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## Court order prohibits Twin Bridges from educating former Harrison student on site

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Judge Loren Tucker signed a temporary restraining order into effect on Feb. 9, prohibiting Twin Bridges School from educating a specific student on campus.

The student in question formerly attended Harrison High School and brought two

guns to the Harrison School more than two years ago on Jan. 25, 2013, and made more threats toward the school in a Facebook message thread between Jan. 5 and 14, 2014.

The order was filed against the Twin Bridges School, according to court documents. The plaintiffs in the case are a group of concerned Twin Bridges parents.

"The reason we did this is

because the school board told us their hands were tied," said Denise Bausch, a member of the parent group. "We felt we had to take action for the safety and the health and education of our students. We did it for all our kids."

The student enrolled in Twin Bridges in fall 2014 and was educated off site, though there was discussion of having the student attend classes

on campus in the future.

The group of concerned parents applied for the temporary restraining order on Jan. 20, requesting the student be barred from attending classes at the school, citing safety of the other students. Judge Tucker signed the order into effect on Feb. 9.

"It is hereby ordered that Defendant, Twin Bridges Public School, School District No. 7,

is enjoined and restrained from requiring, permitting or otherwise encouraging (the student) to be physically present on the campus of Twin Bridges School at any time until further Order of this Court."

According to the order, the school has the right to request a future hearing to challenge the order if the school is "compelled in another forum to educate" the student on campus.

"We are very relieved that the judge did see our fears," Bausch said.

Twin Bridges Superintendent Chad Johnson said the student is no longer involved in the school district, as of Tuesday, Feb. 17.

"I'm hoping we can just move forward for everyone's sake," Johnson said. "If he were in our district, we would do the best we could to educate him."

## SHOWCASING STUDENTS



Courtesy of Paula Elser  
Sheridan first-grade students explore a stinky outhouse at the Elser Ranch.

## Commissioners attend MACo midwinter conference

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Madison County's three commissioners – Dave Schulz, Jim Hart and Ron Nye – traveled to Helena last week for the Montana Association of Counties midwinter conference.

"It was well-attended with approximately 120 commissioners there," Schulz said. "So many of the topics the legislature is dealing with have an impact on local governments so commissioners are very interested in and concerned about those things."

As MACo president this year, Schulz was intimately involved in the organization and facilitation of the conference.

"As the president, I introduced the presenters to the general sessions and for some of the break out sessions," Schulz said. "This was one of my opportunities as the MACo president to play a significant role in the operation of MACo and expand our relationships with other counties."

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- Dave Schulz, Madison County commissioner and MACo president

This session was Nye's first MACo event and he said he found it very beneficial.

"I'm still in the learning stages," Nye, who took office in January, said. "They feed you full of a lot of information. They also teach you how to reference things – so you know who to call when you have a question."

All commissioners in attendance sit through general sessions and then break off into groups to participate in presentations, attend workshops and gather more information in break out sessions.

Helpful information  
"One really interesting

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## ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION Discussion involves capital improvement plan, sign ordinance, speed signs, meeting postings

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The Ennis Town Commission focused on a variety of issues from a capital improvement plan to a sign ordinance at its regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Commissioner Brian Vincent called the meeting to order since Mayor Becky Vujovich was absent. Vincent and the other commissioners – John Bancroft, Brandi Palmerton, Larry Pine and Audra Bourk – unanimously approved a capital improvement plan for the town.

"Keep in mind, there is nothing binding in the capital improvement plan," Vincent said. "It's a document that outlines a general direction for the town. It's subject to change."

### Sign ordinance

Art Behar, who leads the town zoning committee, presented an updated draft of a sign ordinance to the commissioners.

"We discussed no roof-mounted electronic signs," Behar said, explaining some of the finer points of the ordinance. "We don't want to end up looking like a mini Las Vegas."

Behar said the ordinance also includes stipulations for electronic message center signs – if the commission approves the ordinance, electronic signs will not be allowed to stream live action, there must be between three and eight seconds delay between messages.

"For the grandfather clause, I want to visit every business in Ennis and photograph every

sign," Behar said. "Then if someone changes the design of their sign more than 50 percent, it's no longer protected by the grandfather clause."

Before the ordinance is signed into law, the commission must approve a final draft. That draft then moves to a first reading, which is a public

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- Art Behar, Ennis zoning committee.

hearing, and a second reading, which is another public hearing, before coming up for vote.

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## SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH IN ENNIS Board interviews one candidate, chooses to reopen position

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The Ennis School Board interviewed Dave Marzolf for the position of superintendent on Thursday, Feb. 12, ultimately deciding to reopen the position for other candidates.

"The board chose to reopen the position for two weeks," said current Superintendent John Overstreet. "We will extend the range of our search so it will be a national search. After two weeks, we will

evaluate the existing candidates and any new candidates for potential interviews."

Overstreet said he picked two finalists – Marzolf and another unnamed man – for interviews from the pool of people who

applied during January. Marzolf was able to interview, but Overstreet's other interviewee had already accepted another job.

Marzolf is currently the superintendent, principal and ath-

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Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
Dave Marzolf (l) answers questions from the Ennis School Board during a superintendent interview.

## SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD 1st - 3rd grade, music, ag teachers update board on classroom activities

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"Quack." "Gnat." "Shoulder."

The Sheridan School Board got a quick lesson in phonetics from second-graders Ella Sutton and Tristan Stout and their teacher, Heather Kenworthy, at the regular board meeting on Feb. 10.

Kenworthy was one of five teachers who addressed the board, reporting about the different classes they teach.

"We started to have teachers come talk to us last year," said board chair Rhonda Boyd. "It gives us a little perspective of what happens in the class – often the world focuses on the business

side of things or negative things. It's nice to showcase the positive things teachers are doing with the kids."

### First-grade activities

Paula Elser's first-grade class got a big taste of history this fall with two trips – one to Nevada City and another to the Elser Ranch in Sheridan, which was built in the 1870s.

"(Students) made monkey bread in a stove fueled by wood, learned how they (used to iron) clothes, washed clothes, made butter, ice cream and much more," Elser said. "Then we walked back toward school like they would have had to walk to school back then but the bus had to come rescue us."

The trip to the Elser

Ranch was part of the first-grade's local heritage project, which was showcased at the fall community barn dance, which is a joint event with the Sheridan and Twin Bridges schools, Elser said.

In Nevada City, the students learned how to spin wool and played old-time games.

"It was one of the best field trips we ever had," Elser said.

### "I have a dream ..." in second-grade

Kenworthy's second-graders learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. last month and wrote their own "I have a dream" speeches.

Sutton and Stout alternated reading sentences from their

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speeches to the board members.

"I have a dream to go to college."

"I have a dream that everyone would have a home."

"I have a dream I will be president."

The second-grade students also tested the board members' phonetics skills with a game they play in class that involves a spinner. Sutton and Stout alternated spinning the wheel for the trustees and administrators, who were then prompted to come up with words that began or ended with "ch," "gn," "sh," "wr," "ck" and more. Quack, gnat, shoulder, black and wrong were just a few words. Kenworthy also informed the board the entire class uses Kindle e-readers during their sustained silent reading time.

### Advanced math in third-grade

Third-grade teacher Lyra Hyndman has already tackled multiplication and division, telling time and making and reading graphs this year, not to mention three-digit numbers.

"We wrote papers titled, 'the best part of me,'" Hynd-

man said. "The students chose things like their tongue as their best part because that's where their taste buds are."

Hyndman's students also learned about persuasive writing.

"We wrote persuasive letters to (Rodney Stout) about what we want to see at the school," she said.

Stout is the elementary principal.

"One student wanted a soccer field," Hyndman concluded.

"Another wanted to decorate the halls with panther stuff to increase school spirit."

### Thespians unite

Music teacher Carla Wisler addressed the board about student interest in a thespian honor society.

"There is a rich history of drama in Sheridan," Wisler said. "I would like to revive that."

The International Thespian Society is a student honor organization, much like National Honor Society, Wisler said. Wisler said Sheridan's current students are interested in drama, but have taught themselves theater without a structured

program for the most part.

Last spring, Wisler assisted the students in putting on a play and she plans to do it again this year.

"There's \$3,500 in the drama account, I believe," Wisler said. "After we pay for the spring play, that would leave enough left over to start a charter."

Membership in an International Thespian Society charter is earned. Students receive points for being in productions, participating in community service and community involvement, Wisler said.

Like NHS, a thespian charter has an induction ceremony – to start a charter, there must be at least six students. Wisler said there is a lot of interest in the school for an opportunity like this one.

"I passed around a list today and got a lot of interest," she said. "We have students looking for this niche. They want this."

The board did not take formal action, but showed interest in establishing a Sheridan charter of the International Thespian Society.

"We do have a rich his-

tory with theater here," trustee Karen Talley said. "I would like to see it come back and would support the program."

### Applicable ag classes

Ag/shop teacher and FFA advisor Rodney Braaten addressed the board with two of his students, Charlie Smart and Janie Smart.

"We focus on three things," Braaten said. "Instruction in class and shop, supervised ag experiences, which are often outside class time, and FFA, the youth organization."

Sheridan students first get a taste of ag education in seventh or eighth-grade, with one quarter of instruction. The rest of Braaten's courses – Ag I, Ag II, Ag Construction, School Farm and Advanced Ag – are electives for high school students.

"Supervised ag experiences can be anything from working for someone to working for yourself," C. Smart said. "It's extremely real world."

J. Smart discussed the benefits of FFA.

"It helps with public speaking," she said. "You meet people from across the state. It's extremely beneficial."

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workshop was on the function of county fairs," Schulz said. "There was a five member panel of fair managers from big fairgrounds around the state and they interacted with one another and talked about how they do business in relation to the county."

Both Nye and Schulz said they got ideas for Madison County's fair during the presentation.

"I'll bring thoughts home and offer them to the fair

board," Schulz said. "Things regarding vendor agreements and liability, like how counties deal with the liability of someone using the fairgrounds for weddings or horse races or more."

Hart said he appreciated the general session that focused on personnel.

"Even though we have terrific employees and everything is fine, it seems there is always an issue somewhere all the time," Hart said. "They talked about how to handle employees in different situations from injured

employees to human resources."

Hart also vice-chairs the MACo committee on health and human services. He said the committee took half a day to discuss Governor Steve Bullock's proposals that involved Medicaid expansion and services for mental health issues.

"This could be a terrific opportunity to take care of the mentally ill," Hart said. "We talked about what a county's role may be in providing mental health services to its residents."

### Importance of MACo

"We can never know everything," Hart said. "The conference is a good refresher. A good review of what we're supposed to know, but it also brings up something new every time. It's a host of information."

Schulz said a commissioners' role demands a huge time commitment and the need to be up to date on a variety of issues.

"To be able to share notes and interact with commissioners around the state is valuable in a learning capacity," Schulz said.

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"We're still at least 90 to 120 days out before it would take effect," explained town clerk Ginger Guinn. "That's if it is approved."

The commissioners requested the issue be placed on the March agenda for further discussion.

### Posting meetings

The commissioners unanimously approved moving the official location for posting meeting agendas from the Ennis Post Office to the Madison Valley Public Library.

"When it goes to the post office, it doesn't always get posted," Guinn told the commissioners. "It's not in our hands because we give it to

them to post. We've had to cancel some important meetings because it was not posted."

Bourk moved to change the posting location to the library. The motion was seconded by Bancroft and all the commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

"I'll still take it to the post office," Guinn added.

Meeting agendas are also posted at town hall.

### Your speed is

The town currently has \$10,000 set aside to purchase two "your speed is" signs to place along the highway, Vincent said.

Bancroft said if the city pays for two signs, Ennis resident Shorty Robinson of-

fered to purchase a third, so all three highway entrances into town will have a sign.

"I care about safety," Bancroft said. "Those signs will hopefully slow people down and make it more safe."

Police chief John Moore said he hoped the town would also purchase data collecting software to install on the signs.

"If we can get data on how many cars coming into town are speeding, it will help me decide where we need more enforcement," Moore said.

Vincent recommended purchasing one sign first.

"We can get it in and figure out the technology," Vincent said. "Then we can order another one in a month and tell (Robinson) he can buy his."

The commission did not make a formal motion to purchase a sign at that time.

Bancroft also brought up reaching out to the Montana Department of Transportation about installing "25 mph ahead" signs in two places on the outskirts of town – on Montana Highway 287, heading into Ennis from Virginia City, and on U.S. Highway 287, heading into Ennis from Cameron.

"People coming into town are coming too fast," he said. "By the time it turns to 25 mph, drivers are already in town."

Vincent said the Madison County Sheriff's Office works with the MDT and Bancroft agreed to reach out to the sheriff to serve as a liaison.

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letic director in Simms – prior to that, he worked in Ronan.

When board chair John Scully asked Marzholf how he evaluates his own effectiveness, Marzholf said he judges how he is performing by the people he works with. He also said he prefers to communicate in person.

"I communicate face to face," Marzholf said. "I

learned a long time ago to be a good listener too."

Scully said the board was not comfortable hiring Marzholf.

"He didn't do a very good job," Scully explained. "We didn't feel comfortable hiring him so we thought we'd reopen it."

Overstreet was hired as superintendent out of retirement three years ago, he said.

"There is a law in the books where a retired superintendent can come out of retirement and draw retirement while also getting salary," Overstreet said. "I can only do that for three years."

If Overstreet wanted to continue as superintendent after those three years, he would have to go out of retirement or make the position part time.

This year will mark the end

of those three years so Overstreet said he believes it is time for a new superintendent.

"This is my 42nd year in education," he said.

Overstreet added he would "consider" continuing in the position in one of the acceptable capacities if the board is unable to find a qualified candidate, but he is hopeful they will find someone in the next two weeks.

## How well do YOU know Madison County?

This week's photo is of one of our favorite drives in the county.  
 Who recognizes this road? Call 682-7755 with your guess!



Gordon Patton from the West Fork identified this week's comment in just a few hours! He knew this shot was of Smith Lake, which is located near the West Fork of the Madison River.

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## TESTING THE TOWER

### The *Madisonian* sets out with a Verizon test phone to see if coverage in the Ruby Valley has improved

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Is cell phone reception for Verizon users better in Twin Bridges than it was before? The new tower went live more than two weeks ago, but we at *The Madisonian* were a little confused about what that meant.

Thanks to Verizon media contact Meagan Dorsch, we hit the road with a Verizon phone last week to test it ourselves and map our unofficial findings.

The Verizon phone in question was a LG G2, which has the latest 4G LTE technology and is set up with advanced calling capabilities. We also had an iPhone 6 and an older iPhone 5.

The following is a very informal look at what we found out about Verizon cell reception in the Ruby Valley.

#### Rolling into Sheridan

Though Dorsch said the tower is for the Twin Bridges area, we thought we would give Sheridan a try too. Our first stop, Main Street (check out #1 on the map). We found the Verizon test phone struggled to connect to another cell phone and could not make a call to a landline. Then, we moved on to Mill Creek and had more luck at the intersection of Marsh Lane (#2 on the map). Reception was clear from cell phone to cell phone and from the Verizon phone to a

landline. We were feeling optimistic.

Then, we were disheartened on Wisconsin Creek (#3 on the map). We had no luck placing calls on the south end of Wisconsin Creek, which is near town, and had choppy service as we drove the road north.

We decided to set out for Twin, and found that reception on Montana Highway 287 (#4 on the map) was bad, but improved as we drove north toward Twin Bridges.

#### Testing Twin Bridges

We made a beeline for the new cell tower, which is located outside of town near the airport (#5 on the map). The Verizon test phone worked like a dream by the cell tower and was able to call other cell phones and landlines without any issues.

We made the choice to bounce all around the town, testing the new phone from Verizon and found success placing calls to both cell phones and landlines. We checked out the school (#6 on the map), downtown (#7 on the map) and the rodeo grounds (#8 on the map) and then we decided to challenge the tower.

We struck out for the East Bench. We slowly drove Nye Road on the East Bench (#9 on the map) and found we could make calls, but they were choppy and the person on the other end of the line had difficulty hearing us. We continued to drive south along Ruby River Drive and placed a call when we were parallel with Sheridan

(#10 on the map) and found the reception was spotty at best.

Our final test was a phone call from the Verizon test phone when we were nearly to Laurin

on Ruby River Drive (#11 on the map) – this call worked well.

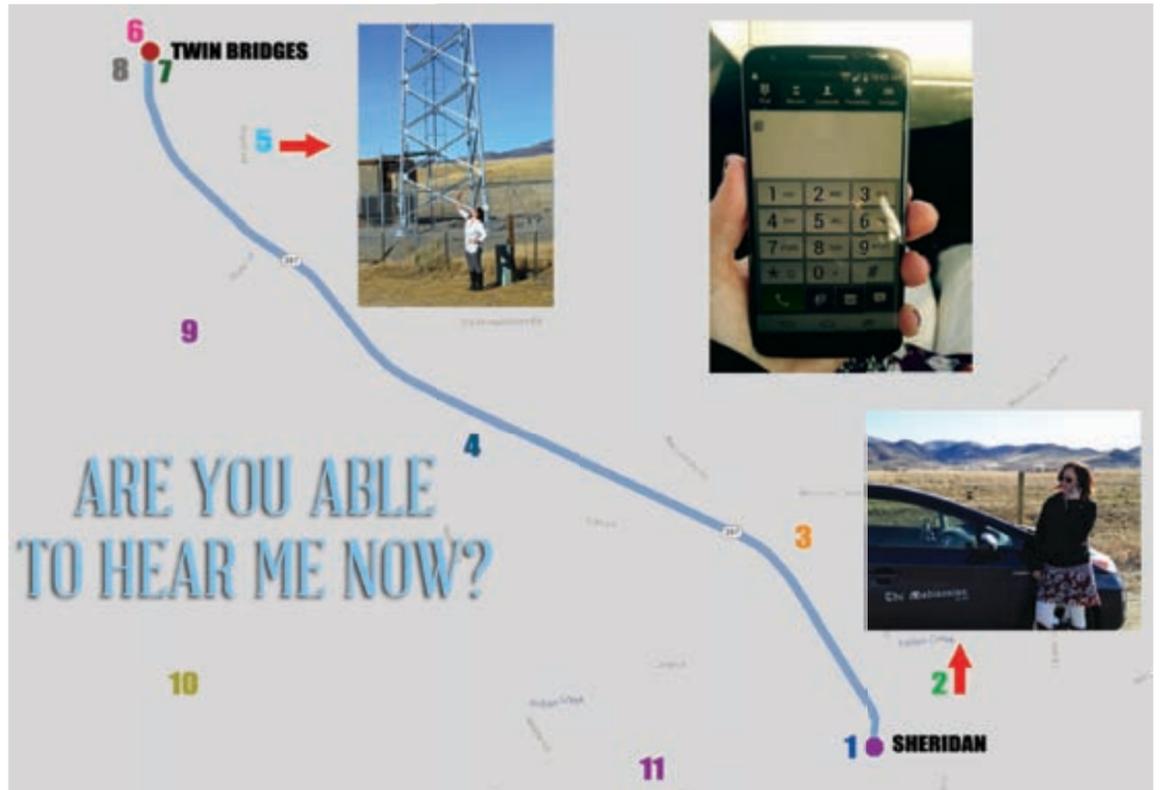
#### Verizon's future

Dorsch said Verizon is al-

ways "exploring opportunities to improve our coverage in the Ruby Valley and across Montana."

"I do not have anything concrete to share at this point in time," Dorsch

said, when asked if Verizon had tangible plans to improve service in Sheridan. "Verizon is always willing to work with our customers one-on-one to address individual concerns."



## Farm to Fork and hiring fall coaches – Ennis School Board

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At its regular board meeting Feb. 11, the Ennis School Board discussed the Madison Farm to Fork program, potential future uses of the elementary school parking lot and the hiring of fall coaches.

The Ennis School District has partnered with the Madison Farm to Fork program for the last four years, according to Madison Watershed Coordinator Sunni Heikes-Knapton, who addressed the board at the meeting.

"We had two Americorps members who helped out in the school with curriculum,

the school garden and more," Heikes-Knapton said. "The Big Sky Watershed Corps member's term is done, and the FoodCorps member's term will be done in July."

Heikes-Knapton said Farm to Fork is interested in continuing the momentum of the program in the school by creating a full time position to fill the vacancy created when the second Americorps member leaves this summer. "Everybody is really behind seeing this work continue," Heikes-Knapton said.

Farm to Fork board member Janet Dochnahl said the program is looking into funding sources for a full time position,

but wants the school's endorsement of the program before they "go asking for money."

"We're just scratching the surface of what this can offer," said elementary school principal Brian Hilton. "We can take it many more directions. It's great for the kids."

Heikes-Knapton said the program first started working with the school in 2011 – Madison Farm to Fork partnered with the Madison Conservation District to create a summer camp.

"The camp is heavily related to gardening with trips to local ranches," Heikes-Knapton said.

Board chair John Scully decided to create a formal agenda item on next

month's board agenda to continue the discussion.

#### Summer parking lot uses

According to Superintendent John Overstreet, the organizers of the Ennis farmer's market have expressed interest in using the elementary school parking lot on the north side of the building on Saturday mornings throughout the summer.

"They aren't moving because Valley Bank asked them to," Overstreet said about the market's current location. "They simply outgrew that space. Valley Bank said they cleaned up well and took care of the lot."

In December, the board drafted a lease agreement

with the Town of Ennis that will allow the town to use that same parking lot for summer parking during tourist season. Since that agreement has not yet been finalized, Scully requested the board postpone the consideration of allowing the farmer's market to use the lot until the lease with the town is ironed out.

#### Fall coaches

The board approved hiring Betty Kline as the volleyball coach and Cori Koenig as the cross-country coach for the 2015 fall season. When the board moved onto football, however, current head coach Jay Fredrickson announced he

intended to resign as coach.

"I would like to take a minute to say thank you," Fredrickson said, reading his letter of resignation. "To my players, both present and past, I hope I have set a good example."

Multiple community members in attendance thanked Fredrickson for his 16 years of coaching and Tammy Wham, the mother of two of Fredrickson's players said the community owes him a huge "thank you."

"He helped us raise our boys," Wham said.

The board accepted Fredrickson's resignation, but did not hire another football coach before adjourning the meeting.

## TWIN BRIDGES TOWN COUNCIL

### From city roads to the Verizon tower, town council addresses recent events, projects

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The Twin Bridges Town Council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, was an update of recent events and city projects. Members of the council discussed the new GIS mapping system, the Verizon tower, the up and coming senior center and ideas for improving city roads. Seven community members were in attendance.

There are still many complaints about cell reception

and service in the Ruby Valley – the biggest being the dead zone in and around Sheridan. Representatives from Verizon will be present at the next town meeting to comment on issues with the new tower, according to Mayor Tom Hyndman.

"A couple people from Verizon went through the Ruby Valley to check for dead spots and they're still making adjustments to the tower," said Hyndman.

Councilman Matt Greemore said he spoke with a representative from Verizon and the

new tower only accommodates smartphones. If you have a newer phone, you should be able to call Verizon and upgrade your service, according to Greemore.

Great West Engineering has completed a new GIS mapping project for the city, making it exponentially easier for city employees to store and update data regarding the town, said Dan McCauley. McCauley is a representative out of the Helena

Great West Engineering office and also serves as the main engineer for Madison County. GIS

stands for Geographic Information System, which is a computer system that allows you to model, create, analyze and store data in one single database. According to McCauley, the city can now store current records as well as records from years previous.

"You now have the GIS capability to add or to run your own copies," McCauley said.

The Twin Bridges Library and the town are working toward figuring out a solution on fixing the outer wall of the library. Damage was done to the back of

the library after a pole barn was damaged and removed, exposing the outer wall, according to city attorney Lori Harshbarger.

"It's all old wood and, if you look at it, yeah, something needs to be done with it," said Harshbarger.

The issue surrounding the wall is determining how to fix it and who is in control of the funds. A subcommittee of council and community members is working toward resolving the issue.

The council also heard

public comments on improving Madison Street from Main Street by widening the road and making it more accessible for a future senior center to provide trips for residents. John Bouch, representative of the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center and board member, said he would like the road to accommodate buses and have access to the east side of the new building, keeping residents off the snow and ice. Hyndman said the council has discussed ways to go about widening the road.

## CSKT Water Compact throws thousands of Montanans under the bus

By Sen. Debby Barrett  
SENATE DISTRICT 36

As a rancher with deep roots on a family place in Southwest Montana, I know something about the importance of history – and water rights. I also understand negotiation and compromise. That's why I have served on the state's Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission since 2011 and voted for some compacts. However, during my time on the reserved water rights commission, I've voted "no" to provisions within this compact on seven occasions. Here is why I will not support the proposed CSKT Compact.

The Legislature's role is to examine a proposed compact and decide whether or not to enact it into Montana law. The Legislature's responsibility and authority includes amending proposals if necessary and approving all state costs asso-

ciated with a compact such as this one. (The price tag of the state's share on the CSKT compact is \$55 million total.) But at an informational meeting held by proponents, the Legislature was warned that it cannot amend the proposal. It's a "take it or leave it" deal.

That insult to the constitutional role of the Legislature is enough for me to want to leave it. Other proposed compacts have not been thrust on us, the Legislature, with such arrogance and disrespect for Legislators. But there are other good reasons, too.

The 2013 Legislature refused to ratify the last CSKT Water Rights Compact for many good reasons concerning its legality and equal treatment of this state's citizens, both on and off the reservation. In fact, the primary proponents of the compact this time concede that the previous version was very flawed

and needed to be rejected.

Now, it has been re-introduced, but not much changed or improved. While one portion of it was somewhat re-negotiated during the interim between the 2013 and the 2015 legislative sessions, the result did not improve that portion enough to protect local individual water users, both tribal members and nonmembers and failed completely to address legal and policy shortcomings, on and off reservation, in the original proposal.

Off the Flathead reservation, these failures include more than a dozen permanent surrenders of the Legislature's authority over water in Montana, allowing the CSKT to choose whether to obey legislative enactments or not and giving them complete immunity from compliance with important aspects of Montana water and environmental law, including the

Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). It also requires the state to give partial ownership of some of its water rights and its contracts for water to the CSKT and to manage those assets for the Tribes' benefit, rather than all citizens of the state. In essence, this proposed compact requires the state to limit its legal authority off the reservation by sharing it with the CSKT – permanently.

On reservation, it gives the CSKT the water right to 110,000 acres of irrigated land owned by individuals, whose irrigation districts have filed on that same water right. It also reduces irrigation water to many if not all these irrigators, who are tribal members and nonmembers, and it establishes a unique water administration code and governing body, with the state of Montana again compromising its constitutional authority over water rights.

I recognize there are powerful supporters of Senate Bill 262, including some elected officials who managed to negotiate changes to the proposals protecting their constituents at home. Having heard the evidence as a member of the Compact Commission, I believe the off-reservation in stream flow water rights the compact gives are not scientifically based or well grounded in law or history. But I also recognize that the CSKT and their public relations people have artfully threatened much of the state with water right filings for in stream flows if the Legislature doesn't simply accept this "take it or leave it" deal.

As a rancher and a senator who values little ahead of private property rights, I think I know when to call a bluff, and when to stand my ground no matter what. This is such a time. Not all values and principles should be compromised

away. I do not believe my fellow ranchers and farmers really want to turn their backs on the thousands of Montanans whose property, including water rights, will be devastated by this proposal.

The proposed CSKT compact is the perfect example of overreaching in negotiations, causing their failure. The CSKT and federal government on their behalf demanded too much and the Compact Commission negotiators surrendered too much. As a state we tried for years to negotiate a deal good for all. In this compact alone, that has proven to be impossible. So, it's time to recognize that this compact is not going to work and we must prepare to protect the State's rights, interests and sovereignty. This compact is not just poor policy, sacrificing the rights of thousands of Montanans to protect the rest of the state is the worst policy possible.

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# A look at the truth

We also printed the editorial Bradley is referring to page 3.

Dear Editor,

Senator Debby Barrett, Senate District 36, this week editorialized her opinion, as opposed to facts, with astonishing hyperbole. A look at the truth about the CSKT Montana Water Compact must be noted. The Compact was defeated by Republicans in two 2013 House committees, disallowing a needed debate by all legislators on the House floor. Two years later a full and collaborative study again presents the legislature a compact that will resolve water rights uncertainties.

Barrett's inflammatory rhetoric confuses the issue. The compact is a negotiated agreement that settles tribal water rights for all time and in a way that not only minimizes negative impacts to existing state water users but also clears the path for future economic development. The compact completely protects all current water uses of non-irrigation rights in all water basins on and off reservation from the Tribes' exercise of their senior water rights. Read facts at [dnrc.mt.gov/rwrcc/Compacts/CSKT/Default.asp](http://dnrc.mt.gov/rwrcc/Compacts/CSKT/Default.asp). Barrett has also editorially

opined that she disagrees with the Montana Supreme Court's decision on stream access rights. She has said she, along with Speaker Austin Knudsen, opposes House Bill 5, Build Montana, the sorely needed infrastructure bill for all of our 56 counties, because it incorporates using bonds and cash. She voted for Senate Bill 143, which will allow guns on campus. She seems to be in lock step with the acknowledged tea-party legislators, Wittich and Sales, who oppose Medicaid expansion for 70,000 of Montana's neediest citizens, and with those,

Debra Lamm and Kris Hansen, who would change Montana's traditional public education system. Barrett supports Jennifer Fielder's numerous, unpopular and unconstitutional federal land management bills touting the transfer of public lands. There are many moderate Republicans in Helena with whom Barrett can work to find better advocacy for her constituents and all Montanans. Please ask her to do so.

Pat Bradley  
Twin Bridges

# OBITUARIES

## Norman Degner

June 1925 - February 12, 2015



Norman Degner, 89, of Alder passed away at his home on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, with his loving wife, Diane, at his side. Norm was born in June of 1925 at Clarkston, Wash., to E. G. "Dewey" and Ella Degner. He at-

tended central Oregon schools in Antelope and Ashwood, graduating from Madras High School. He then enlisted in the Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Miami in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Norm's brother, Virgil, was serving at the same time aboard the U.S.S. Luce. When the two ships happened to be operating in close proximity, the brothers were able to exchange greetings using ship-to-ship light communication shortly before the Luce was sunk and Virgil was lost at sea. After his discharge, Norm attended the University of Oregon, graduating with a bachelor of science in geology. While in college, he married Joyce Provanca and they were blessed with three children. The marriage later ended

in divorce. In 1964 he married Elizabeth Cox and they raised her daughter until Elizabeth's timely death. For 25 years, Norm was employed as a geologist for the Anaconda Company in Butte, as well as Darwin, Calif., and Grants, N.M., ending his career with eight additional years working for the Department of Energy in Grand Junction, Colo. Norm and Diane married in 1975 and the couple soon returned to Montana, building their home in the Spring Canyon area where they enjoyed the remainder of Norm's life. They looked forward to celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year. Norm loved life, especially hunting, fishing and horses. He was an expert storyteller and cribbage player, pass-

ing many pleasant hours keeping all around him in stitches.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ernest and Virgil; and wives Joyce and Liz. He is survived by his wife Diane; as well as his son, Norman (Fran); and daughters Sandra, Susan (Jim) and Denise (Jeff); along with 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws, each one special to him. Norm loved his God, his country, his family and his friends. He lived a long life, leaving many sorrowful souls behind, but rejoining many joyous souls beyond. At Norm's request, cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

## Cathleen Skank Cline

June 28, 1961 - February 9, 2015



Cathleen Cline, nee Skank, age 53, passed away from complications of Acute Myeloid Leukemia in Gilbert, Ariz., on Feb. 9, 2015, at the Banner Gateway Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. Possessed of a determined, loving, intelligent,

creative and caring nature, Cathy was good at finding the funny peccadilloes in life - telling "little Cathy" stories and jokes, she made fun with what life gave; "Laugh it up, fuzzballs!"

Born in Ennis to David and Jyanean Peterson Skank, Cathy grew up in McAllister where she enjoyed the wide-open skies and countryside. Raised on a ranch, she was capable and talented - herding cattle on her horse Lancer. She won awards in 4-H and was talented at sewing, drawing and watercolor. She played percussion and piano in high school. She received her associates at Rick's College before serving an 18 month mission in San Diego, Calif. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she married Christopher Cline, her surviving

husband in the SLC Utah temple. A dedicated wife, daughter and mother, she raised her four surviving "chickadees" - Zariissa, Greg, Emily and Megan - homeschooling them many years and ensuring they all played an instrument while moving to a total of 11 different houses in six states across the United States during her marriage. She stayed close with her parents and sister Stacey (surviving) and brother Jeff (surviving) in Montana. Making every house a home with her care, laughter and love, she taught her children to take care of themselves physically and spiritually. Cathy's focus in life was on being close to God and with her family. She was active in church - she was a Cub Scout den mother, primary president, relief society

counselor, and achievement days leader. She always took time to listen and care for others despite becoming increasingly ill for 14 years. She underwent two stem cell transplants, frequent blood transfusions and multiple bouts of chemotherapy. Cathy studied constantly - a voracious reader her whole life, "Oooh, interesting!" was a common phrase. With two green thumbs, every house had potted plants and a garden. Flowers, sunsets, nature's creatures and beauties were her special delight. Devoted, she loved fiercely and gave all.

Thanks and love to family, friends, neighbors, doctors and nurses who gave so much service and joy during her life, and especially her mother Jyanean, who stayed with Cathy for months at a time throughout her illness.

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# wild things



## David Yarrow photographs Virginia City, Nevada City in new ways

Submitted by Dianne Carey  
MONTANA HERITAGE COMMISSION

British photographer David Yarrow explored Virginia City and Nevada City the weekend of Jan. 31 for a photo

shoot, assisted by Animals of Montana and the Montana Heritage Commission.

Yarrow came on Friday Jan. 30 for a site visit to look the area over and get an idea for locations of shots. The shoot took around eight hours on Sat-

urday and a couple on Sunday.

Yarrow is very creative in his ideas on how to portray a story via his photos. Animals of Montana did everything to ensure the safety of the animals and people at the locations. They set up an electrical barrier at teach

location when shooting and gave instructions on where to be and how to act. Yarrow had it in his mind what he wanted in the photo and the handlers worked with the animals with voice commands, clickers and food rewards to produce the results you have in his photos.

## Manor day at the spa



Submitted by Melody Clark  
MADISON VALLEY MANOR

The Madison Valley Manor ladies enjoyed a spa day at the beginning of the week. The spa day included natural content facials, manicures and massages. There were also visits and valentines from the Ennis Children's Community School kids, the Ennis kindergartners and the Colt Club.

The Lion's Club hosted a combo Valentine/Birthday Party at the end of the week and music was furnished by the Tune Tangles.

## Yochim named to dean's list

Submitted by Saif Al-Saegh  
UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS

The University of Great Falls is proud to announce Mickayla Yochim from McAlister has been listed to the dean's list. President's Honor Roll students earned a 4.0 while students on the dean's list earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. Congratulations.

## Steinfeld returns home to Twin Bridges

Submitted by Nathan Wayland  
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Marcus Steinfeld, son of David and Rayna Good, is returning home to Twin Bridges from a two year mission in the Everett, Wash., area for the Church of Je-

sus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Steinfeld graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 2012.

All are invited to hear him talk about his missionary experience on Sunday, March 1 at noon, at the LDS church building at 3560 Hwy 287 in Sheridan.



## Sheridan community receives grant for youth activities

Submitted by Rodney Stout  
SHERIDAN TURNER YOUTH INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

Sheridan has received a \$10,000 grant from the Turner Foundation's Community Youth Initiative, according to Rodney Stout, local coordinator of the Sheridan Turner Youth Initiative Committee, which sponsors the initiative in Sheridan. "Turner monies have gone a long way in supporting activities that enrich the lives of the Sheridan youth," Stout said. "We are even more thankful for this opportunity during these difficult economic times."

The grants are earmarked for youth development in communities located near properties owned by R.E. (Ted) Turner, president of the Turner Youth Foundation headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.

As part of the initiative, each town was asked to form an adult-youth partnership and to identify priorities for determining how the funds should be spent. Funding typically supports such things as after-school, mentoring, recreational, community service and self-esteem building activities as well as creating more opportunities in job training and

building entrepreneurship.

The Sheridan Turner Youth Initiative Committee will be meeting on March 9, 2015, at 6 p.m. in the elementary school lobby to decide where the monies will be spent. The public is welcome to stop in, the process is an empowering process for the youth of Sheridan as they decide who the mini grants are awarded to. Applications are available in the high school and elementary offices. They must be filled out and returned back into the office by March 6, 2015. Please contact Stout at 842-5302 with questions.



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## SPORTS



## BASKETBALL ROUND UP



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## GIRLS

**Harrison Lady Wildcats 51, Manhattan Christian 25**

Harrison's Lady Wildcats found themselves one win away from the conference crown with their victory over the Eagles.

Denying their opponents more than six points in each of the first three quarters, the Lady 'Cats cruised to a 26-8 halftime lead. Britt Cooper earned game

scoring honors with her 24 points, showing the rest of the conference that she and her 'Cats are ready for post-season play.

Harrison increased their lead with an explosive 18 point third quarter. From that point, the Wildcats emptied their bench and saw seven players score in the victory.

Alecia Panagakis chipped in 10 points and Addie Nesbit contributed eight for Harrison.

Harrison	15	11	18	7	-	51
MCHS	6	2	3	14	-	25

**Twin Bridges Lady Falcons 61,****Lima 17**

The Lady Falcons had little trouble dispatching the visiting Bears last weekend in the final week of the regular season.

Lima was unable to breach the Falcon defense for more than six points in any quarter, and Twin Bridges owned a 32-10 lead at the break.

Kailee Oliverson made 50 percent of her shots on her way to a game high 14 points. Oliverson and company plied their offense to the tune of 17 third quarter points, which gave the Falcons a com-

manding lead from which they cruised to the victory.

RaeAnne Bendon	and	Megan Martin	each added nine points in the lopsided victory.			
Twin	16	16	17	12	-	61
Lima	4	6	5	2	-	17

**Harrison Lady Wildcats 56, Shields Valley 40**

Harrison clinched the conference title with their win over the Rebels last weekend.

Three Lady 'Cats scored in double digits to advance Harrison to the top spot and placement in the upcoming district tournament.

A 14 point first quarter gave the 'Cats a lead that would be threatened in the second.

Shields Valley rallied in period two, scoring 14 points while holding Harrison to 11. The Wildcats regrouped at halftime with a slim lead, 25-23.

A defensively dominated third quarter allowed Harrison to add three points to their meager lead until Alecia Panagakis, Britt Cooper and Taya DeFrance went to work in the fourth quarter.

The three Lady 'Cats capitalized on 12 of 15 fourth quarter free-throws and combined for 20 points to take a commanding lead and eventually take home the win.

Cooper	led all scorers with 19 points, while Panagakis and DeFrance finished with 16 and 11, respectively.					
Harrison	14	11	11	20	-	56
Shields	9	14	8	9	-	40

**Twin Bridges Lady Falcons vs. Sheridan Lady Panthers**

No statistical data was made available at press time.

## BOYS

**Harrison Wildcats 34, Manhattan Christian 72**

The top-ranked Eagles were too much for the Wildcats

last weekend as they remain perfect in conference play.

The Wildcats struggled to get the ball in the hole as they capitalized on only nine of 47 attempts from the field. Though they fared better from the free-throw line, cashing in on 16 of 20 throws, Harrison was unable to find an answer for the sharp-shooting Eagles.

Parker Galt scored eight points and Chas Buus contributed four in the loss.

Quarter breakdown statistics were not made available at press time.

**Ennis Mustangs 66, Sheridan Panthers 25**

Though Ennis's early charge was threatened by an explosive Panther second quarter, the Mustangs rushed to a victory last week in Sheridan.

Jake Knack and Gavin McKittrick combined for 13 points in the first quarter to boost the Mustangs to a 10-6 lead. Colter Kenworthy's hot hand in the second quarter spurred a Panther revolt.

Kenworthy nailed a pair of three-pointers and Tristen Horn added one of his own as the Panthers attempted to climb back into the game. Ennis's 13 point lead shrank to eight as the Mustangs went to the locker room up 29-21.

The Mustang's churned in the second half, led by McKittrick and Knack who each scored six points in the third quarter. Ennis outscored their opponents 37 to four in the second half as the Mustangs secured the victory.

McKittrick and Knack	each finished with 14 points, while					
Kyler Elliott	added 11 in the win.					
Ennis	19	10	25	12	-	66
Sheridan	6	15	2	2	-	25

**Twin Bridges Falcons 63, Lima 23**

An 18 point first quarter

gave the Falcons a dominating lead against Lima last weekend and Twin Bridges sprinted to a huge conference win.

The Falcons allowed only 10 points in the first half. Up 38-10 at the break, Twin Bridges allowed the Bears to remain even in the third quarter.

However, in the final period, the Falcon defense found its form, allowing only one point.

Nolan Konen led all scorers with 18 points, cashing in on five three-pointers.

Gibson Butler	followed with 13 points and Tracen Eggers added nine in the win.					
Twin	18	20	12	13	-	63
Lima	6	4	12	1	-	23

**Harrison Wildcats 52, Shields Valley 72**

The Wildcats could not contain the sharp-shooting Rebels in their last regular season matchup last weekend.

Harrison fell behind in the first quarter as the Rebels put up 17 points, while holding the 'Cats to eight. That lead was extended in the second period. Harrison trailed 36-19 at the break.

In the third period, Jed Fike erupted for 13 of his 17 points to lead his Wildcats back into the game. The 21 point effort brought Harrison to within 10 points by quarter's end.

Though Chas Buus dropped in six of his 13 points in the fourth quarter, the onslaught of Shields Valley proved too much for the Wildcats as they dropped their final game.

Harrison	8	11	21	10	-	52
S. Valley	17	19	14	22	-	72

**Twin Bridges Falcons vs. Sheridan Panthers**

No statistical data was made available at press time



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Parker Galt takes one in for the break away layup past Ryley Waddell of Shields Valley.

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Jake Knack drives the lane.

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# MUSTANG BASKETBALL

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Brigit Croy looks for a shot.



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## Knack, McKittrick lead Ennis to victory over Gardiner

Two sophomores earned career nights for the Mustangs as they dominated the Bruins in the final regular season game last Saturday.

Jake Knack started his victorious night by winning the opening tip, but Ennis's first offensive possession was rocky. With four routine layups available, Ennis would come away with nothing. Knack however, ripped his first two rebounds.

It was Gardiner's Eddie Rodarte who struck first by burying a three-ball on the next possession. It would be Gardiner's only lead of the night.

Ennis dropped into a full court, man press, which did not yield results until 5:20 remained in the quarter. Tyler Elliot picked a Bruin pocket and flipped the ball down court to Walker McKittrick who put it up for two and the lead.

On Ennis's next possession, Gavin McKittrick hit his first of seven three-pointers. He nailed his second 30 seconds later enroute to a game-high 23 points.

While G. McKittrick shot his way to a 14 point first quarter, Knack battled towards a double-double.

To punctuate the dominating 22-6 first quarter, G. McKittrick drained his fourth three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Mustangs plenty of momentum at the start of two.

Twelve seconds into the second quarter, Gardiner broke a six-minute scoring drought.

Knack, however, stalled Gardiner's hopes.

Snagging a rebound at 6:49, Knack drove the length

of the floor and laid it up for two. Though it was only his 10th point of the game, the rebound, coupled with the coast-to-coast sprint, completed a double-double with just under seven minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Rodarte kept Gardiner in the game with a few nifty drives, but the stellar inside play by Knack and the solid perimeter shooting of G. McKittrick allowed the Mustangs to extend their lead to 40-17 as the second half expired.

Gardiner continued to put up a worthy fight in the second half, making good on six three-pointers and near-perfect free-throw shooting, but the Mustangs moved to a more balanced attack. Nine Mustangs scored in the second half as Ennis continued to add to their lead.

A 23 point fourth quarter threatened the Ennis lead, but the damage had already been done. G. McKittrick and Knack were quiet in the fourth quarter, but McKittrick's 23 earned game scoring honors, and Knack's 19 helped to pace Ennis to a victory in their final contest of the regular season.

Ennis 22 18 18 14 - 72  
Gardiner 6 11 16 23 - 56

## Gardiner dominates Lady Mustangs in final contest

Gardiner, ranked among the best programs in the state, may have started slow against Ennis last weekend, but the Bruins would rise victorious in the season's final game.

Gardiner coughed up a turnover in their first possession and neither team scored for the first two minutes. With 5:55 remaining, Nichole Tyson found her way to the basket to give Gardiner the lead.

Laney McNally popped a three-ball 30 seconds later to

give the Lady 'Stangs their only lead of the game.

A lead that would be short-lived.

Hannah Dean earned an opportunity at a three-point play, which would have given Gardiner a two point lead. The free-throw failed.

A later Gardiner free-throw put the Bruins up by two, but Brigit Croy put back a rebound for the tie at quarter's end.

Then Gardiner went to work.

The Bruins scored four straight points before Danyell Martin stalled the run with a free-throw. Ennis's defense forced the Bruins to force shots for several possessions, but the Mustangs could not capitalize on multiple inside shots.

The Bruins then embarked on a nine-point run, which lasted for nearly five minutes. Caitlin Klatt managed to get on the board with a free-throw for Ennis, but the look of the game changed in the final minute.

Gardiner began to sink shots from near and far while the Lady 'Stangs continued to struggle offensively.

Ennis trailed 28-7 at the half.

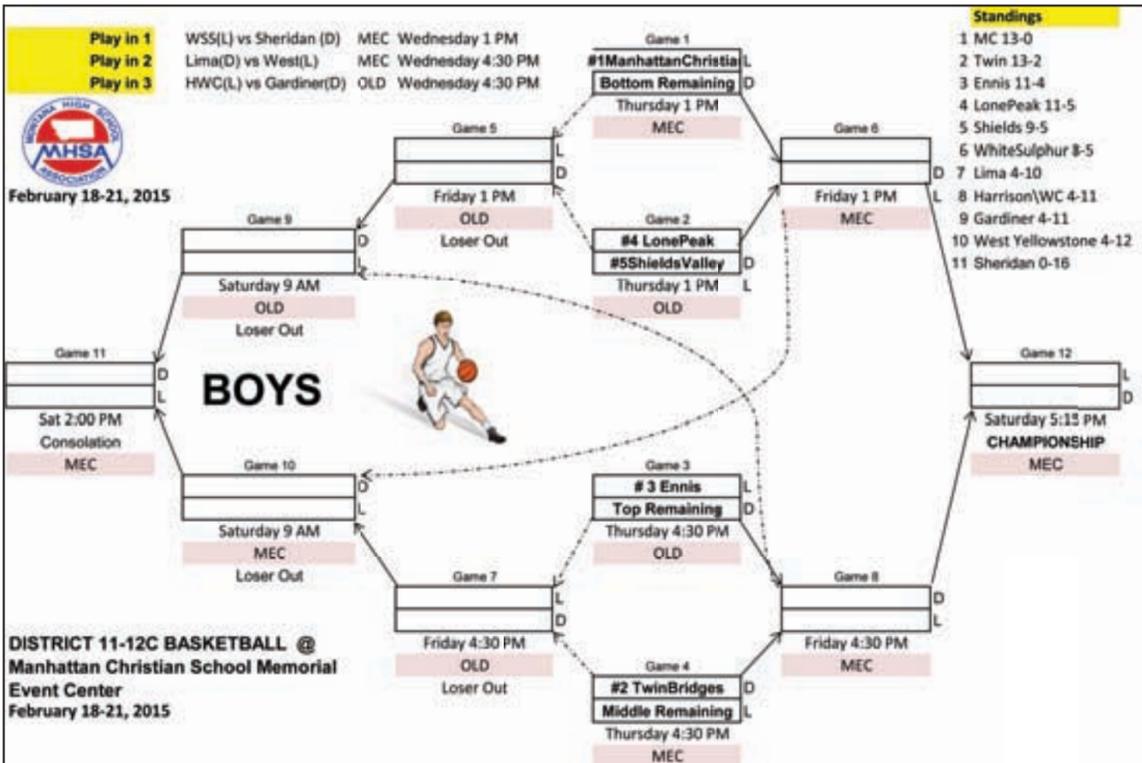
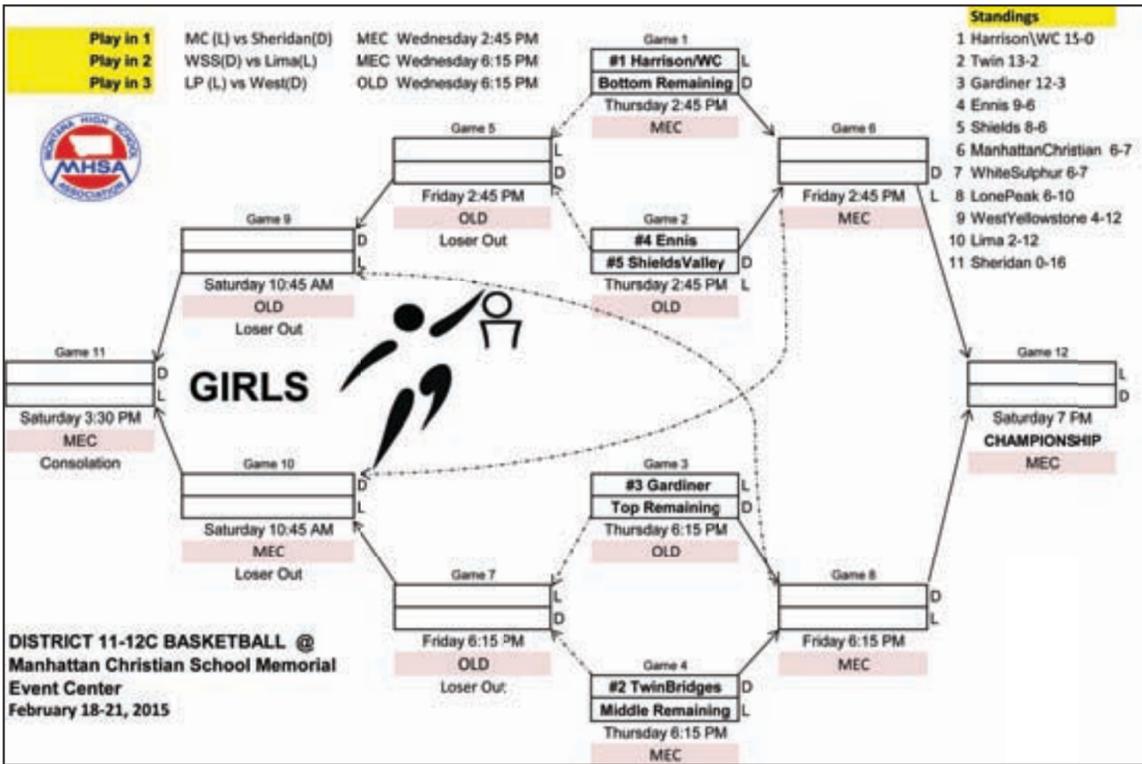
The Mustang's started to click in the third quarter, gaining valuable points from Danika Philpott, Taylre Sitz and Makenzie Moen. However, they did not have an answer for Gardiner's Tess Thomas, who knocked down nine of her game-high 14 points.

The Bruins continued to build on their lead throughout the quarter and owned a commanding lead at the end of three. In the end, the Mustangs would fall 53-23.

Philpott led the Mustangs with seven points, while Klatt and Moen chipped in four each.

Ennis 5 2 8 8 - 23  
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# PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo courtesy of Joseph Bagwell.  
Sunset over the Madison Range.

## Scholarships from Madison Valley Woman's Club

Submitted by Laura Gilmore  
MADISON VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB

The Madison Valley Woman's Club is will be funding scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year. All applicants must have a home address in the Ennis School District but may be attending school elsewhere.

Scholarships will be offered in four categories. Each category will have a separate competition and evaluation process. The categories are as follows: high school seniors planning to pursue a four year college degree; high school seniors planning to attend a vo-tech, two year trade school, community college

or associates degree; alumni from the area who wish to continue education at the undergraduate or graduate level at any college or tech school; or non-traditional students who may not have started college directly from high school, earned a GED, previously had to drop out of college, earned an associates

degree and would like to pursue a four-year degree, train in another area, desire to attend a trade or vo-tech school or a parent or senior citizen who finally has the time to pursue the dream of an education.

An information session for the high school seniors will be held at Ennis High School on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 9:55 a.m.

## Ice fishing safety reminders

Submitted by Tom Palmer  
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

While ice fishing is a popular outdoor sport in Montana this time of year, anglers must be aware of local conditions that can impact the stability of the ice from one day to the next.

For some potentially life-saving ice safety tips, visit Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks' website at fwp.mt.gov.

Here are some safety reminders for ice anglers:

- Before you leave home, tell someone where you plan to fish and when you plan to return.
- Go with a friend and walk apart when going to and from fishing spots in case one of you falls through the ice.
- Wear ice cleats to avoid falls.
- Test the ice ahead of you with an ice spud bar.

- Carry a pair of long spikes or commercial ice-fishing picks on a heavy string placed around your neck. If you break through the ice, use the spikes to grip the ice and pull yourself out of the water.
- Carry a rope to throw to someone who falls through the ice.
- Do not leave children unsupervised on the ice.
- Blue ice is usually hard.

Watch out for opaque, gray, dark or porous spots in the ice that could be weak, soft areas. Ice also tends to thin more quickly at the shoreline.

- Watch for pressure ridges – areas of open water or thin ice where the ice has cracked and heaved.
- Most unsafe ice usually occurs early and late in the season, when the weather is warmer.

## 4 PAWS RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK

### LITTLE BIT

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### Friday



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### Saturday



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

### Sunday



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

### Monday



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

## Quote of the Week:

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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK TWIN BRIDGES



CJ Wayland is an inquisitive student who strives for excellence in all he does. He continually challenges himself academically and pushes himself to tackle new concepts. He is a cheerful student who brings great logic and thought to class discussions. CJ is an exceptional classmate and always has time to assist those around him. CJ is always willing to help out regardless of the situation. He is a kind, compassionate, caring person who gives his all in every task he attempts.

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# WINTERFEST 2015



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The Plowed Cows battle with Bob's Place/Mcgee's for the ball during a Sunday game.

Stacy Gatewood takes the gold with her partner Suzanne Powers (not pictured) in the log sawing event.

Plowed Cow Jake Herak lunges for the ball against the Ice Holes.

Bob's Place/Mcgee's takes the broomball trophy.

Peter Kelley (L) competes in a youth heat of the fire hose roll-up.

The fire hose roll up was the first new Winterfest event in recent memory.

The Footloose Fancies, clad in tutus, were the first all-girls broomball team ever.

The wife-in-a-wheelbarrow event was informal, but a fun way to wrap up the weekend on Sunday afternoon.



## Virginia City Winterfest prevails despite spring weather

Abigail Dennis  
THE MADISONIAN  
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Though temperatures the day before Virginia City's annual Winterfest reached 62 degrees, a dedicated group of volunteers banded together to pull OFF the event.

"This year was a bit of a challenge because of the weather," said Stacy Gatewood, who organized this year's event. "On Wednesday night, I went up to the ice rink and was almost in tears."

The Virginia City Ice Rink was in shambles because of

the spring-like weather – a disaster for Winterfest since the event's key competition is broomball, which is a hockey-like game played on ice, without skates, with brooms instead of sticks and

a ball instead of a puck. "I live in the best community in the world. I really do."  
- Stacy Gatewood

"I got a call from the Allhands on Thursday and they brought up dump trucks of snow," Gatewood said. "Then we had tons of

volunteers who packed it all in. The next morning at 4 a.m., (Justin Gatewood) went up to the plate and donated concrete blankets to cover the ice and protect it from the sun for the weekend, S. Gatewood said.

Friday brought a new challenge, 62-degree weather. Local contractors stepped up to the plate and donated concrete blankets to cover the ice and protect it from the sun for the weekend, S. Gatewood said.

Broomball kicked off the weekend on Saturday morning, Feb. 14. The tournament lasted two days and culminated in a Bob's

Place/Mcgee's win on Sunday afternoon over the Plowed Cows. The Ice Holes rounded out the top three in third place. S. Gatewood pointed out it was also the first year in Winterfest history that there was an all girls broomball team, the Footloose Fancies.

"It was great to have some Montana girls out there being tough," S. Gatewood said. "It was monumental for sure."

On Saturday afternoon, bystanders cheered on competitors in two more events – a two-man log-sawing contest and a fire hose roll-up race. S.

Gatewood and Suzanne Powers took the win in the women's category, while Tommy Nevin and Pete Rossiter took the title for the men. In the co-ed category, Andie Walt and Trevor Rhem won. When it came to rolling up a fire hose and racing back to the finish line, Abby Thomas beat all the women. Brian "Bird" Morris won the men's division.

Following the broomball championship, spectators and competitors headed to Main Street for the final event – the dog-in-a-wheelbarrow race. Chris Leonard and his pup,

Lucy, won the event.

"We also did a wife-in-a-wheelbarrow, but that was not a legitimate event," S. Gatewood said. "It was really fun."

Rhem and Sierra Smith were named tournament MVPs.

S. Gatewood said the weather was initially an enemy, but as the weekend progressed, it became an asset because it brought out kids and spectators.

"So many people came to bat for the event to go on," S. Gatewood said. "I live in the best community in the world, I really do."

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Take small steps to better health

Submitted by StatePoint

Staying healthy does not have to mean overhauling your lifestyle. Sometimes small changes can have big impacts.

To look, feel and live better, here are tips for small lifestyle changes you can make that can inspire you to make more in the future:

**Get moving**

If exercise is not a part of your life now, do not worry.

Try short sets of push-ups, planks, squats and lunges and work your way up. Ten minutes can make a real difference. Remember, little things like taking the stairs instead of the elevator will keep you feeling great all day.

Just be sure to make exercise non-negotiable. Life is busy and it is easy to find

any number of reasons to skip a workout. Make yourself a fitness schedule and stick to it – and then do not let anyone or anything stop you from staying on track.

**Eat right**

The small goal of adding more fiber to your diet can lead you to better nutrition choices. Aim to get 25 to 38 grams of fiber every day. In addition to upping your fruit and vegetable intake and swapping out processed white bread and pasta for the whole wheat variety, fiber supplements can help you meet your fiber goals. But choose wisely, as some options have additional benefits beyond supporting digestive health.

For many people, snacking can be a downfall, especially during a busy

workday. Try substituting your usual temptations with healthier options. For example, almonds and light popcorn are a good substitute for chips and are more satisfying. If you have a sweet tooth, ditch the afternoon pastry that is high in calories but will not actually help you feel full.

Lastly, stay hydrated. Skip sugary sodas and sports drinks and opt for water throughout the day. If you need a boost of flavor, add a lemon wedge, cucumber slice or some fresh herbs. Water helps you feel full and process fiber while helping to keep you hydrated.

Bad habits are hard to break. But by making small changes one at a time, you can overcome your hurdles for a healthier lifestyle.



## What to know before bringing home an adopted dog



Submitted by StatePoint

Dogs play a special role in a home, bringing laughter, love and warmth. But dog ownership comes with great responsibility and there are certain things to consider before beginning the adoption process.

**Getting your home ready**

Just as a home needs to be prepped for the arrival of a new baby, you must also make preparations for dog adoption. In fact, many shelters will even check whether your home is suitable for dog ownership with a site visit before approving your application.

If you are a homeowner,

be sure to take steps to make your home more dog-friendly.

Decide in advance which rooms of the house your dog will be allowed to enter. Baby gates may be an option and work well as barriers for dogs. Have all the necessary items for your dog ready for his or her arrival like a leash, collar, crate and toys.

Areas of the home that contain dangerous substances should also be safeguarded. For example, medications and cleaning supplies should be stored securely.

If you have never owned a dog before, you may not have paid much attention to your neighborhood's dog parks, trails

and walkable routes. Study these locations in advance so there are no questions on day one.

**Where to adopt**

Between six and eight million cats and dogs enter shelters each year and 2.7 million adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized in such shelters annually, according to the Humane Society. Rather than buying a dog from a breeder, check out your local animal shelter.

"Adoption has become the preferred way to find a new dog, puppy, cat or kitten," said Abbie Moore, executive director of Adopt-a-Pet.com. "Not only is this often a more affordable route, but you are

saving a life in the process."

Other considerations You should already have identified the veterinarian you plan to use before taking your dog home, as a dog's medical care should begin immediately after adoption.

Remember to budget for dog ownership. Beyond regular supplies, food vaccinations and check-ups, add in some padding as an emergency fund.

As every dog lover knows, there is nothing quite like coming home after a long day and being greeted by man's best friend. With a dog adoption, you can make your home an even more welcoming, comfortable place.

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# COLUMNS



## This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

### Treasures in the valley

*"I have always been intrigued by people who have a great capacity to trust God ... If my strength depends on my regard, I cannot bring then I am not very strong!"*

— Herbert O'Driscoll

I feel sorry for Brian Williams. Human memory is such a fragile thing and our ability to look into the mind of another human being is so limited. I cannot know for certain what Williams remembers or misremembers or has fabricated, but knowing my own short-comings in that regard, I cannot bring myself to throw any stones.

I never read the Spider Man comics, but I remember in the movie (the one with Toby Maguire) Peter Parker's uncle reminded his nephew that, "With great power comes great responsibility" – and so there is an expectation that people in the news business would exercise greater responsibility in doing their fact-checking to ensure their stories are both reliably accurate and trustworthy. That is a reasonable expectation.

As human beings, I know we like to think our memories are pretty good, at least with regard to "important" matters. It may not matter what we had for breakfast this morning or yesterday, but surely we would remember an event like being "under fire" or what happened when we had that "big fight" – wouldn't we?

But I'm not so sure. Our egos are pretty fragile, and when you add to that the point that "each of us is the hero in our own story" (I wish I could remember who said that – it isn't original with me), then it makes sense that one might adjust his or her memory of events in a way that does himself the least harm – or shows herself in the best light.

The interesting thing is that much of this is done unconsciously or subconsciously. We often accuse people of lying, when in reality, they are not remembering the event, but their recollection of the event – which involves chemical and electrical processes within the brain itself.

Now, people do lie. Of course they do. The child who insists they did not take the cookie as crumbs fall from their face is lying. The man who

insists he did not rob the bank as the trail of bills falling from the garbage bag to the tree behind which he is hiding is lying. People do intentionally strive to deceive others for a variety of reasons, but I'm not talking here about our capacity to lie.

Rather, I am talking about the way we communicate with one another. We do not communicate through words, but through stories. As a wordsmith, I am particular about the words I use, but they are my words and how they help or hinder the reader are my responsibility. The words you use also help and/or hinder my ability to hear and understand the story you are telling me.

For instance, when a house is burglarized and a person says they were robbed, the hairs on the back of my head stand up and I am liable to throw a conniption because (as a former police officer) I know there is a technical difference between being robbed and being burgled. Robbery involves taking something from a person by force or threat of force, whereas burglary is the breaking and entering of a building to steal something. One is a crime of violence against a person, the other a crime against property.

The point is, humans are storytellers. That's how we communicate. If our story is unclear, people may ask questions for clarification. As we clarify our stories, they change. We find different words, we rearrange the order in which we tell the tale, or we may replace pronouns with nouns and change the emphasis from one part of the story to another. We do some of these things to make it clearer, but we also do them in response to our audience.

To a humorist, laughter matters – that's our chocolate. Reporters are supposed to be objective, however, and therein lies the rub. News outlets today are often shooting for market-share, and so stories are more often shaped and arranged to amaze and amuse than to report "just the facts."

Sadly, that's the world we live in; fortunately, there will always be those among us who can and will correct us, and that's a truth we all share in this, our valley.

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

## NATURAL Resource News

By Dan Durham

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

### Greater sage-grouse conversation

The greater sage-grouse is best known for its elaborate (and rather peculiar) mating displays performed on traditional dancing grounds called leks. Each spring, on scattered openings in the sagebrush, the males strut about puffing their bright orange air sacs and making strange popping sounds to gain affection from hens. After this ritual has come to an end, the female grouse will spread out, sometimes miles from their lek, to areas with healthy sagebrush cover, a diversity of grass and forbs and abundant insects to raise their chicks.

The largest of all North American grouse, the greater sage-grouse is unique in many ways. They are generally longer-lived than mountain grouse or pheasant, assuming they aren't eaten by coyotes, raptors or humans. They also tend to produce fewer chicks each year than their relatives, making it more difficult for populations to rebound after difficult years or habitat disturbance. Unlike many birds, the sage-grouse does not have a very muscular gizzard, so they cannot crush and digest hard food like seeds. Instead they feed on soft forbs, insects and sagebrush leaves. Their specially adapted digestive system allows them to consume great quantities of sagebrush despite the tannins

and other plant chemicals in the leaves, which deter many herbivores. Although sage-grouse depend on native sagebrush for cover and winter forage, they require a wide diversity of other plants and habitats to meet their needs throughout the year.

According to accounts by early trappers, settlers and ranchers, Madison County once teemed with sage-grouse. It is said there were so many of these birds they would blacken the sky as they moved across the great expanses of sagebrush on our river benches and mountain basins. Unfortunately, it is quite rare to see even a handful of sage-grouse around here today, a trend that is mirrored throughout the 11 western states where they now occupy only 56 percent of their historic habitat.

Sage-grouse numbers have plummeted across their range from as many as 16 million birds in the early 1900s, to current populations between 150,000 and 500,000. Accordingly, they are now listed as a candidate species under the Endangered Species Act. The decision whether or not to list the greater sage-grouse as threatened or endangered will likely be made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the next year. ESA listing could have major implications for energy

development and agriculture throughout the west, particularly on federally owned lands.

While the causes of sage-grouse decline are not always clear, most experts agree that habitat fragmentation, removal of sagebrush, conifer encroachment into sagebrush grasslands and infrastructure on the landscape (power lines, fences, drilling equipment, etc.) all eliminate good sage-grouse habitat. The role of livestock grazing is less clear, but it is safe to say that good rangeland management, which encourages sufficient residual grass cover, plant diversity and healthy soils, supports good grouse habitat. It is often said that what is good for cattle is good for grouse. Likewise, the opposite is true as bare ground, poor plant diversity and production, degraded riparian areas and noxious weeds are no good for either critter.

In addition to implementing sound range management principles, landowners can also help the grouse by removing juniper encroachment from sagebrush grasslands, installing wildlife escape ramps in livestock water tanks, relocating or marking problem fences, avoiding dewatering of natural

springs and seeps and removing potential raptor perches in occupied grouse habitat.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is currently working with private landowners to develop sage-grouse specific conservation plans through the national Sage-Grouse Initiative. First and foremost, SGI is intended to help livestock producers create sustainable grazing management plans that improve range health and maintain intact sage-grouse habitat. The program can also provide financial assistance to implement the conservation practices in these plans. Furthermore, in the event the sage-grouse is listed as an endangered species, participants in the SGI program will have predictability relative to the Endangered Species Act. ESA predictability exempts landowners from any incidental take of the species that may be inadvertently caused by the implementation and maintenance of covered conservation practices identified in a conservation plan.

*\* For more information please contact Dan Durham at the NRCS Sheridan Field Office, 842-5741, ext. 102.*



## AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

My goodness the wind has been horrible lately. Thank goodness it wasn't cold like the weather was last year or we'd all be freezing with our recent wind pattern. I heard about what the weather was last year in the area and what it is now, there is an 80 degree difference – wow! Maybe old Phil the groundhog was wrong. There certainly have been some beautiful sunrises and sunsets lately. We are all so lucky to live in Southwest Montana.

I've heard of two local pets lately that have been caught in traps. Luckily both survived. Normally a snare trap is a death sentence for

any dog caught because the more they struggle to get out, the more the snare tightens with no relief, killing them. This is a hard issue; trappers do need permission for traps and as anyone with a pet knows, they love to run and play when out exercising them and they can come into an area where traps are located. I know it is a pain, but losing a pet to a snare is more of a pain. Maybe where any areas are trapped there should be signs up to warn pet owners. Years ago I was out riding with my dogs following along; we were riding along the rail road tracks to Waterloo when one

of my shepherds cried loudly then there was no sound. We loped back to see what was wrong to find him in a snare. He was caught around the neck and really fighting, thus it was choking him to death. We got the snare loose and got him some air, saving him. It was awful. I called the trapper who put the snare out and told him. He did have permission and promised me he had no bad intent. He was only trapping the sloughs along the track. Like I said, just a really bad deal of chance. God help the pets that are caught with no one around.

Are you familiar with the snapshot program with some insurance companies? It is a device that snaps into your vehicle and records how many states you go through, how fast the vehicle was driven and the times and braking history. So if your kids take your car for a spin, you know when, how fast they drove and if they were aggressive on the brakes. Sadly the insurance company also knows.

Certain times of the year are worse for hitting local deer on the roads than other times. Seems like right now there are a lot of suicidal deer out there. The roads

from Whitehall to Sheridan and Twin Bridges to Dillon are terrible. In three days, four people have hit deer right on the corner near the Waterloo exit road.

It was my little granddaughter Lilly's fourth birthday this week. My 4-year-old grandson Gus gave her a pretty little shirt he picked out for her birthday. When Lilly saw the shirt, she said, "It is so pretty. Gus knows fashion." They just make my days. Clyde Carrol told me the other day that one of the best things invented was a grandkid.

So what have we learned this week? To wisely pick our battles. Each day is a gift even if it isn't exactly what we hoped for. The simple things in life are the most beautiful and rewarding, if we can learn to just slow down to notice and appreciate them.

Last week of basketball season play last week, now on to tournament time for Class C in Manhattan Christian. Just a little over two weeks and the time changes again. Spring is in the air.

"Life is too short to spend time with people who suck the happiness out of you."

## Madison Valley Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, Ennis - February 25  
Trinity Episcopal Church, Jeffers - March 4  
Madison Valley Baptist Church, Ennis - March 11  
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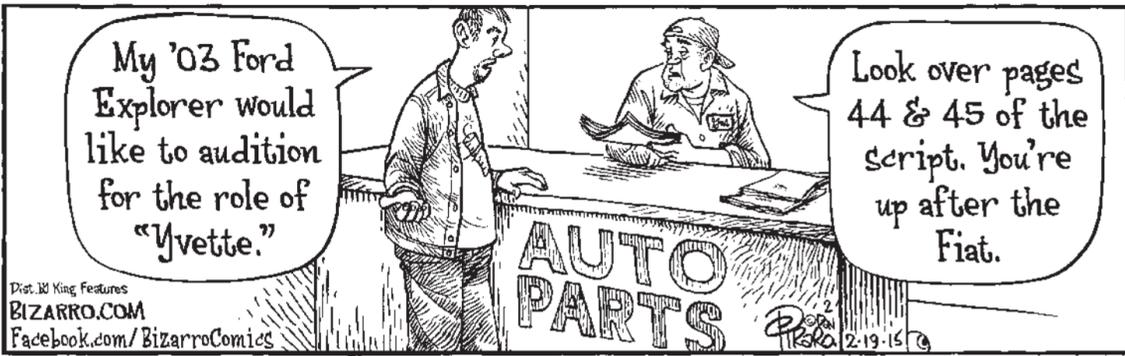
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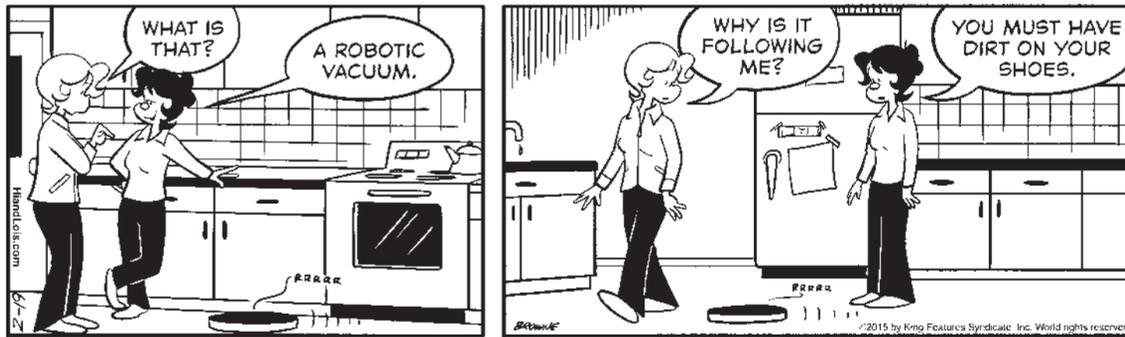
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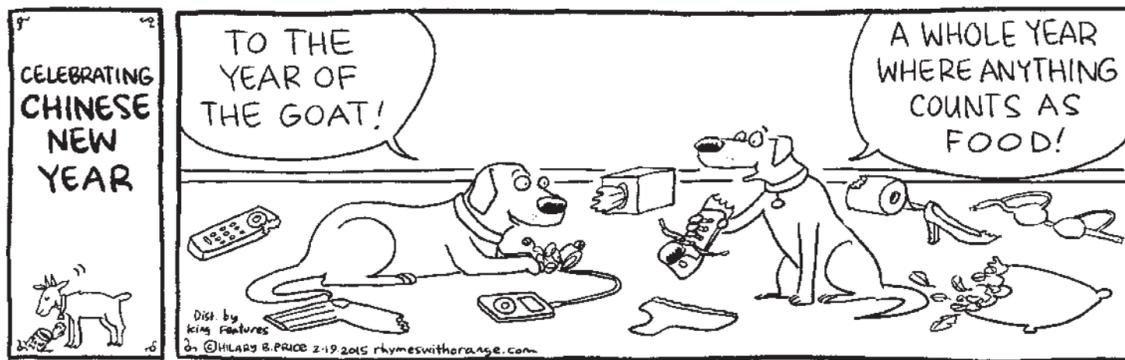
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Diane Schmidt  
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### Diane's Amazing Brownies

**What You Need**

- 1 box dark chocolate brownie mix
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- 1 c chocolate chips
- 1 c butterscotch chips
- 1 c chopped walnuts
- 1 c coconut

**Directions**

- Prepare brownie mix according to box instructions.
- Bake as directed in a 9x13 pan, but shorten cooking time by 5 minutes.

- Immediately drizzle the sweetened condensed milk on top of the brownies.
- Then sprinkle the other ingredients on top. Add coconut last so it toasts in the oven.
- Bake for an additional 5-10 minutes until the coconut is browning and the toppings are bubbly.
- Set out to cool.
- While still warm, with a knife sprayed with non-stick spray, cut into squares.

Submitted by: Diane Schmidt, Comstock Park, MI (pop. 141,106)  
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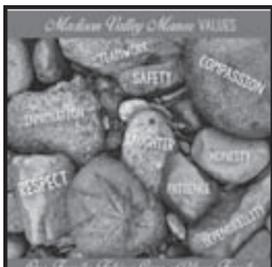
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Pit Stop Pizza is looking for part time counter help. Please call John at 406-209-4031 16-tfc-b

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**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, 19 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 Devises, and ESTELLE FAYE NELSON STOCKMAN, and/or her Heirs and Devises, 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  
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 Devises of 6679 Twin Oaks, Paradise, CA 95969 and ESTELLE FAYE NELSON STOCKMAN, and/or her Heirs and Devises, 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

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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  
(Pub. Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 2015) km MNAXLP

**BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, held February 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the C. B. Murray Media Center, the following resolution was introduced:  
WHEREAS, the Trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, have made the determination that as a result of a hiring additional employees, the district's budget for the High School Retirement Fund does not provide sufficient financing to properly maintain and support the district for the entire current school year; and  
WHEREAS, the trustees have determined that an amendment to the High School Retirement Fund budget in the amount of \$2,500.00 is necessary under the provision of Section 20-9-161(1), MCA; for the purpose of payroll taxes and benefits; and  
WHEREAS, the anticipated source of financing the budget amendment expenditures shall be fund reserves;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, proclaims a need for an amendment to the High School Retirement Fund budget for the fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$2,500.00 under Section 20-9-161(1), MCA, for the purpose identified above, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the C. B. Murray Media Center on March 10, 2015, for the purpose of considering and adopting the budget amendment.  
Rhonda Boyd  
//s// RHONDA BOYD  
February 10, 2015  
Rebecca E. Larsen  
//s// REBECCA E. LARSEN  
February 10, 2015  
DATE BUDGET AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED:  
List all budget amendments expenditure line items and amount:  
Payroll Benefits-\$2,500.00  
(Pub. February 19, 26, 2015) ss MNAXLP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY BARTON, Deceased.  
Probate No: DP-15-02  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months (4) after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.  
Claims must either be mailed to Frank G. Nelson, return receipt requested, c/o Worden Thane P.C., P.O. Box 4747, Missoula, Montana 59806, return receipt requested or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 2nd day of January, 2015  
WORDEN THANE PC  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
//s// WILLIAM E. MCCARTHY  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
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**BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 - 8:30 AM  
Fire Station No. 1

- Introduction of visitors and guests
1. Call to Order
  2. Public Comment
  3. Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:
    - a. Approval of draft minutes of January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting
    - b. Financial Reports for January 2015
    - c. Monthly Financial Statements Check Register: Checks 6114529 - 6114593; including voided check 6114555
    - d. Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat
  4. Correspondence
  5. New Business
    - a. Annexation request for Spanish Peaks RKE39426 - Discussion & Possible Action Required
    - b. Unfinished Business
    - c. Administrative Position/Social Security Issue - Discussion & Possible Action Required
    - d. 2015-16 Budget Committee - Discussion & Possible Action Required
    - e. 2015-16 Resort Tax Application - Discussion & Possible Action Required
    - f. BSFD Station #2/Big Sky Resort - Discussion & Possible Action Required
    - g. Other Business
    8. Public Comment
    9. Date for next regular meeting - March 25, 2015 @ 8:30 AM
    10. Adjourn
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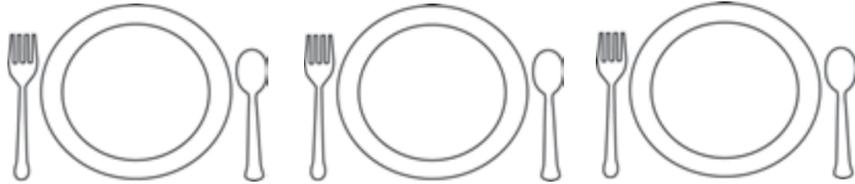
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## TO THE COUNTY BEE!



Submitted by Rodney Stout  
Sheridan Elementary School held their annual spelling bee on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015. The competition's announcer was Daniel Barrett and the judges included Lynette Larson, Rachel Miner and Rodney Stout. The following is a list of this year's winners: first place, Kaiden Batzler; second place, Maya Hagen; third place, Grace Hill; and the alternate is Isaac Bendon. Other students competing included eighth-grader, Aislinn Deavel; seventh-graders, Tia Hill and Cade McParland; sixth-graders, Mackenzie Fabel, Luke Dvorak and Charlie Krue; and fifth-graders, Jenna Nate and Faith Larsen. Sheridan spellers will advance to the Madison County Spelling Bee in Alder on March 4.

## Nominations sought for local stewardship award

Submitted by Sunni Heikes-Knapton  
MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Do you know a local resident who makes an effort to take care of our land and water? Do they go out of their way to try something new? Do they make an effort to educate others? Is it time to give them some well-earned recognition? Consider nominating them for the 2015 Stewardship Award and give them the honor they deserve.

The Madison and Ruby Valley conservation districts are looking for nominations for their annual Stewardship Awards. These awards, presented each year at the conservation districts' banquet, honor local people who have made a strong commitment to conservation and stewardship of natural resources in our area. An

award will be given to an outstanding steward from each district.

The awards seek to recognize the important role that private landowners and residents play in the conservation of natural resources and to capture the stories of successful conservation projects and efforts. Good candidates for the awards should demonstrate stewardship efforts that provide lasting benefits to the landscape, natural resources and community.

Any resident of the Madison Conservation District or the Ruby Valley Conservation District can be nominated for an award. Winners of the awards will receive two tickets to the April 18, 2015, banquet, recognition of their efforts at the banquet and a framed photo with a plaque.

### To nominate someone

outstanding in the Madison Valley and Harrison/Pony area, download the nomination form from [www.madisoncd.net](http://www.madisoncd.net), and send nominations for residents of the Madison Conservation District to ATTN: Sunni Heikes-Knapton, PO Box 606, Ennis, MT 59729 or [sunni@madisoncd.org](mailto:sunni@madisoncd.org). In the Ruby Valley, send nominations for residents of the Ruby Valley Conservation District to ATTN: Rebecca Ramsey, PO Box 295, Sheridan, MT 59749 or [rubbywatershed@gmail.com](mailto:rubbywatershed@gmail.com). Nominations are due by 5 p.m. March 6, 2015, and the awards will be given at the banquet on April 18 in Virginia City.

## Montana State Parks announces strategic plan

Submitted by Betsy Kirkeby  
MONTANA STATE PARKS

The Montana State Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, Charting a New Tomorrow, is now available.

Charting a New Tomorrow will maximize the division's available resources, develop partnerships and build public engagement to create a bright future for outdoor recreation across Montana.

"This plan will strengthen the state's park system and recreation programs," said Chas Van Genderen. "Montana State Parks will lead the way for parks and recreation throughout the state."

The Montana State Parks and Recreation Board tasked the division with creating the strategic plan to serve as a guiding framework for management of the park system and state-wide recreation programs through 2020. The plan addresses budgetary and staffing shortfalls which have historically challenged the park system while focusing on strategic partnerships and engaged constituents.

"We want to provide residents and their guests with the best experience possible," said Van Genderen.

Implementation of the strategic plan is underway and will continue to be Montana

State Park's focus for the next few months. The first stage involves conducting a facility condition assessment and establishing operational and staffing standards based on peer analysis with surrounding state park systems. Once the analysis is complete, the division will begin the process of reallocating resources to the most significant sites in order to meet standards and improve visitor experiences at those parks.

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Breakfast sliders  
Chicken sandwich

TUES FEB 24  
Waffle  
Baked rigatoni

#### Twin Bridges

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

WED FEB 18  
Hot pocket  
Chow mein

THURS FEB 19  
Choice of cereal  
Hamburgers

FRI FEB 20  
Pancakes  
Chicken sandwich

MON FEB 23  
French toast  
Grilled cheese

TUES FEB 24  
Choice of cereal  
Hot pork with mashers

#### Harrison

Both breakfast and lunch served with 8 oz milk.

WED FEB 18  
Waffles  
Chicken strips

THURS FEB 19  
Pancakes on a stick  
Chicken fried steak

FRI FEB 20  
NO SCHOOL

MON FEB 23  
NO SCHOOL

TUES FEB 24  
Bagels  
Pizza

# Ruby Valley FFA starts 2015 with a bang

Submitted by Janie Smart  
RUBY VALLEY FFA

The Ruby Valley FFA has been pretty busy since the start of the New Year. Our chapter was given two bred cows from the Elser Ranch in Sheridan. The Ag II and school farm class made their way out to their ranch to put our FFA brand on these cows and deliver them to Gilman IH Cattle, who will be running these cows for

the chapter. The chapter cow at the Peterson Ranch had a bull calf. The Ag II class made a special trip out to the ranch the morning after he was born. It was great for the class to see all the new calves and talk to the owner of the ranch. We tagged the calf and named him Jam 13.

After these happenings with the cows, Charlie Smart went along with the Twin Bridges FFA to Great Falls and competed in sales and

placed sixth overall. The Ruby Valley then made their way to Harlowton on Jan. 27 for speaking districts. Nick Haag, C. Smart, Caleb Bowey, Cady Guinnane, Janie Smart and Charali Wetherbee made up a parliamentary procedure team that placed second overall and will advance to state in March. Bowey and C. Smart also participated in speaking.

To finish January off, Colter Kenworthy, C. Smart, Nick Haag, and Caleb

Bowey went to Lewistown for the Fergus Mechanics contest. C. Smart placed second, Haag placed third and Kenworthy placed 12th individually. The team overall placed first out of 32 teams and 110 individuals.

Ruby Valley FFA is looking forward to finishing off the year well. Melstone contests, sales districts, JAAM and Conrad contests and an open house are coming up.

## Can't be tetany, it's wintertime!

Billy Whitehurst, PAS  
MSU EXTENSION, MADISON/  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

In the past few days I have been called out to help to test some grain hay and have had several area producers come in with grain hay to get tested for nitrates. Most test results have come back with the nitrates in the "safe to feed" ranges, but I want to keep folks aware of some other concerns with feeding grain hays.

One January day a few years ago a neighbor called me and asked if I could help him figure out what was wrong with his bull. When I asked him what was going on he said, "Well he appears to be plumb healthy, except he's dead!" So I ventured over to his place to see what a "healthy, but dead" bull looked like.

As we got to talking he said he had just started to

feed his cattle a few days ago and he was feeding a cereal grain hay. When I asked if he thought it could be tetany, he responded, "Can't be tetany, it's winter time!" As it turns out, it was tetany and we all need to take a lesson from this episode in my neighbor's life.

Typically, tetany is a springtime disease that essentially results from a magnesium deficiency. It's a little more complicated than that, but for today that explanation will suffice. Magnesium is a macro-mineral, which means it isn't stored as well in the body and is required in larger and more frequent doses. In the case of ruminants such as cattle and sheep, its primary site of absorption is in the rumen and it goes right to the bloodstream (there may be some highly scientific processes that occur here, but unless you want to take a nap I will spare you the bio-

chemistry involved in this process). Since magnesium is not stored well, tetany can creep up on our cattle in short order if we don't pay attention, especially when we have instances of higher levels of potassium present in the diet.

Cereal grain hays have the potential to be higher in potassium than our more traditional perennial hays like grass and alfalfa and they tend to be a little lower in calcium and magnesium as well. This creates a nutritional situation that can incite tetany even in the winter. About this time of year folks start breaking into the haystacks and the grain hays often are the first to get fed so we need to be thinking about this.

The frustrating thing about tetany is that your cattle can be perfectly healthy and show no signs of tetany and then die in as little as 48

hours. Clinical signs (the kind you can see visually) don't generally become evident until four to eight hours before death can occur. This means that if we aren't sitting right on top of these cattle, we can easily miss it and not be aware of the problem till we see carcasses on the ground. Younger cattle aren't generally as susceptible as mature cattle because young cattle can mobilize magnesium out of their bones to overcome a short-term deficiency whereas mature cattle's bones have fully ossified.

I know many of you are tired of hearing us extension folks telling you to test your hay. So that being said ... TEST YOUR HAY! With the test results you can dust off the calculator and punch some numbers into a formula called the tetany risk ratio to determine if you may be at risk for tetany.

The tetany risk ratio looks like this:

$$\%K \times 255.74$$

$$(\%Ca \times 499) + (\%Mg \times 822.64)$$

If the answer to this equation is 2.23 or higher, then there is a tetany risk that needs to be mitigated by increasing the amount of magnesium in the diet or blending some other feeds to bring the risk down.

Take a deep breath and relax, here's how to use it:

Analysis Results Abbreviated Example		
Component	As Sent	Dry Wt.
Crude Protein,%	7.63	15.8
ADF,%	13.6	28.2
TDN,%	31.1	64.5
Sulfur (S),%	0.11	0.23
Phosphorus (P),%	0.17	0.35
Potassium (K), %	0.68	1.41
Magnesium (Mg),%	0.11	0.22
Calcium (Ca),%	0.51	1.05

If your hay does look like it could put you at risk simply blend it with some other hay to bring that ratio back into proportion. While it could be possible to

supplement with some high magnesium mineral, it may be hard to obtain the needed increase through a mineral supplement alone as most cattle would prefer

to drink turpentine rather than endure the taste of magnesium.

We have hay probes and mailers at the extension office to get your feed sent off to a lab for

testing. If you need help testing or if you have questions or concerns about your herd's nutrition, give me call and set up a time to visit at my place or yours.

- From the abbreviated forage analysis we can determine the percentage on a dry weight basis of the magnesium (Mg), potassium (K), and calcium (Ca) in the forage.
- Insert the amount of K, Ca, and Mg from the feed analysis into the equation:

$$\frac{1.41 \times 255.74}{(1.05 \times 499) + (0.22 \times 822.64)} = \frac{360.5934}{5.240 + 180.981} = \frac{360.5934}{186.221}$$

Answer is 1.938 - This feed SHOULD NOT place cattle at risk for tetany!

## Scholarships with Ennis Arts Association

Submitted by Vern Thibodeaux  
ENNIS ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Ennis Arts Association is offering tuition scholarships to Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges students pursuing an arts curriculum. Scholarships are available to high school graduates (or equivalent), home school

graduates or students from the Ennis/Harrison school districts already pursuing an arts curriculum in any institution of higher education.

If you have a family member, neighbor or friend who is planning to pursue an arts curriculum please encourage them to apply. An art curriculum may include the

visual arts such as painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography and other visual media as well as architecture. Art curriculums may also include the performing arts such as music, theatre, film and dance as well as literature and interactive media.

Scholarship details and applications are available

at the school guidance counselor's office or at the EAA website, [www.ennisartsassociation.org](http://www.ennisartsassociation.org). One scholarship for \$2,000 and one for \$1,500 will be awarded this spring.

April 15 is the deadline for this year's scholarships.

For more information email [info@ennisartsassociation.org](mailto:info@ennisartsassociation.org).

## Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center celebrates January

Submitted by Roseann Troyer

January 2015 has gone by in a jiffy; hard to believe it is history.

A movie with special treats was enjoyed on Jan. 2 in our activity room.

Our resident council meeting was on Jan. 6 with everyone present hoping for a good 2015. That Friday, Jan/9, the Silver Bow Stompers came down to dance for us. Their lively routines kept everyone toe

tapping and smiling.

We had a very exciting guest on Jan. 15. Sheriff's deputy Dan Birdsill and his two sidekicks - police dogs - came to our facility and gave us quite the demonstration. Shay and Xena enjoyed all of the attention that our residents gave them.

The monthly birthday party was Jan. 16. Women of the Veterans of Twin Bridges were the hostesses. Residents with birthdays in January are Marie Tate and Gene Byler.

Sarah Paul, Harriet Fournier and Tammy Hutchings served tasty refreshments and passed out the nice presents.

The following Thursday, the homey smell of cinnamon bread wafted around the care center. The activity staff put their bread machines to work and produced warm fresh cinnamon raisin bread with real butter and honey. It was a tantalizing treat. The next day we fired up the old bus and eight of us took a jaunt to Whitehall to eat. We sipped

on frosty root beer floats and watched for wildlife between Sheridan and Whitehall. It made for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mike Boston from Butte drove down to share his musical talents. Several residents attended the service.

Jan. 30 found many of our residents eating warm, cheesy pizza paired with ice-cold red beers and watching the Lone Ranger movie starring Johnny Depp. The folks who attended said it was a pleasurable way to spend an afternoon.



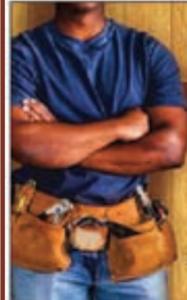
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## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

**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 MVAC 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.

**A Mainwaring Family History, Ennis**  
4 p.m., First Madison Valley Bank. Madison Valley History Association presents "A Mainwaring Family History" with Keith Mainwaring and others.

## 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.

## Pizza Sale Fundraiser, Sheridan

Ruby Valley Swimming Club's Annual pizza sale fundraiser. Order pick ups from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary school lunch room. Email flick\_kaatz@hotmail.com For more information.

## 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 for individuals with disabilities living in Twin Bridges, Sheridan, and the surrounding area. Family members and caregivers are welcome to attend.

## Southwest Montana Business Conference, Fairmont

10:30 a.m., Fairmont Hot Springs. Open to all southwest Montana businesses! Executive board meeting at 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. Contact: Sarah Bannon 406-846-1943

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

**Homebuyer's Education Class, Butte**  
Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc. is holding a Homebuyer's

Education Class: February 25 and 26 at the Thornton Building, 65 East Broadway in Butte. Call Janice at 533-6778 for more information.

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

**Winter Workshop, Ennis**  
12 – 2 p.m. at First Madison Valley Bank. Carcass composting on your farm/ranch. We are pleased to welcome Tommy Bass, MSU Extension Livestock Environment Associate, to present on the methods livestock producers can use to successfully compost carcasses; reducing predator conflicts, improving sanitation, and minimizing labor for your operation. RSVP by Feb 23 to reserve your spot.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

**Open mic night, Sheridan**  
7 p.m. at The Shovel and Spoon. Open mic for musicians, poets and story tellers, etc. PA and microphones will be available if needed. Food is available.

## MONDAY MARCH 2

**High School Honor Band Concert, Sheridan**  
6:30 p.m., Sheridan High School gym. The areas's best High School band students from eight schools will gather to rehearse

and perform a concert for the community.

## SATURDAY MARCH 14

**Cake Walk, Virginia City**  
The entire family is sure to have a ball at the annual Virginia City cake walk. This is one of the best family fun events of the year! In fact, it's so much fun that you'll forget that you are raising money for the Virginia City Rural Fire Department. There will be cakes galore, a cash bar, cupcakes for the little ones, and a DJ spinning classic tunes all at the Elk's Lodge in Virginia City on Saturday at 6 p.m.

## Jessie Close to Speak, Ennis

11 a.m., Madison Valley Public Library. Jessie Close will speak about her book "Resilience: Two sisters and the story of a mental illness". She will discuss the book and her struggles with bipolar disorder.

## THURSDAY MARCH 19

## Old Timer's Concert, Sheridan

The 41st annual Old Timer's concert will appear on the vintage stage of Sheridan's High School with the flair of country, gospel, bluegrass, and just plain old-fashioned, fun music. Intermission includes a pie and cake auction to benefit the Sheridan Music Department. Students bake their best and guests bid,

buy and enjoy.

## SATURDAY APRIL 12

**Gardening Clinic, Alder**  
1 p.m. Free Gardening 101 Clinic At High Country Irrigation, Landscaping and Nursery's location in Alder. 2258 MT HWY 287, Alder, MT

## SATURDAY APRIL 18

## Madison and Ruby Valley conservation districts banquet, Virginia City

5:30 p.m., Virginia City Elks Lodge. Celebrate the 2015 Stewardship Award winners, and the amazing natural resources of our area! Enjoy a great dinner by the Shovel and Spoon and dance the night away with Little Jane & the Pistol Whips! Call 682-3181 or 842-5741 for tickets or more information.

## NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

### MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:

Fri 2/20 - Dan Dubuque  
One Man Soul Band  
Sat 2/21 - Coyote Gypsies  
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Sun 2/22 Smokestack & the Roothill Fury  
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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

### FRIDAYS

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

**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.

### WEDNESDAYS

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

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY**

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

**Live Music - Norris**  
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