demand for a host of commodities was destroyed and the CRB headed south, not finding a bottom until June 2012 at the 502 level.

Moving forward, if the CRB Index resumes its downtrend. The 500 level must not be violated to the downside. If it is, the next logical support levels rest at the 325 to 400, which is where the Index traded in the years 2008-2009 when the nation was in depths of the worst recession since the 1930s.

The Dow and the CRB moved in perfect tandem from the 2008 and 2009 period into the fall of 2012. The Dow during those fateful months rallied from the 12,000 to 12,500 range to a new, all time highs of approximately 14,500. The CRB Index, on the other hand has yet to trade higher than 577.

Stocks and commodities began moving opposite each other in a meaningful manner in the final months of 2012 with the Dow jumping nearly 21 percent into March while the CRB Index slipped 6 percent. It was a significant divergence between the two markets that moved in tandem for years.

A few weeks ago in my weekly column I wrote, "Stocks and commodities have rallied dramatically over the past five and a half years because the Federal Reserve with their various stimulus packages, cheap money, smoke and mirrors, printing presses and practicing the skillful art of legerdemain, boosted greatly stocks, home values and commodity prices." That is all true.

Rising markets with higher prices amid an improved economy was due entirely to the Fed and their magic. The Fed with their tricks accomplished what they set out to do. Now, however, it becomes a question if such historically high value levels can be maintained. My lean at this point is the Fed has done their job and therefore, "the days of a rising tide lifting all boats" is all

What does that portend for the stock market? The one thing I know for certain about a 14,500 Dow Jones is the last time the market was there, give or take a bit, the market dropped 50 percent before it uncovered a meaningful low. And history has a way of repeating itself.

It is also worth noting that a popular 29-year-old screen actress, going nameless in this column, is touting stocks. From MSN.com, "The star of films

such as 'Ted,' 'Friends With Benefits' and the TV series 'That 70s Show' told CNBC in London: what to buy. The shoeshine boy 'I've just started investing in could give you a summary of the stocks, which is new for me.

When news of the 29-yearolds interest in stocks hit the wires, Barry Ritholtz, director of equity research at Fusion IQ, said he was glad she was sticking with her movie career: "If she was giving up acting to become a day trader, we'd have great contrary indicator!"

But it may indeed be a contrary indicator and possibly a reliable one. Consider a similar example from a past issue of Fortune; "Joe Kennedy, a famous rich guy in his day, exited the stock market (in 1929) in timely fashion after a shoeshine boy gave him some stock tips. He figured that when the shoeshine boys have tips, the market is too popular for its own good, a theory also advanced by Bernard Baruch, another vested interest who described the scene before

the big Crash:

"Taxi drivers told you day's financial news as he worked with rag and polish. An old beggar who regularly patrolled the street in front of my office now gave me tips and, I suppose, spent the money others and I gave him in the market. My cook had a brokerage account and followed the ticker closely. Her paper profits were quickly blown away in the gale of 1929."

Stock investors. commodity traders agricultural producers should understand that market values are where they are today due to the Fed practicing the art of legerdemain. There but for the grace of the Fed, I shutter to think where the markets would be today. But for now, the Fed has done its job and moving forward, paper and hard assets are going to rise or fall on their own merits.

Only two of the five naked-eye planets are visible in the Montana night sky this month. Fortunately, they can both be seen in the evening sky and they are the two largest planets in the Solar System-- Jupiter

and Saturn. As April begins, brilliant Jupiter may be found about halfway up in the western sky as darkness falls, not to set until after 1 a.m. Jupiter begins the month a little over five degrees from the reddish star Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, the bull, and a star with which Jupiter has been paired since early last summer. By the end of the month, Jupiter stands about a quarter of the way up in the western

sky as the sky darkens and

sets around 11:30 p.m. The

distance between Jupiter and

Aldebaran has also changed

significantly during April

as Jupiter stands about nine

degrees from Aldebarn by portion of the sky. month's end.

Saturn joins Jupiter in the evening sky, rising a little after 10 p.m. as April begins and before sunset by the end of the month. Look for bluish



By Richard Stouffer FOR THE MADISONIAN

Highlights for APRIL

Spica about 15 degrees above 4:30 a.m. and when the sky Saturn as the nearest star to starts to brighten to avoid lead you to Saturn since there are no bright stars around Saturn. Thus, golden colored Saturn stands out in this

The Moon passes just to the left of Jupiter on April 14 and passes very close to Spica on April 24. The Moon is full on April 25 when it passes to the lower right of Saturn.

> For meteor shower watchers, the Lyrid meteor shower peaks on the morning of April 22. This shower normally produces no more than about 12 meteors per hour, although on very rare occasions, it has produced

> more meteors than that. The best time to see the shower this year is between

significantly

the effects of a very bright gibbous Moon, which sets just after 4:30 a.m. in the pre-dawn sky.

LOCAL STUDENT **EARNS DEAN'S LIST HONORS**



Austin White, daughter of Mike and Eileen White, achieved academic success and made the Dean's list in her fall semester at Pacific University Oregon. Austin is in her sophomore year and is majoring in Business (with international emphasis) & French. Congratulations Austin!

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

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Lunch includes: fresh salad/fruit bar & milk Thursday - March 28

Breakfast - Ham & cheese omelette Lunch - Ravioli and breadsticks

Friday -March 29

Breakfast - Egg & sausage muffin Lunch - Corn dogs & chips

Monday - April 1

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - April 2

NO SCHOOL Wednesday - April 3

NO SCHOOL

HARRISON Thursday - March 28

Breakfast - Maple bars, cereal

Lunch - Ravioli and breadsticks Friday - March 29

NO SCHOOL

Monday - April 1

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - April 2

NO SCHOOL

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 28

Breakfast - Muffin, yogurt Lunch - Country style beef pattie

Friday -March 29

NO SCHOOL

Monday - April 1

Breakfast - Cereal, pancakes Lunch - Noodles, fresh baby carrots

Tuesday - April 2

Breakfast - Cereal, fruit, scrambled egg & sausage

Lunch - Taco soup, broccoli

Wednesday - April 3

Breakfast - Yogurt bar/smoothies Lunch - BBQ pork on a bun

TWIN BRIDGES

All breakfast menus include: toast, fruit, milk, juice All lunch menus include: salad bar, fruit, cold milk

Thursday - March 28

NO SCHOOL

Friday - March 29

NO SCHOOL

Monday - April 1

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - April 2

Breakfast - Choice of cereal Lunch - Tuna hot dish or goulash

Wednesday - April 3

Breakfast - Pancakes

Lunch - Chicken fajitas

Ennis Meals on Wheels

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

Friday, March 29 - BUFFET

Tuesday, April 2 - Fish, rice, spinach, cole slaw, bread, cake

Wednesday, April 3 - Chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced tomatoes, bread, banana bread, pineapple

Thursday, April 4 - Meatloaf, baked potatoes, corn, spinach salad, bread, cake with rhubarb sauce

Friday, April 5 - BUFFET

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by Gail Banks

I shouldn't complain about the weather because it certainly is worse in many parts of the United States, but it really has been cold! I hope that it is warm for the annual Easter egg hunts this weekend.

I used to so enjoy Easter and egg hunts when I was growing up. The days were filled with getting to play with all my cousins. Now days I talk to a couple of my cousins on Facebook and email. I talk to some maybe once a year, and most of them I probably wouldn't even know them if they walked right up to me. I don't even know why, lives just changed and we didn't try hard enough to stay connected. It's kind of sad.

This week, some younger folks were telling me that Easter

had to answer that it is just any other day, it is what you want to make out of it. I think one of the nicest Easter Sundays was when I was still in high school and I attended a sunrise service up on the bench above Twin Bridges and Sheridan with Rev. George Cox giving the service. He had placed a wooden cross where the service was. So when the sun starting coming up, the light bounced off the "old wooden cross." As far as Easter dinners, to remember it would have to been when I came up with the idea to cook a leg of lamb for Easter. All of the kids were pretty little and sitting around the table waiting for food. As soon as I placed the leg of lamb roast on the table, they all knew something was unusual, and wanted to know what kind of meat it was. I told them leg of lamb, and I thought they were all going to cry.

'We aren't eating that," is all I heard. I finally made a deal that they all had to taste it, and if they really didn't like it, I would cook some other kind of meat for dinner. It was still was a complete waste of my time, gagging, and moaning is all I heard as they ate. It was really ridiculous, because leg

holiday wasn't a big deal. I just of lamb is really good as long fish with a fish hook still in as it is nice and hot. It is tasty to eat. I guess all they could see was a lamb on the table with an apple in its mouth.

Mona Edwards from Pony is having her 80th birthday April 13. Her family is having a little get-together at the Senior Citizens Center in Pony for her that afternoon.

It was a busy week last week. Grandkids Gus and Lilly both had to have some minor surgery last week. Gus had to go to the hospital in Butte to correct his tongue tied and Lilly had to go into the hospital in Bozeman to have her two front teeth taken out after she was hit in the mouth. Talk about tough times for two year olds and their parents! Thinking about being put under for the first times is scary. Everything went well for both, Gus can stick his tongue out and already pronounce words better, and beautiful little Lilly is just going to be without front teeth for some years.

My oldest son Davey burnt his eyes and got some metal in one eye at work. So he got to spend the day in Butte with a specialist. And then his dog got out of his kennel and ran to the river, found a old dead

it and ate it. The fishhook got caught in his mouth, so he had a wonderful time getting that out. And of coarse with this going on, Davey's wife Jolene is due to deliver their baby at any time. Don't you just love it when things are snappin' and nothin' is boring?!

So what have we learned this week? Easter is a time when it is perfectly fine to put all your eggs in one basket. There's nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with chocolate. Good Idea: Finding Easter eggs on Easter Sunday. Bad Idea: Finding Easter eggs at Thanksgiving. If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves. Money talks. Chocolate sings.

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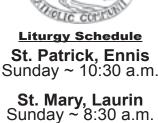
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ECCS News: Super Dads

By Regan Goettle

The month of March has been all about animals. We have enjoyed learning about forest animals, water animals, animals of the jungle as well as the ones we are most fond of, farm animals. We went to the Owens Ranch to see baby lambs and chicks along with the other livestock roaming the fields. The geese and goats were an attraction. I think just because of the amount of noise they made during our visit.

We have some great parents at ECCS who are so willing to get involved.

One of which is Game Warden Ryan Gosse. He came with hides, skulls, hoofs prints and posters to give the children hands-on lessons of the animals we have here in Montana. Also

along those same interests is another parent, Nick Kern who brought his knowledge of the outdoors in, as we talked about tracking. He was able to get the children and their senses involved as he explained that using all five senses keeps you aware in the woods. These two are just a couple of the great dads we have involved with our school and more importantly

involved with their children. Thank you both for taking the time to bring your skills to our little ones!

you can see they are just as

Two other gentlemen that helped out this month were Mark over at the Virginia City Creamery and Chris at Deemo's. Thank you for letting us come explore your businesses.



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Madison Valley History Association hanks A

The MVHA wishes to thank all of it's volunteer members who baked soda bread, blarney stones, sold tickets, set up and cleaned up at the Irish Stew Feed on St. Pat's Day. Thanks to all of those community folks who attended and celebrated William

Ennis' birthday. The pre-ticket sales were appreciated. Last but not least, we thank the Ennis Schools for the use of the wonderful facility and the Ennis Chamber of Commerce for their excellent work as usual. Jan Beekman's and Larry Love's performance of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" was a fitting thanks to our community of Ennis.

~Don Black for the MVHA

EAA wowed by high school students

Ennis Arts Association

The Ennis Arts Association met on March 12 at St. Patrick's for their monthly Church meeting.

Ennis High School music students presented the program. Kamilla Fairushima, an exchange student from Tajikistan, began with her solo performance of "Old Irish Blessing". She delighted us with her beautiful singing voice and sang "Only Hope" in Russian.

performance duet followed with the talented students, Kaylee Clemmons and Andie Pierce singing "For Good" from the Broadway musical "Wicked". Kaylee gave a solo Clemmons performance.

Andrew Scruggs, music instructor director and gave a trombone solo of "Los Banditos". The most talented, pianist, Vickie Gordon, accompanied all the performances.

The program was a small sampling of the students who will compete at the high school district competition held in Bozeman on April 12-13. Five choir members and twenty band members will compete.

Ennis students hope to go on to State and compete in Billings the first weekend in

After being treated to this wonderful and talented group, members of EAA held their monthly meeting. Plans are

underway for the 17th Annual Madison Valley Arts Festival, to be held August 10.

Applications are still being accepted. The deadline is April

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The meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed a potluck. The next meeting of EAA will be held on April 9. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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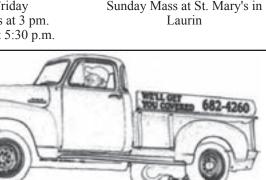
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WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

Books and Babies, Ennis

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Madison Valley Public Library. 682-7244.

TOPS, Ennis

Members weigh in at 9 a.m. with program at 9:30 a.m. in 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.

HS Track, Harrison, 4 p.m. in Boulder

Grief Support Group, Ennis

This is a drop-in support group. Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Madison Valley Baptist Church. 682-4244

Community Band Performance, Ennis

Come out and enjoy some live music as The Ennis Community Band presents "March", directed by Andrew Scruggs. Join us in the First Madison Valley Bank at 7 p.m. for a night of fun.

Mad-Gals Meeting, Bozeman

Kountry Korner Café at 4-Corners in Bozeman. 12 p.m. Please call Jackie, at 682-5510, or Ethelyn, at 682-4348, with questions.

School Math Contest 10 a.m. at Montana Tech in Butte

Holy Thursday Service 5:15 p.m. St. Patrick's Church, Ennis

Holy Thursday Service, Laurin 7 p.m. St. Mary's,

7 p.m. St. Mary's, Laurin

Lutheran Lenten Services, Ennis

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will hold a "Restoring the Roar" service at 7 p.m. preceded by a soup supper at 6 p.m. 682-4910

FRIDAY MARCH 29

Adult Egg Hunt, Whitehall

The Whitehall
Business Association
is sponsoring a Shop
Hop and Adult Easter
egg hunt from 10-6
p.m. For more details
call Jo Ann at 4981842

Good Friday Stations of the Cross,

Sheridan Christ Episcopal Church is hosting a Stations of the Cross procession in Sheridan on Good Friday, March 29th. We will meet in front of Christ Church, 304 South Main Street & Poppleton, at 11 a.m. A cart will be available for those with limited walking ability. Please feel free to join the

procession en route.
A Good Friday
service will be held
at noon at Christ
Church following the
procession. All Are
Welcome! 842-7713

Task Force Meeting, Ennis

Everyone is welcome to this community meeting of the DUI Task Force. 12 p.m. at the Ennis Fire Hall.

Good Friday Service, Ennis

3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.

Good Friday Service, Laurin

5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Laurin.

Good Friday Lutheran Services, Dillon

will be held at the Living Water Lutheran Church in Dillon.

Good Friday, Harrison Service at Harrison Community Church at 7 p.m.

Movie Night, Ennis

The Madison Theatre presents: Escape from Planet Earth, Rated PG. Doors at 6:15 p.m. Show at 7 p.m. 682-4023

Live Music, Norris Chad Ball makes his

first appearance on the Poolside Stage, doing a mixture of acoustic Folk/ Blues with catchy storytelling melodies. Music starts at 7 p.m. Visit www. norrishotsprings.com for more info.

SATURDAY MARCH 30

Easter Egg Hunt, Ennis Join the Ennis Lion's Club for another year

Club for another year of egg hunting. Lion's Club Park 11 a.m. sharp.

Wintertime Outdoor Exploration, Ennis

Jack Creek Preserve
Outdoor Education
Center. 11-2 p.m. Go
to the web site for
more information and
to sign up

Movie Night, Ennis

The Madison Theatre presents: Escape from Planet Earth, Rated PG. Doors at 6:15 p.m. Show at 7 p.m. 682-4023

Live Music, Norris

Singer songwriter
Nathan North
performs an acoustic
one-man band
show. Music starts
at 7 p.m. Visit www.
norrishotsprings.com
for more info.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, Laurin

at St. Mary's Church 7:30 p.m.

Zumba Night, Ennis Gravel Bar at 7:30 p.m. 682-5553 for

more info.

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Early Easter Service, Harrison

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



"Frozen Falls" in Yellowstone Park near Cooke City.
Submitted by Elisabeth Mann

Join the Harrison Community Church and its members for "The Son has Risen" early service. 7 a.m. with a potluck breakfast to follow. Regular Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Easter, Ennis

Services, Ennis
Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church
invites you to join
them at 9 a.m. for
Easter Sunday Service
and a breakfast
afterwards. 682-4910

Easter Sunday Mass, Ennis

at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Ennis (please note: there is no Easter Sunday Mass at St. Mary's in Laurin).

Easter Egg Hunt, Virginia City The Virginia City

Vigilance Club will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Boot Hill in Virginia City at 1:30 p.m. Please plan to join us for lots of egg hunting fun.

Live Music, Norris

Little Jane is Ashly
Holland and Tony
Polecastro, doing
acoustic country and
Americana tunes with
guitar, dobro and
fiddle. Music starts
at 7 p.m. Visit www.
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for more info.

MONDAY

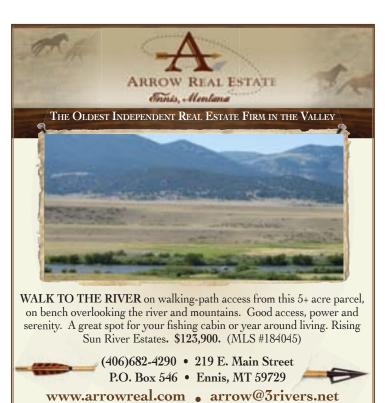
APRIL 1

Bow-hunter Classes, Twin Bridges

Youth 12 & up and adults are invited to this five-session Bowhunter Education course in which you will receive certification for. The course runs Monday, April 1 through Thursday, April 4, 6-9 p.m., and a Saturday

April I through
Thursday, April 4, 6-9
p.m., and a Saturday
session 8-3 p.m. and
will be held at Twin
Bridges High School.
This class is FREE to
the public. Call Doug
Stonebraker at 5965526 to register or with
questions.

UESDAY APRIL 2







PUBLIC NOTICES

Reaching Madison County and the surrounding areas with your classified ad. Call 682-7755 or toll-free 1-888-238-7849

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

Please contact Joyann Breakall, District Clerk, for any additional information at 406-(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,

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

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 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 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 ad-

vanced 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

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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 Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse

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 proc-

lamation 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, know 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

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. DA VIS, 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 Personal Representative Personal Representative's Attorney John Warren Davis, Warren & Hristsco 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 aboveentitled 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 , 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. /s/ James P. Hart,

Madison County Commission Chairman (Pub. Mar. 21, 28) mcc

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 contract will be awarded to the bidder whose bid is most beneficial to the County. The consideration will be given to Madison County resident bidders in accordance with MCA 7-5-2309, part 1, which states "If there are no out of state bidders for a contract subject to competitive bid under this part, the contract may be awarded to the lowest and best responsible bidder that is a County Resident and that makes a bid that is no more than \$500.00 or 3% higher, whichever is less, than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder that is not a County Resident". Prices are to be

guaranteed to September 30, 2013. Madison County Weed Board reserves the right to reject any or all irregularities in Bids.

Dated: February 26, 2013 /s/ Betty Sykes Madison County Weed Board /s/ James P. Hart James P. Hart, Chairman Madison County Commissioners (Pub. Mar. 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2013) mcwb

AUDIT PUBLICATION STATE-

MENT An audit of the affairs of School District No. 23, Madison County, Harrison, MT 59735, has been conducted by Paul Strom & Associates. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. The audit also covered the Extracurricular Fund for pupil functions which is included in the financial statements of the District.

Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that such report is on file

in its entirety and open to public inspection at the School Clerk's office, and that the District will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request. (Pub. Mar. 28, 2013) hs

NOTICE OF SCOPING MEET-ING FOR THE GARNET USA **PROJECT**

Garnet USA has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for an amendment to Operating Permit No. 00157. The proposed amendment would authorize the operation of an open pit garnet mine at the Red Wash Hard Rock Site located approximately 4.5 miles southeast of Alder Montana, in Section 25, Township 6 South Range 4 West. Garnet USA currently operates a processing facility and mines adjacent tails located approximately one-half mile east of Alder just off Highway 287 and a nearby placer mine under the operating permit.

Garnet USA has conducted drilling and trenching activity at the Red Wash Hard Rock Site under an exploration license since early 2012. In its amendment application, Garne USA proposes to conduct open pit mining activities as the site. The mine excavation would be within a central 80-acre parcel, ore would be stored within an 80-acre parcel to the north, soil would be stockpiled within an 80-acre parcel to the south, and waste rock would be placed within a 100-acre parcel to the west. Ore would be hauled on the same road used under the existing operating permit. The estimated life of this mine site is 37 years. The mine life could be extended additional resources are identified. Garnet USA's operating permit application can be viewed at http://deq.mt.gov/hardrock/default.mcpx. Questions on the proposed project may be directed to Jeffrey Herrick at jherrick@mt.gov or (406) 444-3276.

DEQ is currently conducting an environ-mental review of the proposed Red Wash Hard Rock Site Project. A scoping meeting will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on April 16, 2013, at the Alder Community Hall (Fire Department) in Alder on Upper Ruby Road between 1st Street and Judy Lane purpose of the scoping meeting is to obtain comment on the proposed project from potentially affected federal, state, and local government agencies and interested persons or groups. Written comments may be submitted to Jeffrey Herrick, DEQ - Director's Office, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 or electronically to garnetusacomments@ mt.gov. Comments must be received by April 26, 2013.

(Pub. Mar. 28, Apr. 3, 2013) hi

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY Probate No. DP-29-2013-15 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE

CONRAD ALAN NIKKELS-BOLDT, Petitioner

THIS IS NOTICE THAT PETITIONER has asked the District Court for a change of name from CONRAD ALAN NIKKLES-BOLDT

CONRAD ALAN NIKKLES
This hearing will be on APRIL 22, 2013 at

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Madison County. /s/Bundy K. Bailey BUNDY K. BAILEY

Clerk of District Court Madison County (Pub. Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2013) mn

AUDIT PUBLICATION STATE-

MENT An audit of the affairs of Sheridan Public Schools has been conducted by Peck & Peck CPAs PC. The audit covered the fiscal year

ended June 30, 2012 Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Sheridan Public Schools and that the Sheridan Public Schools will send a copy of

request. (Pub. Mar. 28, 2013) ss

ENNIS PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

the audit report to any interested person upon

The Town of Ennis Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:15 pm in the Ennis Town Hall, 328 West Main Street, Ennis, Montana,

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the preliminary plat for the North 40, Block 11, Lot 2 Planned Unit Development Subdivision, owned by North 40 Development (represented by Josh Vujovich) The proposed subdivision would subdivide

the existing condominium lot into a planned unit development of 9 units on 8 lots, consisting of 4 townhouse lots, 3 single-family lots, 2 unit condo on 1 condominium lot, and common area. The side-by-side duplex units would be converted to townhomes on 4 separate tracts. The single-family area would be split into 3 single-family lots, and the up/down duplex unit would remain a condominium on its own lot.

Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on April 17, 2013, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Department by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the

whiten comments may also be given at the public hearing.

The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: Madison County Planning Office, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City; Ennis Town Hall, 328 West Main and Madison Valley Public Library, 210 Main, and Madison Valley Public Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis

Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. Steve Kack, Chairman, Town of Ennis County Planning Board (Pub. Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 2013) epd

PUBLIC HEARING

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VARIANCE REQUEST The Ennis Town Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the Ennis Town Hall meeting room at 6:50

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public input and hear information in regards to a variance request submitted by Sam John-

The request submitted is for a variance of setback requirements on Lot 4C2 of the Mirza Norby Addition. The request is due to a property division making Lot 4C2 just over 15,000 square feet in area. The property is zoned Commercial/Industrial and setbacks in said zoning are designed for a one acre lot and include substantial setbacks

The variance is for setbacks to be more in line with lots of a similar size. (A proposal of the specific requested setbacks can be seen at Ennis Town Hall.)

For more information regarding this variance request contact Ennis Town Hall @ 682-4287 or at 328 W. Main Street during normal business hours. Ginger Guinn

Clerk/Town of Ennis (Pub. Mar. 28, Apr. 4 2013) toe

REQUESTS FOR PROPOS-ALS/QUALIFICATIONS INSUR-ANCE AGENT SERVICES

The Madison County Board of Commissioners is requesting proposals/qualifications from qualified agents to provide insurance agent services for Property and Casualty Insurance and/or Workers' Compensation

For the complete requests please contact the Madison County Commissioners, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; Telephone 406-843-4277. Four (4) copies of the detailed responses must be received at the Commissioners' Office by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 15, 2013.

(Pub. Mar. 28, 2013) mcc

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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

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MADISON MANAGEMENT Vacation and Long Term Rentals 406-682-7034

www.madisonmanagement.com 22-tfc

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

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

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



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

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

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

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



SHOP SPACE FOR RENT IN ENNIS

All sizes available up to 1,200 square feet Heated, insulated, large doors, half bath. Gary at 581-3531 or Paul at 581-7878

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Reliable person for part time cleaning services at a small four suite seasonal Inn located in Sheridan, MT. Flexibility and dependability is a must. Season start up is April 1, 2013 and runs through October 2013. Please send resume to Rod & Rifle Inn, P.O. Box 645, Sheridan, MT 59749 or call Jim at 842-5960.

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

KITCHEN HELP WANTED: Pit Stop Pizza & Grill. Call John at 209-4031 or stop in for an application. 22-tfc

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



SHEDHORN SPORTS

Shedhorn Sports is looking for a highly motivated individual to complete their team of associates. Applicants should posses a can-do attitude, self-starting mentality, organization skills, cash handling and retail experience. Must be available to work weekends.

The position is full time with competitive wages.

Applicants should direct resume and cover letter to info@shedhorn.com

Applicants should direct resume and cover letter to info@shedhorn.com Attn: Management, no later than 4/11/2013. 22-3-B

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 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

Hiring housekeepers for the 2012 (April-Oct) season at premier fly fishing lodge, only minutes from downtown Ennis. Wage DOE. Call 682-7822. 22-2-B

SEASONAL MAINTENANCE POSITION OPENING The Town of Ennis is accepting

applications for a Seasonal Maintenance Worker.

The position will be from approximately April 5 through August 30, 2013. The job will be 40 hours per week and will consist of assisting in daily job assign-

\$11.50 per hour. Applications and the job description are available at Ennis Town

ments in the Public Works Dept.

Wages for this position pays

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., April 3, 2013. Questions regarding the position may be directed to Kelly Elser, Director of Public Works @ (406)682-4287.

The Town of Ennis is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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

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. (appx. 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

Madison Valley Ranch seeking kitchen help for the 2012 season (mid June-Oct). Responsibilities include kitchen prep and dishes. Wage and responsibilities DOE. Call 579-9332. 22-2-b

SEASONAL HELP WANTED

THE MONTANA HERITAGE COMMISSION is looking to hire up to 12 short Term Seasonal Workers in Virginia City, MT. \$9.48 - \$12.60/ hour. Positions will run from approximately mid May - mid September.

For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website to apply online: http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or call 406-843-5247. Resumes/applications will also be accepted at the office at 300 ½ West Wallace St., Virginia City. Applications will be reviewed as received.

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

NEWLY REMODELED HOME at Rainbow Point with private access to Ennis Lake. Info @www.ennislakefront.com or 406-581-7820.
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LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Sage Fly Rod w/ Ross Reel. Call to identify -381-2339

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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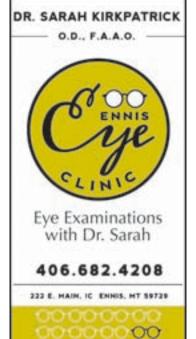


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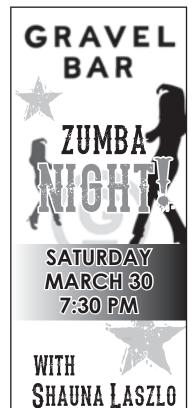




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C4 Thursday, March 28, 2013 EVENTS IET

Library Meeting, Ennis Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library meet at the Thexton Community Room, in the library, 10 a.m. first Tuesday of every month.

Community Meeting, Sheridan

Everyone is welcome.

Collaborating to Enhance the Quality of Life in the Ruby Valley is an event put together by a handful of community members in hopes of raising awareness of the Ruby Valley's challenges/ needs and would appreciate your time, opinions and input. The Ruby Valley Foundation is sponsoring the event. 5:30-7 p.m. at the Episcopal Parish Hall in Sheridan.

Fly Tying Class, Ennis (except for holidays) on the second floor of the Ennis Café at 6:30 p.m. Call Ron at 600-6081.

WEDNESDAY A P R I L

Books and Babies, **Ennis**

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Madison Valley Public Library. For more information call 682-7244.

TOPS, Ennis

Members weigh in at 9 a.m. with program at 9:30 a.m. in 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.

Health Screening, Sheridan

The hospital will be offering health screenings and blood tests for a reduced cost from 7-11 a.m. on April 3 and 4. For a list of services or for more information please call 842-5081.

Harrison School Festival Practice 8:30 a.m. at Willow Creek

Grief Support Group

This is a drop in support group. Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Madison Valley Baptist Church. 682-4244

THURSDAY A P R I L

Woman's Club Meeting, Ennis

Madison Valley Woman's Club will hold their regular monthly meeting at 12 p.m. at the Madison Valley Baptist Church in Ennis.

Business After Hours, **Ennis**

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to Business After Hours, a free networking event open to all Chamber members and their guests. This month our hosts are Double M Business Services and Apex Management & Real Estate. 219 E Main Street.

R D APRIL 5

Astronomy Club Meeting, Twin Bridges

Student meeting of the Big Sky Astronomy Club at Twin Bridges will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Cottontail Observatory. Any kid interested in Astronomy is invited to attend and learn about the stars

Writer's Group, Ennis

above. Dress warm

for outdoor viewing.

All Writers and Wanna-Be-Writers are invited to join the Madison Valley Writers' Group on the first and third Friday of each month from 10:30-12 p.m. Meetings are in the Fireside Room at the First Madison Valley Bank, Ennis. Questions? Call Jan Beekman at 682-4177.

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SATURDAY A P R I L

Concealed Weapons Class, Ennis

A certified instructor from the NRA will be at Shedhorn Sports offering a concealed weapons class from 9-4 p.m. today. Call Shedhorn at 682-4210 to sign up. 18+

UNDAY P R I L

3rd Annual Spring Fling, Sheridan

Jackson's Garden will host an afternoon

of discussion about gardening with a panel of local gardening experts at their annual Spring Fling at 2:00 at Bethany Hall in Sheridan. Afternoon tea will be served and everyone is invited to this free event. For more information contact Carla at 842-7956 or Linda at 842-5678.

TUESDAY APRIL

Chamber Meeting, **Ennis**

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting. 9 a.m. at the First Madison Valley Bank. 682-4388

School Board Meeting, Ennis

The Ennis School Board will hold its regular meeting today at 5 p.m. in Room 3 of the Ennis High School.

Booster Club Meeting, Ennis

The Ennis Booster Club will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Ennis High School Library.

Fly Tying Class, Ennis **Every Tuesday**

(except for holidays) on the second floor of the Ennis Café at 6:30 p.m. Call Ron at 600-6081.

School Board Meeting, Harrison

7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harrison School.

School Board Meeting, Sheridan 7 p.m. in the media center of the CB Murray building.

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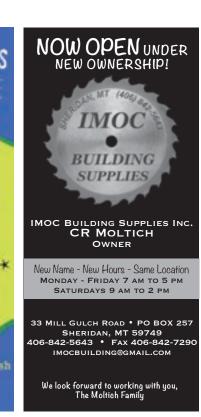
Aquatic Center meeting at 8:15 a.m. in the First Madison Valley Bank. Please join us to help build an aquatic center in our valley. 682-4901 or 682-5654.

Auxiliary Meeting, **Ennis**

The Auxiliary of the Madison Valley Manor will hold its regular meeting at 1 p.m. in the Sun Room of the Manor.

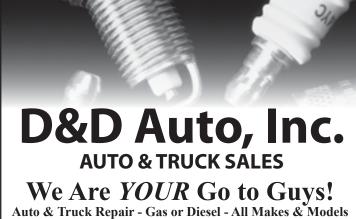












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