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SENATE BILL 264

After passing the Senate and a first reading in the House, SB 264 tabled in committee

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Senate Bill 264 was tabled by the House Appropriations Committee on Friday, April 17, which effectively means the bill is in limbo, according to Rep. Ray Shaw from Sheridan. "Right now, it's not going anywhere," Shaw said.

"It did not pass out of that committee, so it's dead."

SB 264 would have re-allocated bed tax and vehicle

tax funds – currently those taxes, which total approximately \$24 million, go directly to the general fund. The bill initially proposed 40 percent of those funds stay in the general fund, while the remaining 60 percent be invested in culture, tourism advertising and preserving Montana's historical infrastructure, like structures in Virginia City and Nevada City.

In March, the Senate Finance and Claims Committee cut the bill so each agency represented would receive 1 percent of the \$24 million and 93 percent would go directly to the general fund. Shaw said it was also amended so Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks was responsible for administering the money instead of the Department of Commerce.

The bill then passed the Senate and traveled to the House, where it passed a first reading. Though Shaw voted against SB 264 when it passed the house floor, he said he supports seeing money go to Virginia City and Nevada City, he just did not support the amendment that cut funding and left the

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"It's too bad that 264 did not pass and that it got tabled... We're going to keep fighting for and working for Virginia City and Nevada City."

- Rep. Ray Shaw, HD 71

BROZOVICH MOVES TO THE MADISON

FWP looks to fill vacated Ruby Valley game warden position

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August 2015 would have marked Shane Brozovich's ninth year as the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks game warden in the Ruby Valley. However, at the end of March, Brozovich accepted the position of Madison Valley game warden, filling the vacancy left when Ryan Gosse moved out of state. "I am very pleased to have a veteran warden interested in moving to the Ennis district," said FWP region three Supervi-

sor Sam Sheppard. "(Brozovich) has spent years working directly with (Gosse) in the area and brings a great deal of experience with him. He has already hit the ground running and is getting involved in the community." Brozovich grew up in Whitehall and started his career as a game warden in Jordan. After two years in Jordan, Brozovich returned home to Southwest Montana as the Ruby Valley game warden. "I really appreciate what Shane has done over here,"

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Sheridan Town Council appoints new board member, Robert Stump

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When former Sheridan council member Tom Shaffer accepted the role of interim mayor for the town, his moved created a vacancy on the board, which was filled by Robert Stump at the Sheridan Town Council meeting on April 13. "I think he'll be a great addition," said Shaffer about Stump joining the council. "He's around town a lot and has time on his hands to help with any issues that arise throughout the week. I think he'll be a great addition."

Shaffer said the town reached out to a few people to see if anyone was interested in the position. "We had two applicants," he said. "Since one of them was a direct relative of our public works director, we eliminated them because of nepotism. We selected (Stump)." Stump is a Montana native – born and raised in Helena. He and his wife, Donna, retired to the Ruby Valley in 2011 to be close to their sons who live in Bozeman. They also love the area and know it well

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SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD



Courtesy of Rodney Braaten

Students in Sheridan's ag construction class replace parts of the school's sidewalk as part of a unit where they learned to pour concrete.

Ag students maintain sidewalks, board completes and discusses safety-related construction

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At the Sheridan School Board meeting on April 14, Superintendent Mike Wetherbee informed the board about a construction project the high school ag class recently completed on the school sidewalks. "We have sidewalks out front that are aging terribly," he said. "The ag program goes out

and identifies pieces of sidewalk that are bad. The city pulls the sidewalk out and the ag kids come in and replace them." Wetherbee said the students recently poured the concrete and that the new sidewalks are a huge improvement, a sentiment shared by board chair Rhonda Boyd. "They did a great job," Boyd said. "The sidewalk looks great." Boyd said she believes

the project is a huge benefit to the ag students. "I think it's a tremendous project," she said. "The kids are proud of it and they learn valuable life skills and valuable career skills doing it." Rodney Braaten, Sheridan's ag teacher, said the school offers an ag construction class to juniors and seniors every other year. "In this yearlong class, we cover several aspects of

construction," Braaten told *The Madisonian*. "Students do units in surveying, concrete, wood construction framing, electrical wiring, plumbing, roofing and masonry. Throughout the class, we try to have several hands-on applications of the content we cover in the class. Each year we have done a needed concrete project at the school. This year, a few sections of the sidewalk

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SAPROLIGNIA IN THE BIG HOLE

Record-high brown trout population contributed to spread of fungus last fall



Courtesy of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Record-high brown trout population numbers most likely led to the spread of a fungus in the Big Hole.

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Though an outbreak of a fungal infection known as Saprolognia occurred on the Big Hole River last fall and impacted brown trout, the population in the river is only slightly below average, according to a press release from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. "Through their spring population surveys, fisher-

ies biologists have recorded a notable drop in the brown trout population in that area," the release stated. "However, they conclude that the previous record-high brown trout population in the river likely contributed to the spread of the fungus in 2014." Saprolognia is a fungus present in nearly all waters at all times of the year, but the immune systems of healthy, non-stressed fish are able to combat the disease.

"Generally Saprolognia infects fish that are already diseased, stressed, or otherwise weakened," according to the FWP. "The infection appears as large, white, cotton-like blotches on the skin and fins." High numbers of brown trout most likely led to the outbreak in the first place, according to FWP fisheries biologist Travis Horton. "Like with any animal population, they start to get sick," he said.

The release expanded on Horton's statement. "High population densities lead to close proximity of fish and higher spore production from the fungus, particularly at spawning areas, leading to increased transmission of the disease between individuals. The high density of fish also likely lead to poorer condition of the fish going into the spawning season, and thus greater

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FWP to administer the money. "First of all, it got amended to reduce the amount we would get to 1 percent," Shaw said. "Then, it was going to have the money be administered by the FWP – that money needed to stay with the Department of Commerce." Though Shaw voted against it, the bill passed its

first reading and moved to the House Appropriations Committee, where it was tabled. According to Montana Heritage Commission chair person Marilyn Ross, the House Appropriations Committee would have to choose to take the bill out of being tabled and pass it with a majority vote for it to move to the Governor's desk. "Right now they have the

option to take it out from being tabled," Ross said. "We don't know if they will revisit it or not though. If the worst happens (and it remains tabled and dies) the MHC will still get its usual funding of \$400,000 from the bed tax, we just won't get a bump up from the general fund." Shaw said the bill "would have been a good thing" for Madison County.

"It's too bad that 264 did not pass and that it got tabled," Shaw said. "There are people who want to leave that money where it is, but at the same time, it would have been really important to Virginia City and Nevada City to have the money come back there and stay there. We're going to keep fighting for and working for Virginia City and Nevada City."



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The Montana Heritage Commission was one of the benefactors of the proposed Senate Bill 264 – the bill is currently in limbo because it was tabled by the House Appropriations Committee.

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needed replaced because of heaving caused by tree roots."

Safety in the school

The board also awarded a contract to a company to complete the installation of magnetic locks on the elementary school hallway doors, which is part of the board's overall plan to get magnetic locks on all the school's exterior doors.

"The doors work with fobs – a computer chip opens the door and they can be deactivated if a key goes missing," Wetherbee explained. "The secretaries can lockdown the building with the click of a button."

The actual work on the hallway doors will take place early this summer, Wetherbee added.

The board also discussed the feasibility of constructing an enclosed walkway from the C.B. Murray building to

the high school – currently access between the buildings involves walking outside.

"For security reasons it is safer if you don't have kids walking outdoors," Boyd explained.

Wetherbee said the estimated cost to construct an enclosed walkway is around \$110,000, to which the board was not willing to commit.

"We had an architect render a design for us," he said. "But now we're look-

ing at other options. When we look at our overall safety plan, that area becomes an issue."

Wetherbee said the board will consider alternatives in the future.

"We might enclose the campus with a fence or construct a barrier between the building and the road," he said. "It's an opportunity to think about the safety of the building and access. The board decided to look at other options down the road."

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said Ruby Valley sportsman Dan Crismore. "He handles himself well and works good with the public."

Crismore said one example of how Brozovich handles himself occurs every hunting season.

"When he was going into the Upper Ruby, he would stop and introduce himself to every hunting camp along the road," Crismore said. "That did two things. It made everyone realize that the game warden is not a bad guy and then if

anyone had any intention of poaching they thought twice about it because they knew the game warden was around."

Brozovich said he is excited to get to work in the Madison Valley.

"I'm ready to meet landowners and sportsmen on the Madison side," he said. "I look forward to getting on the ground."

Brozovich said he is ready for hunting season, though he acknowledges it will be different than what he is used to from the Ruby Valley.

"It will be a little differ-

ent because we don't have hunters down on the flats like there are (in the Madison Valley)," he said. "It will be really important to have good landowner relationships."

FWP region three warden sergeant Joe Knarr said he thinks Brozovich's transfer is a "good move."

"In our system, when there is an opening the already-existing wardens get the first shot at it," he explained. "We fly it internally. In this case, (Brozovich) was the only one who applied for it."

Knarr said the Madi-

son district is very important to the department.

"It has the busiest, most used river in the region, even in the state, I believe," he said. "Then we shift right into the hunting season ... It's a high profile, super high usage district."

There is no set timeline for replacing Brozovich in the Ruby Valley, Knarr said.

"It could be pretty quick if we get someone internally," he said. "If we have to go through open hire it could be several months or longer until we see someone there."

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– Stump has spent more than 45 years hunting, fishing and camping in the Upper Ruby.

"We love living here," Stump wrote in a letter to the town council, indicating his interest in the position. "(We) plan to spend the rest of our lives here."

Though Stump has never served on a council, he said he believes he has the knowledge, skills and commitment necessary to complement the existing council members.

"I am interested in serving on the Sheridan Town Council to fulfill a desire for involvement in community affairs and

as a way to give back to our new community," he wrote. "Serving on the council would also provide a greater understanding of the issues facing the community. I have the free time necessary to fulfill the commitment to council business."

When Stump spoke to *The Madisonian*, he said he hopes

he can bring a new, fresh perspective to the council.

"Once the Main Street project is done, we'll all be like, what's next?" Stump said. "How can we keep making this an even better place to live? From attracting businesses to making the actual town more appealing with clean up days and things like that."

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susceptibility to the disease."

Fish in the Melrose area of the Big Hole River were at record levels in the spring of 2014 before the outbreak – 1,871 fish per mile compared to long-term averages of 960 per mile. Now, the 2015 population survey shows 824 brown trout per mile.

"While the decline from 2014 to 2015 was notable, the population is still only slightly

below the long-term average for brown trout density," explained FWP biologist Jim Olsen. "At the same time, rainbow trout density actually increased in that area from 291 fish per mile in 2014 to 436 fish per mile in 2015."

Horton said most recreationists will not notice a difference when fishing the river.

"Fish numbers are still good and only slightly below the long term average," he said. "Now there's more food

to go around so we may start seeing some larger fish."

Since the fungus only impacted spawning brown trout and a few spawning mountain whitefish, there are still many smaller fish in the 10 – 13 inch range.

"Further, the decline in brown trout numbers will result in more food resources being available for larger brown trout that survived the disease outbreak," the release concludes. "FWP will conduct ad-

ditional monitoring in the fall of 2015 to determine if the fungus outbreak is still present."

Horton said anglers should not expect to see any fish with the fungus this spring – the fungus generally happens when fish are spawning, and brown trout spawn in the fall.

"(The fungus) has most likely run its course," he said. "I don't expect it to happen again."

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Douglas McGregor
April 15, 1930 - March 21, 2015



Douglas Walter McGregor was born on April 15, 1930, to Floyd and Adeline McGregor.

He grew up in Sheridan, where his father was an agronomist for Ferry Morse Seed Co. His mother was the first woman pharmacy graduate from the University of Montana in Missoula.

Doug went to school at the University of Montana, where he met his wonderful wife of 59 years, Barbara Bartels. They moved to Ames, Iowa, where Barb finished her degree and Doug received a degree in veterinary medicine. In 1963 they moved to

Billings where they eventually started and operated both the Shiloh and Rimrock Veterinary Clinics. They lived on Yellowstone Avenue, only one half block from St. Pius X Church, yet they still managed to usually be late.

Doug served as a signalman in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War during the first testing of the hydrogen bomb at the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. He earned several medals and was honorably discharged.

Although he took his family fishing, hunting and skiing, his favorite thing to do was golf. Every year he held a family reunion and golf tournament called the McGregor Open, which he usually won.

Douglas is survived by his wife Barbara; sons Stephen, Byron (Arlyne), John (Sandi), Mike (Juanita); daughters Kathy and Jennifer (Brian James); daughter-in-law Cindy. His grandchildren include Kristina, Tavi, Floyd, Megan, Russell, Shayla, Roy,

Barbara, Abigail, Brayden; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Joe; and sister MaryLynn (who died when she was only 2). Doug was a fine man who was loved and respected by all of them.

After a long illness, he died peacefully on the morning of March 21, 2015. He kept up a good spirit right until the very end, surrounded by his wife and kids. He is the kind of person you could count on to do the right

thing. He lived a good life. A vigil and memorial mass have already been held. Internment will be held in Sheridan this August.

Donations may be made to The First Tee Montana, St. Pius Church, or charity of choice. The family would like to express gratitude to Frontier Cancer Center, doctors and staff for their compassion and extended care. Memories may be shared with the family at www.dahlfuneralchapel.com

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Kevin Allen, project manager for the Sheridan Southeast project, is keeping us in the loop about the construction timeline. Allen said the light bases and conduit are in for the electrical and they will be dealing with some fiber optics this week to complete the remaining electrical. Construction on the curbs will be finished this week. Currently, the crew will work on pouring the valley gutter and then begin preparing and pouring the sidewalks. "All the storm drain is complete," Allen said. "Placement and finishing of the crushed aggregate will continue for the next two weeks. The job will start to clean up after that, and depending on an approved mix design, we could be paving the week of May 18 or 25."

ENNIS SCHOOL ELECTION

Dear Ennis Community,

The annual school election will be held from 12 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5th. There will be three items on this year's ballot. The three ballot issues are electing two trustees, a bus depreciation transfer and a general fund mill levy.

We are asking taxpayers to transfer \$300,000 from the bus depreciation fund to the flex fund for the purpose of remodeling and expanding the vo-tech building. Last spring we studied our school facility to determine what areas may need improvements or upgrades. Our elementary is in great shape since it is fairly new. We will do some upgrades in the high school this summer. They include all new shatter proof windows, new exterior doors, a secure front entrance similar to the elementary and an enclosed passageway between the high school and middle school. These changes will increase the safety of the high school for students and staff.

The area that needs the most work is our vo-tech building. It was built in the 1973 and needs some remodeling and expansion. In the past, 60% to 70% of our graduating seniors attend a four year university. About half the students starting college will complete the four year degree. We feel we need to give more opportunities for students wanting to go the vo-tech route. By expanding our vo-tech program, more students can become involved and may consider a career in a vo-tech field.

We have more money than needed in our bus depreciation so the \$300,000 transfer will not hurt that fund. The transfer will allow the district to put the money to better use in expanding the vo-tech building. The expansion will allow more students in vo-tech classes and will provide a safer facility due to the additional room. There will be no cost to the taxpayers since we are simply transferring the money from one fund to another.

The second ballot issue is a general fund mill levy. Our general fund is the main fund we use to pay salaries and benefits, purchase textbooks and do the basic maintenance and cleaning of the building. The \$77,000 mill levy will make up for the \$75,000 health insurance increase from last spring. If the mill levy passes, taxes will increase by \$2.84 a year on a \$200,000 home. If the levy fails, we will have to cut \$77,000 from our already tight general fund budget. Ennis School has not passed a general fund mill levy since 2006.

Our third ballot item is to elect two trustees to three year terms. Elijah Allen, Chad Coffman, Jim Frey and Kris Inman have filed petitions to run for the open trustee positions.

If you have any questions on any of the ballot issues, please feel free to contact Superintendent John Overstreet at 682-4258.

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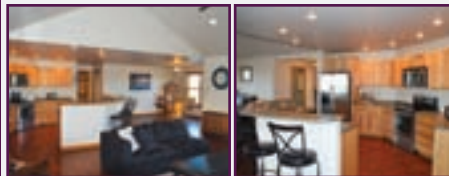
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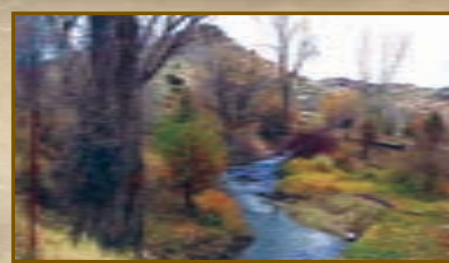
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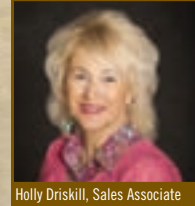
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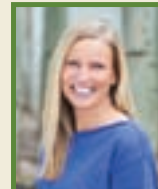
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LOCAL BASEBALL

Pronghorns go 1-0-1 to start the season

Submitted by Gene White

The Madison Valley Pronghorns 13-15 year old baseball season is under way. The pronghorns opened on the road vs. Big Timber on April 13. Trailing 5-0 after three innings Monday night, the Pronghorn offense was finally ignited by a pair of RBI singles from third baseman Kameron Elliott and right fielder Gus Dickinson in the top of the fourth. Center fielder Dylan Yerbich tied the game in the top of the fifth with a two RBI Triple before left fielder Jake Nye drove him in with a go ahead RBI single. Unfortunately, the lead did not last and Big Timber scored a pair in the bottom half of the fifth to tie the game. The

game ended 7-7 after five innings due to darkness.

Though the game on April 15 was postponed due to the weather, the Pronghorns turned in a terrific performance in their second game of the season routing Livingston 18-3 in Friday's home opener. Talon Fortner pitched four innings allowing three runs (two earned) striking out five batters and hitting 1-3 with a two RBI double in his season debut. Center fielder Dylan Yerbich reached base and scored four times going 3-3 with a triple, two singles and a walk. Third baseman Jake Nye was 2-3 with a walk and scored three times. The Gilmore brothers combined to reach bases eight times in eight at bats with short stop Charlie Gilman going 3-3

with a triple, two singles, one bb and three RBI and three runs scored and Will Gilman going 2-2 with a double, single, two bb, two RBI, and three runs respectively. Left fielder Jake Tope was 2-3 with a double, single and two runs scored and right fielder Gus Dickinson also contributed two hits going 2-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

The Pronghorns next home game is Friday April 24 against the Belgrade Grasshoppers.



Photo courtesy of Gene White

Austin Hughes delivers a pitch in the final inning of action on Friday night. The Madison Valley Pronghorns defeated Livingston 18-3 after five innings of play.

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Ennis volunteer ambulance service

Submitted by Nick Kallem

The Ennis Ambulance Service is holding its first mock emergency scenario for the Madison Valley and Ennis Schools Don't Text and Drive event. The scenario will highlight the dangers of distracted driving. Local Ennis students will portray victims of a terrible traffic accidents caused by the distracted driving. The Ennis ambulance will be called upon in a realistic drill, which will also include members of the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, Ennis Police Department and an aerial demonstration of Summit's life flight helicopter.

The event will take place at Ennis High School athletic field on May 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

NorthWestern Energy sponsors meeting on Madison River

Submitted by Butch Larcomb

Updates on projects along the Madison River, along with information about projected river flows in 2015, will be the focus of public meetings scheduled for Ennis and West Yellowstone in late April.

Officials and managers from NorthWestern Energy will join with representatives of state and federal agencies and other groups at the meetings.

Topics to be discussed include forecasted Madison River operations, fisheries health and abundance, Hebgen Dam repairs and other river-related issues. The meetings will also include question-and-answer sessions.

In Ennis, the meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at the El Western Conference Center.

In West Yellowstone, the meeting is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 at the Holiday Inn.

Bowhunter education in Ennis

Submitted by Al Noack

Anyone wanting to hunt with a bow in Montana must take a bow hunter education course. Classes will be held May 9 and 16, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 41 Noack Road in Ennis.

Students are required to read the bow hunter manual and complete the chapter reviews at the end of the manual by the start of the first class.

A parent or guardian of students 17 years old or younger must attend the first 30 minutes of the first class. Please dress for cold and wet weather both days, as we will be inside and outside and our weather can change in a hurry.

Students can pick up the manual at Shedhorn Sports or at any FWP office.

Sign up is online only. Go to the fwp.mt.gov website. Click on the education tab and follow the directions. Sign up closes May 5. Students do not have to have a bow to take this class.

Call Al Noack at 682-7352 with any questions.

Volunteer with 4-H

Submitted by Katherine Smith

The Madison-Jefferson extension office is currently looking for volunteers to help with the 4-H program.

Some of the open positions include family and consumer sciences, sewing/textiles, knitting, quilting, environmental and natural sciences, communication and expressive arts, animal sciences, plant sciences and more.

If any of these project areas interest you, or if you would like to get more information about being a 4-H volunteer please contact the Madison-Jefferson County Extension Office in Whitehall by phone at 287-3282.

MVMC to celebrate hospital week

Submitted by Dottie Fossel

May 11-17 the Madison Valley Medical Center will be celebrating hospital week. The first National Hospital Day was held on Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12, 1921. The idea was conceived in Chicago as a public health care event that encouraged trust in the city's hospitals after the Spanish Flu outbreak of 1918, which killed more than 600,000 Americans.

Today, every state celebrates National Hospital Week, which is sponsored by the National Hospital Association. It not only creates community awareness, but also honors every department and person in our medical center.

Country musician to perform in Sheridan

Submitted by Doris Fischer

Native of Eastern Montana. Country music star. National award-winning advocate for mental health and addiction recovery. Jason DeShaw will make a stop in Madison County on Thursday, May 14.

DeShaw will perform his Serenity in the Storm concert at 7 p.m. in the Sheridan High School gym. The performance is free and open to the public. A community dessert hour will follow. DeShaw will also perform earlier in the day on May 14 at an assembly for Madison County high school students in the Sheridan High School gym. Diagnosed in 2010 with alcoholism and

bipolar disorder, DeShaw has a story to tell. He sings and speaks of living with mental illness. His is a story of struggle, love and hope.

His visit closely coincides with a May 12-13 mental health workshop taking place at the University of Montana-Western in Dillon. For more information about the Dillon educational offerings, contact Jamie Flynn at 683-3780.

For more information about De-Shaw's visit to Madison County, contact Doris Fischer at 842-7161.

New face at RE/MAX

Submitted by Kristie Vessey

Kristie Vessey has recently joined RE/MAX Mountain Property as a Real Estate Associate after having completed the required courses in spring 2015.

In 2013, Vessey moved to Montana from Washington State with her husband Kevin, lab Hunter and quarter horse Amiga. As a native of Washington, Vessey grew up near the coast. After vacationing several times in Wyoming and Montana, the couple decided that this valley in Montana is the place they wanted to begin their new adventures.

Relay for Life in Madison County

Submitted by Jode Boyles Briggs

Relay for Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, is coming to Madison County again in 2015. Since 2005, Madison County residents have painted the town purple, raced plastic ducks, tasted wine and even moved a purple toilet all over the county. We have walked hundreds of miles in the dark around a track lined with lights of hope called luminaria. Relay is a part of and belongs to our community and binds us together in the hope of a cancer cure.

Rediscover the Heart of Relay when Madison County Relay for Life 2015 celebrates, remembers and fights back on Friday, June 19 at the Ennis High School track, 6 p.m. until midnight. Events will include a survivor/caregiver ice cream social, silent auction, survivor and caregiver lap, raffles and luminaria ceremony. For more information about relay please call Rachel Hammond, 373-8496 or go to RelayForLife.org/MadisonCountyMT.

If you, a family member or friend need assistance or information, please call the American Cancer at Society 1-800-227-2345. Trained cancer information specialists are available 24 hours a day to offer information, answer questions and provide support to those who call. Resources and support – your friends and neighbors – are available here in Madison County.



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A spring sunset over the Madison River lights the sky on fire in early April.

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ENNIS in WASHINGTON



Courtesy of Marnee Banks
Senators Jon Tester and Steve Daines met with high school students from Ennis High School on April 15. The students traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of the Close Up high school program. Close Up programs bring high school student groups to the nation's capital to give them an inside look at the federal government.


STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ENNIS



Jenna Snider is a sixth-grade student in the Ennis Middle School. The middle school student council elected Jenna as this week's Student of the Week for *The Madisonian* due to her many positive attributes. Some of Jenna's positive attributes that stand out to her teachers and peers include her politeness, sincerity and friendliness to all those around her. She puts others before herself and is a great friend and role model. Jenna also maintains exceptional grades, while being involved in many activities, such as wrestling and softball. Thanks for all you do, Jenna, to help make our school great!

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Saturday	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 30 to 35. Highs 50 to 60.
Sunday	Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers and a slight chance of rain showers. Highs 50 to 60. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.
Monday	Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers and a slight chance of rain showers. Highs 55 to 65. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Quote of the Week:

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Courtesy of Carol Delisi
Carol Delisi and her Arabian, Windy, go for a ride in the Ruby Valley.



Ruby Valley resident competes in endurance races with her Arabian horse, Windy

Abigail Dennis
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Carol Delisi grew up in the Midwest, longing for a horse while living in suburbia. She moved to Montana in 2000 and instantly embraced owning and riding horses.

It was a Spanish Mustang named Major who first got her into riding long distances. "I was totally comfortable on Major," she said. "We started riding longer distances and then I saw an article in a magazine about endurance riding."

Endurance riding is essentially a marathon on horseback. It is a trail race, usually 50 to 100 miles, where the horse and rider must complete veterinary checks along the way – the animal must be in good health to continue. The horse and rider must also finish in a set amount of time, depending on the distance of the race. There are also limited distance

races of 25 miles.

After her interest was piqued, Delisi purchased a book about the sport and joined the American Endurance Ride Conference. Almost instantly, another member of the AERC reached out to her and she ended up signing up for her first 25 mile ride in 2006 – she packed up Major and headed to the Bighorn Mountains.

"Major started out like a racehorse but then he made it clear to me that we weren't even going to finish 25 miles," she said. "We didn't complete the ride and I was disappointed. I was hooked on the sport but baffled because my horse wasn't."

Delisi returned home to the Ruby Valley and contemplated her options. Eventually, she traveled to a horse breeder near Bozeman

who also rides endurance. It was there that Delisi met Samrah, a black Arabian. "She and I clicked immediately," Delisi said. "We did over 650 miles in competition – that's exclusive of training."

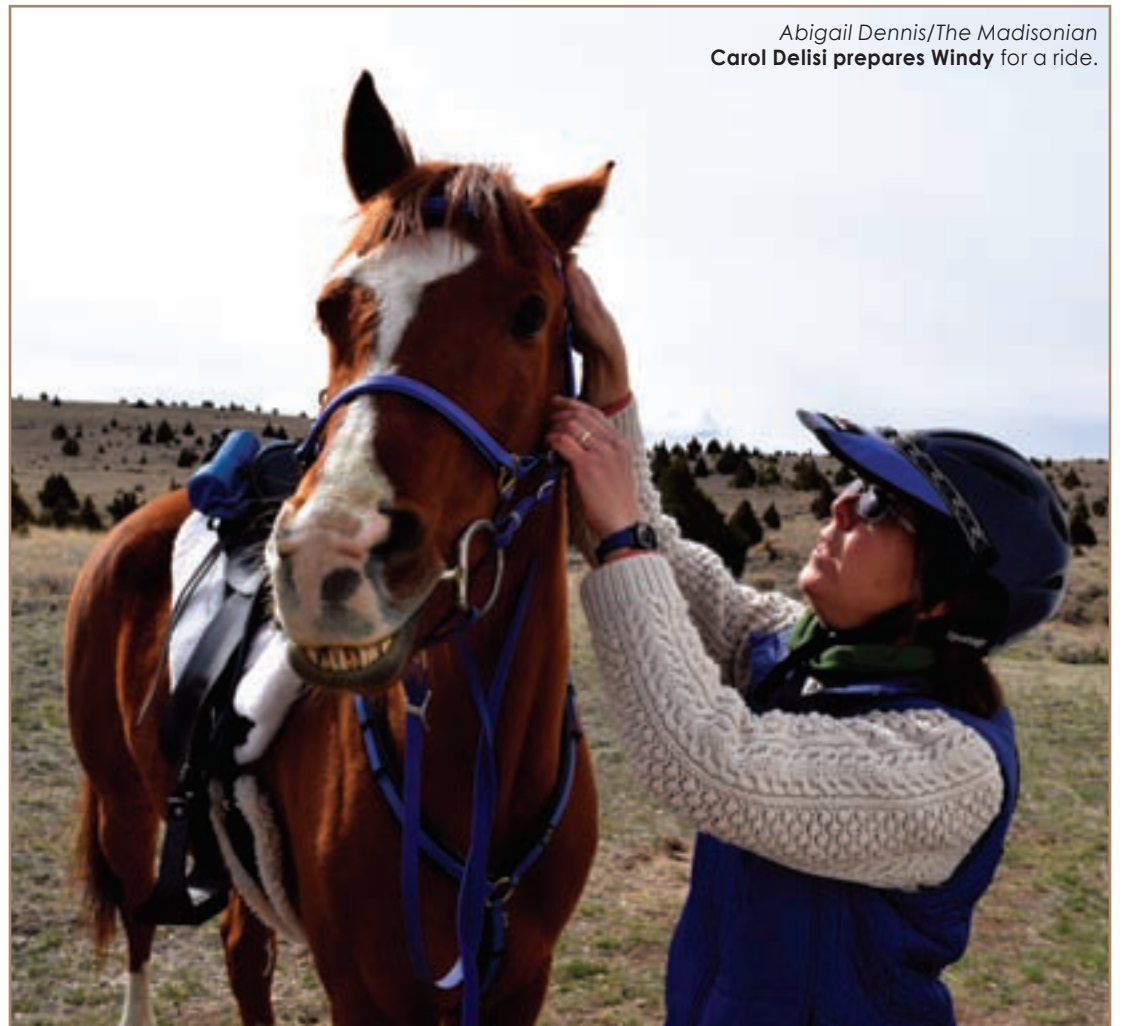
Samrah developed bad arthritis and Delisi had to make the difficult decision to put her down two years ago.

"I adored that horse so whoever came next had big shoes to fill," she said. "I'm not the most bold and I like being in control. I was looking for a steady horse. I knew I wanted a small mare."

*"I don't ride to win, I ride to complete. I want to see the country."
~ Carol Delisi*

Turn to MILES on pg. B8

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Carol Delisi prepares Windy for a ride.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

April is National Occupational Therapy Month

Submitted by Darci Sgrignoli, OTR/L

Occupational therapy is the only profession that helps people across their lifespan to do the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of daily activities (occupations). Occupational therapy practitioners enable people of all ages to live life to its fullest by helping them promote health and prevent – or live better with – injury, illness or disability. Common occupational

therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills and providing supports for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes. Occupational therapy services typically include:

- An individualized evaluation, during which the client/family and occupational therapist determine the person's goals.
- Customized intervention to improve the person's ability

to perform daily activities and reach the goals.

- An outcomes evaluation to ensure that the goals are being met and/or make changes to the intervention plan.

Occupational therapy practitioners have a holistic perspective, in which the focus is on adapting the environment and/or task to fit the person and the person is an integral part of the therapy team. It is an evidence-based practice deeply rooted in science. Unlike other professions, occupational therapy

helps people function in all of their environments (e.g., home, work, school, community) and addresses the physical, psychological and cognitive aspects of their well being through engagement in occupation. Occupational therapists help clients to regain function and independence in the following ways:

- Teach different methods of doing activities of daily living.
- Teach the use adaptive equipment such as a shower chair or modified keyboard.

- Assure safety at home with a home assessment.
- Recommend appropriate set up in the office or work place and assist with return to work after an injury.
- Fabricate a splint/brace to support, protect or improve use of the arm/hand after injury.
- Instruct in therapeutic exercises and activities to regain strength, movement and coordination of the arm/hand.
- Help fit one into an appropriate wheelchair.
- Educate family and caregivers on how to care

for loved ones with memory or mobility problems.

- Evaluate visual and memory deficits and provide training in compensatory strategies.
- Assess safe driving.
- Work with children in school systems.

For more information go to American Occupational Therapy Association website (www.aota.org) or contact the rehabilitation department at your local hospital.

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Healthy snacks for your little athletes

Submitted by StatePoint

Kids may seem to have boundless energy, but running around the soccer field or baseball diamond takes effort – and burns lots of calories. As a parent or coach, it is important to make sure kids are well fueled. They will play better on the field and feel better afterwards. Whether it is a practice game or the championship, come prepared with these fuss-free, nutritious, on-the-go snacks:

- Victory veggies: Bring veggies that are easy to eat, such as baby carrots, celery sticks and bell pepper slices. They provide valuable vitamins and nutrients, and they will not weigh down young athletes.
- First-place fruit: Oranges, tangerines,

watermelon and other juicy fruits are chock full of vitamins. And their high water content will help keep kids hydrated. Make these tasty fruit snacks even easier to eat by pre-slicing, pre-peeling and packing them in single-serve bags. Fun fact: olives, avocados and tomatoes are fruits.

- Winning flavor: Olives are central to the bold, heart-healthy flavors of the Mediterranean style diet. Often used in cooking or served at meals, they are also a terrific snack.
- Powerful protein: A boost of protein after vigorous physical activity helps repair muscles. A handful of almonds or a scoop of trail mix is easy to pack in a re-sealable plastic bag and delivers a nutritious dose of antioxidants and omega-3s.

Cheese sticks are another portable protein option.

- Replenish and rehydrate: While nourishment is important, do not overlook the importance of replenishing fluids and electrolytes lost during intense activity. Kids should quench their thirst throughout the game, especially in warmer weather. Water is always the best choice for hydration. To resupply necessary sodium, offer your little athlete a salty snack, like olives, as a healthful, simple and natural alternative to the less healthful go-to snack, chips.

Go easy on sports drinks, which can be loaded with calories and sugar and are generally unnecessary for the sports field except in the case of prolonged, vigorous exercise,

according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Whether you are prepping

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Submitted by StatePoint

These days, there is no reason why you cannot be both tech-savvy and an environmentalist. More gadgets and technical appliances are trending green, and this Earth Day is the perfect time to learn how you can adopt some of these innovations in your life.

To reduce your family's overall impact on the environment, consider this lineup of eco-friendly technologies:

Green apps

There are hundreds of apps designed to help you make earth-friendly lifestyle changes – including apps that help you stop the flow of junk mail to your home, to apps

that facilitate the reporting of environmental incidents to the correct authorities.

The Environmental Protection Agency is a good resource for finding and locating the best green apps. What is more, they offer developer tools for those wishing to make their own green apps using EPA data.

Solar chargers

You may rely on multiple devices to get you through the day, from your mobile phone to your tablet to your laptop. It is easy to keep these items running without draining electricity, even when you are on the go. Solar chargers come in all shapes and sizes these days – clam shell, tree branches, foldable – you can even buy a backpack or laptop case equipped with a solar panel. With so many manufacturers greening their offerings, consider taking stock of your tech gear this Earth Day and making eco-friendly swaps.

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By Art Kehler
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Peanuts gone nuts

The story of a rude awakening



The following events were recounted to me by a local woman (Dorothy) who lived in Pony during the drought years of the early 1990s. Throughout that period, the summer berry crops in the nearby Tobacco Root Mountains were paltry. Consequently, the sight of hungry bears in Pony's yards during the warmer months was not unusual.

Sure enough, around noon on a June day in 1993, Dorothy looked outside her house and spotted three black bears (a sow and two cubs) in her yard. She immediately noticed that the sow was large (an estimated 400 pounds). Before long, the anxious homeowner watched as the sow climbed the porch steps. Surprisingly, the hefty bruin then stood upright on her hind legs and traipsed on her hind legs and traipsed the length of the porch in the standing position. Upon reaching the rocking chair, the curious creature stopped in her tracks. Enter Peanuts!

As luck would have it, at that very moment, Peanuts, a calico-colored female cat, was sound asleep on the rocking chair – at peace with the world. Holding her breath, Dorothy watched as the curious sow bent down, snuggled her cold nose next to Peanuts' ear and ... sniffed. And that's when Peanuts went nuts!

Instantly, a blood-curling screech pierced the air. Her owner watched dumbstruck as old Peanuts (with no apparent means of propulsion) rose vertically into the air to a height nearly that of the porch ceiling. There, for a fraction of a second, the bug-eyed cat remained suspended with all four legs fully extended sideways, its tail rigid and every hair standing on end. Lastly, in a scene reminiscent of a Star Wars movie, Peanuts switched on the afterburners, exited the porch at warp factor velocity and vanished into thin air.

Understandably, the poor bruin was nearly startled out

of her wits. Offended at such a rude reception, the sow and her cubs promptly left in a huff. Directly, the bears jumped the neighbor's fence and entered a pasture where six sheep were grazing. Raised on a ranch, Dorothy knew that wasn't a good situation. So, with three shots over their heads from her trusty 410 shotgun, she encouraged the hairy panhandlers to head for the hills.

As for Peanuts, for the rest of the day, she was nowhere to be found. Finally, the next morning Dorothy became aware of piteous yowls coming from outside her house. It took a combination of sincere empathy, heartfelt assurances of safety, prolonged pleading and food offerings to coax the still-traumatized cat out from under the porch. For a long time, Peanuts avoided the rocking chair as though it was demon possessed.

Regrettably, within a few days, the hungry bruins returned. That night, determined to be rid of the pests for good, Dorothy mixed a handful of cayenne pepper into the cat's food and left it on the porch. Come morning, Peanut's food bowl was empty. Upon further inspection, Dorothy discovered a sputtering trail of still-steaming bear scat spread across the porch and down the steps. Moreover, she found numerous, recently scratched, bare patches on her lawn where the tormented critters had rubbed their sizzling noses into the dirt before departing. After that, the bears did not return.

All these many years later, Dorothy still feels badly for her cat. She even feels a twinge of regret concerning the motivational meal she served the bears. Even so, Dorothy can't suppress a smile when she thinks about the day Peanuts went nuts.

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NATURAL

Resource News

Submitted by Melissa Griffiths
MVRG WEED COMMITTEE

Effective herbicide application

We can probably all agree that noxious weeds are a nuisance and an issue that we wish we didn't have to deal with. Fortunately, there are several different methods of attacking these pests – mechanical, biological, chemical, etc. For many of us, chemical treatment is the preferred choice whether we hire a licensed commercial applicator or spray the herbicide ourselves. No matter who applies the herbicide, they have a great responsibility to apply it effectively and can optimize results by following some simple steps.

Let's start with the difference between effective, ineffective and excessive herbicide application. This is a situation where more is not better and can ultimately set back desirable vegetation

in the area where application occurs. Likewise, less than

the recommended amount can result in poor control (noxious weeds that survive the treatment) and ultimately be a waste of both time and money.

There are several steps that will help ensure an effective treatment – first, selecting the right herbicide for the job is important. Not all herbicides are effective on all weeds, so it's important to do a little homework before shopping. Second, the rate at which the herbicide is applied is critical to ensuring the best results. And, as is often the case, timing is important. There are times during the growing season when plants

are most susceptible and if you're striving to reduce seed production then that's a consideration as well.

Additionally, what you apply is just as important as how much and when you apply it! There are several herbicides that can be purchased without restriction, or over the counter as some might say. However, many are more strictly regulated and require purchasers to have a private applicator certification. This certification can be gained by attending an initial training or taking an exam.



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

No community is ever spared from the loss of losing family or friends to cancer. Sometimes it seems like there is so much cancer in our small communities that it nearly gets overwhelming. I hear people say, "Oh, there are cures for cancer out there, they just don't want to let them out because there is too much money to be made in cancer treatments." There are many very wealthy people that have lost their lives to cancer; if a treatment plan or cure was really out there, surely with their money they would have found it and

purchased it to save their lives. As far as treatments, I personally feel they have come so far, that it is amazing what is available. It seems that research needs to figure out "why" is there so much cancer and change it. It is really hard for me not to look at all of the processed foods and additives being added to our foods as to the whys of cancers. But I am not the person in research to answer this, I am just another one of the people hoping and praying that the cancer doesn't knock on any doors that I open. Although it seems to do that no mater what.

We have certainly lost way too many in our community to cancer – some types much more than others. In just a few years, I have lost three family members to pancreatic cancer and recently had another close relative diagnosed with it. I am so tired of asking and wondering why. Guess this ole' world is full of whys.

I was reading this weekend of some thing that money can't buy.

It said, "manners, morals, respect, character, common sense, trust, patience, class, integrity, love and health." Seems very true.

Did you watch the ACM awards Sunday night on TV? I thought they were really good this year – the entertainment was just the best of the best songs and performances. The song that Alan Jackson wrote and sings, "Where were you when the world stopped turning?" about 9/11 was so good. Garth Brooks' thank you to all of our armed services was heart stopping. I personally felt the show was a tribute to things that really matter and wonderful entertainment. If T.V. was that good every night I would take the time to sit and watch it.

Do try and take the time to take a drive in the country soon; spring is just popping out everywhere. The baby animals along the roadsides are so fun to watch. Give them a bit of sunshine and they make fun with just a sunbeam. Bet the

lilacs beat Memorial Day this year, they are so close now.

So what have we all learned this week? That sometimes the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not worry, not obsess; just breathe and have faith that everything will work out for the best. Drinking wine out on the patio does not count as an outdoor activity! If you don't like the road you are on, start paving a different one. Now and then it is good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy!

So many prayers go out to the family of the little girl that fell in the river near the headwaters at Three Forks this weekend.

It's been wonderful weather for the track season. Area athletes are certainly looking good again this year and there are only a few more weeks until district track meets.

Never stop believing in hope because miracles happen every day.

Commodities Insite

by Jerry Welch

It's easy to know the right course of action after something has happened. What is hard is to predict the future. Which, of course, is the reason the old saying, "hindsight is 20/20" is used so often by so many. It is easy to tell what you should have done in the past. Deciding what to do in the future is much harder.

When it comes to markets and forecasts, controlling risk and hanging on to hard earned money what counts is doing what is necessary. With the benefit of hindsight, since last summer when the U.S. dollar posted a two month low but suddenly turned north and recently hit a new 12 year high, what has been necessary to do is to have sold any and all rallies with any and all commodity markets.

History shows clearly that when the U.S. dollar shows unusual strength, commodity values tend to weaken. That is no secret. Anyone and everyone involved in the world of commodities knows for a fact that a strong dollar kills, ends or puts a cap on rallies.

Within the past few months, the U.S. dollar rose over the 100 level for the first time since the spring of 2003 while at the same time, the CRB Index (which is to commodities as the Dow is to equities) slipped to a five year low. The Bloomberg Commodity Index weighted towards crude oil, slumped to a 12 year low. It is no

coincidence the dollar is near a 12 year high and a host of commodities are hugging multi-year lows.

Investors and traders doing best in recent months amid an environment where the dollar is King are doing what is necessary to hang on to their hard earned money and possibly make more. But doing what is necessary is not a practice confined entirely to investing, trading or managing money.

And, of course, that reminds me of a story about a 75-year-old farmer that married a 45-year-old voluptuous blonde with a somewhat checkered past. But he adored her and cared not a whit about her history. The problem was he could not keep his hands off her. So, he decided to do what was necessary. He fired all his hands and bought a tractor.

Another example of doing what is necessary is General Mills. They recently announced cutting 600 jobs due to a 25 percent drop in quarterly profits because of a sharp decline in cereal sales. It seems consumers are growing bored with cold cereal and instead are opting for higher protein products such as yogurt and on the go breakfasts that can be eaten in their cars.

It should also be noted that the average cost for a box of cereal ranges from \$2.50 to \$5. In late 2014, milk prices were the highest since 2011 and

selling for an average of \$3.70 a gallon. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, milk cost approximately \$2.90 to \$3.10 a gallon as recently as 2009. General Mills did what is necessary by cutting 600 jobs due to slumping cereal sales. It also seems that consumers are doing what is necessary by cutting back on buying high priced cereal and pouring on it high priced milk.

The following quote is attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi who died in 1226.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." Winston Churchill, who passed away in 1965, once said, "It is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary."

The concept of "doing what is necessary" has been around for some time.

Something else that may be around for a long time is the strength being seen with the U.S. dollar. According to the chief currency strategist for Goldman Sachs, the dollar rally against other major currencies has the legs to continue to move higher. In a recent note to clients, the strategist said, "As big as the dollar move looks (from early July) up close, it is actually small in historical and economic terms."

I would bet that a large number of U.S. ag-producers

also have a case of sticker shock. After all, most ag-markets have moved sharply lower since last summer when the dollar began to strengthen significantly. Ag producers, similar to Goldman Sachs clients, are also on the sidelines waiting and hoping for the dollar to pull back and spark a rally with commodities that can be sold.

However, in January, the USDA predicted that all U.S. farm income will fall 22 percent in 2015, the largest percentage decline since 1932, the very depths of the Great Depression. The USDA went on to say that all is not doom and gloom in agriculture because prices in general remain historically high. Still, the USDA is calling for a sharp decline in all farm income this year and that is a red flag of warning for agricultural producers.

Moving forward, do what is necessary and sell futures and or, cash on rallies as they unfold. I am specifically referring to grains and livestock and in particular cattle. I expect soybean prices to slip to \$8.50 a bushel, corn to \$3.50 and wheat to trade well under \$5 a bushel by years end. And the cattle market has peaked for the year with cash and futures headed to \$140. Or lower.

In light of those downside targets, farmers and ranchers should do what is necessary moving forward.

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By Janet Tharpe

Game Night Necessity, Super-Size Stromboli Sandwiches

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- Janet

Teresa Malkemus
Bloomington, IN (pop. 80,405)

Super-Size Stromboli Sandwich

What You Need

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 lb ground pork
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 1 jar, pizza sauce, 14 oz.
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1 loaf Italian bread
- 1 pkg sliced pepperoni
- 2 c mozzarella cheese

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Fry ground beef, sausage, bell pepper, onion, salt and pepper until browned; drain well.
- Add pizza sauce, Italian seasoning and basil.
- Stir to coat and simmer 15 to 20 minutes.
- Split Italian bread in half lengthwise; place on large sheet of heavy duty aluminum foil.
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GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale Every Saturday until everything is gone. 1 block south of Town Pump in Ennis from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
26-tfc-2

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



Montana Heritage Commission
PO Box 338
Virginia City, MT 59755
www.virginiacitymt.com

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Instead of ending up with a small mare, Delisi met Windy, a large gelding, a year ago. "We went for a ride and he took care of me," she said, explaining why she changed her mind and purchased her current horse. Windy has been competing in endurance since 2011 with previous owners and always completed in the top 10 doing a few 50 mile rides in a year. "I don't ride to win," Delisi clarified. "I ride to complete. I want to see the country." When Delisi brought Windy home in 2014, she signed up for a few 25 mile rides since she had not ridden endurance since 2011.

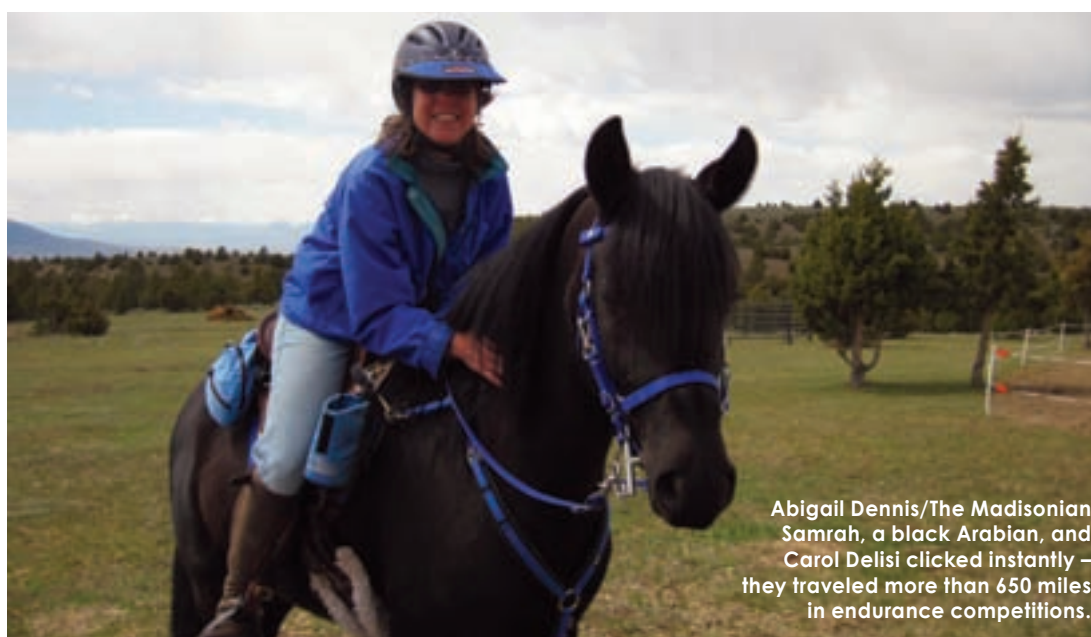
"I just wanted to see if we could get through multiple days of 25s," she said. "We did 25 miles two days in a row and finished in the top 10." Then, the pair traveled to Idaho, where they competed in a four day ride – each day consisted of 25 to 30 miles. "We won two of the days," she said. "And we were top 10 the other two days. He did well and really taught me what he can do." Many endurance horses are Arabians like Samrah and Windy, Delisi explained. "They have great stamina," she explained. "The breed background originates from the desert." Arabians are slender horses, which is a benefit because a slender horse

does not overheat like its bulkier counterparts. "Quarter horses can go up and down all day long, but Arabians can do that at a high rate of speed," she said. "But any breed can be an endurance horse – quarter horses, Tennessee walkers – you don't have to have an Arabian but you do have to have a very fit horse." The most important thing is having a horse that wants to go out, Delisi said. "(Windy) loves going out," she said. "When we get going, his ears are perked forward. If they like to go forward and be on a trail, that's good." Endurance riders get out for a variety of reasons, Delisi said. Some like the athleticism of it, others like

the competition. In Delisi's opinion, the sport is great because it is like running a

marathon with a partner. "There's a great sense of accomplishment when you

finish," she said. "There's a great sense of camaraderie."



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian Samrah, a black Arabian, and Carol Delisi clicked instantly – they traveled more than 650 miles in endurance competitions.

MVHA learns about A.M. Welles

Submitted by Larry L. Love
MADISON VALLEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

After a brief business meeting, which included a wrap up of the William Ennis stew dinner, raffle tickets for a Gary Carter print, help at the museum, setting the May meeting to approve a budget and elect three members to the board and the potluck lunch in May, Ann Hokanson

talked to the group about the history of A.M. Welles, Inc. Hokanson gave a very informative talk. The A. M. Welles name is recognized by most people for hauling talc to Norris and Three Forks since about 1951. Alfred Moody Welles homesteaded just outside Norris from New York in 1913. He worked at the lumber company in Norris and eventually bought the

company, which he turned into A. M. Welles. He got into the trucking business in the late 40s, hauling freight, coal and gold from the Revenue and Boaz mines to the railroad in Norris. In 1951, he started hauling talc and incorporated in 1959. In the 80s, they even hauled chloride from a mine near Silver Star. As the years keep going, the Welles group kept expanding too.



Preservation Week at the Sheridan Public Library

Submitted by Carol Delisi
FRIENDS OF THE SHERIDAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The week of April 26 through May 2 is Preservation Week, during which the Association for Library

Collections and Technology Services, a division of the American Library Association, encourages libraries and other institutions to preserve personal and shared collections, like architectural drawings, audio

and video recordings, diaries, genealogical information, maps, minutes and reports, photographs and memoirs. In 2011, it was reported that "more than 65 percent of collecting institutions report damage to their collections

due to improper storage." We are grateful for the community support that has allowed the Sheridan Library to complete the building portion for our climate-controlled archives in order to preserve and prevent damage to these important

community historical collections. Currently, we have flat files for storing old copies of local newspapers and other historical documents. Those flat files and other documents and photographs will be housed in the climate-

controlled archive once we get shelving. For more information, please contact the library at 842-5770 or stop by and get a tour of the archival storage and see some of the documents we are preserving.

ENNIS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Spring 2015 Upcoming Workshops

FROM CLUSTERS OF PEOPLE TO GLOBALIZATION: SOCIO-CULTURAL EVOLUTION | JOHN KOLSTOE | TUESDAY, APRIL 28 | 6-8 PM | RM. 19, JR. HIGH
There will be a discussion about mankind being dragged, kicking and screaming, into each new stage of its ongoing social evolution. Prehistory shows people foraging, sometimes as individuals. The family unit made foraging easier and clusters of extended families were so successful that clans were formed. Then, came the development of tribes – mostly nomadic, but some were settled until city-states became powerful forces. Nation building came after the development of principalities and provinces. An increasing number of regional alliances have been formed since World War II. Is globalization next? Or, is the current stage the end of it? None of the previous changes have been smooth or conflict free. Will a consciousness of one world be effortless and easy or will the customary bloody turmoil be part of it, or will the process halt? **COST \$10**

THAI MASSAGE AND YOGA: WAYS TO CARE FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS | JEN DAVIES | SATURDAY, MAY 2 | 10:00-3:30 | COMMONS RM. | **COST \$20**
This course will offer an introduction to some simple movement and massage techniques to help relieve tension and improve overall health and flexibility. These techniques can be practiced anywhere with no need for specialized equipment. Students will learn about pressure points, energy meridians, stretching and the Eastern Medicine perspective of health. **COST \$20**

BASICS OF BEE KEEPING | JONA KHAOSANGA | SATURDAY MAY 9TH | 9 AM | RM 4, HS
This workshop is a full day, in-depth introduction where participants will learn about basic honey bee biology, hive management, and the importance of bees to our society with a bee guide for the workshop. Although this is just a foundation, there is enough information for folks to decide whether or not they want to embark on their beekeeping adventure. They'll have enough knowledge to get started if and when they do. **COST \$10**

COMPOSTING IN THE MADISON VALLEY | KAYE SUZUKI | SATURDAY, MAY 16TH | 9-12PM | SCHOOL GARDEN
The most important thing that you will learn in this in-depth class on the secrets of composting is "COMPOST HAPPENS". We will go into the many methods that are available for composting a wide variety of kitchen and yard wastes rather than sending them to the landfill. The magic of compost and the benefits it has for your soil will be covered as well. Basic instructions for building your own compost system will be covered as well in this 3 hour workshop. **COST \$10**

FORAGING IN THE FIELD: SHOOTS AND FLOWERS | KAY GOGERTY | SATURDAY, MAY 23RD | TBA
Come hike with me as we discover the local edible herbs of our Madison Valley. We will discuss foraging edict, how, when and what to harvest. Hopefully we will have some taste treat samplings of the foods available. *Will need appropriate clothing, hat and shoes for a morning out of doors, plenty of water and a good plant I.D. book. **COST \$10**

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FWP seeks ideas from anglers for fishing regulations

Submitted by Tom Palmer
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE
AND PARKS

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is seeking comments from anglers and others on ideas that could result in future changes and improvements to Montana's fishing regulations.

"Every four years, fishing regulations in Montana undergo comprehensive review, and that's happening now," explained Joel Tohtz, FWP's fisheries management bureau chief in Helena. "We're asking anglers to offer their thoughts on what needs to be considered when the 2016 - 2019 fishing regulations are proposed to the Fish and Wildlife Commission in July."

Some of the ideas now being considered by FWP apply to entire fishing districts.

For example:

- Increasing the lake trout standard harvest limit in the Western Fishing District;

- Keeping fishing season in rivers and streams open all year in the Central Fishing District; and

- Specifying fish species that can be used as live bait in the Eastern Fishing District.

Other ideas are region-based, including:

- Allowing rainbow trout harvest on the Jefferson River in Region 3;

- Increasing the number of sauger allowed in the combined sauger/walleye catch in portions of the Missouri River above Fort Peck Reservoir in Region 4; and

- Increasing the harvest limit for smallmouth bass in the Yellowstone River in Region 7.

Anglers and others are invited to participate by reviewing these and other FWP ideas – and by

contributing additional ideas of their own.

Comments can be submitted online or at public meetings that will soon be scheduled in by each FWP region.

"This effort will establish regulations to protect our fisheries and to provide a wide variety of angling opportunities over the next four years," Tohtz said.


To comment, visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.

For online visitors, FWP has prepared a brochure to download and a survey for an easy way to comment on ideas currently under

consideration. Comments must be submitted by May 31. Comments can also be sent by mail to: Montana FWP Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

"The comments, combined with information from FWP fisheries biologists, will be offered as regulation proposals for the commission to consider in July," Tohtz said.

Proposed regulations would be available for further review and comment through August, with final regulations presented for commission approval in October.



Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal. Now, Therefore, I, BECKY VUJOVICH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 as ARBOR DAY in the CITY OF ENNIS and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support the efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well being of this and future generations.
Dated April 10, 2015

In the Spirit of Arbor Day the Town of Ennis Tree Board is going to award one lucky winner with a \$200 gift certificate, to Tezak Nursery, for the sole purpose of purchasing and planting a tree! To be eligible for the drawing you must reside in the Town of Ennis city limits and have a love for trees! All you have to do is fill out your name, e-mail address and phone number and drop it in the drop box marked Arbor Day: Give-A-Tree-Away, located in the Town Hall entrance. For a chance to win you must enter for the drawing by April 23rd by 5:00 pm, so don't delay. The winner will be drawn at random by the Mayor and Tree Board members on Friday, April 24th (Arbor Day) and you need not be present to win. GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY PLANTING!

Funds were awarded to the Town of Ennis Tree Board through the Arbor Day Foundation Grant Program via the DNRC, Urban Forestry Department.

BIRTHDAY AT THE MANOR




Courtesy of Melody Clark

Madison Valley Manor residents enjoyed fast food last Monday.
The volunteer appreciation party was held Thursday. Pictured is Lee Sprout, Elaine F. and Bev C. for Sprout's birthday.

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THURSDAY APRIL 23

Mad Gals Monthly Meeting, Bozeman
12:30 p.m. Mad Gals monthly luncheon meeting at Famous Dave's.

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 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 available. Come out and support the largest Lions Club fundraiser of the year.

Ennis Spay/Neuter Clinic
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 Mt town and how the lives of the bowlers intertwine.

Clusters of People to Globalization, Ennis
6 p.m. There will be a discussion about mankind being dragged, kicking and screaming, into each new stage of its ongoing social evolution.

TUESDAY APRIL 28

Madison River Public Meetings, Ennis
7 p.m. at El Western conference center. Updates on projects along the Madison River, along with information about projected river flows in 2015 will be the focus. Officials and managers from NorthWestern Energy will join with representatives of state and federal agencies and other groups at the meetings.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

Senior citizens

brunch, Sheridan
Administration, staff and students of Sheridan Public Schools will be hosting their annual Senior Citizens Brunch on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the elementary school gym. We would like to invite all senior citizens to come enjoy a great meal, entertainment and the company of each other. Please call the grade school office at 842-5302 to make your reservations or to request a ride or home delivery.

Private Applicator Training, Ennis
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Ennis fire station. Learn which plants are truly noxious weeds, determine which pesticide is the best choice and learn how to mix and apply pesticides effectively! Become certified to purchase restricted use pesticides. Lunch provided free of charge. RSVP at 682-3731.

THURSDAY APRIL 30

School Board Candidate Forum, Ennis

The Madison Valley Education Association (MVEA) will be sponsoring a School Board Candidate Forum on at 7 p.m. The community is invited to attend the forum which will be held in the Ennis Elementary School cafeteria.

SATURDAY MAY 2

Speaker, Ennis
11 a.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Patricia Carrick, a nurse recently returned from Sierra Leone, will discuss her experiences with Ebola.

Twin Bridges farmer's market, Twin Bridges
Twin Bridges farmer's market starts on May 2 on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Main St. City Park. Weather permitting. Welcome vendors, farmers, visitors and customers.

Buy Local Business Expo, Twin Bridges
9 a.m. A Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsored event featuring over 45 Ruby Valley vendors showcasing their products and services. This is a free event with cash door prizes and a free lunch courtesy of the Chamber and Main Street Market.

TUESDAY MAY 5

Mock Emergency Scenario, Ennis
The Ennis Ambulance Service announces the First Annual Mock Emergency Scenario for the Madison Valley and

Ennis school's Don't Text and Drive event. The event will take place at Ennis High School athletic field at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend, and meet their First Responders.

THURSDAY MAY 7

Business After Hours, Ennis
5 p.m. Business After Hours will be hosted by Bill Mercer RE/MAX Mountain Property from 5 to 7 p.m. at 130 Main St. Great networking event open to the public!

THURSDAY MAY 14

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis
1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of The Baker's Daughter by Sarah McCoy. Discussion Leader: Lucy Ennis

SATURDAY MAY 16

Tap Into Ennis - Brew and Spirit Festival, Ennis
3 p.m. Tap Into Ennis is Montana's first combined brew and spirit festival. Come out to Lions Club Park in downtown Ennis from 3 to 7 p.m. to taste what Montana has to offer! Food, live music, and family fun! Hosted by the Ennis Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 682-4388.

Annual Virginia City Chamber dinner and auction, Virginia City
5 p.m., Wells Fargo Steak House. There will be a silent auction, exciting dessert auction. Live auction as well as a truly fabulous dinner. The annual chamber dinner and auction is a guaranteed enjoyable evening. The atmosphere created by the fine dinner and the excitement of the auction is one you don't want to miss ... so join us and experience one of the best events of the year!



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Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
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TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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