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## COLLECTION BINS

### In 2 Madison County locations, take back bins offer safe drug drop offs

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What do you do if you have prescription medication, but no longer need it? According to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson, you should not flush the drugs or leave them sitting in your medicine cabinet.

"We've been considering getting drug take back bins for the last year or so," Thompson said. "We always have a drug take back event at the Madison County Health Fair every year because

we are trying to slowly educate people not to flush old pills because they go in the sewer system and then the groundwater."

Madison County's DUI Task Force teamed with the sheriff's office to purchase two drug take back bins earlier this year – one bin is located in Ennis and the other one will be placed outside the sheriff's office in Virginia City in a week or two.

"We want to anchor it to the concrete outside," Thompson said.

In Ennis, Mayor Becky Vujovich said the bin is placed at Town Hall.

"Specifically, (the bin is) in the ambulance bay, but if people stop in the front office they will be directed from there," Vujovich said.

Thompson said the need for bins became apparent in the last few years – the volume of drugs collected at the health fair grew every year, and community members also started showing up at the sheriff's office and leaving expired or unused drugs there.

"The bins are a safe place where people can conveniently drop off drugs," Thompson said. "The bin (at the sheriff's office) will be 24/7."

Thompson said he thinks the bins are something the community will use. The collection bins give people an option other than flushing drugs, but serve another purpose too, Thompson explained.

"We've had multiple cases in this county where relatives or friends were taking drugs unbeknownst to the people who had them stored in medicine cabinets," Thompson said. "A number of cases where people have access to someone's home and they help themselves to that person's medicine cabinet."

Commissioner Jim Hart said he believes the bins are "absolutely" a good thing for the county to have.

"It's not a good thing to have pharmaceuticals around," he said. "Rather than have folks flush them down the toilet, it's safer to have a drop area. Those boxes will be periodically cleaned out and the drugs will be taken to the appropriate place to be destroyed."

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
One drug collection box is operational at Ennis Town Hall.



## PREDATOR PRESSURE



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**Bear distribution – where grizzlies are known to live – is slowly increasing in Southwest Montana into areas like Madison County. Pictured is the Madison Mountain Range from the Gravelly Mountains.**

### Grizzlies and wolves in Madison County

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Grizzlies are a real concern for rancher John Anderson.

Anderson's cows graze on state and Forest Service land at the south end of the Gravelly Mountain Range during the summer, and he believes there is a predator problem.

"It's grizzly bears, primarily," Anderson said. "We have had wolf predation in the past, but one of our neighbors said we don't have wolves because we have so many grizzlies."

Anderson's grandfather first started grazing

cattle in the area 100 years ago. In his own lifetime, Anderson has seen predator numbers change.

"We never had grizzlies until 10 years ago," he said. "But we've now had as many as nine grizzlies on our permit ... three mama bears with two cubs each."

Anderson lost a calf last year, though it was not a confirmed kill. The year before that, however, they confirmed two calf losses to grizzlies.

"Predation has not been excessive for us, compared to what some of our neighbors have experienced," he said. "But we have two riders with the cattle all

summer long. Still, we have had predation from wolves and grizzly bears."

#### The numbers

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks grizzly management specialist Kevin Frey focuses on grizzly bears in the Yellowstone Ecosystem (YES), which encompasses Madison County. According to research from the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, of which Frey is a member, there have been 36 recorded grizzly bear conflicts in the area of the YES that includes the Madison, Gravelly, Ruby and Centennial mountains.

"Eighty-six percent – 31 – of these 36 conflicts have occurred in the last five years," Frey told *The Madisonian*. "(That is) six conflicts per year ... this is relatively quite low, compared to other geographic areas in the (Montana) portion of the YES."

Frey said compared to West Yellowstone and the Gallatin or the Paradise Valley, conflicts in the Madison Valley are relatively low.

Looking at the YES as a whole, Frey pointed out that it is estimated that Montana has roughly 181 bears, which is 24 percent of the estimated

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## COOPERATION IN THE COUNTY

### Madison County cooperates with Forest Service, state to ready for fire season

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At their regular meeting on April 6, the Madison County commissioners – Ron Nye, Dave Schulz and Jim Hart – approved two agreements with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, a cooperative equipment agreement and a cooperative fire control assistance agreement.

"It's a cooperative program between the state and all 56 counties to provide fire training and then suppression," explained Don Copple, who is with the DNRC. "If one of

your local fire departments responds, they can request assistance from the state."

Copple pointed out there are two kinds of requests for assistance – mutual aid and county assist.

**"Interagency cooperation is very important. The county takes care of us and we take care of the county."**  
– Jon Agner, Forest Service fire management officer

"When I hear a call for county assist, I know we're going to be really involved," he said. "When we hear a call for mutual aid, we could get involved later." Schulz asked if the state takes over

the management of a fire if they are called to help out.

"It is up to you," Copple said. "The commissioners or the fire

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## FIRE SEASON

### Accidental fire near Twin Bridges contained and extinguished

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At approximately 4:50 p.m. on March 31, several Twin Bridges youth were hiking and recreational shooting around Boulder Lakes Canyon Road outside of Twin Bridges when they accidentally ignited a fire, according to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson.

Twin Bridges fire chief Lloyd Carlson said the fact that a gun shot lit a fire is a testament to how dry the mountains are for this time of the year.

"(The fire) took off like crazy but they fought it," Carlson said. "Those boys could have run and nobody would have known who started the fire. They took responsibility and fought it best they could but they saw it get away from them and ran out to get cell phone service and called it in."

The Twin Bridges Fire Department arrived on the scene around 6:15 p.m. and

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– Lloyd Carlson, Twin Bridges fire chief

started cutting down trees because the fire was in heavy timber, Carlson said.

"When we got there, we found six boys, tired as you'd ever seen," he said. "They were all black (from the fire) because they had worked their butts off. They did an amazing job and took responsibility. Because they did the right thing there is no damage."

Thompson said the fire burned less than three acres and was contained and extin-

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## Record-low snowpack percentages at some sites in Madison County for April 1

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Water users in Madison County have had their faces turned to the sky, hoping for more snow. Unfortunately, snowpack percentages statewide, and especially in Madison County, have dropped in March, according to Lucas Zukiewicz, water specialist

with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

"We are at a critical time of the year where we are hoping to see some improvements," Zukiewicz said. "But as of April 1, we are seeing near record-low conditions at some of our Snotel sites."

For example, a few sites in the Gravelly Mountain Range are seeing the lowest or second lowest snow-

pack percentage in the last 37 years, Zukiewicz said.

"The Teepee Creek site is at its second lowest in 37 years at 58 percent of normal," he added. "We generally don't see that kind of variability in that area."

The Madison River Basin as a whole is sitting at 59 percent of normal above Hebgen Lake and 71 percent of normal below the lake, closer to Ennis.


On the Ruby side, things are

even worse, Zukiewicz said.

"(The Ruby River Basin) is at 62 percent of normal for snowpack," Zukiewicz said. "That is a decrease of 14 percent from March 1."

Zukiewicz said it is important to remember that the area is still prone to snow in April, but conditions have decreased since March 1, which "should

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total grizzly population in the YES, which was 757 in 2014. "Conflicts increased 24 percent in the 2003 - 2012 time period from the previous 10 year period," Frey said. "Human population increased 25 percent and the bear population increased 36 percent and bear distribution increased 34 percent during the same 10 year period. Hence, conflicts have remained fairly constant." According to Frey, bear distribution is on land where FWP knows bears live - the circle of habitat has been expanding

"I see wolves as regularly as mule deer - not as many, but as regularly ... In the evening, you can sit on my deck and listen to them. Or grab the spotting scope and see them"  
 - Chuck Bryant, Madison County rancher

slowly over the last 10 years. "As distribution increases, the chance for encounters raises," he said. "Grizzlies in the Gravelly (Mountain Range) have always been relatively low, but in the last 10 years, I've seen a slow increase in sightings." Frey said bears are moving

into the Gravelly Mountains because of the food source. "Bears have learned that occasionally there are other means of livestock loss that they can use for food sources," he said. "I have seen where a fair number of cattle have died from larkspur poisoning and there are carcasses on the ground. The bears will remember that and learn that. It's all about food sources." Like Anderson, rancher Rick Sandru grazes cattle on a Forest Service allotment in the Gravelly Mountain Range during the summer - that is where Sandru and the other ranchers who graze on the allotment have the most predator issues. "Our big losses come up on the forest," Sandru said. "There are just more and more (grizzlies) all the time. We probably feed a few calves to the grizzlies every year, but very few can be determined because by the time you find the calf, you can't tell what ate it."

FWP investigates all bear conflicts, from human injuries to property damage, Frey said. When it comes to livestock depredation, FWP partners with Wildlife Services to conduct an investigation. "Sometimes there is a hard time determining the cause of death," Frey said. "Say a livestock owner saw a bear feeding on a carcass, that doesn't indicate the bear killed it. (The carcass) must be fairly fresh to determine the cause." Grizzlies are not Montana's only predators. Some ranchers in Madison County feel

more pressure from wolves. According to FWP statistics, the 2014 wolf population in Montana's portion of the Greater Yellowstone Area shows an increase from 2013. "The Montana portion of the 'Greater Yellowstone' counts include a minimum of 122 wolves in 23 packs and 11 breeding pairs," FWP information manager Andrea Jones told The Madisonian. "That's compared to 92, 22 and five, respectively, in 2013." Statewide, confirmed livestock depredation due to wolves, however, is on the decline, according to the FWP's annual wolf report. "Confirmed livestock depredations due to wolves included 35 cattle, six sheep and one horse in 2014," according to the release. "Down 46 percent from 2013 losses of 50 cattle, 24 sheep, three horses and one goat. Cattle losses in 2014 were the lowest recorded in the past eight years."

Chuck Bryant, who ranches in Bear Creek near Cameron, said he feels pressure from predators - especially wolves. "I had two cows through a fence (last) Saturday night," Bryant said. "Probably wolves. Something was raising Cain. A coyote can run through my cows and it doesn't seem to phase them. You put a wolf in (with) my cows and they go nuts." Bryant found an elk carcass near his home with traces of wolves and mountain lions. "I'm guessing the elk was a wolf kill," he said. "They killed it and then left it there.

They didn't even eat it. As time went on they would come back and eat it and drag it." Bryant said the "wolf situation" is a "sore spot," and the situation with grizzlies in the area is getting there. He has seen a grizzly in his alfalfa field during the day, and even has a sow that lives by his head gate at North Bear Creek. "Fewer and fewer archery hunters are going back there," he said. "We never send anyone up that way alone." For Bryant, wolves are already a problem. Up Bear Creek, wolf predation on cows and calves is common. "We see wolves on a regular basis," he said. "I see wolves as regularly as mule deer - not as many, but as regularly ... In the evening, you can sit on my deck and listen to them. Or grab the spotting scope and see them." Even last year, Bryant said he lost a calf that he believes was taken by wolves, though that cannot be confirmed because a carcass was never found. "A wolf can go take a calf, kill it and drag it to their den," he said. "We even keep our dogs locked up at night because otherwise we'd have trouble." Sandru said issues with predators, and especially wolves, are often cyclical. "This could be a wolf year," he said. "It seems to run in cycles, and last fall we were seeing way more wolf signs (in the Gravelly Mountain Range)."

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chief may say they just need a helicopter for a few days or you may need us to take over." The equipment agreement between the state and the county means there is state fire fighting equipment scattered throughout the county that local fire departments can use if a fire starts in an area where they are responsible. "When the local fire department is the direct assist, they can use the state equipment," Cople said. Direct assist is the term used for whatever entity is in charge of responding to a fire, depending on location in the county. Each of the county fire depart-

ments has a direct assist area. The Forest Service and the state also have direct assist zones. **Countywide meeting** Schulz asked Cople if he meets with Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson, director of emergency management Chris Mumme and all the fire chiefs. "We are working on getting together for a meeting," Cople said. "We have a good working relationship with Madison County." Mumme agreed with Cople's statement, and added that the relationship is important for the county. "I would like to

keep it," he said. Forest Service fire management officer Jon Agner was also at the meeting, and pointed out the importance of interagency cooperation. "We have 750,000 acres of national forest to cover and only 15 folks out of Ennis," Agner said. "In addition, we do direct assist on some state and private land. That's not enough people. Interagency cooperation is very important. The county takes care of us and we take care of the county." In the potential circumstance of a large forest fire in Madison County this year, Agner said he wants the management discussion to involve the

county and the commissioners. "We want to invite you guys to the table," he said. "You should be part of the management discussion." Schulz agreed, saying the cooperative agreement extends beyond the Forest Service, the state and the fire departments. "Our county road equipment is on standby too," he said. "It was great to see you today, but I hope we don't have to see you until next year." Cople agreed, saying he would try to meet with the commissioners annually for a "refresher," but he hoped they would not have to see each other because of a fire incident in the county this year.

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guished a little after 8 p.m. "The (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) and the (Forest Service) also responded to assist," Thompson told *The Madisonian*.

According to director of emergency management Chris Mumme, the Forest Service took over operations after the fire was contained and stayed on scene during the night to watch for flare ups.

Carlson said people recreating in the area need to use extreme caution and be aware of fire safety. "Normally, we would never have a fire there this time of the year," he said. "There's usu-

ally snow on it. The trees are so dry they went right up." Thompson said no charges will be pressed from Madison County Sheriff's Office because the fire was accidental in nature.

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be a concern for water users, especially in the Ruby." **Snowmelt already** A pattern of long periods of warm, dry weather and around one "weather event" per month has propelled Madison County into early snowmelt. "Generally, we expect this

to happen toward the middle or end of April so we are ahead of schedule," Zukiewicz said. "Warm temperatures have really melted the lower elevation snow cover ... that's transitioned to the middle elevations too." Zukiewicz pointed out that both the Madison River and the Ruby River are controlled



by dams, so what is already caught in the corresponding reservoirs - Hebgren for the Madison and Ruby Reservoir for the Ruby - should supplement later summer flows. "It's not impossible for us to make improvements," he said. "But river flows have come up already from lower elevation snowmelt, so it won't be com-

ing out in our typical pattern." *Editor's note: Information about how the precipitation in the area early this week impacted the area was not available by The Madisonian's press time. Check back next week to learn what April snow and rain means to the snowpack.*

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## COACH OF THE YEAR

### Jenkins named class C state speech and debate coach of the year

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The 2014-15 forensics season was an exciting one for the Mustangs. At the end of January, Ennis was the first class C school to host the state meet and, just a few weeks ago, coach Marilyn Jenkins was named class C coach of the year for speech and debate.

"At our divisional meeting, we nominate coaches," Jenkins explained. "Those are narrowed down and then eventually go into the state pool. Each coach gets one vote and each class gets a coach of the year for speech and debate and another for drama."

This is not the first time Jenkins won the award, but this time around she did not expect it.

"I earned the award back in 2012 because the second year we had a (forensics) program in Ennis we put on a meet," she said. "I expected it that year

because they tend to award it to new coaches who take on a lot of responsibility ... putting on a meet takes a lot."

This year, however, the award was a surprise.

"I knew I'd been nominated but I didn't pay any attention to it," she said.

Ennis athletic director Paul Bills said Jenkins "absolutely" deserves the award.

"She puts in incredible amounts of time and effort," Bills said.

The role of speech and debate coach requires a huge time commitment. The program starts in October and goes all the way through January. During those four months, Jenkins helps the students select their pieces, edit original work and helps the students get to a place where they are comfortable competing.

"It's a four-month journey for these students," she said. "In a smaller school like ours, students sign up for two half-hour sessions per

week with the coach. Most of the kids are crossovers, they are also in volleyball, music, football, basketball."

Jenkins starts seeing students at 7 a.m. during the week and also schedules session for after school and later in the evening to accommodate sports practice.

"We scatter them where we can fit them," she said. "It's a juggling process."

#### Hosting state

Ennis ended up hosting the state meet at the end of January because none of the other schools wanted to do it, Jenkins said.

"I called (Bills) and he said, 'if you're willing to do it, we'll do it,'" Jenkins said. "We put in a bid and we were selected. We were the first class C school to ever put on a state meet."

Organizing the event was a huge undertaking, but Jenkins said it was worth it because the tournament ran smoothly

and the approximately 320 competitors had a good time.

"At the annual spring meeting in March, 10 - 15 schools from across the state asked us to please put in to host the meet again," she said. "Several people even said they were coming back to visit Ennis this summer ... they loved the town, they loved the people in the town."

Bills and Jenkins made the decision to put in a bid to host the meet again next year and the school will find out mid-April if Ennis will be selected again.

"The biggest reason we try to host these events here ... is for the community," Bills said. "There is nothing going on in Ennis at the end of January and it's a huge boon to the restaurant business, the hotels and stores. We pack this place. That's the biggest reason we try to put these things on. None of us get paid for it and we don't have to do it. We do it for the community."



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
Ennis forensics coach Marilyn Jenkins successfully organized and executed the state tournament with the help of school administration and athletic director Paul Bills.

## DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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#### Wubben sentenced

At the Madison County Courthouse on April 6, A

22-year-old Belgrade man appeared before Judge Loren Tucker and entered two guilty pleas - one to the amended charge of obstructing a peace officer or public servant and one charge of taking or pos-

sessing non-game wildlife.

The charges against Garret J. Wubben stem from an October 2014 incident. The state alleges Wubben shot a wolf without a valid wolf license, and "concealed or removed a wolf hide

and skull with the purpose to impair its verity or availability in the proceeding investigation," according to a filed information.

Before sentencing, Wubben said he wanted to apologize for "making a mistake."

"I don't want to be here again, that's for sure," Wubben said.

Judge Tucker gave Wubben a deferred six-month sentence and a fine of \$250 for the first count. For the second count, Wubben

was given a suspended fine of \$250 and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,000. Wubben was also ordered to forfeit the privilege to hunt, fish and trap in Montana for one year.

## What is wrong with truth and transparency?

By Representative Ray Shaw  
HOUSE DISTRICT 71

Hope everyone had a happy Easter.

This past week on Tuesday, the Youth Challenge kids came from Dillon to join us for the day. They got a tour of the Capitol, then joined us for pizza in the old Supreme Court room. They were guests of Senator Debby Barrett, Representative Jeff Welborn and myself. Youth Challenge is a fantastic program.

Then on Wednesday, World

War II Veterans were honored in the Capitol Rotunda. It was a great honor to attend. Two gentlemen from Twin Bridges attended, Al Fox and Dick Marshall. It was great to have them come up and be honored for their service. Without their service, our country would certainly be different than it is today.

One bill I would like to talk about is the Disclose Act, or campaign finance reform. There are a lot of people saying it takes away political speech. Everyone is for free speech, but there are

those that say it takes away that right, nothing could be further from the truth. Wouldn't it be fair to everyone to know who is or not supporting candidates? This bill still gives them the right to say what they want, but we'll know who they are. If people supporting me have to disclose their name, address and occupation, why shouldn't these groups have to do the same? Millions of dollars are being spent in Montana to control your constitutional right to a free and open election. What is wrong with truth and transparency?

We have been trying to get a loan from the state, until the office of veterans affairs comes through, for a veterans home in Butte. A couple of years ago the state put up \$5 million and the VA was to come up with the rest. Representative Ryan Lynch, Welborn and myself have been working toward that goal. A blast motion to get the bill to the house floor failed, some veterans didn't vote for it in retaliation for the Disclose Act passed out of the house. The loan would be for \$10 million, which would come out of the coal

trust fund. Everything is ready to go. Our aging veterans deserve better. We have been assured the VA is working on the issue.

We passed the sage grouse plan out of the house last week. Another bill is to extend the hunting season in areas that are over populated. This is a good bill. We need to lower numbers, which will let people be hunters, plus it will disperse some of these elk and possibly help with our brucellosis issue.

Feel free to contact me any time.



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## LEGISLATIVE FEATURE

### Tricky water issues rise to the surface of lawmakers' agenda

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When it comes to water at the 64th Montana Legislature, there tends to be one bill on everybody's mind - the Flathead Water Compact - but that is not the only water issue that people are fighting over at the Capitol.

More than 40 water bills were introduced at the Montana Legislature this session, including bills aimed at mining operations, revising public notice requirements and exempt wells.

Some have moved through the process easily, like Libby Republican Sen. Chas Vincent's Senate Bill 97, which aims to make it easier for the Department of Environmental Quality to reclassify waterways that may have been misclassified before.

The classification is based on what the stream's most beneficial uses are - such as agriculture or recreation. For towns across Montana, the classification affects how much they dump into a stream from their own wastewater treatment plants.

Vincent said some stream classifications are more than a half-century old and may be wrong, but it was incredibly expensive for the department to revisit those under the old law. To reclassify a stream, they had to use expensive

modeling systems to compare the current water quality to what it might have been when it was classified - possibly going as far back as the 1950s.

"We're getting to the point where to move the dial even a little bit it costs tens of millions of dollars," Vincent said.

The department, along with mining organizations and the Montana League of Cities and Towns supported the bill. The Montana Environmental Information Center opposed the bill, asking for a clearer definition of "most beneficial use" to ensure existing uses are not harmed in the process.

It passed both Houses handily, and the governor signed it last month.

Vincent also has Senate Bill 57, which funds the water right adjudication process to verify existing water rights. The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has examined thousands of water claims in the state to ensure their validity, and this bill funds the re-examination of 90,000 water claims by 2023 and the finalization of a decree by 2028.

These claims are all from before 1973, and are spread across the state. The final decree will line out what water rights are valid.

Tim Davis, DNRC's water resources administrator, said the department needed to verify water rights that

existed before the current state constitution, and that this process is key to that.

The bill had no opposition, and sits waiting in the House Appropriations committee.

Those bills do not rile people up the way other water issues do - like exempt wells, for example.

An exempt well is a water well that does not need a permit. It can only produce 35 gallons of water a minute and 10 acre feet of water a year. There are more than 100,000 exempt wells in Montana.

The conflict comes when one water user has multiple exempt wells drawing from the same aquifer in a small area, like when a subdivision is built and a number of wells are drilled to supply all of the houses.

Mark Aagenes, of Trout Unlimited, said the proliferation of subdivisions in some popular valleys - like the Bitterroot, Gallatin and Helena valleys - has had an effect on the water available for fish populations, especially in key tributaries for spawning.

"We're seeing higher temperatures on our rivers, we're seeing lower flows on our rivers," Aagenes said.

While conservationists worry the subdivisions will drain tributaries crucial for fish populations, water right holders worry they will not be able to protect their water rights if the

subdivision drains the aquifer.

Jay Bodner, of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, said his group is made up of people who have senior water rights, meaning they must get all of the water they need before the next right holder gets theirs. Water rights give someone ownership over a certain amount of water, and the older rights have priority over younger ones.

But this does not apply to exempt wells - so if a senior right holder needs more water to satisfy their claim, it will not come from the subdivision next door, no matter who came first.

DNRC rules require permits for a "combined appropriation," which DNRC defined in 1993 as two exempt wells physically connected, like with a piping system. So, in a subdivision, each house could have its own exempt well - no matter how small the parcel - as long as none of them were connected.

Before 1993, that was not the case. Without a permit, there could not be multiple exempt wells drawing water from the same aquifer in a development.

In October 2014, a district judge in Lewis and Clark County struck down the 1993 rule, reverting back to a 1987 rule requiring permits for more than one well in the same development.

Rep. Carl Glimm, R-Kila, a builder, said the ruling "very

significantly reduced what we can do as far as development." He added that exempt wells are crucial for developers, since water rights are scarce in Montana.

"To go through and get a normal water right permit is nearly impossible," Glimm said.

He brought House Bill 519, which would limit the number of exempt wells in a certain area. His bill would allow one 7.5 acre foot well per 20 acres of land, and would increase the allowable well size slightly for every acre over that.

Houses only need about .21 acre feet of water per year, so a 7.5 acre foot exempt well could support a number of homes without requiring a permit.

Glimm said the bill would allow subdivisions to be smaller and more dense and prevent urban sprawl.

He said he had brought all sides to the table and thought they had found a good compromise, but that was not quite the case. The bill cleared the House, and went to the Senate Natural Resources committee - chaired by Sen. Chas Vincent - last week.

"By the time it landed in my committee it was not a consensus bill," Vincent said.

Homebuilders and real estate agents supported the bill, saying it was a good compromise and that it helps them maintain profitability.

But, conservationists and ag groups remained unsatisfied, and said the bill was not a compromise.

"It was their attempt, but it still gave them everything they wanted," Aagenes said.

Aagenes wanted to see even more space between exempt wells and added that bill made household water uses a higher priority than other water uses, disrupting the idea of giving older rights higher priority.

Bodner said it did not do enough to protect the water rights of ranchers, and did not scale down for smaller lots. If someone had a 10 acre piece of land, for example, they can drill the same size exempt well that they could if they had 20 acres.

The bill will likely need more amendments to get out of the committee. But, the deadline for bills to be amended and returned to their original house is April 11, so the turnaround would have to be quick.

Vincent said the bill is likely to die in committee. That will leave the 1987 rule in place, which requires permits for multiple exempt wells in the same development.

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# Proposed trail on Revenue Flats not a good opportunity

Dear Editor,

In response to the recent article portraying the proposed bicycle trail on the Revenue Flats as a great opportunity for Madison County, let's get real.

The most significant impact this will have on Madison County is the dramatic increase in taxes. The existing county road is too narrow to safely allow for the amount of traffic that will exist if this proposal is passed and a new road, costing millions, will need to be constructed. Additional law enforcement will be required to police this

area. This trail system will invite all types of people from all types of places to explore and recreate near our homes, land and livelihood. Madison County residents should feel safe and not threatened to carry on our existing ways of life. It is not our responsibility to pay for a bicycle trail to accommodate a small interest group from a neighboring county.

A 19-mile trail system that encompasses this large area will increase fire danger, the spread of noxious weeds and also be a threat to the wildlife corridor that exists through the revenue.

If bicyclists and dogs have free rein, nothing else will be able to thrive including the cattle that resides there year-round. For those residents who bought tracts of land in the Shining Mountains and adjoining subdivisions, your serenity and seclusion will be a thing of the past.

Not everyone in Madison County ranches, but my family does. We have leased the same tracts of BLM land since 1938 to adjoin our private land. This ground is a critical part of our cattle operation. If approved, our private ground will

be separated by this trail and destroy our summer pasture.

I believe that encouraging a dramatic increase in traffic to the revenue is a terrible idea that will prove detrimental to many. It will affect agriculture, hunting and wildlife. So the question is: do we, as Madison County residents, want to foot the bill for Bozeman to recreate in our backyards?

Jerry Bausch  
Norris

# Good to know a group of moderate republicans are working in government

Dear Editor,

Reports from our legislative representatives tell us of their thinking. Senator Debby Barrett's editorials tell us that she opposes Medicaid Expansion - House Bill 405, the CSKT water compact - Senate Bill 262, campaign finance reform/the dark money bill - Senate Bill 289, the Governor's practical state-wide infrastructure bill - House Bill 5 and several bills that would stifle the critical legal work of the commissioner of political practices. These are all good legislation that would benefit Montanans.

Her voting record shows that she opposes revision of laws related to water quality testing, allowing civil couples to file joint income taxes and revisions of revenue estimates, to name only a few. Her voting record shows that she supports limiting traditional agencies rules, transferring of public lands and others that are not conducive to our government well being. Look them up. It is interesting to note that as a rancher, she would object to our state wisely paying for infrastructure through bonds, as most every business, school district,

farmers and you and I must do if we want to purchase major items. She states she opposes the traditional plan of keeping a reasonable ending fund balance in the general fund while accusing the Governor of playing political football for asking for the balance - as her rhetoric seems to be doing. She apparently stands with the ultra-conservative GOP caucus who has also opposed HB5, the Butte veterans home, the water compact and Medicaid expansion. Republicans obviously do not want ordinary Montanans to have affordable health care, even as they take and

use federal and state dollars for their own health care insurance, or as some who are agricultural people gladly accept millions of dollars in federal subsidies.

It is good to know that a group of moderate republicans are now working with democrats to pass beneficial bills, notwithstanding the radical stonewalling of the right wing of their party. Please contact these senators and representatives and ask them to work in a bipartisan way for all Montana citizens.

Pat Bradley  
Twin Bridges

# Daines smear uncalled for

Dear Editor,

Perhaps the next republican scandal brought forth by LaVon Brillhart will be that Senator Ted Cruz cannot run for president because he was born in Canada. It seems that Brillhart's research needs honing.

If that letter to Iran signed by all those senators (all republicans) is a violation of the Logan Act, one takes notice of

past senatorial visits to leaders all over the world. In almost every congressional break, our elected officials fly off to foreign lands in what is called congressional junkets. The congress people say that they are negotiating trade pacts, etc.

Then we have that goofy ex-NBA star, Rodman. What about his trip to hold hands with the North Korean despot, or when former speaker

of the house, her highness Nancy Pelosi sat in conference with the dictator of Syria? We could go back many years when citizens sat with foreign leaders. Either the Logan Law does not have any backbone, or maybe, like a lot of laws passed by what we call a congress, it should not have been passed.

As far as punishing congress people for doing wrong, that lack seems to apply to

anyone in this federal employment or elected position.

As for no respect for the U.S. constitution, I suggest Brillhart do a little research into that man in the White House versus the constitution. He may find that the office of the president of the United States does not allow the wearing of a crown.

Bill Hanley  
Twin Bridges

# LEGISLATIVE ROUND UP

Submitted by Michael Wright  
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE  
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### Senate injects money into budget bill

A Montana Senate panel put about \$50 million into the state budget bill last week, after Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock said the budget crafted by House Republicans was unacceptable.

The panel added about \$25 million in amendments to House Bill 2, the \$4 billion state general fund budget for the next two years. The amendments injected some of the money the governor asked for in his budget proposal. The committee also added another \$25 million in what is known as a supplemental appropriation, which covers some debts for the remainder of this fiscal year. That money would have been included in another bill, House Bill 3, but the House killed that bill last month.

After that bill was killed, furlough notices were sent out to some state employees and schools were told they would have budget shortfalls.

Dan Villa, the governor's budget director, said the governor and Senate members made a deal on the budget to include the supplemental appropriations, and that some of the state agencies that faced a shortfall could "breathe a sigh of relief."

House Bill 2 moves on to the full Senate next.

### House votes down bill to allow concealed carry on campus

A proposal that would have allowed people to carry concealed weapons on college campuses went down on a narrow vote in

the House last week.

Senate Bill 143, sponsored by Sen. Cary Smith, R-Billings, failed 51-49. It would have nullified existing rules set by the Board of Regents governing where students can have firearms on a college campus.

Rep. Seth Berglee, R-Joliet, carried the bill in the House, and he said the university system has denied students their constitutional rights by barring concealed weapons on campus. He added that because people would still be required to get a permit, mostly responsible people would be carrying guns on campus.

"The type of people who generally get concealed carry permits are extremely responsible," Berglee said. House Speaker Austin Knudsen, R-Culbertson, said he was a law student at the University of Montana during the Virginia Tech shooting that killed more than 30 people, and that because of "an arbitrary line in the soil" he was not allowed to carry a gun to school.

"I was denied my right to defend myself," Knudsen said.

He listed off a number of shootings at college campuses, and said they all happened in places where people were not allowed to carry guns, and that it gave shooters access to "unarmed victims."

"That is unacceptable to me," he said.

Opponents of the measure said college students are not in a good position to be carrying guns.

Rep. Tom Woods, D-Bozeman, who has worked as an adjunct instructor at Montana State University, said college students could be dealing with mental health issues, experimenting with drugs or alcohol for the first time and might make poor decisions if guns are around.

"Some are responsible, some not so much," Woods said. "All of them are in a high pressure environment."

Rep. Nate McConnell, D-Missoula, said the Board of Regents has the power to make those rules because of the state constitution, and that they should keep that power.

"We don't tell the Board of Regents what rules to set," McConnell said.

The bill passed the Senate on a tight vote last month. Similar bills have failed in previous sessions, including on a veto in 2013.

### Infrastructure bill clears Senate

The Senate passed a bill to fund building projects in Montana, including a crime lab and updates to university buildings.

Senate Bill 416, carried by Sen. John Brenden, R-Scobey, would use \$50 million in cash and \$50 million in bonds for a number of building projects around the state.

This bill passed the Senate as the House advanced its own Republican-sponsored infrastructure package of bills - House Bills 6, 7, 8 and 11. Three passed the House on near party line votes, but House Bill 8 remains in limbo because it needs the support of 3/4s of each house.

Those bills are a response to Bullock's House Bill 5, a \$400 million infrastructure bill funded with a combination of cash and bonding that is tabled. House Republicans said the governor's bill was too big, and decided to put some of the projects into separate bills and cut out most of the bonding.

Brenden said his bill is a compromise between the two parties. He said Republicans want to pay for projects in cash and Democrats want to borrow money, and his bill

combines those two ideas to bankroll the important building needs across the state.

"It was apparent that perhaps cash and bonding were never going to get done on their own," Brenden said. "To get something done for infrastructure we're going to have to compromise."

The bill funds an Eastern Montana crime lab, as well as building updates at Montana State University and the University of Montana.

To pass, it needs the support of 2/3 of each house. It got the votes it needed in the Senate, and now moves on to the House.

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## FWP releases minimum wolf count for 2014

Submitted by Ron Aasheim  
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Montana's verified wolf population declined by 73, 12 percent, last year while livestock depredations by wolves continued to decline, dropping about 46 percent from 2013.

The minimum number of wolves counted by FWP at the end of 2014 was 554 compared to a minimum of 627 wolves counted at the end of 2013 according to Montana Fish Wildlife and Park's annual wolf conservation and management report released earlier this week. Montana's minimum wolf packs were counted at 134, compared to 152 last year, while breeding pairs increased to 33 from 28 counted last year. The minimum wolf count is the number of wolves actually verified by FWP wolf specialists. The actual number of wolves is estimated to be 27

percent to 37 percent higher than the minimum count. FWP's complete report is available online at fwp.mt.gov.

Overall, FWP director Jeff Hagener said Montana's wolf population continues to be very healthy and far above federal recovery goals.

"Among the best news is that confirmed wolf depredations on livestock again took a significant drop in 2014," said Hagener.

Confirmed livestock depredations due to wolves included 35 cattle, six sheep and one horse in 2014, down 46 percent from 2013 losses of 50 cattle, 24 sheep, three horses and one goat. Cattle losses in 2014 were the lowest recorded in the past eight years.

The decline in wolf depredations continues a general downward trend that began in 2009.

"For FWP, and we hope

for others, it reinforces the fact that we not only have more tools for managing wolf populations, but that we're applying them effectively," Hagener said. "One of our top priorities is to minimize livestock losses and we think we're continuing to make a positive impact there."

The continuing decrease in livestock depredations over the past four years may be a result of several factors including targeted wolf depredation responses in cooperation with USDA Wildlife Services and the effects of wolf harvest by hunters and trappers.

Two hundred and thirteen wolves were taken by hunters and trappers in the 2014 calendar portion of the 2014-15 hunting/trapping season compared to 231 taken in the 2013 calendar portion of the 2013-14 season.

The total number of known

wolf mortalities during 2014 was 308, down from 335 in 2013, with 301 of these mortalities being human-related, including 213 legal harvests, 57 control actions to further reduce livestock depredations (down from 75 in 2013), 11 vehicle strikes, 10 illegal killings, six killed under the newly-enacted Montana State Senate Bill 200, two capture related mortalities, one euthanized due to poor health and one legal tribal harvest. In addition, one wolf died of natural causes and six of unknown causes.

"Montana's wolf management program seeks to manage wolves just like we do other wildlife - in balance with their habitat, with other wildlife species and with the people who live here," Hagener said.

For the purpose of reporting minimum counts to the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana is divided into three areas that reflect the former gray wolf federal recovery zones. The three zones cover the entire state and include more than one FWP region. Following is a summary of the 2014 minimum counts verified for those areas:

•In the Northwest Montana area counts showed a minimum of 338 wolves in 91 verified packs and 17 breeding pairs, compared to 412, 104 and 16, respectively, in 2013.

•In the Montana portion of the Central Idaho area counts verified a minimum of 94 wolves in 20 packs with six breeding pairs, compared to the 2013 counts of 123, 26 and seven respectively.

•The Montana portion of the Greater Yellowstone counts include a minimum of 122 wolves in 23 packs and 11 breeding pairs, com-

pared to 92, 22 and five, respectively in 2013.

The recovery of the wolf in the northern Rockies remains one of the fastest endangered species comebacks on record. In the mid 1990s, to hasten the overall pace of wolf recovery in the Northern Rockies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released 66 wolves into Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho. FWP began monitoring the wolf population and managing livestock conflicts in 2004. After several court challenges wolves were successfully delisted in 2011.

The delisting of wolves in 2011 allows Montana to manage wolves in a manner similar to how bears, mountain lions and other wildlife species are managed, which is guided by state management plans, administrative rules, and laws.

## Sheridan students of the month

Submitted by Emily McParland  
SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

Sheridan Schools is very pleased to announce the students of the month for March. Students are chosen by faculty and staff members based on the following criteria: citizenship, leadership and academic attitude.

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- Seventh-grade: Jason Chisholm
- Eighth-grade: Ty Haag
- Ninth-grade: Zane Bowey
- 10th-grade: Tristen Horn
- 11th-grade: Carolina Burkhart
- 12th-grade: Sam Wood

## Harrison third quarter honor roll

Submitted by Doreen Young  
HARRISON SCHOOLS

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**A honor roll**

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

- B honor roll**
- Alexys Bacon
- Casey Collins
- Jed Fike
- Hailey Hokanson

- Zach Jackson
- Makenna Livezey
- Jakob Nye
- Jarrold Nye
- Brett Petersen
- Jon Strong
- Samantha Talley

**JUNIOR HIGH**  
**A honor roll**

- Angela Cain
- Edwin Elpel
- Layne Homner
- Vern Homner
- Stephanie Strong
- Cora Taylor

- B honor roll**
- Violet Anderson
- Jack Chater
- Kayley Christensen

## SANDRU NAMED GIRLS STATE DELEGATE



On March 27, 2015, Kjersten Sandru was given a check for \$270 from the Twin Bridges Women for Veterans Auxiliary. Sandru was chosen as this year's sponsored delegate for the American Legion Girls State, which will be held at Carroll College in Helena. Delegates learn how to participate in the functioning of state government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens.

Submitted by Gail Banks



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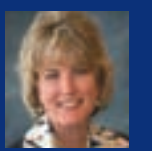
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*The Real Estate Corner will appear every other week throughout the year.*

## TWIN BRIDGES VETERANS AT THE CAPITOL



Submitted by Jody Sandru

Allen Fox and Richard Marshall of Twin Bridges attended the 2015 Military Appreciation Day at the State Capitol Rotunda on March 31, 2015. World War II veterans were honored at a special presentation and given a commemorative pin recognizing their service and sacrifice. The pin is affectionately labeled the Ruptured Duck. Fox was one of two WWII veterans who wore his original uniform, pictured (left) with Governor Steve Bullock. Senator Debby Barrett and Representative Ray Shaw attended the ceremony to honor these two fine gentlemen.

## March into Reading



Photo courtesy of Karen Ketchu

From left: Lynne Johnson and Madison Valley Public Library assistant director Sonja Mann enjoy March into Reading, an adult reading program that included prizes, book talks and Saturday programs at the MVPL.

# Something DIVINE is coming!

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# AROUND THE COUNTY



## Brad Bradshaw Memorial Service

Saturday, April 11th - 4:30 p.m.  
 Ennis Assembly of God Church  
 402 Madison Ave.  
 Meal to follow

### Veterans transportation system

Submitted by Thomas Straugh  
 Local Area Coordinator

All veterans who have VA approved medical appointments are eligible to have free rides through a transportation system out of Dillon. If your appointment is at Fort Harrison you will also receive a free lunch. And, if you have a caregiver who you would like to have there during your appointment to help listen to the instructions and help you follow up with your prescription medications and procedures, the caregiver is free to come along. Veterans from Madison County are welcome to use the van. We have driven vets to Missoula, Anaconda, Butte, Bozeman and Billings in the last three years in addition to trips to Fort Harrison. Please call

660-1294 to arrange a ride and give the system your support.

### Seed swap for the Jeffers Community Garden

Submitted by Sue Welna  
 Jeffers Community Garden

Are you ready to plant your summer garden? True it is a little early for such thoughts, but our winter has been a bit warmer than past ones and so thoughts of our summer gardens may be finding their way into our heads. The gardeners of the Jeffers Community Garden invite you to the Madison Valley Library community room on April 14 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. to come learn about gardening at the Jeffers Garden and get a head start on gathering your seed collections. Our seed swap

will include not only seeds that have been gathered from plants of last summer, but also seeds that are the result of very exuberant seed catalog shopping. Come with or without seeds.

### Bring poetry to life in Ennis

Submitted by The Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library

The Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program "WordSongs: Bringing Poetry to Life" with Dave Caserio and Alex Nauman on Saturday, April 11. The program will be at the library community room at 1 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public. Partial funding for the Speakers Bureau program is provided by a legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust.

Poet Dave Caserio and musician Alex Nauman present a dramatic, high-energy, interactive and intimate performance of poetry and music designed to invigorate and re-ignite the passion and interest for poetry.

### Property inspections in Madison County

Submitted by Raul Luciani  
 A & O Management, LLC

Raul Luciani, president of A & O Management, LLC., an Ennis company providing property management services to the Madison Valley, has successfully completed 40 hours of home inspection training and passed the certification from the American Home Inspection Training Institute. Additionally, Luciani has become a member of the American Home Inspectors Association.

## SHED HUNTERS

Wildlife Management Units are closed

Submitted by Andrea Jones  
 MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

With the arrival of spring and melting snow, shed hunters have taken to the hills in search of cherished shed elk antlers. It is an annual ritual for many - some seeking a fun way to get out in the field and others hoping to turn found antlers into profit. With that said, shed hunting can be competitive and may cause some to consider breaking the rules, or to overlook the impact on wildlife or potential dangers to themselves.

First, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks would like to remind shed hunters (and all recreationists) that most region three Wildlife Management Areas are closed until noon on May 15. Each year, a number of individuals cannot seem to resist the urge to get a jump on the rest

of the crowd and access WMAs. It is important to remember that WMAs provide vital, protected winter range for deer and elk. And this is the time of year these animals are the most stressed.

Also, shed hunters should stay alert and remember that Southwest Montana is bear country. It is easy to get so focused on searching for sheds that keeping an eye (and ear) open for bears might be forgotten. Shed hunters should be especially cautious when approaching carcasses and carry bear spray in a holster on their hip or across their chest. Be aware that bears may be looking for winter kill in the same area you are looking for sheds. Never try to haze a bear off a carcass.

More information about bear safety can be found here: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/livingWithWildlife/beBearAware/>.



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# Ask the Expert

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

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

**Q:** I have a full time job. My husband has a job. When I come home from work, it's still my job to come up with supper. My choices are cook, take-out pizza or burgers and fries. Some times I don't like any of those choices. What shall I do?

**A:** You could make casseroles and soups, freeze them in appropriate portions to thaw and serve or hint to your mother to invite you over for supper, good luck. Or you could stop by The Shovel and Spoon to pick up supper. Tuesday and Friday nights, supper is served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night is ranch-style comfort food; Friday is The Spice of Life, ethnic or spicy food. Supper is \$10 a plate, homemade from fresh ingredients, eat in or take out. Frozen entrees are always available, stop by to see what the freezer has in store. If that doesn't work for you, there's always popcorn and beer.



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**Q:** What forms of payment do you accept? Do you take credit cards?

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**Q:** Why should I have documented training materials for my small business?

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**CHIROPRACTIC**

**Q:** What is the difference between a "sprain" versus a "strain"?

**A:** Sprains and strains are different. Each causes pain and swelling from overstretching a body part. Sprains are overstretching or tearing of ligaments, which hold bones and joints together. Strains are overstretched muscles and tendons. Strains and sprains are separate or a combination. Initial treatment requires ice, compression, elevation and protection for 24 to 72 hours. Sprains (ligaments) can heal over a few months to a year. Strains may heal without treatment or last a long time. Complex injuries require comprehensive evaluation/treatment from a healthcare professional with experience. Knowledge, experience and longevity is Robert (Bob) Sahli PTATCLAT at Ennis PT. The "ONLY EXPERT" in treatment of strains/sprains in the Madison Valley.




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**BIRDING**

**Q:** My hummingbird feeders keep attracting wasps and ants. What should I do?

**A:** Our main hummingbirds, the Rufous and Calliope, start coming back in early May, so get those feeders ready. Make sure your feeders are clean – you can use a one part chlorine bleach to 10 parts hot water solution and then rinse thoroughly. As for the pests, ants can easily be controlled if you have a feeder with a built-in central moat-filled with water. Or you can purchase an ant guard that performs the same function. Bees and wasps are a little harder – try not to get a feeder with yellow bee guards, the yellow is an attractant to those insects. Some feeders come with detachable bee guards or others are designed so insects have no place to land, and because those insects can't hover, they can't gain access. You may even need to remove the feeder for a week or so until they find another food source.



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**Q:** How often should I review my insurance policy?

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- You have made your home safer
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**Q:** How does fluoride prevent tooth decay?

**A:** Fluoride protects teeth in two ways- topically and systemically. Systemic fluorides are those that we ingest into our body. This can be through fluoridated water, dietary supplements such as tablets or drops, or through food and beverages. During tooth formation, usually prior to age six, ingested fluoride incorporates into the tooth structure. When these permanent teeth erupt they are more resistant to dental decay. Topical fluorides are applied directly to the teeth presently in the mouth. This could include fluoridated toothpaste, mouth rinses, gels, foams and varnishes. Topical fluoride remineralizes the enamel. If frequently applied, topical fluoride can stop the initial decay process and make the enamel more resistant to future acid attacks. Regular dental checkups, daily brushing and flossing and fluoride are essential for overall good dental health.



**Anna Marie Witham, Registered Dental Hygienist**  
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**REAL ESTATE**

**Q:** What will make my home more attractive to a potential buyer?

**A:** Make your home look great. Clean and uncluttered houses are attractive to buyers. Your goal is to dazzle your potential buyer. Brighten-up the house and remove all clutter from countertops and closets. A clean slate makes it easier for buyers to envision themselves in your home. Consider a spring-cleaning, and make sure your house smells good. Avoid scented air fresheners, as some buyers are sensitive to certain fragrances. The presentation of your home is important; however, the most compelling reason for a buyer to look at your house is competitive pricing! Buyers will be comparing your home to other houses on the market. Over-pricing when you sell a home reduces buyer interest, makes competing homes look like better values and is the single biggest reason a home may take longer to sell. Contact your real estate broker for an accurate price opinion of your home.




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# Ask the Expert



# PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo courtesy of Chris Anderson  
Returning to Ennis from Norris.

## National Society of Collegiate Scholars welcomes Rebecca White

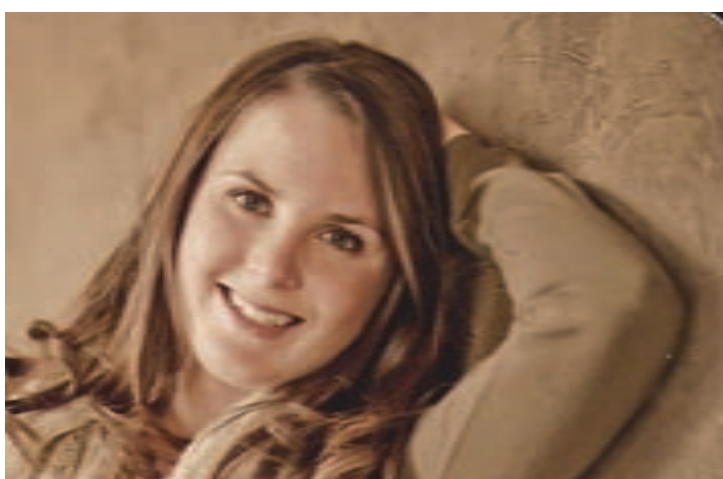
**National Society of Collegiate Scholars**

Rebecca White of Ennis has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

“NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement. Membership gives student access to a number of amazing benefits, including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel and service projects both on campus and in the commu-

nity,” said Stephen E. Liflin, NSCS founder and CEO.

NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation’s only interdisciplinary honors organization for first year and second year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS has over one million lifetime members and 300 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK TWIN BRIDGES



Twin Bridges High School would like to spotlight **Kjersten Sandru**, a junior at Twin Bridges High School. Kjersten recently returned from the State BPA convention in which she received two first place trophies and was selected a Montana BPA officer for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. Kjersten is a very positive and outgoing young lady who displays tremendous character and leadership qualities. Congratulations on your achievements. TBHS is very proud of you!

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*Kjersten Sandru*

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We want to thank everyone who donated towards our Easter Egg Hunt and Festivities in Sheridan on Sunday, March 29. All the little ones and parents who participated in our first Kiddie Parade. The volunteers who took time away from their families to help pull this off. And for all the families that came out and made this event a HUGE SUCCESS. We are looking forward to making this an annual event, with even more festivities planned for next year.

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## MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

**Thursday**  
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 40 to 50.

**Friday**  
Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 45 to 55.

**Saturday**  
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 45 to 55.

**Sunday**  
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 40 to 50.

**Monday**  
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 20 to 30. Highs 40 to 50.

*Quote of the Week:*

**“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”**

*John Dewey*

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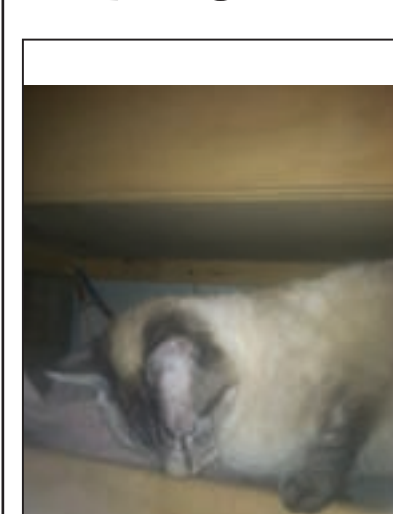
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## 4 PAWS RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



**PETER**  
Meowzers! I looked and looked - you aren't here. What happened? I'm a nice, gentle, loving guy and I need you. When my lady comes to feed us our treat and play with us for a bit, I always reach out gently and touch her. Just to let her know I love her and want her to pick me up, pet and love on me. I just purr up a storm when she does. I do have everything taken care of now, been to the doc, etc. All I need is you so please hurry. Waiting, Peter the Great

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## A full life in Twin Bridges



All photos courtesy of Cleda Reid.  
**Cleda Aldine Rhoads (left)** was born in Cartersville, Mont., in 1923.  
**Cleda (right)** has worn many hats, including working at the Children's Home in Twin Bridges and working as a ranch wife.

### Madison County pioneer knows her life is good

**Kjersten Sandru**  
 FOR THE MADISONIAN  
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On March 6, 1923, Montana native Cleda Aldine Rhoads was born in Cartersville to parents Solomon Edgar and Stella Penick Rhoads. She grew up in a small house next to the railroad along with her two younger siblings, Myrtle and Howard. Cleda attended Rosebud High School where she was active in Glee Club and band, but after her graduation in 1941 she was ready to move on to a new adventure – the Ruby Valley. Cleda's next door neighbors' cousins – Dot and Lil – had heard of a job opening at the Children's Center in Twin Bridges. It was

a rarity to find a job opening at the Children's Center, let alone three in the nursery division. All three girls were fresh out of school and seeking jobs, so they packed their bags and headed out on a long bus ride to Southwest Montana. At the orphanage, Cleda worked with the 1 to 3-year-old children for three years and three months without a day off. Though the pay was not much, the time was certainly well spent. The girls were only 18 and the fairgrounds down the boardwalk held lively barn dances on Saturdays where they would square dance all night. "It's a wonder how it didn't collapse," said Cleda. Then, at 6 a.m. sharp every Sunday, the girls would

report back for another week with the children. At times, Cleda and the girls were not the most popular with the head matrons of the home. The older kids would come to the nursery and clean, but they did not want to go back to their cottages and the girls would get in trouble for not making them leave. One time, some of the older girls came over to put on makeup and curl their hair, but the matrons saw them and sent them back to wash it off and straighten out their hair and then remarked, "Those girls just mimic you from daylight to dark!" Cleda remembers that Lil piped up and asked what they wanted them to do about it – leave? When the superintendent of the home caught wind of the predicament, she told the girls to pay no attention to those matrons.

A few years later on Sept. 2, 1944, Cleda married Dale Reid in Butte. The first year of their marriage Cleda quit her job at the orphanage and started working at Woodward Clothing Store during the war. After that, the couple moved just north of Twin Bridges to Dale's family ranch. In 1956 Dale and his brother, Charles, began running the ranch. Charles and his wife Sally built their house on the ranch west of Twin Bridges, while Dale and Cleda stayed on the north side. Cleda still lives there today. Dale and Cleda both worked on the ranch. While Dale was out working the hay fields and the cattle, Cleda said she was busy running errands and cooking for the crew. Occasionally, she would help Dale hay, using the beaver slides and work out in the field with the horses and plow. As a ranch wife, it was also Cleda's job to cook for the five-day cattle drive to

the Upper Ruby each spring and fall for 50 years. While still maintaining the family ranch, the couple parented two daughters, Betty and Jo Ann, who grew up loving the ranch. After 62 years of marriage, Dale passed away in 2006. Cleda will always remember him as a loving husband, father, friend, rancher and even as a skilled antique restorer. Along with the family

ranch, his antique collection was one of his most prized accomplishments. Dale even restored a few original pieces from the ranch that are still kept in the family. Today at 92, Cleda has not changed all that much from the adventurous 18-year-old who came to Madison County in 1941. She still has that gleam in her eyes and perfectly curled hair and

that same true grit Cleda Reid spirit. Time has only attributed more life for this Madison County pioneer. She has three grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and claims that the most important thing in life is her family. "Being a ranch wife ... all the memories, they're happy," Cleda said. "This valley is beautiful, and this life – well, it's a good one."



Cleda married Dale Reid in 1944 and the two worked as a team on the family ranch.



Shortly after graduating high school, Cleda packed her bags and moved to Twin Bridges, looking for adventure.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Give Mom a day off for Mother's Day

Submitted by StatePoint

A mother's work is challenging – even after the kids are all grown up.

So while flowers make a nice Mother's Day gesture, consider going the extra mile. Here are some great ways to give mom the day off.

**Breakfast in bed**  
Give Mom a welcome break from the kitchen. Start her day with breakfast in bed using this recipe



for buttermilk pancakes with orange compote:

**Ingredients**

- For the compote:
  - 3 large oranges
  - 2 teaspoons orange marmalade
- For the pancake batter:
  - 4 tablespoons melted butter plus a little extra for the pan
  - 1/2 cup buttermilk or whole milk
  - 2 large eggs
  - 1/4 cup superfine sugar
  - Pinch salt
  - 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 4 tablespoons orange marmalade

**Directions**

• Cut the peel and pith away from two oranges and cut into neat segments. Drop into a small saucepan with the marmalade. Add the pared rind from the remaining orange,

cut into long fine shreds, plus the juice. Put the pan over low heat and simmer gently for two to three minutes.

- Meanwhile, whisk the melted butter into the milk with the eggs, sugar and salt.
- Sift the flour and baking powder into a mixing bowl and pour in the liquid ingredients. Whisk until smooth.

- Heat a large, nonstick frying pan and brush with a little melted butter. Ladle the batter into the pan, allowing one ladle per pancake. Cook for two to three minutes. Small bubbles will appear on the surface of the pancakes when they are ready to flip over.
- Stir the marmalade until smooth, then drizzle 1 teaspoon over the uncooked side of each pancake before turning. Continue cooking

for an additional two minutes before removing from the pan. Cover the cooked pancakes with a towel; this prevents them from drying out.

- Serve the pancakes in small stacks with one or two spoonfuls of compote on top.

**Spa day**

Whether it is a pedicure, massage or facial, your mom will appreciate the opportunity for total relaxation. Many spas offer gift certificates for particular services, so check out the options and find something just right for your mom. Mother's Day can be a busy day for spas, so make it easy on her. Look for something close by and book her for a specific time so she does not have to wait.

For a successful Mother's Day, considering thanking Mom for a job well done by giving her a break.

### Special Enrollment Period ends April 30

If you owe a fee with your taxes for not having health coverage in 2014 and don't yet have health coverage for 2015, you may still be able to get coverage for 2015.

The Health Insurance Marketplace is providing individuals and families who are subject to the fee, when they file their 2014 taxes, with one last chance to get covered for 2015. For complete details please call for an appointment.

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## April: Financial Literacy Month

### Get wise about buying or leasing a vehicle

Submitted by StatePoint

For many people, buying or leasing a car is their first big ticket item. Having a plan for how this new vehicle will fit into your budget can help you be confident about your decision and keep your finances in check.

“Planning for large purchases can seem daunting, but having the right information about your finances can make it easier to meet your goal,” said Mike Kane, vice president of Consumer Credit Operations at Ally Financial. “Get prepared so you can walk into the dealership with confidence.”

This April, which is Financial Literacy Month, Kane is offering some tips to help you make a smart decision.

- Do your research. Sure, you will want to research what kind of car and options you want, but also do your financial research. Use free online tools like payment calculators or vehicle valuation guides to help you prepare.
- Evaluate your wants

and needs. You may want the car with all the bells and whistles, but if it does not fit into your budget, it is not a wise purchase. Decide what you need versus what would be nice to have and stick to that when negotiating.

- Create a doable budget. Whether you buy or lease, you will likely have a fixed amount to pay monthly for your new car. But that is not the only cost to consider. Remember to factor in gas, insurance and any additional costs like maintenance or emergencies. A general guideline is to keep those total costs below 20 percent of your monthly take-home pay.
- Know your credit profile.

If you are planning to finance a vehicle, your credit score can affect whether you are approved for financing, as well as the rate you will receive. A number of financial institutions have begun providing customers with their FICO credit scores for free. Look into whether your bank is among them. You can also obtain your credit report from each of the credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian and Transunion)

for free once yearly at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).

- Understand your options. There are a few different options when buying or leasing a vehicle, such as paying cash, getting a loan from a bank or credit union or negotiating a retail contract or lease through a dealership. If you finance your vehicle, the length of the finance contract can impact the total amount you pay. The longer you take to pay, the lower your monthly payments will be, but your total cost to finance rises. Visit different dealerships to learn your options. It is up to you to decide the best arrangement for your personal financial situation.
- Stick with your plan.

If you plan to set aside a certain amount regularly for your monthly payment – do it. It is easier to get ahead and build a savings plan instead of playing catch-up.

If you are considering buying or leasing a car, use Financial Literacy Month as an opportunity to brush up on your finances so you will be better prepared to walk into the dealership.

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# COLUMNS



## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS By Art Kehler FOR THE MADISONIAN

### Buck Privates of life The pros and cons of sibling status



Just ask anyone who was in the Army and they'll tell you that a buck private is the lowest life form in its ranks. Roaches are accorded more respect. Buck privates are invariably assigned the most undignified tasks imaginable and are subject to belittlement while they're at it. Their opinion is never sought and if anything goes wrong, it's always the buck private's fault.

Along those same lines, I have heard it said, "little brothers are the buck privates of life." Having been both a little brother and a buck private obliges me to testify to the shocking parallels in the treatment endured by both. Indeed, my lower-than-a-roach familial rank became all-too-apparent when I was only 7-years-old.

One winter day, my older brother (by two years) and I went sledding on the street that passed by our house. Anxious for adventure, we virtually yanked our only sled up a steep hill. At the summit, I expressed my opinion that I should steer. The very idea of an inexperienced runt like me presuming to think he was capable of guiding our full-sized Red Glider down the hill left my larger sibling aghast. Assuming a haughty, Napoleon-like demeanor, big bro went on to proclaim that, obviously, only his steady, veteran hands were worthy of steering the sled. Hence, my opinion was dismissed as mindless drivel. Worse yet, I was assigned the undignified, buck-private-like task of lying on top of him, in the dreaded "slingshot" position.

In no time at all, we were speeding downhill. Halfway down, I became concerned that, rather than advancing toward the middle of the street, Napoleon seemed to be headed for a parked car. Drawing closer, I could see we were approaching the

car's rear tire. Suddenly feeling like one of Custer's doomed recruits, I braced for the worst. Then, at the last second, I lifted my head for a final peek. Just then, the sled struck the tire, dead center.

Because he had a death grip on the steering handles, big bro was able to control the severity of his impact. Not so little bro! Being on top, I had no stabilizing device to grip. Hence, true to the slingshot position's dreaded reputation, I was violently slung forward. "Whap" – the nauseating sound of a face impacting a concave-shaped hubcap reverberated through the neighborhood! I felt my malleable features melding with the semi-pliable metal. An eerie silence ensued as the snow slowly settled around the awful scene.

Finally upright, I gingerly felt my face for evidence of disfigurement. Meanwhile, I overheard my sibling laughing hysterically at the image of my grimaced face left hammered into the hubcap. Even that appalling example of buck-private-like belittlement was trumped when he announced that by hitting the tire he had kept us from gliding into an intersection and thus – saved my life! As a final insult, big bro swore that it was my idea to go sledding in the first place. In other words, the entire misfortune was my fault!

To this day, my brother and I hold contesting views of that day's events. Still, his calloused, disrespectful deeds (along with countless similar subsequent examples) did prepare me for the military. As it turned out, life as a buck private was easier than life as a little brother. Nevertheless, I have yet to thank him.

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## NATURAL Resource News

Jane Mangold

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND EXTENSION INVASIVE PLANT SPECIALIST

### Revegetation of rangeland infested by invasives

When land managers are faced with invasive forbs listed as noxious weeds, they have viable options for controlling them such as herbicide or biological control. While these tools can effectively kill weeds, they often do not result in a plant community that meets management objectives. Remnant desired vegetation is often too scarce to fill voids previously occupied by an invasive forb and the invasive forb may be replaced by an unwelcome secondary invader like the annual grass cheatgrass. Integrating seeding of desired species with weed control may help to prevent secondary invasion and improve long-term restoration outcomes.

We conducted a study in which the goal was to restore desired grasses to rangeland dominated by spotted knapweed and cheatgrass through the integration of herbicides and revegetation. We expected that seeded species establishment would increase with control of spotted knapweed and cheatgrass. We also expected that increased establishment of seeded species would result in lower abundance of spotted knapweed and cheatgrass over time. We tested eight herbicide treatments and six seeding treatments at a site near Missoula. Herbicide treatments were designed to provide control of spotted knapweed, cheatgrass or both

and applied August 2009. Five perennial grasses were seeded in monoculture in November 2009. Plots were sampled one, two and four years following treatment application.

In year one and two, herbicide treatments performed as expected; spotted knapweed cover was reduced to less than 1 percent in all treatments that included aminopyralid, clopyralid or picloram. Cheatgrass cover was reduced to less than 0.1 percent by treatments that included imazapic. In spite of good weed control, very few seedlings of seeded species were found. However, by year four we found bluebunch wheatgrass and tall wheatgrass growing where it had been seeded. Controlling weedy species with herbicides led to an increase in bluebunch wheatgrass establishment but had no effect on establishment of tall wheatgrass. We were surprised that bluebunch wheatgrass and tall wheatgrass performed so well four years after treatment in spite of finding very few seedlings one and two years after treatment.

Establishment of seeded species resulted in lower weed abundance over time for spotted knapweed but not for cheatgrass. Spotted knapweed was nearly absent when bluebunch or tall wheatgrass

was seeded in combination with certain herbicide treatments. Cheatgrass, on the other hand, did not seem to be affected by seeded grasses.

Although limited, this study still provides two valuable insights into revegetation of weed-infested rangeland. First, restoration of weed-infested rangeland is a slow process; it took four years before we saw the grasses we had seeded! Seeded species need time to establish and subsequently compete with weedy species. Second, good weed control does not always equate to improved establishment of seeded species. Seedling establishment is influenced by many factors, only one of which is competition with weedy species. Once established, however, seeded desired species can limit re-invasion. In our study, this was true for the large-statured exotic invasive forb spotted knapweed more so than the annual grass cheatgrass, whose abundance fluctuated greatly from year to year.

You can read about this study in more detail by clicking on the link below: [http://www.msuxextension.org/invasiveplantsMangold/documents/Publications/Mangold/Mangold%20et%20al\\_2015\\_Ecol%20Rest.pdf](http://www.msuxextension.org/invasiveplantsMangold/documents/Publications/Mangold/Mangold%20et%20al_2015_Ecol%20Rest.pdf)



by Gail Banks

It's Easter but is it really snowing? There are spring buds and nearly blossoms on the trees and in one corner of the sky is a partial rainbow. Maybe it is true that no matter the storm there is always a rainbow.

I had a wonderful surprise on Easter weekend – my aunt and cousin came to visit us. I hadn't seen my aunt for 32 years and cousin for 42 years. It was so good to see my dad and his sister together and talking about when they grew up. I so wish I could see my dad and all three of his sisters

together before time changes, but it just isn't going to happen. This reunion was the best that it gets. Dad's oldest sister Vernie is 98, his sister that came to visit this past weekend is Elsie and she is 95. His sister Ruby Fouts lives near in Dillon; she is 93 and dad is 92. They have three brothers and one sister that passed away. My son Adam asked me about their sister. He said he never seen any pictures. I explained to him that their sister Elsa was born in Switzerland. Not knowing she had heart problems, she

died when the family took her into the high Alps at a very young age. The family came to the United States shortly after through the gates of Ellis Island like so many s ancestors.

It surely was a nice reunion. When it came time to say goodbye, my Aunt Elsie hugged me and said to me, "I will see you again somewhere." Wow, I'm still thinking about what she said, it gives my faith even more hope.

I cooked Easter dinner for my sons and their families Saturday, trying to make time for their other family get-togethers. So I spent Easter on my own. I figured the best thing to do was go home, even if it is just around the corner from my home, and visit my dad. He wanted me to go with him out to the barn and grain the horses, which I gladly agreed to. It has been many a year since we walked out to the barn together – it absolutely made me feel sentimental but wonderful inside. So many of my memories growing up were out in those corrals and in that old horse barn. We have three horses in the corrals right now. As we walked past them, dad would pat them each, talking to them as they were old friends. He put grain in three stall boxes,

opened the doors to the barn and yelled at the horses and they came quietly, single file into the barn, going right into each stall they claim. No halters, no ties; he just plays with them as they eat, then they file back out of the barn back to the field.

I said to dad "you need to be careful out here by yourself, one of them could knock you over or hurt you." He said to me, "that would be a good way to go." Looking at him smiling as he watched those horses and played with them is probably the best medication or therapy he could be doing at his age.

I asked him, "what happens if there are not any horses in heaven dad?" He said to me, "wouldn't be heaven then."

So what have we learned this fine week? You will always be free to choose, but you will never be free from the consequences of your choices. To be so happy that when others look at you they become happy too. To find the song in your heart and ... sing it non-stop! A moment of patience in a moment of anger saves you thousands of moments of regret.

Do take the time to enjoy the new spring. So many new baby animals in the area pastures, trees budding out, spring flowers pop up – too good to miss.

## NRCS to provide \$332 million to protect and restore agricultural working lands, grasslands and wetlands

Submitted by Lisa McCauley  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION SERVICE

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is making available \$332 million in financial and technical assistance through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). ACEP applications may be submitted at any time to NRCS; however, applications for the current funding cycle must be submitted on or before May 15, 2015.

ACEP easements help ensure productive farm and ranch lands remain in agriculture and protect the critical wetlands and grasslands, home to diverse wildlife and plant species.

The 2014 Farm Bill consolidated three previous conservation easement programs into ACEP to make it easier for diverse agricultural landowners to fully benefit from conservation initiatives. In fiscal year 2014, NRCS

used \$328 million in ACEP funding to enroll an estimated 145,000 acres of farmland, grassland and wetlands through 485 new easements.

ACEP's agricultural land easements not only protect the long-term viability of the nation's food supply by preventing conversion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses, but they also support environmental quality, historic preservation, wildlife habitat and protection of open space. American Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs are eligible to partner with NRCS to purchase conservation easements.

A key change under the new agricultural land easement component is the new "grasslands of special environmental significance" that will protect high-quality

grasslands that are under threat of conversion to cropping, urban development and other non-grazing uses.

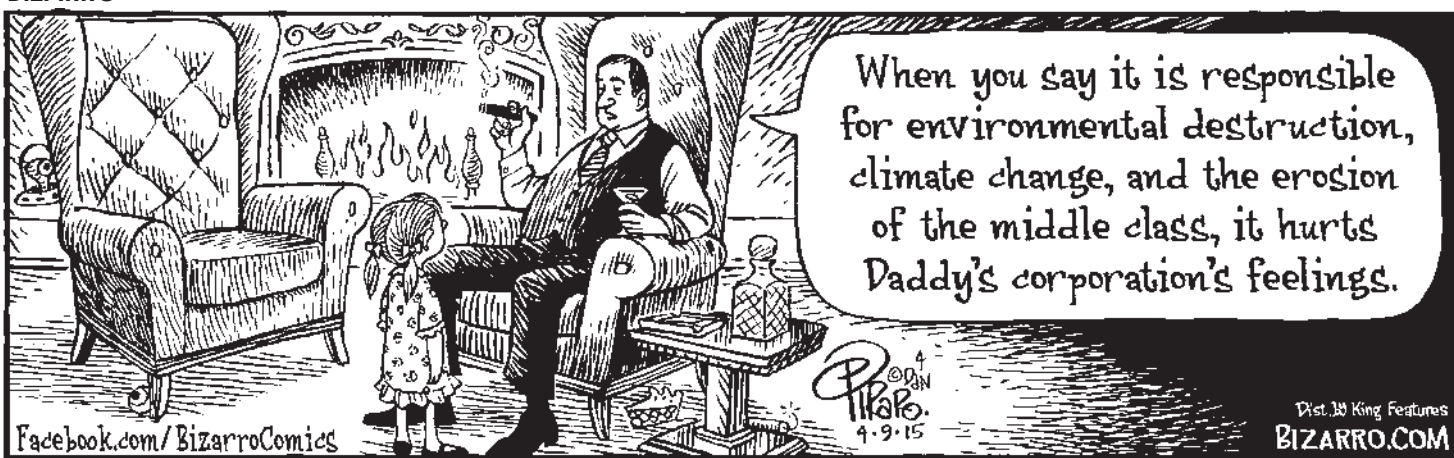
Wetland reserve easements allow landowners to successfully enhance and protect habitat for wildlife on their lands, reduce impacts from flooding, recharge groundwater and provide outdoor recreational and educational opportunities. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance directly to private and tribal landowners to restore, protect and enhance wetlands through the purchase of these easements. Eligible landowners can choose to enroll in a permanent or 30-year easement; tribal landowners also have the option of enrolling in 30-year contracts.

To learn about ACEP and other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted) or your local USDA Service Center.

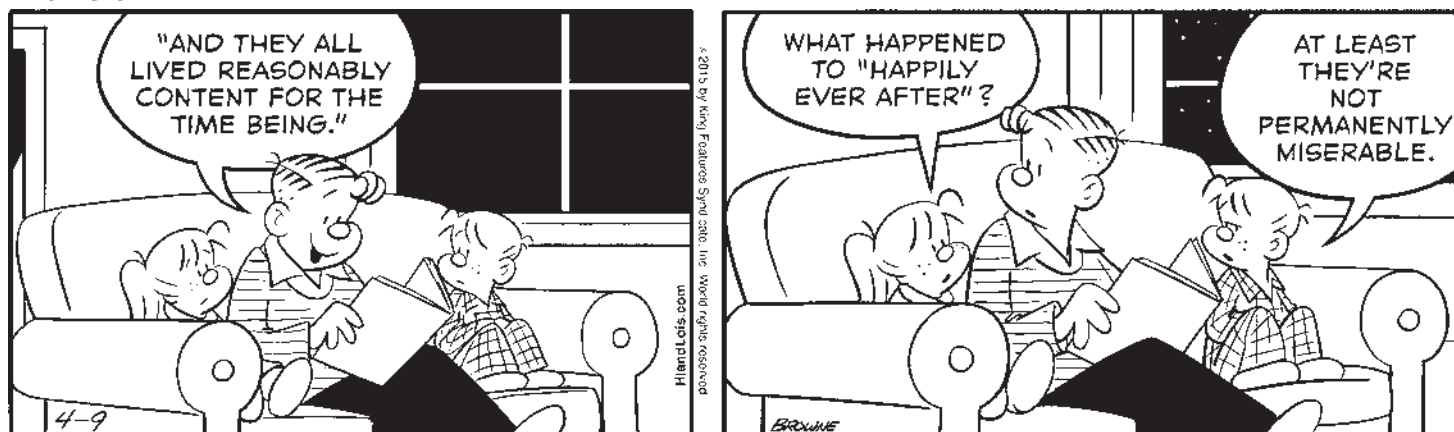


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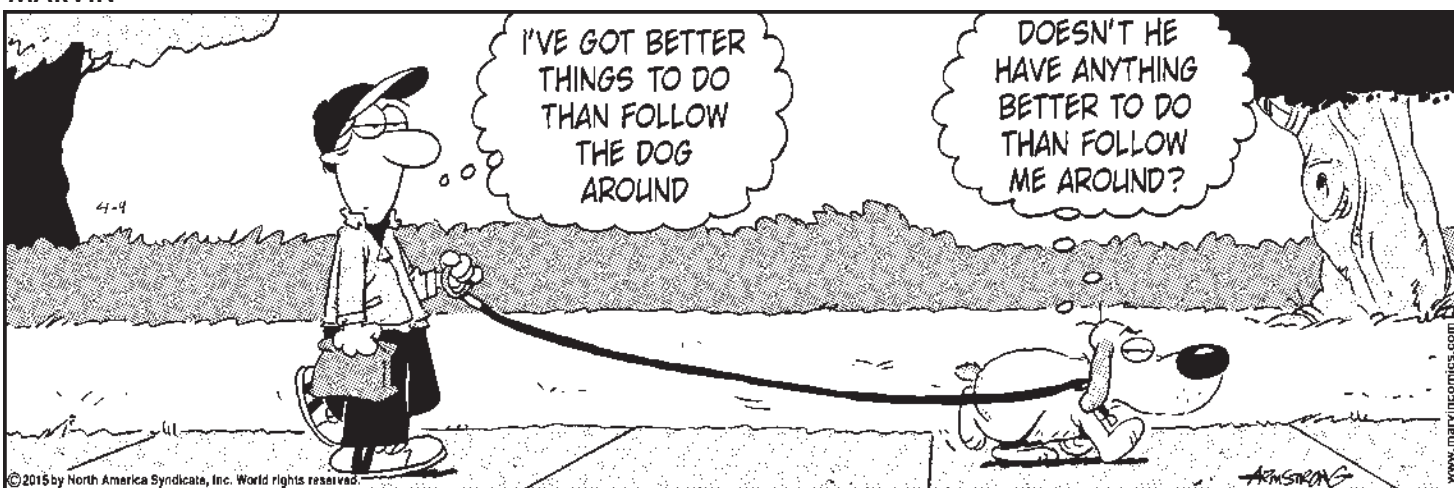
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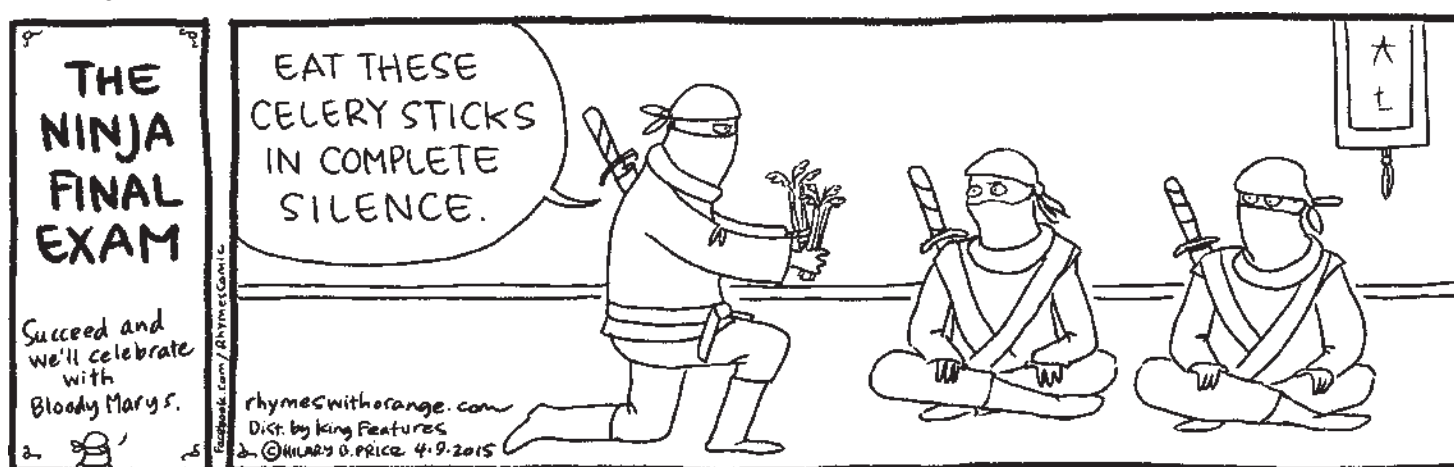
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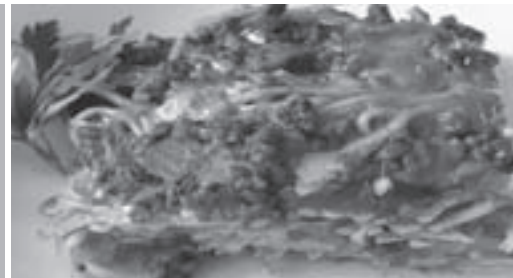
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Patti Smith  
 Calhoun, GA  
 (pop. 15,650)

- Janet

**Baked Spaghetti**

**What You Need**

- 16 oz cooked spaghetti
- 1 c chopped onions
- 1 c green peppers
- 1 tsp margarine
- 1 can (28 oz) chopped tomatoes
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 clove garlic (or 1/2 tsp garlic seasoning)
- 1 lb cooked ground beef (can substitute chicken or Italian sausage)
- 2 c mozzarella cheese
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup (use cream of chicken if using chicken)
- 1/2 c water
- 1/2 c Parmesan cheese

**Directions**

- Saute onion and green pepper in margarine.
- Add tomatoes, oregano, garlic and beef. Simmer for 10 minutes.
- Stir occasionally to keep from sticking.
- Place 1/2 cooked spaghetti in bottom of greased 9 X 13 inch pan. Top with 1/2 of veggie/meat mixture.
- Next top with 1 cup mozzarella cheese.
- Repeat layers.
- Mix soup and water together. Spread over casserole.
- Top with Parmesan cheese.
- Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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The Madison County Weed Board will be accepting applications for Field Crew Personnel for the 2015 season. Employment may be from May 4, 2015 to September 30, 2015 at 40 hour/week. Employment Applications and job descriptions are available at the Weed Board Office at; 2296 Hwy. 287, Alder, MT. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. April 16, 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 24-3-b

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 16, 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 24-3-b

Help Wanted  
Seeking administrative assistant for property owners' association. Schedule varies from 6 months full time (May to Oct) to possible part time in winter. Applicants should have working knowledge of basic general office software and management fundamentals. Excellent communication and organizational skills required. Pay commensurate with experience and skill level. Email inquiries and resumes to [tc@sunwestranchpoa.com](mailto:tc@sunwestranchpoa.com) 24-2-b

Help Wanted: Twin Bridges Kid Country Daycare is seeking one temporary full-time position. This position would be approximately 40 hours/week starting as soon as possible and continuing through August. Applicant must be 18 years or older CPR/First Aide is a plus. Please call Molly Pritchard for more information. 684-5353 or send resume to Kid Country Daycare P. O. box 296 Twin Bridges, MT 59754 24-2-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](http://www.rubyvalleyhospital.com) for details about this position. The Ruby Valley Hospital is an equal opportunity provider. 23-2-b

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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

The Ruby Valley Hospital has the following position open:  
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## ESTATE SALES

  
Two Estate Sales in Butte April 16, 17 & 18th. Watch for Updates [www.AbleEstateSales.com](http://www.AbleEstateSales.com) Mike and Cheryl Gordon 842-5251

## SERVICES

Madison Valley Caring & Sharing Hours: Mon. Noon-2:00 p.m. Sat. 9-11:00 a.m. Wed. 6-8 p.m. Lone Elk Mall, Unit 4. Ennis. 682-7844 30-tfc-b

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**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) mcbw MNAXLP

County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: \*Madison County Planning Office, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City; \*Sheridan Public Library, 107 E Hamilton St, Sheridan Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. April 9, 16 2015) mcpb MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice of amendment increasing opencut mining acreage: Titan Inc., Operator John Roberts #6 Depot Road Ennis MT 59729 (406) 682-7714 has filed an amendment to add to the acreage (18.0 Amendment acres) for Titan Materials opencut mining pit. Permit # 1728, legal description: Madison County sec8, Township 6S, Range 1W. Access point is off of public highway 287. The materials to be removed are gravel. The estimated volume of soil to be striped is 38,612

cubic yards of Mine Level soil (1,076 cubic yards of Mine-Level soil per acre) 0-Facility, 0-Overburden for 20 + year duration. A copy of the application for the proposed operation can be viewed at http://searchopencutpermits.mt.gov or contact the Department of Environmental Quality at PO Box 200901 Helena MT 59620 (406) 444-4970 A map of this location and the surrounding area can be viewed at http://svc.mt.gov/msl/mtcadastral/ (Pub. April 9, 16 2015) tc MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Dillon Unit Office is seeking comments on a proposed land exchange involving state owned trust lands and private lands owned by SRI River Holdings LLC (formerly known as Hamilton Ranch) located in Madison County, Montana. Approximately 608 acres of state owned trust lands described below: Township 3 South, Range 6 West (Madison County) Section 16, E2 NE 4, (less riverbed), 80 acres Section 20, NE4NE 4, W2E2, NW4, SW4, 520 acres

Section 29, NW4NW4, (North of the Melrose-Twin Bridges Road) 8 acres The above state trust land is proposed to be exchanged for approximately 861.48 acres of private land described below as: Township 1 South, Range 7 West (Madison County) Section 30, Lots 1-4, E2W2, E2, (All), 630 acres Township 1 South, Range 8 West (Silverbow County) Section 25, SE4NE4, E2SE4, 120.48 acres Township 4 South, Range 7 West (Madison County) Section 11, (to be described by survey), 111 acres This notice serves to solicit public comments on the intent to prepare an EA for the State parcels listed above. Written comments may be sent or emailed to, and further information including maps can be obtained from: Tim Egan, Dillon Unit Manager MT DNRC - Dillon Unit Office 840 North Montana St Dillon, MT 59725 or via e-mail at tegam@mt.gov Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 8, 2015. (Pub. April 9, 16, 2015) ddnrc MNAXLP

**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 Kruer 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 KRUER Attorney for Personal Representative (Pub. March 26, April 2, 9, 2015) kif

**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 the 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 MNAXLP

**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& MNAXLP

**MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the Commissioners meeting room of the Madison County Broadway Annex, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Drinville Lot 1B Subdivision (a subsequent minor subdivision) to subdivide 72.96 acres into 2 lots in the N1/2, Section 36, Township 4 S, Range 5 W, P1M. Located approximately 1 mile south of Sheridan. Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on April 27, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison

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**Notice of the 15th Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.**

To Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

You are hereby notified that the 15th Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc., P.O. Box 129, Belgrade, MT 59714, will be held on April 9th, 2015 at the Townsend Fairgrounds, 4H building, 1.5 miles E. on Hwy 12, Townsend, Montana. Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. for transaction of any business that may properly come before the meeting.

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 Fliikkema, Bozeman, are up for re-election. Any one interested in becoming a board member, please contact any of the Board of Directors.
2. Audited Financial Report
3. Managers Report
4. Board of Directors Report
5. Door Prizes

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By Order of the Board of Directors  
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# Madison Valley 4-H shooting sports

Submitted by Brooke Sangray  
MADISON WRANGLERS 4-H

The Ennis area Madison Valley 4-H shooting sports season started on Dec. 1, 2014. There were 13 boys and seven girls in archery, five boys and one girl in air rifle and two boys in air pistol from the two Madison Valley 4-H clubs. Practices

were held on Mondays and Tuesdays and Wednesdays for air rifle and pistol. Countless hours were spent at practice. Kids and teens enjoyed seeing their skills improve as the weeks of shooting passed on. For the archers, the beginners started with misses and narrowed it down to the blue, red and yellow, which

are high scoring places, while experienced shooters tried their hardest to hit the center of the target every time. For the rifle and pistol the bullseye were the focus.

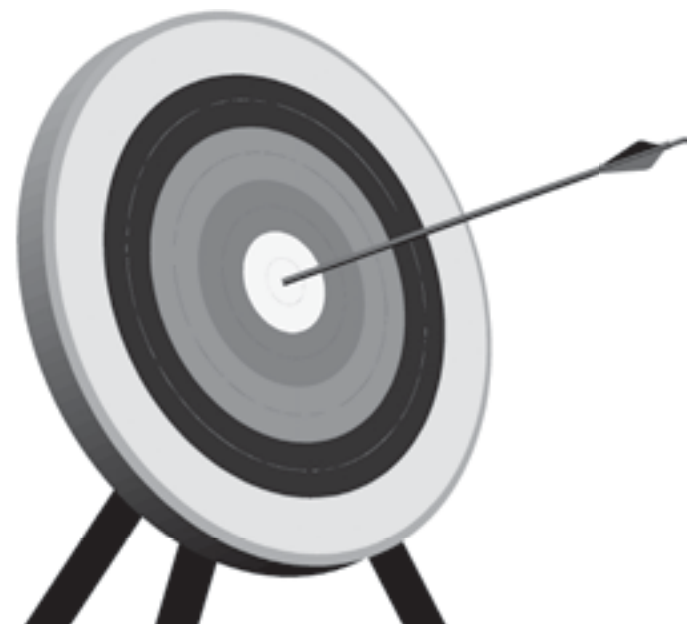
Competition started with the first shoot of the season on Jan. 17 in Sheridan. Ennis hosted a competition on Jan. 24. There were 112 archery shooters from across the state that traveled to partake in the excitement. There were also 14 coaches and parents who shot for fun also. From there, the kids competed in Helena, Big Timber, Fort Benton, Kalispell, Dillon, Billings, Hamilton and Ekalaka.

The state shoot was held in Bozeman on March 6 - 8 with hundreds of competitors in attendance. The archery took place at Big Sky Archery and the air sports were shot at the Fairgrounds in Bozeman. The Madison Valley Shooting Sports Club sent 10 archers, two rifle and two pistol competitors to the state shoot and they brought back several awards. The season wrapped up with

the Fair Shoot that was held in Twin Bridges on March 14, 2015. The awards for the Fair Shoot will be announced during the Madison County Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. Many improvements were made by all the archers throughout the season. Personal best scores were made and broken again.

There will be some 3-D shoots this summer that the kids will take part in. The Montana Qualifier for Archery will be held May 3 in Livingston where the kids 14 to 18-years-old will compete to make Montana's Archery teams that will go to the national event in June. All the kids are eagerly looking forward to next year to continue improving on their skills and competing against each other.

But the season is not done yet. There is plenty of warm weather coming up for the shotgun shooters to master their techniques with coach Leif Funston. Good luck to you and we will tell your tale in articles to come.



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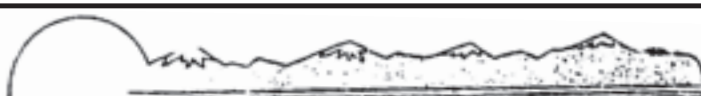


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**Rascals, Ruffians, and Rebels Part 2: Montana History | Gary Forney | Tuesday, April 21 | 6-8pm | Rm, 19, Jr. High | \$10**

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**Workshops Coming Up:**

- From Clusters of People to Globalization: Socio-Cultural Evolution-John Kolstoe, April 28, 6-8 pm
- Composting in the Madison Valley: Kaye Suzuki, May 16
- Thai Massage: Jen Davies, May 2
- Foraging In The Field: Hike with Kay Gogerty and Discover the Edible Herbs of Our Madison Valley, May 23
- Bee Keeping Workshop: Jona Khaosanga, May 9
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# EGG HUNTS AROUND THE COUNTY



Submitted by Bobbie Dirks

Twenty courageous children braved the weather to join the Easter Bunny on Virginia City's Boot Hill Sunday afternoon. Folks from Sheridan to Bozeman gathered with friends and family to enjoy the egg hunt. The event, sponsored by the Vigilance Club of Virginia City, was held with the help of numerous members of the community who stuffed and hid eggs, organized, checked in, distributed prizes and cleaned up afterward. Grand prizes were awarded to Patrick Steely and Harper Leonard while Jamison Sturgis, Creed Allen and Lane Hitchcock found the prize eggs. Lana Kober-Atkins of Graceful Doves in Flight for concluded the event with the release of white doves.



Submitted by Gail Banks

The Dustin family from Silver Star hosts a community Easter egg hunt every year – this year was the 21st. They have nearly 3,000 eggs for the hunt. The eggs are filled with play money that the kids then use at an auction to buy goodies.



Submitted by Amy Pack Young

Sheridan community members gather at the Kiwanis Park in downtown Sheridan for an Easter egg hunt headed up by Kim Nixon and Lynda Johnston. The event started off with a parade and then there was an egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny and games.

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**Laurin Canyon Rd - Sheridan - \$257,000**  
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**E. Hamilton - Sheridan - \$275,000**  
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**Miller Canyon Rd -Three Forks - \$290,000**  
3 bd 2 ba, 1300sf • 20 ac. with add 10 ac avail. • alternative energy • fishing property, borders river • no covenants



**Green Acres Ln - McAllister - \$275,000**  
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**5 Kildeer Court - Ennis - \$344,500**  
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## 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

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAYS

**Open Table Tennis, Pony** 7 - 9 p.m.  
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**TOPS, Ennis**  
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## 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.

## TUESDAY APRIL 14

**EAA meeting, Jeffers**  
Ennis Arts Association will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Church in Jeffers. Program is a collage workshop by Kathy Carpenter Green. Bring old photos, scissors and a potluck item. For more information call Kathy at 682-4985.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

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

## 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.

## TUESDAY APRIL 21

**Rascals, Ruffians and Rebels: Montana History, Ennis**  
6 p.m. in room 19, junior high at Ennis School. Presented by Gary Forney. This workshop class will continue to explore the lives of a few more of the famous and the infamous characters that shaped Montana's turbulent early years. Whether you were lucky enough to have been born here, or just lucky enough to move here, this class will help you to have a better understanding of early Montana and will separate facts from popular myths.

## FRIDAY APRIL 24

**Youth writing workshop and program, 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.

## SATURDAY APRIL 25

**Lions Club Auction, Ennis**  
9 a.m., Ennis Rodeo Polebarn. The Lions Auction is a collection of donated items collected for the past year, stored and brought to the auction. Items for sale are appliances, furniture, hardware, building materials and other items that are donated. Loren Tucker and Dan Reinohl will be the auctioneers. Lunch will be available. Come out and support the largest Lions Club fundraiser of the year.

**Spay/Neuter Clinic, Ennis**  
8:30 a.m. at Ennis Town Hall. Low cost spay/neuter clinic. Call 599-4893 for more information.

**Liberty Lanes, Ennis**  
11 a.m., Madison Valley Public Library. Robin Troy will discuss her book Liberty Lanes. It is about a bowling alley in a small Montana town and how the lives of the bowlers intertwine.

## TUESDAY APRIL 28

**Clusters of people to globalization, Ennis**  
6 p.m., Ennis School. There will be a discussion about mankind being dragged, kicking and screaming, into each new stage of its ongoing

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## SATURDAY MAY 2

**Speaker, Ennis**  
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