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Twin Bridges schools look to fill vacancies

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At a special board meeting on Friday, the Twin Bridges school board discussed the changing direction of the school's curriculum and programs due to retiring teachers.

The Twin Bridges school system has a vacancy for a part-time guidance counselor. The special board meeting discussed how this opening would be advertised.

According to Montana accreditation standards, the school must employ a guidance counselor at a minimum of .625 full-time

equivalent. While the school needs to fill the guidance counselor position, the school also is losing the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher to retirement. With this vacancy, the FCS classes and FCCLA program may not return next year. Superintendent Chad Johnson

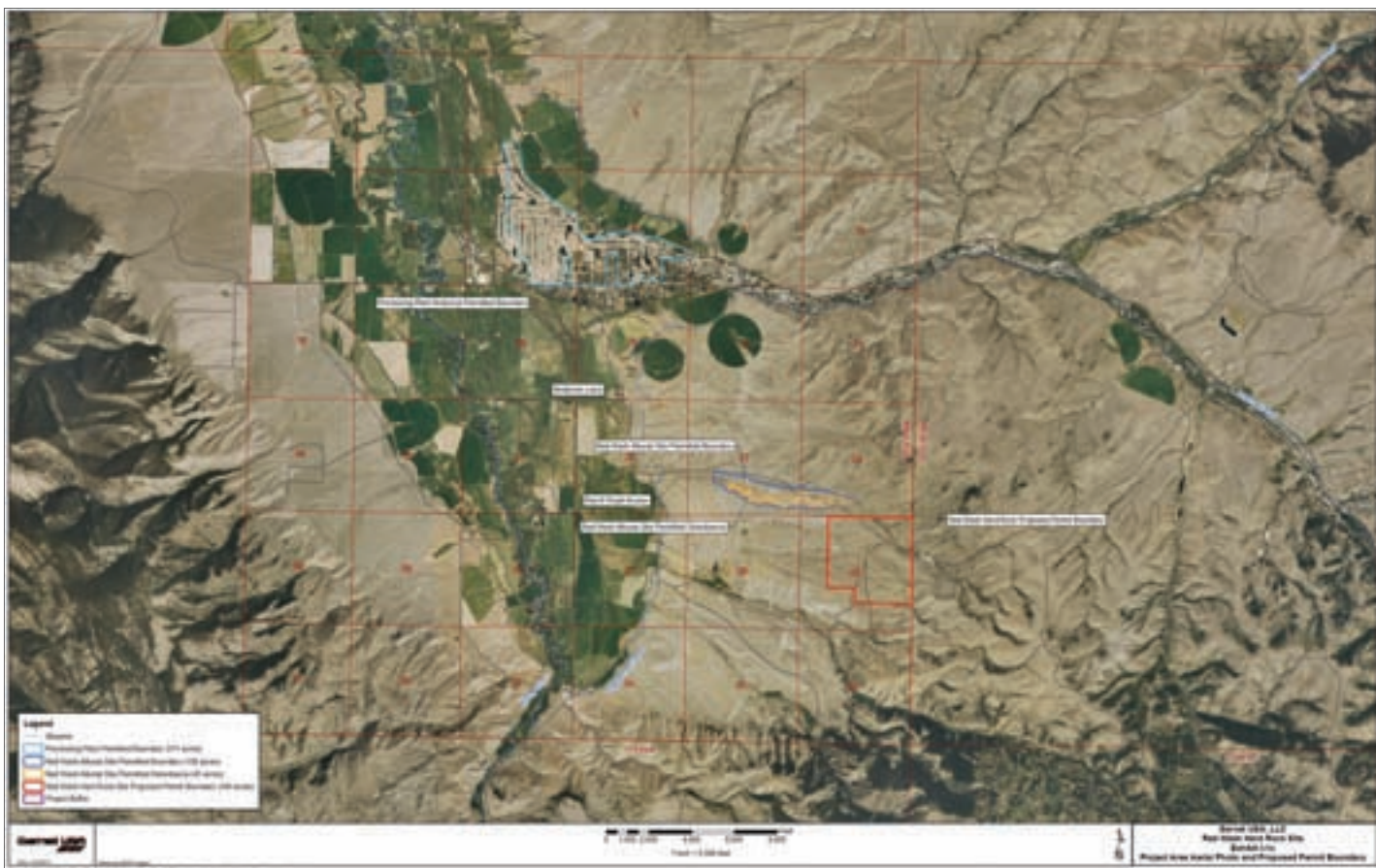
said no one on staff is currently certified to take over the FCS classes. He did say there are staff members interested in becoming certified to teach the courses by completing the required certification classes in three years while still teaching. Johnson said in order for the school to go this route, the school

would need to fit certain criteria that hasn't been looked into yet. Some of the board members questioned the need for an FCS curriculum and FCCLA as an extracurricular activity. Johnson pointed out extracurricular programs like FFA and Business Professionals of America have the similar foundation of

FCCLA. Those programs teach leadership and communication skills just like FCCLA, but rather than having a family and consumer sciences focus, FFA and BPA are agriculture and business focused, respectively.

If the school did decide to Turn to VACANCIES on pg. 2

Garnet USA



The proposed open pit mine is not far from the current Garnet USA operations.

Garnet USA set to make changes, seeks input on DEQ Environmental Impact Statement

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting input on Garnet USA's proposed open pit garnet mine for just a short time longer. Comments should be sent to DEQ by the close of business on April 26.

Community members, DEQ and Garnet USA staff were all in attendance at a scoping meeting last Tuesday evening in Alder. The meeting

was held to identify possible environmental issues that DEQ should address. Jeffrey Herrick, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) coordinator, told the crowd gathered that DEQ is neither pro nor con for the project, but rather there to encourage involvement by interested stakeholders to allow for early identification of environmental issues in the EIS.

"We want to use this as a good process," Brian Jackson, Garnet USA Project Engineering Manager, said of the EIS.



Garnet USA crew members examine a blast site at the company's proposed open pit mine site last year. Precursory activities at the site have been done since early 2012 under an exploration license.

"There will be things that we may or may not have considered. We want community input on how we can be good neighbors." The EIS became necessary.

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Commissioners support Montana Tech Peak naming project

By Faith Moldan
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Straddling the Silver Bow and Madison County line in the Highland Mountain Range sits a currently unnamed peak only known by its reference number – 10131. A group of Montana Tech Highlands College students want to change that and give the peak, which is the second highest in the range, a proper name – Montana Tech Peak.

"Tech's always taught geology. Let's name a geologic feature after it," Tech student Jon Craig said. "The more support we can have behind us the better."

Craig, a civil engineering student at Tech, explained to the commissioners that after a surveying trip in the Highlands he and others realized that one peak was officially unnamed and decided it might be interesting to pursue giving it a name. What began then has turned into a multi-year project, which is a year in already and not close to being done yet.

Dean of Highlands College, John Garic, said the students will present information to Sil-

ver Bow County officials, speak with a local landowner who has property on the mountain, and meet with Governor Steve Bullock all before preparing necessary applications for state and federal agencies. Garic said they must provide letters of support and geological information to the agencies with their application. They hope to have a draft application prepared by August. Montana Tech and Montana University Systems staff will need to give an okay to the student-driven initiative too. Some of the original group members have graduated since the beginning of the project.

Located on BLM public land, the peak is located 17 miles south of Butte. It is 0.8 miles south of Red Mountain, which it is commonly mistaken for, and 1.25 miles northwest of Table Mountain.

"I think it's an appropriate name. Montana Tech is going to be there forever," Commissioner Chair Jim Hart said.

The next regular commission meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. on April 30 in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

Madison County Public Library asks for mill levy

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A one-time mill levy will be on the ballots on May 7 with the goal of raising the funds needed to complete an addition to Thomas-Hickman Library in Virginia City.

The Thomas-Hickman Library serves as Madison County's library. After fundraising for over two years, the library's board has decided it's time to ask the public for financial assistance. The library proposed a one-time levy of six mills to raise \$650,000.

For homeowners whose property is assessed at \$100,000, the levy would be \$8.30. The homeowners whose homes are assessed at \$200,00 would pay \$16.60.

The current library offers 884 square feet of space to house books and serves as a reading area.

Library board chairperson Jan Thomas says there a multitude of issues with the current library that requires updating. Thomas said the electric system is in need of updates, restrooms are not handicap-accessible and there is no hot water in the building.

In addition, there is simply just not enough space to store books and comfortably accommodate the public. Thomas says the county library needs to be able to house approximately 35,000 books based on the area the library serves, but currently the library can only hold 10,000 books and many of those are stored in lock-

ers. Thomas also emphasized the importance of properly housing archives. Without a climate-controlled environment many of those archives are subject to damage. The library also doesn't have the room to hold all of the archives and store some of them in various areas around the county including the attic in the courthouse.

In order to address these issues, the library has designed a 5,616 square foot addition. The addition will feature climate-controlled archive and research rooms, a children's area and a large conference, multimedia community room.

The restrooms in the new addition will be handicap-accessible and feature hot water.

The addition will be able to support state-of-the-art technology, something the current building cannot do.

In order to preserve the integrity of the original building, the addition will be connected to the current library by a hallway, which has been designed to be minimally invasive.

The current library space will return to serving as a large reading room. When the library was built in 1918, that's the purpose the building was supposed to serve.

Thomas said if there was left over money from the addition project, the money would be divided amongst the libraries in the county.

Legislative round up, week 15

By Amy R. Sisk
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HELENA – Montana's 2013 Legislature is scrambling to cut final deals on spending and tax cuts that could allow it to adjourn by the week's end.

The House and Senate have agreed on a state budget that provides \$9 billion for state agencies and programs over the next two years.

That package is headed to Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock's desk, though he told reporters Friday that House Bill 2 still needs work. He said correctional facilities need more money, as do public safety and child protective

services. "We have an overall package of things that ought to be changed," he said.

Besides spending, the final week's negotiations are expected to focus on how much tax relief to offer Montanans and how much money state government should save to deal with unforeseen problems that develop over the next two years.

The governor is expected to play a major role in this week's decisions. Other items awaiting his signature are bills to help solve a projected deficit in state pension funds and legislation to finance construction of new buildings and repairs on state college campuses.

Meanwhile, here's a look back at what lawmakers did during week 15 at the Capitol:

K-12 funding
The session's major school funding bill is ready for the governor's signature.

Senate Bill 175's price tag changed numerous times throughout the session, but both chambers agreed last week to send more than \$50 million in new revenue to schools. They also restored a number of provisions Republicans had previously slashed from the measure.

"I am pleased the entire education community never wavered," said Eric Feaver, president of the MEA-MFT teachers' union. "I am happy with the end

result. It doesn't matter what happened in the middle."

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Llew Jones, R-Conrad, worked with Feaver and others in the education community for the past two years to craft a sweeping plan to reform education funding.

Although the bill originally proposed to send well over \$100 million to schools, the final version does the following with a smaller price tag. Among other things, the bill would:

- Freeze local school property taxes for the next two years.
- Increase the basis state

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drop the FCS curriculum, BPA could be added since there is already a business teacher on staff who is qualified to serve as advisor to the extracurricular program.

Board chairman David Ashcraft stressed he didn't want to limit the school to having to continue with an FCS curriculum and that it may be time to explore other options.

"We don't have to stay in the confines of what we have been doing," said Ashcraft. "It may be time for a change. We have the opportunity to change directions when we re-staff. It's imperative we decide how we want our curriculum to line up in our schools and we are at an important crossroad."

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sary when Garnet USA applied to DEQ for an amendment to one of their operating permits. The proposed amendment would authorize the operation of an open pit garnet mine at the Red Wash Hard Rock Site located adjacent to current mining operations. A draft permit amendment was issued on February 27. Issuance of a final permit amendment is subject to an environmental review. Trenching and drilling activities on the Red Wash Hard Rock Project site have been done since early 2012 under an exploration license.

There is no water on or at the Red Wash Hard Rock site, so the most significant environmental issue there is to manage storm water, according to Jackson. He said they have made extensive plans for storm water retention and erosion controls including berms, catch basins, retention sumps, and other features to keep water from any major storm events from leaving Garnet USA property.

"One reason for the EIS is that we will be reclaiming the open pit to a stable rock wall slope with enhanced planting plans, soil replacement on flat areas and habitat enhancement on the flat safety bench shelves and corners of the pit," Jackson said. "The reclaimed areas around the pit itself as well as the waste stockpile will be reclaimed to somewhat match existing terrain with the native soils removed during mining operations."

In its amendment application, Garnet USA proposes to conduct open pit mining activities at the site with mine excavation within a central 80-acre parcel. Ore would be stored within an 80-acre parcel to the north,

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entitlement districts receive over the next two years.

- Allow schools in oil and gas-producing areas to keep up to 130 percent of their maximum budgets in production-tax revenue.

- Send additional money to schools that see significant enrollment increases.

Health care

The Legislature killed Medicaid expansion last week, and an effort to accept federal money to allow Montanans to purchase private insurance on the federal insurance exchange appears unlikely to pass.

A House committee voted down a plan to extend Medicaid coverage to 70,000 uninsured Montanans under the federal Affordable Care Act.

However, the Senate amended and passed the so-called "GOP alternative" bill. A group of legislators from both parties worked on changes to House Bill 623. The new version would offer federal Medicaid money to low-income Montanans, who could then purchase coverage on an online insurance marketplace.

The bill passed the Senate but when it reached the House, GOP leaders referred it to a committee that will likely block its passage for the remainder of the session. Democrats objected, so the House voted on whether to refer the bill. One Democrat accidentally voted with a majority

of Republicans, resulting in a 50-50 tie. That wasn't enough to block the motion, so the bill was referred to the House Human Services Committee.

After the floor session, Gov. Steve Bullock said he was disappointed that procedural tricks and threats of dark money led to the bills' demise.

"The real winners are the residents of New Jersey and Arizona who will now get to use Montana taxpayer dollars to improve the care of people in their states, while we get nothing," he said.

Bullock said he would continue fighting to expand health coverage and stressed that options to revive the bills remain on the table, despite last week's votes.

State employee pay
Lawmakers overwhelmingly passed a plan to increase state employees' salaries for the first time in more than four years.

After a 68-32 vote in the House last week, House Bill 13 is headed to Gov. Steve Bullock's desk. The bill provides \$114 million to increase pay for state government workers. It would be up to the executive branch to figure out how to disburse that money to employees.

That's less money overall than the governor had proposed at the session's start. However, Rep. Steve Gibson, R-East Helena, said on average, each worker will see a \$1,393 raise in 2014 and a \$1,442 raise in 2015.

Taxes
Lawmakers continue to negotiate proposals to lower and simplify state taxes.

While House-Senate conference committees iron out the details on bills to change Montana's business equipment and income taxes, Republicans in the House gave an initial endorsement to a bill that offers one-time income tax relief.

Senate Bill 394, sponsored by Sen. Art Wittich, R-Bozeman, sends \$47 million back to taxpayers - most of which will go to the wealthy.

At his weekly press conference, Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock said he will consider proposals to cut taxes, but will have to weigh them against other spending items.

"I said coming in that I would like to provide some tax cuts for Montana's businesses, and I am still interested in doing so," he said.

Gay rights
People crowded into the Capitol Rotunda last week to watch Gov. Steve Bullock sign a bill striking a law from the books that bans sex between two people of the same gender.

"I am not going to speak too long because frankly, the longer I talk, the longer this unconstitutional and embarrassing law continues to stay on our books," Bullock told an audience, who erupted in cheers.

Although the Montana Supreme Court deemed the law unconstitutional in 1997, it remained in the state code.

programs or switching to different options and advised the board to advertise for a potential full-time counselor with the opportunity to teach other courses based on what the applicants were certified to teach. That way the board would be able to encourage public feedback on curriculum changes while exploring different options based on what candidates for the counselor position bring to the table.

The board voted unanimously to advertise the counselor position as a potential full-time position with at least .625 FTE of the position being dedicated to a guidance counselor.

The next regularly scheduled school board meeting is Tuesday, May 21.

to perform."

The pit size allows for mining for about the next 37 years, which Caldwell and Jackson said bodes well for Garnet USA and the community since that lengthy of an operation means some stability for the previously up-and-down mine and employment opportunities too. Garnet USA hopes to add 50-60 long-term jobs as the plant grows. These expected jobs are not limited to traditional mining. Many will be related to administrative, processing, and other activities.

Other changes include the amount of land used at the plant site by about 4.4 acres and changes in use for several other areas including access roads, processing silt and material storage ponds, bone yard areas, and areas reclaimed for future use. The added road will cut truck traffic on Ruby Road and have less of an impact on homeowners, according to Caldwell.

"This will be the most advanced garnet facility in the nation," Jackson said. "All outdated, unsafe, inefficient, and inappropriate equipment is being replaced. These changes are being implemented into the framework of the existing plant facilities, permits, and previous activities."

Comments on the Garnet USA Project should be submitted electronically to DEQ at garnetusacomments@mt.gov.

Garnet USA's operating permit application can be viewed at <http://deq.mt.gov/hardrock/default.mmmcxp>. If you have questions about the proposed Garnet USA Project, you may contact Herrick at (406) 444-3276 or jherrick@mt.gov. Please provide sufficient detail so that DEQ can accurately address your comment.

MORE NEWS

Twin Bridges Schools decide to refinance bonds

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The Twin Bridges School board decided to refinance its 2002 bonds at a special board meeting last Friday.

Bridget Ekstrom from the

Bozeman branch of D.A. Davidson presented the board with facts and figures demonstrating what the schools could save by refinancing their bonds from 2002 when the high school was rebuilt.

Ekstrom said refinancing would save the schools approx-

imately \$283,000, which she calculated to be roughly about 8.4 mills. She said the interest would drop from four percent to 1.66 percent based on current market rates.

The bonds would be recalculated based on the new interest rates and then sold to banks

and private parties in increments. Ekstrom told the board there was no problem selling portions of the bonds to banks and others in 2002, and interest rates may be better if things are kept local.

The sale of bonds would be offered to prior investors and

advertised to the community as well.

During the process of calculating new interest rates and selling the bonds, Ekstrom said if a certain level of savings were not met, everything would go back to the board.

The board voted unani-

mously to have Superintendent Chad Johnson, board members Shawn Dustin and Dave Ashcraft and District Clerk JoyAnn Breakall work with D.A. Davidson to refinance the bonds.

BLM completes Madison River construction projects

By Alyse Backus
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Two recreation areas along the Madison River have been reopened to the public after being temporarily closed for construction.

Fall Creek and Powerhouse boat launch recreation areas reopened on Thursday.

The Powerhouse boat launch is along the Madison River, which leads into the Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness. While the

launch is not within the Bear Trap's boundaries, it gives floaters access to nine miles of river within the wilderness area.

Fall Creek is north of Ennis off of Ennis Lake Road.

Construction on the areas included a pullout area, a rock walkway on both sides of the ramp and an elevated four-foot wide bank to protect the ramp from high-water damage.

No other major BLM construction projects are planned for this summer, says Chris McGrath, the outdoor recreation

planner in Ennis.

McGrath said some areas will receive some minor maintenance, but nothing like the construction that closed Fall Creek and Powerhouse.

In other recreation news around the area, the BLM Dillon office is looking for public comment on a proposal to collect a higher recreation fee for recreational use of the Henneberry House located along the Beaverhead River 15 miles south of Dillon.

The BLM proposes to

charge \$75 a night for the historic cabin. By charging this fee, the BLM would be able to guarantee the funds for maintenance on the cabin in the future.

In addition to the fee for the Henneberry House, the BLM is considering raising the fee for the developed campgrounds along the Madison River. The fee would go from \$8 to \$12. At dispersed campsites, the fee would increase from \$5 to \$8.

The Dillon field office has not adjusted recreation fees in 10 years. The BLM says the fees

need to be adjusted periodically to avoid unfair competition with private sectors.

The increased fee proposals are currently being reviewed by the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council and are slated for discussion at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

The BLM wants to receive public comment by June 1.

The BLM collects fees at all specialized recreation sites such as the Henneberry Homestead or wherever the BLM provides facilities, equipment or services

at federal expense in connection with outdoor use. The BLM proposes to collect fees in order to offset ongoing costs for maintenance and services.

Comments may be mailed or hand-delivered to the BLM Dillon Field Office, Attn: Field Manager, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT 59725, or emailed to BLM_MT_Dillon_FO@blm.gov with the subject line "Henneberry House." For more information about proposed fee increases, call 683-8000.

HARRISON LAKE ROAD CONSTRUCTION



Harrison Lake Road received a makeover this last week. Two and a half miles of road were resurfaced. The road resurfacing project is a part of county-wide effort to improve various roadways in Madison and Ruby Valley. The road crews of Madison Valley have also teamed up with Jefferson County on some projects since some roads overlap county lines.

Photo by Alyse Backus

7th Annual Fiddle-Fest in Pony

Submitted by David Zimmerman

The Montana Old Time Fiddlers presents the 7th Annual Fiddle-Fest at the Historic Pony Gym in Pony on Saturday, May 4. This event features an open jam session, music workshops, a potluck dinner and an evening concert.

The open old time music "jam" kicks off the afternoon at 1 p.m., and is open to all acoustic instruments. The music workshops go from 1:30-4:45 p.m. with fiddle, guitar, mandolin and

ukulele classes in the lineup.

The potluck dinner starts at 5 p.m., the concert starts at 7 p.m. Bring your family and friends, a potluck dish, your dancing shoes and your jubilant smile. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Donations are accepted. For more info call 685-3481.

The Montana Old Time Fiddlers District 3 is dedicated to preservation of old time fiddle music in Montana, and providing educational and performance opportunities for all.

Archaeology field school for teachers set for Aug. 5-9

by MSU News Service

Elementary school teachers can learn to incorporate archaeology into their classrooms through a Montana State University Project Archeology summer field school in Virginia City.

Teachers will participate in an archaeology dig while learning about the Project Archeology curriculum materials, which cover topics such as math and language literacy, problem solving processes and inquiry. The curriculum also fulfills many core requirements in Indian Education for All and the Common Core Standards.

The five-day course takes place Aug. 5-9 and includes on-site housing.

Educator Field School (EDCI 588) is led by Project Archaeology based at Montana State University and offers two graduate credits or a new option of 30 OPI renewal units. All teachers receive

a full set of curriculum materials. Teachers from throughout the United States are encouraged to participate.

The field school and curriculum materials are also appropriate for informal educators, such as those based at museums, science schools and after-school programs.

In the Field School, teachers will use primary documents including maps, illustrations, historic photographs and oral histories to solve historical and archaeological mysteries and learn to help students apply archaeological concepts as they investigate an archaeological site.

For more information or to register, visit <http://eu.montana.edu/credit/> or call (406) 994-6683. The course is listed under the "Education, Curriculum and Instruction" tab. Teachers can view a video at <http://vimeo.com/34613697>.

Area fires burn over 100 acres

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A grass fire near Silver Star on Saturday got some help from high winds and got close to houses before area fire departments contained the blaze.

By the time it was contained, the fire had burned approximately 100 acres south of Silver Star.

Even though officials originally said the fire was the result of a controlled burn that got out of control, the cause is still being investigated according to Madison County Undersheriff Roger Thompson. It appears now the fire was not a result of a controlled burn or a cigarette thrown into the grass.

The fire was called in at about 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and started near Keltner Lane in the subdivision called Jefferson Acres. The fire spread north and scorched some of the grassland and willows in the northern portion of the subdivision before jumping to the east side of the Jefferson River. Some houses were threatened, but no private property was damaged and no one was injured. The flames did get within 20 feet of one structure.

Fire units from Twin Bridges, Sheridan, Whitehall and the U.S. Forest Service responded to the fire. Two units remained overnight to catch any flare-ups.

Last Thursday area fire departments responded to a wild lands fire on Sun Ranch Road. Firefighters fought the fire for nearly three hours and contained it to about eight acres.

The Forest Service also responded to fire on Sun Ranch Road.

Madison County Department of Emergency Director Chris Mumme said the managers of Sun Ranch had controlled fire that they had a permit for that the wind got a hold of.

"It could have been a lot worse if the wind was worse," said Mumme. "But the Sun Ranch got right on it and we got it out."

Mumme advises the public to remember we are approaching the dry season in Montana.

"Even though there has been a snow pack increase, we are actually drier than last year," says Mumme. "While we have no restrictions right now, we just need to be aware as we head into the hills and mountains. It wouldn't take much to get a fire going."



Area fires burned over 100 acres this week. Chris Mumme, Madison County Director of Emergency Services warns the public to burn with caution.

Photo by Chris Mumme

Reader supports Maria Lake for Ennis School Board

Dear Editor,

Two years ago, I was in a real jam. My assistant's husband accepted a job offer near Lewistown, which meant she and her family would be moving when the school year ended.

As happy as I was for her, I had no idea who might replace her.

Thank goodness, though, for my Fairy Godmother, Maria

Lake.

"I understand that you might be looking for a new assistant," she said. "If so, I have the perfect fit for you. She's got experience in the industry, is a person of integrity, and is the best there is regarding concierge-level customer service."

"Are you applying for the job?" I asked.

"No," she said, laughing. "But my daughter, Nicole Fred-

son, might be interested."

"But you're her mother," I said. "Moms are all biased when it comes to their kids."

"Just ask around," she said, smiling and confident.

So I did. And, just as Maria said, the sentiment was unanimous.

Within a week, my problem was solved. Even better, two years later, our office has never run smoother.

And you know whom I have to thank? Second only to Nicole herself, Maria Lake.

What's more, I have gotten to know Maria in a way few others could, not only as a friend and a client but also through the lens of her daughter. Even at her lowest moments, as her late, dear husband, Robert "Bob" Lake, and her mother, Esther Marzullo, declined then ultimately passed within forty-eight hours of one

another, Maria was a devoted servant, a woman of compassion and faith, who was others-minded to the finish.

If I could reverse roles with her and play the part of Fairy Godmother (a pretty disturbing thought, I know), I would wave a magic wand and install Maria Lake as one of the next Ennis Schools Trustees for the sake of our kids, our teachers and administrators, and our commu-

nity, for she is wise, compassionate, fair, faithful, considerate, smart, lovely, talented, kind, and exceptionally gifted. Most rare of all, she is selfless, motivated only to serve the interests of others.

Maria Lake for Trustee!

Jon Goodman
Ennis

Maria Lake gains support Reader supports Richmann

Dear Editor,

Personally, there is no way I would want to be on the Ennis School Board of Trustees. The role and responsibility to work for the greater good and to improve the quality of education in our community has not been easy. Trustees have the difficult task to be forward thinking, design a blueprint for the future, avoid stagnating in past issues by applying lessons learned, and foster an environment of professional trust. I'm too impulsive to steady that courageous course.

Fortunately, this community has an individual with the qualities that an Ennis School Board

Trustee requires. Her name is Maria Lake. She is grace under fire, compassionate and possesses honest open communication skills. She can take the heat of public scrutiny that is inherent as a school board member. She leads as a fact gatherer, sees the big picture, and utilizes excellent collaboration skills. She values the feedback of others, positive or negative, incorporating and carefully weighing that feedback in her decision-making. If it is important enough to say, it is just as important to her to listen, absorb and disseminate. That is the art of communication and the backbone of leadership.

Maria is not a complainer,

no doom and gloom here. Difficult issues are opportunities for change, adjustment, growth—not road blocks. Maria is motivated by her love of this community, her desire to serve, and her belief in the potential of every child. The quality of the teachers, staff and employees of the Ennis schools inspire her. She works here, she lives here, her grandchildren attend school here, and she will faithfully serve here. Maria Lake, the right choice for Ennis School Board of Trustees.

Jode Boyles Briggs
Ennis

Dear Editor,

We have to admire all candidates who have thrown their hats into the ring for the position of Ennis School Board Trustee. We are fortunate to have Mr. Overstreet as an excellent superintendent who is working hard for our school, including a resolution to the TRS issue.

Now we need to appoint trustees to help him continue forward. There are still millions of dollars to be distributed out

of Adult Ed funds, and I believe Mike Richmann will be an asset in doing that. Mike's background in management and finance as well as his experience dealing with federal, state and local regulations and legal issues give him a unique skill set to help resolve the school's financial problems. Mike has attended many school board meetings over the last several years and has demonstrated a firm grasp of our school's funds and how they can be legally reformed.

I look forward to May 7 when I can cast my vote for Mike Richmann. I believe Mike's informed and inquiring participation on the school board will help restore faith in our school district and will be just what we need to further our progress. A vote for Mike Richmann on Tuesday, May 7, will make a positive difference.

Cedar West
Ennis

Time to move forward in a positive manner

Dear Editor,

With the school board election looming, I offer you a few facts:

#1: Beginning in 2001 with the decision to make Mr. Walsh a part-time superintendent and ending with the Attorney General's decision regarding the building of the new school in 2011, many decisions, some questionable, were made by the board of trustees of the Ennis School District.

#2: The trustees who served on the school board during this ten-year period cover a broad spectrum of our fine community. Dave Schenk, Roy Peder-

son, Marc Glines, John Hauck, Janet Dochnahl, Jim McNally, Jerry Welch, Dave Clark, Eileen White, Tony Tezak, Gary Croy, Mike McKittrick and Brett Owens all served on the board and had a hand in the decisions made during this time period.

#3: With the audit complete, its findings reported and the TRS issue hopefully near its end, the issues still surrounding our school can be solved. As Mr. Overstreet pointed out, we didn't get to this position in a year, it won't all be fixed in a year.

Now, an opinion based on these facts. The time has come to move positively into the future. We have got to stop making these

issues personal, pointing fingers and blaming individuals for the decisions that were made by so many. Stop beating the dead horse. We must work together to solve the remaining issues, with the students' and the district's best interest in mind.

With this in mind, I ask that you look closely at this year's candidates and decide for yourself, the two people best suited to help our school and our town to actually move forward in a positive manner.

Respectfully,
Chad Coffman
Ennis

Lake cares for children of community

Dear Editor,

Over the last weeks, we have read many letters to the Editor in support of Maria Lake's candidacy for School Board Trustee. These letters describe Maria as intelligent, capable, honest, a good listener, fair, trust worthy, impartial, and someone who does her homework to understand a matter. We fully agree with all of these, yet believe the qualification most important for the

position of School Board Trustee has yet to be expressed. Maria Lake has a love and passion for the children of this community.

We have three children who attend the Ennis schools. All three know and love Maria because she has earned that love and respect not only by being their elder, but because she listens and has lovingly guided them.

There is no doubt that Maria Lake will always do that which

is in the best interest of our children. She will do so because she sincerely cares for them and our community.

We ask others to join us on Tuesday, May 7, in electing Maria Lake as School Board Trustee. We know that she will do an exemplary job for this community, and most importantly, it's children.

Steve and Marthe Elliott
Ennis

Elect John Scully and Maria Lake

Dear Editor,

Electing Maria Lake and John Scully as Trustees of the Ennis School District will bring increased transparency and accountability to the district's policies, processes and finances.

Both candidates have raised families and thus have first-hand experience with the importance of quality public education and the ongoing challenges related

thereto. Both candidates have achieved excellence in their professions by strategic thinking and planning followed by effective leadership. Both candidates have added value to their respective communities by volunteering and guiding a multitude of successful community efforts.

Both candidates have the wisdom to listen and a history of becoming and keeping informed, insuring that they make informed

decisions. Neither of them will blow an uncertain trumpet. Both candidates have the emotional intelligence to honorably represent our school district.

Your vote for Maria Lake and John Scully will be a wise investment in the futures of our young people, tomorrow's leaders!

Mary G. Oliver
Ennis

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School board chairperson addresses letter to editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Janice Cleverley's letter to the editor in last week's *Madisonian*.

She stated Craig George and I, "Originally just wanted to write a check for \$188,000 to TRS without even waiting for the final ruling." That is false. I never stated that. It is clear we owe TRS money, but I do not believe the District should pay the \$96,000 that is Walsh's share of the \$188,000 (which, by the way, has gone up with interest). I believe that we could have paid our share with what we have paid so far to the District's attorney, Elizabeth Kaleva. In fact

there was a settlement offer last August for less than Ms. Kaleva never disclosed to the Board.

Mrs. Cleverley also states that Craig George and I voted against Mr. Overstreet's recommendations numerous times this year. Let's review those votes:

The Board voted to buy the parking lot property across from the Elementary school. I voted against that purchase because at the time we did not have the Denning and Downing audit results, and I thought it premature to make a large purchase before having those results. We also made the purchase at full asking price, which I would not agree to either. Paying full asking price

without negotiating is silly, as Mrs. Cleverley seemingly agrees with given her comments about TRS.

I voted against deposing Sandra Lane because I did not believe it was in the best interest of the District. In light of Sandra's affidavit to TRS, such as Doug Walsh falsifying payroll records, I thought seeking further details would be a detriment to our case. We should not have paid Elizabeth Kaleva to help TRS build their case.

Because the Board is the elected governing body and ultimately the client, I firmly believe we should have sent at least one Board member to the TRS me-

diation.

I fully supported renewing John Overstreet's contract, however, Mrs. Cleverley implies that the Board should always vote according to the Superintendent's recommendations. That line of thinking is exactly what has caused the problems this District has been struggling with.

I believe that neither Mike Richmann nor John Scully will be a rubber stamp. I support them both. Please vote Tuesday, May 7.

Sincerely,
Lisa Frye
Ennis

Time to part ways with school district attorney

Dear Editor,

In a 3-2 decision, the Ennis School Board voted not to be represented by any Trustee at the upcoming mediation with the Teachers Retirement System. Instead, the Ennis School District will be represented by Superintendent John Overstreet and the school's attorney, Elizabeth Kaleva. At stake is an \$188,000 claim TRS has against the District, ticking away at 7.7 percent interest.

I have no problem with Mr. Overstreet or Mrs. Kaleva attending the mediation and offering their personal findings and opinions regarding whatever final offer TRS throws on the table. What

I object to and strenuously so, is the absence of at least two elected Trustees being present along with Mr. Overstreet and Ms. Kaleva.

The final decision to accept or reject the TRS offer will be made by the Trustees. If no Ennis Trustee attends the mediation due to the narrow 3-2 vote, it means the final decision will be based on secondhand information. In the legal profession, secondhand information is defined as hearsay.

But it defies logic to specifically exclude duly elected Trustees

From hearing first hand the various offers from TRS, it makes no sense. However, cutting the Board some slack, it needs to

be noted that Mrs. Kaleva recommended that Trustees not attend the meeting. Such poor advice goes hand in hand with other questionable suggestions she has provided in the past.

I am flabbergasted an attorney, Ms. Kaleva, would urge a client, the Ennis School District, to base a decision involving \$188,000 plus 7.7 percent interest on hearsay. As an attorney, she should know better. If she doesn't know better, she should.

The upcoming School Board Election offers three fine candidates for Trustee. I will cast my vote for Mike Richmann, an unwavering voice advocating even further change in the direction

in which the Ennis School District is headed. The District needs change. Mr. Richmann can help with that change.

It is my hope that with two newly elected Trustees another important step in the right direction for the District will be taken. I also hope, the first order of business after the election will be the hiring a new school district attorney. The time has arrived for Ms. Kaleva and the Ennis School District to part ways. Actually, the time is long overdue.

Jerry Welch
Ennis

Madison County Library needs one-time mill levy

Dear Editor,

This letter is to urge Madison County residents to vote "For" the one-time mill levy to help build a desperately needed addition to our Madison County Library.

As a regular patron of the library, I assure you that the cur-

rent building (which is nearly 100 years old) is sadly showing its age and is dreadfully inadequate to meet our needs. The proposed new addition will not only be a beautiful complement to our existing facility, but will provide such basic needs as ADA compliant restrooms, hot water, an adequate electrical system,

and urgently needed space for our children's learning area and public meetings.

Perhaps most importantly, however, the new addition will provide climate-controlled space for our archives and county records. These are some of the oldest documents related to Montana's history and deserve to be

protected. Without the new addition our historic building and documents will continue to deteriorate. Please vote "For" the one-time mill levy to help save Montana history...for us and for future generations.

Gary Forney
Ennis

OPINION, CONT.

As simple as black and white

Dear Editor,

A year has nearly passed since the community of the Ennis School District elected me to serve as a Trustee to represent their interests. In the few short weeks remaining, you will be asked again to select the two best representatives to serve your interests. I truly have no idea who will win the majority votes. Three dedicated people of varying backgrounds have placed themselves before you. I say "dedicated" because that is what they will need to be to effectively face the challenges remaining from the past and to succeed in setting and meeting the District's

needs for the future.

When you select the candidate of your choice for the upcoming election, there should be no doubt in your mind as to who deserves to represent you and your interests. It should be clearly a black and white decision. Have you ever noticed the editorials of The Madisonian are printed in black and white? (Only do the editorial comments themselves add the needed color). Have you ever noticed your ballots are printed in black and white? Did you know that the Montana School Laws book is also printed in black and white? Trust me, if you don't have a copy of the laws you might look

them up on your computer. They too will be displayed in black and white. Shades of gray are not acceptable. Most printing is done in black and white because it is more cost effective. So are decisions.

I could have written about right is right and wrong is wrong, but black and white as it is printed here is exactly the same. Without adding any color, my ballot will reflect an (X) next to the names of Mike Richmann and John Scully as Ennis School Board Trustees in this year's election.

Craig B. George
Ennis

Reader addresses Medicaid, private school

Dear Editor,

I find it mind boggling that Ms. Bradley can ask so many questions with such a vast subject matter in one article. Just enough half-truths and misinformation to cause damage, but never enough information to substantiate anything.

The legislators receiving insurance is part of their pay and they only receive it while they are legislators, while people receiving Medicaid do not receive it as part of their pay, so to put it in the same category is ludicrous. Medicaid is usually received along with other welfare

programs that people receive congruently. To be clear – the reason they didn't expand the Medicaid was they wanted program reform first instead of just throwing more money at something that isn't working.

The private school issue – How is the Legislature giving your tax dollar to anyone else – they want to give a tax credit (a small one). Pat Bradley doesn't mind that those parents have to pay for both public and private school. Insinuating that people who don't send their children to public school are wealthy is incorrect. A lot of Montanans home school and are not wealthy

at all, but are very committed to the education of their children. They have to buy curriculums, all the while paying for everyone's children in public school. Something to remember is we all continue to pay into public education before and long after our children are grown, so it is only logical (and the right thing to do) that parents should receive compensation for alternative educational choices.

(Continued next week)

Christy Wagner
Harrison

Reader responds to letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

I find it quite ironic that Ms. Frye claims to have a goal to rebuild the community's trust with the board and yet she did not tell the whole truth in her letter to the editor last week. Ms. Frye admonished her fellow board members for going along with the advice of the school attorney, but she forgot to tell you that she too voted for that same advice at the special school board meeting held on March 5, 2013. At that meeting the board, along with the school attorney, discussed going to mediation with TRS. The board voted unanimously to enter into mediation with TRS and have the school attorney and Mr. Overstreet represent the school district.

At the board meeting held April 10, 2013, Ms. Frye had this issue put back on the agenda. She claims it was because community members had requested that a board member be present at the mediation. However, there were six people present at the meeting who spoke in favor of a board member being present at the mediation. One of those was David Kelley and another was an attorney from Sheridan, whom I don't believe is a taxpayer in the Ennis School district. At this meeting, both Ms. Frye and Mr. George "changed" their previous votes and voted against the advice of the attorney. I don't really think six people constitute the "community" and even warranted putting it back on the agenda.

Ms. Frye has claimed to

stand strong on hard decisions, but apparently flip-flopping on this issue, and then not even being honest about it in the paper, is how she feels she is rebuilding our trust.

How sad for Mr. Overstreet that Lisa Frye, Craig George and Mike Richmann don't even trust Mr. Overstreet to represent us.

With that in mind, I will be voting for John Scully and Maria Lake. They will honestly represent us and keep the best interest of the kids in mind. I hope you will join me in voting for true honesty and real integrity and not half-truths.

Thank you,

Ken Sciuchetti
Ennis

Vote Lake for Ennis School Board

Dear Editor,

Upon hearing that Maria Lake was running for Ennis Schools Trustee my initial reaction was "GREAT!" Monday I received Maria's flier wherein she listed a number of traits she

would bring to the job. As I read the list I checked them each off with, "True, true, true..." to the very end. I have worked closely with Maria and know that she is not one to make snap judgments or have knee-jerk reactions. She does not hold grudges; she is the

antithesis of pettiness. If Maria Lake becomes a trustee she will put the students and community first and bring honor to Ennis Schools.

Claudia Sneigoski
McAllister

Richmann best for school

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Mike Richmann for School Trustee. Mike will stand for honesty and transparency. I believe he will work hard to help resolve or School District's financial issues in the appropriate way. I know he will work to see the

Adult Ed. And Transportation funds reduced to normal levels and excess funds used to reduce taxes.

The issues with TRS have gone on for almost three years now during which time tens upon tens of thousands of dollars have been paid to the District's attorney. He is committed to re-

solving this debt promptly and fairly. He is a person with integrity, common sense and a strong respect for others. I hope you will vote for Mike Richmann on Tuesday, May 7.

Jim Huckins
Ennis

Board members supports mediation process

Dear Editor,

I read Lisa Frye's letter in The Madisonian last week. I felt compelled to respond and clarify the facts.

On March 5, after discussing the options, and hearing comments from the public, the board agreed and voted unanimously to go to mediation and not to go to trial, as it would be lengthy and costly. Ms. Kaleva explained the procedure to the board. We were advised that mediation is closed to the public. The School Board and the Board of Trustees for the TRS cannot attend the mediation, as it would violate the open meeting laws. All board members agreed to have Superintendent John Overstreet represent the Ennis School Board with the school attorney.

On March 11, Elizabeth Kal-

eva explained how the mediation would work. Ms. Kaleva told us that she and John Overstreet would bring back the best deal they could get for the school district and it was up to the Board to make the final approval. A motion was made to have John Overstreet and Ms. Kaleva mediate for the school district. All board members voted in favor, including Lisa Frye and Craig George.

The School District was notified the mediation was set for April 23, 2013.

April 10: Board members Lisa Frye and Craig George wanted to send two Board members to the TRS Mediation. The entire board discussed this issue several times. The mediation would have been postponed if the Ennis School Board changed the mediation rule that was agreed

to. A motion was made to send two board members to mediation. Lisa Frye and Craig George voted for it. Jim McNally, Mike McKittrick and I voted against it. I feel the district has to get this issue over the most cost effective way. I was not willing to compromise or delay this process for an indefinite period of time. I do believe in honesty and transparency. I have nothing but respect and trust for our superintendent John Overstreet. I know John Overstreet will represent the school district with integrity.

I will be supporting and voting for Maria Lake and John Scully on May 7, 2013.

Sincerely,

Bill Clark
Ennis

Candidate reminds public to vote

Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering the three remaining candidates for the Ennis School Board. Hopefully the next 30 days will find the Board engaged and invested in an appropriate settlement with TRS. Even when that occurs, there will still be significant financial matters and structural issues to resolve in order to provide the quality educational experience that we all desire for

the young members of our community.

Regaining the support and trust of all taxpayers must be a goal of the new Board. Success will not be easy or quick. My dad always counseled me to remember the old adage, "Thirty years to build your reputation, thirty seconds to lose it".

I would appreciate your support for this election. I will make decisions that will be reasoned, fact-based, and within the legal

and fiduciary duties of the Board. Students, staff and taxpayers are all recipients of the value of a quality education if delivered properly within our means and with integrity.

Please continue to support our local public educational system by voting on or before May 7.

John Scully
Ennis

Thank you for your caring and comfort

The families of Brendan Glenn Reints wish to thank everyone for their kind deeds, words of comfort and expressions of love during this difficult time of sorrow. Knowing that there are

so many caring individuals who generously share of themselves is such a blessing. Your presence, cards, calls, meals and donations brought comfort and ease to the family. Brendan meant the world

to us and knowing he touched so many lives will help us continue on this earthly journey without him... Until we meet again.

Sincerely Grateful,
April, Corbin and Mira

Reints Opie and Robin ("Angel") Reints and family Danny and Gennene Devers and family Harvey and Boots Lake and family Rick and Julie Carpenter and family

CORRECTION:
In last week's quarter page ad promoting Mike Richmann for Ennis School Trustee, the "paid for by" information should have read as follows:
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COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL BOARD Q & A

CONDUCTED BY THE MADISONIAN

As school board elections from around the county near, The Madisonian engaged candidates in a written forum. In order to provide the community with information on each candidate and their platforms, The Madisonian sent each candidate six questions. Four of those questions were the same regardless of school affiliation. The last two pertain to specific issues unique to the school for which the candidate is hoping to serve as a trustee. Answers were edited for word count only. Each answer had to be less than 150 words. The Madisonian did not edit for content. **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS ARE MAY 7.**

HARRISON

CANDIDATE - DUSTIN WAGNER

Why are you running for a position on the Harrison School Board?

Involvement is absolutely necessary at any level, especially when my own children are involved in the school system. I was approached by many concerned parents and community members asking me to sit on the board, after much consideration I felt compelled to submit my nomination.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

I attended Harrison from elementary to graduation. I have a Bachelors Degree in Business and operate a successful company. I have 3 children all of whom I hope to attend school here.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

A level head, morality, and courage to follow through with the first two qualities.

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first order of business?

I am not running a campaign of my own agenda. I simply want the board to be a benefit to the community and students.

How do you feel that the Harrison School Board should handle the current situation of declining enrollment and budget constraints?

One step at a time.

Explain your thoughts about Harrison School safety concerns and how they should be addressed.

School safety can only be stretched so far before the community is alienated. School should be safe without the feeling of being locked in a prison.

Why are you running for a position on the Harrison School Board?

I am running because I feel it is my duty to help the community. I have been taught the value of community service since my youth, and when I heard there was an opening for a thankless, unpaid volunteer position that nobody else wanted, I saw my opportunity to help out. My two kids both attend Harrison School, and I saw my opportunity to be their advocate on the board. I think my background in education will be of value to the board, as well as my experience in dealing with government agencies. This generation of children will lead us into the future and the only way they can do that is with an education that not only teaches them things they need to know, but also teaches them to keep learning. Because once you stop learning, you're done.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

I have a background in education. Before entering military life, I went to college and was going to be a teacher. I like to say I joined the

CANDIDATE - PARKER TAYLOR

Army because teaching was too hard! I tend not to take myself too seriously, and I'm known to bring a little bit of comic relief to meetings. However, this does not mean I don't take my job seriously. I am very passionate about the work that I do, and I recognize the importance of the duty that is placed upon us. With two children who attend Harrison School, I have a vested interest in the future of the school, and I am looking forward to doing my part in helping to face the challenges ahead of us.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

First is the ability to make tough decisions. Harrison School is facing serious challenges and the next few years aren't going to get any easier. We need to set priorities and let our choices reflect what we deem most important.

Second is compassion. Knowing that some of the decisions that the board needs to make will affect people's lives, it is important to go into that with a great deal of care and em-

pathy for the people who will feel the brunt of the cuts that we need to make.

Third is an open mind. The board has already received input from staff, students, and the community as to how we can cut spending while still providing a quality education. The board needs to consider input from all sources, and put all options on the table before making a decision that is the best for everyone involved.

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first order of business?

The board's first order of business should be to get our fiscal house in order for the coming school year, and start looking at what cuts we can make for the next few years. Our top priority is, and will be for a while, trimming our spending to match our ever-shrinking pocketbook. With that, we need to set priorities so that we are still providing the level of education that our school is known for, and not shooting ourselves in the foot down the road.

How do you feel that the Harrison School Board should handle the current situation of declining

enrollment and budget constraints?

This is one area where we are going to have to be very proactive, almost aggressive in preparing for the next few years. We need to be making decisions not just for this year and the next, but planning for years in advance to ensure that the school stays solvent and ready to provide the best education possible to our children. We need to consider all the options, all the possible outcomes, and make a plan that fits both our priorities and our budget.

Explain your thoughts about Harrison School safety concerns and how they should be addressed.

School safety is a priority, but at the current time our belts are already going to be tight enough. Unless we are handed a pile of money specifically earmarked for those types of upgrades, we are going to have to put that on the back burner for a while. Any improvements we want to make to improve the safety of our school will, for the moment, have to come at zero cost.

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While there will be four names on the ballot, only the following three candidates are actively running for the available seats.

CANDIDATE - JOHN SCULLY

Why are you running for a position on the Ennis School Board?

My parents were teachers, very active in all public school issues. All four of their children were certified to teach. Throughout my career I have been involved in public education issues. (Bozeman School Board, Montana Board of Regents, Chair of the Public Education Business Coalition, Denver Colorado, Governing Board of three Colorado Universities, etc.) I will always be concerned about and be supportive of quality public education.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

(1.) Resolve issues with TRS. (2.) Training regarding appropriate budget process and funding mecha-

nisms. (3.) Resolve any collateral issues re: budget structure that have occurred.

Now that the audit has been done, what major issues are ahead for the Ennis School Board?

It will take time. Focus on process not people. Recognize the fiduciary duties that a Montana School Board owes to the taxpayer. Provide open, direct dialogue internally and externally within human resource management guidelines. Provide adequate information to the public when required or requested. Act with integrity and reasoned decisions.

What can the school board do to fix the divisions within the community?

I am committed to the conduct

required by my answer to #3.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

I have acquired knowledge of the operation of public schools in two states at all levels, including charter schools, and have helped resolve many difficult issues. I will be an informed active participant on the School Board and will apply my business and law background when required.

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first order of business?

Resolve the issues with TRS while concluding budget and staffing matters in preparation for next school year.

What the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

I would have to choose trust, which includes respect, communication and selfless decision-making. The school board not only should demonstrate these qualities but each should be returned by the citizens of the community.

Professionally I can see that I successfully execute these qualities each day in my work as a Loan Officer. Personally, the best reflection of how I am able to carry out these qualities is in the love that is returned to me when I enter a room with children I know. It is very humbling when one learns that they are looked up to and their decisions are affecting others, including those who do not yet possess the skills to make those decisions for themselves. It holds me accountable!

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first order of business?

If not resolved between now and that date, a resolution of the TRS claim will be of utmost priority to the board.

CANDIDATE - MIKE RICHMANN

Why are you running for a position on the Ennis School Board?

Our community is at an important crossroads. We have a valuable opportunity for growth and a renewed community spirit. I want to contribute to that process. With leadership that will listen to all sides and be respectful of everyone's opinion, we can tear down these walls that separate us. I challenge everyone to do what I intend to do myself, whether I'm elected or not - make the effort to start a conversation with someone you disagree with. When you go to a ball game, sit next to that person you've stopped talking to and join together in a victory cheer for our boys and girls. At the 4th of July parade this year, let's all share our common pride in this community and country by standing together in unity and with respect for each other.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

I have owned and managed my own businesses for over 25 years and I recognize the value of good employees. I know how important it is to listen and to treat both employees and clients respectfully. I am a commodities trader and I have learned the importance of risk assessment and commitment to a plan. But the most important attributes are not measured by skill or occupational competence. They are measured by courage, integrity, wisdom, and the judgement of character. Through my record of regular attendance at Board meetings over the last 3 years and consistently speaking out for transparency and accountability, I have already proven that I am committed to the beginning of a new era for the Ennis community

guided by the principles of honesty, inclusion, and respect.

Now that the audit has been done, what major issues are ahead for the Ennis School Board?

The audit by Denning, Downey Associates exposed the disarray that our finances are in. We have so much money in funds that we can't use (for example, \$2.7 million in Adult Ed.) yet we are facing shortfalls in our General Fund to cover the legitimate expenses of teacher's salaries and operating costs. We need to formulate a long-term plan that will allow for the reduction of these funds down to reasonable levels and then transferring the excess to be used for legitimate purposes and for reducing taxes.

Another major issue is the quality of our legal representation. Over the last three years, our Superintendent has been replaced and our auditor has been replaced. It is also essential that our attorney be replaced.

What can the School Board do to fix the divisions within the community?

The school board can do its job honestly and openly and prove to the community that it can be trusted. The citizens of our District who have only asked for the truth are not responsible for this divisiveness or for its remedy. Ennis is one of the strongest and most active small communities in the entire state of Montana and we will survive the consequences of our previous mistakes. When we all can rally around the truth and start from a clean slate, our divisions will disappear. I believe we must and we can restore a sense of civility and forgiveness.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exem-

plify them?

a. Accountability: For a public entity, like a School District, accountability is ALWAYS the quality most needed. And that accountability needs to be to the voters, not individuals.

b. Transparency: Superintendent Overstreet must be commended for putting together a public committee that is providing much-needed transparency in the budget process. He has opened up the books and is capitalizing on the considerable expertise of interested citizens.

c. Inclusion: Discussions at the School Board level should focus on issues. We are not all going to agree on all topics, but the debate should be civil and respectful, and should include the opinions of those who differ. This sort of discourse can lead to higher educational quality and set a good example for our kids - a goal we can all agree on.

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first order of business?

The overriding issue for the next several years that needs both immediate and continuous attention will be implementing a structured financial plan to deal with our problem of too much money where it isn't needed and too little where it is. This is a complex challenge and there are strict legal conditions that have to be met to accomplish it. But there are significant benefits for us in doing it, including: reduced taxes, teacher's salary increases, an expanded foreign exchange program, better school security, new programs, or other priorities. The biggest benefit would be the normalcy and reason that it would bring to our finances and the establishment of community trust needed to support future mill levies.

CANDIDATE - MARIA LAKE

Why are you running for a position on the Ennis School Board?

To serve others, primarily the district's children. Being on the Board is a trusted position and includes working in concert with the Superintendent, administration and all staff to create new and maintain existing opportunities for the success of the students. When I placed my name on the ballot no one else had stepped forward and it was not clear that the two potential vacancies would be filled.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

My background in business, finance, construction and teamwork will add balance on the board. That being said, I fully recognize the huge learning curve that I'm facing. My recent participation on the Budget Committee has provided a window into the process that lies ahead.

Now that the audit has been done, what major issues are ahead for the Ennis School Board?

Certainly the resolution of the Teachers Retirement System claim

and the best possible use of the Continuing Education (Adult Ed) budget fund balance are of high priority. Keeping the tax rate low while not reducing any programs or staff will need to remain a priority.

What can the school board do to fix the divisions within the community?

The Board needs to personally demonstrate a spirit of respect for one another and for all citizens, regardless of one's opinion. A difference of opinion need not be regarded as good or bad, right or wrong. All parties must be above reproach and demonstrate respect. You can be assured that I hold myself to that charge. The only way I know of to repair a relationship is for all parties to be truly willing to work together for the common good. Each of our differences as individuals is what brings balance to a relationship. Let's not let yesterday spoil tomorrow. If elected to this Board I will serve you as an instrument to help build bonds of trust within the district including teachers, students, staff, parents and community.

What are the three qualities

SHERIDAN

CANDIDATE - KAREN TALLEY

Why are you running for a position on the School Board?

I have six years previous experience as a Sheridan Trustee and believe our school district is very important to this community, our kids and future. Having a working history as a Sheridan Trustee and varied education and work experience in multiple fields allows me to bring a broad perspective to the table. I am a strong believer in teamwork; the great teachers in our system are a resource that should be leveraged to provide the best possible education.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

I actively attend school board meetings, participate in school advisory committees, and keep up on school policy and law. In addition I have a passion for reviewing a broad spectrum of data from test scores, educational standards to budgetary numbers as to enhance my planning skills and the decision making process.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

Leadership, Transparency and Vision. As a board, we need to review and take action, where appropriate, on the recommendations of the four recent advisory committees ideas and

input, work together to develop clear goals and objectives as a template for the administration to work from, and create a higher level of transparency for the public, staff and students in a variety of areas ranging from academic goals, staffing, infrastructure improvements and maintenance, ANB trends and budgets. I have been active on two of the four recent Sheridan Advisory committees, am a strong believer in team work and am very open and direct in addressing any continuous improvement tasks for our students and district.

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first order of business?

The first order of business is to work as a team with administration and staff to review the current year-end budget plans and expenditures then create the best budget plan for 2013-2014 considering estimates of ANB number for the next few years. These discussions need to be transparent and should include review of programs, staffing along with current and future needs of our students at Sheridan Schools.

What is the most important issue currently facing Sheridan Schools?

Ensuring every decision at the Sheridan School is in the student's

best interest. To successfully achieve this end, input and consideration from staff, students and parents is important.

What do you believe is the school board's role in handling the implementation of the new core standards?

The Common Core Standards or CCS are generally a good idea: standards for required course offerings are consistent across the state and students are able to apply and articulate concepts in core subject areas. Our good instructors already implement this concept in various degrees. The State's CCSs standardize tests/standard seem to change every 6+/- years. A decade ago the state used Iowa Tests of Educational Development, then CRT or Criterion-Reference Test and now a test that aligns with the CCSs as an evaluation tool in Montana schools. The trustees need to only ensure the staff and administration are working together to ensure the student's needs are a priority, curriculum is aligned for the standards and provide staff training and allow for work groups to align curriculum as needed. I believe the trustees should encourage the administration to leverage off the techniques our great teachers are already using in the classroom.

CANDIDATE - MIKE DAVIDSON

Why are you running for a position on the School Board?

As an American, a resident of Madison County and a resident of Sheridan, I feel with my life experience I bring much to offer everyone and especially our students.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

As I mentioned above my life experiences. I am happily married with a supportive wife. I am

the father of 3 great kids. I have a daughter who is a freshman at MSU; I have a son who is a junior at Sheridan HS, and my son who is in Kindergarten. I have my BS in Marketing from USU. I have worked in the professional environment for over 25 years. I have been a coach for 20 years. I was a Scout Master and the list could go on. The most important thing to take from this is I can communicate and understand most people, but most important under-

standing our Kids.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

I could say the budget and other items like that. I feel what we need most in the town of Sheridan is team and town spirit. I am not talking about sports alone; I am talking about the barriers and walls that separate us in such a small town. Everything trickles from the top down,

Why are you running for a position on the Sheridan School Board?

I am running for the board because I have children enrolled in the elementary and would like to have a positive influence in their education. We have a great school and I want to do my part to help the school continue to succeed.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

In having served one term, I feel I have an understanding of how the board operates and how to handle some of the hurdles it faces. I will continue to be a trustee that has the best interest of the teachers, students, parents, and community at heart.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

The first, most important quality that the school board needs to have is trustees that listen to what the public concerns are. A trustee is elected by the public to be their voice and to address the concerns that they have. I think that I have done a good job of listening to the public in the past and

will continue to do so.

Three years on the board has made me understand that a person needs to have experience to be an effective trustee. Dealing with budgets, changing standards, and other school issues is something that takes time to understand.

The school board needs to have trustees that are not afraid to form their own opinions, and speak their minds in a public meeting. A difference of opinion leads to discussion, and discussion leads to better ideas.

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first order of business?

The school boards first order of business should be to get community support back behind the school. We have such a great school with excellent staff, teachers and students. I want to continue to be apart of reviving the pride our community has for the Sheridan School.

What is the most important issue currently facing Sheridan Schools?

The first important issue Sheridan Schools is facing is enrollment. The school budget is directly influ-

enced by the number of students we have. The hardest thing for the board is to figure out how to offer the same classes to our students while dealing with a smaller budget. My hope is with increasing community support, our enrollment will go up and we can continue to offer classes that challenge our students and prepare them for continuing education.

Another important issue is school safety. Although we live in a rural area, and are less likely to experience a horrific event within our school, we need to do whatever possible to ensure the safety of our staff and students. Parents should not have to worry about their children when they send them to school.

What do you believe is the school board's role in handling the implementation of the new common core standards?

The new common core standards ask a lot out of our students and teachers. The board needs to make sure our faculty has all the tools, training and resources available, so they can maintain confidence in the new standards.

What the school board's first order of business?

We need to have a cohesive group in our school board, with our superintendent and all of the parents. We need to relook at everything and plan as a group what will be most beneficial for the kids

What is the most important issue currently facing Sheridan Schools?

From what I have seen: Why do we have so many students that

attend Twin Bridges schools, Community and School pride, Budgets, and Testing.

What do you believe is the school board's role in handling the implementation of the new core standards?

The school board should be fully involved with the implementation and there should be check and balances in place to make sure all goals are met for the 2014 school year.

TWIN BRIDGES

CANDIDATE - ALLISON WENTZEL

Why are you running for a position on the Twin Bridges School Board?

One of the most important responsibilities that can be assigned to any citizen is helping to plan the education of the community's youth. I have a sincere desire to serve the community, rather than a desire for personal glory or to achieve a per-

sonal goal. I am willing to invest the significant time and energy required by board service. I have found my service as a board member rewarding when we work as a team to confront tough challenges and work to overcome them to the benefit of our youth.

What do you believe qualifies and prepares you for this position?

tion?

Over the past three years, as a Twin Bridges board member, I have exhibited sound judgment; an even temper, a willingness to collaborate and a sincere interest in the education of the youth in my community. I know that all of these attributes both qualifies and prepares me to be an asset to the Twin Bridges School

Board.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

I bring a broad base of knowledge and experience to the job, enabling me to vote with intelligence and confidence on complex issues such as finance, curriculum and stu-

dent-employee-community relationships. I have cooperative spirit, recognizing that success in achieving board goals and implementing ideas requires a team approach. I have the courage to make difficult decisions, defend the philosophy and goals of the School District.

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first

order of business?

The first order of business is always our children and their education. The Board must seek to cooperatively create an environment for all students that encourages creative and productive academic, social and physical development.

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EHS Drama Department Presents

CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

by Tony Howell

A pseudo-slapstick story of mix-ups and mayhem aboard the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. It is the late 1800s and various travelers are heading West. With a pair of jewel thieves, a group of showgirls, a secret agent in training and an escapee from an asylum aboard, all carrying identical cases, the drama and comedy are sure to follow.

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Richard M. Lyon
Oct. 4, 1965-April 17, 2013



Richard (Rick) M. Lyon, 47, passed away peacefully

April 17 at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Rick was born in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 4, 1965. He moved to Ennis with his family where he graduated from Ennis High School in 1984. Rick served two years in the National Guard and went on to be a skilled carpenter. Rick had a passion for music and became a gifted singer and guitar player at a very young age. He moved to Nashville for a while to be closer to the country music scene,

wrote many songs and entered many talent contests, even as recently as last year. Eventually moving back to Ennis, he met and married the love of his life, Mandy. Rick continued to play music with local musicians around Ennis, delighting many listeners with his deep country voice and quick wit. Rick also enjoyed camping and floating the river. Everyone loved Rick, as he loved them. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his lov-

ing wife, Mandy and two daughters, Jasmine and Tonnie. Rick was preceded in death by his parents Dick and Barbara, brother Teddy and uncle A.C. Lyon.

Memorial services will be held Friday, May 3 at 2 p.m. in the Lions Club Park, Ennis, with a potluck reception following at the Longbranch.

A memorial account has been set up at First Madison Valley Bank in his name.

Donna B. Bennett
May 14, 1940-April 10, 2012



Donna B. Bennett, 73, of Osburn, Idaho, passed away April 10 at the Lacrosse Health & Rehabilitation Center of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was born March 14, 1940 at Minneapolis, Minnesota; Donna was the daughter of Harry Floyd and Thressa Lois (Tawlks) Smith.

Donna attended and graduated from the Ennis High School. She then attended Cosmetology school.

Donna married Russell E. Bennett on September 16, 1964 at Las Vegas, Nevada; Russell passed away on October 28, 1998.

Donna served as a custodian for the Clark County School District of Las Vegas, Nevada for twenty plus years. She moved to the Silver Valley in 2002 from Enterprise, Utah.

Donna was a member of the Silver Valley Worship Center of Smelterville, Idaho. She loved and enjoyed her family, sewing, gardening, landscaping and her church.

Donna is survived by her

daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Chuck Blanchard of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; three grandchildren David R. Clark of Coeur d'Alene, Jenifer B. Clark of Coeur d'Alene and Julius E. Johnson of Indiana; one great-grandson Liam Clark; two brothers David Smith of Butte, Montana and Devarold of Livingston, Montana; one sister and her husband Devonna and Lynn Owens of McAllister, Montana; one half sister Patricia Smith Johnson of Minnesota and one half brother Patrick Smith also of Minnesota; she is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Russell Bennett, two brothers

Dennis and Donald Smith and one daughter Doris Western.

Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2013, at 2:00 P.M., at the Silver Valley Worship Center of Smelterville, Idaho with Pastor Corey Berti officiating.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Silver Valley Worship Center Mission Fund, P.O. Box 196, Smelterville, Idaho 83868.

One may sign Donna's online guest book at www.shoshonefuneralservice.com.

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MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

APRIL 14, 2013 THRU APRIL 20, 2013

April 14, 2013

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 38
Received request for assistance at Mt Hwy 41 MM 46
Dispatched SFD to 200 blk W Poppleton St
Prisoner transport to Centennial Dr
Deputy dispatched to theft complaint in Sheridan
T/s on Mt Hwy 84 at Cherry Creek Rd
T/s at Mt Hwy 84 MM 9
T/s at Mt Hwy 84 MM 9
T/s at Mt Hwy 84 MM 11
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint at Cardwell dumpsite
T/s at Mill Creek Rd MM 2

April 15, 2013

Received unfounded 911 call
Deputy dispatched to roadway dispute on Stoner Ln
Vehicle inspection requested in 300 blk E Main St, Sheridan
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint in 6300 blk US Hwy 287
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd
T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 32

April 16, 2013

Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint in 300 blk Ennis Lake Rd
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 21
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Butte
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Dillon
T/s on Main St, Ennis
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 53
T/s on Main St, Ennis
Deputy dispatched to welfare check in 600 blk Madison St
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Butte

April 17, 2013

Dispatched EA to 100 blk Dry Creek Trl
Deputy dispatched to abandoned property complaint on Main St, Ennis
Dispatched EA for transfer to Bozeman
Received report of vehicle/deer accident at Mt Hwy 359 MM 9
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Dillon
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Butte
Deputy dispatched to traffic complaint on Mt Hwy 287 Sheridan to Alder
Prisoner transport to Bozeman
Deputies dispatched to 911 hang up call in 69 blk Mt Hwy 287
Deputy dispatched to vehicle accident on Poppleton St
Received wildlife complaint on Comley Way
Received request for welfare check in Ennis Lake area by dam

April 18, 2013

Received report of runaway juvenile possibly heading to Pony area
T/s on US Hwy 287 at Ennis Lake Rd
T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 28
T/s on Main St, Twin Bridges
Received wildlife complaint on Middle Rd
Dispatched EFD to 300 blk Sun Ranch Rd
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 51
Deputy dispatched to traffic complaint by Sheridan High School
T/s on US Hwy 287 by Goggins Dr
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint on S East St
Received unfounded 911 call
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 63
Dispatched TBFD & SFD to Mt Hwy 55 between Waterloo & Silver Star

April 19, 2013

Deputy & AFD dispatched to semi flatbed trailer accident on Judy Ln
Vehicle inspection requested on Reel St
Dispatched RVA to 100 blk Madison St
Received theft report in 100 blk N Willow Creek
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 55
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 40

April 20, 2013

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 55
Received suspicious circumstances complaint in Mirza Way & Comley Way area
T/s in 300 blk Varney Rd
Dispatched TBFD & SFD to Jefferson Acres
Received wildlife complaint by creek bed between Fagin St & Armitage St
Received wildlife complaint in 1900 blk Mt Hwy 41
Received unfounded 911 call
Deputy dispatched to criminal mischief complaint at Alder dump
Vehicle inspection requested on Silve Ln
Received animal complaint on Mt Hwy 287 N Sheridan
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 49
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 54
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 54
Deputy dispatched to an alarm on Sunrise Loop

The Sheriff's Office made 24 traffic stops and received 46 calls for service between April 14, 2013 and April 20, 2013.



Sheridan FCCLA Members compete at State

Submitted by Roxane Shammel

During March 24-26, 2013 over 740 students, advisors and chaperones "Tuned in for Leadership" at the 66th annual Montana Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference in Billings. Representing Sheridan were Jonnie Lee, Samantha Zetler, Mike Tilstra, Mikhail Ronnander, Colter Kenworthy, Charlie Smart, Mike Hilliker, Tiffany McCormack, Cady Guinnane, Janie Smart, Tionna Schwend and Kassidy Hokanson. Traveling with them were chapter advisor, Roxane Shammel and chaperones, Dan and Heath Kenworthy.

The State Leadership Conference is a chance for Montana

FCCLA members to meet new friends, learn and expand leadership skills, explore careers and compete in competitive events. The conference theme "Tune in for Leadership" allowed students a chance to 'fine tune' themselves to become better leaders for their families, careers and communities.

Members competed in individual and team competitive events including Applied Technology, Career Investigation, Chapter Showcase, Focus on Children, Illustrated Talk, Job Interview, Life Event Planning and National Programs In Action. Members all received medals including six gold medals, four silver medals and one bronze medals. Members worked hard throughout the year on their projects, and the

top winners earned a chance to compete at the National Leadership Conference July 7-11 in Nashville, Tenn.

Sheridan members qualifying to compete in Nashville are: Jonnie Lee, Samantha Zetler, Colter Kenworthy and Cady Guinnane. Overall, Montana FCCLA will be sending about 65 members to compete in Nashville this summer. Charlie Smart, outgoing State Vice-President of Competitive Events will also be attending and will participate in leadership training.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, fam-

ily, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 200,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

National Honor Society to hold Career Day at EHS

Submitted by Ross Lingle

The Ennis chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its first Career Day on the morning of April 30. Guest speakers from fifteen different career fields will meet with groups of students to present information about their respective careers and to answer questions from students. Students will sign up to listen to professionals in the careers that most interest them.

Following the morning career sessions all students will

listen to Pony resident Jerry Ohs present information about his humanitarian work in Africa. Jerry will share interesting stories about his community water projects in Africa and will encourage students to make a difference in the world no matter what career path they follow.

If any community members are interested in sharing information about their career with the students of EHS in future years, please contact Ross Lingle at 682-4258.

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- **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 including scheduling, 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:** Prior 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 Website, www.Sheridan.k12.mt.us.
- **Application Deadline:** Until filled or a sufficient number an applications are received for conduction interviews.



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If I am elected to the Ennis School Board of Trustees I will do everything I can to provide our young people with the best possible education. To do so I am committed to:

HELPING TO RESTORE OLD VALUES:

1. All voices must be respected and listened to.
2. All public business must be open and honest.
3. All of our laws must be respected and followed.
4. Leadership that reaches out to and involves the community. For example, we must continue the Budget Committee.
5. Hard work and working together.
6. Principled, independent thinking.

HELPING TO GENERATE NEW IDEAS:

1. Ennis should join the Montana Region 4 Educational Service Academy (RESA4U) to provide greater professional development and collaboration opportunities for our teachers. As we begin to integrate new technologies such as iPads into our school system, we need to provide our teachers with the resources they need to maximize the value of these technologies. Tools mean nothing without technique.
2. To help rebuild trust in our school's financial management, I would advocate that the school prepare an annual report, with even greater detail than the MAEFAIRS reports, disclosing all the disbursements from each of our primary budgets and making the report accessible on line to all citizens.
Many school districts across the country do this. We can, too.
3. I believe this kind of annual report could also include critical information such as percentage of students going on to post secondary school, percentage of students who drop out of school, and school wide results on national tests such as our school averages on AP, ACT and SAT tests.
4. Our School Board meetings should be streamed so that anyone in the District can follow what is going on at the meetings at home from their computer. The Gallatin County Commissioners are now doing this with success, and we can, too.
5. Exchange students and study abroad opportunities enrich the curriculum and the culture of our school and community. I would actively seek to expand those opportunities, particularly where they are funded by the U.S. State Department.
6. I believe we can provide greater support and resources for at risk students. Our goal should be a zero percent drop out and transfer rate. I would like to invite ideas from administrators and teachers about what more can be done to achieve this goal.
7. Encouragement and support for a PTA or other parent groups.

LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD!
Mike Richmann for School Trustee
Remember to vote Tuesday, May 7, 2013
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Please explain your thoughts about the trimester system.

- Students may enroll in a greater number and variety of elective courses.
- Fewer preparations for teachers per trimester
- 3 parent/teacher academic contacts during the year rather than 2.
- All teacher have a daily prep period both Elementary, Jr. High school and High School

- Encourages use of a variety of teaching methods. Lectures alone will not work for a longer period.
- Lab oriented classes have more time for instruction, setting up, closure, etc.
- Better use of the school day as there are fewer class changes.
- Students who fail or fall behind have time to catch up and graduate on time.

What do you feel are the

main issues surrounding the current budgetary concerns and how can the Twin Bridges School Board help prevent such situations in the future?

In a small school district we are always concerned with declining enrollment. Our school's enrollment directly affects the operating budget. We must strive to provide the best opportunities for all students which will encourage the desire to be a Twin Bridges Fal-

con. As a board member, you must constantly be aware of current State & Federal legislation regarding education. You must be capable of logically communicating and explaining the impact of any legislation that may have an impact upon the local district. It is the responsibility of the Board to be fiscally conservative and set a working budget that does not jeopardize the integrity and quality of our students' education.

CANDIDATE - DAVID BANKS JR.

Why are you running for a position on the Twin Bridges School Board?

I want to volunteer in my community and get more involved. I want to make sure the school maintains a high standard for all of our children as I did at the Twin Bridges School. I have no hidden agenda, nor any axe to grind. I want to be involved in the education of the area students.

What do you believe qualities and prepares you for this position?

I am a good candidate because I am very open-minded. I will look at all angles before and while making any decisions. I am a team player and do well working with others to make decisions, I do it on a daily basis where I work. I attended Twin Bridges schools

K-12 and now have children attending the school so I have both an interest and advantage.

What are the three qualities that the school board needs the most now and how do you exemplify them?

The current board has many qualities that have been working great. As in any board, sometimes new ideas only make the board better like really listening to the community on issues. Changing the meetings and special meetings to after hours so the working force can attend meetings. Inviting the community is one thing but making the meeting at a time so they can attend is another thing. Posting all meetings in more public places, allowing more time for notice regarding these meetings so community has more opportu-

nities to attend, post meeting date, and times on school web page.

If elected what do you believe should be the school board's first order of business?

Similar to what I just wrote, meetings at a time where the community and staff can attend, posting meeting information where most can see it. Finding well qualified staff to replace the openings and keep good classes off the chopping block (for example family consumer science). Last but not least the school safety and what we can do to make it better.

Please explain your thoughts about the trimester system.

I question if it is going to work. Personally I don't see the schedule giving the kids more options and most of all I don't see

the reason for fixing something that is not broken. I am not sold on school starting earlier in the day either. We have students getting on the bus now at 7 in the morning, 15 minutes earlier will be harder.

What do you feel are the main issues surrounding the current budgetary concerns and how can the Twin Bridges School Board help prevent such situations in the future?

The main concern is how the school is going to make up the money for the budget. As far as preventing this from happening again we need to pay much closer attention to the monthly budget incoming and out going funds that we get from the county bookkeeping/treasurer at each meeting.

Schulz selected for leadership program in DC

From Karon M. Harden

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

The National Association of Counties has announced the selection of David Schulz, Madison County Commissioner as one of 24 county leaders from across the United States to participate in the 10th Annual County Leadership Institute, a rigorous four-day program offered in partnership with Cambridge Leadership Associates. Nominated by Harold Blattie, Executive Director of Montana Association of Counties as an official with a commitment to developing collaborative and innovative solutions to local issues, Schulz will meet at IBM's Institute for Electronic Govern-

ment in Washington, DC, from June 2-6, 2013.

The Institute, now in its tenth year, has graduated well over 200 members from 44 states and 172 counties across the country. Known for enhancing the capacity of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions to the complex challenges facing county government in the 21st century, this year's program will focus closely on the demands of personal leadership in a new era of government, one characterized as a "permanent crisis" by Cambridge Leadership co-founder Marty Linsky.

"The local elected officials who participate in the County Leadership Institute get tools,

ideas, and perspectives they can't get anywhere else," said Karon Harden, Director of Professional Development, Education and Training at NACo. These county leaders not only discuss the core principles of public service leadership with prominent experts, they also collaborate intensively with each other to develop new ways to attack real-life issues of importance to the citizens of their counties.

In addition to developing skills and cultivating new perspectives of leadership, the Institute builds a network of CLI alumni who continue to offer support, suggestions and feedback across years and county lines. Classes meet daily from

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and in four evening meetings.

The Montana Association of Counties has been participating in this institute for over five years. Commissioners who have attended come home with numerous tools and acquaintances that are invaluable in providing services as County Commissioner and public servant. Montana Association of Counties and sponsors of the institute are covering the cost of the program, accommodations and meals for Schulz to attend. Sponsors for 2013 include IBM, ESRI, NACo's Financial Services Corporation (FSC) and the National Council of County Association Executives.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL
Karlie Wagner



Karlie Wagner is a 6th grader at Twin Bridges Elementary. She is a very kind and bright young lady. She has a genuine concern for others and is always helpful in the classroom. Karlie also has a great sense of humor and brings laughter to all around her. Karlie is a very dedicated student and works very hard to be successful academically. Karlie is the daughter of Ben and Charissa Wagner of Waterloo.

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Saturday	Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 30 to 35. Highs 50 to 60.
Sunday	Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 50 to 60.
Monday	Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 50 to 60.

Quote of the Week:
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LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY...



Photo by Alyse Backus

Polly and Dick Todd have shared all the experiences of raising kids and pursuing a ranching lifestyle in rural Southwestern Montana.

LIVING PIONEERS

DICK AND POLLY TODD

By Alyse Backus
THE MADISONIAN
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Dick and Polly Todd flip through albums on their kitchen table at their Sheridan home.

Polly tells stories of raising kids the ranching way and Dick laughs as he remembers stories of growing up in the Madison Valley.

They tell their stories of the experiences they had in Madison County like it all happened yesterday, but the truth is most of it happened 50 years ago.

Before she became a Todd, Polly Ladue grew up in Sheridan on a sheep ranch. Her family also raised Registered American Saddle horses. That's how she met Dick. Dick and his family used to come over and break horses for the Ladue family. Dick was five years older than Polly.

Dick grew up with five siblings on a ranch four miles west of Ennis. His family were cattle ranchers. Dick had to ride his horse to school across what is now the Madison Meadows golf course.

"That's how I got my windblown look," he says with a laugh. "It took us about thirty minutes to get to school. Those horses didn't know how to walk. They went at a 'cat lope.' If there

weren't three gates, we could have probably made better time."

Dick graduated from high school in 1941 and enrolled in the Montana State Normal School in Dillon, which is now the University of Montana Western. He recalls paying \$50 for his books and tuition and milking cows and washing dishes for his room and board in a boarding house.

After his first spring break, Dick returned to Dillon on horseback. He made the trip from Ennis in two days and made sure to make his arrival known once he got back to school. Dick rode his horse Dempsey up the 14 stairs of Main Hall and right through the double doors. The head of the registrar's office was not impressed.

"She told me to get out of there," laughs Dick. "And I could tell I needed to get Dempsey out of there immediately if not sooner."

Dick attended the normal school for a little less than two years before enlisting in the Army during World War II. At 22-years-old, he went through jump school at Fort Benning, Ga., to become a paratrooper. The jump school was four weeks long and the soldiers had to make five jumps. Before Dick could complete the communications part of his training, he came down with a severe case of the mumps. While he was in the

hospital, the United States dropped the atomic bomb that would end the war. Dick was sent to Japan to serve as the quartermaster of perishable supplies during the occupation of the country.

Polly left her sophomore year of high school and finished high school in Minnesota with her dad's family. But she wouldn't be gone for long. After she graduated from Saint Mary's in Minnesota, she returned to Sheridan.

"There was a lot of correspondence between the two of us," says Polly. "Lots of letters and lots of phone calls."

In 1947, Polly and Dick got married. Polly says she doesn't have any photos of their wedding. She knows people took pictures but she has never seen them.

Their first year of marriage brought many new adventures. After staying at the bunkhouse on Dick's family's ranch, the couple had the opportunity to put their claim on 160 acres of ranchland in the Ruby Valley in 1949.

Polly describes the land as a swamp at the end of Carey Lane.

"We lived in a tent for a while," Polly says. "It was an army tent with two poles that went up. The Equinox storm hit that winter. Sometimes it got so cold, our oldest son had to sit in his high chair with his snowsuit on."

Dick built a log house on the property for his family to live in and he completed much of the work on the ranch including dynamiting ditches and building roads.

In addition to starting a sheep ranch from nothing, Dick and Polly had six kids, four boys and two girls, in eight years. The kids grew up learning to work.

"I worried about them," says Polly. "They worked on the ranch and they had lots of dangerous adventures growing up. That's how Dick grew up, not me."

The Todds continue to flip through photos and tell stories about how things were back then when logging, mining and ranching flourished in Madison County. The two have been married for over sixty years now but still glow like newlyweds.

The two may not own a ranch anymore, but they continue to exhibit the hardiness and family-oriented humor that is unique to a ranching lifestyle. The Todds' welcoming and lighthearted outlook is something they pass on to their six children, 20 grandchildren, and the great grandkids.



Photo submitted by Polly Todd

Polly and Dick Todd pose for a photo in the 1980's.

LIVING PIONEERS
of Madison County



Photo by Alyse Backus

Dick Todd sprawls old photos out over the Todd's kitchen table in Sheridan. (The Todds framed what their ranch looked like that ran along the Ruby River.)



Dick Todd rode his horse right up onto the steps of Old Main Hall at University of Montana Western when it was Montana State Normal School.

Eat well to live well

Elisabeth Mann RN CDE
MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

The American Heritage Dictionary defines good health as soundness of body and mind, freedom of disease or abnormality, a condition of optimal wellbeing.

How do we reach this state of wellbeing? Everyone has the power to make positive lifestyle decisions through healthy eating and physical activity.

As far as healthy eating is concerned, your body needs the right vitamins and minerals and other nutrients to stay healthy. A healthy diet can help protect you from heart disease, type 2 Diabetes and some types of cancer.

A healthy diet means that you are eating vegetables, fruits whole grains and fat free or low fat milk products and proteins such as seafood, poultry, lean meats, eggs, beans, peas, seeds and nuts

- **Limit foods high in cholesterol:** High cholesterol does not produce symptoms until significant damage has been done. Blood testing is the only way to determine your cholesterol level. The body produces its own cholesterol as well and high cholesterol may run in families.

- **Limit foods high in sodium (salt):** Nine out of 10 Americans eat much more sodium than they need. Too much sodium increases your risk for health problems such as high blood pressure.

- **Avoid Trans fats.** Trans fats may be in cakes, cookies, stick margarines and fried foods. There go the French fries folks! Trans fat is considered by some doctors to be the worst type of fat. Trans fat, also called trans fatty acids, both raises your "bad" (LDL) cholesterol and lowers your "good" (HDL) cholesterol.

- **Limit Saturated fats:** These fats come from animal products like cheese, fatty meats, whole milk and butter.

- **Limit refined grains:** those are food products with refined grains that include white bread, noodles, white rice and flour tortillas.

- **Limit the amount of added sugars,** which include honey, molasses and syrups.

A healthy diet can keep your body strong and active. By making smart food choices, you can help reduce the risk for: Heart Disease, Type 2 Diabetes, high blood pressure, some cancers, and Bone Loss.

Shop smart at the grocery store; eat a snack at home before you go to the store, use a shopping list, if a particular fresh food is not available then buy the frozen kind instead of the canned (this has a lower sodium content), choose 100 percent whole wheat or whole grain bread and crackers, and read the food labels.

Take action!

Making small changes to your eating habits can make a difference for your health.

Still confused or have questions? Come and visit Elisabeth Mann RN CDE of the Madison Valley Medical Center at the Health Fair on June 8, she will be more than happy to assist you with a healthy shopping spree and help you interpret all these confusing food labels. We'll see you there!



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Famous Friends & their favorite poems

Submitted by Toni James

The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center is very pleased to celebrate National Poetry Month by presenting our second "Famous Friends & their Favorite Poems" program on Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m. We welcome our famous friends: Jack Albrecht, Lucy Ennis, Bob Erdall, Bill Koch, Erin Leonard, Karl Marcus, Marilyn Ross, Carma Sinerius, Abby Thomas and Jack Waller. Each friend has been invited to

read his or her favorite poem.

Last year's program was a wonderful mix of humorous, touching and thought-provoking poetry. We expect much of the same this year, and hope you will join us in what promises to be an evening of entertainment and good fellowship.

The Elling House is located at the upper end of East Idaho Street, up the hill from the Virginia City Fire Dept. Admission is by donation and open to the public.

Appealing your property's valuation

Submitted by Laurie Buyan

Property taxpayers who want to appeal the Department of Revenue's valuation of their property must do so by the first Monday in June or no later than 30 days after they receive a property assessment notice from the Department of Revenue, whichever date is later. Once a tax bill arrives, it is too late to appeal the valuation of the property.

Appeals must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder where the property is located.

The Madison County Tax Appeal Board, a three-person board appointed by the County Commissioners, will hear all appeals between July 1 and December 31. Not all taxpayers will receive a property assessment notice every year. If you don't receive an assessment notice from the Department of

Revenue, the first Monday in June is the deadline for filing the appeal.

Taxpayers must pay their taxes under protest if their property valuation appeal is not resolved by the end of November, which is the time first half property taxes are due. If the taxes are not paid under protest, it will not be possible to receive a refund if the appeal is decided in the taxpayer's favor.

Members of the Madison County Tax Appeal Board are Ron Paige, Chairman, Gayle Clark, and Gayla Allhands. Questions about the Tax Appeal Board may be directed to Laurie Buyan, the Secretary at 406-843-4277 or madeo@madison.mt.gov. General information about the tax appeal procedure is available on the Montana Tax Appeal Board website at www.stab.mt.gov.



Prudential Montana Real Estate's Lender's Seminar a success

Submitted by Melinda Merrill

Last Thursday evening a panel of three lenders, Jim McNally of First Madison Valley Bank, Bob Briggs of Valley Bank and Jeff Boyer of Bank of the Rockies met with a group of people interested in moving from renting toward homeownership, giving information about the continued low interest rates and the lending process. Jeff explained the pre-approval process, Bob spoke to the appraisal process, and Jim explained the documents needed to be approved for a loan. The entire panel answered participant questions and helped to explore the differences between government loans (Rural Development, FHA, VA and Montana Board of Housing) and the traditional, Conventional

Loan.

"Seller Concessions, having the seller pay up to three percent of the closing costs of your loan, is just one of the ways to make it easier for first time homebuyers to get into a loan without having to come up with a lot of cash money down," explained Boyer which was just one of the many ideas bantered about to make the lending process easier.

"In-house loans, bare land loans, and construction loans are a niche often filled by your local banks as the secondary market has no options for those types of loans," McNally and Briggs expressed. "We would like the opportunity to continue to serve the Ennis community."

Amanda Harris, First American Title Company explained title insurance and Roberta Maxwell, American

Land Title Company explained the closing process rounding out the evening filled with good information for anyone considering buying a home.

The Lender's Seminar was the second of three informational forums (the first being the Seller's Seminar that was presented in March) that has been sponsored by Prudential Real Estate to help those interested in buying and selling in today's market. Anyone that was not able to attend but would like the information may contact Sara Johnson at 570-4249 or Melinda Merrill at 596-4288 and they would be happy to get you the packet. The third of the series is the Buyer's and Vendor's Fair that is scheduled for Saturday, August 3. Mark your calendars now.

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The Sheridan Library hosts Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program

Submitted by William Talbot

The Sheridan Library will host the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program Kid Gloves and Brass Knuckles: The Life of Nancy Cooper Russell with Mary Jane Bradbury on Sunday, April 21. The program will be at 7 p.m. at the Sheridan Library. The presentation is free and open to the public. Partial funding for the Speakers Bureau program is provided by a legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

being the reason the world has the extraordinary Russell paintings and sculptures that grace gallery and private collections today. Ms. Bradbury brings Nancy to life to share the story of her chance meeting with the Montana cowboy artist who would become her husband, about the world of art that celebrated the myth of the west at the beginning of the 20th century, about the renowned artists and celebrities the Russells knew as they traveled from New York City to the growing California suburb called Hollywood.

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Future of River's Edge Gallery

Submitted by Leslie Clark

River's Edge Gallery Board members, participating artists and interested community members met Monday, April 8, to discuss the future of the River's Edge Gallery in Twin Bridges. The River's Edge Gallery first opened in 2010 and has enjoyed three successful seasons exhibiting and selling the work of local artists as well as holding regular art classes thanks to the dedicated efforts of all our volunteers and artists.

Association. Unless these positions are filled, the River's Edge Gallery may not be able to open for the 2013 season.

Other options for the future of the River's Edge Gallery include the Gallery being operated as a coop under the management of participating artists or being operated as a private enterprise.

As some current Board members are now unable to devote the same amount of time to the River's Edge Gallery - the Gallery needs volunteers to fill the positions of Director and Secretary in order for the Gallery to continue operating as a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt nonprofit organization under the auspices of the Twin Bridges Community

The Board urges all artists & community members interested in the future of River's Edge Gallery and/or interested in volunteering for the positions of Director and Secretary to contact Therese Hutchinson at 596-5933, therese@3rivers.net or Leslie Clark at leslie.b.clarkmt@gmail.com. Full job descriptions will be provided upon request.

The next board meeting will be held at the River's Edge Gallery, April 29, at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend - Refreshments will be served!

<p>ENNIS ALANON Monday - 10:45 a.m. Basement of Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, Ennis Hugel & Charles CALL 682-5097 or 682-7023</p>	<p>Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help. SUazN - 10 a.m., No Smoking, Virginia City Library MON. - Open, 7 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking WED. - Closed, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church FRI. - Open, 8 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking 682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis 843-5352 Virginia City</p>
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<p>ACA Meeting 12-step program for Adult Children of Alcoholics Bethany Hall-Sheridan Weds 7 pm</p>	<p>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges ALANON MEETING Same Time - Same Place</p>
<p>Email The Madisonian @ editor, ads or news@madisoniannews.com</p>	

Expo features local products

Submitted by Bob Taylor

On Saturday, May 4, the Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the Sixth Annual Buy Local Business Expo. This event will be held at the fairgrounds in Twin Bridges from 9-2 p.m.

Over 40 local vendors will be on hand to provide information regarding their products and services.

Vendors include gardening and lawn care specialists, health and beauty supplies, home and business products, artists and artwork, pet care services and many more.

There will be a free child ID program and free food and drink.

There will also be drawings for four \$50 door prizes. This event is free and open to everyone and showcases the diverse nature of local Ruby Valley businesses.

Young Artists

Photo and caption by Regan Goettle

Our little ones have been working hard to bring you their best talent in the art show on April 30. Art donated from our local artists is on display at First Madison Valley Bank this week for early bids on the items you may be interested in before the show on Tuesday evening. The AAA fundraiser is April 30; at 5:30 in the Elementary School Cafeteria. The art of our children will be on display. Art from local artists will be on display for silent auction bids as well. The funds raised from this event will benefit the families of the new Summer Program. It will be available to the community for those older children who need a place to go have fun with friends in a safe environment. Don't forget the spring concert follows the art auction at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. Come enjoy the visual and audio arts while you give support to our community and our schools.



The birth of Montana

Submitted by Gary Forney

The discovery of gold in the Alder Gulch in May of 1863 not only created prodigious wealth, but terrible violence, turbulent political battles, and attracted waves of immigrants from virtually every state – dozens of countries – and all walks of life. Ennis area resident Gary R. Forney is the author of the recently published book “Dawn in El Dorado” (332ppg) are now available in both softcover and hardcover; contact your local bookstore.

As we approach the Sesquicentennial of the Montana Territory, it is an especially appropriate time to look back at Montana's

dawning years: “This was a time when the communities and institutions which would form Montana were awakening, and a time when Civil War and the subsequent battles of Reconstruction were reforming the United States. Montana not only became a place of refuge during this time, but a land of new beginnings and great hopefulness.” Copies of “Dawn in El Dorado” (332ppg) are now available in both softcover and hardcover; contact your local bookstore.

Forney has written several articles and previously published three books on early “Montana history: Thomas Francis Meagher: Irish Patriot, American Yankee,” “Montana Pioneer; Discovery Men” and “It Takes All Kinds: Stories from Virginia City.”

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The Montana Heritage Commission is looking to hire up to 12 short Term Seasonal Workers in Virginia City, MT. \$9.48 - \$12.60/hour. Positions will run from approximately mid May - mid September. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website to apply online: <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp> or call 406-843-5247. Resumes/applications will also be accepted at the office at 300 1/2 West Wallace St., Virginia City.

Applications will be reviewed as received.

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The Montana Heritage Commission is in process of designing and building a visitor center at the Nevada City Train Depot in Honor of Senator Charles and Sue Bovey who played a major role in the restoration and preservation of Virginia City, Montana.

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The Gift of Giving

Submitted by Bill Mercer

At the regular meeting of the Ennis Lions Club, Bill Mercer presented a check for over \$900 as a donation from his Clearwater Montana Real Estate office. Each year Bill takes a percentage of his gross commissions and donates to the Ennis community. This year Bill donated checks to the Madison Hospital Foundation, Ennis Boys Scouts, Madison River Foundation and the Ennis Lions Club. After conferring with the Lions Club Board, Bill decided to make the donation to the Lions Club Park. The monies will be used for four new park benches with seating. Many of the old park benches were in need of much repair and the new benches will be of a material that will be long lasting.

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Small Farmer's Equipment Auction, Part Two

At the end of our journey to central Oregon, we arrive at the Madras Fairgrounds, and are met with big hugs. Rows of equipment are beginning to come together. As the week progresses, more and more iron equipment arrives—shiny horse-drawn mowers, rakes, cultivators, and plows, rusty piles of harnesses, wagon tongues, eveners, singletrees, and doubletrees. Chariots, people haulers, sleighs, wagons, fore carts and family!

There are more young families than you'd expect—babies in front packs and toddlers in cowboy hats following in their father's footsteps. And there are those of the generation that farmed with horses because there was no other way and the gran parents may have a new cane, a new small dog but the same warm and friendly smile.

An army of volunteers meets the trailer loads of equipment—forklifts move the heavy equipment out to the yard. There is an indoor arena full of Western treasures, bridles, pack equipment, Americana and carriages. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the singsong chant from the Auctioneer can be heard all over the fairgrounds. Even though everyone has a cell phone, it can be easy to forget what decade it is. This lifestyle reminds us of decades gone by, of a slower time and for those of us crazy enough—provides us young folk with the opportunity to farm and sustain our country life style. Instead of farming in high-speed fashion with a powerful tractor, the people at this sale are content to spend the day behind a team of horses—working with the animals to till the land. Time slows down and the moment is all that matters

—that Zen-like peace is hard to find at the busy Small Farmer's Journal Draft Horse Equipment Auction and Swap Meet but you will find the happy smiles of people who consider you family just for coming through the gate.

The same weekend, my sister-in-law attended a chicken show in Portland—a cacophony of roosters and feathers on par with the cinematic parody, "Best in Show." One of our most favorite parts of our journeying westward is stopping by my sister-in-law's winery (Domaine Pouillon) in Lyle, Wash., on the North rim of the Columbia Gorge.

We are lucky to have the resources we do as venture into our sustainable lifestyle.

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.

There is a Mother's Day Brunch May 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the historic Ruby Hotel on Main Street in Sheridan a fundraiser to benefit Jackson's Garden. The buffet will include breakfast casseroles and stratas, quiche, potatoes, fresh fruit, muffins, croissants with a custom dessert bar including assorted cheese cakes, carrot cake, pie, etc. Coffee, tea and juice included. Mimosas available!! \$20 per person, ages 12 and under \$10, age 3 and under free. Reservations recommended. Call Carla at 842-7956.



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By Jerry Welch FOR THE MADISONIAN

Earlier in the week, gold prices experienced the largest, two-day decline in history. Silver and gold values on those frantic days dropped the most since 1980. It was a wreck. Here is my newspaper column from February 25, 2011, titled "Silver Thursday", that touches on the background to the collapse with precious metals that took place way back in history.

"The news media was quick this week to discuss the fact that silver prices rallied to a high not seen since March 1980. What they failed to mention, however, is that silver values are finally above the pivotal levels of March 27, 1980, a trading session referred to as Silver Thursday. It was on that ominous day, that panic selling in the silver pits of Chicago spilled over to the stock and all commodity markets, causing both to take an unusually hard shellacking.

But first, some background. In 1973, the Hunt family of Texas was possibly the richest family in the nation. As a hedge against inflation, the two Hunt brothers decided to buy silver because private citizens at the time could not buy gold. In 1979, in partnership with some very well healed Arabs, they formed a silver pool, amassing more than 250 million ounces of silver, approximately half the worlds supply.

In 1973, when the Hunts

began slowly buying up silver, the price was trading below \$2 an ounce. In early 1979, the market was up to \$5 an ounce and by early 1980, prices hit the \$50 an ounce range.

Purchasing a silver-futures contract in the 1970s required a margin of roughly \$2000. Thus, a rally from \$5 an ounce to \$50 represented a \$225,000 return on investment. Of course, no one then or now is clever enough buy the actual low. Or, sell the actual the high of any market. But in theory, buying silver futures on margin in early 1979 could have reaped lifestyle-altering profits in less than 12 months.

During 1979 and the opening months of 1980, as silver prices rose into the stratosphere, the media was touting the bull market on a daily basis. The rally and ensuing news coverage so incensed the Chairman of Tiffany & Co., the world famous jewelry store, that he ran a full page ad in the New York Times stating bluntly, "We think it is unconscionable for anyone to hoard several billion, yes billion, dollars worth of silver and thus drive the price up so high that others must pay artificially high prices for articles made of silver from baby spoons to tea sets, as well as photographic film and other products."

The Hunt brothers and their Arab partners may have had a corner on the silver market but

they were also trading on margin. As we all know, or should know, trading on margin is a double-edged sword. When the market is going your way, trading on margin is a thing of wonder. When the market turns, however, margin becomes a nightmare as "calls" are generated. And if the "calls" are not met by putting up more money, the owners are forced to liquidate existing positions so the calls can be met and killed.

The historic, euphoric, giddy, lifestyle-altering silver bull market finally ended when the New York Metals Market (COMEX) and intervention by the Federal Reserve to put an end to the lucrative game.

COMEX ruled that no new buying could enter the market and the only trades accepted were for liquidation of long positions. The lack of buying meant there were more sellers than buyers and silver prices began to leak profusely.

The decline with silver prices ultimately triggered a \$100 million margin call for the Hunts on March 27, 1980. Because they did not have the funds to meet the call and facing a potential loss of nearly \$2 billion, they were forced to dump so many silver contracts onto the market that the price fell from \$21.62 to \$10.80 an ounce. Silver prices on that one fateful Thursday fell \$54,100 per futures contract.

The horrific decline with

the bathroom window! To my previously naive hearing orifices, the raucous roar sounded as though a bomb had just exploded beneath my backside. Clearly, I had forgotten why a toilet is often called a "thunder mug."

Thankfully, there are some advantages to being audibly challenged. For instance, I am no longer invited to go rattlesnake hunting. I easily avoid jury duty. Perhaps most gratifying, I haven't trampled any innocent children, as the result of a sonic boom, in years.

On another seldom-considered note, it is important to recognize that the audibly challenged make life more stimulating for others. For instance, imagine how boring conversation would be without people like myself. Rather than just sitting around like a group of whispering bores, the sound-discernment-deprived add the drama of shouting, extremity-flailing animation, and spirited efforts at drawing pictures in the air. Just try having a private conversation in a public place with a "say what" person. Then, consider the strangers who would otherwise be deprived of the juicy tidbits of said "confidential" exchange.

Actually, I consider that I hear tolerably well so long as there is no significant background noise, such as a housefly stomping across the ceiling. Further, I honestly believe that if my cranial clamor were ever to suddenly cease, I would be reduced to a blithering wretch within minutes. So, all things considered, things could be a lot worse.

Finally, in a ringing endorsement of "say what" sufferers everywhere, I even forgave that ill-tempered dog of my youth. Grudgingly, I had to admit that if I had been confronted by a scarlet-faced, swollen-cheeked, onion-eyed life form silently stalking toward my house, I might have mauled the ominous looking alien myself.

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

HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Say What?

Reflections on a Life Poorly Heard

My first memorable encounter with the audibly challenged took place when I was eleven-years-old. Because I had a newspaper route at the time, ornery canines were a fact of life. Therefore, I thought it wise to purchase a newly touted whistle that sounded a decibel level that, while not discernable to humans, was intolerable to dogs. The next morning, sure enough, a fanged fido came racing toward me growling menacingly. While blowing my wonder whistle, with eyeball-bulging effort, I watched incredulously as the obviously deaf fleabag bit my ankle. I quickly retreated with my foolproof bite-preventer still clamped in my teeth. While I couldn't imagine it at the moment, that dog's impairment was to play a major role in my own later life.



Art Kehler

Some years afterward, during my military service, the Army's legendary love affair with thunderous explosives caused me to develop a condition known as "tinnitus." Simply put, tinnitus is a loud ringing in the ears. Obviously, individuals such as myself struggle to comprehend much of what is going on around them. Regrettably, this conspicuous condition is often misconstrued as dimwittedness.

Additionally, folks blessed with normal hearing just assume sound-hindered folks experience a comparatively tranquil internal environment. On the contrary, for those enduring tinnitus, the din inside their heads never ceases. As a result, I have been a card-carrying member of the "Say What?" society for over forty years.

Over the years, my lack of sound perception prowess has resulted in some noteworthy experiences. For example, encouraged by threats of physical maltreatment by family and friends, I invited a man to demonstrate a hearing aid at my house. After tinkering with the device, he inserted it into my ear. By that time, I had need of the restroom. Upon flushing the pot, I nearly jumped through

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Spring's Theme of Stewardship and Conservation

During early spring, we see new life that comes with warmer days and greater sunlight. This period of regrowth reminds us of our own connection to the land and our reliance on our resources for survival. It's also timely for us to honor stewardship and conservation, important values that deserve recognition and gratitude.

This season features several designated dates: April 22 is Earth Day, April 26 is Arbor Day, April 28-May 5 is Soil and Water Stewardship Week. These dates help to promote wise use of our resources and adoption of activities that help us live lightly on the land.

History has taught us that small steps make a big difference, and we offer four suggestions to honor the theme of stewardship and conservation:

1. Reduce/Reuse/Recycle: Become familiar with the everyday products that are in your home or business that create less waste. Products that have one-time use often have long term effects. Use items that can be used again. Know what items can be recycled when you're done with them. Madison County has recycling bins in several areas, with plastic, glass, and

cardboard bins for everyone's use.

2. Educate Yourself: Attend one of the many local events that provide learning lessons on how landowners can better manage their land or help protect our resources. Local CD and NRCS offices have lots of printed materials relevant to this area available at no cost to you.

3. Plant a Tree: It is said that the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, and the second best time is today. Trees provide crucial support for many species and they add aesthetic value to our lives.

4. Get outside (and bring a child with you): The more we are surrounded by the natural world, the more we will value the simple things in life that we are provided for free. Watch a sunset. Smell the soil. Look for birds. Plant a garden. Slow down long enough to see the things that connect us to the landscape.

Let's all take a moment to honor the stewardship decisions that have helped protect what we value, and consider what more we can do. The stewardship and conservation activities that we adapt may seem small now, but they may prove to be very important to the next generation.

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Thursday - April 25

Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls

Lunch - Baked chicken

Friday - April 26

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs and bagels

Lunch - Philly steak

Monday - April 29

Breakfast - Donuts

Lunch - Enchiladas

Tuesday - April 30

Breakfast - Waffles and sausage links

Lunch - Chicken strips, mac & cheese

HARRISON

Thursday - April 25

Breakfast - Muffins

Lunch - Hamburger stew

Friday - April 26

Breakfast - Pigs in a blanket

Lunch - Build your own sandwich/salad bar

Monday - April 29

Breakfast - Waffles, fruit

Lunch - Bean & cheese burrito

Tuesday - April 30

Breakfast - Mrs. J's maple bars

Lunch - Meatball marinara subs

SHERIDAN

FYI: Breakfast meals are served with toast

Lunch meals are served with fresh romaine & spinach salad and a vegetable bar which includes:

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Thursday - April 25

Breakfast - Cereal, fruit, pancakes

Lunch - Stromboli, salad

TWIN BRIDGES

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

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

Thursday - April 25

Breakfast - Choice of cereal, yo jos

Lunch - Chow mein

Friday - April 26

Breakfast - Fruit cobbler

Lunch - Baked potato bar

Monday - April 29

Breakfast - Biscuits & gravy

Lunch - Pizza

Tuesday - April 30

Breakfast - Choice of cereal, cinnamon roll

Lunch - Polish or hot dogs, sauerkraut



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

Terrible things have happened this last week. So many people's lives changed forever. Seems that we have come to a time in all of ours lives that whether we like it or not, we have to be on our toes all the time, keep an eye always open to something or someone that is not quite right, never letting our dukes down, for then you and our family become vulnerable. Our world has changed, like it or not.

Hard to believe that the fertilizer plant in Texas blew up, now it says they had much more explosive material than they should have had, didn't have their paper work done right and had been passing federal audits. Feds say their budget for those audits is too small to do the job right. Maybe instead of giving money to groups to research how many times a cow belches in a month or if you really can weaver baskets underwater, that money should be put into budgets for safety first!

Much sympathy goes out to all those families and friends that have lost loved ones last week and prayers and best wishes certainly go out to all those hurt. "United we stand, divided we fall."

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRELINE

By Steve Orr | MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is hard to believe, considering the temperatures and the new snow received, but fire season is upon us. The Madison Valley Rural Fire Department responded to another wildland fire last week and our sister departments in the Ruby Valley have already suppressed several wildland fires this spring. Though the vegetation in the area is starting to green up, there are still a lot of dead tinder dry grasses throughout the valley and countywide. Please be

careful with debris and land clearing fires, as there is great potential for rapid spread if you lose control of your fire.

On April 18 at 2:52 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a wildlands fire on Sun Ranch Road. The MVRFD responded two Engines and a Tender with five firefighters. The U.S. Forest Service Fire Management Officer and one USFS Engine responded as did Sun Ranch personnel. Firefighters battled the fire for almost three hours. The

My dad's 90th birthday was this week. Went down to see him, asked him how he was doing. He looked at me and said, "Gail I am tired. I am tired myself and I am tired that so many people just don't do the right things anymore. I decided that all I want anymore is for my wife, kids, and grandkids to respect me and my way of thinking and think good of me."

I tried to tell Dad that he just has to stop worrying about everyone. He just laughed at me, and said, "Oh yeah, teach me how to do that; and what else do I have to do?" Guess he is right. It is kind of like that song Conway Twitty sings, "That's my job; that's what I do, everything I do is because of you, to keep you safe; that's my job you see..."

I see that the Memorial Day decorations are out and for sale now. Good grief wasn't the Christmas decorations just out? Time just flies so fast when you are having fun. I received a college graduation announcement from my niece Brianna; eight years in college and it seems like to me that she just went off to start college. All I know for sure is that my brother would be so proud of her graduating, and becoming a pharmacist. Many times not everyone that is cheering for us and proud of us is visible. They are locked in our hearts and souls.

Area track meets have been having a heck of a time getting the weather to host a track meet. The recent snow that fell Monday will certainly cancel track meets on Tuesday. District track meet is only 2 1/2 weeks away.

So what have we learned this week? A six-word formula for success: Think things through, and then follow through.

Some times good things fall apart so better things can fall together. Don't think of cost, think of value.

Sometimes you need to distance yourself to see things clearly. Too many people buy things they don't need with money they don't have to impress people they don't know! If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse. If you expect the world to be fair with you because you are fair, you're fooling yourself. That's like expecting the lion not to eat you because you didn't eat him.

May Day is right around the corner, hopefully we don't have six inches of snow!

"Just when the caterpillar thought the world was ending, he turned into a butterfly."

fire was contained at 8.2 acres. Suppression efforts were aided by a lack of wind in the area.

If you have any questions or concerns, Madison Valley Rural Fire Chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Remember, you can get up-to-date emergency information at the Madison County Montana Emergency Information web site, at <http://madison.homestead.com/>. Please visit our home page at www.mvrfd.org/. Remember to sign our guest book and let us know what you think.

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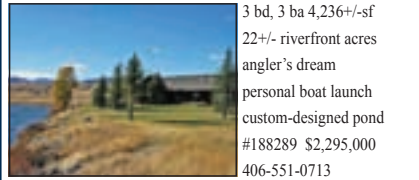


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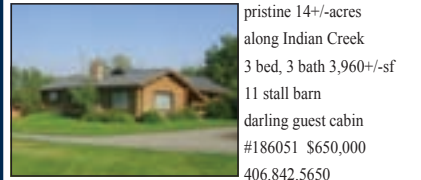
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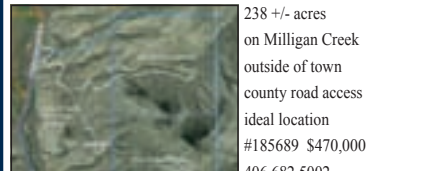
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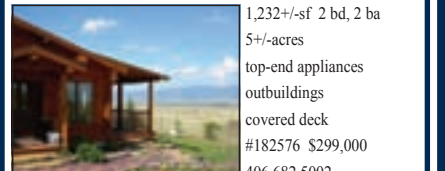
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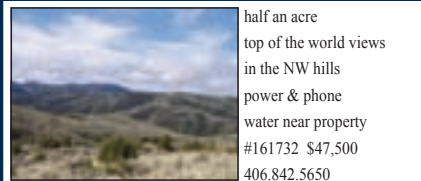
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Manor News

Julie Christensen

On Thursday, April 11, another Madison Valley Manor Women's Auxiliary meeting was held in the sunroom at the Manor. As always, we had a lot of exciting information to discuss.

Some of the staff of the Manor just returned from the Montana Health Care Association spring conference in Helena. Our quality of care for the residents is of the utmost importance so it is imperative the staff learn the newest information regarding health care. We spent a few minutes sharing some of the educational information that was learned.

We also discussed all of the exciting events the residents have to look forward to in the next few months. First off, the last Tuesday of the month, one of our fun activities will be a 1950s style ice cream social with root beer floats, poodle skirts, roller skates (for some of the staff, of course) and a whole lot of fun! A Cinco de Mayo celebration is planned for Monday, May 6; margaritas, chips and salsa, and a piñata are some of the entertaining items planned for

that occasion. National Nursing Home Week will be here before we know it! That week of celebration begins May 12 and runs through Friday, May 17. Needless to say, we will be having loads of amusement that week. Moreover, residents and staff alike always look forward to the Senior Fishing Derby, which is scheduled on the first day of summer this year.

At the Auxiliary meeting, once again we talked about upcoming fundraisers we are planning for this summer. Again, we will be holding a drawing for \$500 cash inside another beautifully handcrafted leather checkbook cover designed by a local artist, Wade Miller. The drawing will be in August; the proceeds gathered will go towards a blanket warmer for the residents' benefit.

Last but not least, we will be having an art show here at the Manor on Wednesday, May 1, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Shirley Mellor will be displaying her fine works of art for all to see. Please come down to the Manor and check out Shirley's lovely artwork.

Until next time, enjoy spring and our lovely valley.



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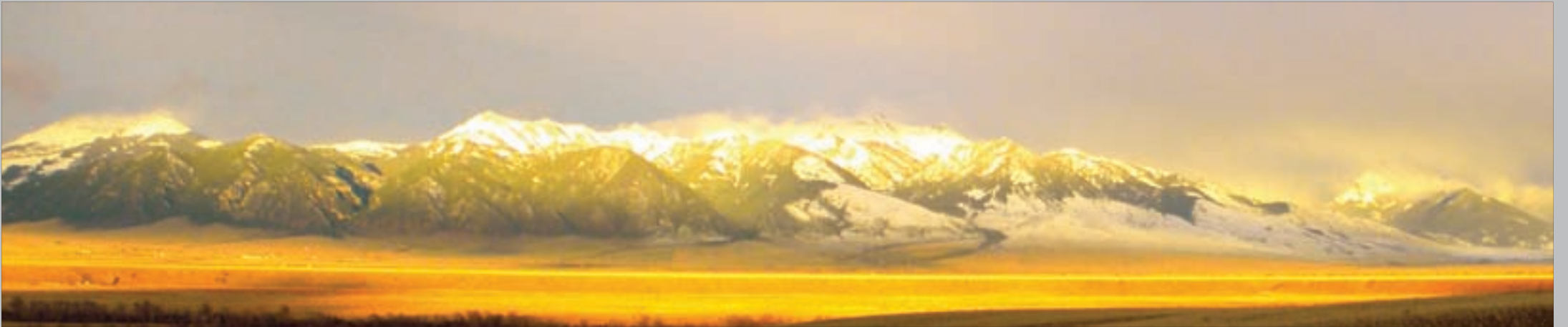
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Submitted by Gen Pierce

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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.

T H U R S D A Y
A P R I L 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 A Y
A P R I L 2 6

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.

Cabin Fever Days, Whitehall
Come over to visit, shop and attend the Jefferson River Rally and Health & Safety Fair. 9 - 7 p.m. at the Community Center. 498-1842

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.

Movie Night, Ennis
Madison Theatre presents: OZ: The Great & Powerful, rated PG. Doors at 6:15 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m. 682-4023

Live Theatre, Ennis
EHS Drama Department presents: Cases of Mistaken Identity, a slapstick story of mix-ups and mayhem. \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. 7 p.m. at the Ennis Elementary Gymnasium.

Live Music, Norris
Free Radicals (Acoustic Blues/Rock/Americana) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www.norrihotsprings.com

S A T U R D A Y
A P R I L 2 7

Community Meeting, Sheridan

In an effort to get the Sheridan "S" back up the school is holding a meeting open to the public at 9 a.m. at Sheridan School. Your help is much needed and appreciated. 842-4212

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HS Track, Bozeman
Ennis at Manhattan Christian Meet, 9 a.m. and Harrison at Bozeman, 8:30 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

CD Banquet, Virginia City

The Ruby Valley & Madison Conservation Districts invite you to their annual night of fun, food and music. Join them at the Elks Lodge starting at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner by Amy Kelley at 6 p.m., followed by music by The Dirty Shame starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call 682-7289 or 842-5741 for tickets or more info.

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Barrel Races, Bozeman
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Earth Day Celebration, West Yellowstone
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Live Music, Norris
Flatt Cheddar (Acoustic Party Grass) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs. For more info please visit www.norrihotsprings.com

M O N D A Y
A P R I L 2 9

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

T U E S D A Y
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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.

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

Women's Club Meeting, Ennis
The Madison Valley Women's Club will hold their regular meeting at 12 p.m. at Madison Valley Baptist Church.

HS Track, Townsend
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 R I D A Y
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Live Music, Norris
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IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON
Cause No. DA-29-2013-9

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
ASHLEY L. BAKER, PETITIONER
And
IVAN DEXTER BAKER, Respondent
THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO IVAN DEXTER BAKER, THE RESPONDENT IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED MATTER:

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 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

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON
Cause No. DA-29-2013-1

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:
ADILYNE RAYE JEMISON,
A Minor.

THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS 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, to-wit: 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 5 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 NATIONAL 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 amounts which are now in arrears as of April 3, 2013: Balance due on monthly payments from March 1, 2011 and which payments total:

\$51,164.58: Late charges: \$673.84 Net Other Fees: \$105.00 Advances: \$2,718.24 There is 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. 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 in default as described above and has directed the Trustee to commence proceedings to sell 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 (including 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.ipsa-sap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION 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) ips

NOTICE OF ELECTION:

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 positions open (Sheridan).
The following propositions will also be determined:

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 approximately \$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 located 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
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 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 penalty 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
JD Law Firm
(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 685-3428 (Pub. Apr. 18, 25, 2013) hs

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Madison County Tax Appeal Board will be in session from July 1 through December 31, 2013, for the business of hearing appeals. Any taxpayer who disagrees with the appraised value of his or her property may file an appeal with the Madison County Tax Appeal Board on or before the first Monday in June or within 30 days of receipt of a Notice of Classification and Appraisal, or Notice to Change Valuation (assessment notice), whichever is later. It is possible that not all taxpayers will receive an assessment notice. If you have not received a notice of classification and appraisal, consider the first Monday in June as the deadline to file an appeal. Appeal forms are available from Laurie Buyan in the Commissioners' Office, Virginia City, MT, 843-4277, the Clerk and Recorder's Office, 843-4270, or by email at madco@madison.mt.gov. (Pub. Apr. 25, May 2, 2103) mcc

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on May 7, 2013, an election will be held at the school election for the election of Madison County Library Mill Levy.

The polls will be open at 12:00 pm, and continue to be open until 8:00 pm, on election day.

DATED this 22nd day of April, 2013.
Peggy Kaatz Stemler
Election Administrator
Madison County
(Pub. Apr. 25, May 2, 2103) mccr

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

May 6, 2013, at 6:30 pm, at Ennis Town Hall - Ennis Planning Board

On the date shown above, the Town Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Lot 4 of Block 1 Beaverhead Estates Addition to Ennis, known as 823 Madison Avenue, Ennis. The property owner, Conrad Mitchell, is asking for a Conditional Use Permit to build a single family home on the lot which is zoned Local Commercial Residential (L-CR). Information and materials related to this proposal may be viewed at Ennis Town Hall,

328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT 59729
(Pub. Apr. 25, May 2, 2103) epb

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FOR MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITH CATERING ENDORSEMENT

LICENSE NO. 25-999-4597-002
On March 25, 2013, Ennis Lake Enterprises, Inc. - Shareholders with 10% or more: Linn and Kevin Krieg, filed an application for the transfer of a license to be used at MCALISTER INN, 5566 US Highway 287 N, McAlister, Madison County, Montana.

Protests against an application must be (1) made in writing, (2) mailed to the Department of Revenue, Liquor Licensing, PO Box 1712, Helena, Montana 59624-1712, and (3) received and date stamped by the Department no later than the 13th day of May, 2013. Protests will be accepted from residents of the county from which the application originates, residents of adjoining Montana counties, or residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in subsection 16-4-207 (4) (d), MCA, are met.

Each protestor is required to mail a separate letter of protest that contains in legible print, the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address. Each letter must be signed by the protestor. Protest petitions bearing the names and signatures of more than one protestor will not be considered. Protest letters must provide the license number, trade name, or applicant name associated with the license being protested for identification purposes. Protest letters must contain a clear statement of the writer's intent to protest the application. The grounds for protest of an application for a transfer of location are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA, for a denial of a license, and public convenience and necessity as set out in section 16-4-203, MCA. If the protested application is for a transfer of ownership not involving a transfer of location, the grounds for protest are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA. Protest letters which do not provide the information described in this paragraph will not be considered valid protest letters. Only those grounds for protest raised in valid protest letters will be considered at hearing. An individual's testimony will be limited to the grounds for protest raised in that individual's valid protest letter.

If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(a), MCA, a hearing will be scheduled in Helena, Montana. If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(b), MCA, to determine public convenience and necessity, a hearing will be held in the county in which the proposed premises is located. All qualified protestors will be notified of the time, date and location of the hearing. Hearings are typically scheduled within 90 days following the protest deadline.

If a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing are not received and all licensing criteria have been satisfied, the department may issue the license without holding a hearing.

DATED: April 22, 2013
BY: Danette Tenneson, Compliance Specialist
(Pub. Apr. 25, May 2, 2103) mdr

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION


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

Judge Loren Tucker
Cause No. DV 29-13-13
LANCE L. SMITH,
Plaintiff
Vs.
WILDFLOWER ENTERPRISES, INC.; EDWARD C. MCRONE; DOE DEFENDANTS 1 THROUGH 20 INCLUSIVE,
Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint 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 Plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this summons, 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 Complaint. This action is brought for the purpose of foreclosing real property situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. Section 29: S12 Section 32: N12E14, NE14NW14

Section 33: Lots 1,2, N12SW14
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court
Dated: April 18, 2013
/s/ Bundy K. Bailey
Clerk of District Court
Attorneys for Plaintiff:
Martin S. King, Esq.
WORDEN THANE P.C.

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HELP WANTED

Wanted: Assistant for Bed & Breakfast in Virginia City. The Gingerbread House is looking for someone 5 days/wk, 3-4 hours/day. June 15 - Sept 1. Call Karen 208-727-7101 26-3-B

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 than 1 page) on your choice of the following topics:
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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 team. 24-6-b

KITCHEN HELP WANTED: Pit Stop Pizza in Ennis is hiring motivated and friendly kitchen and counter help. Stop by for an application. 682-4979. 26-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 at www.madison.mt.gov for an application and job description. Madison County is an equal opportunity employer. 25-2-B

SPORTSMAN'S LODGE IS NOW HIRING FOR ALL POSITIONS. Please stop by for an application or drop resume off at 310 Hwy 287. 26-tfc-b

The Madison Valley Manor in Ennis is interested in hiring a certified nursing assistant. We may offer a 72 hour training course or train 1:1. Excellent benefits, including government retirement. Home-like environment. Please call Christine Canterbury at 682-7271 for more information. EOE 25-2-b

Full Time Yard Position, Ennis Lumber Company is now accepting applications for a full time yard position. Please apply in person at Ennis Lumber Company. 26-tfc-b

The Alley Bistro in Ennis is hiring experienced and self-motivated servers. Stop by for an application or call Dahlia at 209-4034. 26-tfc-b

POSITION OPENING
Madison Valley Medical Center is seeking a Temporary Part-time to Full-time Nurse Aide Clerk. Duties include, but are not limited to, normal nursing assistant duties, main switchboard, registering patients, monitor system alarms, facility security, contacting on call personnel, monitoring ambulance page outs, scanning documents, patient liaison for emergency services. Good computer skills, customer service and multi-tasking are a plus. Shifts will vary. Applications available at www.mvmedcenter.org. MVMC is an equal opportunity employer. Please return applications to: careers@mvmedcenter.org 26-1-B

Help Wanted: Breakfast and Lunch cook with experience at Chicks Restaurant. Experience needed. F/T, 40 hrs per week. Call Diane at 596-9366. 26-2-B

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

Sheridan School District No. 5 has an opening for a Part-Time Temporary Custodian. Please contact Linda E. Walter, District Clerk, Sheridan Schools, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749, or call (406) 842-5302. 26-3-B

Sheridan School District No. 5 has an opening for a Middle School Volleyball Coach for the 2013-2014 School Year. Please contact Linda E. Walter, District Clerk, Sheridan Schools, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749, or call (406) 842-5302. 26-3-B

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REAL ESTATE

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

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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 to 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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S A T U R D A Y
M A Y 4

Annual 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.net

Business Expo, Twin 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 at 1 p.m. 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.norrihotsprings.com

S U N D A Y
M A Y 5

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.norrihotsprings.com

T U E S D A Y
M A Y 7

Election, Madison County
Madison County Schools will hold school board elections today. Contact your local school for polling places and times.

Dog Obedience Classes, Sheridan
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.

W E D E S D A Y
M A Y 8

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T H U R S D A Y
M A Y 9

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.

Reading Group Meeting, Ennis
A discussion of Butterfly's Daughter by Mary Alice Monroe will be lead by Phyllis Wasick at 1 p.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

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Copper Door
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at 682-4722 or swing in and check out what they have.

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Dustin Brown has over 15 years of farrier experience and is ready for your call. With a slogan of "Big-n-small, I shoe 'em all" there isn't much he can't handle. Other services he offers are: corrective, therapeutic, limb deformities and more. Give Dustin a call at 451-2786 and set up an appointment for you and your horse today.

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Ruby Valley "Buy Local" Business Expo
There's a chance to see much of what the business owners of the Ruby Valley

and surrounding areas have to offer. Join the Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce at its 6th Annual "Buy Local" Business Expo on Saturday, May 4 from 9 – 2 p.m. at the Twin Bridges Fairgrounds. There will be something for everyone,

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