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WRZESINSKI HIRED AS NEW ENNIS SUPERINTENDENT

Ennis School Board hires in-house for the open position

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Following a nationwide job hunt, many applicants and three interviews, the Ennis School Board moved to hire current high school principal Jon Wrzesinski as the school superintendent, starting July 2015.

"We looked nationwide. We looked in Montana," current Superintendent John Overstreet said. "We held three interviews. The last two interviews were really good ... We decided it's better to go with a known quantity than an unknown quantity."

Board chair John Scully said the entire board met in an executive session to discuss

options before making a decision. First, the board offered Overstreet the position, but Overstreet was hired out of retirement three years ago and would have to go out of retirement or make the position part time to continue, by law.

"(Overstreet) did agree to act as a working retiree," Scully said. "For July, August and September, he will

stay on for some crossover."

Before entertaining a formal motion to hire Wrzesinski, Scully asked him to "affirm" his interest in the position and "willingness" to take on the task.

"My intentions are to be here as long as you'll have me," Wrzesinski said. "The community here is great. We have an excellent staff here.

I can assure you it's not a short term arrangement."

Trustee Craig George emphasized that Overstreet's involvement will be a "tool" because he has experience with setting budgets, which happens in August. Overstreet will also be around to work during July, when Wrzesinski has a few days off for travel. Trustee Jaret Laurence

moved to adopt the plan of hiring Wrzesinski as superintendent and retaining Overstreet as a working retiree for July, August and September. Trustee Maria Lake seconded the motion and the entire school board – Scully, Lake, George, Laurence and Bill Clark – voted in favor.

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CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY



Susanne Hill/The Madisonian

The construction in and around Sheridan is back in gear after the Montana Department of Transportation took a break for the winter season. When complete, the project will repave Sheridan's Main Street – Montana Highway 287 – and add new sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Check The Madisonian weekly for construction updates and information about the project timeline.

PROPOSED TRAIL WEST OF NORRIS

The community-driven proposal outlines a hiking, running and biking trail in the Revenue Flats area

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The Bureau of Land Management is currently seeking public comment regarding a proposal to build a 19-mile trail in west of Norris.

According to a BLM press release, the proposal is "community-driven" and is for the southern portion of the Revenue Flats area.

"I think it's a good idea for two reasons," said Greg Beardslee from Bozeman, who approached BLM land managers with the idea for a trail and coordinated the proposal. "This project can help fulfill a need for shoulder season trails. It will also lure folks to visit and enjoy the unique scenery of Revenue Flats. I guess a third reason could be a broadening of community resources."

If approved, the trail – which would be used for mountain

biking, running and hiking – could be constructed as early as this fall, or sometime in the spring of 2016, according to the BLM release.

"The goal is to have most of the trail construction, lay out and design completed by volunteer groups," the release states.

Carl Kautz, BLM park ranger, said the planning is just in its beginning stages.

"This is an idea pushed by the public," Kautz said. "There are local folks who are in favor of recreation so long as it's not detrimental to wildlife."

Scott Kelley is a Virginia City resident, Ennis business owner and enjoys mountain biking. He said people have been talking about a trail in the Revenue Flats area for years.

"I think it's great on numerous fronts," Kelley said. "From a capitalist perspective, anything that gets people in the valley is a good thing. The (Revenue Flats)

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ELECTION TIME

County school boards prepare to elect trustees, consider mill levies

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The deadline to file a petition to run for vacant school board seats is March 26 at 4 p.m. Those applying must be a registered voter living within district boundaries. Some area schools are also turning to the voters will ballot issues like mill levies.

Here is a breakdown for county schools:

Alder

Only one trustee position is up for re election in Alder – Kaycee Gilman. According to school clerk Kathleen Wuelfing, Gilman plans to run again and to her knowledge, no one else has picked up a petition to run.

"The board has not made their decision yet on whether we are doing a levy," Wuelfing added.

Ennis

In Ennis, there are two trustee positions up for election. According to school clerk

Ginger Martello, only one person has applied, but someone else has picked up a petition. Martello said the board has not yet made a decision about a possible mill levy.

Harrison

Harrison school clerk Judi Ward said the three-person board has one vacancy.

"Two people picked up petitions but have not returned them as of yet," Ward said. "We may be running a mill levy for a building reserve but there are no details as of yet."

Sheridan

In Sheridan, there are three seats open but no one has applied yet, according to school clerk Rebecca Larson. The Sheridan School Board also approved a mill levy up to \$26,707.58, but that number is not set in stone because the school budget is not yet final, Larsen said.

"The money will be used to sustain our current high school

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TREE TAKES OUT POWER IN ENNIS

Due to high winds, a tree in downtown Ennis fell on a power pole

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On Saturday, March 14 at approximately 2:30 p.m., a rotten cottonwood on Ballard Lane in downtown Ennis fell

directly on a power pole, leaving the town without electricity, according to Madison Valley Rural Fire Department chief Shawn Christensen.

"It severed the power lines and energized a chain link fence and started a few

fires," Christensen said. "The fires were pretty much suppressed by bystanders. Then law enforcement showed up and set up a perimeter."

Daniel Dedman, who works for the Ennis public works department, said the power was not out

for long because Northwestern Energy was able to quickly switch the power over for the town.

Christensen said once the MVRFD sawed the log and got the scene cleaned up, Northwestern Energy went to work and had the line restored before midnight.



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Due to high winds, a tree in downtown Ennis fell on a power pole and briefly left the town without power on March 14.

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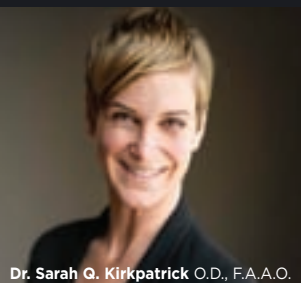
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Before formally hiring Overstreet as a working retiree, Scully clarified that the funds to retain his services – \$4,000 per month for three months – will be taken from different funds than the budget that pays for staff and personnel.

Wrzesinski was hired as the high school principal last year. He said he knew the Ennis school system is second to none coming into his position.

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area dries out super early in the spring and stays dry late into the fall, so having a trail there will help bikers in the shoulder seasons, fall and summer.”

Kelley said most classic mountain biking trails in the area are in the mountains – biking is a short season because of the weather.

“It's totally needed,” Kelley said. “The public lands are to benefit the public and this is one way to do it.”

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general fund,” Larsen said. “Without a mill levy, our high school budget next year would be

“This has become even more apparent after spending 10 months here and getting to know the school staff, students and community members,” he told *The Madisonian*. “I'm sure there will be a learning curve with certain issues that will present themselves throughout the course of the position, but that is expected. The point that needs to be emphasized is that the school is in an exceptional place at this point due to the hard work

and passion of the people that are currently here, as well as some of their predecessors, and it will be my charge to keep it continuing down that path.”

Overstreet said he believes Wrzesinski's move is an “excellent” plan.

“In one year as high school principal, (Wrzesinski) has gained the respect and confidence of students, staff and the community,” Overstreet said. “I think 75 percent of the superintendent job is deal-

ing with people. (Wrzesinski) has excellent people skills and is a good listener.”

Up next

Before moving on from the subject, Lake moved to advertise and begin the search for a high school principal to replace Wrzesinski. Laurence seconded the motion and all the trustees voted in favor.

The position is now open and will be advertised for three weeks.

Maps of the proposed trail can be found online at the Dillon field office website at <http://blm.gov/36ld>.
 Comments on the proposal must be submitted by April 15 to blm_mt_dillon_fo@blm.gov with the subject line “revenue flats bike trail.”
 For more information call Carl Kautz at 682-5085.

lower than our current budget.”

Twin Bridges
 Twin Bridges school clerk

Joyann Breakall said two positions are up for re-election.

“I've had some petitions picked up but none have been

returned,” Breakall told *The Madisonian*. “It's usually down to the last week before I get any turned back in.”

Healthcare for all Montanans

Rep. Ray Shaw
 HOUSE DISTRICT 71

I am excited to share information about a new proposal being presented in the legislature that is designed to increase the health of Montanans while addressing the use of emergency rooms by those without insurance. The Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) creates insurance availability at an affordable cost for 70,000 poor Montanans without health insurance which supports our rural hospitals by reducing uncompensated care costs.

Montana HELP will be available for those not eligible for Medicaid but below the 138 percent of poverty who can't use the federal exchange. This will be private insurance, not an expansion of Medicaid. Recipients will have to make premium payments and copays, which are adjusted for income levels. If premiums aren't paid, then people are disenrolled. This creates an incentive to work, increasing income moves people from Montana HELP to the federal exchange, making affordable insurance available at all income levels. There is no big jump in individual costs

to deter the incentive to work.

There are incentives for healthy behavior, legal reforms to reduce litigation costs passed on to all of us, reductions in waste, fraud and abuse and keeps Montana dollars here in Montana. While this program starts out using federal dollars, it has provisions that intend to allow it to continue without federal or state support in the future. And to make sure this is working the way it is intended, this program sunsets in four years and would have to be reauthorized, or would not be reauthorized if it isn't working. This program coordinates

with other programs in the state that address the needs of people in poverty. Montana HELP has an asset test included, so a short run of unemployment doesn't automatically mean coverage. And coordination with programs to get people training and placement in better jobs to increase their income levels reduces the need for Montana HELP.

This program is three years in the making with a focus on leveraging the programs that Montanans already provide to those in need and furthering personal responsibility. This is truly a hand up and not a hand out that I am excited to support.

Funding Montana's infrastructure needs should not be a political prop

By Sen. Debby Barrett
 SENATE DISTRICT 36

Immediately after the 2013 legislative session ended, Governor Steve Bullock pulled out his veto pen and killed over 70 bills passed overwhelmingly by the legislature that year, including over \$30 million in funding for infrastructure projects in Montana. Since then, the state's critical infrastructure needs have only increased, and now communities across Montana are missing out on millions of dollars in economic growth due to lack of infrastructure. Unfortunately, the governor sees this self-imposed crisis as an opportunity to help his re-election rather than an opportunity to help the state.

In January, Governor Bullock introduced a massive \$400 million, hodgepodge infrastructure package that include everything from museum buildings to community fishponds. The bill, House Bill 5 or “the Build

Montana Plan,” proposed over \$200 million in cash spending, while requesting to borrow over \$220 million to pay for the remainder of the package.

Let me be very clear, HB5 is a re-election proposal, plain and simple, and the manner in which it was assembled actually jeopardizes infrastructure funding across the state, rather than facilitate it.

Rolling the state's infrastructure spending into one big package like the Governor chose to do has never been done before in Montana, and has left many scratching their heads bewildered. Because HB5 uses money from the state's coal trust fund, it requires approval by 3/4 of the entire legislature. So rather than use the traditional method and introduce several bills that separate projects funded with coal trust money from other infrastructure projects, the governor has chosen to tie it all together in a “take it or leave it” type of deal. But the worst part about

it? The governor's office has been twisting the numbers in a very misleading fashion to try and sell HB5 to the people of Montana.

Last week, the Billings Gazette editorial board penned an op-ed regarding the governor's argument in favor of borrowing over \$240 million to pay for infrastructure projects and blasted the administration for some of their misleading claims, stating, “Several members of Gov. Steve Bullock's administration have said the state would be better off to bond and, in turn, invest the state's cash into other investments because it would yield higher returns. That notion is wrong on so many levels.”

Fortunately, there are members of the legislature who recognize that the governor's proposal is meant more as a re-election platform than to help the people of the state and have offered alternatives to fund infrastructure the same way we have done for decades,

in several separate proposals.

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee began work on several bills that will provide over \$200 million in infrastructure funding for the entire state, east and west. These bills include HB6, HB7, HB8, HB11 and HB15, which each fund infrastructure projects in the same way that has been done for decades, and with cash we have on hand.

The legislature has successfully funded infrastructure projects in Montana every session, with the only thing standing in the way being the governor's veto pen. The new way of doing business proposed in the governor's HB5, does not “bridge the gap between east and west,” as the Bullock administration claims, but rather puts hundreds of much needed projects across the state at risk. It's time Montana sends Governor Bullock a message and tells him to stop playing political games with our critical infrastructure needs.



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DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Big Sky man receives deferred sentence

Michael Gordon Budeski received a deferred sentence after being convicted of criminal possession of dangerous drugs, a felony.

Budeski appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on March 16 and pleaded guilty to the felony charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs.

The charge stemmed from a Jan. 17 incident in Big Sky where the Budeski “snorted, attempted to snort and/or carried on his person a quantity of (MDMA),” according to the Information document filed in the case. The maximum penalty for criminal possession of dangerous drugs, methamphetamines, first offense, is imprisonment in the state prison for a term

not to exceed five years, a fine not to exceed \$50,000 or both.

Judge Tucker sentenced Budeski to an 18 month deferred sentence, a \$500 fine and ordered him to participate in a “standard drug course.”

“My hope is that 18 months will be sufficient,” Judge Tucker said. “I am satisfied public protection and your own self improvement will be met.”

Before releasing Budeski, Judge Tucker thanked him for being forthright and “dealing” with the situation.

Petition to revoke Shrader’s probation

Spencer Joseph Shrader appeared before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on March 16 on charges he violated his probation.

The probation revocation petition alleges Shrader failed to comply with all laws and court orders. Shrader was first sentenced in district court on

Feb. 2 and given a deferred one year sentence and a \$500 fine, following an April 29, 2014, incident in Harrison where the defendant allegedly “purposely or knowingly caused reasonable apprehension of bodily injury” to his ex-girlfriend, drawing a loaded revolver from his truck in the midst of a heated argument, according to court documents.

Then, Shrader was picked up by authorities on Feb. 3 and charged with one count of partner or family member assault, two counts of unlawful restraint and one count of assault, all misdemeanors.

Since the four new charges have not yet been adjudicated, Judge Tucker entered a “not true” plea on Shrader’s behalf to the charge he violated his probation. Shrader was released on his own recognizance and a future hearing date will be scheduled once he is sentenced on the four counts stemming from the Feb. 3 incident.

Alder man sentenced for poaching

Daniel R. Bennett appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on March 16 for a change of plea hearing and sentencing.

The state first charged Bennett with 23 counts, which deputy county attorney Justin Ekwall amended to 12 counts. Bennett pleaded “no contest” or “guilty” to one count of obstructing a peace officer or public servant, one count of possession of unlawfully taken animal, three counts of trapping without a valid license, one count of hunting without a valid license, one count of unlawful use of equipment while hunting, one count of trapping during closed season and four counts of violation of department rule.

When a defendant pleads “no contest,” they are saying they believe there is enough evidence that they would be convicted if the case was to

go to trial, according to clerk of court Karen Miller.

Around November and December 2012, the defendant and his spouse “possessed all or parts of game and fur-bearing animals that were unlawfully killed, captured or taken,” according to court documents. The animals in question were a mountain lion, five bobcats, an antelope, two martens, a beaver and a muskrat, according to a filed Information.

Judge Tucker sentenced Bennett to a total of four years probation, 30 days of jail time, \$7,500 in total fines, with all but \$2,100 suspended, and a 10 year suspension of the privileges to hunt, fish or trap in Montana.

Alder woman sentenced with unlawfully harvested animals in possession

Jennifer M. Bennett, D. Bennett’s wife, was sentenced by Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on March 16, the same day as her husband.

The state charged J. Bennett with one count of unlawfully taken animals, one count of obstructing a peace officer or public servant and one count of possession of unlawfully taken animals – J. Bennett pleaded guilty to all three counts.

A filed Information states J. Bennett possessed unlawfully taken animals in her home that were taken between November and December 2012, and that she “knowingly altered, concealed or removed a record, document or thing with the purpose to impair its verifiability or availability in the proceeding investigation” on Jan. 13, 2014.

Judge Tucker sentenced J. Bennett to serve a total of 10 days jail time on house arrest instead of at a county jail, 18 months probation and a \$2,500 fine, all of which was suspended. J. Bennett was also sentenced with a 48 month forfeiture of hunting, fishing and trapping privileges in Montana.

ENNIS SCHOOL BOARD

Board discusses Farm to Fork, a bus in Big Sky and the pledge of allegiance

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At their regular meeting on March 11, the Ennis School Board moved forward with purchasing a bus for Big Sky students, opened discussion about requiring high school students to say the pledge of allegiance daily and considered its future with the Farm to Fork program.

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

Heikes-Knapton was also at last month’s meeting to discuss the program – at that time she said the program has been supplemented by Americorps members who have worked with school curriculum, the school garden and more. One

of the Americorps members has completed his term and the other’s term is done in July.

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

Last month, Farm to Fork board member Janet Dochnahl asked the school to endorse the direction of the program.

“So the question is if the board will maintain the same level of monetary commitment we have in the past?” Board chair John Scully asked at the March 11 meeting. “That is \$2,500.”

Trustee Craig George moved to commit \$2,500 to the program. Trustee Maria Lake seconded the motion and all five trustees – Scully, Lake, George, Bill Clark and Jaret Laurence – voted in favor of the motion.

Heikes-Knapton said multiple groups put money toward the position, including the Madison River Foundation, the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group and the Madison Conservation District.

The second question was determining what role the board wants the school to play in the management of the soon-to-be director.

“We will be part of the hiring committee,” Superintendent John Overstreet said.

Since Farm to Fork is a multi-organizational project, Heikes-Knapton said the director should report to those multiple organizations.

“Here’s the issue,” Scully said. “Is the conduct of the person who is on school grounds something the school has authority to act on? We need to make sure there is a clear understanding of that ... Something to think about, not something we

have to decide right now.”

Heikes-Knapton said the new director will ideally be in place by the first part of April.

A bus in Big Sky

There are a handful of students who live in Big Sky but are technically residents of the Ennis School District. According to Overstreet, those students attend Big Sky schools.

“We used to do individual transportation contracts with those students,” Overstreet said.

By law, Ennis Schools is responsible for providing those students transportation to and from school, even if that school is in Big Sky.

“They have asked us to provide a bus,” Overstreet said. “We would own the bus and pay for the expenses, but we would also get the reimbursement from the state for running the route.”

Lake asked who the bus driver works for – school

clerk Ginger Martello clarified the driver would be an employee of Ennis Schools.

Overstreet requested the board approve the concept of providing a bus – the board did not have to approve the purchase of a specific bus yet.

George moved to approve the concept of providing a bus for Big Sky students and Clark seconded the motion. All the trustees voted in favor of the motion.

“I still have some liability concerns,” Laurence said.

“There are still some details to work out,” Overstreet agreed.

The pledge of allegiance

George requested the board discuss mandating the high school students say the pledge of allegiance daily – currently, kindergartners through sixth-graders say the pledge every day, but seventh through 12th-graders say it once a week, which is required by the state.

“Just because we are meeting a state mandate doesn’t mean we can’t make it stronger,” Lake said.

George said the issue is not a “political deal” in his opinion. “It’s a patriot thing,” he said. “It’s all about patriotism.”

High school principal Jon Wrzesinski recommended the board allow the motion to be a student-led effort through the student council.

“I don’t want to sell our students short,” Wrzesinski said. “They are perceptive and make good decisions ... the decision would mean more coming from them.”

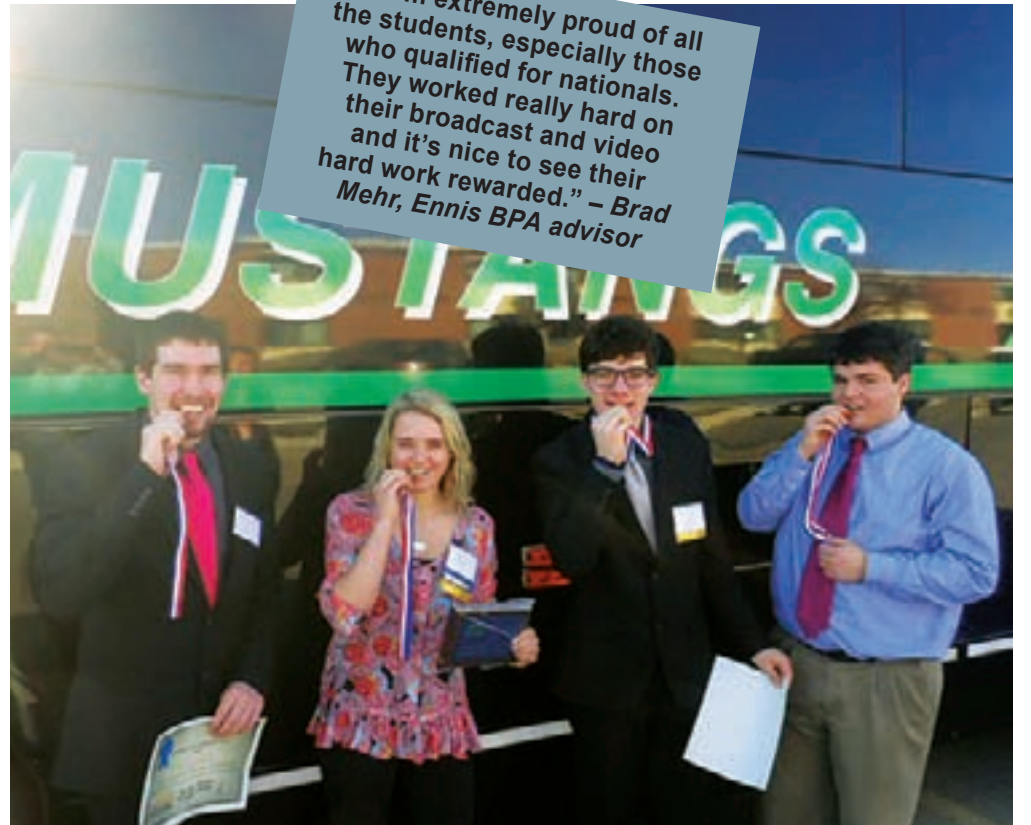
The board chose not to make a motion on requiring a daily pledge of allegiance in the school. Instead, Wrzesinski will broach the discussion with the student council.

“We can approach the student council first, but that doesn’t mean we can’t mandate it,” George said.

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Twin Bridges BPA students.



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Ennis BPA students.

Ennis and Twin Bridges students head to Billings for state BPA

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Ennis and Twin Bridges high school students traveled to Billings March 8 – 10 for the 2015 State Leadership Conference for the Montana association of Business Professionals of America.

The following is a list of Madison County results:

TWIN BRIDGES

Kjersten Sandru – Elected to state office, Public Relations Director; first place, prepared speech; first place, advanced interview

Spencer Stewart – Ambassador Torch Award, highest BPA honor

Andi Pollorena – third place, digital media production

Ruth Redfield – sixth place, administrative

support individual

Megan Martin, Mariah Mays, Sami Nicholls, Mara Johnson – sixth place, administrative support team

Bethany Huttinga – sixth place, extemporaneous speech

Gibson Butler – sixth place, human resource management

Cassie Williams – fourth place, interview skills

Brooke Smith – fifth place, interview skills

Michael Walsh, Brooke Smith, Nolan Konen, Cassidy Wetzel, Julia Cox – 10th place, parliamentary procedure team

Austin Brentlinger, Tristen Guillot, Cassidy Patriitti, Paige Phillips – seventh place, video production team

* Sandru and Pollorena qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif. In May to represent Montana and compete nationally

ENNIS

Wylie Leo, Kyler Elliott, Taylre Sitz, Jake Lohrenz – first place, broadcast news production team

Samantha Kimmey, Carina Garcia, Madisen Diebert – second place, video production team

Britig Croy, Stephanie Weddle, Luke Clark, Madi France – 10th place, administrative support team
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State University College of Business scholarship for \$1,000, one of five finalists selected from a pre-submitted application who interviewed for the scholarship during the conference

* The broadcast news production team and the video production team qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif. In May to represent Montana and compete nationally

OPINION

Kudos to Virginia City Town Council

Dear Editor,

I appreciated reading about the March 5 meeting of the Virginia City Town Council. In renaming North Park to

Tendoy Park, council members are honoring the past and respectfully recognizing our area's historic connection to Native American cultures. In attempting to minimize light

pollution by considering a dark skies ordinance, the council is proactively working to preserve the unique character of Virginia City in the face of inevitable future growth. Both endeavors are

worthy. The council's hindsight and foresight are commendable.

Doris Fischer
Sheridan

Daylight saving time is a trick

Dear Editor,

Do you feel run down? Tired? Irritable? Do you know the reason? No, not because of your spouse. It is because of this trick called daylight saving time. Yes, it is a trick, a prank to fool us, confuse us, to make our lives down right miserable. You do know daylight saving time is an oxymoron. We have no more light than before and the time is still 24 hours a day.

You, we just lost one hour of time and it will take six months to get that hour back. And we

will start all over, we will be miserable because we will not know what to do with the extra hour that was taken away. Daylight saving time causes much harm. The main harm, the main injury is time confusion. Many of us rely on the noon whistle to blow, but when it blows is it noon or 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.? We ask our friends to clarify what we do not understand and they look at us with bloodshot, glassy eyes. The answer will be, "huh?" Most of the time I do not know what day it is, now I will be more confused and I

do not know what time it is.

There are major studies linking daylight saving time to the gold standard and the exploration of oil. I am glad to say the study of daylight saving time and global warming has been withdrawn.

In the past, many have complained about daylight saving time causing a time lapse. There is no cure for this condition, but if you send \$100 to the Time Lapse Society they will put your money to good use. Please no check, just green cash.

Other harms that have

been caused by and related to daylight saving time are the craving of chocolate covered asparagus. The mood swings can be eliminated by listening to hours of Lawrence Welk and the eating of stale popcorn.

So remember and do not forget you are not alone. And if you are alone, someone is near. You can call daylight saving time mingle. There is a time change waiting for you.

LaVon D. Brillhart
Dillon

Thanks to our friends and family

Dear Editor,

Words cannot express the gratitude we have for each of you, our friends and family during the loss of loved one. Your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, visits and food are so appreci-

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OBITUARIES

William Joseph Dillet March 10, 1926 - March 10, 2015



On March 10, 2015, William Joseph Dillet, "Billie" came full circle on his 89th birthday. He was born to Roscoe and Ella Mathews Dillet on March 10,

1926, and was their pride and joy. He spent his entire life in Twin Bridges and knew more history about the area than anyone. He loved to tell everyone about all of the colorful characters that made up Twin Bridges throughout the years. As a young boy he enjoyed 4-H and raised champion pigs, which won him a trip to Chicago.

Billie spent his entire life on the Dillet Ranch just outside of Twin Bridges - he raised bulls for many years and sold them to the neighbors. In about 1992 he discovered traveling to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas

and would go for the following 10 years. He loved the bus trip down and all the people he traveled with. His annual trip to Vegas was the highlight of his year.

He truly loved his family and spent many times with them watching the kids grow up and being a huge part of their lives.

Billie was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Harry Lawyer. He is survived by his sister Margaret Lawyer; niece and her husband Carson and Leslie Cox; and their children Casey (Stephanie) Cox, Kimberly (Harley) Borjas, Tanner Cox and Britney Cox.

Shirley Sue Jeffers Gustafson February 8, 1926 - March 14, 2015



Shirley Sue Jeffers Gustafson peacefully passed away at the age of 89 on March 14, 2015, at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis.

Shirley was born on Feb. 8, 1926, the only child of Josephine "Jo" Dawson Jeffers and Lawrence Jeffers at their ranch home in Jeffers. Shirley attended school in Ennis, graduating from Ennis High School in 1944. Shirley participated in

4-H, track, basketball and ski racing as a young girl.

In June 1944, Shirley married Jule K. "Duke" Gustafson. They moved to Havre in 1946 where they partnered with Dan O'Neil in the Havre Livestock Commission. They had their children Greta, David and Gary while living in Havre. They lived with their young family in Chinook and then in Simms where the children finished out their school years. Shirley and Duke were avid supporters of their children and grandchildren in their endeavors. They traveled many a mile to rodeos, football or basketball games and track meets. Shirley was a mom divided: an avid Bobcat fan during the fall football season following Gary's career and in the spring following Greta's rodeo career and an avid Grizzly fan in the winter following Dave's basketball career.

Shirley and Duke were fortunate to travel the world to spend time skiing and playing golf with many special friends. Shirley and Duke moved back to her childhood home in Ennis in 1989. Proud of her heritage, Shirley was immensely well versed in the history of the Madison Valley. She was a longtime member of the Madison Valley History Association.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Duke, her daughter Greta Siess, her son Dave Gustafson, daughter-in-law Vicki Gustafson and her husband Duke's brothers: Bill, Raymond, Robert and Sid Gustafson and Duke's sisters: Margaret Mielke, Gertrude Barr and Audrey Roth.

Shirley is survived by her son Gary Gustafson (Pam Birkeland) of Ennis; her son-in-law, Dick Siess; her six grandsons: Clint and Cheri

We want to thank the Legacy Assisted Living and the wonderful staff for taking such amazing care of Billie these past 3 1/2 years, he knew you had become his family and made those last years interesting and very enjoyable for him.

The services were held at his lifelong church, Notre Dame Catholic Church in Twin Bridges, on March 14 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers and food please make memorials to the Beaverhead County Animal Shelter, 80 Lagoon Road, Dillon, in remembrance of how much Billie loved his animals.

Siess (Maya), Ryan and Anne Siess (Wyatt, Greta, Tryg), Kale and Danielle Siess (Max and Stella), Jake and Jennifer Gustafson (Grace, Gage, Gabrielle), Derek and Katie Gustafson (Kellen, Grady) and Brett and Lindsey Gustafson. Many nieces and nephews as well as her beloved golden lab, Tonka, and her special four-legged friend, Murphy, also survive.

Memorials in Shirley's name may be made to the Madison River Medical Center Foundation, the Madison Valley History Association, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Services are planned on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers. A reception will follow at the church. Interment will be at the Madison Valley Cemetery.

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Donald Wayne Moilanen
 May 14, 1943 - March 15, 2015



Don Moilanen passed away on March 15, 2015, at the Madison Valley Medical Center. Don was born May 14, 1943, in Clatskanie, Ore., to Wayne and Alfreda Moilanen. Don graduated Southfork High School in Redway, Calif., in 1961. He then attended Humboldt State College in Arcata, Calif.

Don married Judith (Judee) in Reno, N.V., on Feb. 24, 1977. Besides Judee, Don is survived

by his two children Lisa Moilanen (Jim Rodriguez) of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Kevin Helling (Laura Helling and Kaylee, his granddaughter who was the light of his life) of McAllister. He is also survived by other children in his life, Heidi Helling and Blake Helling, with whom he helped mentor into adulthood.

Don and Judy owned the Sportsman's Lodge in Ennis from April 2006 to July

of 2013. They also owned the Pine Ridge Inn in Bend, Ore., for 20 plus years.

A memorial service is planned for this spring in Clatskanie, Ore., where his ashes will be scattered in the Columbia River at the same coordinates as his mother Alfreda's.

In lieu of Flowers, please make a donation to the Madison Valley Medical Center or a charity of your choice.

Nance Lee Kilgore Myers
 November 4, 1949 - March 12, 2015



termination that guided her to her heavenly home.

Nance was born Nov. 4, 1949, to parents Jesse and Eloisa (Sis) Kilgore in Townsend. They lived on the Climbing Arrow Ranch outside of Three Forks. In 1957, the family purchased a ranch on the lower Madison River and began the Kilgore Cattle Company. They worked and lived there until the family sold the ranch in 1994. Her sister, MaryLee, has fond memories of working together on the ranch as they shared a love of cattle, hunting, camping and horses. The sisters were members of the Madison Valley Side Saddle Club from the 1960s to 1980s.

Nance and John Myers were married from 1979 - 1989 and were blessed with a son,

Travis. Travis remembers her love and support as she drove all over the state to see his cross-country meets and basketball games growing up. She was always willing to listen and talk about anything.

Nance loved her family, church family, friends and the kids she worked with at Harrison School in her position as a specialized aide for the last 10 years. Her gift of hospitality was evident in the openness of her home and willingness to share a meal and good conversation. She was always willing to babysit her grandson and catch any pet birds the two-year-old may have released from cages. She also had a love for Jesus, Louis L'Amour and Tom Selleck.

Nance is survived by

her son, Travis Myers (Renae); grandson, Asher Myers; sister, MaryLee Cope; niece, Nancy Cope (Jeff). She is preceded in death by her parents Jesse Kilgore and Eloisa (Sis) Kilgore.

In lieu of flowers, the family knows Nance would have appreciated donations be sent in her name to Harrison School for books for the library and classrooms. Donations may be sent directly to Harrison School, P.O. Box 7, Harrison, MT 59735.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at Harrison High School, 120 Harrison St, Harrison, with a reception to follow the service in the lunchroom of the school.

Robert Lee Niner
 May 20, 1952 - March 9, 2015

Robert Lee Niner passed away on Monday, March 9, 2015, at the age of 62. He was born May 20, 1952, and lived in Westminster, M.D., with his father, William Joseph Niner and his step-mother Mary Elizabeth Niner (both pre-deceased Robert). He graduated from Westminster High School in 1970 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served his

country from 1970 to 1974. He served in Vietnam and earned the rank of Sergeant. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Rifle Marksman Badge, Vietnam Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He started in the Third Marine Division as a Heavy Equipment Operator and then was transferred to the First Marine Division as a Heavy

Equipment Operator. In 1977, he married Faye Ann Poff of Hampstead, M.D. They had four sons: William Clayton Niner, Robert James Niner, Benjamin Joshua Niner and Buddy Lee Niner. He had six grandchildren.

In 2007, he and his wife moved to Cameron. Prior to the move he worked for Miles Electric in Baltimore, M.D. Upon arriving

in Montana he worked for True Value in Ennis. He loved spending time with his grandchildren. He loved to fish and watch the wildlife in Montana, but more than anything he loved spending time talking with and helping people. He never met a stranger. He will be greatly missed by all. Memorial services will be announced to friends and family.

Mark Warren Shearer
 January 18, 1949 - February 27, 2015



Lorene (Anderson) Shearer in Devils Lake, N. D.

Mark graduated from Harrison High School in 1967. He worked on his uncle's ranch in Montana and after graduating from high school he worked as a wrangler in Yellowstone National Park at Roosevelt Lodge.

He enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Thailand. He then was transferred to Alaska. He fell in love with Alaska and the great outdoors, enjoying the fishing, hunting and camping experiences it offered.

He also had numerous adventures in his jobs working as a heavy equipment operator, driving commercial trucks for the Teamsters, he was also

a fireman, an EMT and for 10 years was an orthotic/prosthetic technician in Anchorage.

He retired from Lowe's in Fairbanks as an electric pro.

In 1975, Mark met the love of his life, Maja Schalk, in Fairbanks and they married Oct. 20, 1975. They welcomed their son, Ryan Mark Shearer, on April 5, 1977.

His passions in life included Tang Soo Do Karate, in which he attained a black belt. He also loved playing golf and fly fishing.

Mark was a gentleman with a kind soul who never hesitated to help others.

He could tell a good story and loved being with his family.

He had a great sense of humor.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Doug and sister-in-law Kathy Schalk.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maja, of Fairbanks; son Ryan, of Navarre, Fla.; brother Jim and his wife, Diane Shearer, of Belgrade; brother-in-law Flory Schalk; sister-in-law Ingrid and her husband, Dave Oliver; along with niece, Erin Nelson; and nephews, Ben and Paul Shearer, and Kyl and Brant Schalk.

He will be dearly missed by many close family and friends.

At a later date he will be laid to rest next to his father in Twin Bridges.

Mark Warren Shearer passed away peacefully on Feb. 27, 2015, surrounded by his loved ones. He lost his valiant two and a half year battle against cancer.

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Submitted by Tom Palmer
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bears emerge from their dens they are physically depleted and food is a priority.

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Time for the business expo

It is that time of the year again - Buy Local Business Expo time! The Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is sponsoring the event, which will be at the Twin Bridges fairgrounds on May 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To

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Casino night in Twin Bridges

The Rotary Club of Twin Bridges is hosting its annual casino night on March 28 at the blue Anchor Bar and Café, starting at 7 p.m. This year, dress up as a Cuban-style gambler! From a silent auction to bingo and poker, the night is fun for all and the proceeds go to support scholarships that are awarded to Sheridan and Twin Bridges graduates each year.

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MARCH MANOR ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Melody Clark
 MADISON VALLEY MANOR

The Madison Valley Manor residents were very busy last week. They toured Twin Bridges for lunch on Tuesday. Wednesday, the weekly baking hour was held and fruit smoothies were enjoyed by all. The auxiliary hosted the monthly birthday party. Birthdays for the month of March included Peggy Todd, Don Carrey, Richard Anderson and George Mickleberry. A group of residents will also be loading on the bus for a trip to Bozeman where a Cajun lunch will be enjoyed. The activity department and residents extend a heartfelt thank you to all auxiliary members and volunteers.



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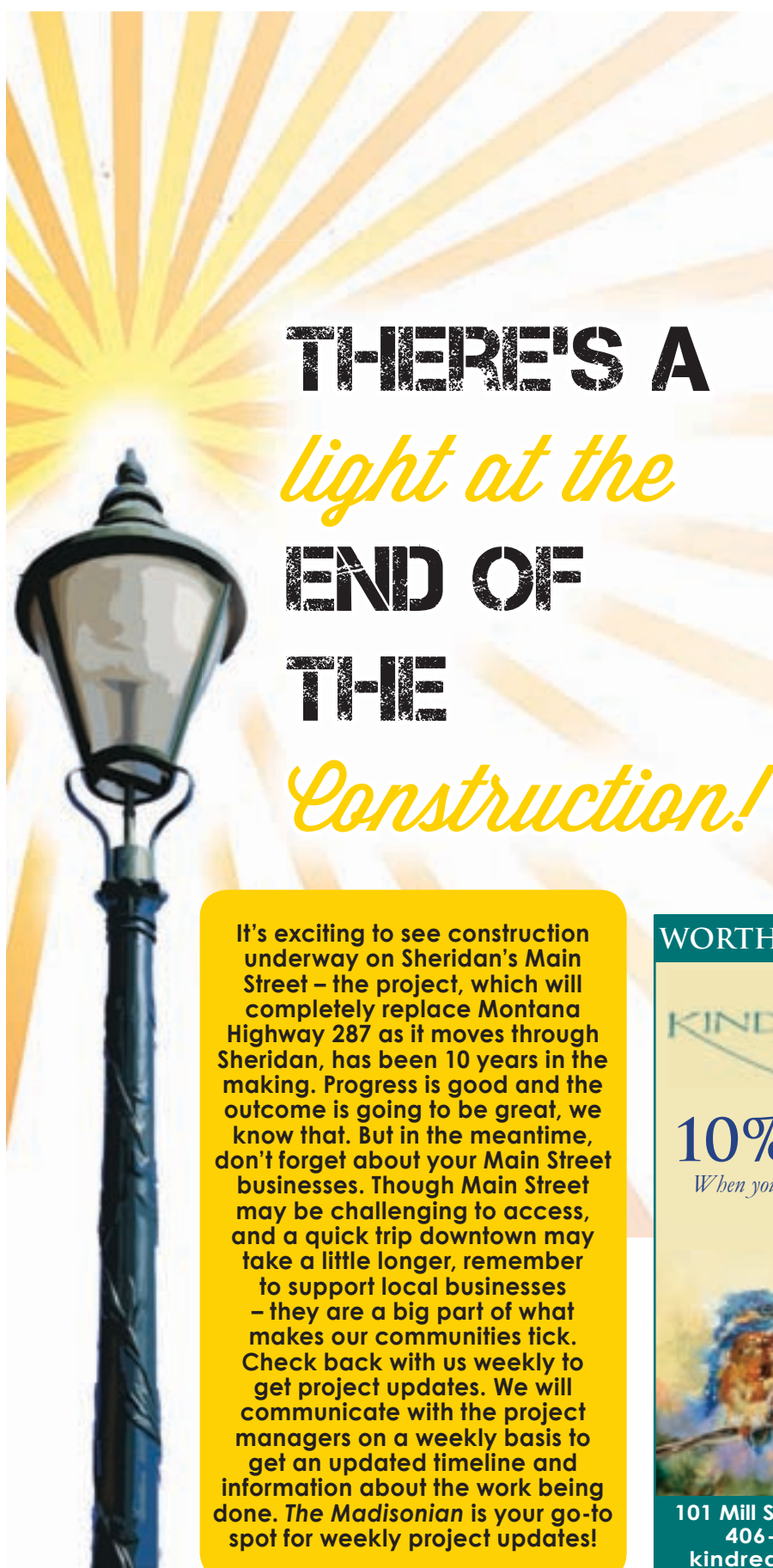
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LEGISLATIVE ROUND UP

Lawmakers debate budget, digital privacy, bison and drones

Submitted by Michael Wright
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A key House panel sent House Bill 2, the major spending bill of the session, to the full House last week after shooting down a slew of Democrat-proposed amendments.

Among the failed amendments were requests for the Commissioner of Political Practices, including one that would have provided funding for a full-time prosecutor. The current proposed yearly budget for that office is \$100,000 per year lower in House Bill 2 than the governor originally requested.

The office has had a lawyer on staff for the last two years thanks to a one-time-only appropriation from the last legislative session. The lawyer prosecutes cases stemming from complaints the office receives.

"The commissioner is not allowed to represent the state in district court," said Rep. Kelly McCarthy, D-Billings.

The other option for the office is to contract with a private firm, which Rep. Pat Noonan, D-Ramsay, said is more expensive.

"You have to pay market rate for these folks to do it," Noonan said.

Noonan also said he felt the committee had "taken absolute hostility" toward the Commissioner of Political Practices, since the budget for the office had been cut so much.

The other request for the office would help fund its seven-person staff. Rep. Janet Ellis, D-Helena, said there would be consequences for not approving the money.

"The only way they can get by without this money is to lay off somebody," she said.

But the committee rejected both asks on 11-9 votes. Rep. Roy Hollandsworth, R-Brady, was the only Republican to support the requests. None of the Republicans voting down the proposals spoke specifically against them during the hearing.

Later, the commit-

tee rejected an amendment to fund Gov. Bullock's \$37 million Pre-K plan.

Dubbed "Early Edge," the program seeks to extend public preschool options to Montana's four-year-olds.

A separate budget subcommittee on education did not act on the proposal earlier this session. Rep. Roy Hollandsworth, R-Brady, the chair of the other subcommittee, said there were other places where money would help the education system.

Last week, the proposal died in the full appropriations committee on a party line vote.

The full budget will be up for a full vote of the House this week.

Ban on license plate scanner gets through House

Billings Republican Rep. Daniel Zolnikov's digital privacy efforts continued last week, with his bill prohibiting state use of license plate scanners passing the House.

House Bill 344 would prevent state agencies and local governments from using license plate scanners to investigate or prosecute crimes. License plate scanners collect data on cars and can be used to track where a certain driver or car is going.

Zolnikov said Montana agencies are not using the devices right now, but the bill is necessary so they have to ask for legislative permission in the future.

"We want (state agencies) to do it with our allowance of them to do so," Zolnikov said.

Opponents of the bill said it would hurt law enforcement tactics. Rep. Margie MacDonald, D-Billings, said the devices are helpful in kidnapping cases.

Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, R-Great Falls, said driving on public roads does not give anyone an expectation of privacy.

"You're out in public," Fitzpatrick said.

The bill passed the House on a 56-44 vote.

Bison bill aims for local control

A bill to give county commissions more power over bison relocation garnered opposition from state and tribal officials last week.

Senate Bill 284, sponsored by Sen. John Brenden, R-Scobey, would require county commissioner approval of any plan to move bison into their county.

"This is about local control," Brenden said.

Elena Evans, of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts, echoed Brenden's thoughts, saying that every community in Montana is different and that changes need to keep in mind local interests.

A few county commissioners from different parts of the state supported the bill, joined by the Montana Stockgrowers Association and the Farm Bureau Federation.

Opposition came from the Fort Belknap and Fort Peck reservations. Mark Azure, of the Fort Belknap Tribal Council, said the tribe had not been consulted on the bill.

"We feel that we're major players in this issue," Azure said. "We feel like we've been left out of the loop."

Azure went on to say that his reservation has had bison for a year, and "with as little fanfare as you could imagine," meaning there were not any reports of the animals doing any damage to people's property.

Mike Volesky, deputy director of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, also opposed the bill, saying it erodes the authority of the state, giving "veto power" to county commissions on bison transfers.

House passes fishing and hunting fee increase

A bill increasing the prices of hunting and fishing licenses passed the House last week.

House Bill 140, carried by Rep. Jeff Welborn, R-Dillon, could bring an estimated \$9.3 million in revenue to the state over the next two years. It would raise in-state fishing license prices by \$3 and in-state hunting licenses by \$8. The bill also includes price hikes

for non-resident licenses and increases the age eligible for a senior discount from 62 to 67.

Raising the age for a senior discount – which allows seniors to buy half-price licenses – raised some eyebrows, inspiring an amendment from Rep. Keith Regier, R-Kalispell.

"I'm just saying, it's 62 now, it's been 62, let's leave it there," Regier said.

Welborn compared the discount to a tax credit for seniors.

"A tax credit to one person comes at the cost of somebody else," Welborn said.

That amendment failed.

Other backers of the bill on the House floor said the bill was a reasonable increase to help the department's budget.

The bill passed on a 70-30 vote.

Suicide prevention programs for Native Americans get hearing

A bill to fund pilot programs for preventing suicide among Native Americans brought young Native Americans to Helena last week to voice their support for the bill.

House Bill 509, sponsored by Rep. Casey Schreiner, D-Great Falls, would provide \$75,000 in grants for four two-year pilot programs for suicide prevention.

Leslie Standing Rock, 18, spoke in support of the bill. She said she had struggled with drug abuse and had attempted suicide twice.

"I'm entirely too young to have such a story," Standing Rock said.

Educators and mental health professionals also backed the bill. No action was taken by the committee.

Same-sex tax filing gets hearing in House

A House committee tabled a bill that would have allowed same-sex couples in Montana to file federal tax returns as married couples.

Senate Bill 170, sponsored by Sen. Dick Barrett, D-Missoula, would allow married same-sex couples to file joint federal tax returns, which

they can do since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act. Same-sex marriages became legal in Montana after a federal court struck down the state's ban on the unions last fall.

This bill passed the Senate on a 31-19 vote in February. Since the bill is tabled, it is dead unless 60 representatives vote to bring it to the House floor.

The bill would remove the terms "husband" and "wife" from tax law, and redefining requirements for filing joint returns. An individual taxpayer would file with a "qualifying filer" instead of a spouse under the new bill.

Barrett said the bill provided for the "equitable and non-discriminatory application" of tax law. The bill had a quiet hearing, it was not surrounded by the fanfare of other LGBT rights bills this session, with only three supporters and one opponent.

Gene Welborn of the Department of Revenue supported the bill, saying it cleared up their current practice. The department already accepts same-sex marriage federal returns.

"This would make the statute more current," Welborn said.

The American Civil Liberties Union and Montana Human Rights Network also backed the bill.

Jeff Laszloffy, of the Montana Family Foundation, was the lone opponent. He called the bill premature, because the Supreme Court is set to decide on a same-sex marriage case later this year.

He also said Montanans do not want same-sex marriage, citing a 2004 ballot initiative that defined marriage as between a man and woman.

"Remember what the people of Montana decided in 2004," Laszloffy said.

Drone licensing bill heard

A bill to require licensing for unmanned aircraft had only one supporter last week.

House Bill 593, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Essmann, R-

Billings, would require drone users to be licensed by the state and prohibits users from using drones to watch people and trespass on private property. Essmann said the bill came from a constituent who complained that a drone had crashed into her backyard.

Shelby DeMars, of the United Property Owners of Montana, was the only supporter of the bill, saying it would protect private property rights by stopping users from flying the aircraft above private property, which she argues extends into the airspace above the land.

"Private property owners have an established right to their airspace," DeMars said, citing a 1946 Supreme Court case. "That is preserved within this bill."

Opponents – including pilots and representatives from media and natural resource organizations – disputed that, saying the right to airspace above private property was limited.

Chuck Flynn, of the Montana Pilots Association, said the court precedent does not address anything flying in the airspace. He also said that private aircraft already flies over private property and is allowed to do so, though they must stay a certain number of feet above the land.

"But be aware that the space is available to us," Flynn said.

Flynn added that the bill resulted from one person who had a problem with an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), and asked the committee to consider that.

"UAV activity is not out of control in Montana," Flynn said. "At this point in time I think we need less legislation and a lot more education."

No immediate action was taken on the bill.

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A spring time storm front rolls in, cloaking the Madison Mountain Range.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK ENNIS

Wylie Leo, a senior at Ennis High School, consistently earns the respect of his peers, teachers and coaches. As a student, Leo's name has appeared on the honor roll list for every quarter of his high school career. His participation in clubs and other activities is likewise remarkable. Most recently, Leo's broadcasting team won first place at the State Business Professionals of America competition. State championships are not unusual to Leo as he was a starter on the Mustangs 2013 football team, which won the state title. Leo currently holds the position of student body president. He plans to attend Montana Tech next year on a football scholarship. He will pursue a degree in engineering.

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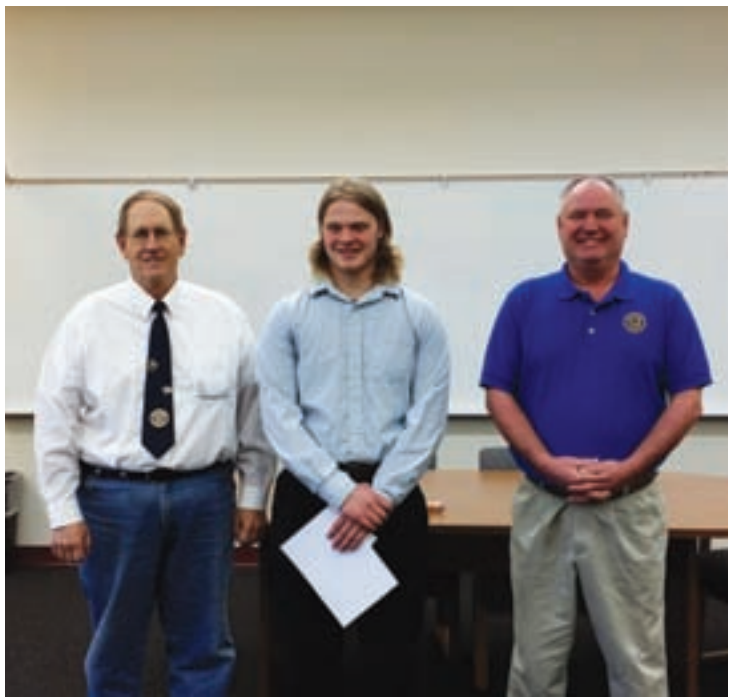
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Vial wins constitutional essay contest

Submitted by Doug Martin
 VETERANS OF TWIN BRIDGES

In February, the local American Legion Post in Twin Bridges held their annual constitutional essay contest. Once again, Phil Vial, a senior in Twin Bridges, won and was awarded \$100. This contest is put on by the National American Legion and is meant to give our young adults a venue to express their views on different aspects of the United States constitution. Vial's essay will now go to a state contest where there are further prizes for the top three essays. Our congratulations go out to Vial and good luck at the state level competition.

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MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday	Partly cloudy. Highs 45 to 55. Lows 25 to 30.
Friday	Partly cloudy. Highs 50 to 60. Lows 25 to 35.
Saturday	Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 50 to 60. Lows 25 to 35. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.
Sunday	Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 45 to 55.
Monday	Mostly cloudy. Highs 45 to 55.

Quote of the Week:

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OPEN BURNING SEASON



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Courtesy of Chris Mumme
On June 26, 2012, the Bear Trap Fire in Madison County "blew up" according to director of emergency management Chris Mumme.

Courtesy of Chris Mumme
Controlling prescribed burns, even during open burning season, is important because any fire in Southwest Montana has the potential to be a big fire – a few fireworks caused the Bear Trap Fire in June 2012.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Controlled campfires do not require a burn permit if they are a certain size and used for recreation, like camping and cooking.

From campfires to prescribed burns, understand what is legal during open burning season

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Fire in Southwest Montana is a real concern. "Any fire is a potential big fire," said Alder fire chief Dan Doornbos. "Control is important." March 1 marked the beginning of open burning season, meaning people who are planning prescribed burns must obtain burn permits through Madison County's department of emergency services. Burn permits cover anything from controlled burns in the mountains to people burning rubbish in their yards, essentially, any non-recreational burning, according to county fire warden and sheriff Roger Thompson. "There is an online permitting process," Thompson said. "The whole idea is that you pay a small fee that goes toward fire departments in the county. Then you can activate the permit when you want to

burn so long as there are no fire restrictions in place." Thompson said the downside is that some people will still burn without going through the permitting process. "It is a misdemeanor to unlawfully operate without a burn permit," Thompson said. "You can be charged with a crime if you go outside the permitting process." Thompson also pointed out that whoever starts a fire is liable if the fire gets out of hand and, for example, burns down a neighbor's barn. "Frequently, what happens when a fire gets out of control is that someone starts it and then doesn't pay attention to the wind," Thompson said. "We have had structures burn down because of something the building owner's neighbor has done." Director of emergency services Chris Mumme said the online permitting process has been in place since 2011. Last season alone, there were approximately 1,200 calls into dispatch reporting fires or

smoke, that dispatch was able to identify as permitted burns. "That way, we don't waste a lot of resources sending out the fire departments," Mumme explained. "We can go right to the map online and say, 'they have a permit to be burning that was activated today,' so it's an excellent tool." Madison Valley Rural Fire Department fire chief Shawn Christensen said when a permit is activated, it appears on an online burn map. "It comes up that they are actively burning," he said. "It gives the contact information and comments about the site, like if there is limited access or access only by a bridge. Or the comments may say, 'turn through the orange gate and head east on the two track road.' It helps us locate the burn if it does get out of control." **On the ground** Local fire chiefs said they think the online permitting system is beneficial. "It's a way of knowing what is going on in your fire

district," Doornbos said. "If I see smoke, I can go online myself and see if anyone is supposed to be burning. A lot of times I don't have a computer with me so I just call dispatch and check on a fire. They can tell me right away if it is a permitted fire so we can go from there." Christensen said the system has cleared up a lot of confusion. "It's made things easier for contractors and ranchers," he explained. "They used to have to get handwritten permits that would only last for 14 days. With the current system, the permit is good for the whole season and they just go online to activate it." **Recreational fires** "Recreational fires are typically not fires you have to get a permit for," Thompson explained. "If your bonfire is so big it is going to get out of control, though, it might be an unlawful burn." Mumme said there is a fine line between a campfire and a bonfire.

"If the fire is within a ring of rocks and in a cleared out area, you don't have to have a permit," he said. "But you still need to be careful." Doornbos said anyone starting a fire needs to remember a few key things, even if it is intended to be a small campfire. "Don't leave it unattended," he said. "Make sure it is out before you leave. If you're having a campfire in the backyard, it's good to have the garden hose hooked up because if a bit of wind comes up and blows sparks you will have a fighting chance of getting those sparks put out." If a fire is less than 3 feet in diameter with flames less than 3 feet high, Christensen said it does not need to be permitted. "If you're using it for cooking marshmallows or whatever, that's fine at this time," he said. "Later in the season there may be restrictions." If the season is really dry, the county has the authority to enact different stages of restrictions on

fires. For example, a stage one restriction would prohibit campfires, except for in designated areas. "I hope it doesn't come to that," Mumme said. "But we are in arid country, almost a high desert." **"You can be charged with a crime if you go outside the permitting process."** -Sheriff Roger Thompson Mumme said last year's good snowpack and high levels of precipitation created a new growth of grass. "The fuel load is really heavy this year," he said. "Now it's starting to dry out because we have a below normal snowpack. Right now we haven't had much rain and it's already starting out as a dry year. We're already worried about fires."



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Suicide – a tragedy we can prevent

Submitted by Claire O. Leonard
MADISON COUNTY MENTAL
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Suicide is a major, preventable behavioral health problem. The recent focus on celebrity suicides, several mental health bills being considered by the Legislature and the work of the first lady serve to highlight the need for all of us to learn about this difficult subject and how to prevent it. Montana has ranked in the top five for suicide rates in the nation for the past 40 years. People who live in a rural area and in the western United States are at higher risk for committing suicide than those in other regions. High rates of substance abuse and gun ownership also increase risk. No one knows why, but living at a high altitude also increases the risk of suicide. As many as 95 percent of those who

commit suicide are living with a mental illness, often unrecognized, undiagnosed and untreated. Stigma and difficulty obtaining mental health and substance abuse services contribute to a lack of treatment.

The suicide rate in Madison County over the last few years is 19.1/100,000, one of the highest in the state. Nationally, suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth between ages 15 - 24; only accidents occur more frequently. Suicide is among the top five causes of death for adults under 45, a rate greater than for motor vehicle accidents. Women are more likely than men to think about or attempt suicide, but men are much more likely to die by suicide and to use more immediately lethal means than women.

There are three steps that can prevent loss of life due to

suicide: Know the risk factors, warning signs and what to do.

Some risk factors for suicide include:

- Depression or other mental illness
- Substance abuse disorder (alcohol and drugs) often in association with a mental illness
- Lower socio-economic status (poverty)
- Few available sources or supportive relationships
- Barriers to health care
- Prior suicide attempt
- Family history of suicide
- Family violence
- Exposure to suicidal behavior of others (copy-cats)
- Firearms in the home

There are almost always warning signs in an individual who is contemplating suicide.

Unfortunately these signs are not recognized or those who see them do not recognize their seriousness nor know what to do.

Some warning signs are:

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself
- Looking for a way to kill oneself such as trying to buy a gun on line or hoarding pills
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Talking about feeling trapped or having unbearable pain (there is no way out)
- Talking about being a burden to others (you would be better off if I just weren't here)
- Increasing use of alcohol or drugs
- Engaging in risky behaviors
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or becoming more isolated
- Being anxious or angry
- Giving away possessions or arranging for someone to have something important to them

- Extreme mood swings

What to do? Do not worry about making someone think about the option of suicide by bringing it up. If they are exhibiting these warning signs, they are already thinking about it. They need help and are asking for it even if it is in a disguised way. A direct question such as, "Are you thinking of harming (killing) yourself?" is the best way to find out whether the situation is serious. If someone you know has these warning signs, you need to help urgently.

Here's how to help:

- Do not leave the person alone.
- Remove any objects that could be used in a suicide attempt (guns, medications, knives, other poisons, and ropes).
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 and take the person to an emergency department at

a hospital or to their doctor or a mental health professional. If you cannot take them, call Emergency Medical Services or law enforcement.

The State of Montana has an active Suicide Prevention Plan, but Madison County has only recently begun to educate our residents. There are educational presentations planned for the future such as QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer), which has already been given several times in Beaverhead County. The Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council (MHLAC) has produced a resource directory that gives information about who to contact in a crisis and where to get help.

Sources for the above information include the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Spring into Easter with these tips



Submitted by StatePoint

With Easter around the corner, you are probably already thinking about creating the perfect Easter basket and planning a celebration for family and friends. As everyone knows, there is nothing more delightful and heartwarming than sharing a meal with your loved ones, so sweeten this year's celebration by surprising your guests with an unforgettable

Easter get-together.

Egg-cellent ideas

The iconic Easter egg should take center stage when it comes to your Easter festivities. And decorating the eggs is its own party. Paints, dyes, stickers, glitter – guided by imagination, the kids will be occupied for hours with the important task of egg decorating, and their memories will last a lifetime! Not up for paint and glitter? How about

baking cookies in the shape of Easter eggs for the kids to hand-decorate with festively colored icing?

If you are hosting brunch for friends or a family dinner, celebrate the holiday by creating a beautifully set table. For the centerpiece, create a handmade "nest" out of branches or crinkle paper and place it on top of a cake plate – this is the perfect place to showcase your children's

beautifully decorated eggs. Complement the "egg nest" with small bud vases of single blooms and pastel napkins to create pops of color around the table.

Party treats

Easter would not be Easter without delicious treats!. To show you are the host with the most, consider setting up a candy buffet and invite guests to pick a selection of their favorite sweets. Keep in mind that not everyone has the same tastes, so be sure to offer an assortment of treats, like a selection of milk and dark chocolates, lollipops, springtime truffles and sour bunnies for pucker-up fun.

Easter basket

A-tisket, a-tasket, what to put in guests' Easter baskets? Answer: candy. No matter what your basket budget is, you can find sweet treats in a variety of sizes and price ranges.

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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Making it in the valley

"To stop going to church because it has hypocrites is like not going to the gym because of the out-of-shape people." ... Anonymous

I am such a loser. Oh, what to fix for dinner. One of the problems one faces when he or she gets to a certain age is running out of ideas for a meal, although running out of an appetite has never been an issue for me. If our household is like your family in any way – first of all, you have my condolences – then you probably suffer from that basic array of meals that shows up time and again toward the end of the day. There's the meat loaf and mashed taters, or the chicken and rice casserole, or the pork chops and onions with baked potatoes. Our meals are pretty much variations on all that. Beef? Check. Chicken? Cluck. Pork? Oink. I will admit we don't eat a lot of fish. If fish would learn to moo I could probably get in more of a "moo'd for it, but as it is I've just never developed much of an appreciation for the life aquatic – despite my Scandinavian heritage.

So, when it's my turn to cook (yes, my better half and I take turns; she cooks six nights a week and I get one. I try to save leftovers for my cook-night, but she sort of frowns on that. I think the words I hear through my bleeding ears are, "That's not fair!" but I can't be sure, for the audio distortion is pretty bad when the volume meter hits that point), I do what

I can't break the routine; I go online and check out recipes for something unique.

There are two things I look for in a recipe: One: something that looks different but intriguing; two: something with ingredients available at our local market.

My personal preference is a meal that can be cooked in one dish as I have no skills at coordinating a feast involving more than one pot. I suppose that makes me a true chef, as the professionals tend to dole out their meals one item at a time. They call them "courses" but, of course I know that

in reality they just can't get their act together either, so the meal comes out in dribs and drabs and costs an arm and a leg as it takes all night (calling it "elegant dining"). Invariably I'll find a recipe I want to try but for which we have few ingredients at home. That's alright with me as I like to put a meal together using fresh ingredients from our local grocer.

Doing meals that way puts me into a nostalgic frame of mind, for I remember that's how my grandmother used to cook.

She didn't stock up for Armageddon, intending to subsist on canned goods for a decade in a fallout shelter. She would plan a meal (which always consisted of her using several pots and pans – she was a true wizard in the kitchen), then send us around the corner to Loomis' store where we would hand Old Man Loomis the list. He would gather up what we needed, bag it and put it on Grandma's tab. Ah, those were the days.

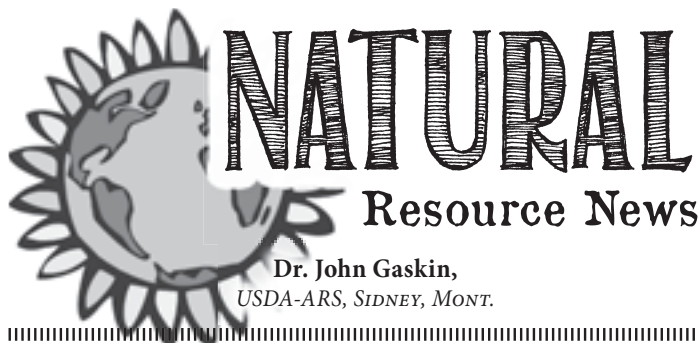
So when I prepare a meal like that, I feel right at home. I, the hunter-gatherer, then get to work, feverishly chopping taters, onions, garlic and such whatnots, tossing them into the slow cooker or baking dish – excited to see my partner's face when I tell her what we're having. Many times I find her speechless, for which reason maybe I should cook more, but that's another tale to savor for another time.

Well, life is like that. Our days are often filled with routines that meet our needs for the most part. But every now and then, it's nice to take a break from our habits and shake hands with a new experience.

Sometimes we worry that we won't like the new experience – or that we'll be criticized for it – but diversity keeps life interesting. To embrace the new is not to let go of the past, but to create a new past to be remembered fondly tomorrow.

Variety truly is the spice of life, and that's what we're having for dinner tonight in this, our valley (and I can't wait to find out what it is).

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Yellowflag iris reproduction

Yellowflag iris is an invasive plant that is typically found emerging from shallow portions of rivers, lakes and canals, but can also grow in highly saturated soils. It exists throughout most of the United States and Canada but is native to Europe, Asia and Africa. It first arrived in the northwestern United States in 1948. It has been widely used as an ornamental and all parts of the plant are poisonous to livestock and may cause skin irritation in humans.

Yellowflag iris can produce hundreds of seeds per plant each year and can also spread vegetatively via rhizomes and rhizome fragmentation, but we are not sure which method is most common in the North American invasion. Many aquatics reproduce vegetatively

to increase patch size or disperse long distances. Plant fragments can break off and be transported downriver or across a lake. This can be a successful strategy as relatively large pieces of plant are a big source of energy for starting a new individual, in contrast to seeds, which are typically pretty small and carry fewer resources.

Aquatic invaders that often rely heavily on vegetative reproduction include milfoil, water hyacinth, flowering rush, alligatorweed, primrose willow and Brazilian waterweed. In the native range, spread of yellowflag via rhizomes was reported to be more common than by seed, and patches 20 meters across were thought to be shoots all connected underground. In Montana, one older report (without data) suggested seed

is the main method of local spread and distribution, but in western Washington it is reported that up to several hundred shoots can be connected underground via rhizomes.

To figure out how yellowflag is expanding in the west, we turned to DNA. We can look at DNA fingerprints of plants and determine if genotypes are identical, suggesting spread by vegetative parts, or different, suggesting sexual reproduction by seed (this species does not self-pollinate). We collected 174 plants from 20 populations in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Plants were 5 meters apart in a linear transect in one large population (Ninepipes, Mont.), or 2 meters apart on a 40 meter transect. The DNA fingerprints (AFLPs, or Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphisms) found only two plants with identical genotypes and these two were next to each other in the same population. Now we know that this plant hardly ever reproduces by

vegetative fragments. Two plants a foot apart may be clones, but at 6 feet apart or more, they are almost exclusively not clones. We also collected seed from 20 populations from the Ninepipes area and found seed viability averaged 99 percent.

So, why is it important to know that this species spreads mostly by seed, both locally and long distance? It tells us that if you manage yellowflag iris before its seeds mature, you might be preventing the next downstream invasion. It also tells us that this species has high genetic diversity, which can help plants adapt to new environments and strong selection pressures (such as heavy herbicide use).

For information on the biology, ecology, and management of yellowflag iris, see the MSU Extension bulletin at <http://store.msuextension.org/publications/AgandNaturalResources/EB0203.pdf>.



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

I think spring has sprung, which makes my day! It is officially here the 20th! Green grass is showing, as are early flower buds. One of the best parts of spring are the baby animals. So fun to take a ride into the country and see the calves and baby lambs out enjoying the sunny days. My 4-year-old granddaughter, Lilly, was lucky enough the other day to watch a cow giving birth. She was telling me all about it that night, which was really interesting. Lilly answered, "oh yeah. That mommy

cow licked her baby, but my mom says she didn't lick me when I was born." That is all that was said.

I can remember waiting all night long to see a colt being born when I was a kid. The one time that my mare was having trouble I got my dad to help early in the morning. He said he could tell the colt had its nose stuck down and the mare couldn't budge him, nor could my dad straighten it with the pressure from the mare pushing. We called the vet, Dr. Lott, who luckily could come quickly. I still remember

him wrapping her up to be careful of infections and pushing so hard to get that stuck baby's head back so the nose could free up. As soon as he pushed hard enough to release the pressure, the colt was born so fast. My mare, Beauty, was exhausted but she still took care of her baby. I can still remember watching, thinking how birth is such a miracle. I named that new black filly Amen.

I went to my nephew Rico's wedding this weekend. It was at the St. Lawrence church in Walkerville. I had not driven up to Walkerville in so long, it was kind of fun to drive around and see how it has changed. The St. Lawrence church was built starting in March of 1897. The church was constructed with \$25,000, which was raised by miners' donations, and the land was donated by the Butte and Boston Mining Company; the church was completed that year in time for Christmas Day mass. Eventually, the church served 5,000 mostly Irish parishioners in the Walkerville/Centerville area. When the church was dedicated in 1898, it was referred to as "a

church of working men; there is not a rich man in the congregation." What I found interesting was that by 1910, the St. Lawrence church hosted 302 families, with 137 of them headed by widows.

It certainly is a beautiful old church still today. It was a wonderful place for Rico to marry his Irish wife, Kature Sheehan.

So what have we learned this week? Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful. The people who are there for you on your darkest nights are the ones worth spending your brightest days with. With every choice you make, you create your life. Take the time to be kind – you can make all the difference in someone's day. Your friends should motivate and inspire you; your circle should be well rounded and supportive, tight even. Quality over quantity, always.

Little over two weeks 'til Easter. One thing about Easter is you have to look at the calendar to see for sure when it is each year because it can be from late March to late April.

Be patient. Good things take time.

Through the WINDOW OF THE ARCHIVES

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

As I walked toward the Thompson-Hickman County Library last week to do some research, I was struck by the thought that I wasn't really knowledgeable about all the construction facts of the old building and thought it would be great to search for information. I hurried along a bit faster to start my research and looked at the new building addition, which is well under way, and I thought about how far away 1918 was.

Yesterdays were all around as my white gloved

hand turned the pages one by one of the *Madisonian Times*, searching for the news of the starting year and date of our Thompson-Hickman County Library here in Virginia City.

Ah, the page is turned and there it is ... front page, May 3, 1918. "Work Starts on Public Library. Col. Thompson's magnificent gift to the city will be rushed to completion."

Mr. Thompson spent the early years of his life living on the block of land on which the structure was to

be built. It was to be built entirely of stone, cement and steel (the stone came from the quarry northeast of the city); the dimensions would be 35x45 feet, with two stories and a basement. The cost was about \$25,000, endowed by Mr. Thompson. It would include a caretaker to be present and the building will also house the valuable history collection that is in the Virginia City Public Museum.

Building operations were under the direction of John Renally, foreman,

Marion Baker and William Smith. Upon completion of the excavation, a larger force was to be employed.

On Aug. 5, 1918, the cornerstone of the Thompson-Hickman Memorial Building was to be laid. However, Governor Samuel V. Stewart was to come but was unexpected called to Washington, D.C., so it was postponed until the 10th.

Gov. Stewart, his wife and Mrs. Theodore Brantley, wife of the chief justice came from Helena and the Governor gave a short address. A photograph was taken of Hon. A.J. Bennett, president of the Madison State Bank and Hon. Jacob Albright, merchant, both from Virginia City and Thomas A. Bruno, superintendent of

construction from New York.

The box was designed and histories written by Harry E. Hall, one of the trustees of the building.

The cornerstone was placed in a metal box, hermetically sealed, and contained coins of the present day, histories of the lives of Thompson and Hickman families and the following data: "Thompson-Hickman Memorial Library Building, Virginia City, Montana: Ground broken April 22, 1918, walls started July 8, 1918; Donors William Boyce Thompson, Gertrude Hickman Thompson; Architect on design, Frank A. Colby, New York; Architect on construction Thomas A. Bruno, New York and Trustees J. Albright, Chairman, A.J. Bennett

and Harry E. Hall."

At this point I have been unable to find the facts and data of the finished construction but will keep researching and fill in the missing data at a later time.

When I walked out of the library, I glanced back and marveled at the beautiful building that has stood and served our community for 97 years and my mind returns to the yesteryears when I spent hours and hours at the familiar old building.

I'm looking forward to a place strange and new and feel a glow of expectancy and excitement to be able to share the pathway to them both.

Source: Dick Pace Archives Thompson-Hickman Library, 1918 Madisonian Times

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRELINE

By Steve Orr | MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters do more than just fight fire. The

Madison Valley Rural Fire Department is called to

perform a verity of special life saving operations which include vehicle extrication, low angle rope rescue, ice rescue, etc. In order to keep proficient and keep skills sharp the MVRFD conducts aggressive ongoing training. The Madison Valley is

a popular recreation spot for both local residents and sportsmen from around the state and the nation. In winter a large portion of this activity involves recreation on many of the bodies of water located in the Madison Valley. The ice on these lakes

and streams can become hazardous and present the danger of falling through the ice with little or no warning. In order to be ready to respond to these emergencies, the MVRFD conducts ice rescue training annually.

On Sunday morning, March

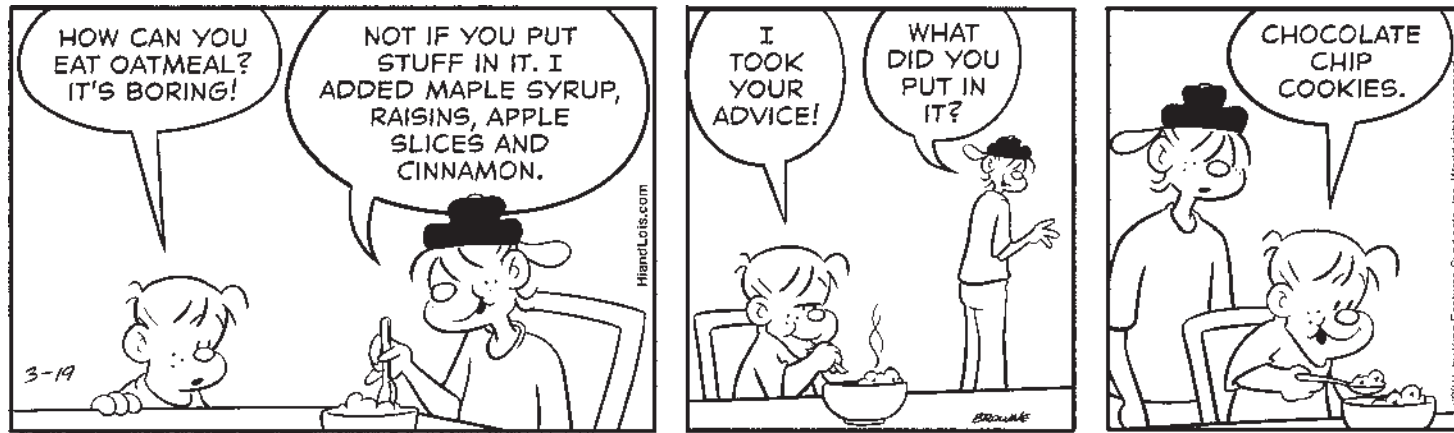
3, members from the MVRFD, Madison County Search and Rescue and Ennis Ambulance practiced ice rescue techniques under the tutelage of technical specialist Bill Dooley of Lewis and Clark Search and Rescue and Dave Mason with Montana Fire Service Training School.

COMICS & PUZZLES

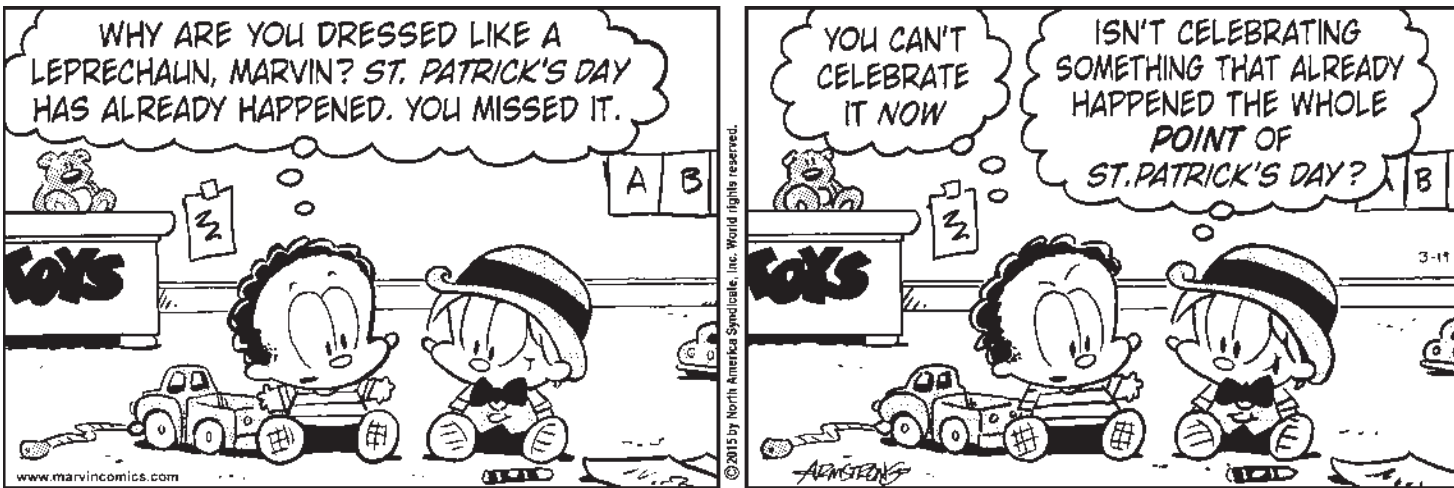
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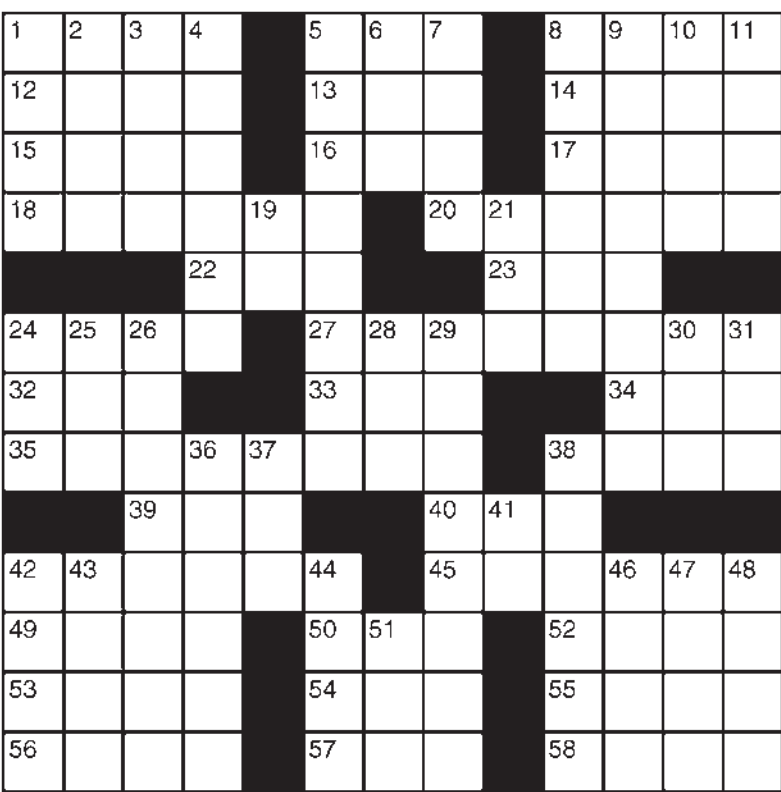
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G=W

Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
 By Janet Tharpe

Two Desserts, One Amazing Pecan Pie Cheesecake

"This pie is something special!"

Pecan pie and cheesecake in one bite? My oh my. Tammy Brownlow's Pecan Pie Cheesecake will be a hit at your next gathering! You may want to consider making two pies—it's that good. The sweetness from the pecan pie, combines with the creaminess from the cheesecake for one impressive dessert. See step-by-step photos of Tammy's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/pecancheesecake You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

Tammy Brownlow
 Bryan, TX (pop. 76,201)

- Janet

Pecan Pie Cheesecake

What You Need

1 pie crust 9" refrigerated or frozen

PECAN PIE LAYER:

3 eggs
 1 c light corn syrup
 1/4 c sugar
 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
 1 c pecans, in pieces or halved

CHEESECAKE LAYER:

2 pkg 8oz cream cheese, room temperature
 1/2 c sugar
 1/4 tsp salt
 1 egg
 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract

Directions

- Take pie crust from refrigerator or freezer. If frozen, let stand on counter 30-45 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In your mixer, combine 3 eggs with 1/4 cup sugar.
- Add corn syrup and vanilla. Stir in pecans.
- Pour into pie crust.
- In your mixer, beat cream cheese on medium until light and fluffy.
- Add sugar and salt. Mix on low speed until combined.
- Add egg and vanilla gently spread on top of pecan pie layer.
- Bake 45 minutes.
- Once baked, refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

Submitted by: Tammy Brownlow, Bryan, TX (pop. 76,201)
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Return Applications to:
Madison County Weed Board
P.O. Box 278
Virginia City, MT 59755
For additional information contact: Margie N. Edsall, or Janie Alt at (406)842-5595
21-3-b

Application for Temporary Employment:
The Madison County Weed Board will be accepting applications for Field Crew Personnel for the 2015 season. Employment may be from May 4, 2015 to September 30, 2015 at 40 hour/week. Employment Applications and job descriptions are available at the Weed Board Office at; 2296 Hwy. 287, Alder, MT. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. April 10, 2015.
Return Applications to:
Madison County Weed Board
P.O. Box 278
Virginia City, MT 59755
For additional information contact: Margie N. Edsall, or Janie Alt at (406)842-5595
21-3-b

The Town of Ennis is seeking a 2-year contract with a new Town Attorney for a broad range of prosecution services, or ordinance violation cases and other matters which may arise. The Ennis City Court convenes up to 6 times a month, and the town commission meets on the second Thursday of every month. The Town Attorney would also represent the Town of Ennis in various civil legal matters, as requested by the Town. All applicants must have the highest of ethical standards. Interested attorneys should send a resume with a cover letter to the Town of Ennis, P.O. Box 147, Ennis, Montana 59729; and complete a questionnaire which is available on our website, www.ennismontana.org. Further information can be obtained regarding this position by calling Ennis Town Hall: 406-682-4287
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2-4-b

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SEASONAL CUSTODIAL POSITION OPENING
The Town of Ennis is accepting applications for a Seasonal Custodial Position.
The position will be from April 16th through October 16th, 2015. This position is cleaning of the Lion's Park Rest Area on a daily basis. Wage for this position is \$500.00 per month.
Applications and further information regarding this position can be obtained at Ennis Town Hall. Any questions regarding the position can be directed to Kelly Elser, Director of Public Works, @ 406 682-4287. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., March 31, 2015.
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20-3-b

Madison Valley Medical Center has an opening for a part time Night Shift RN. Candidate must under general supervision, plan and implement the nursing process of assessment, evaluation, and clinical skills in the promotion of health. Incorporate evidence-based nursing practices consistent with national standards. Assume great responsibility and accountability for the quality of nursing care rendered. Direct the activities of nursing and ancillary caregivers while maintaining standards of professional care. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS · Graduate of an accredited school of nursing · Current Montana state license as an RN, ACLS, PALS, CPR, and BLS Required. If interested e-mail cover letter and resume to careers@mvmedcenter.org. For questions regarding this job opportunity contact Linda Ryan RN @ 406-682-6862 Ext. 2270 or email lryan@mvmedcenter.org
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INVITATION FOR BIDS for road work within Shining Mountains Owners Association. Bids are also being accepted for crushing 10,000 yards of gravel in Shining Mountains. Bids need to be submitted by April 10 to SMOA PO Box 452 Ennis, MT 59729. For additional information, please leave a message at 682-5017.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: LONNIE CHANEY HENDERSON, also known as LONNIE C. HENDERSON, Deceased Cause No. DP-29-2015-6

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to GAE ANN F. HENDERSON-McHALE, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 2330 C. Las Posas Road, #441, Camarillo, CA 93010, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: February 10, 2015

/s/ GAE ANN F. HENDERSON-McHALE Personal Representative GAE ANN F. HENDERSON-McHALE, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.

/s/ GAE ANN F. HENDERSON-McHALE Personal Representative State of California / County of Ventura SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of February, 2015 by GAE ANN F. HENDERSON-McHALE, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before me. 11511 Bhalinder Singh Sindhy Commission # 1924754. Notary Public-California Ventura County My commission expires March 6, 2015 Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. March 5, 12, 19, 2015) km

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the Commissioners meeting room of the Madison County Broadway Annex, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Luxury Suites Subdivision Planned Unit Development to subdivide 2,698 acres in the NE1/4, Section 24, Township 6 S, Range 2 E, PMM, into a planned unit development of 3 residential condominium lots. Located north of North Rim Drive, in the area formerly known as Cowboy Heaven Phase 3C, Area 3, Condo Lot D Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on March 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: •Madison County Planning Office, 205 N.

Broadway, Virginia City; •Madison Valley Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis; •Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. Mar. 12, 19 2015) mcpcb MNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Ennis will host a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2015, 6:30 PM at the Madison Theatre in Ennis for obtaining public comments regarding a Preliminary Architectural Report and an application for funding to the Montana Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Program to construct a senior citizens center for the Ennis community. At the public hearing, representatives of Schlenker & McKittrick Architects and Great West Engineering will explain the proposed project, including the need and purpose, activities, budget, sources of funding, and any costs that may result for local citizens because of the project. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to express their opinions. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing by the end of the public hearing. Reasonable accommodation will be made for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in this public hearing. Persons needing an accommodation must notify the Town of Ennis (406) 682-4287 no later than March 19, 2015 to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You may also write to the Town of Ennis at P.O. Box 147, Ennis, MT 59729 or via email at gingersg@ennismontana.org to make your request known or to comment on the proposed project. Town of Ennis Becky Vujovich, Mayor (Pub. Mar. 12, 19 2015) toe MNAXLP

MADISON COUNTY WEED BOARD YEAR 2015 HERBICIDE CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Madison County Weed Board is calling for sealed bids for Noxious Weed Herbicides for the 2015 Madison County Weed Management Season. Bid specification (Type and Amount of Herbicides), and invitation to Bid forms are available at the Madison County Weed Board Office, 2296 Hwy. 287, Alder, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755, (406)842-5595. Bids will be accepted until the close of business, 5:00 P.M. Thursday, April 9, 2015. Bids will be opened and read publicly at the regular Weed Board Meeting at the Weed Board Office, Alder, Montana, at 2:00 P.M. Thursday April 16, 2015. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose bid is most beneficial to the County. Consideration will be given to Madison County resident bidders in accordance with MCA 7-5-2309, part 1, which states "If there are no out of state bidders for a contract subject to competitive bid under this part, the contract may be awarded to the lowest and best responsible bidder that is a County Resident and that makes a bid that is no more than \$500.00 or 3% higher, whichever is less, than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder that is not a County Resident". Prices are to be guaranteed to September 30, 2015. Madison County Weed Board reserves the right to reject any or all irregularities in Bids. Betty Sykes, Chairperson Madison County Weed Board James P. Hart, Chairman Madison County Commissioners (Pub. Mar. 19, 26, Apr. 2 2015) mcwb MNAXLP

BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR MARCH REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015 - 8:30 AM

FIRE STATION NO. 1 Madison County Weed Board is calling for Introduction of visitors and guests 1.Call to Order 2.Public Comment 3.Consent Agenda Items - Action Required: a.Approval of draft minutes of February 25, 2015 Regular Meeting b.Approval of draft minutes of March 5, 2015 Special Meeting c.Financial Reports for February 2015 d.Monthly Financial Statements e.Check Register: Checks 6114594 - 6114652 4.Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat 5.Correspondence 6.New Business a.Fire Chief Compensation & Evaluation 2015-16 Budget - Discussion & Possible Action Required b.Explore Seeking Funding for Assistant Fire Chief 2015-16 Budget - Discussion & Possible Action Required 7.Unfinished Business a.2015-16 Budget Committee - Discussion & Possible Action Required b.2015-16 Resort Tax Application - Discussion & Possible Action Required c.BSFD Station #2/Big Sky Resort - Discussion & Possible Action Required 8.Other Business 9.Public Comment 10.Date for next regular meeting - April 29, 2015 @ 8:30 AM

11.Adjourn (Pub. Mar. 19, 2015) bgsfd MNAXLP

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE


TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on May 26, 2015, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana: Lot 6A of Mustang Ranches, Shining Mountain Air Park, the revised plat of which is of record in the office of the Clerk and recorder of Madison County, Montana, in Plat Book 4, page 92. Michelle Kloote and Joshua Kloote, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to First American Title Company, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Option One Mortgage Corporation, A California Corporation, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on February 23, 2007 and recorded on February 28, 2007 as Document No. 118686. The beneficial interest is currently held by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-5. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$2,121.25, beginning January 1, 2014, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of September 19, 2014 is \$306,882.43 principal, interest at the rate of 6.00% now totaling \$4,218.88, late charges in the amount of \$36.92, suspense balance of \$-78.75 and other fees and expenses advanced of \$4,449.40, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$51.15 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: January 14, 2015 Dalia Martinez Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company, LLC Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services PO Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho) County of Bingham) On this 14 day of January, 2015, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she Lisa J Tornabene Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Commission expires: 11/06/2018 Ocwen Vs Kloote 42046.321 (Pub. Mar. 19, 26, Apr. 2 2015) mk MNAXLP

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FOR FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The Town of Ennis Floodplain Administrator and the Madison County Floodplain Administrator have received a Floodplain Development Permit application request from Madison County to replace eight culverts along Moores Creek within the Town of Ennis and Madison County. Four of the existing culverts will be replaced with four-sided concrete box culverts, while the other four will be replaced with precast concrete slab bridges. The eight stream crossings along Moores Creek are located at US Highway 287/Main Street, MT Highway 287, Ballard Lane, Hugel Street, Steffens Street, Ennis Street, Fagin Street, and Armitage Street. A more precise map and description of the proposed project is available for review at the Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT 59729 or at the Madison County Planning Office, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City, MT 59755. Comments concerning the above request should be directed to the Town of Ennis Floodplain Administrator by mail: Jonathan Weaver, c/o Great West Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 4817, Helena, MT 59604; via phone: (406) 449-8627; or email: jweaver@greatwesteng.com. Comments may also be directed to the Madison County Floodplain Administrator by mail: P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; via phone: (406) 843-5250; via fax: (406) 843-5229; or email: planb@madison.mt.gov Comments will be received through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2014. In the event of substantial comment or protest to the issuance of the permit, the Town of Ennis Floodplain Administrator may hold a public hearing to determine whether the permit shall be issued. Jonathan Weaver, Floodplain Administrator Town of Ennis Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator Madison County (Pub. Mar. 19, 2015) toelmcpcb MNAXLP



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St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ennis - March 18
Assembly of God Church, Ennis - March 25
Meal Served Each Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

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Service 7 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

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Breakfast is served at 7 a.m., all are welcome!
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Wednesday, March 18 - Notre Dame Catholic Church in Twin
Wednesday, March 25 - St. Mary's Catholic Church in Laurin

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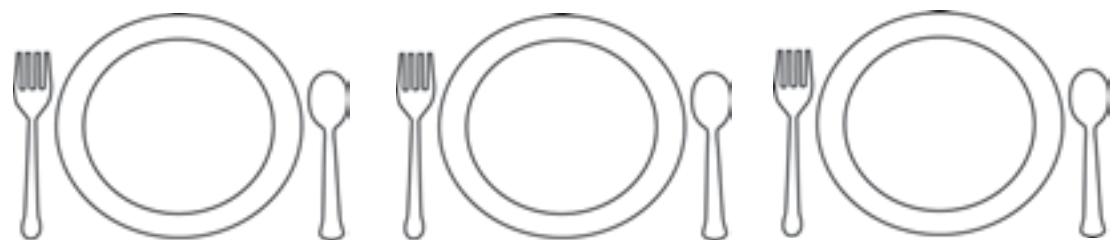
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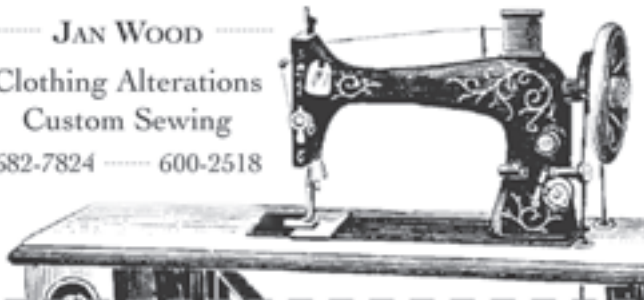
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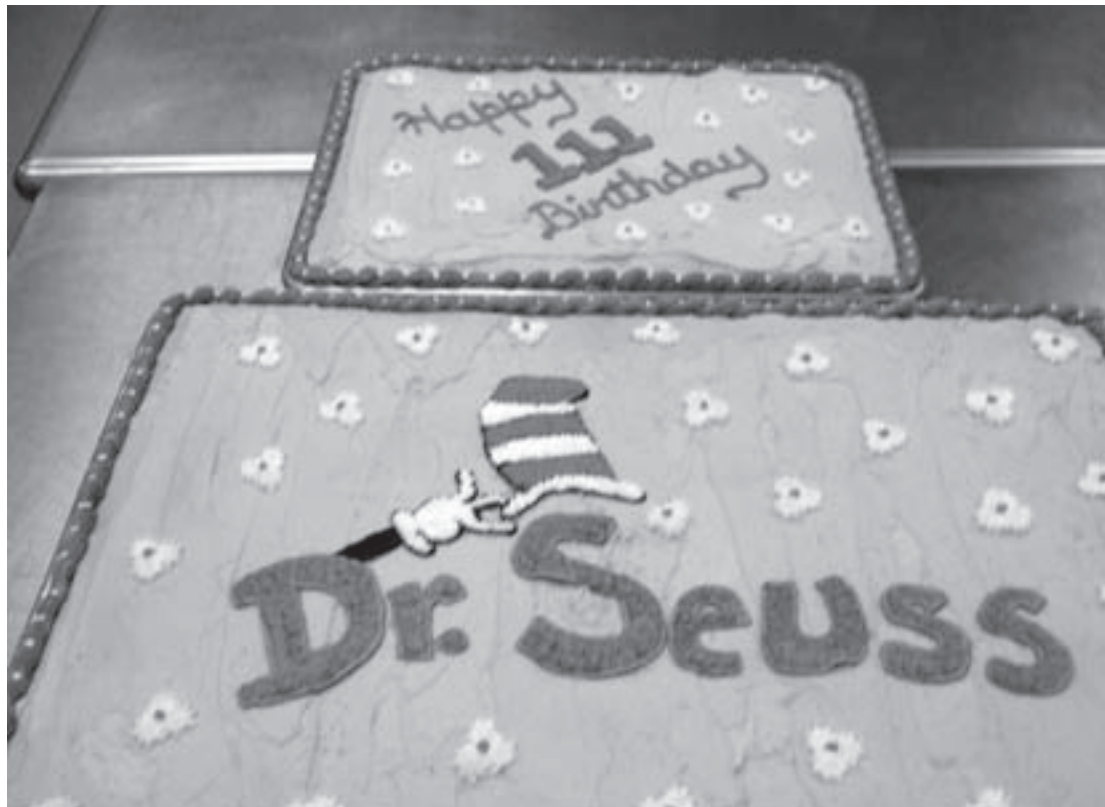
Dr. Seuss' 111th birthday in Sheridan

Submitted by Sally Schendel
Sheridan Schools

Everyone in the Sheridan Schools celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 through the many generous efforts of friends and staff.

Stephanie Haag baked a stunning cake and Linda Browne served it, along with green eggs and ham (using spinach!).

Guest readers also delighted the classes. Fourth-graders wore jammies (Abby Curtis has bunny slippers on too) while they listened to Dorie Hilliker and her Seussian ABCs; Rahn Abbott's Sneetches entranced the second-grade; Julie Maddison read Peter Rabbit and Ramona to the kindergartners and third graders; and Superintendent Mike Wetherbee roared his terrible roars reading "Where the Wild Things Are" to the first graders. Sharing a love of reading grows a world of readers, one story at a time.



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GARDENER'S NOTEBOOK: *Sweet pea memories*

By Zelpha Boyd

My mother loved sweet peas. On the farmstead where I grew up, she planted a long row of sweet peas along the fence that lined the driveway leading to the house. Behind this fence was an equally long row of light blue delphinium. Together it was a beautiful sight. She picked these flowers for neighbors, friends and church – the combination of color and fragrance was unbeatable. As children, my sisters and I would sell small bouquets on a street in Bozeman, just in front of a large apartment building. I'm sure these ladies were

thrilled with such a wonderful fragrance for their homes.

In later years when she moved away from the farm, Mother always found a place to plant sweet peas. At the assisted living facility she grew them in a small gardening space. She always kept small glass vases handy to share the blossoms with others. For several years she entered a specimen in the sweet pea festival competition. As such a competitor, the reward of a ribbon was thrilling.

Today – the 13th of March – I'm planting sweet peas. I have several packets of seed – one of the usual mixed variety

and a couple of some special pink ruffled ones. Every bit of fence will be adorned by these timeless beauties. Since sweet peas are a cool weather plant – it's not too early to get them in. Some folks soak the seed overnight, before planting, or even freeze them in ice cubes, planting the whole cube. If left to go to seed in the fall, these flowers will reseed themselves. The hybrid varieties won't come true to color, but the old fashioned ones will.

When planting, I dig a small trench, tamp the seed in the bottom, cover lightly and water well. As the seedlings emerge, I pull

more soil in around them. Sweet peas are heavy feeders and do better when planted with plenty of compost or manure. I pay attention to keeping them well watered.

Besides the annual sweet peas, I have a short row of the perennials. They come back every year and grow vigorously. Although not as colorful – only producing variations of pinks and whites – I like the perennial aspect of them. They too will reseed.

I really like the prospect of planting memories. Sweet peas fill that role for me. Maybe this year I'll even enter some in the sweet pea festival competition!



CHICKS!



Submitted by Paula Elser
Sheridan Schools

Sheridan first-graders incubated eggs at school and hatched 19 chicks. The class even had the opportunity to watch several chicks peck their way out of the eggs.

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Sandru named BPA state officer

Submitted by Jody Sandru
TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS

Twenty-six members of Twin Bridges Business Professionals of America competed at the State Leadership Conference March 8 – 10, 2015. With heart and determination, BPA members rolled out of bed early Sunday morning to board yet another bus for the trek to Billings. This was no easy feat as many of the BPA members played, cheered and attended the girls class C

state basketball tournament and did not get home until early Sunday morning.

Kjersten Sandru was elected as a state officer for next year, after participating in the state officer campaign process during the conference. Sandru is the new public relations director for Montana BPA.

Twin Bridges High School, in our second year in BPA, is still considered a rookie chapter. Competing against AA Schools, A, B and C, events are packed with amazing talent, and it is such

an honor to make the top 10.

"I don't think people realize just how difficult it is to place at state BPA," Kelly Downing, Twin Bridges English teacher and former BPA member, said. "There were over 1,200 competitors, so (Sandru) achieving a double state championship is a really big deal. We had several others take the podium as well, including all of our freshmen competitors. In BPA, students gain valuable skills that they will utilize beyond high school."

EAA enjoys Ennis Concert Choir performance

Submitted by Carol McMullin
ENNIS ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Ennis Arts Association met March 10 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ennis. The program for the day was a musical presentation by the Ennis Concert Choir. This year, the young musicians are students in seventh through 12th-grade who attend

school in Ennis and who are studying music with musical director Andrew Scruggs.

The lovely vocal performances were presented by Natalea Totten, 11th-grade soprano, Kat Rosenlund, 11th-grade soprano, McKayla Adamkiewicz, eighth-grade alto and Rachel Ledgerwood, 10th-grade soprano, who also sang a song in solo in a clear, melodic voice. Scruggs

played the trombone, giving a strong rendition of "Tuscan Serenade." Vickey Gordon was the piano accompanist for all the performances.

The young musicians comprising the Ennis Concert Choir study hard at home and school to train their voices for singing and to learn music of all genres.

A delicious lunch was provided for by the EAA.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Ennis Both breakfast and lunch served with 8 oz milk. WED MARCH 18 Cinnamon roll Ravioli THURS MARCH 19 Ham and cheese omelette Chicken strips FRI MARCH 20 Uncrustable Pizza MON MARCH 23 Breakfast pizza Chicken nuggets TUES MARCH 24 Waffle Enchilada Twin Bridges All lunch menus include salad bar, fruit, cold milk. All breakfast menus include toast, fruit, milk and juice. WED MARCH 18 Apple or peach crisp Turkey or ham wrap	THURS MARCH 19 Choice of cereal Hot or polish dog FRI MARCH 20 NO SCHOOL MON MARCH 23 French toast Hamburger or fish sandwich TUES MARCH 24 Choice of cereal Beefy nachos Harrison Both breakfast and lunch served with 8 oz milk. WED MARCH 18 Waffles Cheeseburger THURS MARCH 19 Yogurt, granola FRI MARCH 20 Breakfast sandwich Pizza	MON MARCH 23 French toast Breakfast for lunch TUES MARCH 24 Bagels and cream cheese Taco Tuesday Sheridan Both breakfast and lunch served with 8 oz milk. WED MARCH 18 Fresh eggs Homemade meatloaf THURS MARCH 19 Pancakes Classic Italian spaghetti FRI MARCH 20 NO SCHOOL MON MARCH 23 Fresh eggs Chicken noodle soup TUES MARCH 24 Slow cooked oatmeal Taco/nacho bar
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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.

a casserole, Q-Z bring a dessert. Can't cook or don't cook? Bring a joke or a story. Card tables and game tables will be open. When all else fails, call Zoe 682-4360.

Presentation, Sheridan

The Friends of the Sheridan Library present A Ranch Roundup: an Evening of Brands, Barbed Wire & More. The program, featuring William Stender of Sheridan, will be at 5p.m. at the Sheridan Library. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact the library at 842-5770.

usher in spring in the Madison Valley. A night you surely won't forget.

SATURDAY MARCH 28

Tobacco Roots Music Open Mic, Sheridan
7 p.m. at Shovel and Spoon. Open mic featuring Sandy James, uncommon original artist, writer/singer of satirical and comedic music performed on piano. Followed by an open mic. PA provided and food will be available.

Casino Night, Twin Bridges

7 p.m. at Blue Anchor Cafe & Bar. Play Poker or bingo with Rotary bucks. Silent Auction during the games, Live auction at 10 p.m. Use your winnings. \$50,000 "Rotary Bucks" will be awarded to the best dressed male and female. Theme is vintage casino attire. Proceeds are used to provide scholarships for Sheridan and Twin Bridges High School graduates.

Earl Holt-John Seaman Annual Poker Tournament, Ennis

Texas Hold'em Memorial Scholarship Tournament at The Sportsman Bar. 10 a.m. satellites, 1 p.m. tournament. Benefits students at Ennis High School. Call 682-5208 for more information.

SUNDAY APRIL 5

Easter Sunrise Service, Twin Bridges

Mountain View Chapel invites you to worship our Risen Lord at the Madison County Fairgrounds in the bleachers next to the crow's nest at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow at the church at 9 a.m.

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church Easter Worship, Ennis

11 a.m. Please come join us for Easter worship and afterward for a ham dinner and potluck.

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SATURDAY MARCH 21

Shriner Oyster Feed, Dillon

4 to 8 p.m. at Dillon Elks Lodge in Dillon. Event is sponsored by the Southern Montana shrine club. The proceeds to go to the Southern Montana shrine club. Tickets available at these fine stores Thomas Co. Jewelers, Mac's Last Cast Bar, 3-D store, Dillon liquor store, Dillon bar, Dillon Elks or any Shriner's in your area. First 300 ticket holders will receive a free Coziest cup holder.

THURSDAY MARCH 26

Mad Gals Monthly Meeting, McAllister

12:30 p.m. Monthly luncheon at McAllister Bar & Grill.

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 9

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis

1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of Don't Let Me Go by Katherine Ryan, led by Kevin Brenneke.

SATURDAY APRIL 11

WordSongs: Bringing Poetry to Life, Ennis

1 p.m. at Madison Valley Library. April is National Poetry Month and this program helps celebrate poetry. The presenter is Dave Casserio, a former literature professor at MSU Billings. The duo draws from contemporary and past poets and poetry of diverse cultures and subject matter, period and themes, and fuses them with the music of jazz, blues, classical and folk traditions. The presentation is followed by audience question and answer and discussion. This program is brought to you by the Friends of Madison Valley Public Library from Humanities Montana.

SUNDAY MARCH 22

Senior Citizen Potluck, Ennis

Ennis VFW Hall from 1 - 4 p.m. If you plan to attend and your last name begins with A-H bring a salad, I-P bring

FRIDAY MARCH 27

Fool's Gold at the Silver Dollar, Ennis

8:30 p.m. Fool's Gold will be at the Silver Dollar playing dancing music, country, rock and the blues. Help the band

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.

SUNDAY MARCH 29

Ruby Valley Choral Performance, Sheridan

The Ruby Valley Choral will be singing a cantata, "Harvest of Sorrows" plus "Were You There?" and "He Is Risen." Performances will be at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church in Sheridan and 7 p.m. at Church of the Valley in Twin Bridges. Come and celebrate with us. Refreshments will be served.

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church Palm Sunday, Ennis

11 a.m. After the morning service, the men will be serving brunch. All are welcome.

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!

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church Maundy Thursday, Ennis

7:30 p.m. Come join us as some of our church members will be reading to commemorate the Last Supper.

SUNDAY 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.

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