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Armed teachers may be an option for Sheridan Schools

By Alyse Backus The Madisonian news@madisoniannews.com

In the wake of tragic school shootings across the country, a Sheridan School Board member proposed arming teachers might be a feasible option to strengthen school safety in the community.

Bill Wood suggested at last week's regular school board meeting a number of Sheridan educators should be allowed to

carry concealed weapons as a way to protect school children from a shooter. Wood would like to see the school board lead a discussion with the community to see whether or not armed teachers would be a viable idea to increase school safety in schools.

"I think it is a good idea, but I can't say whether it is the right idea for our schools," said Wood at the meeting. "I would like to see more community members and teachers come to meetings to give their input."

Wood proposes the teachers who would be armed with a handgun go through some type of extensive screening process and training regimen. Those carrying firearms would also remain anonymous except to two members on the school board, the other teachers carrying guns and the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Undersheriff Roger Thompson attended the meeting as a

representative of the Sheriff's Department.

"With proper screening and training, the sheriff's office has no objections," said Thompson at the meeting. "The sheriff's department would be willing to do the training as well."

The debate of whether arming teachers is the answer to school shootings is one that is not limited to the Sheridan School Board. In fact, the issue spans the entire country.

After the school shooting in Newtown, Conn., that left 26 kids and staff dead, school safety is a concern that doesn't limit itself to one area of the country. One week after the shooting, the National Rifle Association reminded the country the organization called for armed educators since the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings. Over 1,000 pieces of proposed legislature have been introduced in states across the country. Some of these legisla-

tive pieces aim to extend gun rights while others seek limit those rights. Very few states have passed any type of legislation that would allow guns into

South Dakota is the only state that passed a law pertaining specifically to elementary and high schools. Passed in March, the new law states school board members may dictate if teachers

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DAM RENOVATION



Photo by Alyse Backus

for Ruby Dam renovation

By Alyse Backus THE MADISONIAN news@madisoniannews.com

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock approved on Monday a significant amount of funding to improve the Ruby Dam.

"Ruby Dam is classified as a high-hazard dam, because if it were to fail, it would likely cause loss of life downstream," Bullock said in a press release. "Last year, we upgraded the spillway, which didn't have adequate capacity and was deteriorating. Now it's time to finish the job.'

The governor awarded a \$6.7 million contract to Johnson-Wilson. Johnson-Wilson is a Helena-based construction company that employs 25 to 30 full-time staff. The company specializes in heavy civil construction work that includes dams, fish hatcheries and water treatment systems.

"Maintaining our public infrastructure pays dividends several times over," Bullock said. "We create good-paying jobs for Montana workers. We enhance public safety. And we ensure that benefits for agriculture, recreation, fisheries and wildlife

continue for the long term." Ruby Dam is owned by Montana's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. It was constructed in 1938 and stores 37,642 acre-feet of water. Ruby Water Users Association operates the dam, which serves

In 2012, the DNRC replaced and enlarged the spillways. Johnson-Wilson also completed this phase of the renovation project. The next phase of renovations will involve replacing the dam's aging outlet structure. The governor said the project is slated to be finished in the summer of 2014, with the project starting this upcoming

"The impacts of a failure at

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Madison County gears up for school board elections

By Alyse Backus The Madisonian news@madisoniannews.com

On May 7, communities around the county will turn out for school board elections.

In Ennis, the race is down to three candidates. Mike Graham dropped out of the election, but his name will remain on the bal-

The three candidates for Ennis are John Scully, Mike Richmann and Maria Lake.

Twin Bridges has two candidates running for one seat. The incumbent Allison Wentzel and David Banks Jr. are the candidates running for the seat.

In Sheridan, two three-year

seats are up for grabs. Bill Wood is running for re-election, and Karen Talley and Mike Davidson are also running.

Harrison has one seat open on their board. Dustin Wagner and Parker Taylor are running for that spot.

Alder will not be holding an election this year. There a two spots on the board open and two candidates running. Duke Gilman will fill a three-year seat while Annaliese Smail will fill a one-year seat.

The Madisonian will run answers to a series of questions distributed to the candidates by the newspaper in next week's edition.

Ennis school board renews superintendent's contract, accepts coach's resignation

By Alyse Backus THE MADISONIAN news@madisoniannews.com

The Ennis school board renewed Superintendent John Overstreet's contract at last week's board meeting.

After a show of support from teachers and board members, the school unanimously voted to keep Overstreet as the district's superintendent. Various board members and educators expressed their appreciation for Overstreet's service to the schools while he has served as the interim superintendent

for the last year.

Board member Jim Mc-Nally said he is happy Overstreet wants to remain in the position. all would like to see him back for more than a year," said Mc-

With Overstreet's formal acceptance into Ennis schools, the board also said goodbye to a teacher and coach the entire community treasures.

The board announced Jack Mueller would be resigning from Ennis Schools at the

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Madison Valley Manor Directory of Nursing receives award

By Faith Moldan

FOR THE MADISONIAN

The Montana Health Care Association recognized Madison Valley Manor Director of Nursing Christine Canterbury in Helena last week with the Commitment to Caring award.

Madison Valley Manor Administrator Darcel Cook said the award is a great honor not only to Canterbury, but for the nursing home and Madison County too.

"I have been in longterm care for almost 20

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years and did not realize that Directors of Nursing like Christine even existed,' Cook said. "She epitomizes commitment to caring and Madison Valley Manor is very fortunate to have her on Canterbury says she re-

ally did not know anything about living in a small town or being in Montana when she moved to Ennis from San Francisco, but since being employed at MVM Canterbury has become an integral part of the nursing home and the local community as well. She previously worked in a hospital, but said she quickly realized she was not equipped to work in the emergency room and did not want to be the only RN in the building while the oncall doctor was up to half an hour away. Devastated that career path was not going to work for her, Canterbury begrudgingly looked into other options including work at the

home.

She tells a story of riding in the car with her husband, a gourmet chef, and telling him, "If I have to work at the nursing home, then you have to work at Dairy Queen." Employed at MVM since 2008, Canterbury has

been a part of changes and improvements at the nursing home. She boasts that MVM

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Photo submitted by Christine Canterbury Madison Valley Manor Administrator Darcel Cook (on the left) and Activities Director Julie Christensen (on the right) joined Christine Cantebury at an awards banquet in Helena last week.





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Former Congressman Asa

Hutchinson (R-Ark.) led a \$1

million-dollar study commis-

sioned by the NRA that lends

support to putting armed edu-

cators in schools. In the study,

Hutchinson cited the 1997 school

shooting in Pearl, Miss. In that

shooting, a sixteen-year-old

male murdered two people and

wounded others. The assistant

principal responded to the situ-

ation by retrieving a .38-caliber

handgun from his truck and con-

fronting the shooter as he tried to

flee the scene in his truck. The

assistant principal, an Army Re-

serve commander, never fired his

gun but was able to detain the

shooter till law enforcement had

School Zones Act was passed.

This federal law established no

individual can legally possess

a firearm within a school zone.

This year, a U.S. House Repre-

sentative from Texas introduced

the Safe Schools Act of 2013.

This bill is currently in com-

mittee. The piece of legislation

is designed to repeal the Gun-

Free School Zones Act. The

act states the Gun-Free School

Zones Act is unconstitutional. It

goes on to say school shootings

have increased since the guns

were outlawed in school zones,

and teachers, staff and adminis-

trators should be able to defend

Thompson told The Madi-

themselves and the children.

In 1990, the Gun-Free

arrived.

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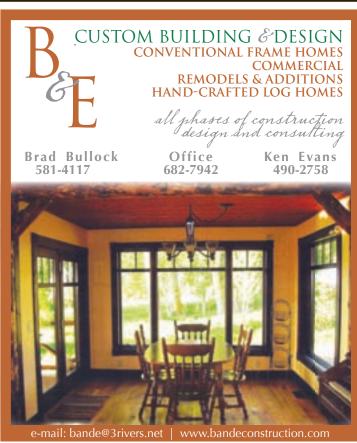
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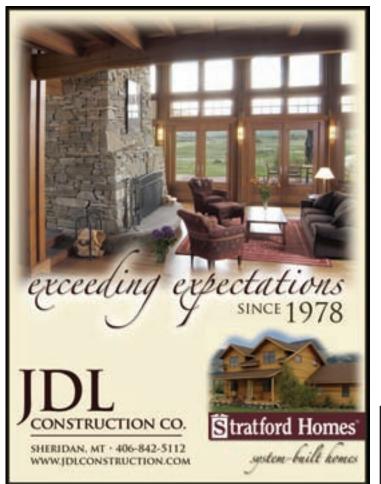


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carry guns in the state's schools. Indiana may become the first state to require armed protection within their schools. The House Education Committee passed legislation April 2 that would require schools to have a protection officer. That officer may be a principal, teacher, staff member, police officer or security guard.

A lot of the legislation trying to get armed teachers in schools faced opposition from educators. Teachers expressed having guns around children created a sense of anxiety.

"We are deeply concerned about increasing the presence of guns on school grounds, which has never proven to be a deterrent," Dennis Van Roekel, president of the National Education Association, the major teacher's union, said in a press release. An NEA poll also showed close to 70 percent of educators nationwide oppose allowing teachers to be armed. The NEA president also mentioned how armed guards at Columbine and Virginia Tech were unable to stop those shoot-

Supporters of having armed teachers within schools say by declaring schools a gun-free zone, it is basically advertising the schools as easy targets for shootings since teachers and kids are left defenseless.

DAM from pg. 1

Ruby would be felt as far downstream as Canyon Ferry Reservoir," Bullock said. "Making these improvements will extend the dam's useful life for another

50 to 75 years."

Ruby Reservoir is a popular fishing spot in the valley. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks reported 9,338 days of use by anglers from March 2011 to Feb-

ready every day, as that is their

standard of care. Madison Valley

Manor is a non-profit, govern-

mental building that is backed by

the taxpayers to provide care for

shocked and saddened by the

lack of alternative/complimen-

tary medicine that took place at

MVM when she first began, so

she changed that despite the ini-

tial challenge. Over the past few

years she has instituted an alter-

native medicine program which

includes hot and cold therapy,

Canterbury said she was

an average of 25 residents.

endangerment.

Thompson.

The reservoir is home to a diverse trout fishery, which includes west-slope cutthroat trout, brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and Artic grayling.

rice bags, massage, essential oils,

herbal teas, herbal medicine, mu-

sic, stretching, breathing and vi-

minded and is more than will-

"Christine is very open

tamins all on a limited budget.

sonian that different states have

different laws that may differ

from federal law and the U.S.

Attorney General typically tries

to honor state laws. The under-

sheriff says Montana has a state

law that prohibits concealed

weapons, but the use of lock

boxes is a way around both fed-

eral and state laws. The Montana

Code Annotated also says school

boards are allowed to give per-

mission to certain people to pos-

sess a firearm within the school.

Thompson says this subsection

wasn't necessarily created for

school protection purposes but

rather for the purpose of stor-

ing firearms for things like gun

shows or different organizations

ison and Ruby Valleys home,

the threat of a school shooting

doesn't seem so foreign. In Janu-

ary, a 14-year-old boy brought

two handguns and 47 rounds of

ammunition to Harrison Public

School. After the boy reportedly

threatened to kill her if she told

anvone, a female student told

school officials. The boy was ar-

rested and charged with criminal

tive shooter as possible," said

thing he expects to take effect

any time soon and more research

needs to be done. The board

agreed a formal security evalu-

"It was as close to an ac-

Wood said this not some-

For those who call the Mad-

like 4-H or ROTC.

fishing.

ruary 2012.

The dam is located just outside of Alder and is open year around with the exception of the spillway area being closed to

ation should be done as a first

step in evaluating safety issues

in Sheridan schools, which the

board is in the process of sched-

will also need to decide on the

extent of training the board

would like to pursue if they de-

cide this is the right safety option

standards in training for some-

thing like this," said Thompson.

in a school safety situation, staff

and teachers within a school are

essentially first responders with

law enforcement being second-

the county," says Thompson.

"Unfortunately, we most likely

wouldn't be able to get there in a

munity members expressed

hesitation to the idea. Wood ad-

dressed these concerns by say-

ing while it seems like a good

idea, he wants more community

input on the idea and that maybe

there are other options the school

could explore. He emphasized

that he would like to take sev-

eral months to explore different

options and hear different ideas.

Wood said he was hoping to see

more community members and

educators at the meeting Tuesday

night so the board could start to

hear some of that feedback.

for the school.

responders.

matter of minutes.'

Thompson said the board

"Right now, there are no

Thompson pointed out how

"Schools are far apart in

At the meeting, some com-

MVM from pg. 1 had a deficiency free survey in 2012 and that state surveyors were extremely complimentary of the building. The surveyors told her that the residents are happy to be there and like where they live. Five years ago, MVM had lost its ability to train CNAs because of poor survey results. Canterbury and the nursing team have been able to reduce citations until they achieved their goal of no tags. She adds that MVM staff strives to be survey

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end of the school year. Mueller taught math and was an assistant football coach. With teary eyes around the room, the board accepted his resignation. Community members as well as the board and principals from both schools thanked the young teacher for his commitment to the kids.

Mueller accepted a teaching position in South Dakota to be closer to his family.

High school principal John Sullivan shared some changes to the school with board members and community members. Sullivan announced teachers have received iPads for use in their classrooms and he expects iPads for all high school students by Jan. 1 of next year.

A new grading scale will be implemented in the schools as well. Both the elementary and high school will move to a ten-point grading scale. Many other schools in the state use this type of grading scale. Sullivan said the scale should promote healthy competition for high grades amongst the students.

As of right now, the school board has opted not to run a mill levy.

The school board revisited an agenda item that was voted on at the last meeting. Previously, the board had voted a board member would not attend the upcoming mediation

ing to give alternative medicine its due," Cook said. "She realizes that what works for one resident may not for another. She believes that all options should be presented enabling the resident and their family to make the most informed decisions about their healthcare."

Canterbury graduated from

psychotropic medications. between the school district and the Teacher Retirement System. Overstreet would accompany school district attorney Elizabeth Kaleva to the mediation and then report back to the in addition to the superintenboard the outcome and details dent. of the mediation. The board as a whole would then make the final decision on what offers were proposed in mediation. It was decided another board member

not attend mediation meetings. The issue was placed back on the agenda after board chairperson Lisa Frye fielded community members' requests to send a board member as an extra set of eyes and ears.

would not accompany Over-

street based on Kaleva's advice

that board members usually do

the University of Massachusetts and Tulane School of Public Health. She is also a certified dementia practitioner and is actively working on her Montana geriatric certification through the University of Montana. The firsthand knowledge Canterbury gained about dementia medication therapy compounded with the startling statistics of antipsychotic medication mishaps has lead the MVM pharmacy review committee to recommend

After some debate, a few community members and board member Craig George cited a level of distrust of Kaleva as a reason to send a board member

to eliminate more than half of the

Board member McNally said he wanted to follow her advice and continue with the process of the mediation.

The mediation between the school district and TRS is scheduled for April 23 and is expected to take one day.

At Wednesday's meeting, the school board also renewed the contracts of all coaches for fall and winter sports and activities as well as staff, nontenured teachers and tenured teachers.



A young bighorn sheep takes a break from grazing on the little bit of green grass. This herd of sheep claimed its stake on a steep hill just outside

of Cameron **CORRECTION:**

In last week's article on Jackson's Garden's Spring Fling event in Sheridan, the information about Debbie Roger's presentation was incorrect. Rogers presented on "walls of water", which keep plants warm and protect them.



New County Sanitarian updates commissioners

By Faith Moldan FOR THE MADISONIAN

Wayne Urbonas, County Sanitarian, continues to settle into his new position and briefed the Madison County Board of Commissioners about his work and department needs at the commissioners' meeting Tuesday in Virginia City.

Urbonas went out with Shannon Cala from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality last Friday to visit a site in Ennis. The site of the former Everything Cowboy, located at 312 East Main Street, which is now Willie's Distillery, is having petroleum-contaminated soils excavated throughout the week.

Approximately 1,600 cubic yards of soils will be removed from the property. According to Cala, the excavation is necessary to address cleanup of petroleum contamination impacting soil, groundwater, and utility trench-

"Our involvement mostly regards moving the soil to a DEQ approved land site," Urbonas

Cala and DEQ have overseen the investigation of the contamination. They worked with the owner to determine that the most effective alternative in cleaning up the contamination is to excavate soils. The contaminated soils will be treated and disposed. During the excavation, people in the area may notice petroleum odors and increased truck traffic. The odors and traffic are short-term impacts and will end once the excavation is complete.

Questions can be directed to Cala at 841-5058 or scala@

Work is finishing up at the new Palisades transfer site located just off of Highway 287 on the way to West Yellowstone. The site sits next to a BLM recreation area. Fencing was added and cordoned off three fourths of the site. Two roll off boxes and a mat zapper seal off the remaining fourth. Urbonas said the roll offs are large and high enough that bears should not be able to get over them. The mat zapper gives the bear, or other predatory animal, a charge to discourage them from going any further. There will be signage to alert citizens of the mat zapper.

"I think it turned out pretty good. It's an upgrade," Urbonas said. "We will be adding recycling once it is bear proof."

Urbonas informed the commissioners that he is trying to upgrade equipment for various sites. He feels that now is a good time to add new balers in Ennis and Twin Bridges. Those two sites currently have one baler each for both plastic and cardboard/paper. Urbonas said having one for both is a probthe necessary materials in the machine. He recommended the county purchase two balers from VER-TECH in Wisconsin. Each baler costs \$9,650 and the freight shipping costs come to \$2,275. Included in the quote from VER-TECH are some free extras like wire. The balers can compress up to 1,000 pounds of plastic and paper into compact squares.

Purchase of the balers has gone before the solid waste board, but Urbonas has not received approval from the board. He said the price of the balers could potentially go up and that the cost would be taken out of vehicles and equipment budget. That budget has about \$152,000 left in it now with no other additional large purchases in the foreseeable future. Urbonas said current equipment needs some minor repairs and maintenance work. The department plans to budget for new vehicles and equipment in the next fiscal year.

"I am fully in support of this. We need to take care of cardboard and plastics and do it efficiently, conveniently, and responsibly," Commissioner Dave Schulz said. "I would much rather have support from solid waste board before we approve this."

The next regular scheduled Madison County Board of Commissioners meeting is set for April 23 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Confer-

Harrison School to ask voters for fund transfer, sets date for candidate forum

By Faith Moldan FOR THE MADISONIAN

With school funding legislation still hanging in the balance, the Harrison school board had a tough decision to make last Tuesday evening. The group of three decided against possibly raising taxes with a mill levy and will ask district voters to approve a \$250,000 one-time transfer in-

"We can't go to plan B next month if plan A doesn't work," board chair Todd Brennan said. "Whatever tools are left is what we're going to work with – what the public decides. It's your money. We'll do with it what you

The funds would come out of the district's bus depreciation fund and be put into its flex fund.

Both funds act as a savings account, but have different uses set by Montana law. The bus depreciation fund is used to replace worn out old buses as needed or according to a set schedule. Flex fund money is used for technology, facility expansion, student assessment and evaluation, curriculum development and other types of expenditures as described in law. Board members and Superintendent Fred Hofman agreed that if the district were ever going to ask for a fund transfer from the bus depreciation fund, this is the right time. The fund currently has \$333,235 in it and no bus currently needs to be replaced.

Hofman said the transfer could offset the difference in the budget for the first year if current pass and there is a shortfall. Harrison's current general fund budget is \$1,021,755. The minimum budget the board could run with is \$824,619 and the maximum is \$990,613. The difference from the current budget is \$31,142 less. Harrison has not operated under a maximum budget in years and is currently in negotiations on staff salary and benefits. Steps for staff would add another \$9,787 to the shortfall for a total of \$40,929. If the legislation passes, Harrison would see an increase of \$11,031 to its budget.

Board member Sandy Bailey said she was worried voters would be confused if they were asked to okay both the fund transfer and a levy.

"I want them to understand what we are asking for," Bailey proposed legislation does not said. "If both are on the ballot it's

overwhelming. I think it's better to run a mill next year."

To reach the current budget, the board could have asked for 14.35 Mills or \$31,141.83. Hofman advised that board that even with the Mills, cuts would need to be made. According to Hofman, this option would have required \$10,000 in cuts just to cover basic steps for classified and certified staff with no increase in base pay or insurance contributions. Another levy considered was a security levy of \$12,000 or 5.53 Mills. The money would have been used to improve and increase safety measures at the school. Current levies for the elementary building addition come off the books after next school year. The 47.85 Mills totaled \$107,950.

Whether it was a levy or fund transfer, board member begun looking at possible cuts tion will be held May 7.

Ann Hakanson reminded those in attendance that the board would ask for permission from the voters, but may not levy the full amount or use all the funds if they do not need to.

Harrison not only faces a budget shortfall like many other schools, but also has a declining enrollment that will decrease funds available. The projected five-year difference in enrollment is 16 less elementary students and 18 less high school students. That means as much as a \$199,910 deficit from the budget the district is currently operating under. District property taxes provide about one third of the budget with \$301,294, while the other two thirds comes from the

Teachers at the school have

state - \$720,461.

that could be made, some of what Brennan said he never thought they would give up but added that they have to show the school is trying to slim down.

There's not a lot of frills in the school as it is," Brennan said. "We are cut to the bone. Whatever we decide to do is buying us

Hofman applauded the board and said he believes they are taking the first steps in saving the school.

Harrison's next scheduled board meeting is May 13 at 7 p.m. Prior to that meeting, a candidate forum will be held April 25 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend and meet Dustin Wagner and Parker Taylor. Both men are running to fill the position being vacated by Bailey. The elec-

Sheridan school board changes math requirement, talks about career readiness

By Alyse Backs The Madisonian

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At last week's regular board meeting, the Sheridan School Board made a few changes that will affect students.

The board approved requiring students to take three years of math. Right now, students are required to take two years.

Principal Rod Stout said many juniors opt out of taking math, but that is something he would like to see change. Sheridan High School received a grant for all students to take their ACTs their junior year. Stout said math is a subject that needs to be fresh in students mind for this test.

School counselor Laurie Bartoletti told the board the Montana University Sys- cussed calendar options for tem recommends four years of math. The board agreed requiring three years of math would help students' chances of being successful in college.

Bartoletti also presented a slideshow focused on student needs within Sheridan's high school. The assessment of students' needs was based on a survey that asked students what were the skills they think they needed most to excel. Students answered the surveys saying they felt they needed to learn financial management skills, time management skills and

more education on jobs and career path choices.

The school board also disthe upcoming school year. The board proposed to lengthen the day by eight minutes and have a late August start-date and early June end-date.

Community member Karen Talley filled the board in on the rebuild the "S" project. While the project is not associated with the school, students can participate in returning the iconic "S" made of tires to its original hill. Talley said she uses the Facebook page "Rebuild the 'S" to keep the community updated on the project's progress.

Veterans visit Twin Bridges elementary

By Alyse Backs The Madisonian news@madisoniannews.com

Two uniformed veterans stood up in front of elementary school students on Friday as a living symbol of patriotism.

The two men presented the schoolchildren with the history of the Pledge of Allegiance. Both veterans are from Twin Bridges' American Legion chapter. The American Legion would like to become more active in schools.

'We want to teach the kids to keep going and to keep them interested in their country," says Doug Martin, retired Air

Photos by Alyse Backus

Force Master Sergeant.

isn't done yet.

"We are still contributing to the community," he says. "It's almost like we are never out of the service.'

Allen Fox joined Martin on Friday in his Army uniform. Fox served 24 years in the Army before retiring. Fox was on the first Big Sky Honor Flight. The Honor Flight flies veterans to Washington D.C. for no cost to see their war memorials. Priority goes to terminally ill veterans from all wars

and WWII veterans. The men said the school

visits are something they hope Even after almost 24 years the American Legion can conof service, Martin says his job tinue to do each month as a way to stay active in the community. Different American Legion members would present different topics each visit, and at some point they would like to expand their presentations to kids in middle school and high school.

> "We would really like to coordinate with the school," said Martin. "We don't want to force ourselves on them. Right now, we are trying to come up with things to present to older kids. So if the school has ideas on what to present, that would be great."

Riet musie festival

reading that led the group through a series of different scales.

Right: Harrison Choir members Jessica Ypma and Levi Strickland talk to the adjudicator and get advice after singing their song selections at the District Music Festival in Bozeman. The band performed earlier that day. Band members and a few Ennis choir members filled the seats to support the





Our political advertising and letters policy

By Susanne Hill Editorial Board member

In light of upcoming school elections, The Madisonian Editorial Board would like to reiterate our policy pertaining to political advertising and letters. This policy is in place to mainprotect the integrity of the election process.

In the edition immediately preceding the election, we will only permit very generic advertisements and Letters to the Editor will not be published. Consequently, the April 25 edition

tain fairness for everyone and to will be the final opportunity to place letters or detailed advertisements pertaining to the elec-

> To further ensure fairness, this policy allows for only one exception. If a letter or advertisement clearly requires a rebuttal from a candidate, that

candidate will be allowed to respond with a letter addressing only the subject matter of the offending letter or advertisement.

As always, letters may be edited for length and content. We reserve final decision on what runs—this applies to ads and letters. I am happy to

work with those writing letters or placing advertisements to ensure submissions adhere to our policy.

A reminder: Letters to the Editor must be under 350 words. Author's name, address and phone number must accompany letters or they will not run. Longer letters will be considered on a case-by-case basis, relative to space and content. Citizens can have their letters published twice per month.

Readers Speak columns must be arranged with the board prior to submission and will only run as space allows.

Twin Bridges resident seeks school board seat

Dear Editor:

My name is David Banks Jr. I am running for the school board position at the Twin Bridges Schools.

I am 32 years old, was born and raised in the Twin Bridges area. I attended Twin Bridges

3 children Jasmine, Lilly, and Johnny. I work at the Golden Sunlight Gold Mine in Whitehall.

I would like to be a member of the Twin Bridges School board for many reasons-- mainly to help maintain high standards, encourage communication be-

My wife Jolene and I have tween the school and the community and to be involved with the future of our school with an open mind. Please call me with any questions at 406-596-6049 or email onlytksl@live.com.

> David (Davey) Banks Twin Bridges

Community helps out with fire losses

Dear Editor,

On Mar. 25, Dan and Cindy Crismore suffered a significant loss when their garage and shop were engulfed in flames. They lost several personal items too numerous to list. Due to the multiple inquiries on how to help them, we at Ruby Valley Hospital Please contact Jamy Kraai (Cry) have set up an account at Ruby Valley National Bank for donations. Those interested in donating can send or drop off their donations at the Teller counter in Twin Bridges or Sheridan. Thank you for your support.

Thanks for your help Erin.

at #842-5081 with any input or questions.

Sincerely, Jana Butler and Jamy Kraai Sheridan

Board members disagree with attorney's advice

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank both John Scully and Mike Richmann for advocating that an Ennis School Board member or members attend the mediation with the Teachers' Retirement System on April 23. I believe that we, as the elected representatives of the people of the Ennis School District and as the Trustees of our District's money and finances have a duty to be involved and informed in matters where hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars of the District's money is at risk. I believe it was a serious mistake on the part of our attorney to advise that no board member attend and a mistake on the part of three of my colleagues to go along with that advice.

Ever since being elected to the Ennis School Board of Trustees my primary goals have been rebuilding our community's trust and instituting policies of transparency and accountability. It makes no sense to have a mediation involving so much controversy in our community without having a board member present.

I strongly urge the voters of our District to give their vote to John Scully and Mike Richmann on May 7th, 2013. Both have been strong advocates for openness, transparency and the public

> Sincerely, Lisa Frye

In support of Richmann and Scully

Dear Editor:

At the most recent meeting of the Ennis School Board, the upcoming mediation regarding the TRS claims that Doug Walsh has received retirement benefits to which he was not entitled was discussed at length. There was a good deal of public input, and many of the attendees voiced support for having a school board trustee present at the mediation scheduled for April 23 in Helena. The School Board, as elected representatives of the taxpayers, are fully entitled to have one or two of their members present. Although the decision came down to a three to two vote to have only Attorney Elizabeth Kaleva and Superintendent Overstreet mediate. I am pleased that there were two of the present candidates for school board who expressed the opinion that indeed, a duly elected trustee who answers directly to the voters should attend the mediation

Mike Richmann, who was present at the meeting, and John Scully, who had voiced his opinion in discussion with Superintendent Overstreet in prior conversation, were in strong support that the Ennis School Board, who is the client of Ms. Kaleva, needs to have a member present at the mediation. I will be voting for these two candidates who have publicly stated their willingness to take on the tough challenges in their representation of our district. Please join me in supporting Mike Richmann and John Scully on May 7 at the school election.

> Sincerely, Eileen White Ennis

Lake has heart for the citizens of Ennis

Dear Editor:

When we discovered the Madison Valley in 2004 we were impressed with a few things: the amazing beauty, the phenomenal fly-fishing, and the attitude of the residents of Ennis. After purchasing a parcel, we were fortunate enough to find a fantastic builder in B & E Construction and the most helpful loan officer at First Madison Valley Bank.

Since the completion of our home building project, we have continued a relationship with both builder and banker. It is for this very reason we are

writing this letter of support for Maria Lake for the Ennis School Board.

Although Maria is one of the most intelligent, capable, and honest women we have ever met, it is her heart for the citizens of Ennis that impresses us the most. We feel she will represent the town, the school, and the students' interest if she is elected as a trustee. She has the ability to listen, learn, and contribute to the needs of Ennis Schools. She has proven her dedication to the Ennis Schools by attending school board meetings on a regular basis, and her willingness to serve wherever

Maria will be fair, trustworthy, and impartial when making decisions as a school board member. She is interested in learning everything she can to prepare herself for this position, and we are confident she will be a knowledgeable board member, one ready to serve the good of those she is serving: the students at the Ennis Schools

Therefore we encourage you to vote for Maria Lake for the Ennis School Board.

Dave and Melinda Legg

MVMC welcomes new physical therapist

Dear Editor,

Madison Valley Medical Center (MVMC) would like to welcome Andy Thomas as our new Physical Therapist starting in early June. MVMC recently purchased Hyalite Rehabilitation for the Madison County service area. Madison Valley Medical Center would like to thank Lorena Pettet Payne for her years of dedicated service to the patients and community she served. In an effort to continue to provide

excellent patient service in Madison County, MVMC has moved to an employee-based model in our physical therapy department. Physical therapy services will continue to be offered across the hall from the clinic.

Andy is a long time Madison County resident, with a lifelong dream of becoming a physical therapist. He received his undergraduate degree in athletic training from the University of Southern Illinois. He will graduate with a Doctorate in physical

therapy from the University of Montana in May. Andy brings over 10 years of experience with athletic training as an outreach coordinator and working within an outpatient physical therapy

We are excited to have Andy joining our team at Madison Valley Medical Center!

> John Bishop CEO Madison Valley Medical Center

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Scully and Lake will stand behind Mr. Overstreet

Dear Editor:

If my husband, Bob Cleverley, were alive today I can tell you with certainty he would be appalled by the fighting that continues to surround our school. His number one priority as a teacher was to make sure that the students got the best education they could. If Bob were here he would say it is time for this community to stand behind Mr. Overstreet and this school and do what is "best" for the students. You hear there is more work to be done, new lawyers, second opinions. All that is, is wanting to continue the fight. I am tired

of my retired taxpayer money being spent on that.

\$60,000 of our taxpayer money was spent on an audit. I'm glad the audit was done so that it could put to rest the suspicions about the school. I was not happy that it cost \$60,000, when the bid for the audit was \$17,000-\$25,000. Mr. George convinced the board to cap the audit at \$60,000 instead of holding the firm accountable to their bid. That was your taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Craig George and Lisa Frye, and apparently Mr. Richmann if elected, also do not have your best interest in mind when it comes to the TRS settlement.

write a check for \$188,000 to TRS without even waiting for the final ruling. Thankfully, the board has voted to go to mediation with TRS. I, for one, would be happy if they go to mediation and negotiate a settlement with TRS that costs me, the taxpayer, less than \$188,000. From what I understand, Mr. George and Ms. Frye have voted against Mr. Overstreet's recommendations numerous times this year. I will be casting my vote for

Mr. John Scully and Ms. Maria Lake. I believe they are the two candidates whose only agenda is what is best for the children, the

They originally just wanted to Ennis School District and you, the taxpayer. I believe they are the only two candidates that will actually support and stand behind Mr. Overstreet. I believe a vote for them is a vote for our community, our tax dollars, our school and most importantly our

> Janice Cleverley Ennis, MT

Senseless spending of taxpayers' dollars

Dear Editor:

We hope this spring's school board election puts an end to the senseless spending of taxpayers' dollars to pay for an attorney

who does not have the best interfor illegal purposes. est of the district at heart. I'm an 85-year-old retired farmer and my wife and I have been less than pleased with the way our tax dollars have been hoarded and spent and that is Mike Richmann. He

We've only heard one canting our votes on May 7. didate clearly and consistently state his position on this and other issues over the past few years

will be the ONLY candidate get-

Sincerely, Curtis and Betty Carson

Thank you for access to the archives

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Thank you for permitting

Susan Ren

Thank you everyone

our GRATITUDE to all who came to our aid regarding the fire we had March 25. A SPECIAL thanks for the quick response from all the volunteer fire departments from Ennis to Whitehall, the county water passers-by. We are very grateful for all the community. help fighting the fire and evacuating our house. Without your help, we would have

surely lost our home. A SINCERE Thank You for the cash

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We are indebted, Dan and Cindy Crismore Sheridan

Thank you for your thoughfulness

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-- Jackie Plowman and Family

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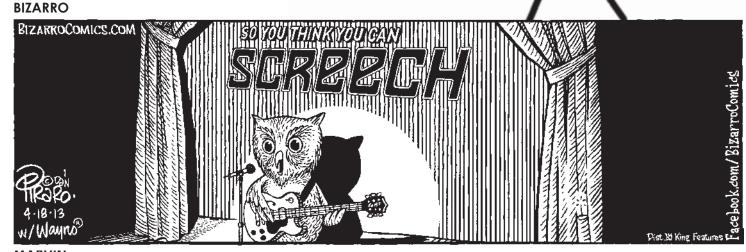


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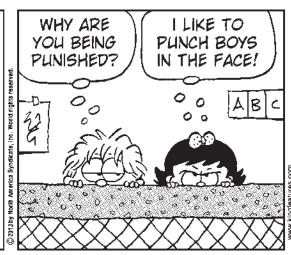
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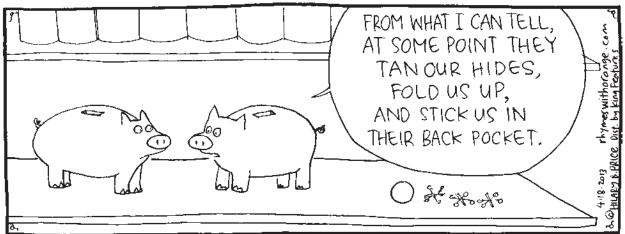
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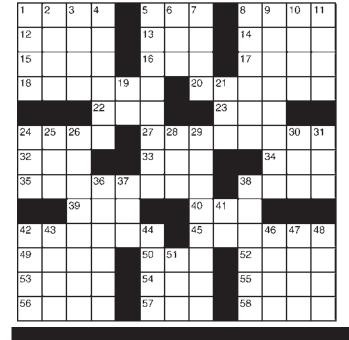


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1 c water 1/4 c vegetable oil 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract 3/4 c mashed bananas 1/2 c cashews, chopped 1/4 c toffee bits Glaze 6

2 tbsp butter, melted 2 c powdered sugar 2-3 tbsp water 1/4 c walnuts, chopped

Directions

 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 6 mini bundt pans or one regular bundt pan.

• For cake, in a large bowl, whisk together cake mix and pudding mix, 2 tbsp of

flour, 2 tbsp of baking powder, 1/2 c of sugar. Add slightly beaten eggs to dry mixture, then add water, oil, vanilla; Blend

• Add mashed bananas, chopped nuts, and toffee bits. Beat 4-5 minutes on medium speed. Scrape down sides.

 Pour batter in prepared pans, fill each cup 3/4 full. Bake 17-20 minutes or until cakes lightly brown. Test cakes with toothpick for doneness, if necessary.

 For glaze, in a small bowl, melt butter. Add powdered sugar and stir. Gradually add spoons of water to make desired consistency for glaze. Add nuts, and whisk until glaze is smooth and reaches a drizzle consistency. Add water if necessary.

 Once cakes cool, drizzle icing over cake in a circular motion until icing and nuts are eveningly distributed on each mini bundt.

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Brendan Glenn Reints March 18, 1980-April 10, 2013



Brendan Glenn Reints, 33 of Dillon, Montana passed away on April 10. He was born on March 18, 1980 in Sheridan, Mont., to Danny Devers and Robin Lake.

Brendan loved his family and always enjoyed being active and doing things with his brothers and sisters. He was a member of the Dillon Jr. Fiddlers and graduated from Bea-



verhead County High School in 1998. He attended and graduated from UM Western with a Masters Degree in Business and was awarded the Rush Jordan Top Male Student Award. He married his high school sweetheart, and the love of his life April Marie Carpenter in 2006 and they have 2 beautiful children, Corbin and Mira. Brendan was a family man and adored his children. He worked as a web designer and enjoyed helping people on computers. He liked schooling and fixing things and was a talented handyman he also loved the great outdoors-- skiing, fishing, hunting, paintball, camping, four-wheeling, mountain biking, hiking and rock climb-Brendan is preceded in

death by his great grandfather and mother, Johnie and Mable Devers, great grandmother, Erna Reints, grandfathers, Dick Carpenter and Carl Brown, and grandmother Nancy Lake. Brendan is survived by his wife, April, son, Corbin and daughter, Mira, his parents Robin (William "Opie") Reints of Ennis and Danny (Gennene) Devers of Dillon, brothers and sisters; Tryston (Jenny) Reints of Ennis, Whittney Reints of Lolo, Montana, Weston (Kendra) Devers of Medina, Ohio, Andrea Devers of Bozeman, Montana, Father and Mother-in-law; Rick and Julie Carpenter of Willow Creek, Montana, brothers and sister-in-law; Ryan (Jennifer) Carpenter, Mike, Jim, David, Steven and Kendall Carpenter, grandparents; Harvey and Boots Lake of Dillon, Dale and Judy Devers of Twin Bridges, Montana, Elso and Marlene Reints of Ennis, Montana, Shirley Carpenter of Dillon, Karen Brown of Dillon, Uncle Jack Reints of Ennis, Montana and numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the LDS Church in Dillon with Funeral Services starting at 11 a.m. at the church with burial following at Mountain View Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made at State Bank and Trust to the "REINTS CHILDREN EDU-CATION FUND."



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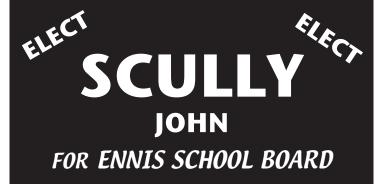
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I am running for an open seat on the Ennis School Board, and if I am elected, my immediate focus will be to help formulate a financial plan that will provide for the legal transfer of millions that are isolated in unnecessarily excessive funds that are unavailable for legitimate uses. This money should be used only for appropriate, honest and legal expenses. First and foremost, there should be no mills levied for any fund in excess of annual need until those funds are reduced to reasonable amounts. I have two priorities: To insure that any excess funds are used for future tax reductions and to bring teachers' salaries in line with administrative salaries.

According to the most recent financial reports from the Office of Public Instruction, Ennis has 348 students and the Bozeman High School District has 1,884 students. Yet here in Ennis, we have 3 times more money in our Transportation fund than the Bozeman High School District has in theirs (\$1,700,000 vs. \$589,000). We have 4 times as much money in our Bus Depreciation Fund as Bozeman High has in theirs (\$726,497 vs. \$173,830). We have 42 times more in our Tuition Fund as Bozeman has in theirs (\$272,169 vs. \$6,500). We have 10 times more money in our Adult Ed. fund as Bozeman has in theirs (\$2,692,331 vs. \$259,600). The excess in these funds amounts to millions of dollars that should never have been taken from taxpayers.

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Stewardship Award winners announced

Rebecca Ramsey RVCD

The Madison and Ruby Valley Conservation Districts are pleased to announce the winners of the 2013 Stewardship Awards. Winners will be honored at the Conservation Districts Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 27.

The Madison Conservation District has chosen Bob and Cora Goggins. The Goggins' have been ranching together as a team since they were married over 66 years ago. They moved to the Madison Valley in 1948, and have been on their

Ennis since 1959. Primarily raising Hereford Bulls, and a herd of Hereford and Red Angus Cattle, they not only have been exemplary in their agricultural practice, but also in increasing habitat for wildlife, fish and waterfowl; improving water quality and participating in community monitoring, as well as contributing to healthy soils and range, decreasing weeds and educating their cows for generations thorough the cows eating weeds project.

The Ruby Valley Conservation District has chosen George Trischman. Trischman recently current property just north of retired after nearly 25 years as

the Ranch Manager of the Hamilton Ranch outside of Twin Bridges. In that position he worked within the business and budget confines of his employers to improve the range, riparian health, productivity of the ranch to support a large-scale cattle operation as well as improving fish and wildlife habitat. His operation included projects from Rochester Basin to Hells Canyon to Stone Creek to the Upper Ruby, Warm Springs and Moose-Camp Creek. He has been actively involved in numerous community, statewide and national committees and organizations, actively educating others and implementing practices and policies to benefit the lands and communities and exemplifying successful collaboration to benefit resources.

Join the conservation districts in honoring these stewards, as well as eating great food, dancing to live music and having lots of fun with your friends and neighbors at the Annual Banquet. Contact the District offices to be a sponsor, buy a ticket or for more information. You can reach the Madison Conservation District at (406) 682-7289 or the Ruby Valley Conservation District at (406) 842-5741

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If you have any information regarding the vehicle or driver/passenger(s), please contact Amanda Nelsen at 406-209-1134. Your identity will remain anonymous. Thank you.

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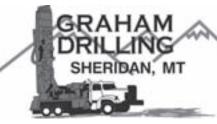
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Rebecca White



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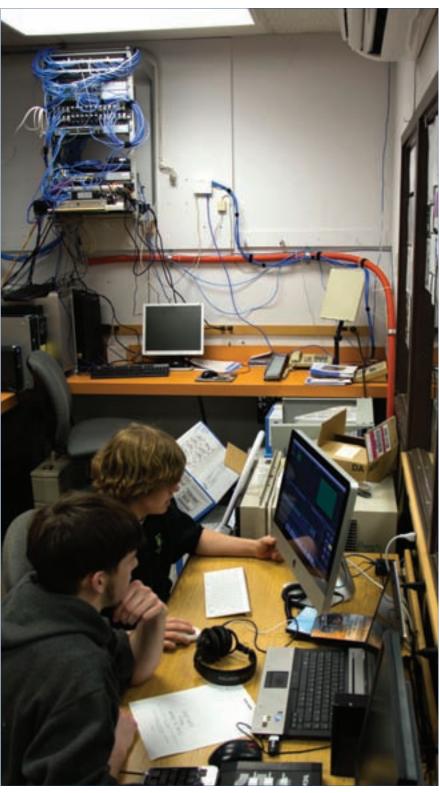
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Ennis high school students Tucker Ott and Matt Skillman work on editing video for



By Alyse Backus The Madisonian news@madisoniannews.com

Tucker Ott and Matt Skillman make their way through video uploaded on the classroom iMac to find the perfect moment for Ennis High School's weekly news

broadcast. The two boys serve as the broadcast's production team in the journalism class's first venture into broadcast news. A room packed with different machines bundles of wires and other camera equipment serves as headquarters for the students involved with the broadcast side of the school's journalism program.

In addition to publishing a school newspaper, which dates back to the 1940s, school implemented

curriculum into the journalism and yearbook classes that keeps up with the changing technology.

At the last school board meeting, the yearbook and journalism advisers Brad Mehr and Kurt Koenig presented the changes the classes have seen within the be found. last year.

Now a combined class, yearbook/journalism class has integrated webbased media into both yearbook production and school news. The yearbook has transitioned to an online program called TreeRing to create the yearbook. Everything for the yearbook is done online and even allows students to create customized pages for their vearbooks.

production, be found on

the school's website. The page is titled "Mustang Media." This is where the

As part of the production crew, Ott and Skillman have learned new skills that include filming and editing video with brand new equipment the school gained from a grant from 3 Rivers

weekly news broadcast can

Communications. With the new equipment, the students are able to venture out and capture video footage of news that involves anything related to the Ennis schools.

"Doing interviews for The school newspaper things that don't happen has created an online version all the time like Special

Olympics has been really fun," says Skillman. "Even though it's on a smaller scale, it gives us an idea what real

newscasts are like." Ott and complete all the editing and production for the newscast during their 50-minute classroom periods during the week. They say they usually decide on what to cover with their anchors on Mondays and then get the filming and editing done in time to publish to the school's website by Thursday or Friday.

In addition to completing the broadcast requirements of the class, the two students school newspaper.

For Skillman, who is a junior, the class serves as possible career preparation.

"I am interested in the field of journalism," says Skillman. "That's the career path I am focused on right now and I would like to be in broadcast."

For Ott, the class serves as a way to delve into an interest he hasn't had a chance to explore.

"I have always been interested in film and editing," says the senior. "I have learned a lot about cameras and editing."

With the broadcast also write articles for the aspect being new to the class

this year, Ott and Skillman hope to see the class progress each year.

"It would be cool to start doing live things," said Ott. "We talked about possibly screening live football games and other broadcasts with 3 Rivers."

Both students were happy to be part of the school's first broadcast team.

"It's awesome to be the first ones to try it out," says Skillman.

"We are very fortunate to have the kind of equipment we have," says Ott. "We appreciate what 3 Rivers has done a lot."



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A green screen in the corner of a classroom serves as the backdrop to many student interviews.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Barrett Hospital and HealthCare to begin construction of Kennedy Trail

BARRET MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Barrett Hospital and HealthCare is slated to begin construction of the "Kennedy Trail," a paved walking/bike path that will loop around the new hospital campus. The tenfoot-wide asphalt trail will

and benches.

After a "request for bids" was issued, two local contractors, RE Miller & Sons and Rowe Excavation, each submitted project bids for constructing the trail. On March 27, the five-member Hospital

bid packages and unanimously awarded the contract to RE Miller & Sons.

Construction of the trail is expected to take up to four weeks, weather permitting. The second phase of the project will then include the planting of trees

include landscaped areas, trees Board of Trustees reviewed the and bushes and re-establishing

According to Barrett Hospital & HealthCare CEO Ken Westman, "We are tremendously excited about having the Kennedy Trail available to our patients, visitors and staff. This is a great asset to the Hospital

and our community, and we will encourage people to use it as a recreational opportunity and a chance to enjoy our campus."

Funding for the Kennedy Trail was provided by Jim & Sarah Kennedy as part of their one million dollar gift to Barrett Hospital Foundation.

The remaining funds were used towards the cost of building the new hospital and the lobby was also named in honor of Jim and Sarah Kennedy.

For more information, please contact Barrett Hospital & HealthCare Foundation at (406) 683-6737.

Community members gather for Ruby Valley **Pre-Hospital Care Meeting**

More than 25 community members gathered at a public meeting called by The Ruby Valley Hospital to discuss pre-hospital emergency care. Representatives from Ruby Valley Ambulance, The Community Health Center. Twin Bridges Valley Fire Department, The Sheriff's Office. Ruby Valley Hospital and others attended. The hospital convened the meeting because of perceived concerns regarding the viability of the current system to provide needed care in the Ruby Valley, to gather information and offer its assistance in assuring ongoing availability of services.

Representatives of The Valley Ambulance discussed its 34 year history

of volunteerism as a private still use more volunteers. not for profit corporation and proudly noted that they had never been unable to respond to a call for assistance during that time. They pointed out that even though only 5 individuals are currently available to take weekend call, additional active volunteers are available at other times. They commented that the number of active volunteers had decreased from previous years but this was felt to be cyclical. They stated that their current staff availability was still felt adequate to meet the needs of the Ruby Valley. Those speaking on behalf of the Ruby Valley Ambulance felt that the current system for pre-hospital care was more than adequate but could

The Ruby Valley Ambulance denied that there was a crisis of volunteer availability. They emphasized the need to continually recruit new volunteers as a current priority to assure that future needs would continue to be met and welcomed any help the hospital could offer to assist in volunteer recruitment, and training.

The Ruby Valley Hospital which is a public not for profit, explained that one of the reasons the meeting was called was to assure all interested parties, that they stood ready to assist The Ruby Valley Ambulance as a partner to assure ongoing high quality pre-hospital care in the Ruby Valley. The hospital

a potential alternative model with the ambulance service run under the auspices of the hospital still utilizing volunteer but also paid staff. Multiple similar communities have recently implemented this model across Montana when their volunteer system was unable to provide the services needed by their communities. The Critical Access Ambulance model as presented, offered several potential advantages. The potential advantages included: the option to provide some paid staff, more likely assuring availability of trained staff, higher levels of care by potentially paying full time paramedics, the potential to avoid some air

presented a brief summary of transports by being able to inquired why there was provide paramedic ground transports saving patients money, offering patients sliding scale payment, and greater potential financial viability at no additional cost to the residents of the valley by utilizing the more advantageous reimbursement system that the hospital

> It was the consensus of those representing the Ruby Valley Ambulance that there was no need to change or upgrade the current system, as long as sufficient volunteers remain available to provide work together to encourage necessary care.

Some public comment questioned the potential risk of any change in the system to tax payers. Other comment resistance by the ambulance to considering the move to a new model. For the time being there appeared a consensus that if the system was truly

not broken not to try to fix it. The Ruby Valley Hospital offered their ongoing help to recruit and train volunteers for the Ruby Valley Ambulance. The hospital stated that they remain interested, willing and able to provide an enhanced ambulance service should the need arise.

All attendance committed themselves to volunteer availability and to continue to provide the excellent pre-hospital care that the residents of The Ruby Valley have come to expect.

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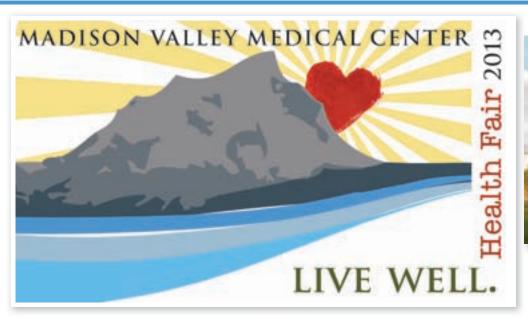
Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation is once again seeking submissions by local amateur photographers of 8"x 10" photos with a 1/4" border , suitable for framing and sale for our "Sponsor of the Month" fundraiser. This year's theme is "Our Heritage". Twelve photos vill be selected from the submissions. The selected photos will be framed and auctioned off at the annual fundraiser event scheduled for July 13th. The photos will each be displayed prominently in the Hospital for one month. The photographer and the sponsor will be appropriately credited.



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Auction, Auction | Men's Golf League begins

Madison Meadows

The Madison Meadows Men's Golf Association will be kicking off their 2013 Summer League with a scramble and team signup on Wednesday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m. If interested in playing in the league or if you

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Karen Anderson Dayspring Church

Dayspring Church congregation is happy to announce our new Senior Pastor Joel Trenkle and Associate Pastor Donni Trenkle. They began their new ministry in Sheridan on April 1.

Joel was born and raised in Colorado. He received his Bachelor's degree from Regis University with a double major in Religious Studies and Psychology. After which, Joel earned a Master's degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from St. Thomas Seminary and a Doctor of Christian Ministries from Christian Leadership University. Joel is a US Army Ranger, a Vietnam combat Veteran and the recipient of two Purple Hearts.

Doni grew up in Maryland and Colorado. Earning a degree in Christian Ministries from Christian Leadership University, she is a strong prayer warrior and pastoral counselor and serves in music ministries.

Both Joel and Doni enjoy motorcycles and ministered extensively while riding with Christian Motorcyclist Association. In the past years Joel served as Senior Pastor for Communion with God Home Church focusing on home church planting and ministering to those outside of the body of Christ. Doni served as Assistant Pastor, with a focus on Women's Ministry.



Both served extensively at Rock Harbor Church in Costa Mesa, California where Joel served as the Pastoral Care Minister and Doni served as Prayer Team Leader; additionally they served at West Bowles Community Church in Littleton, Colorado as Spiritual Counselors. Prior to Christian ministry, Joel was owner of a private practice in secular psychology, Director of a Children's/ pre-adolescent Psychiatric Unit for Charter Hospital of Long Beach,

California, Clinical Coordinator for Raleigh Hills Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital in

Our new Pastors believe that out of all the wars in the world, the greatest war for all persons concerns LIFE. If your life is painful, sad or angry you don't need to suffer in silence and alone. Pastors Joel and Doni are trained and experienced to comfort, teach and help release you out of the struggle you're in.

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Cori Koenig

Big Brothers Big Sisters Ennis Branch is pleased to honor Derek Wham as Volunteer of the Quarter. Derek, a Big Brother, has been matched with his Sidekick, Cameron, age 10, for almost two years and have shared many adventures since then. The two have established a good rapport and obviously enjoy each other's

With a big grin, Cameron says, "He's a good sidekick. He's a good listener and he's fun. He's He's going to do it and do it and always willing to do anything I want to do. He's great at playing and having fun."

Derek is a junior at Ennis High School. He has as much

fun as Cameron does. Derek is an invaluable asset to Big Brothers Big Sisters. His mother, Tammi, works at the school and gets the chance to see all the Sidekicks in

She remarks, "Steve and I are both proud of the young man he's becoming."

A comment from his English teacher and football coach helps sum him up. Kurtis Koenig says, "No job is too big or too small for Derek. He's steady. It doesn't matter what task you give him. do it until it's better than anyone else. It's a good thing he's as big a guy as he is because he's got to have room for his huge heart."

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Ennis Arts Association learns about flower arranging

Ennis Arts Association

The Ennis Arts Association met on April 9 at the home of Rachel Van Wingen in Pronghorn Meadows, just southwest of Ennis. Her interesting house of recycled wood from snow fences commands an impressive view of the magnificent surrounding snow-capped mountains.

Rachel conducted the art program on Japanese flower arranging, called Ikebana. In the late sixties she lived in Japan for three years where she developed her interest in Ikebana. But, it was almost thirty years later, living in Washington D.C., that she developed her true love for the art form and had the opportunity to study with a Japanese professor.

Ikebana has a much deeper meaning than just the art of flower arranging. It is a meditation art embodying peace and harmony, sharing many of the tenets of Zen Buddhism.

Rachel explained that there were several styles of Ikebana. The traditional and oldest is very rulebound. The vase must have an even rounded edge. At the water's edge the stems must be lined up in a straight parallel line and can radiate above. The goal of this art form is to recreate nature in an arrangement showing the essence of the materials used with emphasis on space, balance and the

The newer free-style arrangements with fewer restrictions offer much more freedom and versatility to the artist. Any vase can be used with an abundance of flowers and materials of all sorts, including some that are non-living and artificial.

Throughout the house were four arrangements that Rachel had created. She gave explanations regarding the stem, leaf and flower placements and pointing out other interesting features. It was an informative talk and a pleasure to view these Ikebana flower arrangements attractively placed among her collected Japanese art work in her charming home.

New members are very welcome. To learn more about the Ennis Arts Association, visit their website at www.ennisartsassociation.org.



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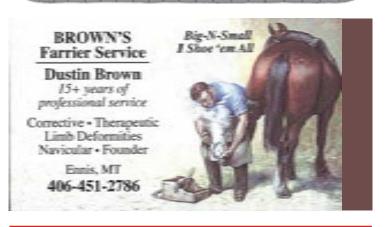
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Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center news

Roseann Troyer

March was simply marvelous at Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan. The very first day, residents appeased their appetites with ice cream sundaes, from white chocolate to mango and of course the basic favorite chocolate was offered. The afternoon ended with Barb stimulating brain cells with her brainteasers

March 5 found the residents attending the monthly resident council meeting. On March 7, the Butte Silver Bow Cloggers entertained everyone with the dancing of Irish Jigs to lively Irish tunes.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated on March 15 with the traditional Irish fare and the very talented Ruby Valley Boys and Barb. It was a very festive day and went by way too quickly.

The following Friday, March 22, a group of residents and staff ate lunch at a local eatery, the In-Back. Several resident's attended our very own Happy Hour on March 26. Light snacks and cold beverages were served, as was several Irish themed jokes.

Dying Easter Eggs was the event on Saturday, March 30. Barb kept everyone busy coloring four-dozen eggs. It was a fun way to pass the morning. The Alder



School made very cute customized Easter baskets, which the activity department filled with goodies. The individual baskets were put out at breakfast by dietary and were much enjoyed. Since it was Easter, a special meal was enjoyed and those

who wanted to were able to participate in an Easter egg hunt held by Annie and

Thank you, and yes April the First is here, no fooling!

Twin Bridges scholarships and Alumni Banquet

Tina Giem

TWIN BRIDGES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Twin Bridges Alumni Association has three scholarships available for 2013. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student that has completed a minimum of one year of college, a \$700 scholarship will be awarded to a TBHS graduate who wishes to continue their education and the 2013 Twin Bridges Salutatorian will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

There is not a formal application form. Applicants will be chosen based on their academic performance, presentation of their request and financial need. Scholarship applications must be submitted by June 12. Please include a copy of your college transcript with your application. All applications should be directed to: Twin Bridges Alumni Association, ATTENTION: Scholarship, P.O. Box 142, Twin Bridges,

Montana 59754.

Scholarship winners will be announced the annual TBHS Alumni banquet on July 27 at 7 pm in the Twin Bridges Multipurpose Room. The alumni association is maintaining the fourth Saturday of each July for future banquets.

Questions regarding the banquet or the scholarship should be addressed to Verta Dorseth at 406-596-3124 or Tina Giem at

Long time 911 Dispatcher retires

Steve DiGiovanna MADISON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

One of the longest tenured Madison County Dispatchers currently working is retiring this month. Vicki Selvidge, who has worked for the Madison County Sheriff's Office for more than 33 years, will retire from the department as of April 15.

Vicki was born Topeka, Kansas, but moved to Sheridan, Montana, before her first birthday. As far as she is concerned, the Ruby Valley has always been home except during her years at college. Vicki attended MSU before going to beauty school in Great Falls and specializing in Cosmetology.

In May of 1979, Vicki joined the Sheriff's Office and became a Jail Matron and parttime dispatcher. She was also a reserve deputy for two years before becoming a full time Communication Officer in 1986. Vicki had this to say about

her time here:

"Throughout my 33 years here, I have handled all types of calls. Dispatching is never dull, but if there is a lull, it can be similar to the weather in Montana. It can change in a minute's time.'

Vicki was on-duty and

took the very first report for the incident that became a best-selling book and also a movie. The Incident at Big Sky, involving Dan and Don Nichols, was a call Vicki took while dispatching. This infamous event involved the kidnapping of an Olympic runner training in the Big Sky area. The crime, also known as the "Mountain Men Kidnapping," headlined the national news on and off for more than an entire year.

Vicki said, "To the officers, fire and EMS people past and present, thank you for your service and your friendship. I have enjoyed working with you. To my fellow Communication Officers, thank you for your strength, your professionalism, your laughter, your tears and your friendship. It has been my pleasure to work with you. And to the people of Madison County, I leave you in the caring and capable hands of my fellow

DILLON: The Mini (by 8:30 a.m.)

ALDER: Alder Market

SHERIDAN: Serendipity's TWIN BRIDGES: Mad Hatters coworkers.'

Vicki and her husband John live in the Ruby Valley and plan on staying in the area. Vicki has been a loyal, courteous and completely professional individual and dispatcher. She is best known for her great sense of humor, capable dispatching abilities and her infectious laughter. She will be sorely missed from the Communication Center in many ways.

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Sheridan Schools

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Ennis student chosen to travel to Austrailia



Larry Ball

George Ball, a sophomore at Ennis High School, has been chosen to be a People to People Ambassador to Australia this coming July. To become a People to People Ambassador you have to be nominated by someone and then you have to have letters of reference from teachers and others as well as go through an interview process with the leaders from your state.

The People to People program was started in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower after the end of World War II. He wanted to help the world heal and start to work together through promoting peace

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and global citizenship. People to People's mission statement is "to bridge cultural and political borders through education and exchange, creating global citizens and making the world a better place for future generations."

With this opportunity George will earn college credit as well as learn about a different culture and country. He will do community service while there, stay with a Australian family, visit the Sydney Opera House, scuba at the Great Barrier Reef and most of all grow as a person, leader and citizen to his town, state, country and the world.

George has been doing a lot of work to get ready for this trip. He has been learning about Australia as well as attending monthly orientation meetings with other delegates from the Bozeman and Helena area. He has been working on getting his passport and raising the funds he needs to travel. He has been raising the funds by collecting cell phones and ink cartridges, selling raffle tickets, getting donations and doing odd jobs. If you would like more information about this opportunity please call George at 406-682-3878 email him at larry-ball@hotmail. com look him at www.peerbackers. com go to explore by and enter Get George Down Under. You can also learn about People to People through their website.

The Madison-Jefferson Counties 4-H Presentation Day

Champion:

Lisa Redman

The Madison-Jefferson Counties 4-H Presentation Day & Fashion Revue was Saturday, April 13, at Sheridan High School. The event was hosted by the Blue: Tierra Barnosky

Shootin' Shamrocks 4-H Club. **Beginner Fashion Revue** Grand Champion: Jacy Johnson Reserve Champion: Kassidy Dunagan Blue: Mackenzie Fabel

Barnosky

Junior Fashion Revue

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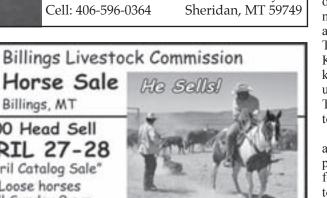
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Twin Bridges Veteran's activities Cemeteries. We will also Doug

Al Fox

More and more things going on! At our April 12 meeting Doug and Al Fox reported presenting a short history, including Power Point, of the "Pledge of Allegiance" to most of the elementary classes at the school that morning. They were also invited into the Kindergarten room as those kiddies were interested in their uniforms and had questions. They also made the presentation to membership at the meeting.

The meeting included approval of supporting potential Eagle Scout plans for ambitious improvements to Lori's Fishing pond. Joe Witherspoon volunteered to chair this year's Kid's Fishing Derby set for mid June.

Plans for the Father's Day Fly-In at the airport were discussed as well as our annual Memorial Day ceremonies at the Silver Star, Point of Rocks and Twin bridges Boy and Cub Scout activities.

conduct a ceremonial burning of old US flags at the Twin Bridges cemetery following the Memorial Service.

The area in front of the storage building on Mains street has been excavated and will be back-filled and covered with concrete to better set off the Veteran's Memorial. The fence, arch and memorial standards will be replaced and set in concrete along with attractive stepping stones in the concrete.

Jordan High had much to report as chair of the Americanism Program. One of the very interesting projects he is working on is organizing a shooting competition in conjunction with the Ruby Valley Gun Club. We are looking at late August timing if we can bring this event together.

Discussion was made to see how we could assist area

Martin authorized to make considerable order of material for hand-out to the school children at the time of our monthly visits, coordinated with the school Administration.

Agreement has been reached with the Town Council for the American Legion to plant a tree each year on Arbor Day - type and site to be determined by the Council.

Doug Martin reported that 23 old cell phones had been turned in to the Main Street Market for re-cycling and gaining "minutes" for our military serving "Out-of-Country".

Coffee and treats were enjoyed during the meeting after which nine new members joined the United Veterans of Twin Bridges and paid their annual dues.

The 50/50 drawing will commence with our May 9 meeting so - - - BE THERE OF

I like William Ennis because... Essay contest

Shirley Love Madison Valley History ASSOCIATION

The 7th grade students in Mr. Nelson's class of Ennis Junior High School are invited each year to write an essay to help celebrate the birthday of William Ennis. Seventeen students entered essays and members of the Madison Valley History Association Board of Directors judged

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

The winning essays are submitted below:

The Founder of Ennis, William Ennis By Kelsie Frey

I like William Ennis because --William Ennis was the most honored pioneer to ever come to Montana! He was born in County Down, Ireland in 1828 on March 17,

Hey that's St. Patrick's Day!!!! He had 10 brothers and sisters. He was number 6!! He came to America when he was just 14 years old with his father, Jobn and one of his brothers, Davidl! He escaped with his father and brother to escape religious persecution! It took three months to travel from Ireland to America!!

As a teenager he worked on the railroad. As an adult, he started a business, "hauling" freight. He finally arrived in Montana in 1863, when he was delivering supplies to the," Gulch! William Ennis was a hard working person.

He met a lovely, beautiful woman named Katherine Shriver. They were married on

August 5, 1861 (hey, that's the start of the Civil War). They soon had a family. They had two kids: William Jr. and Jennie.

He liked this area so much that he built himself a house on the land. My friend, Dode Barnett knew about William Ennis's children. Dode was born in 1929. She told me the first home of William Ennis was where the Valley Bank, "popcorn bank" now sits. It was dug into the ground with logs around it. As the town grew, buildings started to spring up. Some of the buildings were the post office, livery stable, and the general store. He was the first postmaster, and his daughter was the second postmaster.

In 1898 he died, from a gunshot to the chest. The shooter was named Martin Peel; he may have shot William Ennis because he heard rumors. William Ennis lived for 14 more days until he died on the Fourth of July (which is Independence Day). Martin Peel turned himself right in after he shot William Ennis. Martin Peel never explained why he shot William Ennis.

Did you know? William Ennis's greatgranddaughter is Jane Rybus. She lives in Ennis, MT on MainStreet; while George and Lucy Ennis are not related at all? It was fun to discover all these interesting facts!

William Ennis Essay By Will Gilmore

I like William Ennis because he is the founder of our town Ennis, Montana. I think it is amazing that he

claimed the Madison Valley gold camp" miners in Alder and started the town. It would have taken a lot of courage to start one. He was born March 17, 1828 in County Down, Ireland. He came to America with his father when he was fourteen years old in 1832. His father went back to Ireland after a couple of years. He left William with an uncle in Detroit. William was the sixth of eleven brothers and sisters. He worked on the railroads but eventually started a business moving freight. He made a lot of money transporting supplies to the goldfields of Montana.

> William Ennis married Katherine Schriverr on August 5. 1861. He was 35 years old. In the spring of 1863 he brought eighty tons of freight from Omaha, Nebraska to the

Montana goldfields. He found lush pastures and decided to build a cabin. He built a homestead in the Madison Valley and eventually moved his family there. He continued his business and started the town called Ennis. He eventually owned a general store, a livery stable, and a post office. He was the postmaster of his post office, which passed through another two generations.

In 1891 the Ennis family began a telegraph service. The town of Ennis was now linked with the outside world. His daughter Jennie taught herself Morse code and was a licensed telegrapher.

While William was on a business trip in Virginia City, Martin Peel shot him on July 4, 1898. Martin Peel died in jail after turning himself into the police.

This is what I know about William Ennis. He is a really amazing and inspiring person. It would have taken a lot of courage. We would not have a town without William Ennis. It wouldhave taken al lot of courage to start a town.

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Small Farmer's Equipment Auction, Part One

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I spent hours as a kid spray-painting horse drawn equipment—a paid chore rewarded with a calculated wage that encouraged steadfast effort. I used John Deere green and International Red by the case full. The mowers, cultivators, and plows would then be loaded onto a flatbed trailer, strapped down, and hauled to auction.

Once upon a time, in our country's history, all farming was done with horses. Along came the steam engine, the tractor and the heavy iron equipment became part of the landscape—tucked away in corners of the parcel, disappearing underneath the tall grass and weeds.

The Small Farmer's Journal Horse Drawn Equipment Auction (my fatherin-law's auction) has been taking place for 34 years. Our parents' shared interest in using draft horses for farming is how my husband and I met 30 years ago. This past weekend, my husband and I struck out with our boys and drove north to Pablo to pick up some pieces of equipment to haul to the auction in Madras, Oregon the third weekend in April.

The trip went so smoothly compared to what could have happened. Rusty relics could have been buried in all areas of the seller's place; as was, the mowers and cultivators were close to the driveway and loading went smoothly with the aid of a skid steer.

Early April went the way of the previous 2013 days- in the blink of an eye- and now we are en route. It is Baby Ruben's first trip out West to visit my husband's family and we are blessed to stay with loving friends along the way. We are too young to be the typical haulers of these iron implements—Sponge (pillowcase) looks out of place waving out the back window to passersby as we cruise down the road. When we stop for fuel, those reminded of the old days quiz us about the load: "I recognize the mower from my days as a boy on the farm."

Twin Bits

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

From TBS Calendar:

Wed. April 17: Big Hole Watershed Meeting @ MT *Room, 7 p.m.*

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.

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





Leaving a Legacy on the Road

The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy. --Ndukwe Dike Kalu

I like to think of myself as a helpful individual. When someone is stuck in a snowdrift, I will generally help them out. When someone is in hospital, I will make an effort to visit. When someone is struggling in some way, I might make a suggestion – if asked.

I really do try not to give unwanted or unsought advice, not because my opinions aren't good (there have been times they have been very good, in fact), but I have learned that my help or suggestions do not always provide the results desired.

I learned that once again this week when my wife and I staved a night at the Days Inn in Coeur d'Alene. It had been a

rough weekend for us and we were on our way home Seattle. from Normally I would have pushed through another six hours to enjoy the comforts of our own home in our own bed, but I knew we wouldn't make it - at least not the way we were

feeling at that point. It was suppertime and we were exhausted, so we called it a day.

We were delighted to discover the clerk was a Montanan, fresh from Three Forks. Regretfully, I didn't get her name. Well, actually, her name was on her lapel pin, but I just didn't retain it. Note to self: Names are important. Write them down. Use the person's name when you talk to them.

Now, back to our story. We enjoyed a good night's sleep. Although we did not qualify for any discounts, our motel clerk gave us an unofficial Good Neighbor discount anyway. Gracias amiga!

The next morning, we were quite refreshed and were prepared to hit the road after enjoying a meal in the motel breakfast room. I poured a bowl of cereal and discovered their milk dispenser was empty, so I found the morning clerk and told her about it. She quickly went and got a fresh carton of milk and began the process of removing the empty and replacing it with the new.

I watched her snip off the end of the milk tube before she put it into the dispenser and knew immediately she was going to have problems. At that point she became flummoxed and unsure what to do next, so I got up to help her. I pinched the tube next to the carton so she could feed the line through the handle and, together, we got the job done with very little loss of moo-juice.

She thanked me for my help and complimented me on my superior mechanical skills. I peshawed and told her I was just happy to help. Then ... catastrophe!

I lifted the handle to dispense milk into my bowl of cereal, and upon releasing it a fountain of milk began to spray up from the handle like Old Faithful! Fortunately I was able

to save myself and my bowl of cereal with a hasty retreat to the far side of the room. The clerk swung open the door and pinched the tube with one hand while clipping it with an industrial strength paper clip she had lying handy nearby.

Thus ended the eruption of Mount Moosuvius.

Our clerk was very apologetic for the mess and trouble as she cleaned it up, but we assured her it wasn't a problem - because it wasn't. It was a Monday morning, and I have no doubt machines hate Mondays as much as the rest of us. We thanked her for her hard work (and for the floor show), finished our meal, checked out, and finished our trip home.

Rev. Keith Axberg

Life happens. The way we handle our part will either make the world a better place or not. I know I need to do a better job learning peoples' names, but if I could leave a motel clerk with hope that the rest of her day would be better, then I have probably done as much as I can.

After all, there's no use crying over spilt milk in this, our valley (or anywhere else) is there?

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

The Roots of Earth Day

Founded in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, the first "earth day" was an attempt to bring national attention and grassroots organized action nationwide to growing environmental concerns.

Before 1970, factories could legally spew black clouds of toxic materials in to the air or dump tons of toxic waste into nearby streams because there were no regulations, no Clean Air Act, no Clean Water Act and no Environmental Protection Agency. In 1969, polls showed that cleaning air and water were in the top three political priorities for 53 percent of the population. Their concerns revolved around smog, pesticides, water pollution, and were topped with events such as the Santa Barbara oil spill and the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, OH, burning due to its level of pollution – both occurring in 1969.

Nelson said, "The wealth of the nation is its air, water, forests, minerals, rivers, lakes, oceans, scenic beauty, wildlife habitats biodiversity...That's the whole economy. These biological systems sustaining the wealth of the world." This sentiment was the focus that drove the creation of Earth Day.

Nelson insisted the first

Earth Day's activities not

be created by organizers in Washington, DC, but by individuals and groups in their own communities. He insisted that it was a day for people to act locally, an encouraged citizens of all ages to investigate ecological issues in their communities, and develop their own responses. He encouraged scientists, academics, environmentalists, students, congressmen, farmers, and housewives people from all walks of life - to work together. He formed an independent organization, Environmental Teach-In, Inc. to develop publicity for the day, provide support to organizers, and advertise the multitude of grassroots actions, but left the organizing to the individuals and individual communities. As a result of this empowering vision, one in ten Americans participated in the first Earth drawing extensive attention from the media, and jump-starting an era of bold environmental legislation.

"Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. We had neither the time, nor the resources to organize the 20 million demonstrators participated thousands of schools and local communities. That was the remarkable thing about Earth Day. It organized itself," Nelson said. Later in 1970 Nelson drafted a resolution to designate the third week of April of each year as Earth Week, with half of his Senate colleagues lined up to sign on

as co-sponsors. Earth Day and Earth Week have really seen lasting effects across the nation, and especially in schools. At the time, it was the first exposure to environmental

Monday, April 22, is topics in the classroom for the 42nd annual Earth Day. many students. As a result of the efforts of thousands of educators, elementary and high schools took responsibility for producing ecologically-literate students, some of whom would go on to colleges that in turn created new programs and courses in environmental science. The University of Wisconsin opened its Institute for Environmental Studies mere months after Earth Day.

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Rebecca Ramsey RVCD/RV WATERSHED COORDINATOR

What Nelson "the biggest town meeting in the nation's history" also turned many participants into committed activists and public servants, such as Dorothy Bradley from Bozeman, who had heard about Earth Day and eagerly participated in the local organizing efforts. During Earth Day itself, she came to the realization that the government must step up its environmental efforts. She submitted her name to run for state assembly the very next day and, at age 23, became the only woman in the Montana House of Representatives.

April 22 in the years that followed took various forms and directions. Nelson lobbied for Earth Week to be a time schools reserved each year for environmental education. Large-scale events marked the 20th, 25th and 30th anniversaries of the first Earth Day, with organizers successfully reaching out to millions of people around the world. Just as the 20th anniversary of Earth Day was observed by 1.8 million people gathered on Central Park's Great Lawn, it was also observed by small groups of people gathered in classrooms and communities everywhere in their own way.

In 1990, Nelson addressed a crowd of 800,000 people on the national Mall as they commemorated the 20th Anniversary saying, "I don't want to have to come limping back here twenty years from now on the 40th anniversary of Earth Day...and have the embarrassing responsibility of telling your sons and daughters that you didn't do your duty that you didn't become the conservation generation that we hoped for.'

Although Nelson passed away in 2005, his challenge for modern stewardship lives on, and there are Earth Day/Week celebrations and activities happening all over the nation, and the state of Montana. In Billings, there are celebrations at the Zoo and Audubon Nature Center. In Madison County, there is a recycling project throughout the Ennis School in partnership with the Madison Farm to Fork and Madison Conservation District. Twin Bridges students are doing community clean up this Friday, and have an ongoing recycling project. Sheridan and Alder schools have ongoing recycling projects. Madison County continues to have exemplary recycling at sanitation sites, and continues plastic recycling 1 and 2 in Ennis and Twin Bridges.

What are YOU doing for Earth Day on Monday, April

CommodityInsite.com By Jerry Welch FOR THE MADISONIAN

Freeze The What Off A Brass Monkey!?

Wheat prices were expected to rise sharply at mid-week following a threatening weather forecast for the producing regions of Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. The specific outlook called for a heavy frost at the least to a hard freeze at worst. The temperatures were supposed to decline enough as the old saying goes to "freeze the balls off a brass monkey."

Yes, indeed, it was expected to get that cold.

But wait. Allow me explain that old saying as I am certain you are misinterpreting it. Most landlubbers do.

In the heyday of sailing vessels, all war ships and many freighters were equipped with iron cannons. Each cannon fired round iron cannon balls and it was necessary to keep an ample supply near the cannon.

However, to keep the round cannon balls from rolling around the deck, they were stored in a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, there was a handy supply of 30 cannon balls stacked neatly next to the cannon.

One big problem, however, was how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling

from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a, "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. If the plate were made of iron, the iron cannon balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to that problem was to make, "Brass Monkeys."

Brass contracts or shrinks more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentation would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey."

All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you?

Ha! Landlubbers, ya be!

There are other old sayings also misleading. Some are an outright lie. A large number of sayings should be doubted. For instance, if, "all roads lead to Rome" as the saying goes, then

how do you get out of the place? Apparently, you don't, which means, of course, that old, worn out saying is a lie.

Some sayings in light of today's economy could be scary. I would not, for example, enjoy hearing a doctor look my way

after a series of medical tests and say, "You're as healthy as the dollar!" I would be uncomfortable with such a diagnosis knowing what I do about the greenback.

When the fall of the year rolls around, investors are bombarded with this old saying: "October is the most bearish month for the stock market."

That old saw is dusted off to remind investors that all of the historically large declines with stocks took place in October. Which is an absolutely accurate

was Mark Twain, however, that said it best stating; "October: This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February." Mr. Twain knew what he was talking about.

Another old saying about the stock market, "Buy low, sell high," is only half true. The total truth is, for short sellers anyway, "sell high, buy low" works the same way. Short sellers make money if a stock or commodity goes down and they can buy it back at a lower price. "Buy low, sell high" is true because it is a successful strategy. So is, "Sell

high, buy low."

A personal favorite when it comes to old sayings is: 'don't follow the herd; be fearful when others are greedy and greedy only when others are fearful." In other words, avoid rushing headlong into a hot market after it has already risen and long after the professional investor has made a killing. Lemming-like behavior is not an asset. And that old saying is also tried and true.

Soon, the most touted saying about the stock market will be heard incessantly. "Sell in May and walk away." This year, such strategy may work because the Dow Jones has rallied more than 2100 points from the last day of 2012 to the high set this week of 14,818. Not to mention that fact the market has more than doubled from the March '09 low of 6547. And from the August 8, 1896 low of 28.48(yes, 28.48 was set 117 years ago) the market is viewed as place to get rich quick.

Or, at least, double your money. But the quickest sure fire way to double your money in my view is found with this old saying. "Fold your money in half and put it right back in your pocket." And that is an old saying every landlubber should keep in mind.

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Breakfast & Lunch Menu

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Lunch includes: fresh salad/fruit bar & milk Thursday - April 18

Breakfast - Ham and cheese omelette Lunch - Chicken pita with tater tots

Friday -April 19 Breakfast - Panckaes & sausage Lunch - Sloppy joes, fries

Monday - April 22 Breakfast - Breakfast burrito Lunch - Chicken ala king

Tuesday - April 23 Breakfast - French toast and ham

Lunch - Hamburgers, fries Wednesday - April 24

Breakfast -Biscuits, gravy Lunch - Ravioli, breadsticks

HARRISON Thursday - April 18

Breakfast - Granola with berries, yogurt Lunch - Finger steaks, mashed potatoes Friday -April 19

Breakfast - Cinnamon roll Lunch - Chicken alfredo

Monday - April 22 Breakfast - French toast

Lunch - Cheeseburger, fries Tuesday - April 23

Breakfast - Bagel & cream cheese Lunch - Chicken fajita Wednesday - April 24

Breakfast -Sausage, egg and cheese Lunch - Cook's choice!

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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 - April 18

Breakfast - Cereal, fruit, muffin Lunch - Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes

Friday -April 19 NO SCHOOL

Monday - April 22 Breakfast - Cereal, fruit, french toast Lunch -Chicken and bean burrito Tuesday - April 23

Breakfast - Cereal, fruit, waffle Lunch - BBQ beef on bun

Wednesday - April 24 Breakfast -Cereal, fruit, voaurt bar Lunch - Turkey & cheese sandwich

TWIN BRIDGES

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

Thursday - April 18 Breakfast -Choice of cereal, donut

Lunch - Hamburgers, fries Friday -April 19

Breakfast - French toast, sausage Lunch - Sub sandwich

Monday - April 22 NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - April 23 Breakfast - Choice of cereal, cinnamon roll Lunch - Burritos

Wednesday - April 24

Breakfast -Denver omelette Lunch - Grilled cheese, tomato soup



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by Gail Banks

After watching a CNN memorial movie this weekend, I was a reading some facts about the Oklahoma City bombing that were on April 19, 1995.

Terrorist Timothy McVeigh parked a Ryder truck outside the Alfred P. Murreh government building loaded with explosives. At 9:02 a.m. the truck exploded, taking the lives of 168 innocent people. His actions also wounded over five hundred and changed the lives of crime countless others. Timothy McVeigh was convicted of the terrorist crime and sentenced to death, which was carried out on June 11, 2001. Terry Nichols was convicted of manslaughter and of conspiring with Timothy McVeigh. He received a life sentence in prison for his actions.

I have to tell you, I had not forgotten but not thought of that bombing in years. Shame on me, there is no excuse to forget; it is important to remember those lost and the horrible crimes. There are people still among us that could do the same or worse at any given time. When watching the movie, I watched as a young mom was told that both of her young children were killed in the blast. She had just left them off at the day care, and in 30 minutes they were both dead. Nineteen little children were killed in the blast. This Friday, how about a moment given to these lost Americans and their families that their pain has at least become bearable.

When looking at some pictures on the Internet of the Oklahoma City Bombing, I pulled up some pictures of attacks that involved Americans. The Battle of Iwo Jima came up with a photo of the famous statue of the service men raising the American flag after battle, modeled after the true event after the Iwo Jima bloody fight. I thought of that statue and how life long resident of Twin Bridges Burt Whiting was so proud of that statue, for he was in that battle. Right outside my window is Burton's old truck he used to drive that I purchased from him, on the tailgate is a bumper sicker, "IWO JIMA SURVIVOR!" You don't see a lot of those kinds of bumper stickers

around nowadays.

My goodness the wind has been horrible. I don't even think it would be all that at cold if the wind would just die down. Mother nature is just in a bad mood lately.

It was a busy week around our household this week. Sunday was Luke's sweetheart Katie's 21st birthday; it is my dad's 90th birthday Friday, and my nephew Matt and his sweetie Jill are getting married Saturday at the fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. Just take a big deep breath, and say to your self, "everything will get done and everything will come off just fine."

Monday was Tax Day. I got mine done in time but I certainly had some friends that were nose to the books, trying to get theirs done in time to mail or file online. Bet there was lots of extensions sent off Monday!

My dad and I attended the birthday party for Ramona Edwards Saturday in Pony. The last time dad went with me to finish a little job I had to finish in Helena, we got so lost. I thought I knew where I was going but didn't. We drove allover that town, until I took the correct right hand turn. So when we headed for Pony, the first thing dad says to me is, "Do you know where you are going this time? Guess it doesn't matter, Pony isn't that big." He was right

Pony isn't that big, but we still didn't know where to go. I had no idea where the Senior Citizens building was, but thank gosh on one of the two main streets in Pony we found a man walking that directed us to the right place. We had a really nice time at the party and heard lots of memorable stories.

So what have we learned this week? Sometimes you never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory. Don't believe everything you hear; real eyes, realize, real lies! At some point you can just become immune. The choice of happiness is the supreme answer. Don't say NO because you are scared of the outcome; say NO because you really don't want to do it. Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds. You never know how life might change your life.

Much sympathy goes out to all fellow Americans in the Boston area, after the bombings Monday afternoon during the Boston Marathon. Three deceased and nearly 150 seriously injured; that is a lot of families affected by some cowards' brainless decisions. What is done or how is a person raised to have no respect for life? I just don't get it.

"When the going gets tough... get tougher."

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT By Steve Orr | Madison Valley Rural Fire Department

The Madison Valley Rural Fire Department responded to one call for service last week. On April 8 at 10:40 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to the report of a wildlands fire near Moores Creek Road. The MVRFD responded two Engines and a Tender with seven firefighters. One additional firefighter responded his personal vehicle. Arriving firefighters found a permitted debris burn that was well contained. No action was required and all apparatus was

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AARP offers driver safety course for seniors

Allen Fox

AARP is again offering their popular driver safety course for seniors in Twin Bridges on April 17. The course will be held at the Montana Room, Twin Bridges School and will be hosted by the Ruby Valley National Bank.

Montana codes mandate that persons 55 years of age or older who complete the course

must be given a reasonable discount on auto insurance premiums. The course is open to the general public and will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. with adjournment about 3 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch. All course materials are supplied. Courses tend to fill up fast so early registration is advised.

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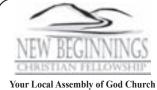
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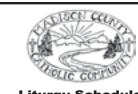
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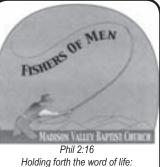
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Christ Church

10:00 a.m. **Bible Study**



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Reed, Jack Roberts, Kelsie Schabarker, Kathryn Schaufler, Julie Shand, Coleton Sitz, Taylre Skillman, Matthew Snider, Gabriel Stoker, Ashley Streight, Jasmine Sullivan, Connor Weddle, Stephanie Welch, Samantha Wham, Derek Wham, Dustin Yates, Amber

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Janet Allestad VCPA

Virginia City Preservation Alliance was represented at the Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation March 24-26 in Helena, Mont. Janet Allestad and Karen Shores, cochairpersons of the Virginia City Grand Victorian Balls sponsored by the VCPA, attended various tourism workshops.

They visited with attendees at their exhibit that included a display of an 1860's ball gown with hoop. Information regarding the "A Step Back In Time" event weekends was provided to interested individuals as well as a sign-up for a door prize that was given away at the closing luncheon on March 26. Cyndy Andrus, Chairperson of the Tourism Advisory Council, was chosen randomly from the entries. She was very excited and intends to be here for the Grand Victorian Ball on June 22. The door prize included a couple's ticket to the June Grand Ball, Friday night stay at the Bennett House Country Inn Bed and Breakfast and a professional photograph taken at the ball by Montana Photo Gallery. Vintage Attic may provide an appropriate ball gown and accessories.

"A Step Back in Time" event is sponsored in part by a Montana Office of Tourism Special Events Grant.



Kindergarten Round-Up in Sheridan

Laurie Bartoletti

School Round Up Kindergarten will be held Monday, April

lunchroom. Bring the whole Parents/Guardians, please bring immunization record and birth certificate! Most of

29th at 10 am in the school all – bring your kids to tour the kindergarten room and school! family - refreshments served! If you are unable to attend or for more information, contact Mrs. Bartoletti at 842-5401

Twin Bridges Schools offers Kindergarten Round-up and Pre-School Screening

Aaron Griffin

TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS Kindergarten Round Up:

Twin Bridges Schools will be having its annual

Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, April 23, starting at 1 p.m. in the Montana Room for parents and prospective kindergarten Please bring students. copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization

records. The prospective kindergarten students will go to the kindergarten room from 1-2:30 p.m. Please notify at the Main Office at 684-5656 if you and your future kindergartener will attend. If you have any questions please contact, Aaron Griffin, Elementary Principal, at 684-

Pre-School Screening:

Great Divide Education Service and Twin Bridges Schools will be hosting Pre-School Screening by Mrs. Dulaney or Mrs. Holden APPOINTMENT ONLY on Tuesday, April 23, in the Montana Room. New this year, Great Divide Education Service will be scheduling your appointment for Pre-School Screening by calling the Dillon Office at 988-0230.

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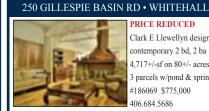
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ECCS news: umbrellas, art auctions and more

Regan Goettle **ECCS**

The crazy weather we have encountered in April has us opening our umbrellas indoors, on Umbrella Day, as the wind would have sent us on a "Mary Poppins" sort of adventure had we taken them outside.

Ethan, from the Watershed Project, came to visit us and take us on a journey of a water droplet, as our theme is water this month. The children had fun

Christine Kern

ECCS

Ennis Community Children's

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families, ECCS is excited to

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for elementary children on

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p.m. beginning April 12. The

Friday program is a natural

For over 30 years, the

ECCS to offer Friday

after school program

finding out the many ways that water travels around our Earth. Thank you Ethan for taking the time to visit our school and plan such a great project for the kids to understand how water gets around.

This week also took us on a trip out to our local True Value to paint some pots that will be planted with flowers and returned to us in time for Mothers Day. Thank you for including us in this fun event every year!

extension of Colt Club, which

is currently offered by the

Ennis school system Mondays

through Thursdays, with

implementation and oversight

by ECCS. The Friday program

will be held at the elementary

school, and some of the

current Colt Club staff will be

joining us. Fun activities and

snacks will be offered. Rates

are \$7.50 per child, per day.

Please contact Amber at 682-

7388 for more information or

Our AAA Fundraiser, known as the April Art Auction, is fast approaching and it will be the perfect chance for friends, family and the public to see the efforts of our little ones.

Also local artists have shown their generosity in donating pieces to display for a silent auction. These items will be on display at True Value, Wednesday, April 17-20. There will be a bid form present so that you can have a chance to support our school and possibly

take home a great piece of art. Also we anticipate art to be on display at the bank the week of April 22-26. Please stop in to see the amazing talent of our local artists.

The Fundraiser will be held in the Ennis School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 30, from 5:30-7 p.m.

This is just prior to the Spring Concert in the High School Gym at 7 p.m. Please come enjoy an artful evening!

Bow hunter education

Al Noack HUNTERS EDUCATION

Anyone wanting to hunt with a bow and arrow in Montana, must take and pass a bow hunter education course. Classes will be held on May 4 and 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 41 Noack Road in Ennis.

Sign up will be online only. Go to fwp.mt.gov, click on educators and students, then on bow hunter education course schedule, then on view course schedule, then on May 4.

Students are required to read the manual and complete

the chapter reviews before the first class. A parent or guardian of students 17 and under must attend the first 30 minutes of the first class.

Please dress for cold and wet weather, as we will be inside and outside both days.

Students can pick up a manual at Shedhorn Sports, at 103 Main St. Ennis, or any FWP

Bring you own lunch each day. The last day to sign up will be April 29.

For more info call Al Noack at 682-7352

Retirement Tribute

After 50 years of ministry, Pastor Franklin Wesselius is retiring. Pastor Wesselius has served as Senior Pastor of Dayspring Mission Church, Sheridan, for 23 years. Frank and Louise have served in the church and community, praying and attending to the many needs of many people in the Valley.

The Wesselius' will continue to live in Sheridan and Frank will continue the ministry of visiting those who are unable to leave their homes, or are in the nursing homes and hospitals.

Dayspring Church congregation are planning a pot luck lunch and gathering at Dayspring Church, 3648 Hwy 287, on

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 12:30 P.M. We invite all who would like to pay tribute to Frank and Louise, to join us for lunch and a time to visit.

> Further information call: John & Karen Anderson at 842-5306

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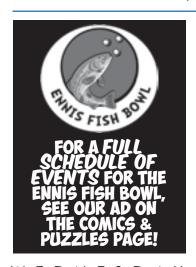
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Thursday, April 18, 2013

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

Baseball, Ennis

Senior League (12-15 yr. old) Madison Valley Pronghorns vs. Bozeman Red Sox. 6 p.m. in the fields by bus barn.

THURSDAY APRIL 18

HS Golf, Townsend

Ennis at Townsend 9 a.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www. outpostevents.net

Historical Slide Show, **Ennis**

MVHA presents a historical look back at Madison County Oil Company and the Varney Well of the 1920's. 4 p.m. at First Madison

Valley Bank

I D R Α APRIL

Writer's Group, Ennis Meet at FMVB and carpool to Three Forks tor a meeting and potluck lunch at the home of member Lilie Allen. Questions? Call

Baseball, Ennis

Jan Beekman at 682-

4177.

Senior League (12-15 yr. old) Madison Valley Pronghorns vs. Three Forks. 6 p.m. in the fields by bus barn.

BINGO, Ennis

Ennis Lion's Club hosts another fun year of Spring Bingo. 7 p.m. in the Ennis School Lunchroom

BINGO, Sheridan

Team Ruby is hosting a Bingo fundraiser to raise money for 2013 Madison County Relay for Life. 7 p.m. Sheridan school

cafeteria.

Live Music, Norris

Driftwood Grinners (Folk Grass) 7 p.m.

Movie Night, Ennis

Madison Theatre rated PG. Doors at 6:15 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m. 682-4023

APRIL 2 0

A NRA certified instructor will be at Shedhorn Sports from 9-4 p.m. for a Women's Only class. Call Shedhorn at 682-4210 to sign up. 18+

HS Track, Belgrade Harrison at Belgrade, 9 a.m. For a complete listing of sports

listing of sports please visit www. outpostevents.net

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Relay for Life fundraiser for Madison County. Tickets \$25 call Meg at 682-7093 or Jessie at 682-4490. 6 p.m. at First Madison Valley Bank.

City

The 4th Winter Chautauqua, at 6:30 p.m. at The Elling House. 843-5507 or www.ellinghouse.org

Madison Theatre presents: The Croods, rated PG. Doors at 6:15 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m. 682-4023

Brett Vredrevoogd (High Country Rock)

com

presents: The Croods,

please visit www. outpostevents.net

HS Golf, Big Timber

HS Track, Missoula

Wine Tasting, Ennis

Chautauqua, Virginia

Movie Night, Ennis

Live Music, Norris

Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www.norrishotsprings.

SATURDAY

Women's Concealed Weapons Class, Ennis

Ennis at Big Timber, 9 a.m. For a complete

Seeley Swan Meet, 10 a.m. For a complete

Live Music, Norris

MOND APRIL 2 2

Open House, Ennis

7 p.m. Norris Hot

Springs. For more info

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Polka Party

Fundraiser, Butte

The Spring Polka Party

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will be at 1p.m. at the

Elk's Hall in Butte, \$8.

453-1238

El Kabong (Rockin

Roots Originals) 7 p.m.

Norris Hot Springs. For

more info please visit

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S U N D

APRIL

Thirty-One Bags will hold an open house from 8-8 p.m. at Madison Square. Call Michelle at 580-3619

for more info.

HS Golf. Bozeman

Ennis vs. Manhattan at the Bridger Creek Golf Course, 9 a.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www.outpostevents. net

TUESD A Y APRIL 2 3

HS Track, Missoula

The top Ten compete, 3 p.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www. outpostevents.net

Watershed Meeting, Sheridan

The Ruby Watershed Council will meet at 6 p.m. at the Moraine Center with a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Open to the public. 539-5683

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2 4

Library Planning Meeting, Twin Bridges

Brief sessions regarding plans for a proposed addition to the Madison County Library. Twin Bridges School at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY APRIL 2 5

Mad-Gals Meeting, **Ennis**

The April meeting will be held at the Gravel Bar with a special opening of the Nearly New before that, from 10-12 p.m. RSVP by

April 22 with Jackie at 682-5510 or Ethelyn 682-4348.

Library Planning Meeting, Ennis

Brief sessions regarding plans for a proposed addition to the Madison County Library. Sheridan Elementary School at 7 p.m.

F R I D APRIL 26

West entrance of YNP open, West Yellowstone

Vehicles will be allowed in the park free of charge today in celebration of National Parks Week.

Earth Day Celebration, West Yellowstone

The 4th Annual Earth Day Celebration lasts all weekend and is filled with free family fun and activities. For a schedule of events please visit www.kidsnsnow.org/ earthday.html.

Memorial Basketball Tournament, Twin **Bridges**

The first annual Falcon

Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held at Twin Bridges schools. Call Matt at 351-2335 or Bo at 531-3520 for more info or to register your team. More info at www. outpostevents.com.

Nevada City Livery Stable

Submitted by Carolyn Hamilton

Live Music. Norris Free Radicals (Acoustic Blues/Rock/

Americana) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www.norrishotsprings. com

SATURDAY APRIL

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emergencies: 548-4707

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday May 7, 2013 an election will be held in Ennis at the **ENNIS HIGH SCHOOL LOBBY - 223 CHARLES AVE.** and in Virginia City at the "REHEARSAL HALL" - 316 W. IDAHO STR. for ENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 52. For the election of two trustees for full three-year terms Running for this position are: four candidates to be listed on the ballot. The polls will be open at 12:00 Noon and remain open until 8:00 P.M.

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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.

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 4:00 p.m. 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF

THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON Cause No. DP-2010-10

IN RE ESTATE OF: BETH ALEXANDER

Deceased. That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to LOIS FAY MERKLER, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 659 Del Prado Drive, Boulder, NV 89005 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: March 18, 2013 /s/ Lois Fay Merkler LOIS FAY MERKLER

State of Nevada County of Clark
LOIS FAY MERKLER, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws

of the State of Montana.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2013. /s/Lois Fay Merkler LOIS FAY MERKLER Personal Representative Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2013) km

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE **SALE**

The undersigned gives notice of a foreclosure sale to be held April 21, 2013, a Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. Located at 2144 HWY 287 at Marvin Hansen Storage Units. Bids will be for the entire contents of storage units to be sold for cash at the sale of the following described personal property:

Unit 19: contains miscellaneous items Unit 16: contains lots of stuff boxed up &

Also, a travel trailer: 1972 model Road Run-

Successful bidders will have 3 days to empty contents or make other arrangements. (Pub. Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2013) mh

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICA-

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

Cause No. DA-29-2013-9 IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: ASHLEY L. BAKER, Petitioner

IVAN DEXTER BAKER, Respondent THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREET-INGS TO IVAN DEXTER BAKER, THE RE-SPONDENT IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Petition for Dissolution in this action which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Petitioner's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons for Publication, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court Dated: April 1, 2013 /s/ Bundy K. Bailey Clerk of District Court

Attorney for Petitioner Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878

HEATING

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICA-

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

(Pub. Apr. 11, 18, 25 2013) km

TION

Cause No. DA-29-2013-1 IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: ADILYNE RAYE JEMISON,

THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREET-INGS TO DANIEL RAY JEMISON, THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE-

NAMED MINOR

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights of Biological Father in this action, which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Petitioner's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons for Publication, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will

be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Petition. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court Dated: April 1, 2013 /s/ Bundy K. Bailey Clerk of District Court

Attorney for Petitioner: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729

Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. Apr. 11, 18, 25 2013) km NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale Number: 12-00932-5 Loan Number: 0022888333 APN: 29013005 TO BE SOLD for cash at Trustee's Sale on August 14, 2013 at the hour of 02:00 PM, recognized local time, On the front steps (North entrance) to the County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace, Virginia City, MT. the following described real property in Madison County, Montana, towit: Unit 1429 of Beaverhead Condominium, Phase A and B, situated on Parcel A of Certificate of Survey in Book 7 of Surveys, page 435 and Parcel B of Survey recorded in Book 6 of Condominiums, page 381, as shown and designated on those certain Basic Unit Floor Plans and Site Map recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana being a portion of a tract of land located in the NE1/4 and NW1/4 of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 3 East P.M.M., Madison County, Montana (Amended Plat of Beaverhead Condo filed in Book 4 of Plats, page 601-BA, records of Madison County, Montana) TOGETHER WITH an undivided 1.97% interest in and to the Common Areas and Facilities appertaining to said unit, the Declaration for which was recorded April 13,1981 in Book 276, page 851, and amended by instruments recorded in Book 277, page 321, Book 284, page 724; Book 291, page 850; and Book 298, page 432, the records of Madison County, Montana. More commonly known as: 1429 BEAVERHEAD, BIG SKY, MT GREGORY L RUFF, A SINGLE PERSON, as the original grantor(s), conveyed said real property to ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW CORP, as the original trustee, to secure an obligation owed to WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC, as the original beneficiary, by a Trust Indenture dated as of July 18, 2003, and recorded on July 29, 2003 in Film No. 490 at Page 594 under Document No. 93467, in the Official Records of the Office of the Record of Madison County, Montana ("Deed of Trust"). The current beneficiary is: US Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-AR10 (the "Beneficiary"). FIDELITY NA-TIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY was named as Successor Trustee (the "Trustee") by virtue of a Substitution of Trustee dated October 10, 2012 and recorded in the records of Madison County, Montana. There has been a default in the performance of said Deed of Trust: Failure to pay when due the following 3, 2013: Balance due on monthly payments from March 1, 2011 and which payments total: \$51,164.58: Late charges: \$673.84 Net Other presently due on the obligation the principal sum of \$351,735.95 plus accrued interest thereon at the rate of 2.87500% per annum from February 1, 2011, plus late charges Interest and late charges continue to accrue.

amounts which are now in arrears as of Apri Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds include the trustee's or attorney's fees and costs and expenses of sale. The beneficiary has elected to sell the property to satisfy the obligation and has directed the trustee to commence such sale proceedings The beneficiary declares that the grantor is ir default as described above and has directed the Trustee to commence proceedings to sel the property described above at public sale in accordance with the terms and provisions

of this notice. 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 in cash. The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the aforesaid 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 (in cluding costs and expenses actually incurred and trustee's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default

theretofore existing. SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsa-sap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMA-TION PLEASE CALL 714.730.2727 DATED: April 3, 2013 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee, By: Megan Curtis, Authorized Signature A-4377555 04/18/2013, 04/25/2013, 05/02/2013 (Pub. Apr. 18, 25, May 2, 2013) lps

JOE VELAND

406.682.3999

SERVICE WORK **NEW CONSTRUCTION** REMODELS

The School Trustee and Building Reserve Fund Levy Elections for Sheridan District No. 5 will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. in the Sheridan Elementary Gymnasium and in the Alder Community Hall. There are two (2), three-year trustee posi-

NOTICE OF ELECTION:

tions open (Sheridan).

The following propositions will also be de-

termined:
Shall the district be authorized to impose a
High School Building Reserve in the amount
of \$20,000 per year for five years and being
approximately 6.46 mills, for a total amount of \$100,000, for the purpose of minor/major construction, maintenance, remodeling of existing facilities, and/or acquisition of additional school sites.

Shall the district be authorized to impose an Elementary School Building Reserve in the amount of \$20,000 per year for five years and being approximately 4.02 mills, for a total amount of \$100,000, for the purpose of minor/ major construction, maintenance, remodeling of existing facilities, and/or acquisition of additional school sites.

Passage of these mill levies allows the Sheridan School District to replace expired levies each in the amount of \$15,000.

Requests for absentee ballots for those unable to go to the polls may be made by calling the School District Clerk, (842-5302). The deadline for requests for absentee ballots is 12:00 noon on Monday, May 6, 2013. (Pub. Apr. 18, 25, May 2, 2013) ss

INVITATION TO BID: Notice is hereby given that the Ennis School District will receive bids until noon on May 6, 2013 in the clerk's office at the Ennis High School, Ennis, Montana. The bid will include delivery of propane to all district owned facilities beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. For details and specifications on this project or to schedule a walk through contact John Overstreet, Superintendent, at 682-4258. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals and waive any irregularities or informalities. (Pub. Apr. 18, 25, 2013) es

NOTICE OF ELECTION: The REGULAR school election is scheduled for May 7th, 2013 in the Montana Room

of Twin Bridges Public Schools.
The purpose of the election is to elect ONE (1) trustee to serve for a three-year term. The trustees will also ask the voters to approve a BUILDING RESERVE levy in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year for FIVE YEARS and being approximately 6.15 mills per year, for a total amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) for the purpose minor/major construction, maintenance, remodeling of existing facilities and/or acquisition of additional school sites. Passage of this proposal will result in an annual tax of approximately \$8.51 on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 and approximately \$17.02 on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000. The trustees will also be asking for voters to approve a GENERAL FUND levy in the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) which is approximately 8.59 mills for the purpose of instruction, maintenance, and operation of Twin Bridges Public Schools for the 2013-14 school year. Passage of this proposal will result in an annual tax of approx-imately \$11.89 on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 and approximately \$23.78 on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000. The polls will be open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 P.M.

on Election Day.

A qualified registered voter who will be unable to go to the polls on the day of election may request an application for an absentee ballot up until noon the day before the election from the School District Clerk's office ocated at Twin Bridges School, 216 West 6th Avenue, Twin Bridges, MT., 59754. In the case of a sudden health emergency, he/she may request the absentee ballot up until noon on Election Day.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please call the District Office at 684-5656.

Respectfully Eldon C. Johnson Twin Bridges School District #7 (Pub. Apr. 18, 25, 2013) tbs

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF

MADISON Cause No. DP-29-13-14 IN RE ESTATE OF:
JOHN HENRY PETERS

That the undersigned has been appointed

Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said Decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months of the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred

Claims must either be mailed to JOY DAY, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, JD Law Firm, P.C. 336 Waterloo Road, Whitehall, MT 59759 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. "I declare under pentalty of perjury that the

foregoing is true and correct. Dated: April 11, 2013 /s/ Joy Day JOY DAY Personal Representative

c/o JD Law Firm 336 Waterloo Road Whitehall, MT 59759 /s/ Lori A. Harshbarger LORI A. HARSHBARGER

(Pub. Apr. 18, 25, May 2, 2013) JD

NOTICE OF ELECTION: Notice is given that a Trustee Election for the Harrison School District #23 will be held May 7, 2013 at the Harrison School gymnasium from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots may be requested from Judi Ward at the school or by calling 685

(Pub. Apr. 18, 25, 2013) hs

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BIG SKY (ENNIS) AIRPORT IMPROVE-MENTS

ENNIS, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

AIP 3-30-0090-012-2013 Separate sealed bids will be received by Madison County, Montana until 1:30 p.m., local time, April 25, 2013 -. All bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud at the offices of Robert Peccia & Associates, 825 Custer Avenue, Helena, Montana 59604 for the Big Sky (Ennis) Airport Improvements Project to include the following: • Crack Seal, Fog Seal, Coal Tar, and Re-

mark Runway, Taxiways, and Apron.
This work is to include all tools, equipment,

materials, and labor to complete this project. The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 and to the Equal Employment Opportunaity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions. All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor. The EEO requirements, labor provisions and wage rates are included in the specifications and bid documents. Each bidder must agree to provide "Nonsegregated Facilities", to complete the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", to comply with the affirmative action requirements, and to supply all the information required by the bid documents and specifications to be eli-gible for award.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation. The Cut Bank Airport Authority and Glacier County shall not discriminate on the basis of race color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE Program or the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26. The recipient shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts.

This contract will be funded in part by a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, the Owner has established a race/gender neutral goal, but the award is not contingent on the Bidder meeting this goal. All bidders will be required to submit the following for every firm providing subcontracting quotes / bids: 1) name and address; 2) description of work to be performed; 3) DBE status; 4) age; 5) the dollar value of the work to be subcontracted:

and 6) the annual gross receipts. Bids will be received on a price basis as described in the Contract Documents. Bid security in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid which shall be: (1) lawful money of the United States; or (2) a Cashiers Check, Certified Check, Bank Money Order or Bank Draft, in any case drawn and issued by a federally chartered or state chartered bank insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation; or (3) a bid bond, quaranty bond, or surety bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana. The bid security shall be made payable to the Owner and failure to enter into a formal contract will result in the Owner retaining the bid security. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a formal contract within ten (10) calendar days from the date the Notice of Award is received to complete an insurance certification to fur-

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nish a Performance Bond, and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount. The successful Bidder is required to comply with Montana's Contractor Registration Law in accordance with Title 39, Chapter

Plans, specifications, bidding and contract forms may be inspect ed at many plan exchanges or the office of the consulting engineer, Robert Peccia & Associates, at 825 Custer Ave., Helena, MT (mailing address: P.O. Box 5653, Helena, MT 59604). Copies of these documents may be obtained from the consulting engineer on the receipt of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for each complete set. No pre-bid conference will be held for this project; however, potential Bidders are encouraged to contact the Engineer (406) 447-5000

(lance@rpa-hln.com) with questions.

Faxed bids will not be accepted or considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject nonconforming, irregular, non-responsive or conditional bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidder prior to award of the contract. April 4, 2013

MADISON COUNTY By /s/ James P. Hart, Chairman (Pub. Apr. 4, 11, 18 2013) bd

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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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Vacation and Long Term Rentals 406-682-7034 www.madisonmanagement.com

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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

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FOR RENT: Hangar Space at Ennis Airport: \$270/mo and Garage Space for autos/snowmobiles \$45/mo. Call Mike for details 406-490-0603 24-2-р

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

HELP WANTED

PT/YEAR round - reception and processing/data entry for office in Ennis. You will be responsible for answering phones, dealing with clients face to face, taking payments, qualify calls and directing them to correct department, etc. Please mail your resume to: Agency Ins Div PO BOX 161336 Big Sky, MT 59716 Your resume should be accompanied by 3 personal and 3 professional references along with a short essay (less then 1 page) on your choice of the following topics:

1. Describe the person (present, past, dead, living) you most admire and why?

2. Describe an experience that has been the most valuable to you and why?

Deadline for applications is May 31st. Thank you for your interest in working with our insurance

Stop Pizza & Grill. Call John at 209-4031 or stop in for an application 22-tfc-b

PART TIME/FILL IN JOB NOTICE

The Board of Madison County Commissioners will be accepting applications until May 6, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. for the position or positions of part time/fill in help at various offices at the Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana. This position will begin with an hourly wage of \$13.90 for approximately 20-40 hours per week but no guarantee on the number of hours per month. Applicants must be flexible and available to work with very little notice. Benefits will accumulate according to the Madison County Personnel Policy based on eligibility. Please contact the Commissioners' Office at (406) 843-4277, email to madco@madison. mt.gov, or visit our website www.madison.mt.gov for an application and job description.

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HELP WANTED: Part time office assistant Prudential Montana. 20 hours a week. Must be proficient with technology, literate in a variety of computer programs and with social media, comfortable with operation of general office equipment, able to manage dayto-day office work and multi-

tasking, friendly and welcoming. If interested, drop off a resume at Prudential Montana, attention Sara Johnson by end of day April 10th.

Summer Help Wanted The Ruby Valley Swimming Pool in Sheridan, Montana is hiring lifeguards for the 2013 summer season.

If you would like to apply please send your resume to The Ruby Valley Swimming Pool Attn: Charlie Rossiter, Board Member or Amber Walter, Pool Manager PO Box 472, Sheridan, Montana 59749 Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2013 or until positions are filled. 23-3-b

HELP WANTED: Rainbow Valley Lodge Housekeeping positions available for this coming season. Full or parttime. Top wages DOE. Apply in person. 682-4264 25-1-b

Truck Driver/Equipment Operator Needed Matson Excavation is looking for a truck driver and equipment operator to start immediately. Applicants should have some experience operating a skid steer, loader and excavator and must possess at Class A1 CDL. All applicants must be able to pass random drug tests. Pay DOE. Please contact Matson Excavation at 682-7411 or email matsonexcavation@yahoo.com. 24-2-b

KITCHEN HELP WANTED: Pit E M P L O Y M E N T O P P O R T U N I T Y ASSISTANT DISTRICT CLERK, SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 PO BOX 586 SHERIDAN MT 59749

•Position: Interim Assistant Clerk to assume full responsibilities as District Clerk by November, 2013.

•Primary Job Duties: The District Clerk is responsible for managing the business operations of the school district under the supervision of the Superintendent of Schools. Duties include, but are not limited to payroll, budgetary preparations, receipt and expenditure records, and fund reporting. Applicant should possess accounting skills and computer proficiency. Effective oral and written communication skills are required. Additionally, the Clerk manages board meetings scheduling, including agendas, notification, meeting procedures and minutes.

•Education: A bachelor degree in business, finance or public accounting from an accredited institute is preferred. However, work experience may be considered in place of a formal education. •Work Experience: expertise with the following is desirable:

-Work experience with a public school.

-Work experience with a public accounting firm having school district clients or

-Work experience with the finance section of the Montana Office of Public Instruction. -Successful experience as a supervisor.

 Salary: Salary is negotiable and depends on education and applicable work experience. Application Submission: Please address your application to Linda E. Walter, District Clerk, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749 or email it to lindaw@sheridan.k12. mt.us. Applications can be found on the Sheridan School

•Application Deadline: Until filled or a sufficient number an applications are received for conduction interviews. 25-tfc-b

mt.us.

Website, www.Sheridan.k12.

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

DRIVERS: HOME NIGHTLY! NEW HIGHER PAY PACKAGE CDL-A, 1YR. EXP. REQ. **ESTENSON LOGISTICS** APPLY: WWW.GOELC.COM 1-866-336-9642 25-2-P

SEASONAL HELP WANTED: Housekeeping positions available May-Oct. Apply at Fan Mountain Inn. 25-2-b

Polisher/Finisher - MTI is looking for a self-motivated, dependable, and detail oriented team player for this full-time career opportunity. Candidate MUST be organized, have excellent dexterity and 20/20 vision with correction (eye glasses or contact lenses).

Full-time position includes: Polishing, tumbling, glass beading, passivation, tig welding, assembly and any other duties associated with metal finishing.

Experience with inspection equipment or tig welding a plus+. Wages DOE with opportunities for overtime – Willing to train the right candidate.

MTI is a Medical Device Manufacturer located in Sheridan, MT. Please send your resume to: michelle.johnston@momantech. 24-3-b

Ruby River Ranch is currently seeking a seasonal cook from June 1 – Sept 1, 2013. Applicant should be honest, motivated and dependable. Housing provided. Wage dependent on experience. Please send application to reedrowberry@hotmail.com or, for more information, call 842-7297. 23-tfc-b

REAL ESTATE

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

NEWLY REMODELED HOME at Rainbow Point with private access to Ennis Lake. Info @ www.ennislakefront.com or 406-581-7820. 22-tfc

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als 22-tfc-b

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED: Madison Valley Public Library in Ennis is seeking a

volunteer to serve on the Library Board of Trustees. If interested, please send a short letter of interest, before 5 p.m. Fri. May 3

Madison Valley Public Library, PO Box 178, Ennis, MT 59729. Further

information may be obtained by calling 682-7244 during normal business hours.

25-2-b

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AUCTION

AUCTION: 3 large storage lockers and 1 travel trailer. Sunday, April 21 at 1 p.m. Hansen's Storage, 2144 Hwy 287, 2 miles east of Alder. 25-1-b

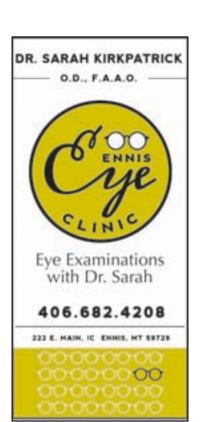
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OUTPOSTEN **C4** Thursday, April 18, 2013

For a schedule of events please visit www.kidsnsnow.org/ earthday.html.

HS Track, Bozeman Manhattan Christian Meet, 9 a.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www.outpostevents. net

HS Golf, Ennis

Madison Meadows Golf Course, 9 a.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www.outpostevents. net

Live Music, Norris Luke Flansburg (Acoustic Rock) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www.

UNDAY APRIL 2 8

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Memorial Basketball Tournament, Twin **Bridges**

The first annual Falcon Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held at Twin Bridges schools. Call Matt at 351-2335 or Bo at 531-3520 for more info or to register your team. More info at www. outpostevents.com.

Barrel Races, Bozeman

Open 4-D Barrel Race with American **Quarter Horse** Association and **UBRC** Barrel racing side pots and AQHAapproved All-Age Team and Tie down Roping. Ranch office 406.585.7008 or check the website at www. copperspringranch. com.

Earth Day Celebration, West Yellowstone

The 4th Annual Earth Day Celebration lasts all weekend and is filled with free family fun and activities. For a schedule of events please visit www.kidsnsnow.org/ earthday.html.

Live Music, Norris Flatt Cheddar

(Acoustic Party Grass) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www. norrishotsprings.com

MONDAY APRIL 2 9

Planning Board Meeting, Virginia City The Madison County Planning Board will meet at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse

TUESDAY APRIL 3 0

HS Golf, Bozeman Ennis vs. Manhattan

Christian at Cottonwood Golf Course, 9 a.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www.outpostevents. net

ECCS Fundraiser, **Ennis**

Join Ennis Community Children's School as they auction off art to raise funds for the Summer Program Scholarship Fund. 5:30 p.m. in the Ennis School Cafeteria. Please call 682-7388 for more information.

THURSDAY A

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The Top 8 Meet, 4 p.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www. outpostevents.net

Business After Hours, Ennis

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce presents this fun networking evening. This month's host is Pure West-Christie's International Real Estate on Main Street at 5 p.m.

Town Council Meeting, Virginia City Rehearsal Hall, Virginia City at 7p.m.

F I D Α A Y

Live Music, Norris **Coty Hogue**

(Appalachian Americana) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www.norrishotsprings. com

SATURDAY M A

Auction, Ennis

The Ennis Lion's Club will hold its annual auction at 9 a.m. in the Greenhouse Building on Hwy 287.

HS Track, Laurel

Stillwater Meet, 9 a.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www.outpostevents. net

HS Golf, Harlowton Ennis vs. Harlowton

at Jawbone Creek Golf Course, 10 a.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www.outpostevents.

Business Expo, Twin

HIGH ROINSULATION

Bridges

Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce presents the 6th Annual "Buy Local" Business Expo from 9 – 2 p.m. at the Twin Bridges Fairgrounds. Over 40 local vendors will showcase their talents.

Annual Fiddlefest, Pony

Afternoon Jam Session, Fiddle, Mandolin, Guitar, Ukulele Workshops. Potluck Dinner at 5 p.m. with the Stage Show at 7 p.m. Free Family Fun. Call for info - 685-3481.

Live Music, Norris "V", the Gypsy

Cowbelle (Genuine Cowbilly) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www. norrishotsprings.com

SUND M A Y

Solo Recital, Bozeman Pianist Daniel Immel,

originally from Ennis, will perform a solo piano recital at Montana State University in Reynolds Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. This is a free event and open to the public.

Live Music, Norris

Potcheen Folk Band (Celtic Pirate Folk/ Punk) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www. norrishotsprings.com

TUESDAY Α

County



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19th at six o'clock. Open to loose and broke horses.

Madison County Schools will hold school board elections today. Contact your local school for polling

Dog Obedience Classes, Sheridan

places and times.

Sheridan Schools Adult Ed presents: Basic Dog Obedience Classes at 6:30 p.m. in Sheridan Park (next to library). This is a free offer and runs a total of six classes. Please call Dottie at 842-5489 for information and to sign up.

THURSDAY A Y

HS Golf. Three Forks

Ennis vs. Three Forks at the Three Forks Golf Course, 10 a.m. For a complete listing of sports please visit www.outpostevents. net

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.

Ennis

Upcoming Workshop:

Continuing

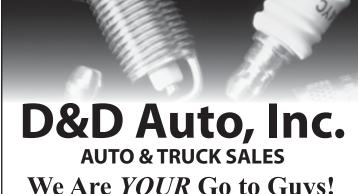
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