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Conservation groups seek to end trapping in Montana

By Alyse Backus
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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 territory.

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 Act.

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

maintains that Montana has the healthiest lynx population of the lower 48 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

species protections.

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.



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

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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 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

compared wild hogs in Texas.

"Wild horses are protected by an act of congress which says they are living symbols of the pioneer spirit," says Suzanne Roy, the director of 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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Legislative Roundup Week 11

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

By Amy R. Sisk
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE
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HELENA – Thanks to a last-minute agreement, Republicans and Democrats have unanimously passed a two-year, \$9 billion state budget out of the House.

"This is my fourth term – I'm done," said Rep. Duane Ankney, R-Colstrip, in his closing remarks last week on House Bill 2. "What an honor to chair this appropriations committee that has done something for the state of Montana that is historic."

House leadership had scheduled two full days for debate over HB 2. Lawmakers last week passed the budget out of the House, unamended, in less than an hour and a half.

"Even though I was in the minority, I felt I had a platform," said Rep. Pat Noonan, D-Butte, who served on the subcommittee that reviewed health and human services spending.

He said both sides made compromises and applauded his colleagues' efforts to fund early childhood education, services for people with disabilities, meal

preparation for seniors and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Although the members of the House demonstrated their ability 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 money to the budget.

"We have some priorities that our constituents sent us here to support," said Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, D-Helena. "We will be carrying those concerns to our colleagues in the Senate."

Here's a look back at other highlights from week 11 at the Legislature:

State employee pay

A modified state employee pay plan is moving to the House floor.

The version of House Bill 13 that passed the Appropriations Committee last week charges the executive branch with determin-

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Planning board hears information about conservation easements

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 year.

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

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.

Eleven firefighters responded from Sheridan, Ennis, Virginia City, Alder, Twin Bridges, Whitehall and Madi-

son 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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Richmann supports 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

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 per-

sonal bankruptcy. The Affordable 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 our state.

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 re-mining 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 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-

ronmentally responsible manner, 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 country 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

in wealth creation is because outside forces are shutting down our natural resource industries and transferring our technology to anywhere but America. It is time we turn that around and no better place than here in Southwest Montana.

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

Thank you for your kindness

Thank you for all the remembrances and kind words from the 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
Daniel and Tami Jenkins and all eight great-grandchildren
Jamie and Brian Lovett
Kristen and Chris Retherford

OBITUARIES

Juana McKnight August 30, 1938 - March 1, 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 new-born.

She is survived by her four 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-

ing of love, prayers and support 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.



Bessie Hadzor Rule April 6, 1918 - March 21, 2013



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

working so they could marry, she did. In re-telling that 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 mem-

ber 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 sale. It wasn't the last, but the 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 Alice, Francis E. "Swede" Hadzor, his wife Marion, Leonard "Speed" Hadzor, sister, Florence E. "Babe" Schmitt, her husband, John, two infant granddaughters and a grandson.

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 1 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.

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NEWS & ADVERTISING DEADLINES
5 p.m. - Monday
-After that, only if time and space permit.-

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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-Natalie Loop
Hudson, MI (pop. 2,307)

Southern Cornbread

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- 1 c sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 1 c cream style corn
- 1 c grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- Grab a cast iron pan. (I use a No. 8 or No. 10 cast iron skillet.) Pour 1/4 cup of vegetable oil into pan and place in the oven.
- While the pan is heating up with the oil, mix remaining ingredients together using a wooden spoon, and pour batter into the hot skillet.
- Return to oven and bake until golden, approximately 30 mins.

Submitted by: Natalie Loop, Hudson, MI (pop. 2,307)
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THE FLIGHT

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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March 17, 2012 thru March 23, 2012

March 17, 2013

Received report of possible fraud on Front St, Alder
Prisoner transport to Gallatin Co
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 64

March 18, 2013

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 53
T/s on Wisconsin Creek Rd at Main St

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
Received unfounded 911 call
Received animal complaint at US Hwy 287 MM 73
T/s on Mt Hwy 287 at Panther

Dr
Prisoner transport to Gallatin Co
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
Deputy dispatched to trespass complaint on Ennis Airport property

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
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-

plaint in 100 blk E Steffens St
Received animal complaint at US Hwy 287 MM 62
Received traffic complaint in Twin Bridges
Deputy dispatched to animal complaint at US Hwy 287 MM 64
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.



ENNIS CONTINUING EDUCATION

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APRIL 15TH - MAY 23RD
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BOYS SCOUT TROOP RECEIVES DONATION



Submitted by Bill Mercer
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
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The University of Montana 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 first-time 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 Storey said a number of factors are contributing to the university's success.

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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 enrollment.

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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 Valley 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 the help.

Local athletes excel at college academics

Sydnee Burke from Sheridan and Kelsey Lott from Twin Bridges were two of 23 Frontier Conference student-athletes named as 2012-13 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head

coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must be a junior.

Burke plays guard for the University of Great Falls women's basketball team,

and Lott is a guard for Rocky Mountain's women's basketball program.

Montana State-Northern and the University of Great Falls lead league schools with four student-athletes selected.

Ennis Lions Club hosts Easter egg hunt

By Bill Mercer
 ENNIS LIONS CLUB

All young children 12 and under get ready for the Annual

Ennis Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt. This year the Easter egg hunt will be 11 a.m., March 30, at the Lions Club park located at the east end of main street.

Parents and grandparents, bring your cameras for a fun filled morning. There will be different age divisions and lots of eggs and prizes.



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

To: Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

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

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

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

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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.

Jarrold 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 Saris 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 garden.

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.

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 you 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

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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.edu.

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Samantha Kimmey

Samantha Kimmey is being recognized by Ennis High School as their Student of the Week. Samantha is an excellent student earning a perfect 4.0 GPA during her freshman year. Samantha is actively involved in Ennis High School; she participates in volleyball, basketball, FCCLA, and BPA. She has a great attitude and works hard in everything that she is assigned to do. Samantha is a true Mustang and displays Mustang Pride each and every day! We are proud of you—Samantha Kimmey!!

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

Sunday
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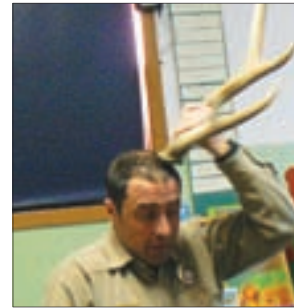
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A Night To Remember...



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 Moci-lac 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
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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.

"It's definitely an 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 7-0.

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

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 to meet friends I never would have."

Colter's next tournament

is in Boise, Idaho. Till then, he will continue to kick the ball around his backyard in preparation for that next left-footed goal.

"Soccer is the world's game and I am really proud he is a part of that," says Sam.

"I used to live overseas and 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 thing."

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.

A chemistry panel 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) and 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
- **Uric Acid:** can be elevated in gout and other metabolic diseases.
- **Thyroid:** The TSH

measures whether the thyroid 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 more.

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 present.

• **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 disorders, conditions, allergic reactions, nutritional deficiencies.

The Prostate Specific Antigen or PSA test is used to help detect with immunity, and total prostate cancer

in men and other diseases of the prostate. The prostate specific antigen is a protein produced by the prostate gland.

Elevated levels of the protein can indicate prostate cancer.

National

health organizations 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 level.

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

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.

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MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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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 Leavens PNP, Sheridan; Amy

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 to be more accessible in

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. An 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

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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 Mahlstedt - 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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Sarah Miller,
FOR THE MADISONIAN

"Give Peeps a Chance"

I 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 calorie-free 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.com). This year I was first 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. Peeps-fruit kabobs can

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. From Peep-inspired 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 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 gathering. 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.net. 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 Meet
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 @ Luncheon, 7 pm
Tues. April 16: Reg. School Board mtg @ MT Room, 7 pm
Wed. April 17: Big Hole Watershed mtg @ MT Room, 7 pm
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 pm

HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

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 still outnumbered daylight hours. Trees whiplashed in

the howling wind. The naked lilac branches seemed to plead for warmth. Stale snowdrifts covered the frozen ground. The 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 wide-eyed 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, the

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, despite 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 to action-packed, uptown Harrison. 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 to 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.*

This Too Shall Pass Reliving An Annual Affliction

CommodityInsite.com

By Jerry Welch FOR THE MADISONIAN

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 but over. 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: 'I've just started investing in stocks, which is new for me.'" When news of the 29-year-olds 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 what to buy. The shoeshine boy could give you a summary of the 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 and 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 Aldebaran by 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 portion of the sky. 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 significantly more meteors than that. The best time to see the shower this year is between 4:30 a.m. and when the sky starts to brighten to avoid the effects of a very bright gibbous Moon, which sets just after 4:30 a.m. in the pre-dawn sky.

Montana's
Night Sky
Highlights for APRIL
By Richard Stouffer
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Spica about 15 degrees above Saturn as the nearest star to lead you to Saturn since there are no bright stars around Saturn. Thus, golden colored Saturn stands out in this

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!



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 you can see they are just as involved with their children.

Thank you both for taking the time to bring your skills to our little ones!

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.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!



Butte Science Fair students from Twin Bridges school attended the Butte Science Fair on March 7. Everyone did a great job and three students came home with medals. Rob Dale, Roman Hendrickson and Issiah Redfield all placed 1st. In addition; Rob Dale received a special award from an engineering company for his project on solar energy. Roman will be attending State Science Fair in Missoula next week. Best of luck to him and congratulations to everyone!



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MADISON VALLEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Thanks A II

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 Church for their monthly 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.

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

Andrew Scruggs, music director and instructor 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 May.

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 26.

For more information, please go to the Arts Association website: www.ennisartassociation.org.

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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the chapter quizzes before the first class. Students must show their completed manuals to the instructor before the start of the first class. Manuals can be picked up at Shedhorn Sports at 103 Main St. in Ennis or any FWP office.

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Ballweber, Timothy DDS MS	Lehrkinds	Leslie Ball
Beartooth Flyfishing	The Madisonian	Paul and Teresa Bills
Benjamin's Jewelers	Madison Foods	Jenny Clark
Benjie's	Madison Square Athletic	Chad and Debbie Coffman
Blast and Cast Outfitters	Madison Valley Women's Club	Chiara Cross
Blue Heron	Magic Mirror	Nickey Davis
Bozeman TV and Appliance	McMullin, Paul and Karen	Jeanne Diebert
Bozeman Trophy	MDM Construction	Steve and Martha Elliot
Braxton Ranch	Meadow Creek Veterinary	Alex Garcia and Margarita
Chief Croy Construction	Clinic	Hernandez
Colton Tower Consultants	Mel's Barber Shop	Stephanie Hagl
Corral Creek Coffee Company	Moex Excavation	Sandi Johnson
Costco	Ott Construction	John and Sally Lee
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Double M Business Resources	Pit Stop Pizza	Bob and Ginger Martello
El Western Resort	R & M Rentals	Dave and Marine McKinney
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Ennis School District	Simpson Honda	Rita Owens
Ennis Trading Post	Sportsman's Lodge	Kate and Eric Roberts
Ennis True Value	Target	Jeremy and Jana Sanborn
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Got Guffers	Trinity Episcopal Church	Marilyn Toupe
Gravel Bar	Valley Bank	

Thank You!
FROM ENNIS SCHOOLS

Madison County Holy Week

Madison County Catholic Community
Holy Week/Easter Schedule
Holy Thursday
St. Patrick's, Ennis at 5:15 p.m.
St. Mary's, Laurin at 7 p.m.
Good Friday
St. Patrick's at 3 pm.
St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday
St. Patrick's 10:30 a.m.

Please note: There is no Easter Sunday Mass at St. Mary's in Laurin

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ENNIS LIONS CLUB
EASTER EGG HUNT

WHEN: Saturday March 30 at 11 am
WHERE: Lions Club Park - Ennis
WHO: All Kids ages 0-12
WHAT: Easter eggs - plastic jelly bean-filled eggs - meet the Easter Lion and get Easter candy!

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Ennis Lions Club, First Madison Valley Bank, Madison Foods, Valley Bank of Ennis, Madison Valley Woman's Club and Jamie Deihl and her colorful students!
Alternate site in case of muddy conditions will be at Ennis High School grounds.

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SECTION C Thursday, March 28, 2013

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FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE ENNIS FISH BOWL, SEE OUR AD ON THE COMICS & PUZZLES PAGE!

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

T H U R S D A Y
M A R C H 28

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, 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

F R I D A Y
M A R C H 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 498-1842

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.

S A T U R D A Y
M A R C H 30

Easter Egg Hunt, Ennis

Join the Ennis Lion's 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.

S U N D A Y
M A R C H 31

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.norrishotsprings.com for more info.

M O N D A Y

A P R I L 1

Bow-hunter Classes, Twin Bridges

Youth 12 & up and adults are invited to this five-session Bow-hunter 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 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 596-5526 to register or with questions.

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A P R I L 2

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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. Everyone is welcome.

Community Meeting, Sheridan
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 APRIL 3

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 APRIL 4

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.

FRI DAY 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 above. Dress warm for outdoor viewing.

Writer's Group, Ennis
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.

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. Dress warm for outdoor viewing. 842-7722

SATURDAY APRIL 6

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+

SUNDAY APRIL 7

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 9

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.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 10

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THURSDAY APRIL 11

MVAC Meeting, Ennis
Madison Valley 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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