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Farm Bill tools used to improve forest health

With help from the Farm Bill, a project near Boulder is near implementation

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With the health of Montana's forest an ever-growing concern, the Beaverhead-

Deerlodge National Forest Working Group met in Butte on Feb. 19 to discuss ways the Forest Service and the state are addressing forestry projects. "Hopefully we have real outcomes or some direction after

today," said Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz, who chairs the working group.

Mo Bookwalter with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation explained the state's role in assisting the Forest Service by funding some projects through Gov. Steve Bullock's Forests in Focus Initiative, which was created following the Agriculture Act

of 2014, which is commonly known as the Farm Bill.

"The Farm Bill allowed the governor to designate priority landscapes on the forest," Bookwalter said. "Now we want to work with you guys to get projects going."

The state accepted project proposals from national forests across the state and currently has \$1 million to allocate to

the projects they deem "high priority," Bookwalter said.

"We received projects from every national forest in Montana," she said. "The requests are well over \$1 million. Now we're evaluating all of those and we'll make a decision on which will be funded as soon as possible."

Another Farm Bill tool the state has not yet utilized

is the "good neighbor authority," Bookwalter explained.

"For example, if we are doing fuel reduction on state land and the same thing needs to happen on nearby federal land, the state can join the project," she said. "The state contractor can work on federal land."

Bookwalter said using the **Turn to FOREST on pg. 2**

SENATE BILL 264



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Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz, who is also president of the Montana Association of Counties, addresses the Senate Finance and Claims Committee about Senate Bill 264 on Feb. 19.

If passed, bill has potential to bring \$800,000 to MHC yearly for 20 years

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"I've never had so many friends," said Sen. Bob Keenan, R - Big Fork, at a Senate Finance and Claims Committee hearing at the Capitol on Feb. 19. "Ever."

The "friends" Keenan referred to were the packed room of people who showed up to the hearing as proponents of the bill, including multiple representatives from Madison County.

Keenan is sponsoring Senate Bill 264, which, if passed by the legislature as it currently is, allocates \$835,548 to the Montana Heritage Commission every year for the next 20 years - the MHC, which is the state body that operates Virginia City and Nevada City, is not the only benefactor of the bill.

SB 264 would re-allocate bed tax and vehicle tax funds - currently those taxes, which total approximately \$23 million yearly, go directly to the general fund. If the bill passes as is, 40 percent of those funds would stay in the general fund, while the remaining 60 percent would be invested in tourism advertising and preserving Montana's historical infrastructure, like structures in Virginia City and Nevada City. According to the bill, the Office of Tourism would receive the largest percentage of funds after the general fund - 22.5 percent for tourism promotion across the state.

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Erin Leonard, co-owner of *The Madisonian* and Virginia City Town Council member, speaks about Virginia City's economic importance to the state of Montana.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Montana Historical Society and more groups that promote culture, history, the arts and tourism would receive percentages. The MHC's \$835,548 is 3.48 percent of the taxes gathered.

The case for the MHC
Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz pointed

out that the state purchased Virginia City and Nevada City for \$6.5 million nearly 20 years ago, but that the towns are actually valued at \$44 million - a good investment.

"In 2014, we had almost half a million visitors come through Virginia

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Fire at Sportsman's Lodge deemed accident

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The fire that destroyed most of the Sportsman's Lodge was deemed an accident, according to state fire inspector Pat Clinch.

"We determined the cause was accidental," Clinch said. "The likely source was a failure in the freezer or refrigeration unit."

The Ennis landmark caught fire in the early morning hours of Jan. 20 and the restaurant

portion of the structure was destroyed by fire - the bar/casino area sustained heavy damage but was saved with all the cabins.

Part owner Don Lindeberg said renovations are underway. He said he plans to have the bar/casino part of the establishment reopened by the end of March.

"We will open (the restaurant) back up but we don't know when yet," Lindeberg said. "We're still waiting for a couple of inspections to get finished. I would love for it to be June 1 but we just don't know yet."

A PLACE FOR SENIORS IN ENNIS

When complete, the senior center will be a home for Meals on Wheels and community programs

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At the Ennis Town Council meeting on Feb. 12, commissioner Brian Vincent updated the other commissioners about the progress of the Ennis Senior Center - Vincent said the goal is to have an operational senior center by the end of 2016.

"This all started June 2013," Vincent said. "Our preliminary architecture report is substantially done, and we figure we have two options for construction."

Vincent said the Ennis Senior

Center building because the current owner does not want to announce the building may be sold.

In the fall of 2013, the town received a \$30,000 planning grant through the Community Development Block Grant program and two matching donations of \$5,000 started the planning process for a senior center with a total of \$40,000. Much of that money went to creating the preliminary architecture report, Vincent said, and the rest will be used to complete a CDBG application to turn in spring 2015.

"The maximum we can get (from the CDBG) is \$450,000," Vincent said. "We could use the CDBG funds to purchase the building, do the necessary renovations and get the center open quickly, then get more funds to add on."

If the grant is approved for \$450,000, Vincent said it requires \$113,000 in matching funds.

"There's still a lot of costs that we need to narrow down and at this point it really depends on how the project is put together and the use of the CDBG funds," Vincent explained. "We're hoping to find some donations for things such as furniture and even renovation costs. The town may qualify for an Intercap loan from the state of Montana, which would meet the obligations of the match required of the grant. The additional cost to the town would be manageable, but it would be spread over 15 years. We've actually been planning for a scenario like this for a few years."

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A DECADE IN THE MAKING

Sheridan's Main Street gets a well-deserved upgrade

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Sheridan's Main Street is getting a long-awaited makeover. Nearly 10 years ago, the Montana Department of Transportation promised the town a new Main Street with a fresh road base, new storm drainages and new sidewalks. Now, MDT is ramping up to commence construction this spring.

MDT representatives gave a presentation with Helena Sand & Gravel, the project's

general contractor, on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at a Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture meeting.

The project started last fall with a new storm drain near the park on Water Street and is set to start up again March 2, according to Kevin Allen of Helena Sand & Gravel.

"We'll continue on with storm drains from Water Street up to Main Street and, depending on permits, north of Mill Creek may see new, reinforced irrigation crossings," Allen said.

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Sheridan's Main Street Improvement Team raised money to purchase lampposts to accent the new downtown.



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Farm Bill to approach forest projects from collaborative standpoints is important.

"Risks like insects, disease and fire don't stop at boundaries," she said. "We need to work together to get good projects on the ground."

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest requested some of the governor's \$1 million through the Forests in Focus Initiative, though the BDNF is currently focused on another element of the Farm Bill to get a project near Boulder on the ground.

The Farm Bill

In April 2014, Gov. Bullock nominated nearly five million acres of national forest land as priority landscapes ready for restoration in accordance with the Farm Bill.

Out of those nearly five million acres, seven areas totaling 587,284 are in the BDNF. The areas were selected following an examination of fire risk, insects and disease, according to Tera Little, who

is with the Forest Service. In an effort to quicken the

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 — Mo Bookwala, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

process of getting projects on the ground, the Farm Bill offers a categorical exclusion (CE) for projects that meet a set of criteria. If a project that focuses on less than 3,000 acres maximizes "old growth and large trees" to the extent the trees promote stands that are resilient to insect and disease threats; consider the "best available" scientific information; and be developed and implemented through a "collaborative process," it is eligible for a CE, which means it does not have to undergo an environmental assessment or an environmental

impact statement, Little said.

CEs on the BDNF

The BDNF is in the process of developing a project near Boulder that meets the criteria of a CE.

According to Dave Sabo, Butte district ranger, there is already a team in place from an independent contracting company to approach the problem in the Boulder Lowlands and get a project on the ground in the next year.

"If we can show we are getting stuff done, we can make a case that this forest is a good investment," Little said. "If we have just one success — even if it's small — we may get more to invest in future projects. We cannot solve all the problems in one project."

The project in Boulder is a logging project focused on restoration, Schulz said.

"There's a lot of red and dead timber in that area and roads that would be improved or obliterated," Schulz said. "It's a logging project based on improving forest health

condition. Unless we do some thinning, we're going to keep killing trees with bugs."

Involvement of congress

Working group member Barb Cestero said the capacity of the Forest Service, especially on the BDNF, has been cut to where the Forest Service "can't do their jobs."

"The only ones who can change that are in Congress," she said. "The BDNF is a hugely important national forest — it connects the Northern Rockies — but it's been neglected for a long time."

Cestero suggested reaching out to Sen. Jon Tester, Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Ryan Zinke for involvement. All three Montana congressmen regularly send representatives to the working group meeting.

Schulz agreed to draft letters to Zinke, Daines and Tester, thanking them for involving their staff.

"We can get a lot done working with their staff," Schulz said. "We want to thank them for that and discuss more involvement."

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City," Schulz said. "This bill is a valued investment."

The investment Schulz referred to is the fact that much of the money will go to advertising — if passed, the Office of Tourism would receive more than \$5 million in fiscal year 2016 for state tourism promotion, and advertising draws more people to the state.

"Simply put, this bill offers an investment," Schulz concluded.

Representative Ray Shaw from House District 71 also spoke in favor of the bill.

"This is a good investment

into one of the most wonderful and historic sites in Montana and the nation," Shaw said.

"We need your support to maintain our infrastructure."

According to the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research, tourism is Montana's second greatest industry after agriculture. In 2014 alone, 11 million people traveled from out-of-state and brought \$3.98 billion statewide.

Erin Leonard, one of *The Madisonian's* owners, is also a Virginia City resident and serves on the town council. Leonard addressed the committee about the value Virginia City and

Nevada City bring to Madison County and Montana as a whole.

"A study showed the economic footprint for 2014 was \$62.2 million," Leonard pointed out. "Based upon the MHC's operating budget, that is a 4,700 percent return on investment, bringing in roughly \$90 for every dollar spent. I challenge you to try to find a better bang for your buck."

The proponents filled the floor for 45 minutes before it was turned over to any opponents — only one person spoke in opposition of the bill. Dan Villa, the Gov. Steve Bullock's budget director, opposed the bill.

"Not because we don't value the good work of tourism," Villa said. "We have a general fund issue. We simply cannot afford it."

What next?

The committee members have the ability to amend the bill before they decide whether or not to pass it. Currently, the committee decided to postpone voting on the bill. If the bill passes through the committee in the next few weeks, it goes to the Senate for a vote. If it passes through the Senate, it will be voted on at the House. If it passes through the House, its final stop is Gov. Bullock's desk.

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Vincent said the town would initially be responsible for that price tag, but other funding sources are being worked on to offset that.

Though the town will own the building for insurance and financing purposes, Vincent said, a yet-to-be-formed nonprofit will operate the center. The Senior Advisory Council is currently in the process of forming the nonprofit.

"We already have a board of directors set up," said Bob Loveland, who is on that board. "We just have to finalize it."

Need for a center

The senior center will be a home to more than just the Meals on Wheels program, Vincent said.

"The (Department of Motor Vehicles) said they would come process drivers licenses once a month," Vincent said. "(Veteran's Affairs) would come, they could host a bingo program and more. It would be up to the nonprofit to decide."

Having a home for Meals on Wheels, however, is important, according to Loveland.

"We need a place for seniors to hang out," he said. "Somewhere they can come eat, that they all want to come to."

The program used to be hosted at town hall, but is currently at the Madison Valley Manor.

The project as a whole has been supported by the community, Vincent said.

"We've received an enormous amount of support from the community," he said. "When

we requested letters of support, we received more than I've ever seen for any other project."

Role of the town

The CDBG application will be complete by May 2015, Vincent said. Before then, the town would need to enter into a buy/sell agreement because receiving the grant is contingent on having an existing structure to renovate.

"Obviously if we didn't get the grant we would not be bound by the agreement," Vincent clarified.

Commissioner John Bancroft said the center is a "good opportunity" to do something good for the seniors in Ennis, and commissioner Audra Bourk agreed.

"There's about to be another generation of people who would use a place

like this," Bourk said.

Commissioner Larry Pine asked Vincent if the senior center would double as a community center for big events, which is something Ennis lacks.

"No, if we go with renovating the existing structure the building would only hold 60 people," Vincent said. "Ennis doesn't have a place that will hold more than 100 (people) but that's not going to be fixed with this project."

Loveland pointed out that the senior center could always be sold in the future if the town builds a community center that could also house a senior program.

"I just don't think the town is ready for a community center," he said. "Our center will be able to hold small functions though."

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The contractors are set to start milling Main Street the second week of March, working north to south through Hamilton Street. The first of April, crews hope to begin excavation of the road and start pouring curb and sidewalk by the end of May.

Paving the road is set to begin the first of June, and if all goes according to plan, the project as a whole should be completed by mid-June, according to Allen.

"We will have some work to do at the end of June, such as striping, but the goal is to be done by the middle of June," Allen said.

The most significant part of construction will be the excavation

from the bank toward Hamilton Street, causing the biggest inconvenience for the town.

"Until we get past Hamilton, it's not going to be pretty," said Allen.

Dean Harris with MDT said construction will allow two-lane traffic to continue from the highway through town, but parking will have to be on the side streets. Members of the chamber asked about a possible detour through town, but because of the highway traffic, MDT is concerned about potential damage to residential streets.

"We're not interested in doing a detour. With that much traffic, you don't know what that would do to the

side streets," Harris said.

Attendees at the meeting were concerned about foot traffic in and out of businesses. Until work begins on the sidewalks, residents will still have access to businesses on Main Street, according to Harris, but after that, foot traffic will be on a day-to-day basis.

Scott Payne, chamber member, said he thought foot traffic was a serious concern.

"We need some kind of mitigated foot traffic to make getting around safe," Payne said.

Both Harris and Allen encouraged businesses to advertise other routes, use back doors and to even use social media to inform residents of how to access

buildings and possible closures.

"Communication is key," Allen said.

The Sheridan Main Street Improvement team has been a major supporter of the project from the beginning. Macel Anderson, president of MSIT, spoke about 29 new period-style lampposts that will add the finishing touches to the new downtown look.

MSIT raised money for the posts by selling individual lamps for \$3,300 a piece and have sold all but four lampposts.

"We are so excited and are praising (MDT) for finally, finally coming here and getting this done," Anderson said. "We've worked so hard for this."

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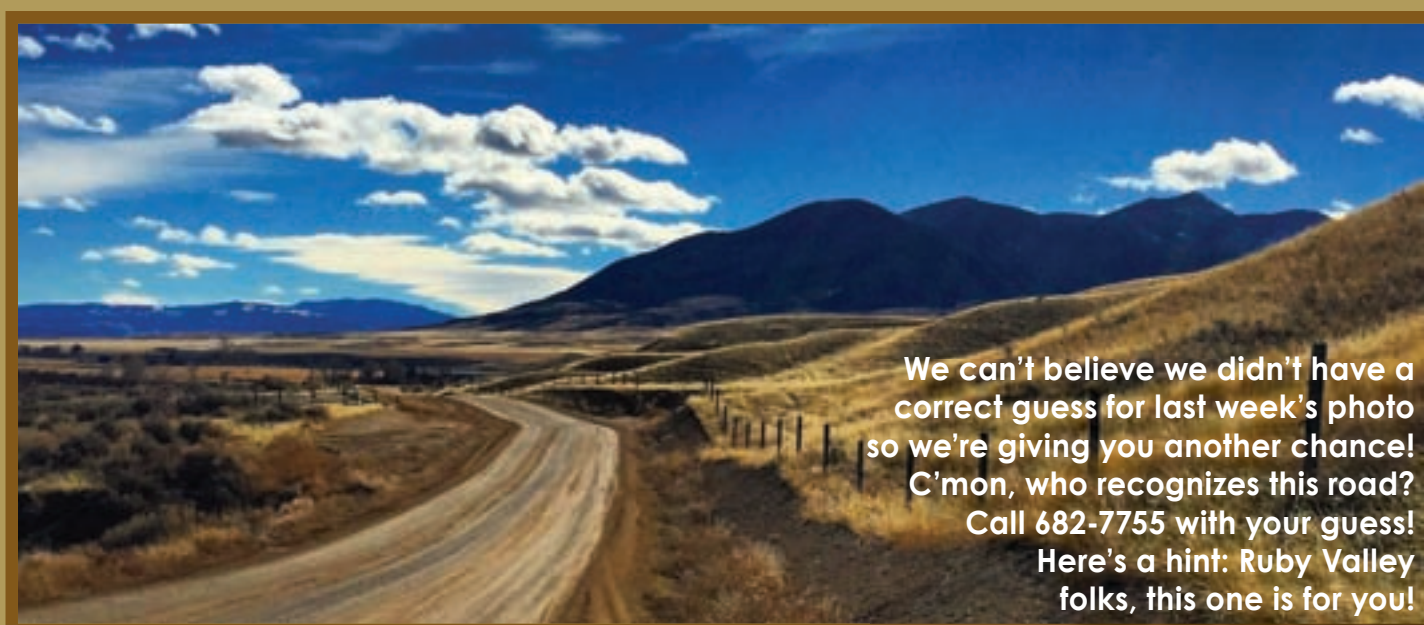
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MORE NEWS:

BLM considers two amendments to Pony waste rock removal mining plan

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The Bureau of Land Management is currently accepting public comment on two amendments to the mine waste rock removal project near Pony. “All of the locations proposed in the amendments are on public land,” according to a BLM press release. “The material will be hauled down Pony Creek Road in 30-ton articulat-

ing off-road trucks to a crusher site just off Strawberry Creek Road, located about one mile west of Pony. From there, it will be screened and crushed and then hauled to the Golden Sunlight Mine east of Whitehall.”

According to BLM geologist Bob Gunderson, the amendments are minimal. “Essentially they are just adding a couple sites where they want to remove material,” Gunderson said.

The project is a reclamation

mining project by Moen Builders, Inc., that was approved more than two years ago by the BLM, Gunderson said.

Reclamation mining is the process of cleaning up waste rock piles from former mine sites. The Barrick Golden Sunlight mine near Whitehall has the ability to process already-mined material to extract gold from the waste piles – Moen Builders, Inc., is hauling waste rock to Golden Sunlight for

that process, not starting any new mining efforts.

BLM mineral specialist Bob Gunderson explained that anyone who stakes an unpatented mining claim owns mineralization rights – essentially, the minerals are property.

“We process the plan but the work isn’t something we propose,” he said about the BLM’s involvement.

The BLM says minimal road improvement on public land is anticipated, but sev-

eral short temporary sections of road will be constructed to access the sites.

Pony resident Janet Zimmerman said she cannot speak for the whole community, but she is very interested in the project.

“I think an operation like this will have an effect,” Zimmerman said. “With the truck traffic through town.”

Zimmerman said she is also concerned about any roads that will be created during the project because there is

not a formal plan stating who will reclaim those roads and weeds may become a problem.

“The agency needs to look at the cumulative impact of mining in the area, not just each little project,” Zimmerman said.

Gunderson said the project utilizes existing roads, and any temporary roads that are constructed in relation to the project are not open routes.

“The public should not be on them at all,” he said.

For more information or to submit comments, contact Bob Gunderson at the BLM Dillon field office at 683-8000.

SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

Woirhaye named fire chief, council hears MSIT updates

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At the Sheridan Town Council meeting on Feb. 18, the council members approved Ted Woirhaye as fire chief and received an update from Macel Anderson, president of the Main Street Improvement Team.

Woirhaye, who has been with the department since 1996, gave the fire department report at the beginning of the meeting.

“In 2014 we had 48 runs,” Woirhaye said.

“That’s half of last year.”

The department recently purchased a thermal imaging camera – a heat seeking device.

Woirhaye demonstrated the camera at the meeting. He had someone place their hand on the wall for a few moments, then directed the camera at that section of wall – the handprint appeared clearly on the camera screen.

“This can read fire temperatures through smoke,” Woirhaye said.

He added that the camera will be useful in multiple response situations. For example,

if the fire department is called out to a car crash and they find two people in the front seat, they can use the camera to examine the back seat and see if someone was there that may have been thrown, he said.

The department is currently in the process of reaching out to all the volunteers with surveys evaluating the effectiveness of the fire department.

“I want to know how we’re doing, what motivates the guys, things like that,” Woirhaye said. “I’ll let you know when we get the results back. We

will work on implementing the things they want to see to keep the volunteers we have and hopefully recruit more.”

He pointed out that to man one fire station around the clock with three employees would cost taxpayers roughly \$500,000 every year.

“What our volunteers do is incredible,” he said.

MSIT and the new year

Sheridan’s MSIT held their annual meeting on Jan. 12 and had 24 members attending, according to Anderson.

Instead of establishing new goals, Anderson said the team chose to focus on completing the Main Street project – the MDT is ramping up construction to replace Sheridan’s Main Street this year, and the MSIT has been an integral part of designing how the new road will look.

MSIT’s main focus has been making downtown Sheridan unique – they are achieving that through period-style lamp-posts that will line the street.

“We just want to get this project done,” Anderson said. Mayor Dean Derryberry

said the MDT’s project was slated to be completed when he became mayor nine years ago.

“This has been a long time coming,” Derryberry said. “Thank you guys.”

Fire chief appointment

Before adjourning, the council moved to approve Woirhaye as the 2015 Sheridan fire chief – Woirhaye was elected to the position by the entire department earlier in the year. The town council members unanimously voted in favor of Woirhaye’s appointment.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Ennis woman pleads not guilty to forgery

An Ennis woman charged with forgery appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Feb. 23.

The charges against Carol Ann Feist stem from an Oct. 22, 2014, occurrence where she allegedly created

a “fraudulent check” in an amount of more than \$1,500. The maximum penalty for forgery in an amount of more than \$1,500 is a fine not to exceed \$50,000, imprisonment in the state prison for a term not to exceed 20 years or both, according to court documents.

Feist pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Deputy county attorney Justin Ekwall pointed out Feist currently has another case pending in Madison County

district court – in that case she was charged with five counts that occurred between March 6, 2014, and July 2, 2014: two counts of deceptive practices (common scheme or greater than \$1,500), two counts of issuing a bad check (less than or equal to \$1,500) and one count of attempted theft of labor or services.

Ekwall said the state also issued a petition to revoke Feist’s bail – if she is found guilty of the most recent

forgery charge, that violates her bail from the first case.

Before excusing Feist, Judge Tucker ordered her already-posted \$1,000 bond from the first case be continued and be concurrent for both cases. No future court date has yet been set.

Alleged 4th DUI

An Ennis man pleaded not guilty to the charge of a fourth DUI before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison

County Courthouse on Feb. 23.

Joe Willis Dickinson was charged two counts. For count one, the state charged him with driving under the influence of alcohol, fourth offense, or an alternative of operation of a noncommercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more, fourth offense – Dickinson will be charged with one or the other. For count two, Dickinson was charged with unlawful possession of open alcoholic

beverage container in a motor vehicle on highway.

The charges against Dickinson stem from a Jan. 16, 2015, incident where he was driving a motor vehicle on U.S. Highway 287 while allegedly under the influence of alcohol.

Dickinson was released on his own recognizance and is currently monitored by a breath testing device that tests for alcohol three times per day.

No future court date has yet been set.

An era of big money in politics

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Legislative vote pledging and a Federal balanced budget amendment are two topics that have recently been the subject of much conversation and debate.

Legislative vote pledging is the process by which a political action committee attempts to control candidates. Typically, a ‘survey’ is mailed to all candidates approximately 60 days prior to the primary elections. This survey will contain questions related to the PAC’s stated mission and it generally ends with a pledge that the candidate is required to sign

to receive the PAC’s support. Sometimes stated openly, but more typically wrapped in a thin veil, is the threat that if the candidate does not sign the pledge the PAC in question will oppose them in the primary.

This threat is significant because Montana’s elections are inexpensive when compared to the cost of other state’s legislative races. A relatively small expenditure, made by an out of state PAC like Americans for Prosperity can easily wield outsized influence in our local elections. Candidates realize this fact and many sign the pledges simply to facilitate their own survival.

Because most of the PACs that operate in Montana are funded by out of state interests, when a candidate pledges his

vote to one of these organizations, both the local voter and the state of Montana are left without true representation in Helena.

This ‘buying’ of votes was considered heinous in the days of the Copper Kings and it remains heinous today. In response to these outside pressures, our position has always been that we will not, and we have not, signed any pledges.

A rash of automated calls into our legislative district sheds even more light on the methods PACs utilize to influence legislators.

Recently, many of our constituents received a phone call asking them whether or not they supported a balanced Federal budget and, when they pressed ‘one’ for yes, they were immediately routed to our cell

phones. The rerouting was not announced beforehand and most constituents were surprised that they had called us. Only after much initial confusion were we able to explain that by pressing ‘one’ they were actually supporting legislation that would lead to a convention to amend the United States Constitution.

We believe, like many others, that spending in Washington D.C. is out of hand and that Congress should make plans to prudently balance our Federal budget. Further, we have worked hard to balance Montana’s state budget and to ensure that we spend on priorities like education and infrastructure while keeping our state budget in the black.

We do not believe, however, that we should call a national con-

vention to amend the U.S. Constitution. This process is known as an Article V convention call and it has never been employed before in our nation’s history. There are good reasons for this.

When we consider that the Article V process does not allow Montanan’s to choose their delegates and that we cannot limit the scope of the changes that might be proposed, we do not see how it could be rationally supported. The last thing we want to see is an out of control convention, staffed by delegates of somebody else’s choosing, running roughshod over your existing constitutional protections.

Sadly, we have entered an era of big money in our state’s political environment. Even sadder yet, most of the money

does not originate in Montana. In an effort to limit the influence of these groups we will continue to resist their intrusion by supporting campaign finance reform laws that make their donors visible to the voter.



Rep. Ray Shaw

Simplifying state’s tax code benefits everyone

By Sen. Debby Barrett
HOUSE DISTRICT 36

We all understand the pain of doing taxes every year. Hours spent on monotonous number crunching and paperwork, or hundreds of dollars spent to hire an accountant, all to calculate how much money we owe the government. It’s certainly not something that most people look forward to under the best circumstances, but the more complex the tax code, the more painful the whole process becomes. So, shouldn’t we lawmakers be

working to change this?

Although many of us don’t particularly enjoy filing our taxes, it is an important part of every day life as taxes pay for our basic functions of government like roads and law enforcement. The challenge for policy makers is finding a balance between low tax rates that encourage investment, growing the economy and higher tax rates that generate more revenue for government services, but stifle economic growth. However, in the process of finding that balance here in Montana, our tax code has evolved into a complex system

riddled with incentives meant to encourage certain behavior.

The downside of a complex tax code is two faced. First, you discourage both individuals and business from operating within your system due to the complexity of filing and higher rates, forfeiting all of the potential tax revenue they would have generated. Second, it costs government much more to administer a complex tax code as it takes more time to calculate tax documents. The combination, of higher administrative costs and lost potential revenue equals less money for

the state to operate, tempting some lawmakers to raise tax rates for everyone else.

Simplifying our state’s tax code is a worthy goal for our legislature to undertake this session and one proposal aims to do just that. Last week Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, R-Kalispell, introduced Senate Bill 171, which would overhaul our state’s entire tax code, bringing much needed reform to the patchwork system that we currently operate under.

SB 171 would reduce the number of tax brackets in our tax code from eight to two; it would eliminate many of the tax

credits currently on the books; and would reduce the administrative costs of processing all the state’s tax documents as the number of staff needed would decrease dramatically. And best of all, SB 171 condenses the state’s entire individual income tax return form down to a simple, one page document, which makes doing our taxes a whole lot easier.

SB 171 is a large step towards improving the tax climate here in Montana and passed the full Senate with bipartisan support. It is encouraging to see a major reform to our state’s

tax code receive such strong support and it just goes to show that good policymaking is alive and well within our legislature.



Sen. Debby Barrett

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Bicycles part of transportation system

Dear Editor,

A response to Ken Holbrook's published letter on Jan. 29, citing cyclists should pay extra taxes for wider lanes.

Bicycles are considered a part of the total transportation system just as automobiles, buses, trucks, pedestrians and farm or construction machinery and have the same rights to use the public transportation infrastructure. Cyclists pay their share of taxes through income and property taxes or rent that goes to their landlord for property taxes. The majority of bikers also drive a motor vehicle for trips that they cannot

conduct on their bicycles so they also contribute to the gas tax base. In a University of Montana research study on cycling tourists, it was found that 44 percent of these bikers were employed, 36 percent were retired, 20 percent were business owners, student or homemakers. Fifty-six percent of the cyclists had median household incomes of \$75,000 to \$150,000 per year and 10 percent earned over \$200,000 per year.

In the current allocation of transportation funds, \$77.50 goes for roads, \$21 for transit and \$1.50 towards biking and walking. A third of the population does not drive a motor vehicle. A driver

traveling 10,000 miles each year contributes \$324 in taxes and direct fees. The cost to the public, including direct and external costs is \$3,360. A biker may travel 3,000 miles per year and contributes \$300 annually in taxes and costs. The public pays \$36 for this infrastructure, which is a savings of \$264 compared to the motor vehicle. To balance the road budget, comparing bikers to motor vehicle drivers, 12 people commuting by bike equates to one person commuting by motor vehicle.

Fifty percent of car trips are within 20 minutes of a bike ride. Twenty-five percent of car trips are within 20 minutes of a walk.

Biking and walking provide exercise to reduce chronic disease from sedentary life styles. Chronic disease costs our society \$235 billion dollars a year and is responsible for spiraling health-care costs in America. State and Federal governments pay 44 percent of health care costs.

Inequity? It appears more transportation funds should be used for non-motorized infrastructure. Active transportation for shorter errands would benefit all in savings.

Darlene Tussing
Rural Laurin

Explaining the 310 complaint procedure

Dear Editor,

In light of recent discussions regarding the Madison Conservation District's updated 310 violation procedures, we would like to take this opportunity to help explain this process in greater detail and clear up any misunderstandings that may have resulted from the recent change. In Montana, local conservation districts are tasked with the responsibility of reviewing and permitting activities taking place on, or near, perennial waterways. This is referred to as the 310 Law, which was created to prohibit

unauthorized activities on streams that may have unforeseen negative impacts on the water resource. The 310 Law also imposes a duty on CD supervisors to take action whenever they have knowledge that someone may have violated this law by carrying out an unpermitted project on a perennial waterway. The law does not actually require districts receive this knowledge through a formal complaint. However, many CDs have adopted rules that formalize the complaint procedure. In most cases, the CDs request that people submit a written complaint describing the alleged violation

and also ask the person submitting the formal complaint provide their name and sign the document before submitting it to the district. Although the Madison CD has recently amended its rules to allow written complaints anonymously, regardless of whether we receive information anonymously or not, it is still our responsibility to act upon all alleged violations in order to determine if a permit should, or should not, have been obtained for a project. It is not the mission, nor the desire of conservation districts to act as a regulatory agency. Our interest is not to take punitive action

against producers or landowners; rather it is to bring them into compliance with the 310 Law. Districts are here to work with community members in making wise natural resources decisions. We are neighbors working with neighbors. There is a high level of uncertainty in our water resources from year to year and we hope to provide a level of confidence that our streams and rivers in the Madison Valley will remain in the most ideal condition for years to come for all of our residents.

Ethan Kunard
Madison Conservation District

A case for the CSKT Water Compact

Dear Editor,

The Legislature will soon determine the fate of the CSKT Water Compact. For those who have not followed it, the compact it is an agreement for the equitable division and apportionment of water rights between the state and its people and the Indian Tribes. The legislature approved 17 compacts with six tribes and five federal agencies in Montana. The CSKT compact is different from previous tribal compacts – the tribal rights stem from the Treaty of Hellgate. This treaty gives the tribe an instream flow right to utilize all waters of Montana where they traditionally fished. The language has been upheld through court cases

in Montana and other western state and federal courts.

The Montana Farm Bureau policy supports a negotiated compact because it protects water rights of farmers and ranchers. If there is not a negotiated agreement, the tribe is required by state law to file and litigate their claims for instream flow rights on waters as far east as the Milk River, the upper Musselshell, the Upper Missouri and Yellowstone. All the Tribes claims may not be upheld but each individual water right holder would have to go to court to defend their rights. This would cost Montana farmers and ranchers as well as municipalities and industrial users millions.

The current agreement contains the following terms.

All stock rights, municipal, domestic and commercial rights on and off reservation are 100 percent protected. All irrigators with flow rates of 100 gpm or less are 100 percent protected on and off reservation.

The compact does not change regulatory jurisdiction over anything off the reservation. The Tribe has no new say over management of water rights, water quality, wildlife, or anything else off the reservation.

The Tribes are settling for no water of their own on the Bitterroot and instead will co-own current FWP rights out of Lake Como and Painted Rocks. The co-owned rights will have the priority date and flow rate of the existing FWP right. The same

would be true of the Upper Clark Fork where they would co-own the former Milltown dam right with FWP. On the reservation the agreement defines and protects historic farm delivery volumes, provides state and federal funding to accomplish operational and rehabilitation and improvements on the irrigation project. The CSKT is a fair settlement. Without a compact the adjudication of Montana's water could be held up for decades, creating uncertainty and costing Montana's water users millions. It is time to finish this process and move forward with the adjudication of Montana's water.

John Youngberg
Belgrade

Tea Party stands for taxed enough already

Dear Editor,

Last week Pat Bradley's letter, "A Look at the Truth," contained a few remnants of truth, but for the most part was a lot of babble. I can only hope the majority of people read Debby Barrett's view, which, of course, dealt with a lot more facts and how the Water Compact affects the individual rights of private property owners as well as the Indian Reservation, along with all Montana

Water Rights and how it usurps the Legislative power. There are numerous sites and information on the internet that give very detailed information and views, not just the one Bradley cited. Then she jumps into attacks on five other issues (all in 350 words), and seven other Representatives that she does not like for their love of the Constitution. That truly is what all of her articles have in common. She detests the Constitution's protection of the

individual's rights and freedoms and would gladly hand them over to the all-powerful centralized national government. She fears state's sovereignty because she believes in top down government. That is how socialists think. Anyone who believes in individual's rights is a threat to her and she throws the "tea party" label at anyone who falls into that category. Quite frankly, it has gotten very old. Just in case it has been forgotten – Tea Party stands

for taxed enough already. Evidently Pat Bradley does not think she has. Her constant reference to "moderate republicans" makes me think there is truth to the notion that there is a movement to take over the Republican Party by socialists – just like they did the Democratic Party in the 1950s.

Christy Wagner
Harrison

Laws should not restrict freedoms

Dear Editor,

I was very excited to see Doris Fischer advocating of end of life choices.

Because Montana prides itself on advocating individual freedoms, I cannot imagine why anyone would want to prohibit the right to

die with dignity. Laws that restrict freedoms are archaic and should not be allowed to curtail those freedoms regardless of whether or nor one

will take advantage of them.

Shay Sayre
Ennis

OBITUARIES

Chance Samuel Rowe

April 29, 2012 - February 19, 2015



We unexpectedly said goodbye to our beloved baby boy, Chance Samuel Rowe, on Feb. 19, 2015. Chance was born at Saint Vincent Hospital on April 29, 2012. Arriving two weeks early he showed us all that he was in control and patience

would never be his strong suit.

Chance was special in every way, from his sweet smile to his humble spirit. He loved cheering on his aunts and uncles at all their sporting events, lining his cars up in precise order, throwing the ball into the hoop and anything that involved "Daddy's truck." His sister, Addisyn, was his very best friend, always having a smile for her no matter his mood. Together they spent hours outside in the yard playing and terrorizing their puppy Ellie. Though Chance left us early he left a mark on everyone he met leaving an everlasting impression in their hearts.

Chance Samuel, we know you are with our Heavenly

Father. He is comforting the ones you have left behind, hoping that they know that one day we will meet again and never be apart. Families can be together forever, which has always been our Heavenly Father's plan.

Chance is survived by his father and mother, Justin and Breianna Rowe and his sister Addisyn of Billings. Grandparents Pete and Stacey Rowe of Great Falls; Patrick and Janell Mulholland of Big Timber; and Tater and Debbie Shows of Helmsville. Great-grandparents Margie Beaird of Rapid City, S.D.; Claude and Dorothy Mulholland of Ennis;

and Georgia Bignell of Helmsville. Aunts and uncles Samantha (Dave) Kelly; Seth, Gabi and Garrett Mulholland; and Sabrina Shows. He is preceded in death by great-grandparents George and Barbra Haynes; John Beard; Gerald Bignell; and a great aunt, Terri Haynes.

A celebration of his life will be held at Smith Funeral Chapels, 304 34th Street West Billings, on Friday, Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m. Memorials can be made to a go fund account set up in Chance's name, gofundme.com/n1fr3s. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting smithfuneralchapels.com

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Norm Degner June 1925 - February 12, 2015

* The following is a revised obituary for Norm Degner



Norm 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 attended 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 Provancha 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 untimely 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, passing many pleasant hours keeping all around him in stitches.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Earnest 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 rejoicing many joyous souls beyond. At Norm's request, cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

LEGISLATIVE ROUND UP

Submitted by Michael Wright
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE
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With the halfway point of the Montana Legislature quickly approaching, lawmakers are trying to get bills across the hallway to the other chamber.

The first transmittal deadline is Feb. 27, the last day for general bills to get sent from one house to the other, but already several bills have died in committee and on the floors of both chambers.

Rep. Nick Schwaderer, R-Superior, was carrying House Bill 333, which would regulate state use of security cameras. It died on the House floor on a tied vote two days in a row.

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, R-Columbus, saw a similar fate with his House Bill 182, which would require zoning to be adopted on county land before the government could regulate its use. That bill got a 50-50 vote on second reading in January, effectively killing it until he got a motion to reconsider. Then the bill died 59-41.

With the deadline looming, last week was filled with legislators pushing new bills in front of committees, hoping to get them through.

Contentious Salish and Kootenai water compact heads to the Senate floor

Three Republicans joined with Democrats to get the contentious water agreement between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the state and federal governments out of committee last week.

Senate Bill 262, sponsored by Sen. Chas Vincent, R-Libby, is a bill that lines out specific terms of a negotiated water agreement between the Tribes and state and federal governments. All the Democrats on the committee supported it, as did Vincent and two other Republicans - Sen. Nels Swandal of Wilsall and Sen. Doug Kary of Billings.

Busloads of people came for

a standing-room only hearing on the bill earlier in the week.

Ranchers, tribal members and others came in on both sides of the issue.

Vernon Finley, chairman of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, backed the bill, saying it represents a significant compromise on the tribe's part, "in the spirit of being good neighbors."

"I stand here to urge the committee to move the process forward," he said, adding that the bill would prevent the "long arduous process of litigation."

Without the agreement, the tribe could sue for water rights across the state.

Cory Swanson, representing the Attorney General's office, also backed the bill, saying it protects existing water rights.

"This is a good agreement that guarantees water for every opponent in this room," Swanson said.

Some of Montana's major agriculture groups supported the compact as well, including the Montana Stockgrowers Association and the Montana Farm Bureau Federation.

Rep. Nancy Ballance, R-Hamilton, led off the opposition. Ballance said the bill came too late for legislators to read it and fully understand it, and that she does not like the "forever nature" of the long-term agreement.

Other opponents said the bill was unconstitutional and does not guarantee water rights for existing users.

Greg Hinkle, of Thompson Falls, said the threat of litigation made this "legislation by intimidation."

Hinkle's nephew is Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, R-Bozeman, one of the four Republicans who voted against the bill in committee.

Jon Metropoulos, representing Dixon Melons and the Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association, said his clients did not like the deal.

"It's just not a good deal for Montana," he said.

This was only the beginning of what will be a key debate in the rest of the session.

Bill criminalizing physician-assisted suicide dies on the House floor

House Bill 328, sponsored by Rep. Brad Tschida, R-Missoula, died on the House floor last week on a tight vote.

Ten Republicans joined with the Democrats to vote down the bill, which would have criminalized physicians who prescribe aid-in-dying medication. The practice has been legal in Montana since a 2009 state Supreme Court decision.

One of the Republicans who voted it down was Rep. David "Doc" Moore, who told an emotional story about his wife, who recently died of cancer. He said that they had done everything they could to help her, "but there's only so much you can do."

"This body doesn't need to get in the way of what doctors and patients decide," Moore said.

Republicans who backed the bill said the practice is too similar to homicide, and legalizing it leads to abuse by doctors.

It failed on a 51-49 vote. In the Senate earlier this month, a bill to protect physicians who prescribe aid-in-dying medication was tabled.

Daines complains about the feds

U.S. Sen. Steve Daines railed against the federal government in an address to a joint session of the Montana Legislature last week.

"D.C. is more concerned with its own self interests than the well being of the American people," Daines said.

Daines talked about the Keystone XL Pipeline, saying it would be a "lifeline for Montana families looking to bring something home."

"It's time to stop debating and start building," Daines said, getting a standing ova-

tion from the Republican side of the aisle, along with a handful of Democrats.

Daines also backed keeping public lands public, getting a standing ovation on both sides of the aisle, but said state control of public lands would be better than federal control, sticking with the main theme of his speech.

"Washington, D.C. is the problem, Montana has solutions," he said, and repeated variations of it throughout the speech.

Bill would require animal cruelty be reported within 24 hours

Sen. Eric Moore, R-Miles City, is carrying Senate Bill 285, which would require people to report incidences of animal cruelty within 24 hours.

Moore said the bill is meant to prevent animal rights groups from getting footage of cruelty and releasing it when it would best help them raise money. He cited incidents from other states in which groups had released video to media organizations.

"This evidence shouldn't come out six months later," Moore said.

Nicole Rolf of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation backed the bill, saying that reporting abuse quickly is important to the agriculture industry.

"I don't think there's anyone who cares more about their animals than farmers and ranchers," Rolf said.

Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Veterinary Medical Association also backed the bill.

Nanette Gilbertson, of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was the lone opponent to the bill. Gilbertson said events like Moore described had not happened in Montana and that requiring reporting within 24 hours would hinder investigations.

Gilbertson also said the bill would create an unusual exception for animal

abuse in Montana law.

"There's not another place in statute that requires a witness to a crime to report it within 24 hours," Gilbertson said.

Another speed limit increase gets hearing

Car organizations and the Montana Highway Patrol are opposing a bill that would increase Montana's speed limits, the second bill in that vein heard this session.

House Bill 480, sponsored by Rep. Mike Miller, R-Helmville, would raise interstate speed limits to 80 mph from 75 for cars, and to 70 mph from 65 for semitrucks.

"There's no reason Montana can't go to 80," Miller said, adding that parts of Idaho and Wyoming had passed similar increases.

The bill would also increase the speed trucks can go on state highways from 60 to 70 mph, the same speed as cars. Miller said that also has worked in other states and would cut down on dangerous passing situations when several cars are lined up behind a truck going much slower than them.

Nicole Rolf of the Farm Bureau Federation said that organization supports eliminating the truck speed limit on state roads and having cars going the same speed, but is neutral to Miller's proposed interstate change.

Dave Wood, a Helena-area man, said that speed limits are only enforced by a state to raise revenue through writing tickets.

"Speed limits really have nothing to do with highway safety," Wood said.

Along with AAA and the Motor Carriers of Montana, the Montana Highway Patrol came out against the bill.

Jason Hildenstab, operations major of the Montana Highway Patrol, said the bill was too broad and that he wanted to see fine increases along with any

speed limit increase.

Earlier in the session, Senate Bill 228, sponsored by Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy, D-Box Elder, was tabled by a Senate committee. That bill would have raised the interstate speed limit to 85 mph for cars.

Major privacy bills heard Bills aimed at protecting digital privacy got their first hearings last week.

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, R-Billings, is carrying several privacy bills, one of the biggest being House Bill 444. That bill would require a search warrant for investigators from government agencies to get electronic data from third-party servers.

Zolnikov said the bill better protects a person's emails and text messages.

"Emails and text messages are today's papers and effects," Zolnikov said. "When you email someone, you no longer have an expectation of privacy."

Zolnikov said 28 groups from around the country had endorsed the bill, including Google, the California tech giant. At the hearing, supporters included the Montana Shooting Sports Association and the American Civil Liberties Union, who said federal law has not kept pace with the advancement of technology.

Montana's Department of Justice and the Montana County Attorneys Association opposed the bill, saying current law is strong enough and already protects electronic communication.

Mark Murphy, of the County Attorneys Association, said Montana's privacy guarantee in the constitution is "so well-evolved" that the bill isn't needed.

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White named to dean's list

Submitted by Eileen White

Local high school graduate Austin White was recently notified that she was placed on the dean's list for the college of arts and sciences at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., for the fall semester 2014. White earned a 4.0 GPA for the semester. Pacific University's undergraduate curriculum is rigorous

and challenging; the dean's list is one way of rewarding students who have met the standards with special effort, grace and proven excellence.

White will graduate this spring with a double major in French and business, with concentrations in accounting, finances and international business. She just returned from a culinary travel class to Paris, France, and was in Paris when

the shootings at the Charlie Hebdo publication offices occurred. She joined with the thousands of people in the unity demonstration that took place just days after the shootings.

She will complete an accounting internship this summer in Portland with AKT CPAs and Business Consultants.

White is a 2011 graduate of Harrison High School.

MANOR CELEBRATIONS



Submitted by Melody Clark

Madison Valley Manor residents had a visit from cupid and his helpers on Valentine's Day. The residents enjoyed grilled steak kabobs and shrimp scampi for lunch. Then they enjoyed treats, games, cupcakes and homemade ice cream. The residents traveled to Bozeman and ate Chinese to celebrate Chinese New Year. They also had shrimp cocktails for Mardi Gras. The residents went bowling last Friday. Pictured are cupid Melody Clark, activity director, and helpers Jenika Finks and Kaycee Hanson with resident Peggy Todd and therapy dog Minnie Pearl.

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CREATING SPACE

Courtesy of Carol Delisi

The Friends of the Sheridan Public Library receive a grant check from 3 Rivers for \$2,150 for expansion costs for Phase I, which currently in progress to create archival space. Pictured are: David Gibson, 3 Rivers General Manager/CEO, Bill Talbott, Sheridan Library director, Carol Delisi, Friends of the Library president, Donna Bombassaro, Friends of the Library treasurer and Kevin McWilliams, 3 Rivers customer liaison.



BOY SCOUTS / CUB SCOUTS

Submitted by Bill Mercer

At the annual Blue and Gold banquet, Bill Mercer of ReMax Mountain property presented a check of more than \$900 to Troop 1601 and Cub Pack 4601. O.J. Palmer, scout master and cub scout master received the check. Mercer, who was an Eagle Scout many years ago is a strong supporter of the local programs. Wes Orr, scout committee chairman, was also in attendance as well as many parents.

Honor band in Sheridan welcomes students from local schools

Submitted by Carla Wisler
SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

Eight area high school bands will send their top students to create an honor band at Sheridan High School. Students from

Butte, Ennis, Granite/Phillipsburg, Harrison, Sheridan, Three Forks, Twin Bridges and Whitehall will gather to play and rehearse for six hours and prepare a 30 minute concert. The guest conductor for these eligible stu-

dents is Dr. Kevin Griggs from the University of Montana. As band director for the UM Concert Band, Marching Griz and the Grizzly Pep Band, Griggs brings flair and excitement and will even work the kids through

a pep band tune for fun. The 6:30 p.m. concert on March 2 is open to the public. The entire honor band experience is being funded by support from Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce members.



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Mainwarings family history at the Madison Valley History Association

Submitted by Larry L. Love
MADISON VALLEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Mainwarings came to the Madison Valley History Association February meeting from Pony, Belgrade, Harrison, Harlowtown and Ennis. After a brief business meeting, Stanley, George, Doris, Marian and Keith told the story of the Mainwarings in the Madison Valley. Keith was the main spokesman for the group and did an excellent job that was enjoyed by all. He kept the group attentive with his stories and facts with help from his brothers and sisters. The Mainwarings came to the

valley in March of 1915 and were of Welsh ancestry. The ended up moving from Virginia, to Kansas, to Butte and to Ennis where all 14 of the Mainwarings were born. Their parents were George and Helen. At this time, they were the largest family in the valley. There were 15 in all though one boy, Dale, died in childbirth. The kids were the following: Russel, David, Anna, Laura, Stephen, Doris, George Parker, John King, Marshal Ray (Mick), Marian, Stanley Earl, Janet, Carol and Richard Keith. There are seven children living today and lots of grandchildren. Look for them in the Fourth of July

parade in Ennis this year 2015. Keith told a little history of each one and what they did. Keith said the Mainwarings were not rich, but had lots of love and togetherness. The older kids helped out with the younger ones and bought presents for them at Christmas time. The biggest treat was loading everybody up in a Model A and heading for Bozeman on dirt roads. What a treat to go to the five and dime store with a dollar to spend. Keith also said that his mom and dad were very strict disciplinarians and the barbers strap was used every now and then. Their father worked as a ranch hand mostly with the Valley Garden, Jumping Horse and Diamond J. He did jobs such as hauling garbage, digging graves and being deputy sheriff as night watchman for seven years. Their mother, besides taking care of the kids and doing all chores, baked bread (especially brown bread), did laundry and ironing for people, was an assistant cook at the school, belonged to the Ladies Aid and PTA and even received an honorable mention as Mother of the Year. The Mainwarings and all of their relatives are still a part of the Madison Valley community. If you would like to know more about this family history, check with the MVHA. What a colorful group of pioneers. In March, the MVHA will have an Irish stew feed at the school cafeteria on March 17 in honor of the birthday of William Ennis, the town's founder. The public is invited to attend.

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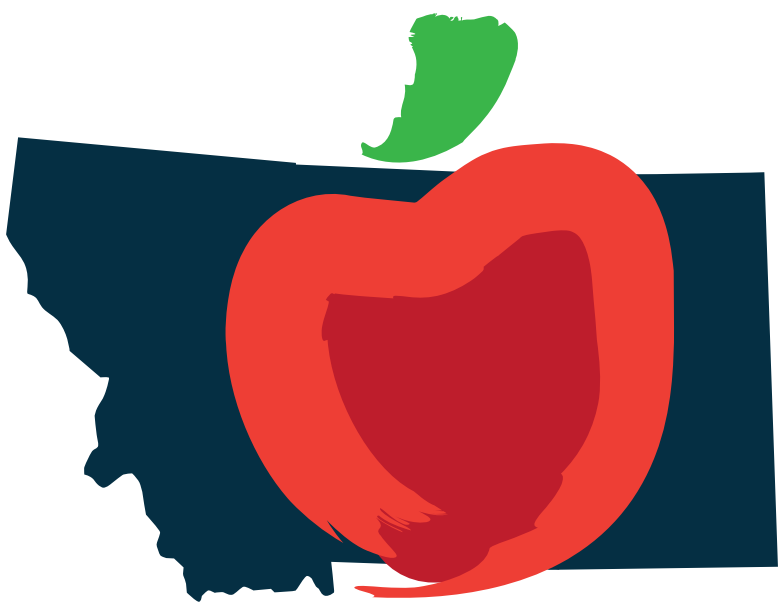
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo courtesy of Caitlin Avey.
An eagle in the Ruby Valley guards its nest.

FEB. 19 PHOTO OF THE WEEK CORRECTION

The *Madisonian* would like to apologize for crediting last week's photo of the week to Joseph Bagwell. The photo should have been credited to Lori Fink – sorry Lori! Thanks for the great shot!

Congratulations

Scholarships awarded to local youth

Submitted by Rod Siring
VIGILANTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Vigilante Electric Cooperative understands that importance of education and has a long history of providing member youth with educational opportunities. Using funds from unclaimed capital credits the board of trustees of Vigilante Electric Cooperative has awarded 20 \$500 scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year. This year's recipients have proven themselves not only in the classroom but in their communities as well. This year's scholarships are given to the following students:

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Emma Russell – Townsend attending Carroll College
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Nicolas Hill – Broadwater High School
Cierra Lamey – Beaverhead Co High School
Questen Inghram – Broadwater High School
Ellie Wilkinson – Beaverhead Co High School
Emilie Schroder – Lima High School
Holly Andersen – Beaverhead Co High School
Emily Stosich – Lima High School

Jason Ferris – Beaverhead Co High School
Dusty Keim – Twin Bridges High School
Jordan Peterson – Beaverhead Co High School
Michael Walsh – Twin Bridges High School
Parker Jones – Beaverhead Co High School
Sami Nicholls – Twin Bridges High School
Sage Schoonen – Beaverhead Co High School
Nolan Konen – Twin Bridges High School
Devinn Ragen – Broadwater High School
Jamie Kopf – Whitehall High School

MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 5 to 20.

Friday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 5 to 20.

Saturday



Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 10 to 15. Highs 25 to 35.

Sunday



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 25 to 35.

Monday



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 25 to 35.

Quote of the Week:

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George Bernard Shaw

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4 P A W S RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



HARLEY

Been hanging out at the rescue since I got brought in, but I'm hoping and praying I get a home soon. Don't know why I haven't been adopted yet, well, maybe I do. I have a slight disability, but it doesn't keep me from doing things. Done everything I know how to do, oh wait! I haven't prayed yet. Silly me. Dear FATHER up above, I know you love and care

for all of us. Please help me get a home with someone who will love me for me and not care about my disability. Someone who will let me love them and I do have a lot of love to give. That's all I would like to have LORD. So I leave it in your hands, which are so much better than mine. Love, Harley. Call either Misty: 439-1405 or Afton: 287-3613 to see me.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK HARRISON



Jarrod Nye is a senior at Harrison High School and is Harrison's student of the week. Jarrod is a quiet and unassuming young man who cannot possibly be disliked by anyone. He is an active outdoorsman and is involved in sports, lettering in cross country, track and basketball. Jarrod is also on the student council and competes in Skills USA. Jarrod has taken a particular shine to the school's new 3D printer and when he is given an assignment, he goes above and beyond the minimum he has to do.

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Kurtis Koenig/The Madisonian
Mara Johnson plows through the Hornet defense.



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Britt Cooper threads through defenders and draws the foul.



DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

Kurtis Koenig/The Madisonian
Kallee Oliverson gained one of many blocks in the championship game



Kurtis Koenig/The Madisonian
Nolan Konen fires off a three



Twin Bridges Lady Falcons crowned district champs Lady Wildcats and Falcon men also advance to divisional tournament

Kurtis Koenig
THE MADISONIAN
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The District 11/12C tournament, which occurred from Wednesday to Saturday last week, featured local talent on the hardwood. The grueling four-day tournament narrows down the teams in the district in order that the very best eight teams (four men's, four women's) are sent to the divisional tournament this week.

All regular season games are rendered moot once the first ball is tossed up for the jump and more often than not, anything can, and does, happen at district.

The Lady Falcons from Twin Bridges set themselves apart from their competitors after surviving close games with White Sulphur Springs and Gardiner. The top-ranked Harrison Lady Wildcats stumbled over Shields Valley and were forced to settle with a third-place trophy.

On the boys' side of the bracket, it was a battle for second place. Manhattan Christian is the real deal. They have the size, speed and a cadre of sharp-shooters, but the second-place Falcons gave them a solid game in the championship.

The remaining local teams, unfortunately, were forced to suffer the agony of defeat

as they were eliminated from tournament play. The action started at the play-in games on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY

Harrison Wildcats 48, Gardiner 75

The Wildcats fell short of entry into the regular bracket with a play-in loss to Gardiner on Wednesday. Despite a heroic effort by Jed Fike and his game-high 20 point outing, Harrison's season ended.

Harrison entered the tournament 4-11, which was good enough for eighth-place ranking. However, due to the size of district 11-12 C, play-in games were necessary.

Fike put the ball up 28 times in the game, but only managed to connect on six shots from the field. The rest of the team shot a poor 18-71 from the field, while Gardiner capitalized on 31-65.

Zane VonBergen and Parker Galt each chipped in seven points in the loss.

Harrison kept pace with the Bruins early, but the second quarter proved too much for them. Gardiner added to their 16 point half time lead in the third and put the game out of reach.

Harrison 6 15 8 19 - 48
Gardiner 8 29 18 20 - 75

Sheridan Panthers 27, White Sulphur Springs 64

The season came to an early end for the Sheridan Panthers at the hand of a scrappy Hornet team in the play-in game prior to the district tournament last Wednesday.

The Hornets came out hot and put some distance between themselves and the Panthers in the first quarter, but in the second, Sheridan slipped further behind.

At the half, the Hornets led 31-12.

Colter Kenworthy stepped up to lead his team with a

nine point outing and Sam Wood added seven, however, as a team, Sheridan only managed to cash in on eight of 48 attempts from the field.

White Sulphur Springs pounded Sheridan in third quarter taking a comfortable lead before putting the game away in the final period.

WSS 15 16 17 16 - 64
SHS 9 3 4 11 - 27

THURSDAY

Harrison Lady Wildcats 46, Lone Peak 31

Top-ranked Harrison cruised to an easy win against Lone Peak to advance to the semi-finals of the district tournament last Thursday.

As they have done all season, Harrison held their opponents to fewer than 10 points in almost every quarter. In a rare turn of events, however, Britt Cooper was not among the top two scorers for the Lady Wildcats.

Though Cooper's seven points were crucial in the Lady 'Cats' win, it was Addie Nesbit's 16 points that paced Harrison.

The Lady Cats jumped out to a seven point lead in the first quarter, but in the second, they trounced the 'Horns and went to the locker room with a 26-10 lead.

They would add to that lead in the second quarter, essentially putting the game out of reach. Lone Peak would entertain a fourth-quarter rally, but it was too little too late as the Lady 'Cats remained perfect on the season and set themselves up for a semi-final match against tough conference foe Shields Valley.

Taya DeFrance contributed eight points while Alecia Panagakis added six in the win.

Harrison 14 12 11 9 - 46
Lone Peak 7 3 8 13 - 31

Shields Valley 46

Ennis charged in the final period to attempt to put down the upset-minded Lady Rebels but fell short in the final minute.

Caitlin Klatt fell just shy of a double-double with her 13 points and eight rebounds, while Delaney McNally netted three three-pointers to pace the Mustangs with 15.

Ennis edged a small lead at the conclusion of the first quarter, but Shields Valley erased the deficit and constructed a lead of their own in the second. At the half, Ennis trailed 22-19.

The Lady Rebels would add to that lead in the fourth quarter behind a well-rounded perimeter attack where five Rebels put down three pointers.

In the final period Ennis blazed the court with an impressive comeback attempt only to fall short of advancing to the semifinals by one point.

Ennis 11 7 10 17 - 45
Shields 10 12 11 13 - 46

Twin Bridges Lady Falcons 50, White Sulphur Springs 48

The lead changed hands nearly 20 times in a contest that was not decided until the final 45 seconds as the Lady Falcons advanced to the semifinals of the district tournament with a win over the Lady Hornets.

Both teams started out in a full court press. Though the Lady Falcon press is typically formidable, the Lady Hornets found a way through it. The first quarter ended with a 9-9 tie.

Most of the second quarter points came off of the press.

With just under one minute remaining in the quarter, Twin Bridges scraped out a three point lead, which was the largest margin between the teams up until that point.

After the break, the Lady Falcons settled into their

offense more effectively than the Hornets.

White Sulphur Springs, however, still managed to cause damage with their press.

The back and forth scoring came to a halt with four minutes remaining when the opportunistic Hornets tied up the game. Two minutes later the Lady Hornets owned a four point lead, but three Hornet starters committed three fouls.

In the final 30 seconds, Twin Bridges connected on eight of 12 free-throws. Paige Phillips contributed a 6-6 effort on the Lady Falcon's 8-0 run. Sulphur would have the final say in the quarter, finishing up with three quick points to go to the locker room down 26-27.

The Falcon defense swarmed in the third quarter denying every pass and selling out for steals. The tactic worked as the Lady Falcons pulled off six quick points from steals and transition. The Hornets, however, surged in the final minutes of the quarter and retook the lead.

With only two points separating the exhausted teams, Twin Bridges fell into a patient offense, burning huge chunks of time off the clock in search for the easy bucket. As the quarter wore down, foul trouble claimed three Hornet starters.

Twin Bridges took advantage of their absence and claimed the victory. Phillips and Megan Martin led the Falcons with 11 points. Phillips also added three assists in the win.

Twin 9 18 14 9 - 50
WSS 9 17 17 5 - 48

Ennis Mustangs 55, White Sulphur Springs 41

Ennis had their hands full with White Sulphur Springs, and though the Mustangs led in every quarter, the Hornets made things interesting before



Kurtis Koenig/The Madisonian
Wesly Armstrong fights for a shot in a convocation of Eagles.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

New insights from expectant parents

Submitted StatePoint

There are a lot of items parents do not necessarily know they will need before their new bundle of joy arrives. Preparing for baby is exciting, but the pregnancy journey also

can be overwhelming. Mom is expected to tackle big to-do's before baby comes – including making a baby registry.

It is not always clear what to include on the registry. How many diapers and wipes will baby need in that first year?

Nearly half of moms do not realize that on average they will change 2,200 diapers in baby's first year, according to a new survey conducted by Huggies.

Even with countless resources available online, nearly 80 percent of moms

report their friends are a primary influence on their baby registry choices.

When baby comes you want to be as best prepared as possible – so remember to add essentials like diapers and wipes to your baby registry.

MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH Tips to recharge your resolutions

Submitted by StatePoint

Have your healthy New Year's habits already begun to fade? Recharge your resolutions this March during National Nutrition Month. While a healthy lifestyle can certainly help you get the body you always wanted, the benefits extend well beyond your appearance, say experts.

“Adopting a healthy lifestyle offers more than just weight loss alone; it can also promote your overall health and reduce your risk of chronic diseases, like diabetes, heart disease, stroke and even some types of cancer,” says registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics spokesperson, Ximena Jimenez. “Eating right and staying active is an investment in a high-quality life.”

In time for National Nutrition Month, Jimenez is offering a few ways you can “Bite into a Healthy Lifestyle,” the theme of this year's annual focus on nutrition.

- Make informed food choices: A healthy lifestyle is about so much more than just choosing to eat more fruits and vegetables. While this is important, it is also essential to make informed food choices based on your individual health and nutrient needs.



Knowing which nutrients your body needs, the foods that contain them and how much fits into your healthy eating plan, are all part of making smart choices.

A registered dietitian nutritionist can educate you and guide your food choices while keeping your tastes and preferences in mind.

- Choose sensible snacks: Sensible snacks are a part of any healthful eating plan. If you choose carefully and plan ahead, snacks can prevent overeating at mealtimes and throughout the day. For children and adults alike, snacks can supply foods and nutrients

that we might miss in meals. Focus on fruits, vegetables, whole-grains and low-fat dairy foods.

- Get plenty of physical activity: Daily physical activity is a crucial part of a healthy lifestyle, and unfortunately most Americans do not include enough exercise in their daily routines. Regular physical activity strengthens bones and muscles, reduces the risk of chronic illness and fosters overall wellbeing.

- Consult an expert: Registered dietitian nutritionists draw on their experience to develop a

personalized nutrition plan for individuals of all ages. RDNs are able to separate facts from fads and translate nutritional science into information you can use. An RDN can help you adopt a healthy diet, reach and maintain a healthy weight and ultimately reduce your risk of chronic disease.

To help, the academy offers tips, games, tools and nutrition resources at www.EatRight.org/nnm.

Do not let your 2015 resolutions fall by the wayside. Use National Nutrition Month as an opportunity to revive your goals for the long-term.

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How to plant your garden from scratch

Submitted by StatePoint

Planting a garden from scratch can sound like a daunting task, especially for those who are new to the hobby. But with the right knowledge, you can plant a successful, fruitful

green space and expect to have a great harvest.

One way to get a head start on your garden is to start your seedlings indoors and then transplant them later into an outdoor garden. This time-tested technique can save you hundreds of

dollars annually, as young plants at a nursery can be pricey. Here are some tips and tricks to make the most of this method:

- Do not start your indoor plants too soon. They can grow in about four weeks or less if you use a high-quality garden starter. Check seed packages to learn when to plant outdoors in your area, and then start them indoors one month earlier to your transplanting date outdoors.

- Add new nutrients to the seedlings every two weeks and keep the water at full level. Feeding your plants more than the recommended amount will not make them grow faster. In fact, it could hurt the plants.

- Before transplanting, seedlings need to be hardened off. Skipping this step will almost certainly result in some or all of your plants dying. Hardening off seedlings eases their transition to the outdoors, where they will be exposed to the elements. The process involves gradually exposing plants to the outdoors, protecting them from full

sunlight, temperature variations and wind.

- Do not let sprouts get too big before transplanting them outdoors. Ideally they should be about 4-6 inches tall. If possible, wait to plant your seedlings on a cool, cloudy day. If your seedlings get too large before weather will allow transplanting outdoors, transplant them into small pots with high quality potting soil. Keep fully watered in a sunny space until weather permits transplanting outdoors.

- After transplanting seedlings outdoors, be sure to water them daily for the first two weeks, especially if the weather is dry and sunny.

- Save and reuse your seed starter tray for the next season. Once the spring plants have been transplanted outdoors, you will be free to get a head start on your summer crop. For true green thumb bragging rights, grow your garden from scratch. Just be sure you know the tricks of the trade.

MARCH

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COLUMNS



HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Kindly Gestures

Some reflections on an ill-considered walk



Art Kehler

During my time in Montana, I have observed that there are only a limited number of nice days in an average year. So, when a tolerable one occurs, no matter what month it falls in, I go outside and enjoy it. After all, it may be a long time before another such day comes along. Consequently, when the temperature recently rose to the high 40's, I was raring to go for a walk. Because all the local dirt roads were covered with ice, I decided to walk alongside US 287 on the Sand Creek Hill, north of Harrison. I drove about a third of the way down the hill's steepest section, parked my car, bounced out and struck a trot for the summit.

At first, I was cold. Lucky for me, my physical fitness level proved to be a tad shy of what I had anticipated. Therefore, my body temperature climbed to a point where my clothing began to emit steam. My trot transitioned into a trudge, and my exhalations became robust enough to rattle a mile marker sign. By the time I reached the halfway point of the ascent, I felt as though I was climbing Hollowtop Mountain in my fishing waders.

Then, a motorist approached from behind and stopped. Convinced that my car had conked out, she offered me a ride. When I responded—"No thanks, I'm just walking,"—the kindly woman's jaw plunged in shocked disbelief. I'm pretty sure she thought she'd encountered a deranged practitioner of extreme sports for the elderly.

Periodically, to ward off pre-rigor mortise (arthritic stiffening), I stopped and did some stretching exercises. Apparently, the accompanying

contortions convinced several motorists that I was in the throes of a life-threatening cardiac malfunction. They were so concerned that I worried someone might exit their vehicle, slam me to the ground and zap me with a heart defibrillator. Next, a fully-loaded tractor trailer stopped. To my amazement, the driver even backed his truck up to see if I was okay. Humbled, I watched the sainted soul shift through every gear while regaining speed up the hill.

During the one-half hour it took me to reach the summit, nine vehicles stopped to offer a ride. Some were strangers, some were folks I knew. My walk turned out to be a roundabout way to meet new people and visit with neighbors.

As I thought about it, I began to feel bad about being the cause of so many kindly gestures. I had to grant that, if I had driven up to a golden-ager steaming up a steep hill in the middle of February, I too would have been concerned. I also would have concluded that his vehicle had broken down, and if someone didn't give him a lift, the old boy would be found frozen stiff beside the road come morning. At that, I had to admit that I too would have stopped.

Ultimately, as I see it, there are two lessons to be learned from my ill-considered decision to walk that day: 1.) Don't be misled by the calloused hostility so often portrayed in current news reports and 2.) In the end, the good guys are going to win! To those who recognize themselves in this article, "Thank you!" You are the reason I choose to live here.

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Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines, and on-line magazines.



By Melissa Griffiths
THE MADISON COUNTY WEED BOARD

Play – Clean – Go!

This week was declared National Invasive Species Awareness Week by the North American Invasive Species Management Association. The goal is to raise awareness about the serious threat that invasive species present to plant and animal communities. "Play-Clean-Go" is the slogan that encourages us all to take aggressive steps to prevent the spread of invasive species as we recreate. While it is important to treat and control the invasive species that we know about, it is equally

important to be proactive in looking out for and diligently preventing new species from becoming established.

There are five principle steps that will help stop the introduction and spread of invasive plants and animals:

1. Drain, clean, dry gear and boats
 2. Burn local or certified firewood
 3. Use weed-free hay
 4. Stay on trails
 5. Before arriving and leaving, remove mud and seeds
- Some of the invasive

plant species we battle today were at one time introduced or established intentionally, but today's new invaders are generally spread by accident. It is not hard to imagine how these "hitchhikers" can become attached to our gear, pets or vehicles and inadvertently deposited elsewhere. That's why efforts like "Play-Clean-Go" are great reminders of what we may already intuitively know. We can be proactive and encourage our friends and family to be aware of the potential to spread invasive species.

Let's work to become knowledgeable about the occurrence of invasive species in neighboring areas or in geographically separate areas where we may travel or recreate. It is critical that we continually remain on the lookout for new invaders in our area. An ounce of education and prevention is definitely worth a pound or more of treatment!

The Madison Valley Ranchlands Group's Weed Committee is committed to providing private landowners with information, equipment, education and support to prevent and control noxious weeds in the Madison Valley. Our goal is to promote an integrated approach to noxious weed management – incorporating a variety of treatment options and methods, while remaining focused on education and prevention. In 2015 we look forward to continuing the great work that has been accomplished through several ongoing projects as well as a few new efforts that are just getting underway. If you have questions about invasive species in the area, ideas for new projects, or to learn more please feel free to contact us at 682-3731 or weedcommittee@madisonvalleyranchlands.org. The Madison County Weed Board is also a great source of information and can be reached at 842-5595.



by Gail Banks

Our nice, pre-spring weather sure got a swift kick this last week. Funny thing though; it wasn't even that bad of a storm that hit us, we are just so used to nice weather this year we were in shock. Cold, snow, wind, icy roads, oh my! I read on Facebook that the Kardashian sisters ran off the road near Belgrade this weekend. It made AP news! Oh dear, they simply slid off the road with no damage to car or themselves. How many times have we slid off a road, hit a deer, moose or whatever and it didn't even make the county paper. Thank gosh!

I must say that when you happen upon some really

good customer service nowadays, you sure do appreciate it. Great customer service is getting to be pretty rare. I had a car battery I had purchased from a chain store when I was in a spot out of town. In less than six months it went bad. So I told my sons I was taking it back to get it adjusted. They all laughed and said, "Good luck, no one is going to adjust that battery for you." So took it on Saturday and told the store it was bad, but I knew they would have to verify that. They said to come back in an hour and they would have the test done, which I did. I got back and a new battery at no charge was

waiting for me. They didn't make me feel bad asking for the adjustment and were very honest and respectable. Great customer service, and as I told them, I'll be back to purchase other items. Too bad when you find a business with great customer service that you couldn't put a sticker on their window, so others would know.

Life is so filled with little opportunities for us to stress, worry and be annoyed about. But we really need to save up our energy to handle the big stuff! I keep trying to remember that as well as I know it for a fact. But sometimes some things others do are so irritating.

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Through the WINDOW OF THE ARCHIVES

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

During the 1860s you have followed me and been with me as I have traveled through a great deal of history as I tried to seek out historic, interesting, fun and informative information about people, places and adventurous happenings in the brand new world of Virginia City. The wanderings never

seem to end. But for now there are small town streets, homes, folks, businesses and tales of their lives as the next generation struggled to become another part of Virginia City's history.

Inch by inch, root by root ... the grocery stores, drug store, garage, night watchman, Jack and Jill Tasty Freeze, what

did they all have in common ... advertisements in the local newspaper? So I settled on the story of Thomas Edgar Castle.

He was one of Montana's oldest pioneer newspaperman, former editor-owner of *The Madisonian*, established in 1873.

It was in 1899 he began his almost 40 years with *The Madisonian* where he became skilled in every department of newspaper activities. In 1915 he was named editor and in 1920 owner.

He believed names make

news and hired correspondents from every community. He was a great sponsor of wildlife and natural resources and long before old landmarks were restored, he pushed for restoration. Pertinent governmental and general interest news was provided in the paper. The newspaper became a valued reference medium, especially in establishing facts of every event and happenings in the area.

He and his first wife Cecilia whom he married in 1895 and had a son, Edger. Cecilia

passed away in 1903. He later married Sophia Werner – two daughters, Alatheia and Helen, were born to them. A short time later the Castle family moved to the Sedman house in Junction City. Later they purchased property in Adobetown, which was named The Castle Henery – appropriate as hundreds of chickens were raised there.

After the death of Sophia in 1929, Thomas became semi-retired, leaving management to Alatheia and her husband, David R. Andrews, selling the

business to them in 1936.

He spent his retirement years around the shop, writing, selling life insurance and enjoying fishing. In 1938 he married Martha (Keevah) Stutenburger, daughter of Robert Vickers, Virginia City pioneer. Later they moved to Bernardino, Calif. Thomas passed in 1939 at 78. His remains rest in the family plot in Hillside Cemetery, Virginia City.

Source: *Pioneer Trails and Trials, Dick Pace Archives*

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If a little is good, does that mean more is better?

Well, there you are... Old Paint's lathered up, your rope is all kinked and has about 15 pounds of mud on it, and it feels like you're trying to throw a grenade instead of the light nylon twine you had about 30 minutes ago.

Thoughts of, "Well, that'll teach him to get sick" are running through your mind. Or, perhaps you're recalling the time your daughter tried convincing you that time on the roping dummy with her would help you in your work as well — so you weren't really loafing if you took some time to practice just for fun — it was job skill training.

In any event, you now have a scoury calf at the end of your rope (finally) and you're thinking to yourself, "He won't be so easy to catch

the next time ... maybe if I shoot him up good I won't have to catch him again."

We've all been there and more than likely, we'll be there again. So, how do you make the decision on how much of your choice medication to give that critter?

This is a perfect opportunity to discuss the Beef Quality Assurance topic of Extra Label Drug Use (ELDU).

What the heck is ELDU? you may ask. ELDU is any time you use a drug in a manner that is not on the product label. It is if you give exceed to your cat, if you feed MGA to steers, or if you give that scoury calf a "little extra" in the hopes that you won't have to catch him again. Believe it or not, those labels that the

pharmaceutical companies put on drugs and feed additives actually tell you how to use the product (What? You mean that label isn't just complimentary fire starter? I had no idea!).

Off-label use isn't necessarily illegal unless it is in the feed. Feed and supplement labels are a hard and fast legal requirement, but there are some situations where there is some wiggle room on injectable drugs. In order for you to legally be able to take advantage of ELDU, you must be aware of the criteria. ELDU is only legal when done via the instructions from, or personally by a board-certified and licensed veterinarian.

This is where your veterinarian/client relationship becomes quite important.

A veterinarian/client relationship exists when:

- The veterinarian assumes the responsibility for judgments regarding an animal's health and need for treatment and client agrees to follow instruction.
 - The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of your animals to initiate a preliminary diagnosis.
 - The veterinarian is available for follow-up evaluations and treatment in the event of adverse reactions or treatment failures.
- Even if the drug is available over the counter, when we start using it in an off label capacity, it falls under the ELDU category. Use of drugs in an off-label manner may also alter the harvest withdrawal time required prior to harvest and the vet will determine when

that animal is safe to ship. Under normal use of a drug, the withdrawal times have been clinically tested – ELDU doses have generally not been proven through clinical trials. For this reason, the vet determines the withdrawal times.

What we do on the ranch matters

So this spring as some of you are doctoring scoured calves, foot rot cows later this summer, and pneumonia calves this fall – keep in mind that sometimes there is more to the responsible use of medicine than we realize. We all have to do what we need to for the health of the animal and, more often than not, we find ourselves out on the range or in the pasture with situations that haven't been written about

in any academic textbooks. These are the moments when decisions are made that truly tell the moral and ethical code of the industry. So do the right thing.

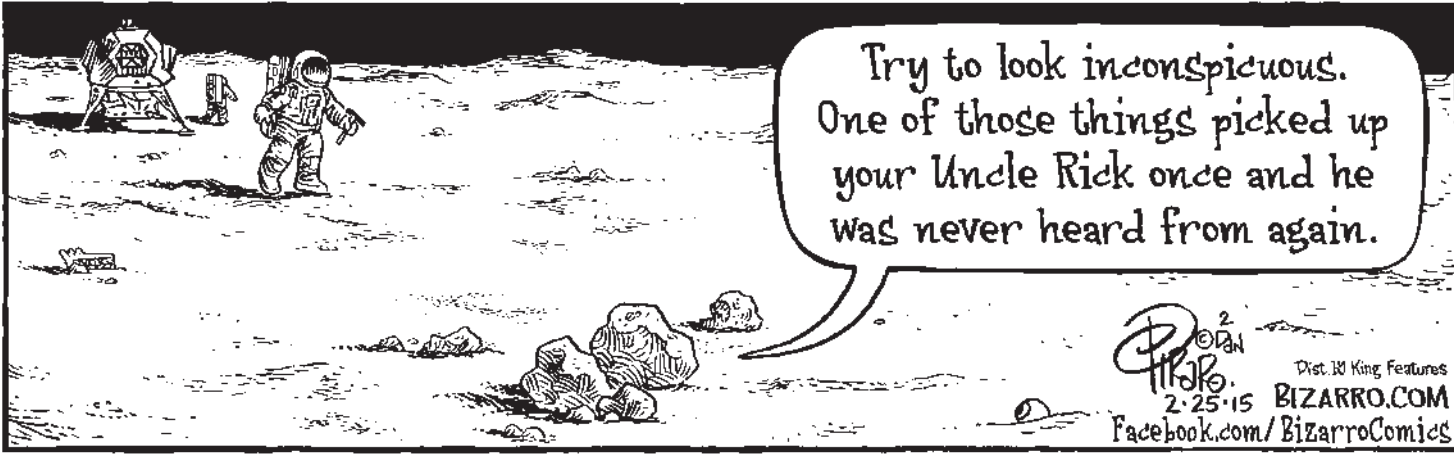
1. First and foremost, stay safe.
2. Prevent illness when possible through a good vaccine program and sound management practices. And if you have to doctor a critter, use those meds responsibly in accordance with BQA guidelines.
3. Handle cattle using the lowest stress methods you can.

If you have any questions regarding Beef Quality Assurance issues or Extra Label Drug Use, please contact your local extension office, state beef extension specialist, veterinarian, or state BQA coordinator.

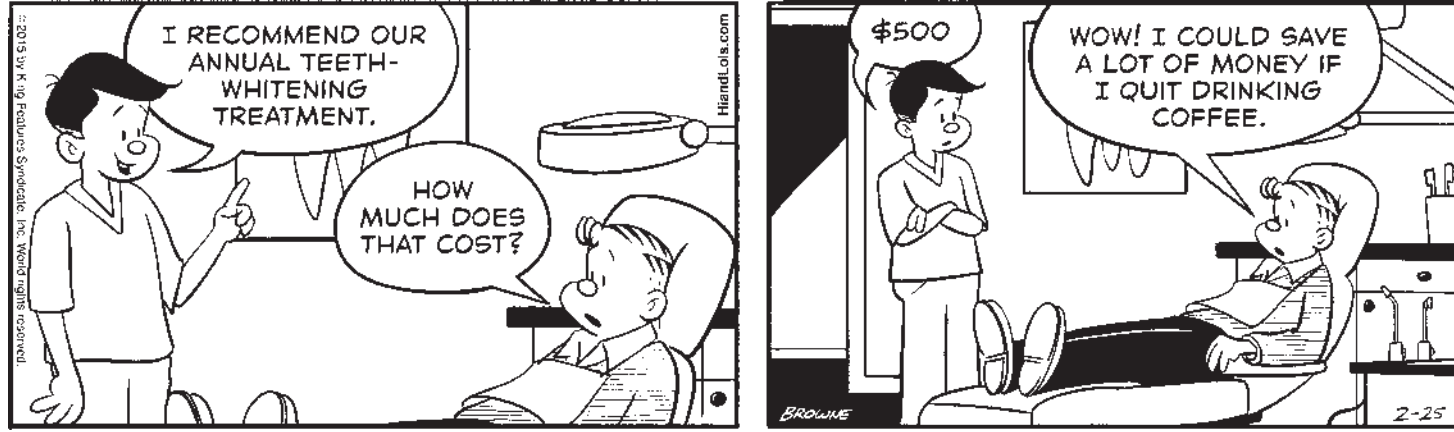
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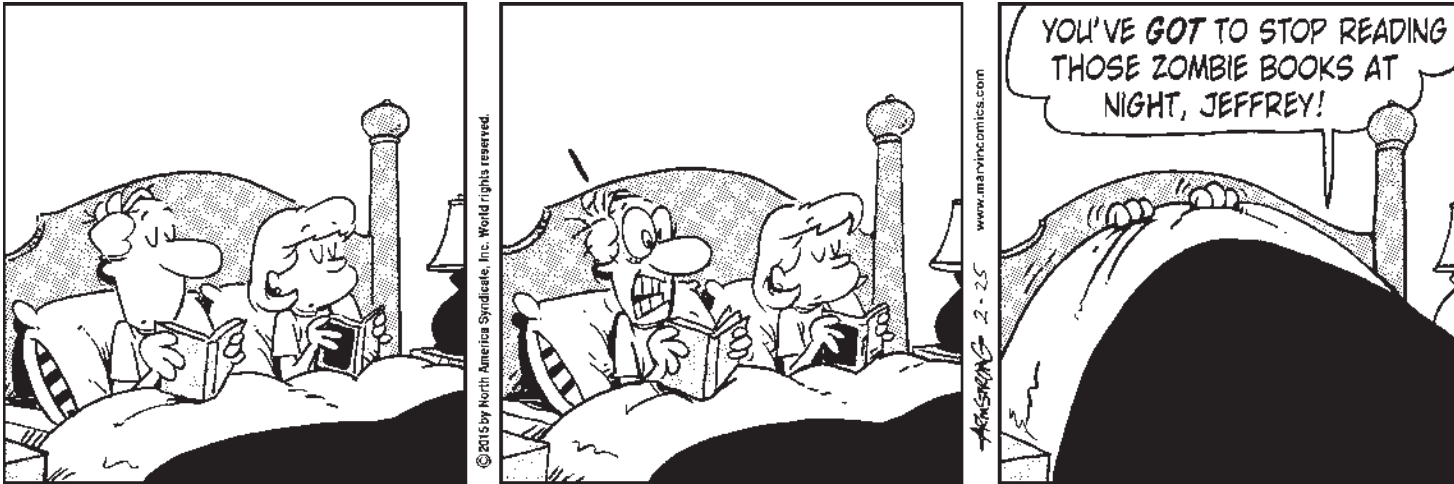
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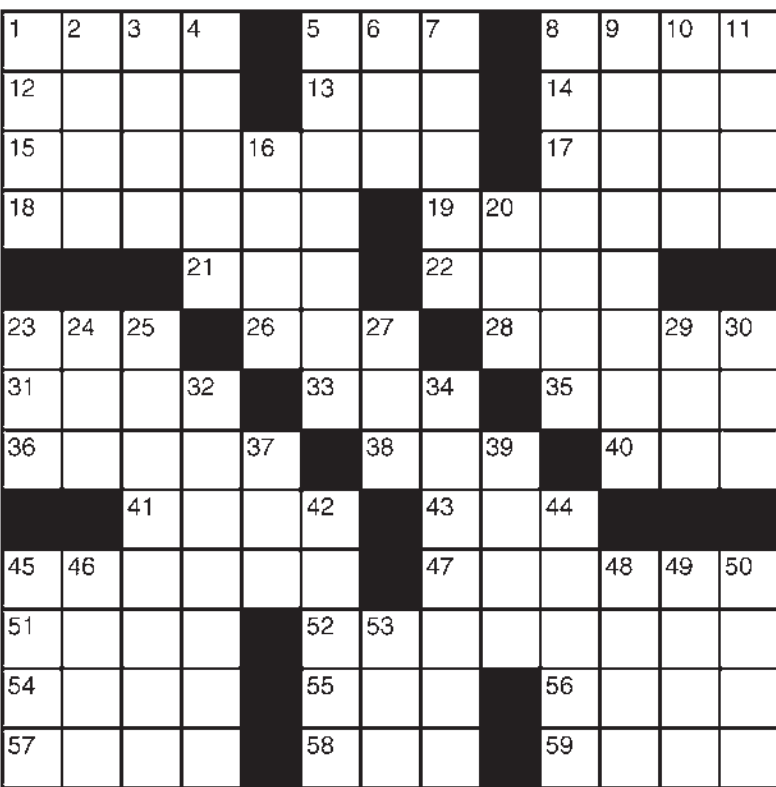
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Glaswegian gal
 - 5 "— & Order"
 - 8 — Alto, Calif.
 - 12 Canyon phenomenon
 - 13 "A Chorus Line" song
 - 14 Privy to
 - 15 Miscellaneous written passages
 - 17 Simple
 - 18 Soft hat
 - 19 Whirlpool
 - 21 Zilch
 - 22 Apiece
 - 23 Docs' org.
 - 26 Conger, for one
 - 28 Wails like a banshee
 - 31 Some offspring
 - 33 Vast expanse
 - 35 Filthy material
 - 36 Eucalyptus eater
 - 38 Last (Abbr.)
 - 40 Whatever amount
 - 41 Uppercase
 - 43 In medias —
 - 45 "Wuthering Heights" writer
 - 47 Alibi
 - 51 Carry on
 - 52 "Fiddler on the Roof" village
 - 54 Staffer
 - 55 Young chap
 - 56 Approach
 - 57 Pleased
 - 58 Bond, e.g.
 - 59 Skin art, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 Emblem on
 - 2 Canada's flag
 - 2 Dermatologist's case
 - 3 Roe source
 - 4 Wise lawgiver
 - 5 Spots
 - 6 Pismire
 - 7 Use a loom
 - 8 Stabs
 - 9 Curse
 - 10 Mislaid
 - 11 Cameo stone
 - 16 One of HOMES
 - 20 Erstwhile acorn
 - 23 Request
 - 24 Cow's comment
 - 25 Big snake
 - 27 Romanian money
 - 29 Sister
 - 30 Pigpen
 - 32 On an angle
 - 34 "So soon?"
 - 37 Suitable
 - 39 Libretto
 - 42 Easter stickers
 - 44 Bloodhound's clue
 - 45 Put your feet in your mouth
 - 46 Bar
 - 48 Eye layer
 - 49 Old card game
 - 50 "I'm all —"
 - 53 Siesta

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L=F

Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
 By Janet Tharpe

Treat the Family to Sylvia's Lemon Breakfast Cake

"This gets rave reviews!"

Start your day off with a big slice of Sylvia Waldsmith's Lemon Breakfast Cake. Moist and delicious, this cake is lemon-y goodness. Can't find cheesecake pudding mix at your grocery store? No problem! Substitute with vanilla pudding and it will be just as good. See step-by-step photos of Sylvia's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/breakfastcake You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

Sylvia Waldsmith
 Gautier, MS (pop. 18,572)

- Janet

Lemon Breakfast Cake

What You Need

- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 1 box instant cheesecake pudding mix (4 serving size)
- 1 c ricotta cheese (whole milk)
- 1/2 c vegetable oil
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 2 tsp lemon extract
- 1/2 c sugar
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray a 13" x 9" baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.
- In a large bowl, beat together cake mix, pudding mix, ricotta cheese, oil, eggs and lemon extract on medium speed for 2 minutes.
- Pour into prepared pan.
- Mix together sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle over cake batter. Swirl sugar/cinnamon mixture into batter.
- Bake for 35-45 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.
- Allow to cool slightly, cut into squares.

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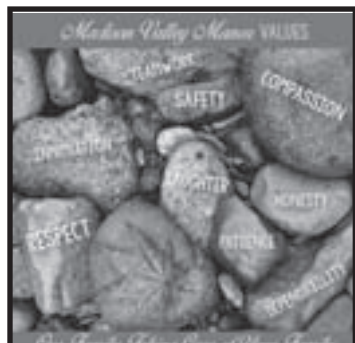
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County
 Hiring for Ennis Branch Director
 Part-time - 20 hrs/week
 Responsible for Big & Little recruitment in community and school-based programs, coordinate and oversee all program activities, promotion of BBBS throughout Ennis community and organization and implementation of fundraising events. Bachelor's degree in related field and non-profit experience required. Go to www.bbbs-gc.org for full job description. Send resume and cover letter to Neelie Burman at Neelie.burman@bbbs-gc.org.
 17-2-b

Sheridan School District No. 5 has an opening for the following positions: Part-time dishwasher, assistant high school track coach, assistant middle school track coach, head high school football coach, and assistant high school football coach. Information and employment applications can be obtained on the Sheridan Schools Website www.sheridan.k12.mt.us. If you are interested in applying for this position, you may also contact Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk, Sheridan Schools, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749, or call (406) 842-5302.
 17-2-b

CNA
 Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan, MT a small family oriented LTC facility has positions open for certified nurse's aides. Competitive wages, Great benefits. Contact Pam at (406) 842-5600 for more info and application.
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 18-2-b



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 2-4-b

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 18-3-b

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 17-tfc-b

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 12-tfc-b

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 17-3-b

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 18-3-b

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 45-tfc-b

Pit Stop Pizza is looking for part time counter help. Please call John at 406-209-4031
 16-tfc-b

C.N.A. CLASSES
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 18-2-b

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 18-3-b

Bear Trap Grille in Ennis is opening soon! Interviewing for full/part time day positions including cooks, food servers and counter help. Please call 908-507-5725, 682-3323 or apply in person at 129 East Main St, Ennis.
 17-1-p

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 18-4-b

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 17-2-b

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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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 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-29-15-4

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 after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must either be mailed to Elizabeth Ann Qualls, Personal Representative, c/o Krueger Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749, return receipt requested or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
 Dated this 12th day of February, 2015
 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 /s// STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUEGER
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 (Pub. February 19, 26, March 5, 2015) sk MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY D. NELSON, 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
 (Pub. February 19, 26, March 5, 2015) wt

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD
 MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
 Probate No. DV-29-2015-3
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Gabrielle Rose Hansen-Holman
 Child's Full Name Now
 Morgan Gruby
 Petitioner

THIS IS NOTICE THAT PETITIONER has asked the District Court for a change of name from
 Gabrielle Rose Hansen-Holman
 TO

Gabrielle Rose Gruby
 This hearing will be on April 6, 2015 At 11:30 a.m.
 The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Madison County
 KAREN MILLER
 /s/: Karen Miller
 Clerk of District Court
 Madison County
 (Pub. Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19) mg MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

The term of one trustee of Alder School District No. 2 will be up for election this year. Anyone qualified and interested in running for this position, may pick up a nominating petition in the Alder School office. The petitions must be turned into the Alder School office prior to 4:00 pm, March 26, 2015 not less than forty (40) days before the election on May 5, 2015.
 (Pub. Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19) as MNAXLP



Madison Valley Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Trinity Episcopal Church, Jeffers - March 4
Madison Valley Baptist Church, Ennis - March 11
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ennis - March 18
Assembly of God Church, Ennis - March 25
Meal Served Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church -
Ash Wednesday Service 6 p.m. soup/supper;
Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday February 18th
 Lent Services soup/supper 6 p.m.
Service 7 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

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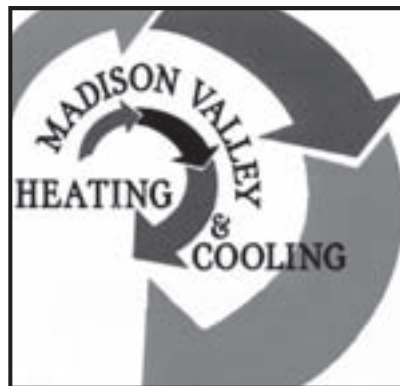
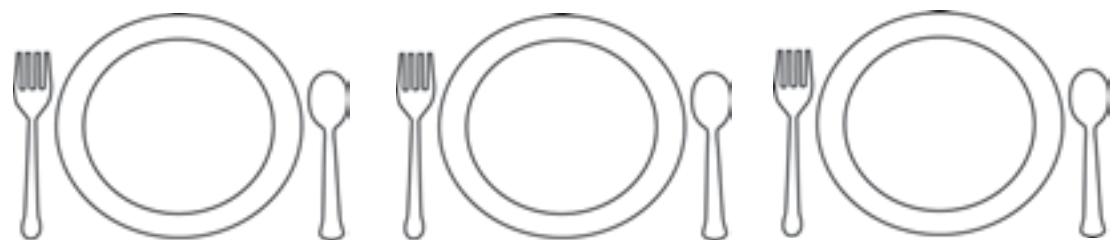
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Friday, March 6, 2015

- Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.
- Dinner by reservation will start at 12:15 p.m. (Reservation cards must be mailed by February 27th)
- Annual Meeting will commence at 1:45 p.m.
- Special Guest Kjersten Sandru, 2014 Youth Tour participant and Youth Leadership Council representative for Montana.

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Senior meals now being served in Virginia City for citizens 60 and over every Tuesday and Thursday at the VC Creamery for a nominal fee of \$3. Lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to noon.

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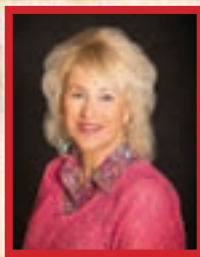
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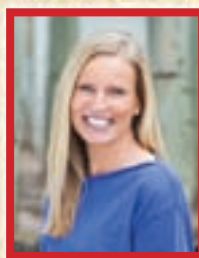
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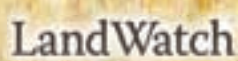
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Ennis came away with a win.

Jake Knack earned a double-double in the opening game of the tournament snagging 15 rebounds and leading the 'Stangs with 22 points.

The Hornets battled with Ennis in the opening quarter and only one point separated the teams. Ennis managed to pull ahead by the conclusion of the second quarter, and they enjoyed a 29-23 lead at the half.

Gavin McKittrick and Kyler Elliot scored 11 and 10 points respectively and joined Knack in taking control of the game in the second half. Ennis continuously pulled further ahead and grabbed a first round victory in the tournament. Ennis 16 13 13 13 - 55 WSS 15 8 9 9 - 41

Twin Bridges Falcons 73, Lima 15

The Bears put up little fight in the face of a tough Falcon team in the opening round of the district tournament.

The game was largely in hand by the conclusion of the first period when Twin Bridges owned a commanding 16 point lead. The Falcons continued to sprint to the finish, holding Lima to zero

points in the second half.

Wesley Armstrong led the Falcons with 16 and Tracen Eggers grabbed 11. Lima 8 7 0 0 - 15 TB 24 23 16 10 - 73

FRIDAY

Semi Finals: Harrison Lady Wildcats 36, Shields Valley 32

The Lady Wildcats tumbled from their perfect regular season record with a shocking loss against the Rebels in the Semi Finals of the district tournament.

After trailing by one point at the conclusion of the first quarter, Shields Valley surged for a 6-0 run and a seven point lead. There would be no more scoring for two straight minutes until Taya DeFrance broke the silence and ignited a 6-0 run for the Wildcats. That would be the only points Harrison would earn in the second period as they trailed 16-12 at the half.

Things got worse for the Lady 'Cats in the third quarter. Harrison only managed four points in the first four minutes of the quarter. Those points came on four of six DeFrance free-throws.

Defensive superstar Alecia Panagakis sat most of the third quarter with four fouls. Offensively, the 'Cats only managed a pair of field goals in the third quarter, and they slipped further behind.

The Rebels started the final period with a 4-0 run, which Britt Cooper broke with a free-throw with 5:33 remaining.

Finally, Panagakis was released from the bench.

She immediately picked a pocket and took it for a two point ride which ignited a 7-0 Wildcat run.

The Lady 'Cats clawed their way back into the game, but fell short of the victory. Cooper led the 'Cats with 12 points and DeFrance added 11 in the loss.

Harrison 6 6 8 12 - 32 Shields 9 7 12 8 - 36

Semi Finals: Twin Bridges Lady Falcons 49, Gardiner Bruins 3

A dominating second quarter aided the Falcon victory over Gardiner in the Semi Final match up last Friday.

But it was not an easy win. The Lady Bruins jumped out in front with an 8-2 lead in the first quarter. The stunned Falcons rallied and were within two points with three minutes remaining in the period.

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<p>Ennis Both breakfast and lunch served with 8 oz milk.</p> <p>WED FEB 25 Biscuits and gravy Chili cheese tots</p> <p>THURS FEB 26 Cinnamon roll Chicken fried steak</p> <p>ERI FEB 27 Scrambled eggs Philly steak</p>	<p>Twin Bridges All lunch menus include salad bar, fruit, cold milk. All breakfast menus include toast, fruit, milk and juice.</p> <p>WED FEB 25 Egg, cheese and ham muffins Beefy nachos</p> <p>THURS FEB 26 Cereal, cinnamon rolls Hamburgers or fish sand.</p> <p>ERI FEB 27 Sausage gravy/hashbrowns</p>	<p>Harrison Both breakfast and lunch served with 8 oz milk.</p> <p>WED FEB 25 Waffles Breakfast for lunch</p> <p>THURS FEB 26 Pancakes on a stick Chili dogs</p> <p>ERI FEB 27 NO SCHOOL</p>
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Gardiner had a rally of their own.

Up by five points, Gardiner's Hannah Dean was fouled at the buzzer. She would shoot three free-throws to give the Bruins a 14-6 lead.

Julia Cox had the hot hand at the start of the third quarter. She hit two buckets in a row including a shot at a three-point play within 10 seconds to ignite the Falcon fire.

Midway through the quarter, Twin Bridges dropped into their diamond trap, which turned an eight point deficit into two in less than a minute.

Megan Martin put on a nice spin move in the key to tie up the game with just under four minutes in the quarter remaining. One minute later Mara Johnson's free-throw gave Twin Bridges their first lead of the game.

The Falcon press caused mayhem for the Bruins and the Falcons embarked on an 11-0 run. At the half, the Lady Falcons owned a commanding lead of 28-19.

The teams played even for the remaining quarters, but the Falcons held off the Bruin charge and earned a championship berth. Cox led all scorers with 14 points while Kailee Oliverson grabbed 12 in the win.
Twin Bridges 6 22 8 13 - 49
Gardiner 14 5 8 11 - 38

Loser-Out Quarter Finals: Ennis Lady Mustangs 39, Lone Peak 46

The Lady Mustangs' season came abruptly to an end at the hands of the Lone Peak Big Horns in the loser-out quarter final of the district tournament.

The 'Horns cruised to a huge first quarter lead that the Mustangs could not recover from. However, in the second quarter, the Lady 'Stangs chiseled away at the lead though they trailed 23-16 at the half.

In the second half Ennis got off to a great start by cutting their deficit to only two points. In the final period, the Mustangs could not withstand the crushing blow dealt by the 'Horns and fell 46-39. Brigit Croy tallied 16 points for the Mustangs while Taylre Sitz added seven in the loss.
Ennis 10 6 12 11 - 39
Lone Peak 19 4 7 16 - 46

Semi-Final: Ennis Mustangs 57, Twin Bridges Falcons 63

It was a game of runs. Two good teams battling for the right to stay in the hunt for a district crown met in the semi final round of the tournament last Friday.

Twin had more runs. The first six minutes of the contest were a back-and-forth battle of attrition. Neither team could grab a solid footing until James Benden put back an offensive board with under two minutes. The play ignited a Falcon run which translated into an 18-12 advantage at the quarter's end.

Quarter two saw some highly physical play, which peaked with 4:33 remaining when eight different players came into contact with a ball which was deemed loose for nearly 10 seconds. Jake Knack came up with the ball and was fouled. His two free-throws, followed by a Gavin McKitrick three-ball, brought Ennis within three.

The Falcons battled back with a 9-0 run. Nolan Konen snuck through the key and laid up two points to close out the quarter up nine points.

At this point in the game, the key difference lay in Twin's ability to hit shots while Ennis left a lot of potential points in the key.

Knack struck first for the Mustangs. On the next possession, Walker McKitrick drew a charge in the key. The momentum sent Ennis on a 9-0 run of their own which led to a tie.

Then it was Twin Bridges's turn.

Woody Puckett put back an offensive rebound and sent the Falcons on a nine point run of their own.

Twin Bridges rallied early in the fourth, and by 3:16, the Falcons owned an 11 point lead.

Ennis turned the tables and made a run of their own to pull to within four points with 47 seconds left.

Forced to foul, the Mustangs sent Tracen Eggers to the line three times, but Ennis could not get the ball in the hole to get back in the game. The Falcons

pulled out a win 63-57.

Twin Bridges made good on 60 percent of their shots from the field while Ennis managed less than 50 percent. Knack led all scorers with 26 points and Eggers paced Twin Bridges with 20.

Twin 18 18 9 18 - 63
Ennis 12 15 11 19 - 57

SATURDAY

Loser-Out Semi Final: Harrison Lady Wildcats 44, White Sulphur Springs 22

Harrison looked like their old selves while they earned a spot in the consolation game of the district tournament with a win over White Sulphur Springs.

The Lady Wildcat defense held the Hornets to fewer than eight points in each of the quarters as they stymied their opponents and sprinted to a win.

After achieving a five point lead in the first period, the Wildcats nearly tripled it by the half. They went to the locker room up 22-8.

Taya DeFrance and Britt Cooper led the Wildcat charge scoring 15 and 12 points respectively. Addie Nesbit added six points and eight rebounds in the victory.
WSS 4 4 7 7 - 22
Harrison 9 13 12 7 - 41

Loser-Out Semi Final: Ennis Mustangs 60, Gardiner 62

The Bruins snatched victory out of the jaws of defeat in their win over the Mustangs in the loser-out final of the district tournament.

Walker McKitrick and Jake Knack combined for 43 points in a battle that was decided with a last second shot.

Gardiner jumped out to a 16-10 lead in the first quarter. The Bruins then added to that lead in the second quarter and went to the locker room up 34-28.

The Mustangs then started to make things happen for themselves.

They chiseled away at the deficit in the third quarter and snagged the lead for a few precious seconds in the second half. In the final seconds of the game, Knack pulled down his 15th rebound but the traitorous ball bounced off his knee and into the waiting hands of a nearby Bruin.

With the game tied and almost no time left on the clock, the Gardiner player put the ball up for two points and the win.

The Mustangs were eliminated from the tournament despite a double-double effort from sophomore powerhouse Knack and a 23 point performance by McKitrick.
Ennis 10 18 8 14 - 60
Gardiner 16 19 17 10 - 62

Consolation: Harrison Lady Wildcats 25, Gardiner 21

Gardiner gave Harrison everything the Wildcats could handle in the consolation game of the district tournament; Harrison, however, proved up to the challenge and earned third place.

The 'Cats worked their flex offense meticulously, looking for openings in Gardiner's defense. Few turnovers occurred in the first several minutes of the game.

The low-scoring first quarter ended in a draw.

Britt Cooper found openings in the lane several times in the second quarter and it became clear that a foul would be loosely interpreted in this contest as she was hammered by multiple defenders, multiple times.

She could still shoot free-throws though.

She and Taya DeFrance capitalized on four consecutive free-throws to extend Harrison's lead to six. Addie Nesbit's 17 footer extended the lead to eight midway through the quarter.

The Wildcats would go to the locker room up 16-9.

In the third stanza, Gardiner started to hit a few shots. Cooper struggled to hit shots she normally makes, but Alecia Panagakis managed to get on the board for the 'Cats. Gardiner clawed their way back into the game and closed out the period down only one point.

Cooper hit a layup to start the fourth quarter, which she followed up with another deuce on the next possession. Then six and a half minutes passed without a point being scored.

Desperation fouling put DeFrance at the line twice and Panagakis once in the final minute. Though the Lady 'Cats

came away with only one point from the free-throws, Gardiner was unable to do anything with the rebounds and Harrison survived the comeback with a win and the third place trophy.

Cooper led the Wildcats with eight points while Panagakis hit seven. Cooper also ripped eight boards in the win.
Harrison 5 11 4 5 - 25
Gardiner 5 4 10 2 - 21

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Twin Bridges Falcons 50, Manhattan Christian 70

Manhattan Christian was too much for the Falcons in the championship game of the district 11-12C tournament.

Cooper Christensen struck first for the Falcons and earned them their first and only lead of the game. The Falcons stuck with their 1-3-1 zone defense, but the high-flying Eagles can shoot from anywhere in the front court.

Manhattan Christian applied full-court pressure. The Falcons patiently worked through the press and at 5:05 Nolan Konen penetrated the defense and dropped in an eight-footer to bring Twin to within two.

As the quarter drew to a close, the Falcons trailed by only three points, but at the buzzer, sharp-shooter David Keena buried his second three-pointer of the quarter to put the Eagles up six.

Christian continued on their 7-0 run until Tracen Eggers picked off a pass and laid it up for two. He would catch a pass from Woody Puckett four plays later and the layup made it a three point game.

On the next possession Connor VanDyken threaded a three-pointer from nearly 30 feet to make it a six point ballgame.

In the second quarter, the Eagles capitalized on solid outside shooting and free-throws to go to the locker room up 27-20.

As the second half progressed, the Eagles gouged the Falcons from inside and outside the big arc. Gibson Butler and Gabe Johnson both found themselves at the line in the third period, but free-throws could not compete with the offensive juggernaut of Manhattan Christian.

Nolan Konen dropped in 16 points while Eggers added 9. Konen and Eggers each earned five boards in the loss.

Despite settling for second place at this tournament, the Falcons will be a number one seed at this week's divisional tournament in Butte.
MCHS 17 10 26 17 - 70
Twin 11 9 18 12 - 50

Twin Bridges Lady Falcons 58, Shields Valley 38

The Lady Falcons stand as champions over district 11-12 C after their smashing victory over the Shields Valley Rebels on Saturday.

Shields Valley's Cinderella story came to a close as the fifth-ranked Rebels upset the Lady Mustangs in the first round and unseated the top-ranked Wildcats in the semi-finals. Midnight for the Rebels was the mighty Falcons of Twin Bridges.

All signs pointed to another possible upset in the first quarter. The Rebels settled into work and got on the board first. They did not have an answer for Julia Cox and freshman phenom Kailee Oliverson.

Cox scored four points within five seconds to give Twin Bridges a slight lead while Oliverson dropped the hammer on shots attempted inside her key.

As the two teams settled into the game, the frantic first quarter favored the Falcons with a 10-8 lead.

Not typically a zone team, the Falcons exhibited a 1-3-1 half-court trap, which stunned the Rebels. With the defense shored up, the Falcon offense cut loose.

Oliverson gained a chance at a three point play off of a nice back door move. The bucket put Twin up by five with four minutes remaining.

Shields Valley battled back with a five point run at the two minute mark making it a two point game.

Then the awesome happened.

The Lady Falcons transitioned into their dreaded diamond trap and scored six points in less than 20 seconds because of it. Mara Johnson, Brooke Schandemeier, RaeAnne Bendon and Audrey George each scored in that time frame either from a steal garnered by the press or free-throws. When the dust settled, the Lady Falcons owned a 26-19 lead at the half.

In the second half, the Lady Falcons put their foot to the floor and cruised to a commanding third quarter lead. Up 43-23, the game well in hand, the Lady Falcons coasted to the gold trophy and the district crown.

Oliverson led her Falcons with 12 points, and she just missed a double-double by snatching nine rebounds. Megan Martin added nine points and Cassie Williams, Jessica George and Cassidy Wetzel each added six in a diverse offensive attack.
Twin Bridges 10 16 17 15 - 58
Shields Valley 8 11 4 12 - 35



Kelley Knack/The Madisionian Senior Mustang Wylie Leo (44) sails to the basket over a White Sulphur Springs defender.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

Homebuyer's Education Class, Butte
Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc. is holding a homebuyer's education class on Feb. 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.

Mad Gals Monthly Meeting, Ennis
Mad Gals Monthly luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the Olive Garden in Bozeman. Call your reservation in by Monday, Feb. 23 at noon to Ethelyn Hanni or Jackie Smith.

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 area's best High School band students from eight schools will gather to rehearse and perform a concert for the community.

THURSDAY MARCH 5

Business After Hours, Ennis
Business After Hours will be hosted by Whispering Willow Skin and Body Care from 5 to 7 p.m. A great networking event!

SATURDAY MARCH 7

Speaker, Ennis
Autism: a Spectrum of Disease. Claire Leonard will lead a discussion of the spectrum of autism. This will be a round table discussion with facts on autism presented. Leonard has worked with autism patients nationwide. 11 a.m. at Madison Valley Public Library.

March Madness Pinochle, Cameron
Once again the Cameron Community Club is sponsoring the Pinochle card parties

at the Bear Creek Schoolhouse. If you're getting cabin fever, it's a good place to go for some fun, food, and friendship. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. The parties are scheduled for every Saturday in March at 7 p.m. The last Saturday includes a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m.

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.

TUESDAY MARCH 17

MVHA Annual Irish Stew Dinner, Ennis
Madison Valley History Association's annual fundraiser. Join in the fun with an Irish stew dinner on William Ennis' birthday. 5 - 7 p.m. at

Ennis school cafeteria.

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 at 6:30 p.m., 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.

MARCH 27-30

Cheesemaking workshop, Laurin

If you are an aspiring cheesemaker or simply interested in learning more about cheesemaking from the ground up - this one's for you. For more information contact Poor Orphan at 842-7100.

THURSDAY APRIL 2

Business After Hours, Ennis
Business After Hours will be hosted by The Agency Insurance Division from 5 to 7 p.m. BAH is a great networking event!

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.

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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

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.

Lego Club, Ennis
Come to the Madison Valley Public Library to join, build and create every Tuesday after school until 5 p.m.

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.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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

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MARCH 14, 9AM - NOON
IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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