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SENATE BILL 264

Bill passes committee with cuts, moves through Senate to House

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On March 25, the Senate Finance and Claims Committee passed Senate Bill 264 after amending the bill.

Before the committee's amendment, the bill would have allocated \$835,548 to the Montana Heritage Commission every year for the next 20

years – the MHC, which is the state body that operates Virginia City and Nevada City, is not the only benefactor of the bill.

SB 264 would re-allocate bed tax and vehicle tax funds – currently those taxes, which total approximately \$24 million, go directly to the general fund. Before the amendment, 40 percent of those funds would stay in the general fund, while the remaining 60 percent would

be invested in tourism and preserving Montana's historical infrastructure, like structures in Virginia City and Nevada City.

On March 25, however, the committee cut the bill – each of the seven agencies represented will receive 1 percent of the \$24 million if the bill passes the Senate and the House and if Governor Steve Bullock signs it into law. That way, 93 percent of the proceeds will go directly into

the general fund, instead of the originally proposed 40 percent.

The amended version sets an effective date of July 1, 2015, and a termination date of July 1, 2021. So, for the MHC, 1 percent translates to \$240,000 annually for the next 6 years.

"We are still very supportive of it," said MHC chairperson Marilyn Ross. "Even at 1 percent, that pencils out around \$240,000 to us, which is

\$240,000 more for preservation."

Ross said the money will be earmarked specifically for preserving the historic structures.

"Anyone who owns property knows how expensive it is to maintain," she said. "We are raising enough revenue on our own to sustain our own operational costs, but the preservation of those buildings is expensive. It would be hugely beneficial to have more stable revenue we can count on when

planning our preservation budget."

Rep. Ray Shaw, R-Sheridan, said the bill is "hugely important" to Madison County.

"Let us keep some money to put directly back into Virginia City (and Nevada City)," he said. "We'll take any penny we can get."

On March 30, the Senate passed the bill, which will now be voted on in the House before moving to Bullock's desk.

HOUSE BILL 407

Bill that has potential to benefit MHC with donation dollars moves from House to Senate

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House Bill 407, which would create a voluntary donation that Montana citizens can choose to make when registering their vehicles, passed its third reading at the House on March 27 and

now moves on to the Senate.

"It is strictly an opt-in program," said Montana Heritage Commission chairperson Marilyn Ross.

When registering a vehicle, residents already have the option to make a donation to state parks – HB 407 would add an option for Montana citizens to choose whether or not they want to donate \$6 that goes directly to preserving, repairing and maintaining Virginia City and Nevada City.

Ross said she believes people who buy and travel in motor homes understand they are a "wonderful way to travel but that they do present some problems of their own to the

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"People around the state really like Virginia City and Nevada City."
~ Representative Ray Shaw, House District 71

Local mental health council sets priority goals

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The Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council is ready to move forward assessing the need for mental health services in the area – the council hopes to have a formal needs assessment completed by next fall, according to Doris Fischer, one member of the council.

"It seems like we've been doing a lot lately," Fischer said.

The Madison County commissioners created the council at the end of December 2013.

The council's mission is to improve mental health services available to Madison County residents by expanding those services and providing better access, Fischer said.

"In the last few months we've gone through a brainstorming process of identifying priority projects," she said. "We've ended up with five. We're looking at these as ones that will hopefully not be expensive or time consuming to implement."

Though compiling a needs assessment is not one of those

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"A TRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTEERISM"



Volunteers from all over the world spend summers in Virginia City and Nevada City illustrating Montana's early history on Living History weekends. Courtesy of Elijah Allen

Living History program runner up for Montana Tourism Event of the Year

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During the Governor's conference on tourism and recreation, which was March 22 – 24 in Helena, the Montana Heritage Commission's Living History program was runner up for the Tourism Event of the Year.

"Even being nominated is a great accomplishment," said MHC executive director Elijah Allen. "There were only five nominations statewide."

The Living History pro-

gram takes place nearly every weekend from May through October in Nevada City – 300 volunteers come from all over the state, country and world to reenact Montana's early history, Allen said.

"(The volunteers) help with historic interpretations of Montana's early history with actual reenactments of what happened in the 1860s and the Montana vigilantes," Allen said. "We were recognized at the conference as a top attraction in Montana."

Though Fairmont Hot Springs was named as

the top attraction, Allen said, the runner up award is a "great tribute."

"It's a tribute to the volunteerism," Allen said. "People come here and get paid nothing to reenact Montana's history."

MHC chairperson Marilyn Ross said the entire commission is "proud" of the people who volunteer.

"That program is a huge part of what we're doing at the heritage commission and it just gets bigger and better every year," she said. "They are hugely important to what the commission believes is one of our

major roles with this resource."

Ross said the commission strives to use Virginia City and Nevada City to explain and illustrate Montana's early history, especially to school-aged children. She said the Living History program helps accomplish that.

"It's one thing to talk about cooking on a wood stove, but it's another thing when the children can actually do it and see it firsthand," she added.

"It's been a very positive thing and it is what has made the resource – Virginia City and Nevada City – such an attraction."



FINISHING TOUCHES

Construction on the courthouse annex estimated to be done third week of May

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The Madison County commissioners are planning to host an open house at their new courthouse annex on July 4, and construction on the building is taking shape.

"We are way excited," said

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian The new courthouse annex is taking shape and passersby can easily visualize how the structure will look when completed.

commissioner Jim Hart. "It's going wonderfully well."

The commissioners have been meeting at the construction site every other week throughout the winter. At their most recent walkthrough on March 23, Hart said the project is coming together.


"They've taped, textured and painted," he said. "They are doing trim work and will start working on the flooring and things like that fairly soon."

The commissioners signed

a contract with general contractors Langlas & Associates for the project last June for a guaranteed maximum price of \$4,272,905 and a tentative completion date in June.

Now, Langlas & Associates are saying "pretty confidently" that the project will be done the third week of May, Hart said.

"It may take us some time to move in," he said. "Anytime people want to come take a stroll through they should. It's a terrific time to do that. Folks need to see it."


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resources where they visit." She said she believes that understanding may motivate some people to opt into the donation if it is an option. "Eventually that money will circle around and come

back to the heritage commission if it does pass," Ross said. "Though we will not see that immediately." The bill is still in its beginning stages – though it has passed the House, it now must pass the Senate before

landing on the Governor's desk. The first reading in the Senate is not yet scheduled. Rep. Ray Shaw, R-Sheridan, co-sponsored the bill with Rep. Virginia Court, D-Billings. Shaw said he believes the bill has the potential to give

a "huge boost" to the area. "People around the state really like Virginia City and Nevada City," he said. "Believe it or not, we could get a lot of dollars."

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priority projects, Fischer said it is an important step. "This is a longer-term effort, but we did agree to undertake a county-wide mental health needs assessment," she said. "We're going to do it ourselves, but we will hopefully get some help from Boise State University to develop standardized questions and some of the technology."

The needs assessment will give the council a starting point for implementing the kind of services they want to see in Madison County. More specifically, commissioner Jim Hart, who is also a member of the council, said Madison County is not severely lacking in services, but that "folks tend not to be aware of how much is available." "There is a lack, to some degree, for mental health services," Hart added. "But I think it's more that folks are not aware that the services are out there." The council's first step was printing a resource directory that gives Madison County residents an easy flow chart to follow with instructions

of numbers to call in mental health crises or situations. Fischer said the resource directory is available at numerous public locations in Madison County, including libraries, schools, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and some county offices. Anyone who wants a copy can contact Lisa Brubaker at 843-5249 or Fischer at 842-7161.

Priority projects

The first priority Fischer listed was to promote public awareness and understanding about mental health issues. "We want to promote heightened awareness through training opportunities," Fischer said. "For example, we held a training through Ennis Continuing Education last October and we would like to do more of those." Fischer said a number of council members traveled to Barrett Hospital in Dillon recently and attended an hour-long training that was oriented toward suicide prevention. Another priority is reaching out to area schools to educate students about mental health and mental illness. One way

the council is doing that is by planning to host country music singer and speaker Jason DeShaw in May – DeShaw grew up in Montana and his performance includes singing, playing guitar and telling his story about living with a mental illness, Fischer explained. "He has agreed to perform at the Sheridan Elementary School gymnasium and earlier in the day, before the performance, he will speak in an assembly to high school students," she said. "The commissioners were willing to sign off on a grant application to 3Rivers (Communications) to get funding to make it happen ... we should know in the next month if we get (the grant)." The council also wants to reach out to the senior community in Madison County. "There are certain types of mental health counseling that are funded by Medicare," Fischer explained. "We want to make seniors aware of that." The fourth priority project is the potential creation of a volunteer crisis response team. Currently, if a Madison County resident has a mental

health crisis and calls for help, Fischer said it can take several hours for a professional crisis response team to come out from Bozeman or Butte. "We'd like to explore the option of establishing one in the county," she said. "It would mean getting folks trained who are willing to be additional first responders if someone is in a mental health crisis." The first Saturday of every month, the Madison Valley Public Library in Ennis hosts a discussion about a mental health topic. Fischer said the group's final priority project is to expand on that series and take it to both the Sheridan and Twin Bridges public libraries. Fischer said the council split into committees to tackle each priority project and come up with a formal plan of action, which is still being discussed. According to Hart, one of the difficulties the board faces is the stigma associated with mental illness. "We want to make folks aware it is a real thing," he said. "There is an amazing amount of energy on the board."

Doing our best to fix bad proposals

Senator Debby Barrett
 SENATE DISTRICT 36

Last Friday, the Senate heard Senate Bill 405, Ed Buttrely, R-Great Falls, The Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership, which is a proposal to expand Medicaid in Montana. This proposal was just introduced into the legislature a few weeks ago, and we have been analyzing the bill since its introduction to weigh all the potential costs and benefits. However, while this proposal is touted by its proponent as a "conservative solution" to improve healthcare access in Montana, there are some serious concerns within the Majority Caucus.

When opening on his bill, the sponsor mentioned "we" "us" and "our proposal" over 11 times, yet he failed to inform us just who "we" is. For all practical purposes, we know that no other legislators, legislative staff, nor the public was allowed at this negotiation table. Though this has been deemed by the media as a compromise and a conservative

plan, is it really? When dealing with a group of like-minded negotiators, is there a need for compromise? And most strangely, the crucial conservative component of tort reform is the first thing the sponsor is willing to sacrifice. It's apparent that SB 405 is becoming more and more reminiscent of the pension "fix" debacle of the 2013 legislature, which is now awaiting its fate in court. In addition to the concerns of bad policy SB 405 was drafted off-sight by the industry that primarily benefits from the influx of federal dollars. This causes many to question whether the policy is best for the people of Montana, or the people who benefit financially from it. Second, there is also an ongoing concern with any Medicaid expansion proposal that tying the health insurance of 50,000 Montanans to unreliable federal funds is an unwise decision. Though there is little support for SB 405 among Senate Republicans, members of the Senate Majority did make attempts during the floor debate last Friday to improve the proposal. Four amendments were offered by Republican senators during second reading, in attempts to limit the potential damage of SB 405 if signed into law. The four amendments


brought forward by the Senate Majority sought to address some of the biggest concerns plaguing healthcare in Montana. The various amendments to SB 405 attempted to: 1.) incentivize Medicaid enrollees to eventually get private insurance, 2.) ensure current disabled Medicaid enrollees aren't stuck at the bottom of waiting lists, 3.) reduce costs through uncompensated care and 4.) ensure the bills tort reform provision isn't tossed out if the bill is challenged in court. The final amendment proposed to SB 405 last Friday offered up by Senator Kris Hansen, R-Havre, was one of the most important to addressing the costs of healthcare in Montana. In its current form, SB 405 could pass the legislature and if any part of the bill were to be challenged and sent to court, the court could throw out whatever part of the bill they don't like, while the rest stays intact. One of the most legally controversial portions of the bill is a provision that would reduce the burden on doctors to practice defensive medicine. In America's legal culture, doctors are exposed to potential lawsuits, as it is very easy for a person to claim malpractice if something goes wrong during or after a procedure. This expo-

sure to potential lawsuits causes the rampant practices of defensive medicine in our hospitals and doctors offices, causing healthcare costs to skyrocket. Hansen's amendment sought to ensure that the lawsuit reform provision contained in SB 405 cannot be thrown out itself if the bill is challenged in court, as that is one of the few provisions in the bill that addresses the costs of healthcare. As Hansen stated on the floor, "This crucial conservative component is already on the chopping block by the sponsor," meaning the sponsor of SB 405 is willing to sacrifice one of the only conservative pieces of the bill before it's even passed the legislature. The Republican Party has long been dedicated to reducing the cost of healthcare through lawsuit reform, and Hansen's amendment to SB 405 is proof of our dedication. None of the four amendments to SB 405 offered up by the Majority Caucus received the necessary 25 votes to survive, but it's important that the people of Montana know the Senate Republicans are dedicated to doing all that we can to improve this proposal before it is advanced. We are still uncertain of the fate of SB 405, but I think it's safe to say that it has little support among the Senate Majority caucus.


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MORE NEWS:

Ennis Senior Center, Inc., requests financial assistance from commissioners

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Members of the Ennis Senior Center, Inc., approached the Madison County commissioners on March 31 to explain the Ennis Senior Center project and request financial help from the county.

"So why are we here today?" John Heckler, member of the Ennis Senior Center, Inc., asked the commissioners. "One reason is to tell you what we're doing. The second thing is this ... we are here with our hat in our hand asking for assistance from you."

A group of dedicated Ennis citizens have been working toward the creation of a senior center in town for years, according to Bob Loveland. Approximately a year ago, those dreams became more concrete

and the group started looking seriously at a few options – building a new structure, renovating an existing structure, or renovating and adding on to an existing structure.

"Financially it came down to one option," Loveland, who is also on the Ennis Senior Center board, said. "We're getting the Pit Stop Pizza restaurant in Ennis and renovating it."

Though the project is being spearheaded by the Ennis Senior Center, Inc., the town is lending a hand and is less than a month away from submitting a Community Development Block Grant, with the hope it will help fund the project. With or without the grant funds, however, Heckler said there will be an operational senior center in Ennis by the end of 2015.

According to board presi-

dent Lynn Foreman, the Ennis Senior Center, Inc., is approximately a week away from becoming an official non-profit.

"We have nine board members and a wealth of expertise among us that makes us able to provide direction and run the operation of a senior center,"

**"But another institution that people look at when they look for public amenities is a senior center. It's money well invested in economic development."
~ Bernie Oglietti, Ennis Senior Center, Inc.**

Foreman said. "Our main goal is to have an operational senior center by the end of this (calendar) year with or without the (CDBG) money. If we get the grant, we will be able to accelerate the expansion by adding some office space and then eventually enlarging the space for recreational use."

Heckler said the group understands the commissioners must consider every community in the county when deciding whether or not to contribute to the project financially.

"We're convinced we are going to do this with or without you," he said to the commissioners. "We will have an operational center by the end of this year. It may just have one pot of coffee and a few people to greet seniors, but it will be operational ... we can do it faster and better with you."

Commissioner Dave Schulz said he is "very excited" about the project.

"(Commissioner Jim Hart) works closely with you guys," Schulz said. "(Commissioner Ron Nye) works closely on the senior center project in Twin Bridges. I work closely in Sheridan. We all have a vested interest in working with our seniors."

Schulz said he was not inclined to commit any funds at the time because he believes the commissioners must consider helping out all the senior entities in the county if they decide to help one.

"As of today, however, you have my strongest interest," he said.

Commissioner Jim Hart agreed with Schulz and said the board would give the request "favorable consideration."

"We aren't here to say we need money today," Heckler said. "During your current budget planning, if anything is made available, that's great."

Ennis Senior Center, Inc., board member Bernie Oglietti pointed out the fact that a senior center is an economic development investment.

"People who live here and people who want to move here often base quality of life on the quality of public institutions," Oglietti said. "In Ennis, our school, our library, our medical center, our fire stations, our quasi-public institutions like the movie theater and new restaurants are good. But another institution that people look at when they look for public amenities is a senior center. It's money well invested in economic development."

END IN SIGHT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY ADDITION



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Photos courtesy Christina Koch

In just two or three short weeks, the construction of the addition on the Thompson-Hickman County Library will be finished, according to assistant librarian Christina Koch. "We do not have an exact completion date, but it will be two to three weeks from now," Koch told *The Madisonian*. "Then we will have to move all of our furniture, purchase more furniture and set everything up." The project commenced in October 2014 with a tentative timeline of 25 weeks and an approximate price tag of \$578,000. Contractors G&G Housing out of Whitehall have been working throughout the winter to complete the addition on schedule.

Sheridan nursing home receives results from annual survey

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All long-term care facilities – like nursing homes – are subject to yearly health and life safety surveys through the Department of Health and Human Services. In Sheridan, the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center was visited by four state surveyors for three days in December, and recently received the results of that survey, according to administrator John Semingson. "We never do as well as

we would like," Semingson acknowledged. "We ended up with eight deficiencies on the health survey side, which is about average in the state ... we had one life safety deficiency."

Semingson explained the surveyors examine more than 400 things when spending time at the nursing home and rank deficiencies on a scale from A to J, with J being the most severe.

"If we would ever get a J, we would be shut down instantly," Semingson said. "We had one E and seven Bs ... the severity level was not that bad."

For example, the life safety deficiency was because one surveyor spotted some lint on a sprinkler head in the kitchen, Semingson said.

"That's how detailed they are when they come in," he said. "Of the 400 plus things that the surveyors come in to look at annually, having them find eight out of that many is not bad."

Semingson approached the Madison County Commissioners during the March 16 meeting to explain how the nursing home is going to address all the deficiencies with

a formal plan of correction.

"(The deficiencies) were all fairly minimal issues," said commissioner Dave Schulz. "They have responded with how they will mitigate all those concerns."

Semingson said another example of a deficiency was when one of the nurses was cited for entering a resident room without knocking first.

"The thing is, that resident is extremely hard of hearing, which is why she entered without knocking or announcing herself," he said. "In order to get that resident's attention,

you have to be present right there. That one is an easy fix ... Just say our nurses will always knock and announce themselves before they go in a room."

Overall, the TRMCC is running "very well," Semingson said.

"We're very fortunate to have a group of employees that are dedicated to taking care of the residents in the building," he said. "We become more of a family to the residents than anything else. Our staff gets to know them and know what they like and dislike. It becomes like a large family."

Schulz added another point

that he said he is proud of.

"We haven't had to hire many travelers to fill in shifts – the staff is our staff," he said. "Even with a lot of sickness this winter, the biggest majority of employees are our regular staff. Travelers or agencies can cost as much as 200 percent more than what our regular staff is being paid."

Moving forward, Semingson said the deficiencies will be used as learning tools.

"We strive for perfection," he said. "When something is cited, we say, 'there's room for improvement' and improve."

LOGGING THE FOREST



Stroke de-limber



Feller buncher

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

Around Forest Service roadways, logging projects can assist with hazard tree reduction, Madison District Ranger Dale Olson said. "There are a lot of dead trees out there, so in places where we have that situation we are going in there and felling those trees," Olson explained. "One way to do that is through a timber sale. Generally a mill company will come in and bid on a set amount of board feet ... the forest roads get cleaned up and the mill makes a profit."

On March 18, Olson took *The Madisonian* up South Meadow Creek in the Tobacco Root Mountains to see a logging project firsthand. The Tobacco Root project is nearing completion, but another project may start up Standard Creek in the West Fork area later this summer, Olson said.

"RY Timber bought both of last year's timber sales," Olson said. "The sale is always for a certain amount of board feet and a mill buys a certain amount of timber ... It is up to them when they log it." The logging operation up South Meadow Creek involved three machines and three operators – first, a feller buncher cuts the trees and gathers them in bunches. Then, a grapple skidder collects the fallen trees in stacks and finally, a stroke de-limber strips the limbs from the fallen trees, cuts them to set lengths and re-stacks them.

Olson said RY Timber said they will most likely begin logging Standard Creek later this summer.

OPINION

Who is working for the people?

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Paul Ryan's budget: \$759 billion in corporate welfare and the winners are private

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- Head walls RCP crossings

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- Shoulder widening crushed aggregate placement south of Sheridan
- Excavation north of project to Hamilton Street
- Continue on storm drain from Hamilton Street to Poppleton



AROUND THE COUNTY

Sunrise services on April 5 Submitted by Pastor Greg Ledgerwood ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Several Madison Valley churches will be coming together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on April 5 at 7 a.m. This year's location is at the Madison Meadows golf clubhouse. Attendees are encouraged to dress warm – it is an outdoor event.

Music will be provided by Jim Forsberg with congregational singing and special numbers by the Presbytunes, the choir of the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church. Clergy involved are from the Trinity Episcopal Church, Madison Valley Baptist Church and Ennis Assembly of

God. The community is encouraged to come out and watch the sunrise while we celebrate the new life we have in Jesus Christ.

There will be breakfast and a time of fellowship at Ennis Assembly of God following the service. Contact Pastor Greg Ledgerwood at 682-4197 with any questions.

Application deadline Submitted by Laura Gilmore MADISON VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB

The deadline is fast approaching to turn in scholarship applications to the Madison Valley Woman's Club. Students can pick up applications at RE/MAX Mountain Property, Nearly

New Shoppe or online at ennischools.org. All applications must be turned in by April 15.

Prudential now Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Submitted by Mary Bentley BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOME SERVICES

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, part of the HSF Affiliates LLC family of real estate brokerage franchise networks, announced that Prudential Montana Real Estate has joined the network and is operating as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices as of March 31, 2015. The independently owned brokerage, whose heritage dates back to the

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Sheridan kindergarten round up Submitted by Laurie Bartoletti SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

Sheridan School's kindergarten round up will be held Monday, April 13 at 9:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. in the school lunchroom. Bring the whole family – refreshments served. Parents/guardians, please

bring an immunization record and birth certificate. Most of all – bring your kids to tour the kindergarten room and school. If you are unable to attend or for more information, contact Laurie Bartoletti at 842-5401 (ext. 120).

Customer service training in Ennis on April 15 Submitted by Kenzi Clark ENNIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Representatives of local convenience stores, lodging properties, visitor information centers, museums, outfitters, restaurants and any business greeting visitors to the area are invited, free of charge, to attend the new 406 Hospitality seminar in Ennis. Business owners, managers and front-line staff are encouraged to attend together. The En-

nis Chamber of Commerce will host the training at the El Western Conference Center, 4787 U.S. Highway 287 N, Ennis, on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Kenzi Clark with any questions and to pre-register at 682-4388.

All-class reunion in Sheridan Submitted by Linda Day

The 2015 Sheridan all-class reunion is planned to coincide with the annual Sheridan Summerfest on July 31 and Aug. 1 and 2. Representatives from all classes are asked to please contact your class members and friends to inform them of the weekend's activities. We hope to make this weekend a memorable event for all. Continue to watch for activities and schedule of events.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Photos courtesy Donna Fraser

Alder fifth-grader Christopher Fraser won an essay contest about the pledge of allegiance, hosted by the Elk's Lodge in Virginia City. Both Fraser and his classmate, sixth-grader Coleman Gilman, read their essays on Tuesday, March 24.

The following is Fraser's essay:

The pledge of allegiance

By Christopher Fraser

The pledge of allegiance means I am pledging myself to my country. I am giv-

ing an oath to be respectful and not betray my country, and to never go against the United States of America.

The flag was made in 1777. Betsy Ross was asked to make the flag as a symbol of our country. The pledge of allegiance got started because we won in the war. The pledge of allegiance was first said in 1892. There are 13 stripes for the 13 colonies who went against the king's commands. We still honor them today.

Some of the words in the pledge of allegiance are liberty and justice. Some of our freedoms are the freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion and freedom

of assembly. Liberty means to create peace and to let people be free. Justice means to treat everyone the same way and not to single anyone out. The pledge of allegiance means to be respectful of other people's beliefs. It means not to say we are right and they are wrong.

In the pledge of allegiance another word is indivisible. It means we are together in any kind of fight. The people who fought for us persevered through all the wars we fought through and even died for us. They had great respect for our country and our flag. Way say the pledge every morning at school. I am glad it means something to our country.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

Thompson-Hickman addition taking shape

Submitted by Janet Doornbos
THOMPSON-HICKMAN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

As recently reported in *The Madisonian*, the new addition to the old Thompson-Hickman County Library here in Virginia City is rapidly taking shape – windows and doors are in and the stone veneer is looking great. The construction schedule and budget are holding fast with the library board

and staff working closely with the construction contractor Gary Housman and fundraising consultant Jim Jarvis to complete the project on time and on budget.

While exterior and interior finishes and systems are being completed, the board continues to pursue additional funding to furnish and equip the addition and restore the original library to its former glory as a reading room. We

envison a soft opening in July with the entire project – including the restored reading room – completed by the end of the year.

Next time you are in Virginia City, please stop by and see your library taking shape.

**Editor's note: We have a quick update about the addition on page three of this edition of the paper.*



The Madison Valley Manor Auxiliary is one of those organizations that has been around a long time, but is not well known. This organization started in 1978 with the opening of the Manor and has been active the entire time. Over the years the members have provided personal contact and support for the residents. They have provided needed items for the Manor such as physical therapy equipment, big screen television, blanket warmer, as well as Christmas gifts, birthday presents, the daily newspaper and money to the Activities Department. Membership has dwindled over the years from the approximately 117 members at inception to 15 dedicated individuals that keep it currently running. The needs of the residents are the same, they still need to be cared for and remembered. Auxiliary members volunteer their time to help with activities at the Manor, this includes outings, reading, games, and sometimes just listening. They also are involved in fundraising to help provide some of the extra items that make the residents' lives more comfortable. If you would like to volunteer their monthly meeting is held the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the sunroom at the Manor. For more information you may contact Cherrie Zitting, Auxiliary President at 682-5409.



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On March 16 – 20, Ennis Schools participated in Read Across America. We set a goal to read 25,000 pages during the week and ended up reading 49,678 pages. This averaged out

to 198 pages per student. Each classroom decorated their door as their favorite book. We had doors decorated from "Little House on the Prairie" to "Cujo." Students dressed up each day, with Friday being the big storybook character day. Prizes were awarded for participation in the dress up days

and reading. The class that read the most pages got to duct tape Jared Smithson to the wall. A student in each class with the most Accelerated Reader points got to throw a cream pie at Paul Bills. A final performance from Footloose was performed by principal Brian Hilton and the teachers.

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LEGISLATIVE FEATURE

By Michael Wright
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Only two bills related to bison still have life at the 64th Montana Legislature, a change from the past couple of legislative sessions.

"It's been a much quieter session on bison," said Nick Gevock, the conservation director of the Montana Wildlife Federation.

Movements to restore free roaming bison populations in Montana have worried ranchers and landowners for years. Fears of brucellosis and property damage percolate, while conservationists argue the animals are a valuable wildlife resource and ought to be free to roam. Only six bison-related bills were even introduced this session, while the 2013 and 2011 sessions both saw more than 10. Four have already died, one made it to the governor's desk and another — a measure already tattooed with two previous vetoes — is in a House committee.

Gevock said he thinks ongoing projects from the National Park Service and the state might be one reason why there are fewer bills on bison this session.

First of all, a plan between the National Park Service, the state of Montana and a couple of tribal governments has existed since 2000 for management of the Yellowstone area bison, and updates to the plan are in the works. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the National Park Service are working on a new environmental impact statement and are taking public comment on six options for disease and population control. They have gotten more than 40 responses so far and expect a surge in comments before the June deadline.

Secondly, FWP is working

on the first statewide management plan for the animals, an attempt to identify potential bison relocation areas. An environmental impact statement on that is expected to be out later this year.

Sen. Mike Phillips, D-Bozeman — a bison fan who carried two of the dead bills this session — said fewer bills does not mean there is nothing to watch at the Legislature. "That there hasn't been a lot of bison bills doesn't mean there haven't been important ones," Phillips said.

The bills that died

Phillips sponsored two bills dealing with bison. One, Senate Bill 342, would have defined when bison could be removed from private property. Now, when bison are on private property, officials from FWP or the Department of Livestock haze the bison back into the park.

There are about 4,000 bison in the Yellowstone area and because they migrate naturally, they can be found outside the park from time to time.

Phillips said the Department of Livestock needs clearer guidelines on when they should chase bison off.

"I still get complaints from landowners who say Department of Livestock is crossing the line," Phillips said. He is concerned that people who welcome bison on their property are having them chased away unnecessarily.

Brucellosis is only contagious through afterbirth — so it is only transmitted after a female bison has a calf. Phillips' bill would only allow the state to haze adult female bison when they are within a quarter mile of livestock, and only between Feb. 15 and June 1.

The bill was tabled in committee. Opponents

said it might let bison get too comfortable roaming onto private land.

The other, Senate Joint Resolution 3, would have asked the federal government to remove

brucella abortus — the bacteria that causes brucellosis — from a national list of bioterror agents. Phillips said keeping it on that list makes it harder for researchers to study the disease, because they need an expensive facility to do so.

But Phillips killed the resolution himself, saying a piece of it implied that the state would fully eradicate brucellosis in Montana, which he called a "pipe-dream," since it would require a plan focused on ridding wildlife of the disease. Andrea Jones, a spokesperson for FWP, said about half of the Yellowstone-area bison had at least been exposed to the disease.

Phillips said he would fix that part of the bill and bring the same resolution in the next session.

Two other bills regarding bison came from Native American lawmakers.

Rep. George Kipp, D-Heart Butte, carried House Bill 527, which would have required the state to make an agreement with the Blackfeet Tribe to humanely dispose of bison carcasses. The bill was tabled the same day it was heard.

House Bill 495, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Meyers, R-Box Elder, would have required a \$5,000 bond on any bison moved by FWP to pay for any property damage caused by the animal.

Bison relocations to reservations have made headlines the past few years, first at Fort Belknap, later at Fort Peck.

"I thought it was a real good way to make peace between ranchers and farmers and the tribes," Meyers said.

FWP and wildlife groups opposed the bill during the hearing.

Mark Azure, president of the Fort Belknap Tribal Council, said the bill was unnecessary in an interview last week. He said they already have insurance on the more than 600 bison they have spread across 22,000 acres. He added that they have paid only a few claims on the animals.

Two bills remain

The bill that might become law ruffled hardly any feathers during its run through both houses. House Bill 194, sponsored by Rep. Alan Redfield, R-Livingston, would require a forage analysis — a measurement of what food will be available — for any bison relocation.

Wildlife groups and agriculture groups both backed the bill.

FWP official Ron Aasheim said a forage analysis is already part of any relocation of the animals, but the department did not oppose the bill. Neither did the governor's office, which may bode well for the bill as it awaits the governor's decision.

Senate Bill 284, sponsored by Sen. John Brenden, R-Scobey, is a different story. It would require the state get county commissioners' approval before moving bison into their county.

Bison are Brenden's issue. He has decorated his office door with a couple of anti-bison signs: a bumper stickerized one that reads "No Free Roaming Bison," and an orange one that says "No Hunting Thanks to Montana FWP's Free Roaming Bison plan." He said environmental groups want to move bison up to his district to fulfill their dream of "The Big Open."

"They want to put everything up there that we don't want," Brenden said. "No

farming, no ranching ... just a great big wildlife sanctuary."

He said the bill is all about local control, and thinks it is unfair to let a state agency decide what is best for the counties.

The county commissioners should be in charge, he said. "They're the ones elected by the local folks," Brenden said.

Jay Bodner, of the Montana Stockgrowers Association said the bill would help ensure that locals have a voice in those decisions.

Jerry Collins, a commissioner from Garfield County, spoke in support of the bill at both of its committee hearings. Collins said he does not want bison brought into his county, and is not keen on letting a state agency make the decision.

"We just want a seat at the table," Collins said in an interview last week. He added that they "don't want the deck stacked against us."

FWP opposed the bill, saying it gave counties too much power, since they could effectively block any sort of bison transfer to their counties.

Gevock echoed those concerns. "Wildlife should remain under the management of FWP," Gevock said.

Phillips said giving the counties that power does not make sense and "turns wildlife management upside down."

He added that leaving the power in the hands of the state better serves the people of Montana, since the department is under the direction of the governor.

"I don't get to vote in Phillips County," he said. "But bison are an issue of importance to me in Bozeman."

Azure, president of the Fort Belknap Tribal Council, opposes the bill, saying it might force reservations to bow to county commissions

if they want to bring bison back to their reservations. He also noted that it is similar to bills vetoed in 2013 and 2011.

"Why are we doing it again?" Azure said.

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LEGISLATIVE ROUND UP

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With the transmittal deadline for bills with money attached to them approaching, the Montana Senate passed the last remaining Medicaid expansion bill of the session on a preliminary vote.

Senate Bill 405, sponsored by Sen. Ed Buttrey, R-Great Falls, accepts federal money available under the Affordable Care Act to expand Medicaid coverage to people earning up to 138 percent of the poverty level, estimated to be as many as 70,000 additional people.

The bill arrived at the Legislature late in the session, after the governor's bill to do the same thing failed, as did a group of other Republican-backed Medicaid bills that would have covered fewer people.

Buttrey's bill – also known as the Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) Act – asks those receiving coverage to pay small premiums, and encourages them to take part in a job training program, which Buttrey said will help them find a "path out of poverty."

"What we offer in the bill is not an entitlement, but an opportunity," Buttrey said on the Senate floor last week.

Opponents of the bill tried to amend it, but a group of moderate Republicans and all Democrats voted down each amendment.

Sen. Matt Rosendale, R-Glendive, said the bill was merely the "implementation of Obamacare," and that it had been given special treatment compared to other bills that have come through the Senate.

He said it was drafted by people outside the Capitol, and that it was brought to the floor through procedural maneuvering, since the bill was referred from one committee to another, and skipped executive action in its second committee.

"This bill has been shielded from the typical vetting process," Rosendale said.

In the end, the coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans held and the bill passed 28-22.

Bill requiring companies to pay for shutting down Colstrip power plant clears Senate

The Senate passed a bill last week that would force companies to pay a hefty fee for shutting down coal plants in Montana.

Sen. Duane Ankney, R-Colstrip, crafted a bill as fast as he could once he heard about a pair of bills in the Washington Legislature aimed at shutting down the coal plant in his hometown. He noted that one of those Washington bills has since been tabled, and the other has been amended to be a study bill instead.

Ankney said his bill was still needed because of a growing anti-coal sentiment in the country. He said he wants people to know that if they want to shut down a coal plant "you're going to have to pay up some money, dude."

The impact fee would bring tens of millions of dollars into the county.

Sen. Jim Keane, D-Butte, the bill's co-sponsor, said the situation reminded him of what happened when mines in Butte were closed, and he and hundreds of others lost their jobs.

"The state of Washington don't care about us," Keane said. "If the state of Washington wants to fight, let's fight."

Opponents of the bill said it unfairly penalizes utility companies for making a business decision.

"It is a foreseeable possibility that these plants will need to close down," said Sen. Christine Kaufman, D-Helena.

The bill passed on a 28-19 vote.

Property damage liability change headed to the governor's desk

A bill passed the Montana House last week that would limit how much someone would have to pay for unintentionally burning up their neighbor's property.

Senate Bill 188, sponsored by Sen. Chas Vincent, R-Libby, would ensure that people responsible for fire damage to someone else's home or property would not pay more than the market value of the home prior to the fire.

Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, R-Great Falls, who carried the bill in the House, said it would restore the law to how it was before a district court awarded millions in damages to the community of Sunburst in a suit against Texaco.

In 1955, Texaco had an underground gas pipeline leak near Sunburst that polluted the water and soil, according to the *Great Falls Tribune*. In 2001, a class action suit was filed by the school district and residents of the town who were unhappy with Texaco's cleanup efforts.

In a 2004 decision, a Cascade County jury ordered Texaco to pay \$41 million in damages to the plaintiffs. That number far surpassed the market value of the land before the pollution, setting the precedent that a court could award someone more money than their property was originally worth.

Vincent's bill is narrowly focused on fire damage.

Fitzpatrick said the court decision led to lawyers asking for excessive damages, citing a case where actual damage was about \$1 million but attorneys asked for \$38 million.

Opponents of the bill said it would leave victims unable to fully recover, arguing that sometimes people needed more than the market value of their property to recover.

"It could prevent people from being made whole," said Rep. Randy Pinocci, R-Great Falls.

Rep. Kelly Flynn, R-Townsend, supported the bill, saying he had been through a lot of fires as a rancher and had lost property to them,

but he would not be able to cover the cost of damage to someone else's property.

"It could be me starting that fire," Flynn said.

The bill passed on a 52-48 vote. It cleared the Senate on a 38-11 vote in February.

Student loan refinancing bill endorsed by House

A bill aimed at helping people pay back their private student loans with money from the state's coal tax trust fund passed its first vote of the full House last week.

House Bill 610, sponsored by Rep. Zach Brown, D-Bozeman, would task the state Board of Investments with refinancing private student loans that carry an interest rate higher than 6 percent for some Montana residents.

Brown said the bill would actually earn money for the coal tax trust fund. The board would use \$40 million from the coal tax trust fund to lower interest rates on the loans. They would collect the money and deposit it back into the fund.

"It's meant to be for qualifying folks who have decent credit," Brown said. "This isn't a proposal to bust the trust."

Support came from the Montana Organizing Project and student organizations from the two flagship state universities, Montana State University and the University of Montana.

Eric Feaver, the head of MEA-MFT, Montana's teachers union, was the lone opponent of the bill. He said it challenged the constitution because it would let someone take state money and spend it at a religious school. He added that he does not want the state to refinance loans that go to out of state schools.

Under the bill, a student could use the money to refinance loans at any college in the United States.

"I'm not sure it's our responsibility as a state to refinance the loans of students who have gone to school out of state," Feaver said.

The bill passed a preliminary vote in the full House on Saturday.

Shelby prison study heard in committee

A House committee tabled a resolution to study Montana's only private-run prison last week.

Senate Joint Resolution 3, sponsored by Sen. Robyn Driscoll, D-Billings, proposes an interim study of the Crossroads Correctional Center near Shelby. The state's contract with the company that runs the prison is up in 2019, and at that point the state can decide to close it, take it over or continue with the company.

Driscoll said the Law and Justice Interim Committee heard stories of abuse and mistreatment at the prison, and that a study is needed.

"This is a taxpayer funded contract," said Sheena Rice, of the Montana Organizing Project. "We need to evaluate it."

Corrections Corporation of America, the company that runs the prison, opposed the resolution. Mark Baker, a lawyer representing the company, said they were confident in their professionalism and the service they offer. He added that he wanted to see the study be more holistic and include other parts of the corrections system.

"We view our partnership with the state as an important piece in the corrections puzzle," Baker said. "Crossroads is just one piece of the corrections puzzle."

Driscoll said that if they are confident in their service they should support the study.

"If CCA is confident," Driscoll said, "Why would they not be a strong proponent?"

The bill was tabled the day after the hearing.

Education tax credit measure draws little support

School choice has been a recurring topic at the Montana Legislature, and Sen. Llew Jones, R-Conrad, has an idea he

hopes might end the discussion.

"These topics are here continuously," Jones said, adding that his bill "moves this issue toward closure."

A Senate committee last week advanced Senate Bill 410, which would give people a \$150 tax credit either for donating to an organization that offers scholarships for private school tuition or choosing to put part of their taxes toward education.

This is different from other school choice bills, which tend to focus on helping parents who choose private schools. The scholarship organization tax credit is meant to reward those on the private side, while the education improvement account is for those on the public side.

The bill had only one supporter during its hearing.

Dave Puyear, of the Montana Rural Education Association, said it was likely the first time he'd supported a measure like this, and that he liked the portion of the bill that gave more money to public schools, where he said more funding is "sorely needed."

Eric Feaver, president of MEA-MFT, the teachers' union, opposed the bill, saying much of the money donated to a scholarship organization would go to religious and parochial schools, which Feaver claims is unconstitutional.

"I don't know why a union of educators has to defend the constitution," Feaver said.

The School Administrators of Montana, Montana Quality Education Coalition and the governor's office joined Feaver in opposition.

Jones had another bill that would have put the measure on the ballot for the voters to decide, which was tabled.

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MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

March 22 – March 28, 2015

March 22

Accident with Damage in 500 Blk W Fagin St Ennis
Unfounded 911 Call in 200 Blk Broadwater Ave Harrison
Alarm on Main St Sheridan
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 55 MM 5 Silver Star
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 50 Ennis
Fraud Complaint in 500 Blk N Bridge St Twin Bridges
Theft at Pennington Fishing Access Twin Bridges
Animal Problem in 400 Blk Point of Rocks Rd Waterloo
Dog Complaint in Valley Garden Golf Village Ennis

March 23

Citizen Assist on Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan
Animal Problem on MT Hwy 41 MM 21 Twin Bridges
Medical Aid in 100 Blk E Steffens St Ennis
Unfounded 911 Call in Virginia City
Animal Problem on MT Hwy 287 MM 28 Sheridan

March 24

Suspicious Person/Circumstance in Twin Bridges
Animal Problem in 200 Blk Silver Spring Rd Sheridan
Welfare Check on Golden View Lane Ennis
Public Safety Complaint on Norris Hill Norris

March 25

Suspicious Person/Circumstance at Town Pump Ennis
Accident with Injuries on

MT Hwy 357 MM 1 Alder
Unfounded 911 Call in Virginia City
Suspicious Person/Circumstance at Town Pump Ennis
Fire-Burning without Permit in 800 Blk MT Hwy 84 Norris
Damage Complaint at US Hwy 287 & Recycle Way Ennis
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 48 Ennis
Traffic Complaint on Silver Spring Rd Sheridan
Civil Standby in Twin Bridges
Fire-Vehicle on Potosi Hot Springs Rd Pony

March 26

Suspicious Person/Circumstance in 100 Blk E Hamilton St Sheridan
Traffic Complaint on Main St Sheridan
Suspicious Person/Circumstance in Alder
Vehicle Theft in 100 Blk Quarter Horse Ln Ennis
Abuse or Neglect Complaint in 100 Blk E Steffens St Ennis
Unfounded 911 Call in 300 Blk S Main St Twin Bridges
Attempt to Locate in Virginia City
Dog Complaint in 900 Blk Jefferson St Ennis

March 27

Traffic Complaint heading from Three Forks towards Ennis
Accident with Damage in 5000 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis
Public Safety Complaint at Ennis Dump site Ennis
Fire-Gas Leak/Odor in 200 Blk

S Madison St Twin Bridges
Public Safety Complaint on MT Hwy 84 MM 4 Norris
Alarm at Rocky Mountain Supply Ennis
Unfounded 911 Call in 200 Blk Bivens Creek Rd Sheridan
Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 39 Cameron
Accident with Damage on MT Hwy 359 MM 4.8 Cardwell

March 28

Suspicious Person/Circumstance on Mill Canyon Rd Whitehall
VIN Inspection in 100 Blk Fagin St Ennis
Unfounded 911 Call in 300 Blk E Williams St Ennis
Abandoned Vehicle on Mill Creek Rd Sheridan
Alarm in 400 Blk Threadgrass Rd Melrose
Downed Power Line at Fish Hatchery & Varney Rd Ennis
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 31 Sheridan
Wildlife Complaint East of Madison River Ennis
Alarm in 300 Blk North Meadow Creek Rd McAllister
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 31 Sheridan
Dog Complaint on Sky Lane Sheridan
Alarm Out of County
Miscellaneous-Recycle Bins blown over at Harrison Dump Harrison
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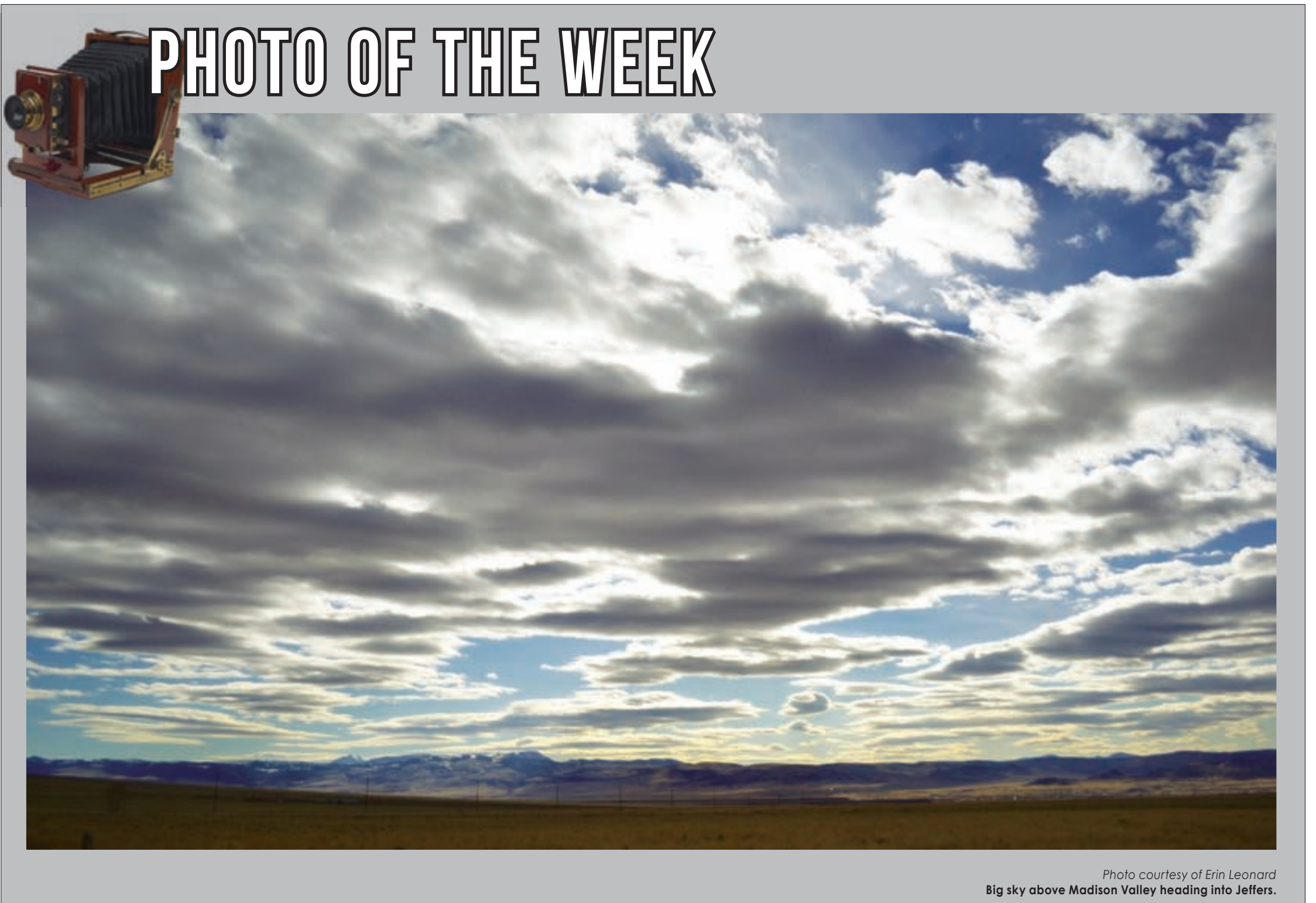


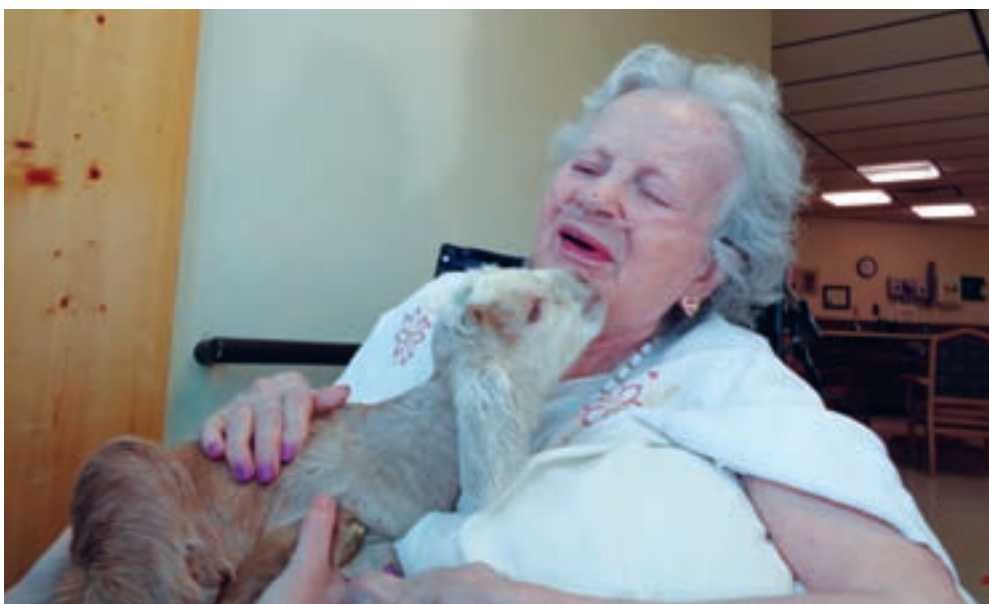
PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo courtesy of Erin Leonard
Big sky above Madison Valley heading into Jeffers.

SPRING POOL PARTY AT THE MANOR

Submitted by Melody Clark
Madison Valley Manor

Madison Valley residents had a fun-filled week. A spring pool party was held, complete with foot soaks and sips of pina colodas. An omelet of choice was served on a beautiful sunny morning, cooked by Candy Vincent and Melody Clark. Rita Owens was kind enough to bring in her baby goats for all residents to see, which was a hit. On Friday a picnic was enjoyed at the park.



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Saturday



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Sunday



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Monday



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- Tracen Eggers

MADISON COUNTY ATHLETES MAKE ALL-CONFERENCE, ALL-STATE BASKETBALL TEAMS

Abigail Dennis
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11/12 C boys and girls basketball coaches gathered to nominate the players on their teams they felt earned a spot on the all conference team.

"Each coach is allowed to nominate the players they feel should be recognized and then they get a minute to talk about each player," Harrison girls basketball head coach Lisa Cooper said. "All the coaches then vote, but the coaches may not vote for their own players."

Twenty-two girls and 22 boys are named to the teams, so the coaches rank the players starting at 22 points and move all the way down to zero, Cooper said.

"The top 11 players are first team and the next 11 are second team," she said. "After all that voting, whoever the top two vote getters are, are automatically all state."

Harrison's Britt Cooper was the number one vote getter in the conference so was automatically named all state, as well.

"There is a lot of talent in our district and our teams usually do really

well in post season play," B. Cooper said. "So, to be the top vote getter with all the talent I'm surrounded with is such an honor."

Wildcats Alecia Panagakis, Taya DeFrance and Addie Nesbit were named second team all conference, which L. Cooper said speaks well of the team.

"We had a very good season and we were undefeated going into the tournament," L. Cooper said. "That helped us get four girls named to the team."

The Twin Bridges Lady Falcons also found success in the voting. Julia Cox, Paige

Phillips, Megan Martin and Jessica George were also all conference - Cox and Phillips were first team and Martin and George were second team. Lady Mustang Delany McNally filled out Madison County's contribution to the team and was named first team all conference.

For the boys, at least one athlete from every Madison County school made the all conference team, and two Falcons were also named to all state.

Nolan Konen and Tracen Eggers were both all conference and all state. "We had a very successful

season this year," said Falcon head coach Josh Keller. "I don't think that coming into the season many people thought that Twin Bridges would present the threat that we did all year long ... Much of our success was contributed to the leadership of our seniors, especially (Konen)."

The Falcons finished second in the conference, and were just one game away from going to the state tournament.

"(Eggers) turned into an unbelievable player and really was one of the main driving forces of this team," Keller

said. "It takes an entire team to do some of the things we did this year, and I was proud of how the guys stuck together, whether things were going good or we were looking adversity in the eye."

Mustangs Walker McKitrick and Jake Knack were also first team all conference, while their teammates Wylie Leo and Gavin McKitrick made second team.

For the Harrison Wildcats, Jed Fike made first team all conference. And finally, Colter Kenworthy represented the Sheridan Panthers for second team all conference.

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Tips to trace your family's past

Submitted by StatePoint

Were your ancestors humble farmers or wealthy nobility? Did they travel to find their fortune or have they always lived close to your current home? Exploring your genealogy can be fascinating. In the 2010 U.S. Census, 34.7 million Americans claimed Irish ancestry, the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, representing more than seven times the population of Ireland itself. Those of Irish descent, or those who suspect they have some Irish in them, may be inclined to do some research to prove their Irish

heritage. Now, the process may be even more revealing as a new set of records is now available online which tells the harrowing tales of families in the Great Irish Famine. "The Great Famine caused widespread starvation and disease in Ireland 1845-52. Over one million people died, and one million emigrated, many bound for the United States," said Brian Donovan, Irish records expert. "The records of their arrival can help many Irish-Americans put together the pieces of their family story." "Family history is much more than facts and statistics. It's an opportunity to discover

your story and connect with your family – past, present and future," said Donovan. So how do you go about discovering yours? Here are tips for getting started: **Building a family tree** Start by building your family tree with information you have already. When you are done, ask family members to contribute their knowledge. Important information to gather includes names, dates, life details, stories, romances, physical descriptions and anecdotes. **Interviews** Sit down with relatives for interviews, starting with older relatives first. Face-

to-face is ideal. However, phone calls or video chatting work well too. Record the interviews to help with your research later or merely to serve as a memento. You may hear inconsistencies in stories from relative-to-relative, but avoid interrupting or asking leading questions. Ask to see family photos, certificates and other documents. If you have any to share, bring them along to help jog more memories. In the past, family history research could, at times, be a difficult and laborious process. Now, with online records and features, it is easier and more fun than ever before.

Coping with cold sores

Submitted by StatePoint

Those pesky cold sores on the lips and around the mouth always seem to pop up at the most inopportune times. Not only are cold sores painful, dealing with their appearance can be frustrating. But you are not alone in dealing with this nuisance. In fact, more than half of the U.S. population carries the herpes simplex virus 1, the virus that causes cold sores, by the time they reach their 20s, according to the National Institutes of Health. While the causes of breakouts are not fully understood, some triggers have been identified, including sun exposure, stress, menstruation and fever or illness. They can also be brought on by other infections or even certain foods and drugs. For many, cold sore outbreaks can be unpredictable. The first symptoms of a cold sore may include pain around your mouth and on your lips, a fever, sore throat or swollen glands in

your neck or other parts of the body. After the blisters appear, the cold sore usually breaks open, emits a clear fluid, then crusts over and disappears after several days to two weeks; sometimes they can be very painful. Naturally, having a cold sore may make you feel self-conscious. And, while no product can cure a cold

sore (as in remove the virus from one's system), there are many tips for managing cold sores outbreaks: • Ask your doctor about anti-viral prescription medications to limit the virus' growth. • Live a healthy lifestyle. Eat right, exercise, get plenty of sleep and avoid stress. • Avoid long

exposure to the sun. • Keep your lips moisturized. Cold sores can be linked to dry or cracked lips so keep them moisturized with a lip balm that contains sun protection. While there may be no cure for a cold sore, there are steps you can take to look and feel better faster.



Is your tuna sandwich bad for the environment?

Submitted by StatePoint

More canned tuna is consumed in the United States than in any other country in the world. Unfortunately, the vast majority of tuna sold in the American market fails to meet fundamental sustainability standards, according to Greenpeace's 2015 Canned Tuna shopping guide, their first-ever U.S. canned tuna ranking. The ranking looked at 14 well-known U.S. national and private label supermarket brands to evaluate their sourcing policies and practices – including whether the fishing method used

to catch their tuna harms other marine life, whether they avoid shark finning and whether they can trace their products back to the sea. In addition, it examined how equitable and socially responsible the brands are. The ranking concluded that most brands do not have adequate measures in place to address sustainability and human welfare and labor issues. "Consumers should know that many canned tuna brands are contributing to ocean destruction at an alarming rate," said Greenpeace Seafood Markets Lead Graham Forbes. "However, the silver

lining here is that other companies are stepping up to provide ocean safe options for their customers." So how can you become a savvy grocery store shopper? Here are a few tips to ensure your tuna is sustainable: • Think beyond the label. "Dolphin safe" does not necessarily mean ocean safe. Turtles, sharks and other vulnerable ocean life are collateral damage in tuna fisheries that supply the U.S. market. To find out how your favorite brand measures up, how to decode the labeling on your cans of tuna, or to sign a petition asking brands

to change their practices, visit www.greenpeace.org/usa/tunaguide. • Consumer demand can make a difference. Talk to your local grocer about stocking shelves with brands that have a comprehensive approach to sustainable and equitable products. You may not often look down at your lunch and wonder what had to happen for it to get to your plate. But your consumer choices do have an impact on both the environment and the workforce involved in production. By becoming a more informed consumer, you can ensure your kitchen is friendlier to both.

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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Lilies of the valley

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin" ... Matthew 6:28

Boy, Easter is almost upon us once again. A lady complained the other day that it seemed to come awfully early this year, but actually it is just about smack dab in the middle of where it belongs.

I did some research and it turns out that Easter is not scheduled by Hallmark, but rather by the moon and the sun. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon following the spring equinox. Spring falls on or about March 22 each year, and this year the first full moon of spring takes place on Saturday, April 4 so, voila, Easter is the following day (Sunday, April 5)!

So Easter moves around, unlike Christmas, which is always Dec. 25, or Thanksgiving, which is always the fourth Thursday in November (or the Fourth of July, which, interestingly, is celebrated annually on July 4).

Easter moves around, but it does feel early. Easter is a springtime festival and yet no matter how sunny it is, the weather is still pretty chilly (so why isn't the main Easter dish chili instead of ham or lamb?).

I remember being outside for our annual family Easter photograph (as a child). It was a beautiful day in Seattle. The clouds had parted for a nanosecond and the sun was shining.

My brother and I were wearing suits, with starched white shirts and narrow black ties; our sisters had on flowery sun-dresses and bonnets; Dad looked quite dapper in his green suit and a much more stylish wide tie (that only hung about half way down to his belt). We were not a very fashion-savvy family; we were much more at home in jeans with holes torn in the knees, short-sleeve checked shirts with pockets half-ripped-off and wearing dress shoes with white socks, or tennis shoes with black dress socks. Our skills in fashion were a large reason I became a priest! Mom however, was the

fountain of elegance in our family. She always dressed sharp. She was a seamstress, making her own clothes. She also dabbled in millinery; she had one broad-brimmed hat she would fix up every Easter (for ladies were expected to have their heads covered in church back in those days). She would change the ribbons and decorations that would give those who noticed such things the impression that she had a new bonnet every year.

It seemed a silly tradition (both the "wearing a bonnet" and "making it look new") and yet it was important to her. As she explained, "When we come into the house of God, we should dress in a manner that shows no less honor than if we were visiting the mayor or president."

Getting back to my story, it was a beautiful day in Seattle, but it was still very chilly. I remember thinking, "It's Easter! How can it be so cold?" Somehow I thought the day should dictate the kind of weather we'd have, but it didn't. I thought it SHOULD be warm, but it wasn't. Weather is an independent sort of thinker and, quite often, a sneaky sort of stinker!

It is what it is, and that's what's important. It turns out we can't control the sun or the moon or the weather, but we can control how we respond.

I will admit that I still dress up for church – even when I'm not working. I still prefer to dress formally for worship. I have learned to wear dress socks with my dress shoes. I know that God is less concerned with the state of my clothes and more with the state of my heart and yet I also think church is about God more than it is about my comfort – and if I look the part on Sunday, I may be more likely to act the part the rest of the week.

There are 168 hours between Sundays. For 167 hours, I can dress like the slob I am and pretty much go where I want and do what I please (within the limits of law, culture and finances). But for the one hour I am called to stand, sit and kneel before the King, I want to shine as best I can – a lily in God's own garden, and that warms my heart here in this, our valley.

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Sunni Heikes-Knapton
MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Soil: Keep it growing, not blowing

The past week brought some typically spring-like weather in southwest Montana. We went from rain and then snow earlier in the week to 70 degrees and calm to start off the weekend. Then our old friend wind made its appearance on Saturday, blowing a gale that wreaked a fair amount of havoc. We all can list off the things that we saw around the area, but we've been hearing a lot of talk about the amount of soil that took to the wind during this time.

While we all hoped that the precipitation that we received earlier in the week would have prevented the losses that went with the gale force wind, it's apparent that this was not the case. It only takes a little rainfall and snowfall accumulation research to see that the conditions that we have had since fall of last year have set us up for the dry conditions that we are seeing today. The ground is "talc dry," as one local producer termed last week, describing how a fencepost hole showed no moisture in the upper 18 inches of soil. Combine that with any sort of disturbance and pretty soon the most important part of a piece of ground is blowing into the next county.

These dustbowl-like sights are a good reminder to discuss concepts that the Natural Resource Conservation Service has been promoting nation-wide for a number of years. The following Soil Health Management Tips from the NRCS website (www.nrcs.usda.gov) cover the basics of how to hold on to your soil resource and improve your operation as a whole at the same time.

Crop residue management improves soil health

Soil works for you, if you work for the soil. By using management practices that improve soil health, you will see increased productivity and profitability immediately and into the future. A fully functioning soil produces the maximum amount of products at the least cost. Soil will not

work for you if you abuse it.

Managing for soil health (improved soil function) is mostly a matter of maintaining suitable habitat for the myriad of creatures that live in the soil. This can be accomplished by disturbing the soil as little as possible, growing as many different species of plants as practical, keeping living plants in the soil as often as possible and keeping the soil covered all the time.

Manage more by disturbing soil less

Soil disturbance can be the result of physical, chemical or biological activities. Physical soil disturbance, such as tillage, results in bare and/or compacted soil that is destructive and disruptive to soil microbes, and it creates a hostile environment for them to live. Misapplication of farm inputs can disrupt the symbiotic relationships between fungi, other microorganisms and plant roots. Overgrazing, a form of biological disturbance, reduces root mass, increases runoff and increases soil temperature. All forms of soil

disturbance diminish habitat for soil microbes and result in a diminished soil food web.

Diversify soil biota with plant diversity

Plants use sunlight to convert carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates that serve as the building blocks for roots, stems, leaves and seeds. They also interact with specific soil microbes by releasing carbohydrates (sugars) through their roots into the soil to feed the microbes in exchange for nutrients and water. In order to achieve a high level of diversity, different plants must be grown. The key to improving soil health is ensuring that food and energy chains and webs consist of several types of plants or animals, not just one or two.

Biodiversity is ultimately the key to the success of any agricultural system. Lack of biodiversity severely limits the potential of any cropping system and increases disease and pest problems. A diverse and fully functioning soil food web provides for nutrient, energy and water cycling that allows a soil to express its full potential. Increasing the diversity of a crop rotation and cover crops increases soil health and soil function, reduces input costs and increases profitability.

Keep a living root growing throughout the year

Living plants maintain a rhizosphere, an area of concentrated microbial activity close to the root. The rhizosphere is the most active part of the soil ecosystem because it is where the most readily available food is, and where peak nutrient and water cycling occurs. Microbial food is exuded by plant roots to

attract and feed microbes that provide nutrients (and other compounds) to the plant at the root-soil interface where the plants can take them up. Since living roots provide the easiest source of food for soil microbes, growing long-season crops or a cover crop following a short-season crop, feeds the foundation species of the soil food web as much as possible during the growing season.

Healthy soil is dependent upon how well the soil food web is fed. Providing plenty of easily accessible food to soil microbes helps them cycle nutrients that plants need to grow. Sugars from living plant roots, recently dead plant roots, crop residues and soil organic matter all feed the many and varied members of the soil food web.

Keep the soil covered as much as possible

Soil cover conserves moisture, reduces temperature, intercepts raindrops (to reduce their destructive impact), suppresses weed growth and provides habitat for members of the soil food web that spend at least some of their time above ground. This is true regardless of land use (cropland, hay land, pasture or range). Keeping the soil covered while allowing crop residues to decompose (so their nutrients can be cycled back into the soil) can be a bit of a balancing act. Producers must give careful consideration to their crop rotation (including any cover crops) and residue management if they are to keep the soil covered and fed at the same time.

For questions on soil health practices that would work for your piece of ground, contact your local conservation district or NRCS office.



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

I think that every once in a while a person needs to do housecleaning and remodeling on their personal lives. It doesn't cost a thing and the outcome could be priceless! There is no one way to do this, and looking back makes a big difference in the decisions made. But it just

seems like you have to get to a point to where you need to ask yourself some questions and get a straight answer! Are you really happy and if not, what would make you happy? How are things going with family members and are your friends good friends? Maybe you'd be better off without them? Are you at least attempting to keep in good health mentally and physically?

I remember on my 50th birthday I did a house cleaning of my life. I had made myself a deadline and said that if some things didn't change, I would change them no matter what. It

wasn't easy but I got through it and lived to say it was the best thing I ever did for my kids and myself. Ten years later I think to myself, how could I be happier? The answer came down to two points that I am going to give a try – are the things that bug me now really big or even worth it to think about and secondly, not to even try to put up with rude people in my life ... delete them. No, I am not a part of the Italian Mafia, I said delete, not murder.

I can remember an older man who lived in Twin Bridges. As he got older and sicker he would often say, "I think when I get sick enough I know I will not

make it, I am going to take a few others that shouldn't be walking around, with me." I asked him once if I could see his list, but he just laughed at me. When he passed, I didn't hear of anyone else in the area missing, but I still wondered who was on that list.

Easter is here and it is pretty nice weather and the little kids are so happy about Easter eggs! My grandson stayed the night with me this weekend. I got out an egg carton of chocolate covered marshmallow Easter eggs and took one out for each of us to eat. His eyes got so big eating his egg. When he was packing up his backpack

to go home, he told me he was going to get a few things to eat on the drive. I saw him climb up on a chair next to the counter and get the carton of Easter eggs and then put them in his backpack. Then he turned to me and just smiled. Not a biggie ... saved me 5 pounds.

So what have we learned this week? Sometimes you just have to bow your head, say a prayer and weather the storm. You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough. Be the person that makes someone else smile today! You don't have to have it all figured out to get started. Everything

happens for a reason so you might as well go with the flow. Throughout your lifetime the most difficult choice you will ever have to make is deciding whether you should let go or hold on a little longer.

Do have a wonderful Easter holiday and do remember the reason for the season. "I prayed for shoes until I met a man with no feet."

Life is short. So do the things that make you happy. And be with people who make you happy. Look for the good in every day – even if some days you have to look a little harder. Happy Easter.

Through the WINDOW OF THE ARCHIVES

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

I almost feel the pulse of ages as my fingers glide slowly then swiftly over the pages that contain the obituary of Hon. Simon H. Buford in the January 1905 edition of *The Madisonian*. His indelible imprint on the history and progress that he, as well as others of the Buford family, had upon the life and times of Virginia City.

Simon Buford as he was often called, was born in Canton,

MO, on March 2, 1846. Age 19 found him at his own resources as he crossed the plains in 1865, arriving in Virginia City in the fall of that year. For several years thereafter he freighted ("bull-whacked," he called it) between Corinne, Bannack and Virginia City. He later became a clerk in the store of the Raymond Brothers. In 1878 he went into partnership with Henry Elling, his brother-

in-law, under the name of S.R. Buford & Co. His move toward fame and fortune was well on its way to history in politics as well business. He was state senator from 1891 to 1893 and he also served as a postmaster for Virginia City.

He was married to Miss Kate Augusta Cooley, sister of Mrs. Mary B. Elling, on Jan. 4, 1877, and from the union eight children were born.

For more than two decades the Buford Mercantile Company continued operation. The Buford Store was located on lower Wallace Street and is today filled with grocery items for viewing. The 40s found

it occupied by a gift store, operated by Zena Hoff.

Buford passed away on Jan. 15, 1905, surrounded by members of his family. Ten months later on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1905, his wife of 28 years passed away and rests beside Buford in the Buford Plot at the Hillside Cemetery in Virginia City. The Buford legacy didn't end with Sim's passing. His brother, Charles H., took over the Buford Mercantile Company and was equally as successful as his brother in business. Charles was as popular in political and business circles in Madison County as Simon was. Charles was born on a farm

near Rutledge, MO, on April 7, 1860, and at the age of 21 he came to Montana, arriving in April of 1881. He immediately went to work for his brother at the Buford Mercantile. After his brother's death in 1905, Charles took charge of Buford Mercantile and remained the owner until the time of his death in 1926. Charles was married to Aurelia Steffens in Virginia City on April 7, 1866, and two sons were born, Walter W. and Luther L.

Charles was a Madison County commissioner for six years and during that time was a member of the State Highway Commission for two terms

and during the administration of Gov. Sam V. Stewart, they succeeded in two major roads projects: the Buford Boulevard between Virginia City and Ennis and Project 71B, crossing the range between Ennis and Norris.

His wife passed away on Aug. 19, 1923. They too rest in the Buford Plot at Hillside Cemetery.

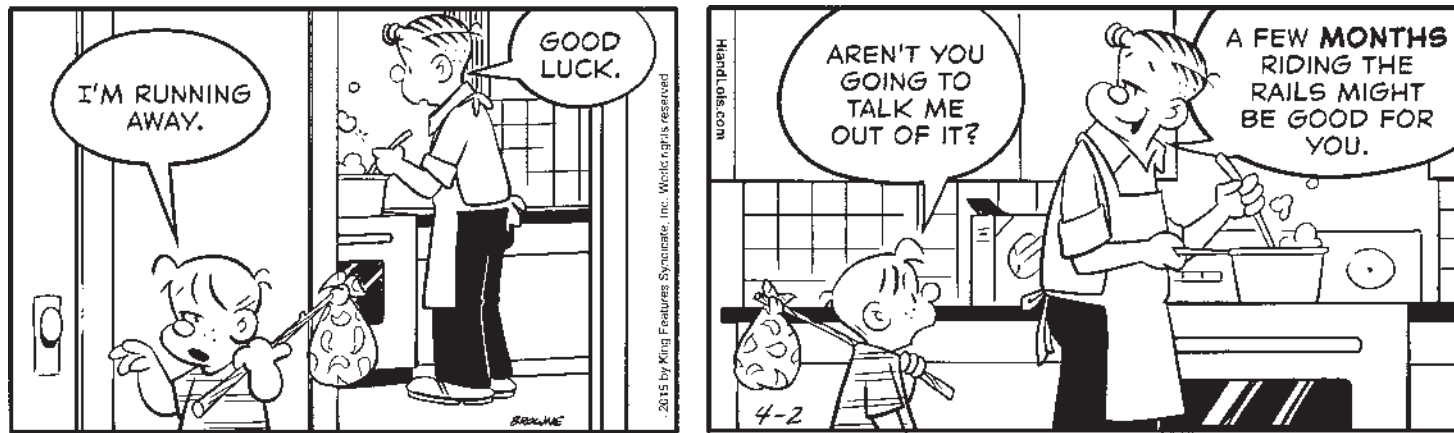
The Buford family seemed to be loved and honored by all and it is interesting to me to read and learn about a generation just before my family and all the organization which they became involved in and the dedication with which they applied their skills and knowledge.

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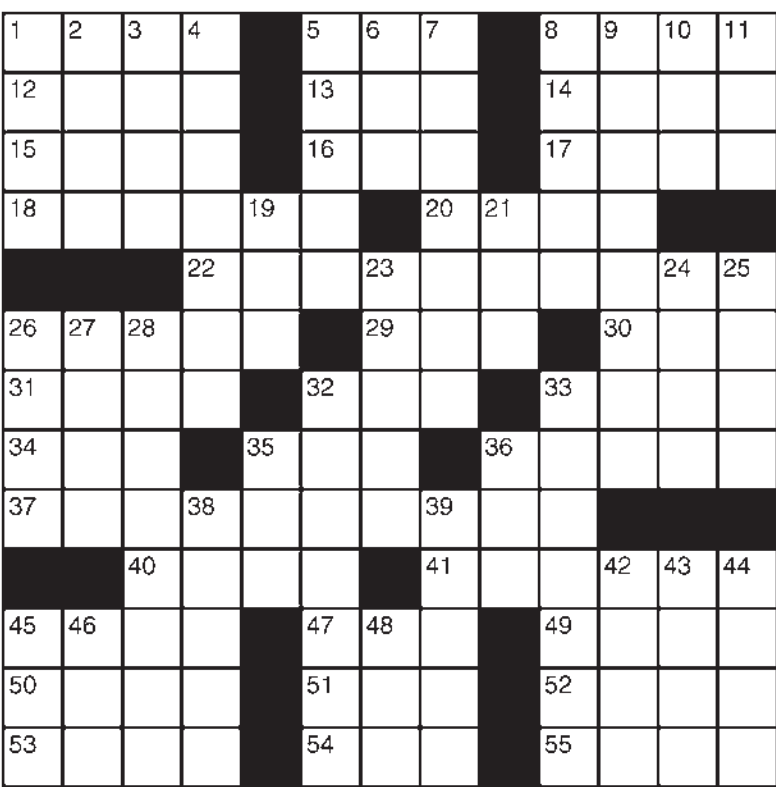
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CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*



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 - 8 Relinquish
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 - 13 Island souvenir
 - 14 Graph line
 - 15 Vivacity
 - 16 Pitch
 - 17 Supermarket supply
 - 18 Constant sufferer
 - 20 Do laps in the pool
 - 22 Irreligiousness
 - 26 Pivots
 - 29 Plagiarize
 - 30 "The Matrix" role
 - 31 Round of applause
 - 32 "Holy mackerel!"
 - 33 Cribbage scorers
 - 34 Scratch (out)
 - 35 Guy's partner
 - 36 Tapestry
 - 37 Addition to a musical staff
 - 40 Mother of Don Juan
 - 41 Pollen-producing organ
 - 45 Nix a bill
 - 47 Hooter
 - 49 Pop flavor
 - 50 Detail
 - 51 Born
 - 52 Centers
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 - 54 Mag. staffers
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 - 1 SALT subject
 - 2 Actress Sorvino
 - 3 Twosome
 - 4 Allied

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 - 6 Vast expanse
 - 7 Blue Angels' performance
 - 8 Woodsy home
 - 9 San Francisco newspaper
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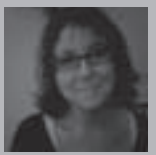
Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Tharpe

Save the Best for Last, Easy Easter Rice Pie Recipe

"This is our family's Easter tradition!"



Your Easter table will get a bit sweeter when you serve Jessica Squeglia's Easter Rice Pie. Like many traditional Italian desserts, it's light and not too sweet. Nervous about the rice? Believe me, no one will ever know there's rice in it unless you tell them. A dollop of sweetened whipped cream tops this dessert perfectly!



Jessica Squeglia
Peabody, MA (pop. 51,251)

See step-by-step photos of Jessica's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

www.justapinch.com/rice-pie

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

- Janet

Easter Rice Pie

What You Need

- 1 1/3 c cooked rice, cooled/room temp (recommend Arborio)
- 3/4 c sugar
- 2/3 c ricotta cheese
- 4 eggs
- 1 pt half & half
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp lemon juice, fresh
- 2 dashes cinnamon (1 dash in batter, 1 dash on top)
- 1 9-10" pie crust (homemade or refrigerated, recommend deep dish)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
- Line a 9.5"- 10" deep dish pie with dough. This is a lot of filling and will come very close to top.
- Beat together sugar and ricotta.
- Add eggs one at a time and beat until incorporated.
- Add half & half, vanilla, lemon juice and 1 dash of cinnamon. Mix well.
- Stir in rice.
- Pour filling into crust and sprinkle lightly a dash of cinnamon on top.
- Bake for 10 minutes.
- Lower temperature to 350 degrees and bake an additional 50 minutes. Should be lightly browned on top and may be very slightly jiggly toward center (it will set up when cool).
- Let cool completely.
- Serve chilled or room temp.

Submitted by: Jessica Squeglia, Peabody, MA (pop. 51,251)
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HELP WANTED

Application for Temporary Employment: The Madison County Weed Board will be accepting applications for Compliance Tech for the 2015 season. Employment may be from May 4, 2015 to approximately October 15, 2015 at 16 hour/week. Applications and job descriptions are available at the Weed Board Office at; 2296 Hwy. 287, Alder, MT. Applications will be accepted until 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

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. 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

Sheridan School District No. 5 has an opening for the following positions: Part-time dishwasher, assistant high school track coach, assistant middle school track coach, head high school football coach, assistant high school football coach, head high school cross country coach, head high school cheer coach, and middle school football coach. Information and employment applications can be obtained on the Sheridan Schools Website www.sheridan.k12.mt.us. If you are interested in applying for this position, you may also contact Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk, Sheridan Schools, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749, or call (406) 842-5302. 22-tfc-b

The Ruby Valley Hospital is accepting applications for a PRN-RN for back-up and staff emergencies. Please visit our website at www.rubyvalleyhospital.com for details about this position. The Ruby Valley Hospital is an equal opportunity provider. 23-2-b

Healing Waters Lodge in Twin Bridges is now hiring the following seasonal positions (April 1-Oct. 31).
•Head Housekeeper/FT
•Morning Chef/FT
•Morning Servers & Housekeepers/PT and FT
Call 406-459-2030 to apply. 22-tfc-b

HELP WANTED: Local excavation company looking for a full-time employee to start immediately. Interested applicants should have equipment experience and a Class A1 CDL. Please contact Matson Excavation at 406-682-7411 to apply or for more information. 22-3-b

Madison Valley Public Library in Ennis is seeking a volunteer to serve on the Library Board of Trustees. If interested please send a short letter of interest, by April 8, 2015 to: Madison Valley Public Library 210 E. Main Ennis, Mt. 59729 22-2-b

The Board of Madison County Commissioners is accepting applications until filled, for one short term maintenance employee to assist with custodial services, grounds keeping, and facility maintenance for the Courthouse and other County buildings in Virginia City, Montana, for the period beginning in mid to late April or early May for approximately 4 months. Typical work days are Monday through Friday; 6 hours per day/30 hours per week (may be flexible). Additional hours may be worked as required by the Board of Commissioners. The hourly wage will range from \$13.57 to \$16.96 per hour depending on experience. An additional \$.50 per hour will be added for possessing or obtaining a low pressure boiler's license. Interested persons may request a job description and employment application by contacting the Madison County Commission office at 406-843-4277, e-mail at madco@madison.mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madison.mt.gov. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 23-2-b

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The Ruby Valley Hospital has the following position open: PATIENT ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE - Clinics - Full-time position serving both our Medical Clinics in Sheridan and Twin Bridges. Duties include: Receptionist, Patient Scheduling & Registration, Cashiering, and other office functions as assigned. Candidates must be thorough and accurate and be able to demonstrate strong computer and customer service skills. Candidates must also be Knowledgeable of HIPAA Laws and other Privacy Acts and their requirements. Requirements: 2 to 3 years in a hospital or health care organization. Reports to: Billie Jo Rowberry, Revenue Cycle Manager
IF INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION PLEASE CONTACT: DENNIS J HOLSCHBACH, CFO / DIRECTOR of HUMAN RESOURCES / COMPLIANCE OFFICER or BILLIE JO ROWBERRY, REVENUE CYCLE MANAGER. 406-842-5453 Please apply by letter and Resume / Application
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Cook job available at Longbranch Saloon. Apply within. 682-7370 22-4-b

Substitute Custodial Position Ennis School District
The Ennis School is looking for substitute custodial help. The knowledge or willingness to learn to work with various pieces of equipment, such as, floor machines, buffers, scrubbers, etc. Hourly rate is \$11.00 per hour. Deadline: Until Filled. For further information and a district application call John Overstreet at 682-4258. 22-3-b

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GARAGE SALES

"Daycare" Garage Sale: Thursday, April 2, 8:00 a-2p, Madison Square Athletic Club Children's toys, books, crafts and art supplies. Lockers, pack and plays, high chairs and other children's furniture. 21-2-b

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AUCTION

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Montana Heritage Commission
in historic Virginia City
is hiring 10 seasonal workers to work from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Pay range is \$9.48 - \$12.60/hr. For a detailed description, go to <https://mtstatejobs.taleo.net/careersection/200/jobdetail.ftl?job=15140110> or call 406-843-5247.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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
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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 \$14,218.88, late charges in the amount of \$936.92, 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
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Blackfoot ID 83221
STATE OF Idaho)
ss.
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
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LOT 52 OF UNIT 2, TROUTDALE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 144, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

Angela K Shrader and Joseph S Shrader, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Charles J Peterson, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated February 23, 2009 and recorded March 5, 2009 under Document No. 130408. The beneficial interest is currently held by Bank of America, N.A., successor my merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Bank Home Loans Servicing, LP. 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 \$1,421.78, beginning March 1, 2010, 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 January 30, 2015 is \$246,321.01 principal, interest at the rate of 5.50% totaling \$67,738.81, escrow advances of \$16,211.68, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$5,086.62, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$37.63 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)
ss.
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 executed the same.
Lisa J Tornabene
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission expires: 11/06/2018
Boa V. Shrader 42048.833
(Pub. Mar. 19, 26, Apr. 2 2015) mk
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THE MADISON COUNTY WEED BOARD & THE RUBY WATERSHED COUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS UPPER RUBY RAC PROJECT

The Madison County Weed Board and the Ruby Watershed Council are calling for proposals for weed control within the confines of a RAC project located in the Upper Ruby Watershed in the Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest. Priority areas have been identified within the project area and maps of the priorities are available at the Madison County Weed Board Office. All work must be completed by September 1, 2015. Planned treatment of noxious weeds for this project is primarily spotted knapweed, houndstongue, Canada thistle, hoary alyssum, field scabious, and possible isolated patches of yellow toadflax. Proposals will be accepted until the close of business at 5:00 PM, April 9, 2015. Bids will be opened at 2:00 PM, April 16, 2015 at the Alder Weed Board office located at 2296 Hwy 287 Alder, MT. 590

For more information or to request proposal requirements, please contact Margie Edsall at (406)842-5595. (Pub. Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 9 2015) mcwb
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INVITATION TO BID

Madison County will be accepting sealed bids for a proposal to install an emergency stand-by generator at Sheridan Elementary School in Sheridan, MT. Bids will be received by the Madison County Department of Emergency Services, 7 Placer Loop, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755-0278, (406) 843-4253 until 4:00 pm MST on Friday the 10th of

April, and will be publicly opened on Monday the 13th of April @ 10 a.m. in the commissioners conference room, Virginia City.

A complete copy of Request for Proposal/specifications will be available on line: www.madison.mt.gov, or contact Christopher W. Mumme, Director of Emergency Management. WK: 406-843-4253 email: direms@drivers.net (Pub. Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 9 2015) mcems
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF DISTRICT REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given by the trustees of Twin Bridges Public Schools, School District No. 7 of Madison County, state of Montana that pursuant to 20-6-604 (MCA) a resolution adopted at a meeting of the board of trustees of the school district held on the 17th day of March, 2015 states the following:

WHEREAS, the trustees of School District 7, Twin Bridges, Madison County, Montana, have made a determination that real or personal property of the district has become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable or unsuitable for the district's needs for the schools; THEREFORE, the trustees have determined that these items shall be sold or otherwise disposed by the district in accordance with section 20-6-604, MCA, and proceeds from this sale shall be placed in the district flex fund; and

WHEREAS, this resolution may not become effective for fourteen (14) days after the notice required in subsection (3) of 20-6-604, MCA, is made. The trustees shall provide notice of the resolution as required by law. A taxpayer may appeal the resolution of the trustees, at any time prior to the effective date of the resolution, to the district court by filing a verified petition with the clerk of the court and serving a copy of the petition upon the district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Twin Bridges School District 7, Madison County, Montana, authorizes the sale of said property by best established means according to the District Superintendent. Dated and posted this 19th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Allison Wentzel,
Twin Bridges School Board Chairman
/s/ Joyann Breakall
ATTEST: District Clerk
1) Microscopes, galvanometer, meteorology kit, science filmstrips, super 8 video cassette player, manual filmstrip projector, microphone, guitar and inverted router.
**Please see complete list at District Office.
(Pub. Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 2015) tbs
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY LEE CASE, Deceased. Probate No: DP-15-7
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to Sharon Lee Case, Personal Representative, c/o Krueer Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749, return receipt requested or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 18th day of March, 2015
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
/s// STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUEER
Attorney for Personal Representative
(Pub. March 26, April 2, 9, 2015) kif

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Annexation of Lots 9-11, Block 7 of the Comley Addition to the Town of Ennis. On April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. the Ennis Town Commission will hold a Public Hearing, at Ennis Town Hall, to receive comments regarding a proposed annexation. The proposed annexation is described as: Comley Addition, S04, T06S, R01W, Block 7, Lots 9-11. Verbal comments will be accepted at the Public Hearing. Written comments can be sent to Town of Ennis/Annexation, P.O. Box 147, Ennis, MT. 59729, and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., April 9, 2015.

The proposal can be seen at the Ennis Town Hall during normal business hours. For questions regarding the proposed annexation, phone 682-4287 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Pub. Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 2015) toe
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TOWN OF ENNIS: NOTICE OF 1ST PUBLIC HEARING/SIGN ORDINANCE

The Town of Ennis will hold a public hearing on April 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the Ennis Town Hall located at 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT, for the purpose of obtaining public comments on the proposed Sign Ordinance for the Town of Ennis. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express their opinion regarding the proposed ordinance. Written comments will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on April 9, 2015 and will be read for the record at the public hearing. Written comments may also be mailed to PO Box 147, Ennis, MT. 59729, faxed to (406)682-5011, or delivered in person to 328 W. Main Street. Copies of the proposed ordinance can be picked up for review at Ennis Town Hall or the Madison Valley Public Library. Questions can be directed to Ginger Guinn and Art Behar @ Ennis Town Hall or by calling 406 682-4287 during normal business hours. (Pub. Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 9 2015) toe
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS


IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: CAMRON COOPER, Deceased Cause No. DP-29-15-8
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (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 TYLER P. COBB, JR., Personal Representative, return

receipt requested, in care of Datsopoulos, MacDonald & Lind, P.C., Attn: William K. Van-Canagan, Esq., 201 W. Main Street, Suite 201, Missoula, MT 59802, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 12 day of March, 2015. /s// TYLER P. COBB, JR. (Pub. April 2, 9, 16, 2015) dm&l
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Transfer Location of Air Quality Permit (Pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 7, PERMIT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AIR CONTAMINANT SOURCES).

Titan Construction has filed on or about March 25, 2015 a notification of intent to transfer location of an air quality permit with the Permitting and Compliance Division/Air Resources Management Bureau of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Applicant seeks approval of its transfer of location of Crushing Plant Air Quality Permit #2939 to Clark Pit south of Jeffers. This division must approve or disapprove the permit transfer within 30 days of receipt of a complete notice of intent. Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to review a copy of the permit and the division's analysis of it, or to submit comments on the change of location must contact the division at 1520 East Sixth Street, PO BOX 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901 - phone 406-444-3490. Any comments on the location transfer must be submitted to the division within 15 days after the date of this publication. (Pub. April 2, 2015) tc
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All the Veterans of Twin Bridges would like to send out a hearty thank you to all the people and businesses, in the surrounding area, that provided donations for our annual Christmas Dinner. A very large thank you also goes to John Claypool who, for several years now, has donated all the turkeys cooked at this event. Without your outstanding support it would not be possible for this dinner to have the continuing success that it has. Thank you all!!

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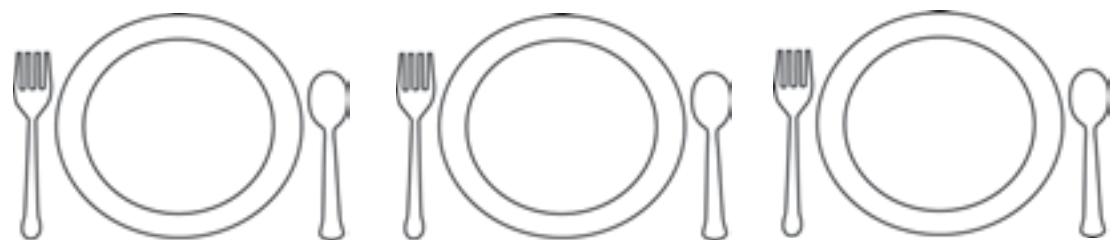
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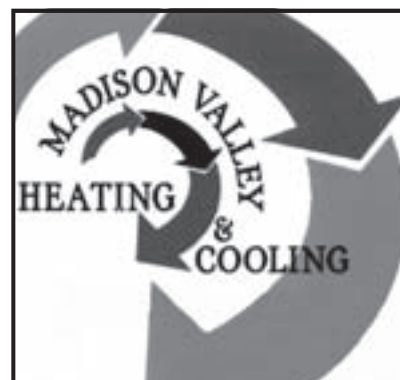


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GARDENER'S NOTEBOOK

Appreciate your water

By Zelpha Boyd

What a pleasure it is to have water – fresh, clean, pure mountain water! Just turn on the faucet and there it comes. Few of us take time to really appreciate this wonderful provision. Few of us say thank you to the higher power that provides. Maybe it's time for us to think again. We indeed can be grateful we live here in the high country, where water is so plentiful.

After reading the article about water conservation in the *Bozeman Chronicle* this morning (March 24) I became conscious of the real need to begin right now, doing what we can to conserve this precious commodity. What

with our growing population and climate change, we face the real possibility of being short of water – even here. In many parts of the world water is already scarce and what is there is often too dirty to drink. We are indeed blessed to be living here. We may have to face some hard choices in the future.

There are ways of conserving our water resources right now. Let's start with the water we used in the bathroom. At a recent home show I was given a five-minute timer. The idea being that we should keep our showers under five minutes. I was amazed that I can shower – including washing my hair – within that target time. When

brushing your teeth, shut off the water and use it only to rinse. And not flushing the toilet every time saves enormous amounts of water. If it's yellow, let it mellow, if it's brown, flush it down. Most of us could do that.

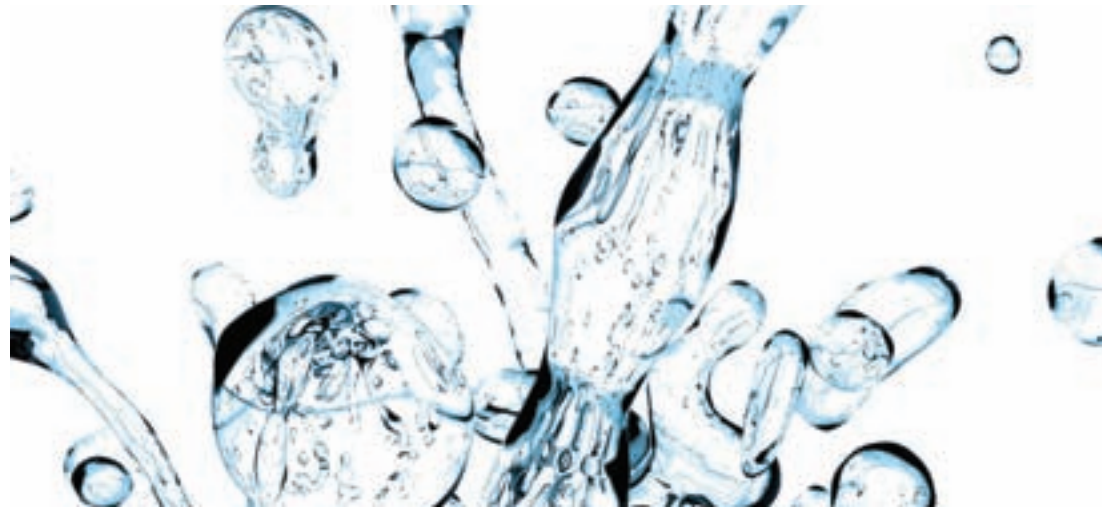
In the yard and garden, the best way to water is to soak the ground thoroughly every four to five days. The roots of the plants are then forced to go deeper which is beneficial for them. Watering every day just a little encourages shallow roots that can be harmed by our hot summer days. Using mulches to cover the ground reduces evaporation, as well as keeping the ground cooler. Your plants will like that! Planting those native high

plains plants that require less water is also advisable. Visiting a local nursery and asking about these plants, you'll find quite a selection of wonderful plant material. All of us can become

aware of saving water in many ways. Realizing that changing our habits is hard, using water efficiently is a must.

I would like to propose that each of us take a pledge

to change one water-using habit, using less water. Along with this pledge, we can also promise to appreciate our natural heritage, give thanks and bless our clear, clean water.



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, friends and neighbors near and far for their caring and sharing of memories during the recent celebration of my goth birthday. Thanks for the many flowers, cards and gifts. Special thanks to Andrea, Janet, Marty and Megan for all the work. I am truly blessed to live in the Ruby Valley and be surrounded in my life with so many wonderful people. God Bless.
Catherine Doornbos
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Submitted by Linda Holden
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Jared Wisler
Ashlee Bryson
Gibson Butler
Julia Cox
Seth Dustin
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Katie Hall
Gabe Johnson
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Josh Kneeland
Nolan Konen
Baylee Lawrence
Sami Nicholls
Kassidy Patrilli
Ezra Redfield
Spencer Stewart

Michael Walsh
JUNIORS
Jessica George
Megan Martin
J.D. Mehlhoff
Rylee Mehring
Justin Nelson
Monty Tipps
Bill Yeager
Madyson Beagley

Alice Giem
Mariah Mays
Kjersten Sandru
Gabbi Stephens
Eric Swenson

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Cooper Christensen
Audrey George
Laryssa Jones
Skiela Mager

Mickey Patrilli
Brooke Schandelmeier
Kaleb Bausch
Haley Fournier
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Ericka Delgado

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Megan Bausch
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Kaleb Garrison
Beth Huttinga
Eddie Kelly
Kailee Oliverson
Andrianna Pollorena
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Mick Hendrickson
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EIGHTH-GRADE
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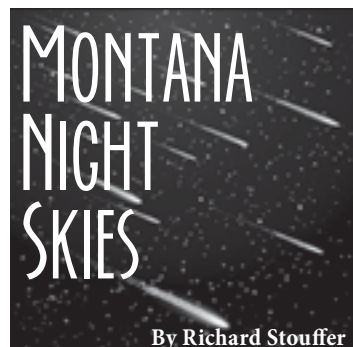
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The astronomical highlight for the Montana skies in April is a total lunar eclipse. Meanwhile, the planets put on a show of their own as the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, dominate the evening sky to be joined for at least part of the month by the other three naked eye planets.

The first highlight of the Montana night sky for April is a total lunar eclipse, which occurs in the very early hours of April 4. This eclipse is quite unusual as lunar eclipses go because the Moon will be totally eclipsed for only 4 minutes and 43 seconds. That is the shortest total lunar eclipse since 1529 and also the shortest total lunar eclipse for the rest of this century. The partial eclipse begins at 4:16 a.m. The moon is then totally eclipsed beginning at 5:58 a.m. and ending at 6:03 a.m. The partial eclipse that follows will only be visible until the moon sets at 7:10 a.m. Because one edge of the moon will be so near to the edge of Earth's shadow during totality, that edge will be much brighter than the rest of the face of the moon, which should appear deep red as normally happens during totality for a total lunar eclipse.

Turning to planetary highlights, all five naked eye planets appear at least part of the month during April. Brilliant Venus sets over three hours after the sun as April begins and after midnight as the month comes to a close. Venus passes just to the left of the Pleiades star cluster on April 12 and 13 and to the right of Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, on April 19. Lower in the western sky is the Red Planet, Mars, which sets about 90 minutes after the sun as April begins and sinks into the solar glare by around April 20. At about the time Mars is disappearing from view in mid April, the innermost planet, speedy Mercury, comes into view low in the western horizon. By the time April comes to a close, Mercury sets almost two hours after the sun. The other real standout in the evening sky is the second brightest planet, the giant planet Jupiter. Look for Jupiter almost straight overhead as darkness falls. The question mark shaped group of stars just to the left of Jupiter is the head of the lion in the constellation Leo. Once Venus sets, Jupiter dominates the night sky until it sets about

HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL

two hours before sunrise as the month begins and about three hours before sunrise as April comes to an end. The gap between Jupiter and Venus continues to shrink throughout the month. Saturn joins the parade of planets when it rises a little after midnight as the month begins and a little after 10 p.m. as the month comes to a close. Saturn is located just above the three stars forming the claws of the scorpion in

the constellation Scorpius. The moon is full when it is totally eclipsed on April 4. The moon passes just to the left of Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo, on the evening of April 4. The moon passes to the left of Venus on April 21 and to the lower left of Jupiter on April 26. The moon passes below Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on April 27. For meteor shower

watchers, the Lyrid meteor shower peaks on the morning of April 23. This shower normally produces no more than 18 meteors per hour, although on very rare occasions, it has produced significantly more meteors than that. The moon sets at around 1 a.m. on April 23, so the best time to see the shower this year is between 1 a.m. and when the sky starts to brighten toward sunrise.



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You are hereby notified that at said meeting, the following will be presented to the membership:
1. Election of three members of the Board of Directors. (One from Beaverhead-Madison area, one from the Gallatin Valley area, and one from the Broadwater County area.) Ryan Gaasch, Dillon and Ken Flikkema, Bozeman, are up for re-election. Any one interested in becoming a board member, please contact any of the Board of Directors.
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Business After Hours, Ennis

Business After Hours will be hosted by The Agency Insurance Division at 110 W. Main Street in Ennis, 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.

SATURDAY APRIL 4

Ennis Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, Ennis

11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for the Ennis Community. All are welcome. There will be separate hunt areas for age groups from toddler to 12 year old. Bring your own basket to fill with real eggs and candy filled plastic eggs. Visit with the Easter Lion.

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.

Virginia City Easter Egg Hunt, Virginia City

1:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt on Boot Hill in Virginia City. Three age groups, prizes will be awarded! See the doves released for a beautiful flight!

Sunrise services, Ennis

Several Madison Valley churches will be coming together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at 7 a.m. This year's location is at the Madison Meadows golf clubhouse. Attendees are encouraged to dress warm - it is an outdoor event.

TUESDAY APRIL 7

Pasture health workshop, Ennis

12-2 p.m., Basement of First Madison Valley Bank. Dave Scott will present on techniques to benefit herd and land health. Please RSVP by noon, Friday, April 2 by calling the MCD Office at 682-3181 or emailing sunni@madisoncd.org.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

Friends of the Sheridan Public Library Board meeting, Sheridan

4:30 p.m., Sheridan Public Library. Friends of the Sheridan Public Library regular monthly board meeting. We meet at the Sheridan Library to discuss

planning for upcoming events. We welcome anyone who is interested in volunteering for a one-time event or would like to be involved ongoing.

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.

FRIDAY APRIL 10

Ennis School Board Meeting, Ennis

2:30 p.m. in high school room 3.

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 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.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

Montana Superhost Training, Ennis

9 a.m. Montana Superhost training, a tourism and hospitality program, to be held



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at the El Western Conference Center at 9 a.m. This is a free event. Limited to 30 participants. For questions and to RSVP call 682-4388.

THURSDAY APRIL 16

MVHA speaker - history of A.M. Welles, Ennis

4 p.m. at First Madison Valley Bank. Ann Hokanson will give a history of the A. M. Welles Corp. They are the ones that haul Talc from the mine above Cameron to Three Forks. They also do other construction.

FRIDAY APRIL 17

Tax Relief Gathering, Sheridan

Come join the Friends of the Sheridan Library at the Episcopal Hall for our annual Tax Relief Gathering from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a selection of wines for tasting, an array of foods and appetizers and music provided by the Silver Bow String Quartet. Please call 596-7397 for more information.

SATURDAY APRIL 18

Madison and Ruby Valley conservation districts banquet, Virginia City

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

FRIDAY APRIL 18

Chautauqua, Virginia City

Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and performances start at 7:30 p.m. The Chautauqua brings entertainment and culture for the whole community

with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers and specialists of the day.

Poet Laureate presentation, Virginia City

The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City is very pleased to host Tami Haaland, Montana's Poet Laureate, who will be presenting a workshop program for Madison

County students 4 p.m. Each of the county high schools has been invited to send selected students to attend, along with home-schooled students. The workshop will provide students to have an introduction to poetry and poetry writing skills presented by one of America's most respected poets.



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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.
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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

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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
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Story Time, Ennis
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