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TWIN BRIDGES CELL TOWER: LIVE

Verizon cell phone tower in Twin Bridges may not benefit all of Ruby Valley

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Following Cellular One's withdrawal from the Montana market, Verizon promised a Ruby Valley cell phone tower in Twin Bridges in 2015 – that

tower is now operational, according to Verizon media contact Meagan Dorsch.

"This site has the latest 4G LTE technologies for both voice and data," Dorsch told *The Madisonian*. "It's a new, emerging technology that is the platform for the next

generation of voice services."

According to Dorsch, since the tower is only equipped with 4G LTE technology, Verizon customers in the area with older devices will not have improved service. For example, an iPhone 4 uses 3G, so the tower in Twin Bridges will not enhance the

experience for a customer using a phone like that, or one with similar technology, Dorsch said.

"Yes, customers can absolutely call landlines and emergency numbers if they are using a phone with advanced calling," Dorsch said. "They can call other cell phones that do not have

advanced calling. The phone will operate (as it did before)."

That fact explains why some community members in Twin Bridges have not experienced a change in service, even though the tower has been live for more than a week. Some community mem-

bers say service has changed, but only sporadically.

Twin Bridges Mayor Tom Hyndman said he checks in with Verizon nearly every week and was informed the new tower would benefit those with 3G

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MOTORCYCLE, CAR COLLISION IN ENNIS

Man airlifted to Billings for medical treatment

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A motorcycle headed east into Ennis on Montana Highway 287 collided with a car turning left onto the highway from Slade Street, according to Madison County Sheriff's Office detention officer Missy Wood.

The sheriff's office received the call for assistance at 11:37 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, Wood said.

"Speed may have been a factor with the motorcycle," Wood told *The Madisonian*. She added the motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet.

The motorcyclist was seen at the Madison Valley Medical Center and directly airlifted to Billings for medical treatment.

Wood said the driver of the car had "little or no injuries."

As of *The Madisonian's* press time on Tuesday, Feb. 10, Wood said the motorcyclist was in "rough shape," but stable in Billings.

ISSUES WITH HARRISON ADMINISTRATION NOT RESOLVED

Student council to present student, community survey results at next board meeting

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At the regular Harrison school board meeting on Feb. 9, trustee Ann Hokanson requested the student council present survey results concerning the administration at the next board meeting on March 9.

The request for survey answers stems from the Dec. 8 school board meeting where students, staff and faculty brought concerns with school administration to the Harrison school board – those concerns were still not addressed at the Monday, Feb. 9 board meeting.

Superintendent Fred Hofman creates the monthly agenda and said he visits with chairperson Todd Brennan about agenda items – Hokanson said she had hoped the student and staff concerns would be an agenda item on Feb. 9 and did not know why it was not.

"I would like the student council to present the My Voice survey results from the students and the community as an agenda item next month," Hokanson said.

My Voice is a generic survey that students, staff and parents take about their school, according to student body vice president Megan Skillman.

"The survey isn't all about the administration," Skillman said. "It addresses bullying and other things."

During the public comment portion of the Dec. 8, 2014, board meeting, a few people in attendance brought concerns about the current administration to the board. Hofman is the only administrator at the school; he serves as superintendent and principal. Skillman read a list of concerns that were compiled by high school students – the issues included a lack of advanced placement

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION



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Construction on the Thompson-Hickman County Library expansion kicked off in October – currently, contractors are installing siding.

The Thompson-Hickman County Library hopes to have expansion complete this spring

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With construction for the Thompson-Hickman County Library expansion more than half complete, library director Jack Albrecht and assistant librarian Christina Koch can hardly contain their excitement.

"It will take us awhile to move in, but we're ready," Albrecht said.

G&G Housing out of Whitehall received the contract, and the project commenced in October 2014 with a tentative timeline of 25 weeks, which puts the completion date around the first of April.

"I'm really amazed," Albrecht said. "They had it framed so quickly. I was gone nearly the whole month of November and I kept getting photos of the construction. I

was amazed when the windows and doors were in so fast."

Commissioner Dave Schulz agreed with Albrecht, saying it is "impressive" how the project is moving along. The contractors are currently putting up siding – a thin brick that mimics the library's original stonework.

"It's not an exact match, but it's not supposed to be," he said. "It keeps with the theme. I think the siding looks beautiful."

The idea for a library expansion originated more than five years ago, Albrecht said. The library catalogue and materials had outgrown the structure and the library board started brainstorming for a solution.

Albrecht and Koch have big plans for the expansion.

"All the modern furniture will go in the expansion," Albrecht explained. "The

original library will be a quiet room, the Thompson-Hickman reading room. Back to its original glory."

A place for kids

Though both Albrecht and Koch are most excited about two bathrooms and hot running water – "it's the little things," Albrecht said – they are also looking forward to how the expansion will benefit the community.

"We're going to have such a great children's space," Koch, who runs the children's program, said. "Just last week we had 12 kids and nine adults – we'll have so much more room."

Students from the Alder School also travel to the library once a month, Albrecht said.

The Alder School visits the library in order to "expand" the students' knowledge of

local libraries, according to head teacher Teresa Murdoch.

"(Koch) and (Albrecht) have been very helpful to our students in teaching them how to use the library, she said. "It has been a wonderful experience for our students to learn more about basic library skills and usage."

Community space

The expansion will also provide a meeting room for the community, Albrecht said.

"Public libraries are much more community centers these days," he said. "Many clubs already use this space but will have more room."

The community room and restrooms in the expansion will have an outside door so the community can access the facilities after hours for town council meetings, chamber of commerce meetings and more, Koch said.

Shrader arrested one day after receiving deferred sentence

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Shortly after receiving a deferred sentence for a charge of partner or family member assault, Spencer Joseph Shrader was back in the Madison County Courthouse on new charges, this time appearing in justice court before Judge

Suzanne Nellen on Feb. 10.

The new charges include one count of partner or family member assault (second offense), two counts of unlawful restraint and one count of assault for a total of four new charges, according to Madison County Sheriff's Office detention officer Missy Wood.

The charges stem from a Feb. 3 incident – Shrader was picked up one day after

he was sentenced in Madison County District Court before Judge Loren Tucker.

The day before Shrader was arrested, Judge Tucker gave him a deferred one year sentence and a fine of \$500 for his previous charge, which stems from an April 29, 2014, incident in Harrison, where the defendant allegedly "purposely or knowingly caused reasonable

apprehension of bodily injury" to his ex-girlfriend, drawing a loaded revolver from his truck in the midst of a heated argument, according to court documents.

Prior to sentencing Shrader on Feb. 2, Judge Tucker asked him if he had appropriate time to think about how he would "handle a situation like this in the future?"

Shrader told Judge Tucker


he did have time to think about the circumstances that led to his court appearance, however, Shrader's Feb. 3 arrest was a result of a conflict with his ex-girlfriend where Shrader allegedly became physical, according to an affidavit of probable cause filed Feb. 4.

Shrader appeared in justice court because the new charges are all misdemeanors, accord-

ing to Madison County deputy attorney Justin Ekwall.

Shrader pleaded not guilty to all four charges and was released with his bail continued – future justice court date has not yet been set.

Ekwall said the county attorney's office will "very soon" file a petition to revoke Shrader's probation through district court as well.


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phones, though minimally. "My understanding is that they are still adjusting the tower because service is sometimes better and sometimes drops," he said. "I have been getting a few more bars on my phone and better service sometimes, but the new tower is really meant for 4G phones. I don't have that."

Dorsch said Verizon is "fundamentally changing" their technology and moving toward the more advanced 4G LTE voice and data plans – the Twin Bridges tower is at the forefront of future Verizon updates and improvements.

Madison County commissioner Ron Nye lives outside

of Twin Bridges on the East Bench and said service where he lives is a "disaster."

"Service in some areas has vastly improved since they turned the tower on," he said. "But in many areas, it's no different."

For example, Nye said service at the school is "excellent" now, but still a "mess" west of town.

"Maybe they're still tweaking it," he said. "I've talked with folks from town who have a variety of phones and they're all saying the same thing."

In case of emergency

Nye said he plans to call Verizon in the next week to get the scoop "directly from the

horse's mouth" because good cell phone service is important. "We need good service in case of emergencies," he said. "It's a safety thing. For example, if a county road crew out in the field has a problem, they need to be able to get help quickly. Plus, a lot of folks don't have a landline anymore."

If service in Twin Bridges is spotty at best, it is nonexistent in Sheridan, according to fire chief and Sheridan resident Ted Woirhaye.

"It hasn't made any difference in Sheridan," Woirhaye said about the Twin Bridges tower. "It's a real disappointment."

Woirhaye has a personal booster that improves cell service in his home because

he is an emergency responder, but he said there is no service downtown and cell reception around the rest of the town is "sporadic at best."

Future plans in Madison County

Dorsch said Verizon is currently working to establish their temporary tower in Virginia City into a permanent site later in 2015. "I do not have an exact completion date on this site," she said.

Verizon is also partnering with Celco Partnership to construct a 95-foot tower in the Ennis area, but Dorsch said she does not have even a tentative timeline for that site.

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class options, common classroom disruptions, disrespect for students and staff and more. Skillman also shared My Voice survey results from Harrison staff. Following the student report, classified and certified staff members also raised concerns that claimed discipline

issues are inconsistent and staff members are asked to perform more and more administrative duties, which were performed by the school administrators in the past, among other things.

Prior to the Feb. 9 meeting, Hofman said he worked on the concerns that were brought up by meeting with the teachers and the stu-

dents to discuss any issues. "I've had internal visits with staff and students," Hofman said. "We waited to put it on the agenda because (Brennan) has been out of town and we haven't had time for him to meet with all the staff yet."

When asked if the board had expressed interest with having the concerns placed on

a board agenda, Hofman said the board is "not super anxious, let's put it that way."

Skillman said Hofman did meet with the student council, but as of Feb. 9 "nothing has changed."

She added the student council will present the My Voice survey responses for the board at the March 9 meeting.

Varney Gage will operate one more year

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The United States Geological Survey water-monitoring gage located on the Madison River near the Varney Bridge is safe for one more year.

Thanks to support from the Madison River Foundation and one generous community member, the Madison Conservation District was able to secure funding for at least one more year of operation, said Sunni Heikes-Knapton, Madison Watershed Coordinator.

"The gage has been in operation since 2011," Heikes-Knapton said. "The funding of the gage has been coming from several different places because there were a number of partners that contributed support with the idea that the gage needed to be put in place so people would understand the value of it."

USGS gages collect information on water flow, water temperatures, air temperatures and more, according to Heikes-Knapton. It is heavily used by fishing guides and fishermen, and reached 24,000 web hits last year while operational between March and October. MRF executive director Liz Davis said the gage is "definitely used by the community."

"When it was in danger of being shut down, I heard from our membership that it was important to keep it going," Davis said. "Some folks even told me they click on it three times in a day. Fishermen are very interested in what goes on with flow and temperature."

It costs \$11,000 to operate and distribute the in-

"The (Madison River) is the lifeblood of Ennis."

- Chris Gentry, local business owner

formation yearly – Heikes-Knapton said the USGS pays half that price tag.

"The (MRF) had an auction and that funding went directly to support the gage, but we were still short," she

said. "We felt around in the community last fall but didn't hear anybody immediately stepping up to help out."

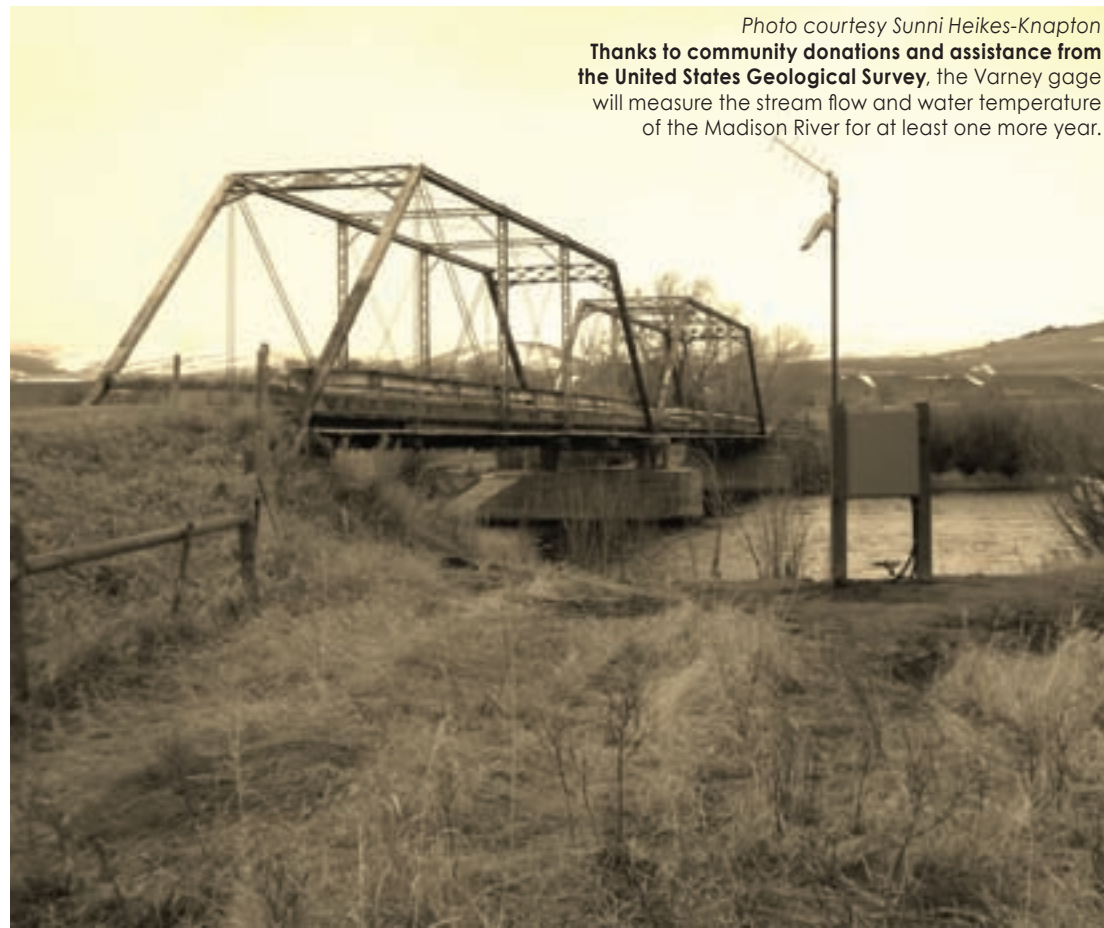
At that point, Heikes-Knapton said the Madison Conservation District had no choice but to announce the gage would not operate in 2015. "We were just hoping someone would see the value in it," she said.

Chris Gentry, an Ennis business owner, first heard about the issue on Facebook – then she turned to her partner, who is a fly fishing guide. "I know how important the gage is to the fishermen because I live with a guide,"

she said. "I know how often he checks it, so I asked him how important it really is."

Gentry shot an email to Heikes-Knapton and the two discussed how much money was still needed – a price tag of \$4,110. Just a few days later, Gentry wrote a check for the whole amount.

"The (Madison River) is the lifeblood of Ennis," Gentry said, explaining why she wanted to support the gage. "It drives our economy and tourism. Guides and fishermen are a huge part of summer business here. I thought this was a good way to show support to that community."



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Virginia City Town Council approves Alder Gulch construction plan

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In the spring of 2009, a high water event led to flooding in the Alder Gulch just outside of Virginia City and threatened to damage the horseshoe pond and kid's pond. The flooding was a result of a plugged culvert at the horseshoe pond and it quickly became clear no one knew who was responsible for the maintenance of the embankment – the Montana Heritage Commission, the county or the town, according to Ruby Watershed Coordinator Rebecca Ramsey.

Now, nearly five years later, the Virginia City Town Council unanimously approved a preliminary construction plan from Rowe Excavation, Inc. in Dillon, which is the company contracted to complete the engineering and construction.

"Since the land is owned by the Montana Heritage Commission and the streets are owned by (Virginia City), the designs had to be approved

by the conservation district and the town," Ramsey explained. "Then it moves on to the state for final permitting."

The Ruby Valley Conservation District unanimously approved the plans at their Feb. 4 meeting, Ramsey said.

"The project is moving forward and everybody approved it," she said. "Now it's headed into permitting."

The improvements are designed for a 50-year flood event, Ramsey said. The roads that cross the ponds from the highway will both be improved and Rowe Excavation, Inc. is installing culverts.

"From the public point of view, everyone was happier with the plans now than how they looked at first," Virginia City Mayor Robert Erdall said. "At one point, the plan was to take out the road by the horseshoe pond and that was a big sticking point."

Now, the plan includes rehabilitating that road and the one by the kid's pond and leaving both operational.

Construction timeline

Ramsey said the construction will not impact summer recreation in the area.

"Depending on the permitting process, construction could start as early as the end of March," she said. "We want to get the work done before or after high water, not during late spring."

If the permitting process takes time and construction does not begin before high water, Ramsey said Rowe Excavation, Inc. will most likely wait until after Labor Day to complete it all at once.

"There should be very little disruption when construction kicks off," Erdall said. "They are going to fix one road at a time so there will still be access across the ponds. It shouldn't bother anyone there."

The project is primarily being funded through a Department of Natural Resources and Conservation grant for \$300,000, which was awarded in 2011, Ramsey said.

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The Virginia City Town Council unanimously approved a preliminary construction plan for rehabilitation work on the roads near the kid's pond and horseshoe pond and the installation of culverts.



SAR IN DILLON



Submitted by Bill Sinclair, Ruby Valley Search and Rescue

Ruby Valley Search and Rescue held its scheduled monthly meeting at the Dillon YMCA on Feb. 5, 2015. The unit spent several hours taking swim qualifications and practicing rescue techniques for unconscious people, panicked swimmers and subduing a panicked swimmer. The 115-90 SAR from Butte assisted with certified swift water swimmers and a diver. Pictured above: Ruby Valley SAR members observe how to move an unconscious, injured swimmer onto a backboard for lifting it into raft.

Governor does not need \$300 million political football

By Sen. Debby Barrett
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Have you looked at the state's balance sheet lately? You might be a bit surprised when you do.

Over the last two years, the state collected almost \$300 million more in taxes than the budget needed to operate and depending on which estimate you use, is projected to do the same over the next two years. That is equal to almost 14 percent of the state's annual general fund budget, all in excess tax revenue. That money came from a variety of sources such as small businesses, large retail stores, oil wells, hospitals and the hundreds of thousands of Montanans who paid taxes on their income. And with the legislative session in full swing, many legislators believe it is time to send some of that excess money back to where it came from.

There exists a point when strong revenue for a stable budget becomes excessive taxation and after looking at Montana's budget, it's quite clear that our tax policies are no longer in balance. But, as is usually the case when adjusting tax policy, finding the balance between too much and not enough is rarely a point of agreement, making tax policy a magnet for political posturing.

I would guess that most lawmakers likely agree that it's important that government have a strong and stable revenue stream to operate. But when year

after year we take in more taxes than is necessary to operate, we encourage the needless growth of government programs that attempt to fix every problem, big or small, simply because there is extra money to spend. This dangerous habit of trying to make government all things for all people just because we have a little extra cash, simply isn't responsible.

Unfortunately, some of our elected officials disagree that we should seek program efficiency before program expansion, and would like to grow the size of government every chance they get.

For the second consecutive biennium, Governor Steve Bullock has called for a \$300 million ending fund balance in the state's two-year budget. Clearly the governor doesn't see that \$300 million as excessive taxation that should go back to the people who earned it. However, in addition to the large ending fund balance, the governor has also proposed a 8 percent increase in state general fund spending with a plethora of new programs, while at the same time chastising any attempt to use the surplus for tax relief as "irresponsible."

After watching the governor's actions over the last two sessions, it appears that his strategy to maintain a ballooning surplus year after year is to ensure that there's money available for new proposals to play political football with the next time the legislature comes to town.

While it may be important that the state maintain a financial cushion for unforeseen events, changes must be made once that cushion becomes a slush fund for political maneuvering.

Last week, the Senate advanced a bill that would send a portion of the state's \$300 million surplus back to Montana taxpayers. Senate Bill 200, introduced by Senator Duane Ankeney, R-Colstrip, proposes to reduce the income tax rates across the board, with the largest rate reduction targeted at the middle three income tax brackets. That's middle class tax relief.

Many of us legislators believe that with such a large surplus, now is the time to reduce the tax burden of the average Montanan, and Senate Bill 200 provides nearly \$80 million of relief over the next two years. And most importantly, this bill not only helps out the taxpayers, it also punches a few holes in the governor's \$300 million political football that he is so keen on acquiring.



Lawmakers balance keeping energy and the sage grouse alive and well in Montana

Submitted by Michael Wright
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A chicken-sized bird has gotten energy industry advocates and conservationists, Republicans and Democrats working together to prevent it from becoming the next native Montana species listed as endangered or threatened: the sage grouse.

"This isn't a political winner for any politician," said Sen. Brad Hamlett, D-Cascade. "You're tasked with the responsibility of looking out for the best interests of the state."

In this case, that means balancing energy interests and conservation to keep the vulnerable avian species under state control.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has identified sage grouse as warranted for listing under the Endangered Species Act, but it is precluded by other animals in more trouble. In other words, they are not ready to act yet. But a recent court settlement gave USFWS a deadline of Sept. 30, 2015, to decide to list the sage grouse or not.

Listing the bird would halt energy and agriculture development in the bird's core habitat areas, which exist mostly east of the Continental Divide and in Southwest Montana. Senate President Pro Tempore Eric Moore, R-Miles City called the threat of listing a form of "federal blackmail" to get the state to act.

Blackmail or not, the conversation got moving. If Montana could come up with a plan, the bird would remain under state control.

The groundwork on protecting ground

Gov. Steve Bullock established the Sage Grouse Conservation Advisory Council in 2013, which included conservationists, energy representatives and legislators. Lawmakers from both parties were in the group, including Hamlett and Sen. Pat Connell, R-Hamilton. With the impending deadline for the listing of the bird, all sensed the urgency.

"We're responding to a need," Connell said.

Bullock put their recommendations – with some amendments – into an executive order in September 2014. The executive order created the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program and the Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team.

Hamlett is carrying Senate Bill 261, called the Sage Grouse Stewardship Act, the legislation implementing part of the executive order. The bill creates guidelines for the oversight team – it will consist of department heads and a representative designated by the governor, and will report to the governor regularly. It also creates a stewardship account, which will fund both the oversight team and provide grants for conservation easements. Bullock's budget includes a \$10 million request for the stewardship account.

The bill puts into law the func-

tions of the oversight team and the money, but the order included several rules for what could be done to land identified as "core habitat" for the birds, areas where they are most dense in number.

According to the Sage Grouse Initiative, the bird is considered an "umbrella species" because preserving the sagebrush-laden wide-open spaces for the grouse helps many other species survive – including elk and mule deer.

Rep. Janet Ellis, D-Helena, was one of the members of Gov. Bullock's advisory council, and worked for Montana Audubon before joining the House of Representatives. She recently sat at her desk in the House with her computer opened to a Power Point presentation she had given on sage grouse, explaining what the birds need to survive.

"They just need a ton of open space," Ellis said. That, and sage brush, to hide from predators and sometimes to eat. "If you don't have sage brush, you won't have sage grouse."

Ellis also talked about leks, the breeding grounds. During breeding season, male birds strut around, puffing out their chests to attract females.

Catherine Wightman, the habitat program and farm bill coordinator at the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said there are almost 1,000 active leks known of in Montana, most of which are east of the Continental Divide. The department monitors 84 of them.

Teams of biologists and volunteers visit a lek three times in April – during the breeding season – to count the birds. The department uses the highest number of the three for its records. Because they cannot conceivably count every single bird, the numbers mark trends, which indicate the population is declining.

Exactly why is unclear. There is a laundry list of possible threats to the bird – roads, power poles, agricultural development, overgrazing, mining and more.

"It's not any one thing," Wightman said. "But it's the cumulative effect."

"They're poked from a lot of directions," Ellis said.

Taking a page From Wyoming's playbook

Some of the strategies in Bullock's plan come from Wyoming, which currently has the only plan for sage grouse management approved by the federal government.

One of the ways Wyoming is keeping habitat available is through conservation easements. Bob Budd, executive director of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, said the state has secured about 300,000 acres of easements since the plan went into effect.

Bullock's plan includes an easement portion, allowing for both temporary and permanent easements. Grants from the state account would

be used to compensate landowners. In some cases, ranchers or whoever might own the land will have to agree to not convert rangeland to cropland, or take other steps to ensure grouse habitat remains intact.

Grazing, though, is just fine. "Grazing and grouse certainly coincide well together," Jay Bodner of the Montana Stockgrowers Association said.

He added that studies show grazing has "a negligible, or even positive" impact on the bird's habitat.

Federal regulation would likely mean restrictions or even elimination of grazing in core sage grouse areas, but Montana's plan allows ranchers to continue business pretty much as usual.

The portion of the state plan that might have the greatest effect is the distance developers will have to keep from a lek in a core area. The ground on leks and within .6 of a mile must remain undisturbed and empty, meaning no construction, mining or any sort of land conversion can be done.

This creates a challenge for the energy industry, since many sage grouse leks and core habitat are also on land where oil or coal can be found.

Sen. Connell said the requirement will chill energy development. "It's going to cost them more, and it's going to make it less convenient," Connell said.

Bud Clinch, executive director of the Montana Coal Council, said coal development is already limited. "We can only mine where coal is," Clinch said.

Clinch said a crucial part of the plan allows for compensatory mitigation, which may let companies develop on the land if they can pay for restoration of another area of habitat.

Dave Galt, executive director of the Montana Petroleum Association, said that although the state plan may limit some energy activity in Montana, it is better than having the bird listed and ceding control to the federal government. He said a listing may shut down the industry.

"The energy industry in the western United States is really at stake," Galt said.

Hamlett said that is what the plan is made for: keeping energy and agriculture alive, keeping the bird alive and keeping Montana in control.

"We know, because we live here, the lay of the land and what works," Hamlett said.

His Senate desk is in the back corner on the left side, right in front of a painting of stampeding buffalo and two wolves. In the lower left corner of the painting, hiding behind a plant, is a sage grouse.

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Dying is a personal, private matter

Dear Editor,

Whoa, Montana. Our individual right to make a deeply personal, private decision will be lost if House Bill 328 becomes law. Aplytly dubbed "The Physician Imprisonment Act of 2015," HB 328 paves the way for doctors to be charged with homicide and stripped of their license, should they write a lethal prescription for terminally ill, mentally competent, adult patients who specifically request this end-of-life healthcare option.

I witnessed the painful passing of my beloved partner in 2009. Richard died of Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Despite the best hospice care and palliative care available, he experienced great pain and discomfort in his final weeks. Most acute were his terrifying episodes of feeling like he was suffocating as his ability to breathe steadily dwindled.

Richard died just months before the Montana Supreme Court ruled that nothing in Montana law prohibits physician aid in dying. Richard did not

have this end-of-life choice, but we now do. Having the choice gives me peace of mind. But HB 328 would take this individual freedom away from us. Please join me in urging politicians to stay out of the bedrooms of terminally ill Montanans.

Without delay, contact our local legislators for Madison County – Senator Debby Barrett and Representative Ray Shaw – and tell them to vote no on HB 328. Use this web link to send them each a written message: <http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/Sessions/64th/>

legwebmessage.asp. Or, you can leave a phone message for them both at 444-4800.

For folks who want the safeguards of having an agreed-upon protocol for implementing physician aid-in-dying, Senate Bill 202 is common-sense legislation that offers such guidelines. When you contact Sen. Barrett and Rep. Shaw to register your opposition to HB 328, you can voice your support for SB 202.

Doris Fischer
Sheridan

Bike riders are not rule breakers but can be threatening

Dear Editor,

This is in response to motorist demands for cyclists to stay off of highways. They make the assumptions that cyclist's are breaking the law by riding on highways. Bike riders are not rule breakers but they do break convention and that can

be threatening to non cyclists.

A recent report commissioned by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety noted that "human beings are territorial. The car is an extension of this territory." It is not a stretch to assume some drivers feel threatened by a cyclist encroaching on their dominion and that

the demand for more space by cyclists can incite a more violent backlash from drivers. Recent discussions on cyclists riding in traffic have netted borderline inhumane responses such as "you get what you deserve" and "you are asking for it."

This is why we need larger highway shoulders and even

bike lanes. Bike lanes provide more than safety, they are an important step into a bicycle friendly future and it is time for us all to embrace them.

Steve Dunn
Ennis

President Obama's moral compass is adrift

Over the past few months, Al Qaeda in France executed 17 journalists, Jews and police. Islamic Terrorists beheaded two Japanese, murdered a Muslim Jordanian pilot by burning him to death, murdered 13 young boys for watching soccer on TV., raped, mutilated and sold into slavery girls as young as 10, buried children alive, murdered women not wearing veils and, of course, continued their efforts to exterminate Christians and Shiite Muslims. But President Obama still has no effective strategy to eradicate ISIS' reign of terror.

I shudder thinking of the death, pain and horror the Islamic

Terrorists are spreading throughout the world. ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Taliban, Houthi, Boko Haram and other Islamic terrorist groups do their acts in the name of Allah and Islam with the support of scores of Muslim clerics. Leaders in Europe and the Middle East have called these groups radical Islamic terrorists. But President Obama refuses to do so. His administration has stated the term radical Islamic terrorists is not an accurate descriptor for the terrorists and to do so would offend moderate Muslims. Everyone with a lick of common sense knows that radical Islamic terrorists justify their acts through

their religion, Islam. The vast majority of Muslims understand the difference between those Muslims that seek peace and those that seek the destruction of America, Israel and moderate Islamic nations. President Obama's childish refusal to recognize the religious basis of the Islamic terrorist movement impairs our nation's ability to end the terror.

The ultimate insult to Christians and Americans occurred only two days after the immolation of the Jordanian pilot when President Obama at a prayer meeting, in another attempt to diminish the horrors of the Islamic terrorists, compared them with

Christians during the Crusades, the Inquisition and the period of slavery in America. There is simply no moral equivalency. Today there remain a large number of Muslims that use terror to compel the acceptance of their religious beliefs while Christians do not. I reject President Obama's incessant apologies for radical Islam, his reckless statements that embolden Islamic terrorists, his definition of morality and pray that he alters his path before it is too late for America.

Jay Bingham
McAllister

Thank you for help during a difficult time

It is challenging to find the words to express the depth of our gratitude for the family, friends and community members that showed up, stood up, baked, hugged, listened, drove, sent cards, organized, donated, spoke, loved and supported our family during Sherry's diagnosis, treatment and

celebration of life. We are blessed to have such amazing people in our community and lives. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for all you do!

Frank and family

OBITUARIES

Virginia Olive Fulford

September 29, 1926 - February 9, 2015



Virginia Olive Fulford, 88, a long time resident of Boulder, went to her Heavenly Father on Feb. 9, 2015. She passed away peacefully in her home after a struggle with cancer.

Virginia was born at home on the Bock/Morse Ranch on Sept. 29, 1926, in Laurin to Oliver and Jessie Bock Morse. She spent

the first half of her life living in the Ruby Valley near Sheridan and the second half of her life in Boulder. Virginia and her siblings went to elementary school at the Robber's Roost School and then attended Sheridan High School. She moved to Boulder in 1967 where she obtained her nursing degree and worked at the Boulder River School and Hospital until retiring in 1991.

When WWII broke out Virginia went to California to help with the war effort and met and married her husband, Mack E. Fulford, who was a soldier in the U.S. Marine Corps. After he was discharged they made their home in Montana at the Bock/Morse Ranch. He preceded her in death on Feb. 15, 1974.

She was the last of her siblings and is preceded in death by sisters Nancy McDonald and Myrtle Reichle; and brothers Daniel Morse, Revilo (Joe) Morse, Calvin (Cully) Morse and Donald Morse.

Virginia is survived by her four children: Patsy Norris, Connie Carter, Larry Fulford and his wife Susan and Debbie Walker and her husband Gerald. She is also survived by grandchildren Lisa Norris Jimenez (Leo), Randy Norris (Alison), Jamie Norris, Tonya Norris Hauck (Travis), Wesley Carter, Teri Jo Carter, Misty Fulford, Justin Fulford (Kira), Joshua Fulford (Briar), Amanda Walker Stevens (Jake Dolezal) and many cherished great and

great-great grandchildren.

She is to be buried in her family plot in Sheridan. There will be a graveside service at Sheridan Cemetery on Feb. 15, 2015 at 1 p.m. per her wishes.

Virginia will be remembered by her children for her love and selfless generosity to her family and her L.D.S. Church. She filled up her days with her excellent cooking, sewing, gardening and a good game of pinochle. She was one of the hardest working women any of her children ever knew and she instilled strong work ethic by example. There was not a day that went by that she did not miss her Pomeranian fur friends (Tiki, Lady and Muffy). She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Myrna Marlyne Morrison Rice

August 26, 1944 - January 25, 2015



On Jan. 25, 2015, Myrna Marlyne Morrison Rice lost her battle with pancreatic cancer while in the loving care of the Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas, Nev. Myrna was born in Vancouver, B.C., on Aug. 26, 1944. She was a wonderful mother, mentor, teacher and friend. Never giving up on her dream of becoming a teacher, Myrna graduated with honors from

Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore., in 1968 with a bachelor of science degree in education. Teaching the old school way was her passion and she enjoyed every day of her teaching career until cancer forced her to retire last year at the age of 70. She lived by the words, "first you have to care," and "treat others as you wish to be treated." Myrna was preceded in death by her

parents David and Audrey Morrison and her brother Wayne Morrison. Survivors include daughter Suzanne Rice Cross; son-in-law Anthony Cross; granddaughter Chiara Cross; grandson Trevor Cross; and long time friends and caregivers, Debbie Edwards and Charlotte Lee. At her request, no services will be held. Private placement of ashes will take place at a later date.



February at the Manor

Submitted by Melody Clark
 During the first week of February, residents at the Madison Valley Manor had a Super Bowl party with dinner while the game blared on the big screen. Later, Ike Reed was kind enough to bring in a wolf he mounted for residents to see. Residents also enjoyed their monthly sing-a-long and bingo as usual. Next week a spa day will be enjoyed by the ladies of the MVM.

UMW names Dean's List

Submitted by Alyse Backus
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The University of Montana Western in Dillon named 13 students to the 2014 fall semester dean's list.

Jamie Cottom from Alder; Kaylee Clemmons, Chiara Cross and Taylor McNally from Ennis; Patrick Clark and Kelsey Stoker from Sheridan; Katie Banks, Leah Cox, Michelle Head, Mackay Hirst, Elizabeth Nutzman and Destiny Schafer

from Twin Bridges; and Victoria Smithson from Virginia City received Dean's Lists honors.

To achieve this honor, students must be enrolled full-time or for 12 semester credits and carry a minimum 3.33 grade point average.

McAllister local named to Pensacola Christian College President's List

Submitted by Raul Luciani

Nicolas Raul Luciani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raul Luciani of McAllister was named to the President's List by Dr. Toy Shoemaker, president of Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2014 fall semester. This was a result of earning an A average.

N. Luciani was born and raised in the Madison Valley in McAllister and was home schooled through his elementary, junior high and high school years. N. Luciani graduated the summer of 2014. He is currently pursuing a nursing degree with hopes to further his career in the medical field after graduation.



Ennis Middle School honor roll

Submitted by Brian Hilton
 ENNIS SCHOOLS

Eighth-grade
 Katherine Ball
 Ravyn Boyd
 Arthur Calo
 Charles Coffman
 Logan Crowley
 Beau Dyer
 Madison Goettle
 Caroline Goodman
 Jourdain Klein
 Shelby Knecht
 Emmett Lingle
 Kyle Lohrenz
 Whitney McKitrick
 Keith Noack
 Hannah Rouse
 Amanda Russell
 Kymberlie Saunders
 Maksymilian Trapp

Alyssa West
 Bryce Williams
 Wrenzi Wrzesinski

Seventh-grade
 Madelyn Barnsness
 Paige Dickinson
 Talon Fortner
 Wyatt Fredson
 Kaleb Fugal
 Kurt Funston
 Edgar Garcia
 Anna Goodman
 Michael Green
 Daniel Johnson
 Maida Knapton
 Zayne Sanborn
 Gavin Terrell
 Lauren Yerbich

Sixth-grade

Fredrick Adamkiewicz
 James Cody Bohrman
 Rebekah Cook
 Elina Dilschneider
 Ryan Frank
 Carynn Fredrickson
 Brooklynn Huff
 Jarrett Jenkins
 Katelin Klaumann
 Samantha Lake
 Olivia Lohrenz
 Grace Marum
 Avery Oliver
 Tyler Rolfe
 Elijah Rosenlund
 Tyler Sciuchetti
 Cordell Severeid
 Jenna Lee Snider
 Chance Story
 McKenzie Taylor-Casey
 Benjamin Trapp

Ennis second quarter honor roll

Submitted by Sally Lee
 ENNIS SCHOOLS

Ackerman, Christina Ann
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 Coder, Levi
 Cornett, Brady Rhodes
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 Croy, Brigit Lynn
 Croy, Tracer Lee
 Dickinson, August Trapper
 Diebert, Madisen Breana
 Diebert, Savannah Lynn
 Elliott, Kyler Joseph
 Fortner, Payton Marlene
 Fortner, Troy Harland
 France, Jahnna Mikela
 France, Madison Jean
 France, Taylor Tracy
 Fredrickson, Haakon James
 Frey, Kelsie Marie Irene
 Fugal, Alysa A
 Funston, Christopher Gregory
 Garcia, Ana C
 Garcia, Carina
 Gilmore, Charles Burton
 Gilmore, William Kelley
 Glines, Bryson William
 Green, James Dalton
 Jenkins, Josie Kate
 Kimmey, Alyssa Rae
 Kimmey, Amanda Mae
 Kimmey, Grace Marie
 Kimmey, Samantha Paige
 Klatt, Caitlin Jo
 Leo, Wylie John
 Lindemulder, Alexis Rea
 Lohrenz, Jacob Haydon
 Marum, Caelin Dae
 McKitrick, Gavin Keyser
 McKitrick, Walker Layne
 McNally, Delaney Lynn

Moen, MaKenzie Lynn
 Morgan, Brand Jackson
 Morgan, Ty
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 Saunders, Krysta Emilee Sue
 Schaufler, Emily Eva
 Sciuchetti, Baylee Brooke

Shields, Cheyenne A
 Shields, McKenzie D
 Sitz, Lane Robert
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BOYS

**Sheridan Panthers 56,
West Yellowstone 68**

Foul trouble and free throws put a wrinkle in Sheridan's plan to gain their first conference win over West Yellowstone last weekend.

Nick and Cam Haag each fouled out of the contest and Sam Wood hacked four times before game's end. The problem was that the Wolverines had 34 looks at the bas-

ket from behind the charity stripe. West Yellowstone only made 13 of them.

Just a shade above 30 percent from the free-throw line is enough to make any coach pull out his hair, but the Wolverines did make 13 free throws.

The Panthers lost by 12. Sheridan managed 50 percent from the free-throw line, but in the end, they fell short.

The loss came despite Colter Kenworthy's steadily improving outside game. He capitalized on eight three-pointers to lead all scorers with 28 points. Wood, who also chipped in a few long balls, closed out his night with 19. Sheridan 10 16 15 15 --- 56
West 16 16 17 19 --- 68

**Harrison Wildcats 60,
Lima 62**

Not even Jed Fike's whopping 33 points could give the Wildcats the lift they needed to get past the Lima Bears last weekend.

Fike put together a career night, hitting three three-pointers and making good on four of four free-throws. However, the balanced attack of Lima allowed the Bears to squeak by with a two point win.

Lima led by only two points at the conclusion of the first quarter, and Harrison cut that lead in half by the break. At the outset of the third quarter, Lima would go on a run.

Fike drained 11 points in the third quarter and Parker Galt chipped in four, but Lima netted 20. Though the lead was not much, it proved to be the difference in the end.

Harrison put down 20 points of their own in the final stanza and nearly hung on for a win, but the third quarter hole was too much to overcome. Chas Buus added 12 and Zane VonBergen chipped in seven points in the loss. Harrison 10 15 15 20 --- 60
Lima 12 14 20 16 --- 62

**Ennis Mustangs 58,
Jefferson 62**

The Mustangs had their chance to count coup on a class B foe last Thursday but came up short in the fourth quarter due to excellent free throw shooting on the part of the Panthers.

Ennis raced to a 20-14 lead in the first period with the McKittrick brothers combining for 15 points. Gavin McKittrick completed four of four from the free-

throw line and Walker McKittrick made himself available for four field goals.

The Panthers only netted eight field goals from inside the big arc, but they cashed in on 12 three-pointers.

Though Ennis was able to find the basket throughout the second and third quarters, their score increased largely by ones and twos, while the Panthers buried threes.

Ennis trailed by one point going into the fourth quarter and though W. McKittrick and Jake Knack combined for 16 points, the Panthers cashed in on 7-10 from the charity stripe and earned the win.

W. McKittrick earned a game high 20 points, while Knack added 16 and G. McKittrick put down 12. Ennis 20 11 11 16 --- 58
Boulder 14 14 15 19 --- 62

**Ennis Mustangs 59,
Shields Valley 61**

Ennis led by as much as 10 points and owned a four point advantage going into the fourth quarter, but Shields Valley came from behind and suck away with an upset win last weekend.

In the first period, Gavin McKittrick lit up the scoreboard with three three-pointers that spurred a 20 point quarter and a ten point lead. Shields Valley battled right back and cut that lead in half in quarter two.

Ennis retired from the quarter with a 29-24 lead as they headed to the locker room.

Then Walker McKittrick took control of his Mustangs.

He put down 10 of his game-high 23 points in the third quarter, but by this time, Shields Valley sounded the Rebel Yell and began to close the gap with Ennis.

Then the Mustangs' wheels fell off. Shields Valley drained nine of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter and cashed in on a few buckets to score 18 points. Though W. McKittrick managed seven points, the damage was too great for Ennis to overcome.

As the clock wound down, Shields Valley snuck in and rallied for the two point conference win. Ennis 20 9 18 12 --- 59
Shields 10 14 19 18 --- 61

**Twin Bridges Falcons 74,
West Yellowstone 13**

A balanced Falcon attack allowed ten players to score in the lopsided victory over West Yellowstone last week.

Twin Bridges had little difficulty sprinting to a 19-2 lead in the first period. They extended that margin with a 24 point second quarter and retired to the locker room up 43-4.

The Falcons promptly activated the mercy rule and the clock drained away. Twin Bridges held their opponents to five or fewer points in every quarter.

Cooper Christensen led all scorers with 17 points. Nolan Konen chipped in 14, while Woody Puckett and James Benden each added 10. Twin 19 24 21 10 --- 74
West 2 2 4 5 --- 13

**Twin Bridges Falcons 52,
Manhattan Christian 68**

Contrary to their outing against the Wolverines, Twin Bridges had their hands full against Manhattan Christian. Though they lost, the Falcons put up huge numbers against the top-ranked Eagles.

It all came down to the first quarter. The Eagles screamed out to a 15-4 first quarter lead that would be a large enough hole that the Falcons could not quite recover from it. However, they certainly gave it a try.

The Falcons charged back in the second quarter posting 19 points. They would trail 23-35 at the half.

Manhattan Christian showed why they are ranked number two in the state as they gradually began to widen the gap between the scrappy Falcons.

Nolan Konen had 21 points to lead Twin Bridges, including an impressive 5-6 from the free-throw line. Tracen Eggers added 15 points and shot 50 percent from behind the three-point line.

In the end, the Falcons would come up short, losing a key conference battle against undefeated Manhattan Christian. Twin 4 19 13 16 --- 52
MCHS 15 20 16 17 --- 68

GIRLS

**Harrison Lady Wildcats 54,
Lima 24**

Britt Cooper netted 17 points to lead her Wildcats past the Lady Bears last weekend.

Harrison's tenacious defense held Lima to a pair of free throws in the first quarter before surging for 21 second quarter points and a huge halftime lead.

Cooper drained five of her six free throws on the game and compiled nine third quarter points to put the contest out of reach for good. Taya DeFrance added six field goals to and Addie Nesbit piled up 12 points as well.

The Lady Bears threatened in the third quarter but they were unable to keep pace with the 'Cats who have fully hit their stride one week away from district tournament week. Harrison 10 21 19 54 --- 54
Lima 2 5 11 6 --- 24

**Sheridan Lady Panthers 18,
West Yellowstone 55**

Struggles continue for the Lady Panthers as they fell to West Yellowstone in a conference blowout last weekend.

Alexis Woirhaye attempted to ignite the Panther machine in the first quarter by draining a pair of three-pointers, but not even her team-high 12 points could hold back the Wolverine onslaught.

April Degel, the only other Panther scorer, managed to knock down a three herself in the second quarter, but West Yellowstone was too much for the Lady Panthers to handle. Sheridan 6 5 2 5 --- 18
West 13 19 19 4 --- 55

**Ennis Lady Mustangs 29,
Jefferson 37**

Ennis trailed by only one point going into the final period when the class B Panthers got hot and ran away with the win.

The Lady Mustangs shot 64 percent from the free-throw line throughout the game that helped them to stay competitive through three quarters. Ennis trailed by only two points in the first quarter before the Panthers charged ahead to take a 20-13 lead to the locker room.

The teams switched rolls in the third quarter as the Lady 'Stangs fought back to within one point by quarter's end.

Danika Philpott was the only Lady Mustang to score in each of the four quarters. She finished with a game-high 11 points. However, she was allowed only one point in the fourth quarter where the Lady Panthers shot 15 free-throws.

Taylor Sitz grabbed five of her eight points in the fourth quarter, but Ennis was forced to foul in the final minutes and were unable to get their offense rolling. Jefferson pulled away as the clock ran down and crushed the Ennis revolt. Ennis 9 4 10 6 --- 29
Jefferson (Boulder) 11 9 4 13 --- 37

**Twin Bridges Lady Falcons
58, West Yellowstone 32**

Cassidy Wetzel knocked down 18 points to lead the Lady Falcons past West Yellowstone last weekend.

In a team effort where nine Falcons scored, Wetzel hit pay dirt on seven of nine shots from the field. She also made good on four of six from the free-throw line.

The Falcons led by only two points after the first quarter, but they erupted for a 24-5 second. At the break, Twin Bridges led 35-14.

They would add to that margin in the third period, where they allowed the Wolverines only two points. Up 30 points in the final quarter, the Falcons cruised to another conference win. Jessica George contributed eight points while Julia Cox and Paige Phillips each added seven. Twin 11 24 12 11 --- 58
West 9 5 2 16 --- 32

**Twin Bridges Lady Falcons 53,
Manhattan Christian 41**

Twin Bridges followed a sputtering third quarter with a dominating fourth to take home a conference win against the Eagles last weekend.

Though the Lady Falcons rarely allow more than 10 points per quarter, that very thing occurred against the Lady Eagles. Twin Bridges started out strong, securing a 10 point lead in the first quarter. However, Manhattan Christian would not lie down. Twin led 28-18 at the break.

The roles were reversed in the third quarter as the Falcons only managed seven points and Manhattan Christian cut their deficit in half. That momentum, however, would be crushed by the Falcons' strong fourth quarter.

Led by Cassidy Wetzel and her 14 points, the Falcons went to work. They doubled their lead and sprinted to a win with an 18 point final period.

Julia Cox contributed eight points and Paige Phillips chipped in seven in the win. Twin 18 10 7 18 --- 53
MCHS 8 10 12 11 --- 41

Ennis Lady Mustangs 43, Shields Valley 61

Ennis came on strong in the first quarter on the strength of some solid outside shooting by Delaney McNally and Taylre Sitz, however, they could not recover from Shield Valley's dominating second quarter.

McNally and Sitz each cashed in three-pointers in the opening quarter as the Lady Mustangs held a five point advantage at the end of the period. The Rebels roared back in the second quarter, putting up 22 points.

They would go to the locker rooms with a lead over Ennis 31-23.

Ennis held on tight for the third period and kept pace with the Rebels. Philpott put down another three and Danyel Martin added five points to give the Mustangs the third-quarter boost they needed.

The fourth quarter, however, belonged to Shields Valley. The Rebels held Ennis to seven points while dropping in 17 of their own.

The eight point lead they had the start of the quarter quickly became 18 and the Rebels put down the Mustangs.

Sitz and Martin led the Lady 'Stangs with 11 points each, while McNally dropped in eight in the loss. Ennis 14 9 13 7 --- 43
SV 9 22 13 17 --- 61



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Sam Wood stops an advance by Chas Buus at Harrison Saturday night.



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Panthers versus Wildcats

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Fike's 32 points save Harrison's homecoming

Harrison – the purple-packed gym in Harrison provided the perfect backdrop for Harrison's homecoming game against Sheridan last Saturday.

Wait a second. It may feel like September out there, but Homecoming in February?

According to Harrison Superintendent and athletic director Fred Hofman, because Harrison co-ops with neighboring Whitehall during the fall, the Harrison students do not get to experience homecoming in their own school.

Homecoming is a staple experience for high school students and is deeply rooted in Americana. It was missing in Harrison, so they made their own.

Unfortunately, with homecoming week comes two important aspects: distracted hometown players and the sheer desire to "wreck" your opponents' homecoming game.

Hofman said the students enjoyed a multitude of games and activities all week in preparation for their homecoming basketball game.

That provided the distraction.

The Sheridan Panthers are hungrier than ever and searching for their first win of the season.

That provided the wreckage.

In the opening quarter, Jed Fike did what he does best: slash the key and lay up a pretty-looking finger roll. He and his 'Cats posted 17 points in the first quarter. Fike netted 11 of them.

The Panthers were contacting more iron than net in the first part of the quarter. Harrison allowed very few second chances. However, with 1:13 remaining, Sam Wood hit a three-pointer to bring Sheridan to within six. A minute later he hit another one.

At quarter's end, Sheridan trailed by seven, but a palpable feeling careened through the gym. Sheridan had every intention of being the homecoming wreckers.

And along came Colter Kenworthy.

With less than a minute off the clock, he iced his first three-pointer. Thirty seconds later, Wood drew a charge on Fike and Kenworthy buried his second three-pointer. Sheridan was down by only one point with six minutes remaining in the quarter.

Sensing disaster, resident handyman, Chas Buus, springs into action for the Wildcats. In less than a minute, he ripped three rebounds, picked two pockets and jacked a three-pointer, single-handedly stemming the Panther charge.

With 5:15 to go in the quarter, Nick Haag scored two of his four points for the game, but those points were crucial because it gave Sheridan their first lead of the night. A steal on the next transition led to four missed Panther attempts to extend their lead.

Fike stepped up and showed why he is one of the most dangerous players in the conference by taking a rebound coast to coast for the layup and the lead just as the clock rolled past the four minute mark. Wood hit a three on the next possession.

Zane VonBergen rained a three of his own to extend the Wildcat lead to six points with under three minutes remaining, but Kenworthy buried back-to-back three-balls to knot it up again.

Fike would have the final say of the half on a nifty drive that put the Wildcats back on top. They would go to the locker room with their comfy first quarter lead reduced to two points.

Determined to upend Sheridan's hope at wrecking his homecoming, Fike went to work in the third. He would score the first seven points for the Wildcats while manning up on sharp-shooting Kenwor-



Nancy Nesbit/The Madisonian
Sheridan Panthers' Abigail Sullivan, Destiny Fabel and Alexis Woirhaye collapse on Wildcat Alexis Bacon for the fake away.

thy. Kenworthy, however, got some help from his friends.

Five different Panthers scored in the third period, the only period when that occurred. Harrison's tough man pressure struggled to account for all of the Panthers who seemed to be collectively hitting a variety of shots.

The hard work in the paint paid off for Harrison. Though they did not shoot particularly well in the quarter, they typically earned multiple attempts at a basket.

With less than a minute remaining, Kenworthy cashed in on a three to end Harrison's 4-0 run and bring his Panthers to within five. It would be as close as they would come to wrecking the homecoming.

Harrison's transition play began to take its toll on the Panthers. By the six-minute mark, Sheridan had fallen behind by nine points. The Panthers put together a little run and clawed back to within five points, but the Wildcats found their stride in the final two minutes and sprinted to the finish.

Their homecoming would not be wrecked.

Fike led all scorers with 32 points. He was augmented by John Ervin's 10. Kenworthy netted six three-pointers and 22 points, while Wood brought home three shots from behind the big arc and 16 points in the loss.

Harrison 17 12 15 17 --- 61
Sheridan 10 11 12 7 --- 46

Harrison stays perfect in classy win against Sheridan

The Lady 'Cats coasted to a huge victory last weekend over injury-laden Sheridan.

The injury bug is the bane of every coach's existence. Once it grabs hold of a team, it has a tendency to stick around. The Lady Panthers currently suffer from a severe affliction.

Sheridan took the floor with only five players. As four of them conducted their pregame warm up, point guard Alexis Woirhaye had to visit with the referee and obtain clearance to play with a cast on her left hand. A pair of Lady Panthers sported braces or kinesio tape over knees, shoulders and elbows. The remainder of the once-full roster sat in street clothes on the bench.

To make matters worse, even Wendy Fabel, the Sheridan skipper, crutched her way over to the visitor's bench.

The 'Cats, on the other hand, were firing on all cylinders.

The fundamentally solid team raced through their warm-ups with the confidence befitting a team ranked among the best in the state.

It was clear, however, that they fully intended to honor their beleaguered opponent with their best possible effort.

With most of their first quarter points coming from transition play, the Wildcats sprinted to a 25-0 first quarter. All but two of the first 12 points were from fast break layups. The Lady 'Cats were playing their brand of basketball. Tough defense with an even tougher attack.

Midway through the opening stanza, Harrison coach Lisa Cooper called off the dogs and gave her substitute roster a go.

Then, in a display of absolute sportsmanship, Cooper went the extra mile.

With three minutes remaining in the quarter, coach Fabel needed to coach up one of her Panthers. With no substitute available, Sheridan was left with only four athletes on the court. Cooper pulled one of her Wildcat's aside and had her stand at the home bench, a non-participant.

She needed to keep five players on the floor, but Cooper did not wish the game to be five on four. For about two minutes, the fans got to experience a four-on-four game.

There is only one word for this: Class.

Six Lady 'Cats scored in the first quarter of Harrison's homecoming game, and Taya DeFrance chipped in six of her game-high 12 points. But everyone got lots of playing time.

The Lady Panthers were able to get a few good looks at the basket throughout the quarter, but they were unable to connect.

Woirhaye broke the seal off of the Sheridan basket two minutes into the second period by hitting the second half of two free-throws. She and April Degel, fresh off of the injury reserve list, put together seven points to rally the Panthers.

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Though the outcome of the game was never really in question, based on the first quarter scores, the second stanza exhibited some solid, team basketball.

The determined Lady Panthers fought for every shot, steal and rebound they could get against the Wildcat depth. Sheridan held their opponents to single digits in that quarter.

After the break, it was time to let the horses run.

Harrison's top guns ran amok, netting 22 points in the first four minutes of the third. Britt Cooper scooped up eight points; all but two were off of transition layups.

Degel managed to drive the lane a handful of times and

though she was unable to come up with a field goal, she did stroke three of four free-throws in the third quarter en route to her team high nine points.

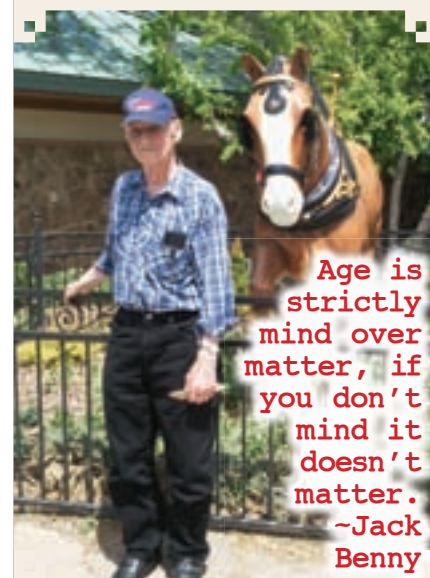
The referees activated the "mercy rule" in the third quarter, meaning that if the scoring gap reaches 40 points, the clock will continue to run with the exception of a called timeout.

With the clock running, the final quarter breezed by and the classy 'Cats snagged another win. Harrison remains undefeated with only one week of regulation play remaining.

The Panthers remain winless in conference play.

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Zane VonBergen nails a three point attempt to take a 25-21 lead in the first half with Sheridan.

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COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA

Members of the Sheridan chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America will join more than 200,000 members in celebrating National FCCLA Week from Feb. 8 - 14, 2015. This year's theme is "Together we are ...". During National FCCLA Week, members plan and carry out activities to address teen and societal concerns and show how family and consumer sciences education can help them achieve the ulti-

mate leadership experience.

The Sheridan FCCLA chapter has participated in many activities this year. There are a total of 20 members involved in the program from seventh through 12th-grade. One of the activities that the chapter did together was the harvest dinner. The harvest dinner was for senior citizens who live in the valley. We provided them with a dinner for the night and entertainment. We also participated in a Veterans' Day tea to honor the veterans who live in our community. We read a poem, played a song and recognized those in attendance. One

of the last big group activities was caroling for cans. Members went door-to-door singing a carol and asking for cans for the local food bank. We collected 152 items to help the less fortunate in our community.

Chapter members have also participated in a state and national program to benefit Share Our Strength, "No Kid Hungry." Through this project we have educated students with hunger fact posters, cooking activities and a school wide assembly where we collectively crunched into an apple. An activity book and a cookbook were also created

for pre-school and elementary students. A fundraiser was also held to raise money to benefit the program.

During FCCLA week, members will be recognized with locker signs, a competition between classes will be held to raise money for No Kid Hungry, seventh through 12th-grade students will receive a mid-morning snack one day, a window display will be placed in several local businesses and the community will be made aware of our organization through a news article, radio spots and public presentations.

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Chamber of Commerce and Chris Gentry: goodies for coaches' bags.
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Jean Johnson & the Presbyterian Church Congregation: facility use.

If we inadvertently omitted someone, please let us know.
We will add your name next week

Thanks again—
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& Jamie Lovett

Harrison second quarter honor roll

Submitted by Harrison Schools

HIGH SCHOOL

A honor roll

Chas Buus
Lane Buus*
Doug Christensen
Casey Collins
Britt Cooper*
Derik DeFrance*
Taya DeFrance*
Josie Hokanson
Alecia Panagakis
Megan Skillman
Zane VonBergen

B honor roll

Alexys Bacon
John Ervin
Jed Fike
Hailey Hokanson
Makenna Livezey
Jarrod Nye
Brett Petersen
Jon Strong

JUNIOR HIGH

A honor roll

Edwin Elpel
Vern Homner
Stephanie Strong
Cora Taylor*
B honor roll
Violet Anderson
Angela Cain
Jack Chater
Kayley Christensen
Layne Homner

*denotes 4.0

Second quarter
perfect attendance

Chas Buus
Taya DeFrance
Alecia Panagakis

Ask the Expert

Local businesses have the information you need to make a variety of decisions. Best of all, they are here and available to meet your needs. In our "Ask the Experts" section, we went to these local experts for information on topics important to you.

Ask the Expert forum appears the second Thursday of each month. If you have questions for these area professionals e-mail us at editor@madisoniannews.com.

FRESH, LOCAL FOOD

Q: I live in Sheridan and I can't believe how dead this town is. If a person doesn't want to hang out at the bar, there is nothing to do. How do you people live here? I'm not sure how long I will last.

A: Social opportunities can be limited, but life in a small town is survivable. Here are a couple of tips. Watch for programs at the library – interesting and often free. The schools offer continuing ed classes – meet people and learn something at the same time. If you like excitement, you could be a volunteer fireman. For live music and nightlife, I recommend the Open Mic's at the Shovel and Spoon. On the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7 p.m., the mic is open to anyone who would like to play music, read poetry or tell jokes. Come share your talent or enjoy what others offer. The music is free, tea and goodies are available.



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Ask the Expert

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo courtesy of Joseph Bagwell.
A family of moose gathering by the Madison River.



CELEBRATING HISTORY

Submitted by Janet Allestead

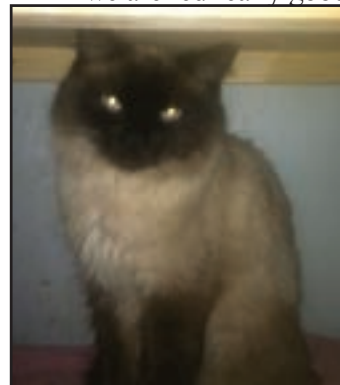
From left: Karen Shores, Janet Allestead, John Ellingsen and Nancy Allen.

On Feb. 2, four Virginia City community members traveled to Helena to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Montana Historical Society.

4 P A W S RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK

VIOLET

Hi, I'm a little on the shy side until I get to know you, but then I'm a real lover girl. My friends and I are survivors of a house fire. The folks left and didn't take us with them, so we were trying to fend for ourselves. Some nice neighbors caught us and brought us to the rescue, where we are fed really good and they love and take care of us.



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Friday



Partly cloudy. Highs 45 to 55. Lows 25 to 35.

Saturday



Partly cloudy. Highs 45 to 55. Lows 25 to 35.

Sunday



Partly cloudy. Highs 45 to 55. Lows 25 to 35.

Monday



Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs 30 to 40.

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"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK SHERIDAN



Amanda Grow is an exceptional student who is always on task and who strives to go beyond what is asked of her. Her teachers report she is a great addition to the class and that she always is very respectful to her classmates and teachers. In addition to performing well in the classroom Amanda also plays basketball. Mrs. Puckett reports she is a delight on and off of the floor and her positive attitude and coachability make her a great role model for younger students. Congratulations for being selected as the Jr. High student of the month.

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End of an era



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 Jack Kristovich, 74, and Darlene Kristovich, 68, bought and restored the Ennis Café in 1979. They owned the café for 35 years.
 Darlene and Jack Kristovich retired from the restaurant business after 35 years owning and operating the Ennis Café.

From left: Jack Kristovich and his brother, Frankie, followed in their grandfather's footsteps – their grandfather fly-fished the Madison River since 1917.
 The Kristovich couple is celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this May.

Kristovich family closes doors on Ennis Café after 35 years

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The Ennis Café has been a landmark in the Madison Valley for the past 95 years. Jack and Darlene Kristovich were happy to be a part of it for 35 of them.

The couple met in Butte in the fall of 1964 and were married in May of 1965.

"She came in looking for a cowboy," said Jack. "Yeah, and I got you," added Darlene.

They owned and operated a small janitorial business in Butte where they cleaned offices, supermarkets and restaurants. After 14 years in the business, they decided to take on something new.

"We've always loved Ennis," Darlene said.

Jack grew up fishing the Madison River with his brother, and after Jack and Darlene were married, they would travel over to Ennis to camp, fish and eat strawberry pie at the Ennis Café.

They researched available businesses within their budget, moved to Ennis in 1979 and bought the café.

"We didn't know anything about owning a restaurant, all we knew about them was how to clean them," Darlene said.

Last fall saw the end of the Ennis Café and the Kristovich family's history in the restaurant business. Another café now occupies the same building on Main Street under different ownership.

The couple put everything they had into purchasing the café, working day and night to get it ready.

"It was a challenge and a learning experience, to say the least," Jack said.

They had to learn how to cook on the grill, hire and train staff and, most importantly, learn how to deal and interact with people.

Jack, a self-titled loner, said the café taught him to appreciate people.

"I tend to stay to myself, but I learned to enjoy being around people and visiting with people."

Jack, an avid fly-fisherman, still prefers a quiet day on the river, but now enjoys the company of others a little more than before.

Darlene could be

described as a people person and a caretaker.

"She always goes out of her way to help others," said Tammy Wham, one of Jack and Darlene's four children.

Darlene grew up wanting to be a nurse and her way of dealing with customers was to pretend they were her patients.

"If a customer was a little cranky, I knew they were not feeling well and I needed to make them feel better," she explained.

The café and its inhabitants quickly became a fifth child to Jack and Darlene. They had their early morning coffee drinkers who would come talk about cars and try to solve the world's problems. They had their regulars who always ordered the same thing, and Jack and Darlene made sure to have it ready upon arrival. Customers were always made to feel welcome because they truly were welcome.

"They are kind, genuine people with big hearts," Tammy said about her parents.

Anyone who encountered the Kristovich's

and the Ennis Café certainly knew that.

"It's awesome to know you've been part of something," Darlene said.

After 35 years of cooking, cleaning, people pleasing, learning and experiencing, Jack and Darlene are, yet again, ready for something new.

With no more customers to worry about, they can finally do what they want to do, according to Darlene. She enjoys four wheeling and getting out to see "her" mountain, Black Butte, and Jack can spend more time tying flies and getting back into the scripture. They both look forward to

spending more time with family, going to football games, exploring Montana and, of course, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this May.

"Life moves on and things change," Jack said. "It feels like you've been part of history and that's pretty unique."



Courtesy of Tammy Wham
 Jack and Darlene Kristovich enjoy an Ennis football game with their grandsons, Derek Wham (65) and Dustin Wham (55)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

A healthy bedtime routine is important for kids

From StatePoint

Establishing a consistent bedtime routine is a prelude to a great night's sleep, which is critical for young bodies and brains.

Here are some great ways to create healthy bedtime habits for you and your family.

Screen-free down time

Our electronic devices are an integral part of our lives. Even young children may spend a portion of time each day using tablets, mobile phones and e-readers. However, the light emitted from these devices can hinder sleep, so make sure

you incorporate some screen-free down time before bed.

Great substitutes for these electronics are good old-fashioned books, storytelling time, board games and puzzles.

Brush up

February is Children's Dental Health Month, an excellent opportunity for both kids and parents to learn more about preventive dental care and the importance of a healthy oral care routine. It's also a good time to give back and help other children in the community who may not have access to dental care.

Set a schedule

Sticking to a set bedtime

for kids may be difficult at first for both you and your children. But once everyone adjusts to the schedule, the benefits will be made clear.

A consistent bedtime policy will be easier to enforce, and kids' internal clocks will likely adjust to the schedule over time. To determine an appropriate bedtime for your school-age kids, factor in the Mayo Clinic recommendation of nine to 11 hours of sleep per night.

For better sleep and healthy smiles, create bedtime routines for you and your family that are easy to follow.



Brighten winter meals with vibrant seasonal ingredients

From StatePoint

Following a healthy eating plan doesn't mean eating the same dish every day. In fact, as the seasons change, so should your meals and their ingredients, as each season offers a unique variety of fresh produce.

A fresh boost of nutrients is especially important during winter, when nearly half of Americans admit they feel less healthy and energetic and fewer than 30 percent are consuming the daily recommended amount of fruit, according to recent research by Toluna on behalf of the Florida Department of Citrus.

Salads provide a fun, delicious opportunity to experiment with produce at its peak. With this focus on seasonality and

flavor, cookbook author Emily Richards is offering a delicious salad recipe to serve alongside your favorite protein or fish for a balanced meal.

"Including Florida grapefruit in this dish adds a welcome touch of natural sweetness," says Richards. "Using in-season produce helps make this dish as fresh as it is flavorful."

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Yield: 8 (1-cup) servings

Ingredients

- 1 small jicama, peeled
- 3 cups shredded Napa cabbage
- 2 Florida ruby red grapefruit, peeled and segmented
- 1 carrot, shredded
- 1 cup diced English cucumber
- 3 tbsp. ruby red

grapefruit juice

- 2 tbsp. each soy sauce and rice vinegar
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp. liquid honey
- 2 tsp sriracha chili sauce

Directions

• Thinly slice jicama and stack slices. Cut into 2-inch matchstick size strips and place in a large bowl. Add cabbage, grapefruit segments, carrot and cucumber.

• In a small bowl, whisk together grapefruit juice, soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, honey and chili sauce. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Let stand 10 minutes before serving for flavors to develop.

When shopping for this recipe, consider opting for grapefruit, which has

a unique taste due to its growing conditions. Due to their proximity to the Anastasia Formation, a geologic formation composed of sand and coquina limestone, the root systems of Florida citrus trees are able to tap into essential minerals and nutrients in the soil.

This unique fertile soil combined with a lush climate provides ideal growing conditions for grapefruit to thrive, but can also result in wind scars and blemishes on the outer peel. Be careful not to judge a book by its cover at the market.

This winter, make your dishes as fresh as they are flavorful. Use in-season produce to tantalize your taste buds and get a burst of nutrients that support good health.



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By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Got the cheap gas The pros and cons of lower fuel prices



Art Kehler

Not long ago, I stopped at a gas station to fuel up. As luck would have it, that very morning, the price per gallon of regular-grade gasoline had fallen below \$2. When I first noticed the monumental adjustment, I was flabbergasted. However, it didn't take me long to recover. Without forethought, I quickly found myself mimicking the victory dance of the guy who wins the cold cuts on a current T.V. commercial. At the same time, like the cold cut winner, I repeatedly chanted, "Got the cheap gas – Got the cheap gas – Wool!"

When, at last, I nervously looked around, it was apparent that the other patrons shared my bliss. Rather than being frowned upon or derided, I was greeted with unrestrained smiles and shouts of encouragement. The communal exuberance was such that complete strangers exchanged congratulatory back thumps. One fellow was so beside himself that he just stood in place and jumped up and down.

Although I'm sure it took the same amount of time as usual to fill my tank, not having to watch bankruptcy-generating numbers add up made it seem a lot faster. When finished, to my immense satisfaction, I had enough money left over to buy a cup of coffee to go. Thanks to bent fracking I was no longer cents lacking!

On the road again, it occurred to me that, because gas prices had gone down, the price of other petroleum-based products must inevitably follow. Hence, my future monthly credit card statements would be even less traumatizing. With dollar signs dancing in my head, I put the pedal to the metal and hurried home to Internet research those bank-account-enlarging oil byproducts. To say the list was lengthy would be an understatement.

Initially, I was surprised to discover that neither coffee nor chewing tobacco is a petroleum-based product.

Nevertheless, many of the goods I did find listed were of the category one would expect to see. I refer to such seemingly appropriate items as automobile tires, asphalt shingles, antifreeze, fertilizer, bearing grease and shoe polish. Additionally, I was pleased to find that the list of oil-derivative products included those cherished all-American favorites: footballs, basketballs and golf balls.

On the other hand, I was troubled by the number of seemingly inappropriate items included in the list. In particular, I refer to those petroleum-based goods meant to be smeared on human skin, like soap and deodorant. Even more unsavory were such cherished feminine grooming staples as perfume and (believe it or not) lipstick.

Most shocking was the number of fuel-derivative products I discovered that were intended for use inside the human body. In particular, I refer to such merchandise as toothbrushes, toothpaste, dentures, denture adhesive, food preservatives, aspirin and even artificial heart valves.

Not to be oversensitive, but I found the thought of brushing my pearly whites with a paste derived from a licorice-hued, gooey fossil fuel to be quite disturbing. Even more alarming was the possibility that my heart might someday be dependent on an artificial valve partially comprised of a slimy substance that had been sucked from the earth's bowels.

Obviously, the advantages of lower fuel prices turned out to be a mixed bag. However, the big bucks I stood to save eventually overcame any qualms I had about using petroleum-based products. Or, to put it more succinctly: "Got the cheap gas—Got the cheap gas—Wool!"

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NATURAL Resource News

By Jane Mangold
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND EXTENSION INVASIVE PLANT SPECIALIST

Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus catharticus*)

While visiting my family in Iowa over the holidays, I had my first encounter with common buckthorn (*Rhamnus catharticus*) while I was helping my brother remove some from his fence lines and around a pond. It was not very much fun! I also have had a couple inquiries about this plant over the last 12 months. So, it seemed a weed post featuring common buckthorn was in order.

History: Common buckthorn was introduced to North America in the 1800s as an ornamental and for use in hedgerows and shelter belts. It is native to Europe and northwestern Asia. The scientific name is derived from the Greek *rhamnos*, meaning

a branch, and *cathartica*, meaning cathartic or purgative. The berry-like fruits of common buckthorn act as a laxative. Birds commonly eat the fruits and serve as effective dispersers given the fruits' laxative qualities. The fruit would have the same impact on people, accompanied by nausea, vomiting and colic. Glossy buckthorn (*R. frangula*) is also invasive and shares a similar history with common buckthorn; this post will focus on common buckthorn because it has been reported in Montana over the years while glossy buckthorn has not.

Identification: Common buckthorn is large shrub to small tree that grows 10-25 inches tall. The bark is

brown or gray; inner bark is a distinctive orange to yellow color (you can expose inner bark by scraping stems and twigs with a knife, key, or even fingernail). Often the tips of twigs have short, sharp, spike-like thorns. Common buckthorn leaves are glossy, dark green and mostly opposite. They have three to six pairs of veins curving toward the tip from the mid-vein; leaf margins are finely toothed. Leaves stay green late into fall, beyond the growing season of most native woody plants. Male and female flowers occur on separate plants (dioecious). Non-showy flowers form in clusters and are yellowish-green with four petals. Berry-like fruits turn from green to black in fall.

Impacts: Common buckthorn forms dense stands in the understory of deciduous forests. Dense stands form an impenetrable understory layer which can shade out other woody and herbaceous plants and reduce wildlife habitat.

Habitat: Common buckthorn mostly occurs in the understory of deciduous forests, both in upland and riparian areas. It is often found in disturbed areas such as thickets, hedgerows, pastures, abandoned fields and roadsides. Common buckthorn

is problematic mostly in the northeastern and northcentral regions of the United States.

Spread: The primary means of spread is by birds that eat the fruits and excrete the seeds, often long distances from the mother plant. Fruits cause a severe laxative effect in animals, thereby allowing for distribution of seeds in their excrement.

Management: In Montana common buckthorn is not a noxious weed, and the invasive potential of this plant is unknown. Since 1921 it has been reported in 27 Montana counties. In states where common buckthorn is noxious, management is typically achieved using a combination of mechanical and chemical control. Seedlings (stems one half to one and one half inches diameter) can be removed by hand-pulling or digging, or a foliar herbicide application (glyphosate, triclopyr, triclopyr + 2,4-D) can be used for dense patches. Bigger plants (up to six inches diameter stems) can be treated using a basal bark herbicide application in the fall. Large plants (greater than six inch diameter stems) should be treated using a cut-stump and herbicide treatment in fall or winter (common buckthorn is a re-sprouter).



BUSINESS BRIEFS

Abigail Dennis

THE MADISONIAN, a.dennis@madisoniannews.com

Valentine's cocktails and music

Willie's Distillery in Ennis is the place to be the evening before Valentine's Day. On Friday, Feb. 13, the distillery has live music and discounted cocktails! Do not miss out.

Prime rib, lobster tail and more

Valentine's Day dinner at the Alley Bistro in Ennis is not to be missed. The menu includes prime rib and lobster tail specials, just to name a few. Make a reservation and call someone special.

Dance the night away

After you and your special someone are stuffed with a delicious Valentine's dinner, head to the Silver Dollar Saloon in Ennis for live music and dancing. Cool McCool and the Spies will be rocking the house from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

A taste of Italy in the Ruby Valley

Spending Valentine's Day in the Ruby Valley? Head to the Ruby Hotel in Sheridan for a special dinner featuring Italian dishes like lasagna and tiramisu. The meal supports Jackson's Garden.

Learn more about Montana's history

The Madison Valley Public Library will host the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program, "Jeannette Rankin: America's Conscience" with Mary Jane Bradbury on Feb. 17, 2015. Rankin, a native Montanan, was the first woman elected to the United States Congress. Bradbury will bring Rankin to life to tell about her journey from grassroots suffragist to being the first woman to participate in United States government. Call 682-7244 for more information.

Dinner for two at the Longbranch

Take advantage of a special dinner for two at the Longbranch Saloon in Ennis and enjoy a 22 oz. ribeye and seafood bowl on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's shopping in Ennis

Have a sweetie in mind you want to treat to a special Valentine's gift? Not sure what to get? Head to Benjie's in Ennis and peruse a wide array of options from sterling silver jewelry to silver stag knives.

Chatauqua season in Virginia City

Head to the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City on Feb. 21 for a winter Chatauqua – a sharing of entertainment and intellectual knowledge. There are 10 spots open for reserved performers and two swing spots for impromptu performances. Call 843-5454 for more information.

Valentine's shopping made easy

Need to grab a last minute gift for that special someone? Head to Kindred Spirits in Sheridan to do a little shopping – you get a free goodie with every purchase from Feb. 12 – 14.

New food options in Ennis

It is the same old Gravel Bar, but with an updated menu. The restaurant received a kitchen remodel and a new menu to match it. Head to downtown Ennis for some good grub.

Dillon Junior Fiddlers host 31st annual contest

Head to the Old Depot Theater this weekend for the Dillon Junior Fiddlers annual contest. The weekend kicks off Friday night with an informal fiddle jam at the Beaverhead Brewery at 6 p.m. Then the contest gets underway Saturday morning – and bring a date for a special Valentine's Day dinner that evening too!

Time to start thinking about Madison Valley Arts Festival

Though the Ennis Arts Association's 2th annual Madison Valley Arts Festival is months away on Aug. 8, artists working in all mediums are invited to submit entries for the show. For more information, call 682-7272 ... the deadline for applications is April 10.

Madison Valley Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Meal Served Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, Ennis - February 25

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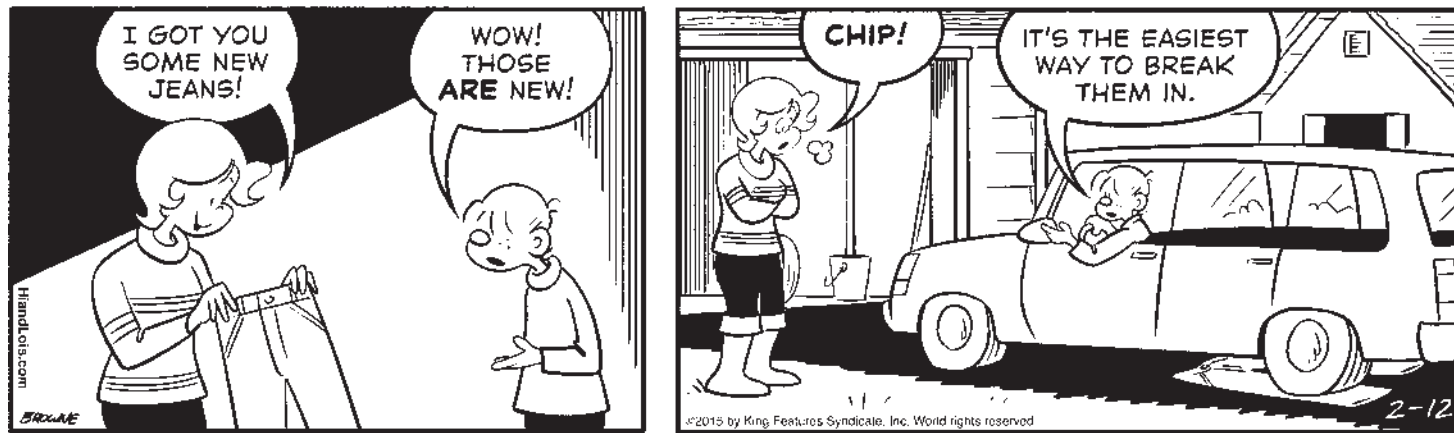


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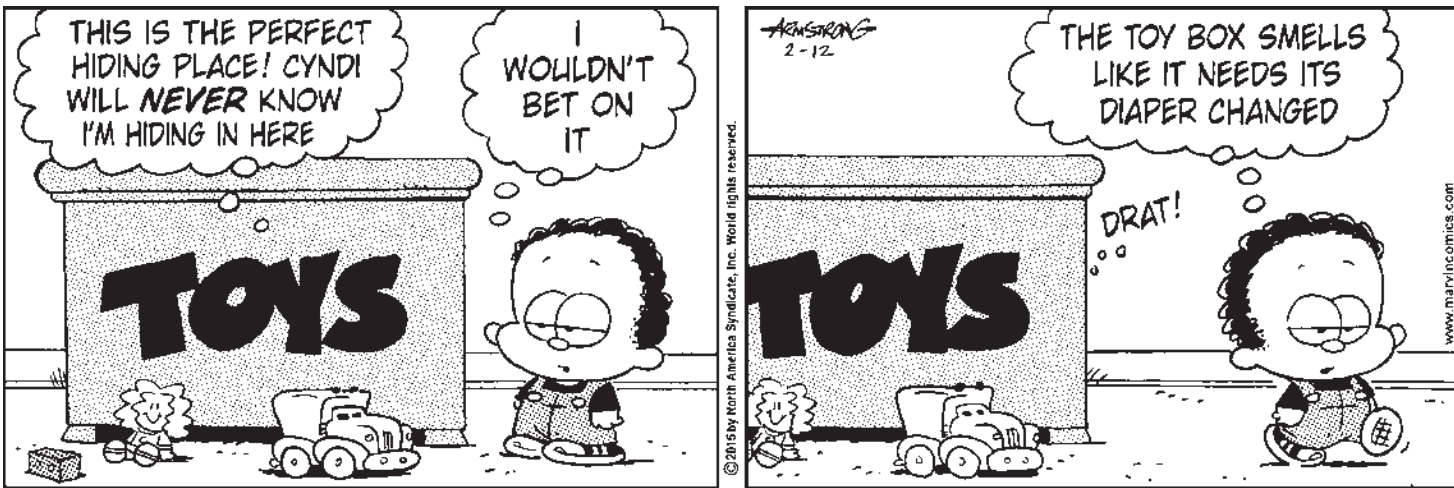
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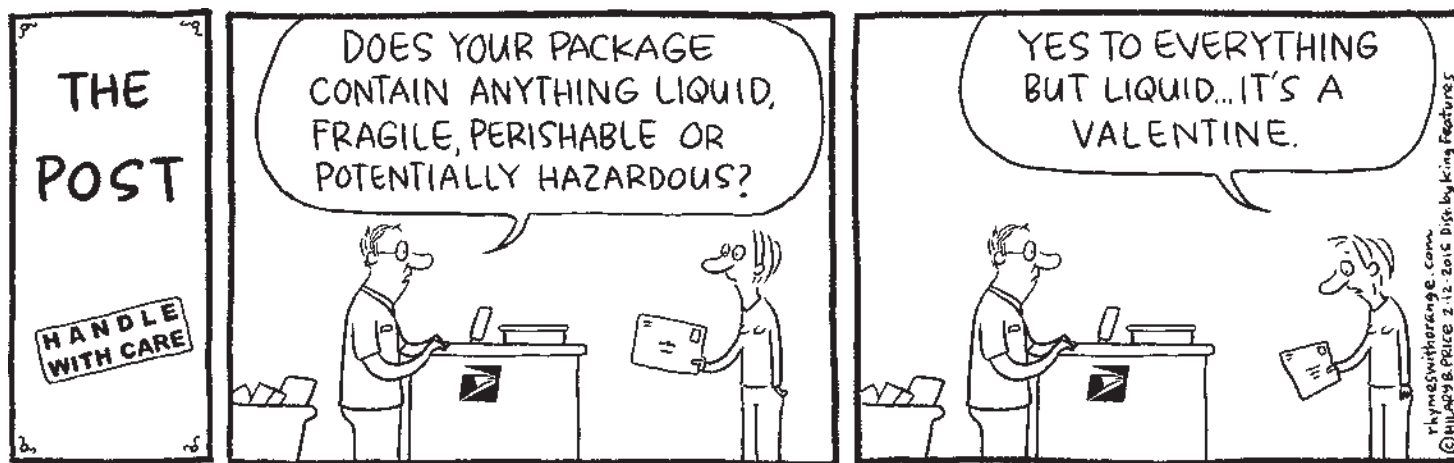
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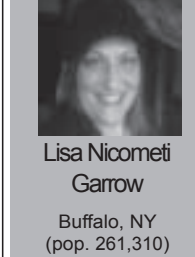
Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
 By Janet Tharpe

Easy, Impressive Creamy Champagne Dill Pork Chops

"This recipe is a keeper!"



Looking for an easy weeknight go-to meal? Well, Lisa Nicometi Garrow's Creamy Champagne Dill Pork Chops may be your lucky recipe. The creamy dill melds so wonderfully with the succulent chops! Place on a bed of noodles and you have a dinner the family will love.



Lisa Nicometi Garrow
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See step-by-step photos of Lisa's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/dillporkchops
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Creamy Champagne Dill Pork Chops

What You Need

- 4 pork chops
- 1 medium sliced onion
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tbsp dried dill
- 1/2 cup champagne or white wine
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions

- Mix sour cream, dill, salt and pepper. Set aside.
- Brown onions and pork chops. Remove pork chops.
- Deglaze pan with champagne making sure to lift all bits from bottom of pan.
- When combined add sour cream mixture. Whisk.
- Add pork chops back to pan and stir.
- Simmer on low heat covered for 20 - 25 minutes.
- Serve over noodles or mashed potatoes.
- Top with fresh dill.

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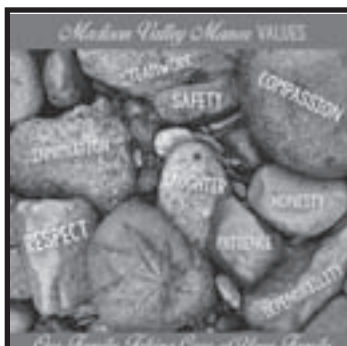
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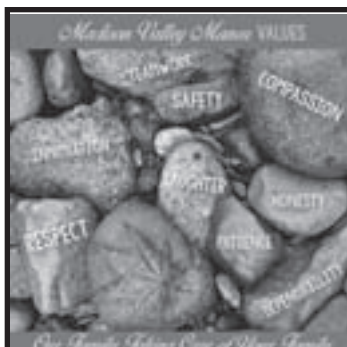
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Trustee Positions

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WANTED:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Madison County is accepting Request for Proposal for a new Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Unified Communications System. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is being used to obtain proposals for replacement of the current telephony system in use at Madison County's Offices located in the County Courthouse, Broadway Annex and Thompson-Hickman Library. The County is seeking to replace the current Nortel PBX phone system with a VoIP (or IP PBX) system. The VoIP system will be able of providing phone service to the Courthouse, new Annex building and Library as well as capable of providing future expansion of service to the counties outlying offices. Parties interested in submitting a proposal may obtain more detailed information from the County's IT Department by calling (406) 843.4254, or the Counties website at www.madison.mt.gov located under Public Notices. (Pub. Jan. 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 2015) mci MNAXLP

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on April 3, 2015, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:

Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Passamari Heights Subdivision, Phase 1, Located in the S1/2 SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 5 West, P.M.M., according to Plat Book 4, Page 252, records of Madison County, Montana

Deanna M Noon, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to American Land Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on June 01, 2007 and recorded on June 04, 2007 as Document No. 120284. The beneficial interest is currently held by Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana.

The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$770.43, beginning April 1, 2014, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of October 31, 2014 is \$115,910.46 principal, interest at the rate of 6.00% now totaling \$4,628.48, escrow advances of \$819.38, suspense balance of \$-651.25 and other fees and expenses advanced of \$2,395.21, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$19.05 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

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

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

Dated: November 20, 2014

Dalia Martinez
Assistant Secretary,
First American Title Company of Montana, Inc.
Successor Trustee
Title Financial Specialty Services

PO Box 339
Blackfoot ID 83221
STATE OF Idaho
) ss.
County of Bingham
On this 20th day of November, 2014, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

Lisa J Tornabene
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission expires: 11/6/2018
(Pub. Jan. 29, Feb 5, 12 2015) mk MNAXLP

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on March 20, 2015, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:

That portion of Lot 9, Block 1 of the Yeo Addition to the Town of Sheridan, according to the official plat of the survey thereof now on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 9 at a point on the Westerly side of Washington Street in the said Town; thence running in a Northwesterly direction over and along the Easterly side of Lot 9 a distance of 80 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 9; thence in a Southwesterly direction over and along the North line of said Lot 9 a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence in a Southeasterly direction parallel to the East line of the said Lot 9 a distance of 80 feet to the point of intersection with the South line of said Lot 9; thence in a Northeasterly direction over and along the South line of said Lot 9 a distance of 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Deed Reference: Book 231, page 845

Donald L Edmisten, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to American Land Title Company of Montana, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on August 17, 2009 and recorded on August 17, 2009 as Document No. 132597. The beneficial interest is currently held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana.

The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$672.11, beginning June 1, 2014, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of September 26, 2014 is \$111,487.21 principal, interest at the rate of 5.375% totaling \$2407.92, late charges in the amount of \$80.64, escrow advances of \$391.90, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$51.01, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$16.65 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

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

clamation at least every 30 days.

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

Dated: November 12, 2014

Lisa J Tornabene
Assistant Secretary,
First American Title Company, LLC
Successor Trustee
Title Financial Specialty Services
PO Box 339
Blackfoot ID 83221
STATE OF Idaho
) ss.
County of Bingham
On this 12 day of November, 2014, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Lisa J Tornabene, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

Dalia Martinez
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission expires: 2/18/2020
(Pub. Jan. 29, Feb 5, 12 2015) mk MNAXLP

INVITATION TO BID

Madison County will be accepting sealed bids for a proposal to install an emergency standby generator at Sheridan Elementary School in Sheridan, MT. Bids will be received by the Madison County Department of Emergency Services, 7 Placer Loop, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755-0278, (406) 843-4253 until 4:00 pm MST on Friday the 27th of February, and will be publicly opened on Monday the 2nd of March @ 10 a.m. in the commissioners conference room, Virginia City.

A complete copy of Request for Proposal/specifications will be available on line: www.madison.mt.gov, or contact Christopher W. Mumme, Director of Emergency Management. WK: 406-843-4253 email: dirms@drivers.net (Pub. Feb. 5, 12, 2015) mcems MNAXLP

NOTICE

Imerys Talc America, Inc. (Imerys) has requested the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to issue a full bond release for the Antler Chlorite Mine (the Mine). Chlorite ore was extracted from the Mine under Operating Permit No. 00109. The Mine is located in Township 2 South, Range 6 West, Section 14, near Twin Bridges in Madison County. DEQ currently holds a reclamation bond in the amount of \$39,054.56.

DEQ inspected the Mine on January 15, 2015 and believes the site has been reclaimed according to the approved reclamation plan. Areas have been regraded, reseeded, and appropriate weed control has been performed. The only remaining road has been reclaimed to a two-track trail. Therefore, DEQ is proposing to release the full amount of the bond. Pursuant to Section 82-4-338(5), MCA, DEQ may not release or decrease a reclamation bond until the public has been provided an opportunity for a hearing and a hearing has been held if requested. A request for a hearing on the proposed bond release must be submitted by February 27, 2015, to the postal or e-mail address set forth below.

Comments on the proposed bond release or requests for additional information should be sent to: Herb Rolles, DEQ-Environmental Management Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by contacting Herb Rolles at (406) 444-3841 or hrolles@mt.gov. (Pub. Feb. 5, 12, 2015) mdeq MNAXLP

NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETING IN BIG SKY

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct their regular Commission Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Big Sky Water and Sewer Conference Room, 575 Little Coyote Road, Big Sky, Montana. If you have agenda items for this meeting or questions regarding the meeting, please contact the Madison County Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277 or by email at madco@madison.mt.gov. The full agenda for this and other Commission meetings will be posted on the County website at www.madison.mt.gov on the Thursday before the meeting. As with all Commission meetings, the public is welcome to attend. (Pub. Feb. 5, 12, 2015) mcc MNAXLP

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

HUGH A. LESLIE and MILDRED ARLENE LESLIE, Plaintiffs, vs. JOHN PORTER NELSON II, and/or his Heirs and Devisees, and ESTELLE FAYE NELSON STOCKMAN, and/or her Heirs and Devisees, and all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint to Quiet Title, adverse to the Plaintiffs' ownership or any cloud upon the Plaintiffs' title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 2 day of February, 2015

Clerk of Court
by Karen J. Miller
CLERK OF COURT
Micah Meyers
DEPUTY CLERK
Karen McMullin
Attorney for Plaintiffs
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, Montana 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 2015) km MNAXLP

ent or contingent, Defendants.
Cause No. DV-29-2014-74
Memorandum
The following persons are said to claim an interest in or lien upon said property adverse to plaintiff:
JOHN PORTER NELSON II, and/or his Heirs and Devisees of 6679 Twin Oaks, Paradise, CA 95969 and ESTELLE FAYE NELSON STOCKMAN, and/or her Heirs and Devisees, of 909 East 1st Street, Long Beach, CA 90802
Dated: January 21, 2015
Karen McMullin
Attorney for Plaintiffs
(Pub. Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 2015) km MNAXLP

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

HUGH A. LESLIE and MILDRED ARLENE LESLIE, Plaintiffs, vs. JOHN PORTER NELSON II, and/or his Heirs and Devisees, and ESTELLE FAYE NELSON STOCKMAN, and/or her Heirs and Devisees, and all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint to Quiet Title, adverse to the Plaintiffs' ownership or any cloud upon the Plaintiffs' title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent, Defendants.
Cause No. DV-29-2014-74
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
Filing date: January 30, 2015
GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF MONTANA TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiffs' attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint to Quiet Title. This action is brought for the purpose of quieting title in the Plaintiffs to land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows:


A parcel of land 6' by 50' lying south of Lot 17, Block 2 of the Original Townsite of Ennis, more particularly described as follows: Beginning as an initial point at the southwest corner of said Lot 17 in Block 2, thence six feet due south to the southwest corner of the lot hereby described; thence due west fifty feet to the southeast corner; thence due north six feet to the northeast corner of the lot hereby described; thence due west fifty feet to the point of beginning, describing a remainder tract created by Book 105, page 615 which real property is contained within: Lot Eight (8), Block Two (2) of the Ennis Addition to the Ennis Townsite of Madison County, Montana; and a parcel of land 50 feet x 144 feet South of Lot Seventeen (17), Block Two (2) of the Original Townsite of Ennis, described as follows:

Beginning at an initial point at the Southwest corner of Lot 17 in Block 2 of the Original Townsite of Ennis in said County thence six feet due south to the northwest corner and point or place of beginning of the lot or tract hereby conveyed, thence due South 144 feet to the Southwest corner of the lot or tract hereby conveyed, thence due east fifty feet to the southeast corner of the lot or tract hereby conveyed, thence due north 144 feet to a point and the northeast corner of the lot or tract hereby conveyed, thence fifty feet due west to the place of beginning. Said tract or lot being 144 feet in length, north and south, and 50 feet in width, east and west, and the north end of said tract being six feet south of the south end of Lot Seventeen, Block Two Original Townsite of Ennis, and as further shown and described on Amended Plat recorded December 2, 2014 in Book 2 of Plats, page 318, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana, as specified in said Complaint to quiet title, adverse to Plaintiffs' ownership or any cloud deriving therefrom described in the Complaint upon Plaintiffs' title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 2 day of February, 2015
Clerk of Court
by Karen J. Miller
CLERK OF COURT
Micah Meyers
DEPUTY CLERK
Karen McMullin
Attorney for Plaintiffs
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, Montana 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
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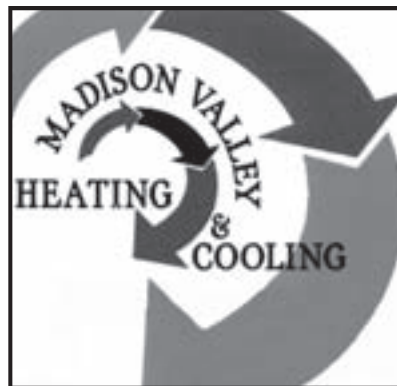
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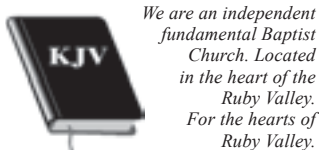
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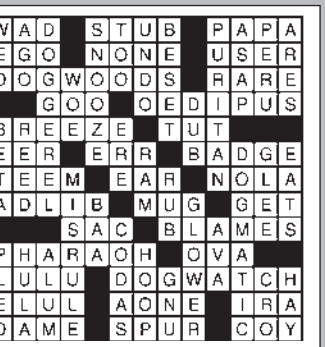
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22nd Annual Ennis Schools Science Fair

Submitted by Mellissa Newman
ENNIS SCHOOLS

The 22nd annual Ennis science fair was held on Monday, Jan. 26. There were 120 projects covering many topics such as wind erosion in the Bear Trap Canyon, effects of guided fishing on the Madison River, using mnemonics for learning, building effective wind fences, bacteria growth and make-up and more. Twenty-one fifth through eighth graders and 14 10th graders qualified for the Regional Science Fair which will be held on Feb. 23 for the fifth through eighth grades and Feb. 25 for the high school.

Close to \$2,500 in prizes were handed out at the awards presentation on Monday night along with medals and recognition of the finalists for each grade and category. These prizes were awarded by various community organizations and businesses. Thank you to the many volunteers who judged the projects and worked the scoring table, and to the numerous businesses and organizations that sponsor the special awards. Thanks to the Booster Club for providing breakfast for the judges and workers.

The following is a list of placings for each grade and division.

Fourth-grade

Biological – First place, Tanner Inman; second place, Megan Barsness; third place, Josey Blazer

Physical – First place, Will Inman; second place,

Jaylyn Jenkins; third place, Paul Christensen

Fifth-grade

Biological – First place, Jacob Johnson; second place, Shelbey Klein; third place, Jenika Finks

Physical – First place (tie), Henry Lukas and Tait Olson; second place, Alana Nelson

Sixth-grade

Biological – First place, Chance Story; second place, Elina Dilschneider; third place, Tyler Rolfe

Physical – First place, Rebekah Cook; second place, Avery Oliver; third place, Bronwyn Comer

Eighth-grade

Biological – First place, Wrenzi Wrzesinski; second place, Logan Crowley and Katherine Ball; third place, Madison Goettle and Mekayla Adamkiewicz

Physical – First place (tie), Jourdain Klein and Whitney McKitrick, Caroline Goodman; second place, Max Trapp

Tenth-grade

Biological – First place, Becca Thomas and Alysa Fugal; second place, Cameron Carroll; third place, Ana Garcia and Alyssa Kimmey

Physical – First place (tie), Ty Morgan and Grady Lohrenz, Bryson Glines and Bridger Williams

Computers and mathematics – First place, Cleet Wrzesinski

Behavioral Science – First place, Brigit Croy and BAylee Sciuchetti; second place, Amanda Kimmey and Caelin Marum

The following is a list of the special awards:

Big Sky Resort –

Andrew Beardsley

Ennis Booster Club – Brigit Croy and Baylee Sciuchetti

Ennis Art Association – Elina Dilschneider, Logan Crowley and Katherine Ball, McKenzie Taylor-Casey

Ennis Chamber of Commerce – Jacob Johnson

Ennis Recycling – Olivia Lohrenz, Cleet Wrzesinski

First Madison Valley Bank – Olivia Lohrenz, Jenna Snider

Friends of the Library – Katherine Ball and Logan Crowley

Jack Creek Preserve Foundation – Chance Story, Jourdain Klein and Whitney McKitrick, Avery Oliver

Lions Club – Tait Olson

Madison River Foundation – Jacob Johnson, Rebekah Cook

Madison Soil Conservation District – Tracer Croy and Lane Sitz, Shelbey Klein, Cassie Hilton

Madison Valley Education Association – Baylee Sciuchetti and Brigit Croy

Madison Valley Medical Center – Dalton Green and Gavin McKitrick, Robyn Moe and Kymberlie Saunders

Madison Farm To Fork – Cassie Hilton, Megan Barsness

Madison Valley Woman's Club – Rebekah Cook, Beth Ball, Mekeylah Adamkiewicz and Madison Goettle, Jaylyn Jenkins, Alana Nelson

ReMax Mountain Properties – Mrs. Klein's Kindergarten class, Ty Morgan and Grady Lohrenz

Yellowstone Mine, Imerys – Henry Lukas, Shelbey Klein, Avery Oliver



EXPLORING WIND ENERGY

Submitted by Laura Gilmore

Betty Klein's kindergarten class was the winner of one of RE/MAX Mountain Property's science awards in the category of Home Improvement, Home Building and Home Energy. The kindergarten class worked hard on a project involving wind energy. The monetary award will go into the classroom science experiment fund allowing for further learning and growth.



EAA makes donation to Madison Valley Public Library

Submitted by Sherry Gold
ENNIS ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Ennis Arts Association donated six new books and five new DVDs to the Madison Valley Public Library earlier in January. The new books include

children's books – "The Art Treasure Hunt; I Spy with My Little Eye" and "Earth, Sea, Sun and Sky," teen books – "Foundation in Comic Book Art" and titles for everyone – "Colored Pencil Painting Bible," "Clouds and

Skyscapes" and "Trails Less Traveled: Paintings of the West by Larry Zabel."

The ne DVDs are "Artful Lettering," "Frida Kahlo," "Mary Cassatt," "Georgia O'Keeffe" and "Behind the Scenes vol. one, Painting and Drawing."

Sheridan announces January students of the month

Submitted by Sheridan Schools

The following is a list of students of the month for January from Sheridan Schools. Students are chosen by faculty and staff members based on the following

criteria: citizenship, leadership and academic attitude.

Kindergarten – Aurora Miller
First-grade – Mia Schwend
Second-grade – Kaden Browne
Third-grade – Koy McDougal
Fourth-grade – Devany Davidson

Fifth-grade – Kaiden Batzler
Sixth-grade – Lane Hitchcock
Seventh-grade – Grace Larsen
Eighth-grade – Jack Gilman
Ninth-grade – A'Raeann Weber
10th-grade – Juan Pablo Du-Pond
11th-grade – Christopher Hamilton
12th-grade – April Degel



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WED FEB 11
Biscuits and gravy
Baked Chicken

THURS FEB 12
Cinnamon roll
Corn dogs

FRI FEB 13
Uncrustables
Baked potato bar

MON FEB 16
Breakfast pizza
Waffle

TUES FEB 17
French toast
Nachos

Twin Bridges
All lunch menus include salad bar, fruit, cold milk. All breakfast menus include toast, fruit, milk and juice.

WED FEB 11
Biscuits and gravy
Sloppy joes

THURS FEB 12
Choice of cereal
Tacos

FRI FEB 13
Cheese omelettes
Sub sandwich

MON FEB 16
NO SCHOOL

TUES FEB 17
Choice of cereal
Hot dogs

Harrison
Both breakfast and lunch served with 8 oz milk.

WED FEB 11
COOKS CHOICE

THURS FEB 12
Pancakes on a stick
Chicken fried steak

FRI FEB 13
Breakfast sandwich
Ham and scalloped potatoes

MON FEB 16
French toast
Hamburger

TUES FEB 17
Bagels
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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

Business After Hours, Ennis

5 p.m. BAH hosted by Madison River Foundation. Come out and meet the new executive director Liz Davis.

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis

The Madison Valley Book Club will meet Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library to discuss the book, "The End of Your Life Book Club", by Will Schwalbe. Judy Miller will lead the discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FRI-SAT-SUN FEBRUARY 13-15

Winterfest, Virginia City

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

Open mic night, Sheridan

7 p.m. at The Shovel and Spoon. Open mic for musicians, poets and story tellers- all performers welcome. PA and microphones will be available if needed. Food is available. Call 842-7999 for more information.

Valentine's Day Dinner, Sheridan

5:30 to 8 p.m. at Ruby Hotel. Reservations suggested but not required. Have a wonderful meal and support Jackson's Garden.

Senior Valentine's Day, Ennis

1 - 4 p.m. at V.F.W. Hall. Free coffee hour. Come sit, visit "old" friends, have coffee and a dessert. Chess, cribbage and card tables! 682-4360 for info.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

Sweetheart Breakfast, Whitehall

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Whitehall Senior Center Sweetheart breakfast. Grab your sweetheart and come have breakfast with us. This fundraiser is to help the seniors maintain their building here in Whitehall. We are located at 3 N. Division St.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

Pancake Dinner, Jeffers

5 - 7 p.m. The Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers is holding its annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. The men of Trinity will be cooking. Tickets are

available at the door.

Speaker, Ennis

Madison Valley Public Library Ennis, MT MVPL will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program "Jeannette Rankin: America's Conscience" with Mary Jane Bradbury, scholar and actress, from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for eighth-grade Montana History classes followed by an evening performance for the public at 7 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more info., call MVPL at 406-682-7244.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

Friends of Thompson-Hickman Madison Co. Library, Virginia City

5 p.m. Annual Meeting to elect board members and officers, progress on library addition, program planning for the year.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

MVAC meeting, Ennis

Madison Valley Aquatic Center meeting. 8:15 a.m. in the Lone Elk Mall conference room. Public welcome.

Blood Drive, Ennis

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at MVMC conference room. Check your calendar and make an appointment to fit your schedule. You never know who might need blood, could be a friend or family. Thanks for donating and do enjoy a homemade cookie or two.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21

Chautauqua, Virginia City

Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., performances at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment and culture for the community with

speakers, musicians, and more. Admission is by donation and open to the public.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

Rural social group for people with disabilities, Sheridan 2:30 p.m., Philanthropy building. Montana Independent Living Project is excited to announce the first meeting of our new rural social group

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The online service will allow citizens to purchase a burn permit using a debit/credit card or an electronic check. Citizens will also be able to activate their permit online, or by calling the county's new automated phone system at 1-866-614-0222. To activate a permit, the permit holder simply enters the start and stop times of their burn for that day, and county fire and emergency personnel are immediately notified of the burn. An interactive map will also be available to allow citizens and county personnel to view all current burn activity within the county.

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Christopher W. Mumme
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 Madison County

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Monday, unless noted, public welcome. 9:30 a.m. Annex Building

MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

TUESDAYS

Fly-tying Roundtable, Ennis Come one, come all. Tuesday nights 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Ray Plante's cabinet shop at 113 Antelope Meadows.

Grief Support Group, Ennis Everyone welcome. Meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church

THURSDAYS

Lego Club, Ennis Come to the Madison Valley Public Library to join, build and create every Tuesday after school until 5:00. No club on Dec. 23 & 30.

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH Regular monthly meeting noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church on 287 N.

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in County Commissioner's conference room in Broadway Annex.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH 1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

FRIDAYS

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m. For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School Info @ 685-3481

Story Time, Ennis Pre-K to Grade 2, 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library. 682-7244.

Live Music, Ennis Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room. 5:30 p.m.. See the weekly ad on this page for performers.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

TOPS, Ennis Weekly weigh-in, 9:00 a.m. Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Live Music - Norris 7 p.m. See the weekly ad on this page for weekly performers.