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HUNTING IN THE RUBY

An in depth look at last season's elk harvest survey results

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Elk in the mountains surrounding the Ruby Valley continue to do well despite another hunting season with many hunters and good harvest numbers.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks completes phone surveys following every hunt-

ing season to collect information about hunter harvest and more. Dean Waltee, FWP biologist in the Ruby Valley, recently released the elk harvest survey results from the Tobacco Root and Gravelly elk management units (EMU).

"Overall, it was a very successful year from an elk harvest perspective and elk continue to do very well," Waltee told The Madisonian.

Waltee uses the information from the phone surveys in his decision to either recommend hunting season changes or to leave the regulations in the EMUs the same.

In the Tobacco Root EMU, Waltee said hunters harvested an estimated 279 elk, which was an increase from 255 in 2013. However, the 10 year average in that area is 375.

Waltee also broke the

numbers down into antlered and antlerless - 141 of the harvests were antlered and 138 were antlerless. Antlerless elk includes cows and calves – male calves are, by definition, antlerless.

An estimated 1,926 hunters pursued elk in the Tobacco Root EMU, which is an 8 percent decrease from 2013's 2,087 hunters. Each hunter put in an average of 39 days.

The Gravelly EMU is located south of the Tobacco Root EMU - centered in the Gravelly Mountain Range. Waltee said hunters in that area harvested an estimated 2,495 elk.

"This was up from 1,207 in 2013," Waltee said. "This was the highest elk harvest observed across the EMU since 2000, when an estimated 3,124

elk were harvested. It was the third highest observed harvest total since 1970."

Of those 2,495 harvests, 1,050 were antlered and 1,445 were antlerless.

Approximately 9,840 hunters pursued elk in the Gravelly EMU last season – hunter success rate was 25.4 percent and hunters put in an

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IN MADISON COUNTY



Special Olympics athletes carry torch around Ennis track, through Virginia City

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In the early morning of May 14, Ennis police officer John Moore handed a lit torch to Jahnna France to kick off a ceremony celebrating the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Montana Special Olympics.

"The (torch run) has been going on for many years," Michelle France, who organized the event, told *The Madisonian*. "However, the Montana Special

Olympics Torch Run Ceremony

that we are doing will be the first ever in Madison County using Special Olympics athletes in the county."

J. France, the first athlete, handed the torch off and four other Special Olympic athletes carried it around the track – Sal Fanelli, Lauren Yerbich, Traven Mulholland and Brian Rogers.

Then, Rogers hopped in Trooper Ashlin O'Connell's Montana Highway Patrol car

City, where he ran from one and took the torch to Virginia end of the town to the other.



Brian Rogers carries the torch in Virginia City.

TWIN BRIDGES TOWN

Council moves forward with NorthWestern Energy ordinance, hears from Verizon

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Both NorthWestern Energy and Verizon representatives were in attendance at the Twin Bridges Town

Council meeting on May 12. "We're working on an agreement with NorthWestern Energy," Mayor Tom Hyndman said. "Really, it's just an updated agreement."

Paul Babb with North-Western Energy said the agreement is a natural gas franchise ordinance.

"Basically, it allows us to work on our lines and put in new facilities in the public right of wway in town, Babb said. "The last agreement had a 50 year term on it. We wanted an agreement with shorter terms."

Currently, attorneys from NorthWestern Energy are working with the town attorney to iron out the language – Babb said he hopes the ordinance will be in front of the council for a vote at their June meeting.

"We've been working on these agreements all over," Babb said. "In Butte, Dillon, Anaconda and more. Soon, we'll start on Sheridan. It just allows us to make sure we can deliver gas to the town."

Word from Verizon

Verizon representatives attended the council meeting at Hyndman's request.

"They came out here and talked about the new tower and which phones work and

which ones don't," Hyndman said. "There were a few people upset at first, but after it got explained, everyone understood the situation better."

Hyndman said approximately 10 community members attended the meeting to hear from Verizon.

Verizon communication manager Meagan Dorsch traveled to Twin Bridges from Colorado for the meeting.

The discussion centered on the new 4G LTE cell site in Twin Bridges and what devices work best on this new technology," Dorsch said. "The site in Twin Bridges has the latest 4G LTE technology for both voice and data."

According to Dorsch, that means calling service is only improved when two people with up-to-date phones call each other – the phones must be able to use Advanced Calling to take advantage of the new tower.

"Otherwise, our network will handle the call as a traditional voice call," she said. "At the meeting, we heard from customers who have not experienced an improvement in voice services (calls). For some of those customers, they have purchased devices, but have not activated Advanced Calling features on their phones ... In addition, we understand some customers have purchased devices that are not able to take advantage of Advanced Calling."

Hyndman said he has

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Ennis Town Commission passes sign ordinance

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On May 14, the Ennis Town Commission passed a new sign ordinance following a public hearing and second reading.

Mayor Becky Vujovich opened the public comment portion of the meeting, telling those in attendance that the council would listen to their comments and questions, but respond to

them later in the meeting. Ennis business owner Robin Blazer asked for clarification about neon signs, a potential future variance for an animated sign and more.

"I think it's great you guys are doing this," Blazer said. "Just remember, signs bring in people and increase revenue. The more visible the sign, the more attention the business gets." Another business owner,

John Way, also commended the council for tackling the issue of signage in town.

"I've read the ordinance several times now," he said. "I want to show some appreciation to you guys. We do need clarification on some of the points (that Blazer brought up)."

Blazer and Way were the only two members of the public to comment during the hearing. After formally closing the public comment portion, Vujovich said the council had the choice to pass a second reading of the ordinance and adopt it before closing the meeting.

"If you make substantial changes you probably want to have another reading and public hearing," town clerk Ginger Guinn told the commissioners. "If you just make minor changes, you can go ahead and adopt it."

Commissioner John Bancroft spoke first.

"There are already a lot of signs around town where people get up there and change the letters and the numbers," he said, referring to signs like the one at Town Hall. "The future of those signs are electronic, whether you like it or not. Personally, I don't have a problem with that."

Bancroft was referring to the fact that the commission amended the ordinance last month so electronic message centers (EMC) are not allowed.

"If we regulate so many things, we won't get new businesses in town," said commissioner Brandi Palmerton. "I don't have a problem with (EMCs)."

Vujovich reminded the council and those in attendance that ordinances are always open for variances – for example, if a business owner wants an EMC in the future, they

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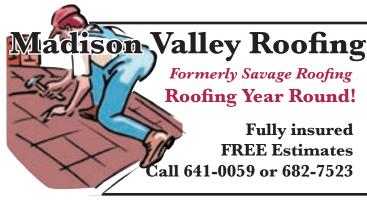


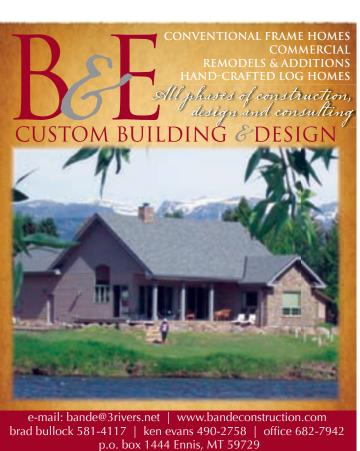
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average of 23 days of effort. In 2012, an estimated 6,638 hunters pursued elk in the area, meaning there was a 48 percent increase from 2012 to 2014.

"I was surprised by how many more hunters showed up in this EMU," Waltee said. "The rapid increase in hunters did create some crowding complaints during the first two weeks of the general rifle season ..."

Waltee said the substantial increase in hunters and harvest were "undoubtedly" the product of a more liberal antlerless opportunity.

"This level of hunter increase was not the case last time the antlerless opportunity was extended," he said. "Two changes occurred since that last change that might have contributed to these

increases. Dillon area biologist Craig Fager and myself continue to receive more and more calls from western Montana hunters looking for hunting opportunities as their local opportunities become more restrictive. Montana FWP (region three) also put out a press release last fall that highlighted the Gravelly Mountains as the place to be for elk hunters."

Waltee said that amount of

hunter pressure was sustainable in the Gravellys last year, but that is not to say it will always be sustainable. 'Calf production influences how many elk can be

harvested," he explained. "Let's say you get a couple dry summers with hard winters mixed in - with that number of hunters harvesting that many elk, it would drive the population down. It is sustainable under current conditions, but not sustainable under all conditions."

Sheridan sportsman Dan Crismore said he always looks at the survey results, but he thinks the information is more useful to FWP biologists than the "average sportsman."

"The information can give you an idea of what kind of success you may have in an area," Crismore said. "But it's more than just numbers - it's about distribution."

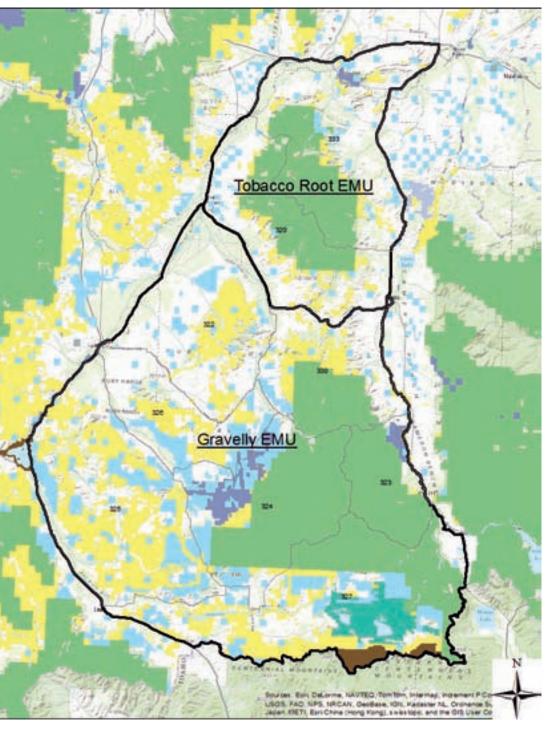
Crismore said the population counts can tell sportsmen some things, but the real question is how many of those elk are huntable - not on private land.

Upcoming changes?

Waltee said he does not intend to recommend any hunting season changes in either EMU prior to the 2015 hunting season.

The big changes that could be made – though Waltee said he currently does not intend to make them – are restructuring the length of the hunting season and the opportunities for sportsmen to harvest antlerless elk.

'The reason we focus on antlerless harvest is because of population control," he said. "(Antlerless elk) are the reproductive segment of the population – by making changes we can reduce the population with more harvest, increase the population via less harvest or maintain it by keeping harvest the same."



For even more data, including information about archery harvests and antlerless B-licenses, contact Waltee at dwaltee@mt.gov.

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heard from some community members who are still upset.

"There are still a few people who are upset because they don't want to get new phones," Hyndman said. "They don't care about data and texting – they just want to talk – but that's

where the world is going." Verizon left the council members test phones that are

set up with Advanced Calling. "We can all try them out

and really see the difference," Hyndman said. "This way we can test them ourselves and see where we get service and where we don't."

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need to apply for a variance and the council can address each request one-on-one.

Palmerton asked the Main Street business owners in attendance what they thought about EMCs.

"One of our greatest values in Ennis is what we look like," said Melinda Merrill. "I'm not opposed to them, but I'm not a fan of the signs that

have constant changeover."

Way said he often stands in his shop on Main Street and constantly sees people from out of town photographing the town.

"Maybe (EMCs) are a bad idea in that part of town," he said. "Maybe they should be left out of the sign ordinance and do it by variance. I would hate to just kick open the door."

All of the commissioners except Bancroft agreed

to leave the ordinance as is, meaning it prohibits EMCs.

Before approving the second reading of the ordinance, the commissioners amended it to allow temporary signs like, "live music," or, "welcome fishermen" for a cumulative total of 90 days without a permit. Then commissioner Brian Vincent moved to approve the second reading and commissioner Larry Pine seconded the motion.

Four commissioners – Pine,

Palmerton, Vincent and commissioner Audra Bourk - voted in favor of the motion and Ban-

croft abstained from voting. Vincent then moved to adopt the ordinance, which was seconded by Bourk. All the commissioners except Bancroft voted in favor of it and the motion passed.

The sign ordinance will take effect June 13 – to read the ordinance, stop by Town Hall for a copy.

A final wrap up -looking back at the legislative session

By Rep. Ray Shaw House District 71

With the 2015 Legislature behind us, I would like to share some thoughts about some of the things that affect House District 71.

The Sage Grouse Stewardship was passed and signed by the Governor. The U.S. now has until Sept. 30 to decide if the bird should be listed or not. If the bird becomes listed, it will have an adverse affect on grazing our federal lands.

Ratification of the CSKT Water Compact was very important. The compact is important to water users on and off the Flathead Reservation. Costly litigation

will be avoided and water rights will be protected across the rest of the state.

The HELP Act, or Health Care Act, is very important not only to the whole state but also to our area. It will provide access to health care for people in need. It is very important to our rural hospitals that are struggling to keep up with the ever-increasing costs. As we all know, mental health challenges are increasing at an alarming rate. With the passage of House Bill 033, we will be able to treat people close to home - communitybased care is a great approach.

Not passing the infrastructure bill creates many concerns for HD71. Delaying work on much needed upkeep in Virginia City and Nevada City is a travesty. We have Montana's greatest historical site but no money for upkeep and that is sad. Thousands of people visit Virginia City and Nevada City, which affects the economy of Southwest Montana.

Down the road there would have been some funding for the Varney Bridge projects. Also included in the bill was funding for the Veterans Home in Butte. This was a loan that would have been paid back by the VA. Our aging veterans deserve this this facility. Just remember the only reason we get to live the way we do is because of them.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve HD71, hope you are enjoying the rain – have a great summer.



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DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Ennis woman pleads guilty to forgery

An Ennis woman charged with deceptive practices and issuing bad checks appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on May 18.

The five charges against Carol

Ann Feist stem from incidents that happened between March 6, 2014, and July 2, 2014 – she was charged with two counts of deceptive practices (common scheme or greater than \$1,500), two counts of issuing a bad check (less than or equal to \$1,500) and one count of attempted theft of labor or services.

Deputy county attorney Justin Ekwall said he was under the impression Feist was appearing to plead guilty to four of the counts - Ekwall said the state was prepared to drop the count of attempted theft of labor or services.

Feist pleaded guilty to both counts of deceptive practices and both counts of issuing a bad check, but then told Tucker she issued the bad checks unknowingly.

"I cannot accept the guilty plea," Tucker said, after Feist said she was unaware the

checks would not clear.

Feist's attorney Stephanie Kruer and Ekwall agreed to postpone the hearing until June 1 so they can decide if it can be resolved with a plea bargain or if the case needs to go to trial.

Sheridan woman sentenced for DUI

A Sheridan woman pleaded guilty to the charge of a DUI

at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on May 18.

Angela Nelson Dedman entered a guilty plea and Judge Tucker sentenced her to serve up to a year of jail at the Gallatin County Detention Center, with the stipulation that she go to a treatment center as soon as she can be admitted.

"Upon entry and completion of (a treatment center and course) the balance of jail time will be suspend-

ed," Judge Tucker said. Judge Tucker also fined Dedman \$1,000, all

but \$500 suspended. Dedman was released into the custody of the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

BEAR CREEK DAYS

Photos: The Madisonian/Abigail Dennis









Area students learn about natural resources at Bear Creek campground

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Close to 500 third through eighth-graders gathered at the foot of Sphinx Mountain in the Madison Mountain Range over the course of three days last week to participate in a Forest Service-hosted field camp.

"Where are we?" Forest Service ranger Todd Stiles asked the assembled group of kids to kick off Thursday, the last day of the camp.

The resounding answer – "Bear Creek!" – was correct.

Then Stiles asked the students what forest they were on and got a variety of answers from "Tobacco Roots" to "Gallatin.'

The answer? The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, which encompasses much of Madison County.

Stiles told the students they are the future managers of the public land, which is why they need to familiarize themselves with the forest.

"It's important to us that you guys have a good idea of what's going on," he said.

Students from Alder, Cardwell, Harrison, Ennis, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and West Yellowstone participated.

On Thursday alone, students were exposed to archery, archaeology, information about wolverines and bears, a lesson on logging and more.

Kris Inman with the Wildlife Conservation Society spoke to the students about using radio telemetry to monitor wolverines.

"We get to share with

the kids why we are wildlife biologists, link what they are learning in school to research and show them how and what we have learned from radio-collaring wolverines right here in the mountains around us," Inman said. "It is hard not to see the impact or enjoy Bear Creek Days."

This was the first year Liz Davis of the Madison River Foundation participated in the camp.

"As a former teacher myself, I know how important hands-on learning experiences are to children of all ages - even me," she said. "Hearing the different speakers talk passionately about their chosen professions will resonate with kids with similar interests and may guide their career paths later on."

Educators from both Sheridan and Ennis spoke about the value of the field day.

"(Sheridan) looks forward to the annual Bear Creek Days as an opportunity to expose our students and staff to the many natural resources Madison County has to offer," said Sheridan Elementary School principal Rod Stout. "Through my years of attending, I have also appreciated this opportunity as a 'first' for many students to experience the outdoors and the highlighted activities presented during the day by the exceptional staff and many volunteers who make this a rewarding educational experience for our students."

"We are so fortunate to live where we do, yet many of our students and families rarely set foot in the mountains or spend time in or on our streams," added Ennis Elementary School principal Brian Hilton. "Bear Creek Days helps encourage students to get outside, lead a healthy lifestyle and to responsibly enjoy the outdoors."

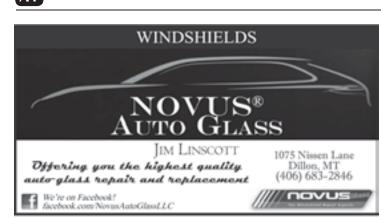
Hilton said the school participates in the camp every year because there is value to getting students outside of the 'typical classroom setting."

'Not only does it enhance learning of our school's curriculum, it also gets students out in the environment and develop skills for life," he said. "It is a very worthwhile event that we look forward to every year."

"Through my years of attending, I have also appreciated this opportunity as a 'first' for many students to experience the outdoors and the highlighted activities presented during the day by the exceptional staff and many volunteers who make this a rewarding educational experience for our students.

- Rod Stout, Sheridan Elementary School principal







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National Emergency Medical Service Week

Submitted by Sheri Luksha

May 17 - 23, 2015, is National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, which recognizes the front line of the healthcare industry. National EMS week is a time to show our appreciation for their dedication.

Those in the EMS field, such as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), paramedics, first responders and emergency dispatchers work or volunteer 24

hours a day, seven days a week. They are available for their communities at their greatest time of need. They receive very little appreciation or thanks from the public, when in fact, they save lives daily. These dedicated individuals even make a difference during many of their routine, non-emergency calls, which make up the bulk of their day-to-day work. Life-saving maneuvers are not always required or used each

day by an individual paramedic, EMT or first responder. The compassion and caring that they show to patients and families alike, combined with the aid that they provide each day, can be quite tiresome to these professionals and their families.

There is no better moment to celebrate and appreciate EMS than during national EMS week. We are reminding the community about the vital

work of EMS practitioners. We should reward them this

week by saying thank you. EMS Week is the perfect time to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our community.

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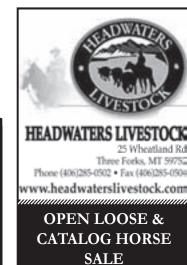


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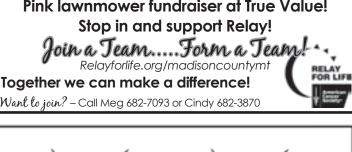
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SHERIDAN SOUTHEAST CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Kevin Allen, project manager for the Sheridan Main Street project is keeping us in the loop about the construction so we can keep you informed too. Here's what he had to say this week: "Last week, we finished the gravel and placed the aggregate treatment. (We) continued to work on sidewalk. This week we will continue to work on sidewalk. Due to some scheduling issues, we will not start paving until Wednesday. Paving will take a couple of weeks. We will also clean up Water Street this week."

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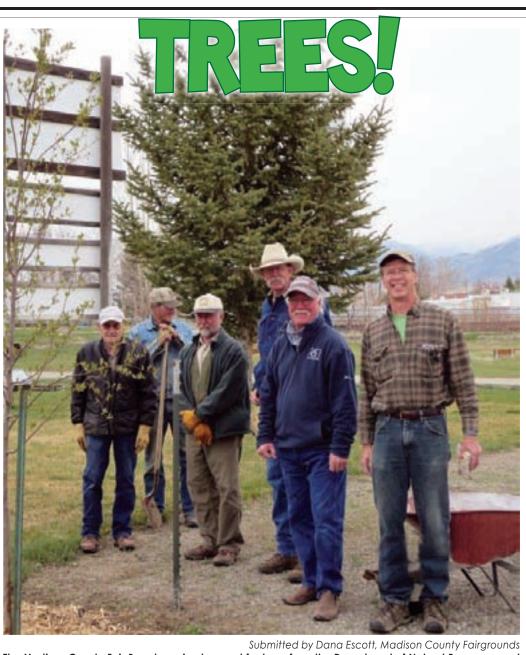
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The Madison County Fair Board received a grant for trees from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for Arbor Day. Pictured is the Arbor Day Celebration, which took place on April 24 at the fairgrounds. To help us plant trees and celebrate were some rotary members, fair board members, DNRC personnel and employees.

GRANT AWARDED



Courtesy of Jack Albrecht

Paul Babb (photo), **manager of NorthWestern Energy's community relations**, paid a surprise visit to the Thompson-Hickman Library to present assistant Christina Koch with a check for \$500 to help defray costs for the summer reading program. Koch had applied for the \$500 grant from NorthWestern Energy and was pleased the library was chosen as a recipient.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Cowboy Church in Nevada City

Submitted by Brittni Barnoksy

Join Grace Community Fellowship Cowboy Church this summer for a time of worship and study of God's word. Services will start Sunday, May 24, and go through Labor Day weekend, Sept. 6, beginning at 10 a.m. It will be held in a tent on a hill, opposite the river of gold in the historic town of Nevada City.

We will be singing out of hymnals and sitting on straw bales to listen to the message given by pastor Tom Luksha. If you need any information or have any questions feel free to call 842-5915.

Open houses to discuss fishing regulations

Submitted by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is hosting a number of public open house meetings statewide this month to discuss regulations for the 2016-2019 fishing seasons. In Region 3, meetings have been set for both Bozeman and Butte as follows:

May 26 at 6:30 p.m. – Bozeman; FWP Region 3 HQ, 1400 South 19th Ave. May 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Butte; USFS Butte Ranger District; 1820 Meadowlark

Anyone interested is invited to review or submit ideas that could change fishing regulations for 2016-2019.

"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."

To view suggestions for regulation changes, visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov. Public 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.

American Legion hosting remembrance ceremonies

Submitted by Michael Morgan

Anderson-Simpson Post 89 of the American Legion will be conducting Memorial Day veterans' remembrance ceremonies at the Sheridan, Laurin, Taylor, Nevada City and Virginia City Cemeteries on Memorial Day, May 25, 2015.

on Memorial Day, May 25, 2015. The first ceremony will start at 11 a.m. in the veteran's plot area of the Sheridan Cemetery. Services at the other cemeteries will follow in the order of Laurin, then Taylor, then Nevada City and lastly the Virginia City cemetery. These services honor our Ruby Valley Veterans who have served our nation honorably and are no longer with us today. Please join us in recognizing these special men and women. Questions concerning the services can be made to Chris Mumme, Post Commander, at 842-5625 or Mike Morgan, Post Adjutant, at 842-5085.

Annual horseback poker ride and parade in Virginia City

Submitted by Pamela Kimmey

Saddle up your horses and put on your poker face. The annual spring horseback poker ride is Saturday, May 23 in Virginia City. This year's poker ride is sponsored by the Virginia City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Registration is at the Bale of Hay Saloon from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Be back by 12:30 p.m. to ride in the parade to commemorate Virginia City's season opening or at 1:30 p.m. to see the parade. Parade pre-registration for riders will be available at the time of ride registration. For you non-riders out there, we will also offer a Poker Walk around Virginia City. For more information call 843-5700.

Sheridan all class reunion

Submitted by Linda Day

The 2015 Sheridan All-class reunion is planned to coincide with the annual Sheridan Summerfest on July 31 and Aug. 1-2. Representatives from all classes are asked to please contact your class members and friends to inform them of the weekend's festivities. There will be a barbeque and music in the park Friday night. Saturday brings a parade and Patchwork Pals quilt show. We will also have the Kenny Steiner Memorial Car Show, music, vendors and entertainment in the park. Sunday morning is an Ecumenical church service and infamous brunch at Jackson's Garden.

This is a great weekend to reconnect with your neighbors and old friends. Continue to watch for additional activities and an updated schedule.

Ladies golf in Ennis

Submitted by Judy Hovan

The Madison Meadows Ladies Golf Association has decided to try something new for the 2015 season. Instead of the four-women teams that have made up the evening league in the past, they will go to a no-team format. Any woman interested in playing on a Thursday evening can call the club house by Thursday

at 12 p.m. and sign up for evening play. Each week will be a different format. Each player will play their own ball so that their scores can be posted for their handicap. The morning league will continue as before, which is similar to the way the evening league will be playing. The morning league will return to playing on Thursday morning. This season will begin on May 21 at 5:30 p.m. with a fun night scramble.

The official opening night of league play will be May 28. Please call 682-7468 for more information.

Lend a hand to the Ennis Booster Club

Submitted by Kelley Knack

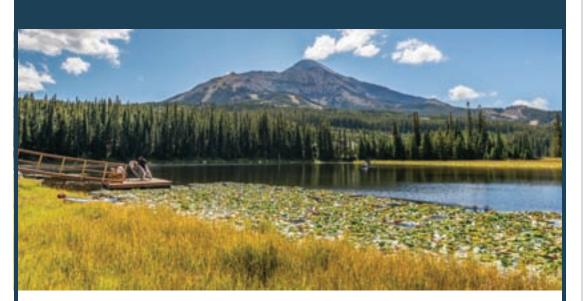
The Ennis Booster Club has been a part of the school and community for many years. The club provides assistance to all sports programs, funds the Missoula Children's Theatre, supports Red Ribbon Week, assists speech and drama and helps out with the play – and more.

For the past several years, the booster club has been comprised of four to six individuals who volunteer their time. As of May 2015, the current booster officers have resigned and there has not been enough interest shown from new individuals to continue the group. If you are interested, call Michelle Kloote at 580-3619.

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MANOR FUN



Courtesy of Melody Clark

Madison Valley Manor folks had a busy week filled with fun. We celebrated National Nursing Home Week and Employee Appreciation Week. We started out on Monday with a steak fry for employees and residents. Some of our themes during the week were Western, favorite color, Mexican, crazy outfit and sports. The MVM auxiliary hosted the monthly birthday party with the Tune Tanglers providing the music. The birthday boys were Alvin P., James T., Carl E. and Bill G.

Pictured: Ennis Community Children's School students came and sang to the residents.



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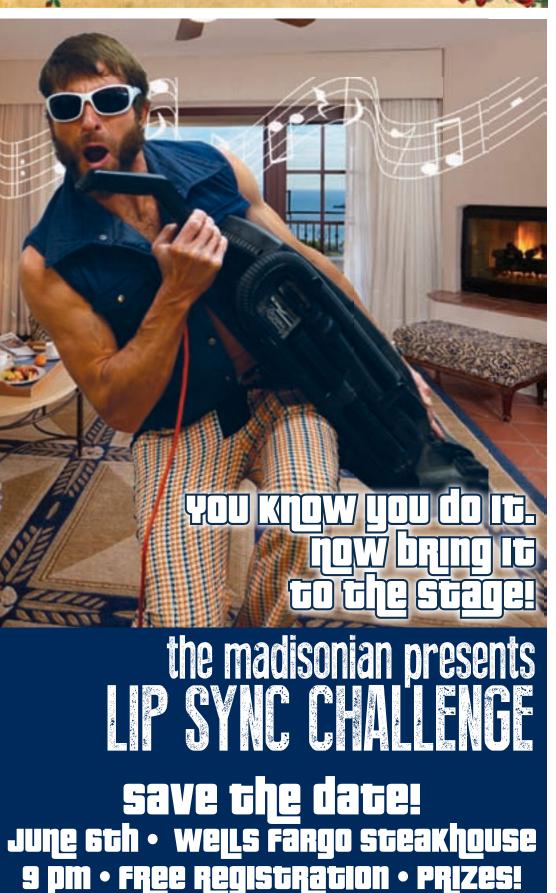
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Scam alert in the area

Submitted by West Yellowstone Chamber

The West Yellowstone Police Department and Gallatin County Sheriff's Office have advised us that late night on May 14, a hotel in town was called by someone claiming to be from Expedia. The caller explained that Expedia's system was down that they were trying to recreate their records. The caller then asked the desk clerk for the names of any guests who had booked through Expedia and the guests' check in and check out dates. Later in the morning, the caller called the guests' rooms and asked for credit card information. In one case, the caller was successful and then used the information to make charges to the card. The hotel manager alerted the police department.

Montana Association of Counties awards president's scholarships

Submitted by Montana Association of Counties

Dave Schulz, Montana Association of Counties president and Madison County commissioner, has announced the awards of the

2015 MACo President's Scholarships. Wylie Leo is the winner of the \$1,000 scholarship and Taylre Sitz is the winner of the \$500 scholarship. Both are graduating from Ennis High School.

The scholarship competition

is based upon merit and offered to eligible graduating seniors from the president's home county, who plan to attend a Montana community college or four year degree unit of the university system.

"Our MACo executive

committee members who made the selections were very impressed with these two applicants," Schulz said.

Certificates will be presented to Leo and Sitz at Ennis High School.

If you care, leave them there

Submitted by Tom Palmer
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Every spring Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks issues a message to Montanans to leave new born fawns, birds and other infant wildlife where people find them.

Submitted by David Abrams

Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Man-

agement's Western Montana

Resource Advisory Council

met May 19, starting at 9 a.m.

Key agenda items included

an update on the BLM's Greater Sage-Grouse planning strategy;

a discussion about the Madison

River Recreation Plan; reports

Dillon and Missoula BLM

from the managers of the Butte,

"If you care, leave them there," said Ron Aasheim, spokesman for FWP in Helena.

Aasheim said that most birds, for instance, learn to fly from the ground up, and not from the nest.

"Whether you find a fawn or fledgling bird under a tree

field offices about activities in

their areas; and other ongo-

issues the council may raise.

is to advise the Secretary of

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in a neighbor's yard or bunny under a bush, it's important to know that wild animals commonly cache their young for periods of time to protect them from predators while the adults are feeding," he said.

Montana law prohibits the capture, feeding, pos-

session and harassment of wildlife – both game and nongame species. These laws also protect Montana's wild animals from becoming pets.

To learn more about living with Montana's wildlife, visit the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov.

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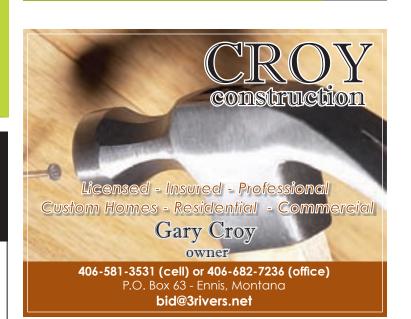
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By Toni Bowen, Associate Broker

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just turning on your water

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things you should know:

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history. Find out who drilled

the well, know your well's capacity and yield, by obtain-

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4. Have your well system inspected every 10 years by a qualified well driller or pump installer. The homeowner should inspect their wellhead several times a year. Make sure there are no gopher holes around your wellhead, where water can drain down into your well.

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feet from pollution sources;

that surface water does not

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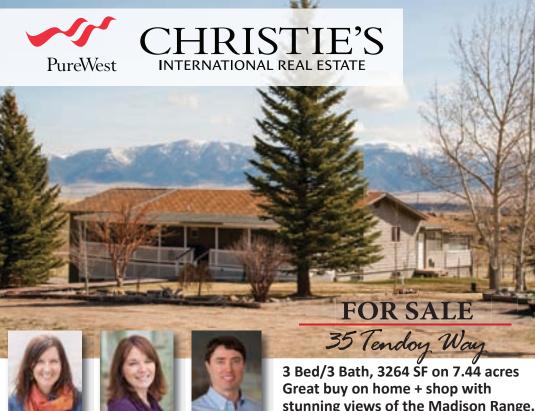
reach it; that the wellhead is

visible and above ground; and

5. Have a backup plan to avoid disruptions of service in the case of power outage. Electricity is needed to operate your well pump, and power does occasionally go off. Two simple solutions are to include a retention tank in your well system and/or have an alternative power source.

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MONTANA SHAKES



Courtesy of Brian Hilton Members of the Montana Shakespeare in the Schools program perform for Ennis elementary students on Friday, May 15. Students were treated to a play in the morning as well as workshops throughout the day.



PROJECT COMPLETE

Submitted by Jack Albrecht THOMPSON-HICKMAN COUNTY LIBRARY

The addition to the Thompson-Hickman Library is finished and open for business. The project, which was contracted by G & G Housing of Whitehall, was

finished almost seven months to the day. Lucy Ennis, library board member, organized a gettogether dinner on Friday, May 8, to honor all the contractors and subcontractors on the project. Included are photos of Andrew, Gary and Jacob Housman

receiving their plaque from assistant librarian Christina Koch.

Also in attendance was Javier Ramirez. Thanks to the kindness of an anonymous donor, Ramirez constructed shelving that replicated the shelving in the original library structure.





AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE



Submitted by Gail Banks

On April 10, the local **Veterans of Twin Bridges** presented J.D. Mehlhoff with a check for \$250 and congratulated him for being selected as the Twin Bridges High School delegate to the American Legion Boys State this summer. In June, Mehlhoff will be attending boys state at Carroll College in Helena where he will learn about all the inner workings of our Montana governing system. Congratulations go out to Mehlhoff from

MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 55 to 65. Lows 35 to 40. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Friday



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 55 to 65. Lows 35 to 40. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Saturday



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 55 to 65. Lows 35 to 40. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Sunday



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 50 to 60. Lows 35 to 40. Chance of precipitation 50 percent

Monday



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TWIN BRIDGES



The Twin Bridges High School student of the week is freshman Andrianna Pollorena. Andy is an outstanding student who has a phenomenal attendance record and 3.20 GPA. She is very active in digital photography and yearbook; honing her skills in technology and business. Andy qualified for National BPA in Anaheim early this month and simply did an outstanding job as a freshman competing nationally. Closer to home, she has volunteered much of her time to the after-school and summer program PRIDE, where she assists in supervision and mentoring of younger students. Thank you Andy and excellent job! Enjoy summer...

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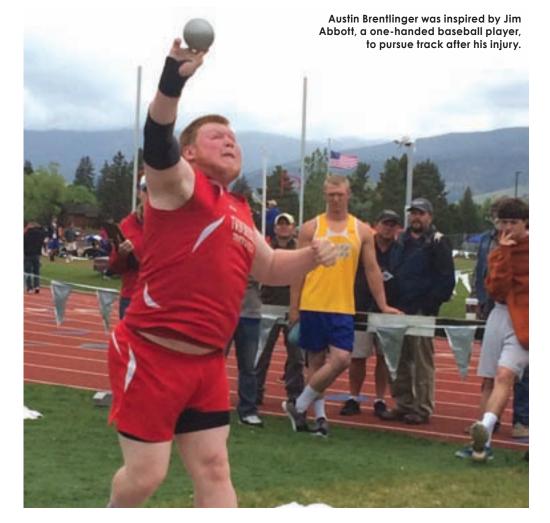
SECTION B

Thursday, May 21, 2015









Devastating accident motivates Twin Bridges senior to state meet

Kjersten Sandru For The Madisonian netsrejk@gmail.com

June 22, 2013, was a brisk, cold summer morning. It was a typical day of irrigating. Hired ranch hand Austin Brentlinger, who was going into his junior year at Twin Bridges, threw on a heavy pair of gloves to keep his fingers warm while he changed wheel lines. As the sun rose higher into the morning, he walked with the line of steel across the field, but suddenly the line sat motionless – dead. As Brentlinger set his right hand near the motor to assess the breakdown, the wheel line jerked back to life, taking his hand into its jaws.

Brentlinger was life flighted to Salt Lake City with his fingers still attached. When he arrived at the hospital, the doctors amputated his middle finger in a five-hour surgery. Brentlinger remained in the hospital for a whole week before the decision was made to amputate his ring and index fingers. Following the original amputations, Brentlinger had

six surgeries in Bozeman to complete skin grafts. On top of this, he developed an infection at some point in his hospital stay and had to take injections twice a day for two months to cure it.

At this point, Brentlinger was left with a thumb, half an index finger, a petrified pinky and a severed mindset.

"When I lost my hand, I thought I lost everything," Brentlinger said.

Doctor appointments were stacked on top of each other, and life as it used to be seemed unreachable. He had to relearn how to button his pants, tie his shoes and write – he was worried about the days to come. This deep, dark depression seemed unbeatable.

Seeking inspiration,
Brentlinger began to read
"Imperfect: An Improbable
Life" by Jim Abbott, a
baseball player with one
arm. Abbott writes, "Never
sell yourself short no matter
how small your goal is."
So, intrigued with Abbott's
message, Brentlinger made
contact with Abbott, who
has remained a mentor to

Brentlinger to this day. The sports icon showed Brentlinger that his life was far from over and still full of potential, he just had to see it in himself.

Convinced to get his life back on track, Brentlinger went back out for track and field his junior year and threw the javelin and shot put. Throwing form did not come back naturally by any means. In between the 60 doctor appointments scattered throughout that year, Brentlinger practiced two hours a day and managed to throw right-handed all the way to fourth place at the state meet with his two and a half fingers.

This year, which is Brentlinger's senior year, only five shot putters in all classes in the entire state throw over 50 feet, and Brentlinger is ranked fourth of the five. The oldest stillstanding track record at Twin Bridges is the shot put at 52.5 feet. Brentlinger is throwing 51, and is in hot pursuit of a state title and updated record. At 18, Brentlinger has conquered an obstacle most

cannot even imagine facing, has completed six years of shot put and received a fullride scholarship to Montana State University Billings.

"Breaking 50 and signing to MSUB for college this year were my biggest accomplishments,"

Brentlinger said. "It's just an indescribable feeling."

With state in Laurel just around the track, Brentlinger is staying focused by watching throwing film and putting in extra hard hours on the field to get his mind on the mark. "Everyone has a bump in the road," Brentlinger said. "Don't let that bump break or destroy you. Work your way down slowly until you reach your goal, and never sell yourself short because if you do you will never realize your potential."

STEEL BULL

By Austin Brentlinger

Air so brisk I see my breath, ever so slightly it rolls out of my mouth like light smoke
Clouds are low and dark they cover the orange ball in the sky
Dim light shines down on the big ranch on the early morning of June 22
The land thick with brush and wildlife an elegant place to spend an early morning
Ordinary day working, sweating and on the go always moving
In the big field stands the steel bull big strong no remorse of what it does
It's the boss of the ranch, owns it, runs it in all its glory, the heart of the ranch
One mistake leads to tragedy afflicting one's life forever
The steel bull took a piece of me not just physically but mentally as I lay there
A part of my soul still resides with the steel bull, it will always be a part of me
I am the steel bull now no fear no remorse I fight on every day
I forgive what it did and thank the bull; it makes me stronger every minute
The steel bull is now a part of me
I am the steel bull

HEALTH & WELLNESS

For a future with no lupus, we must know lupus

Submitted by Lupus Foundation of America

May is Lupus Awareness Month.

Lupus is one of the cruelest, most mysterious diseases on earth - an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body. Research shows lupus is more pervasive and more severe than people think, and has an impact that the

public does not realize. Some facts you may not know about lupus:

• Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body.

•An estimated 1.5 million Americans and at least 5 million people worldwide have lupus.

•No two cases of lupus are alike. Common symptoms include joint pain, skin rashes, overwhelming fatigue and fevers that last for days

or weeks. Most people with lupus do not look sick.

•Lupus can impact any organ or tissue, from the skin or joints to the heart or kidneys. Two leading causes of serious illness and death from lupus are kidney disease and heart disease.

•Lupus usually develops between ages 15 and 44 and it lasts a lifetime.

•Lupus can strike anyone, but 90 percent of the people living with lupus are females. Men, children and

teenagers develop lupus too.

• While people of all races and ethnicities can develop lupus, lupus occurs two to three times more frequently among African Americans, Asians, Hispanics/Latinos, Pacific Islanders and Native Americans than among Caucasians.

• While the causes of lupus are unknown, scientists believe hormones, genetics (heredity) and environmental factors are involved – more research is needed to better

understand the role of these factors in people with lupus.

•Lupus can be expensive to live with and treat. The average annual direct and indirect costs incurred by a person with lupus can exceed \$21,000, a higher cost per patient than those living with heart disease, bipolar disorder, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, hypertension and asthma. Lupus can be difficult to diagnose. There is no single blood test to diagnose lupus,

and its symptoms mimic those of other diseases, vary in intensity and can come and go over time. More than half of those afflicted with lupus suffered at least four years and saw three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis of lupus.

• Early diagnosis is crucial to preventing longterm consequences of the disease. If you notice signs or symptoms of lupus, be sure to engage your doctor and ask questions.





Why you may not be losing weight

Submitted by StatePoint

When it comes to weight loss, the recommendation of "diet and exercise" has become a standard refrain from personal trainers, fitness gurus, magazines and even doctors. But the issue is more complex, say experts.

"There are underlying physiological, and in some cases pathological, mechanisms driving weight gain," said Dr. Michael A. Smith, senior health scientist for Life Extension Foundation and host of "Healthy Talk" on RadioMD. com. "Until you address these issues, you won't be as successful on any diet plan as you could be.'

So far, research has identified nine weight gaining mechanisms:

insulin resistance, hormone imbalance, excessive carbohydrate and starch absorption, muscle loss from low physical activity, low brain serotonin, slow resting metabolism, abnormal fat cell signaling, low adenosine monophosphate-activated protein kinase activity and diet imbalances.

"Think of these nine mechanisms as pillars holding up an overweight frame burdened with too much body fat," said Smith.

A successful approach to weight loss will include a diet plan, an exercise regimen and specific nutrients for correcting the pillars supporting your weight gain, according to Smith. He is offering some helpful tips to optimize your health and help you

maintain a healthy weight:

• Take a robust multivitamin that delivers ideal doses of a full spectrum of essential nutrients. From vitamin A to the mineral zinc, your body is totally dependent on these nutrients for optimal weight and health. Dosing vitamins and minerals at this "ideal" level can help optimize energy levels, promote hormonal balance, cardiovascular wellness, bone strength, digestive ease, visual acuity, cognitive agility, emotional stability, joint integrity and help you maintain a healthy weight.

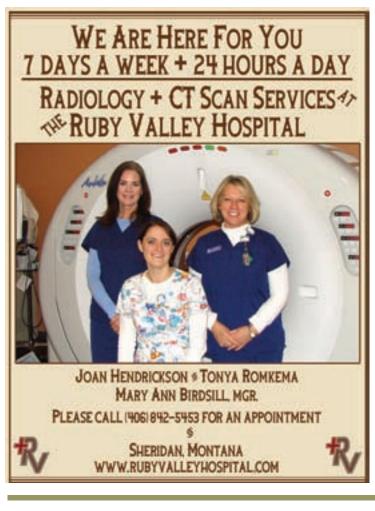
• Omega-3 fatty acids are essential to your health, yet your body cannot make them. To support mental and cardiovascular health, promote cognitive agility and

ease system inflammation, ensure your diet includes essential fatty acids by taking a supplement.

• Supplement your diet with coenzyme Q10 in the ubiquinol form. If your levels are low, every cell, tissue and organ in your body will suffer, especially your heart. Other benefits include supporting healthy nerve and brain cells, healthy blood sugar, healthy body fat and increased vigor.

· When your gut health is compromised, it does not matter how healthy a diet you eat – you will not be able to access all the nutrition it provides. Take a probiotic supplement to promote beneficial bacteria and good digestive health.

If you have ever wondered why it is so hard to lose weight, do not just assume the answer lies in more exercise and fewer calories. By addressing the mechanisms driving your weight gain, you will be in the best possible position to succeed in your weight loss efforts.







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By Art Kehler FOR THE MADISONIAN

Old-school mentoring

Recalling the paternal tutors of my youth

Recently, it occurred to me how much I owe to the men of my dad's side of my family. Their old-school style of mentorship during my formative years was crucial to my learning. The first example occurred when I was still a preschooler. One day, while my paternal grandfather was reading the morning paper at the kitchen table, I was



irresistibly drawn to the shiny coffee pot on the stove. Just as I was about to touch it.

Grandpa, without raising his voice, said, "You'll burn your grubby little finger." Being at the age where children need to discover things for themselves, I proceeded to do as I had intended.

The ensuing searing pain inspired my vocal chords to discharge at decibel levels loud enough to rattle the windows. Certain that my finger had just burst into flame, I erupted into a forerunner of a breakdance. While holding my blistered digit at arm's length, I alternated between frantically jumping up and down and rolling around on the floor. Throughout the scintillating action, Grandpa remained as stoic as a monk. Finally, the pain subsided and my theatrics grew less dramatic. Then, without glancing up from his paper, Grandpa said, "See?" His mentorship method may have been a tad dispassionate, but it worked. There was no denying, I did indeed see!

During the next summer, a similar illustration occurred when our family was camped at a lake. I discovered a small hole in the ground and began pouring dirt into it. My father warned me that there were bees in that opening and, if I didn't stop, I would get stung. In another instance of sluggish learning,

I ignored his advice. So excruciating was the consequent sting that I kicked off one of my shoes

hard enough to send it sailing over my head. In the midst of performing a spectacle similar to the one in the kitchen, I glanced to see dear old Dad calmly going about his business. When the dust finally settled, chip off the old-school block that he was, Pop said, "See?" Once again, I did clearly see! Sadly, things didn't get

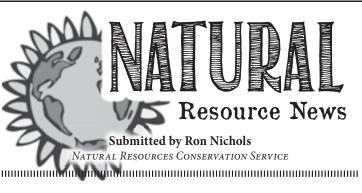
much better as I grew older. For instance, I didn't catch on that climbing trees could be dangerous until the day I fell out of one. Having watched, Dad insightfully observed that the jolting re-acquaintance with the ground had stimulated a learning reflex deep within my cranium. Thus, by again ignoring the emotional turmoil of the moment, he led me to realize that my personal key to learning was pain. Logically, Pop advised my teachers that, if they wanted me to learn something, they should "write it on a board and hit me over the head with it."

So, for a while, to avoid the pain associated with learning, I purposefully put limited effort into my studies. As a result, during that time, I did well at the subjects that wouldn't earn me a dime in this world. And not so good at those subjects that would have led to a lucrative life.

Fortunately, in the end. I surmounted the wellintentioned efforts of my paternal counselors and graduated from high school. True to form, instead of a graduation present, Pop got me a "token of his astonishment." Even so, I'm pretty sure both Grandpa and Dad would have been proud if they'd lived to see me graduate from college. Still, without their oldschool mentorship during my formative years, I might still be falling from trees.

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



A hedge against drought: Why healthy soil is water in the bank

While most look to the sky for drought relief, an increasing number of farmers are looking to the soil. And for good reason: Healthy soils capture and store much more water – which can come in handy during dry spells.

Through its Unlock the Secrets in the Soil campaign, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is leading the effort to get more farmers and ranchers to adopt soil health management systems for a wide range of

on and off-farm benefits including drought resiliency. So what's the water-banking secret in healthy soil?

"Organic matter and living organisms provide the foundation for soil to function properly, allowing it to take in, store and deliver water to plants, among many other benefits," said NRCS Soil Health Division Director, Dr. Bianca Moebius-Clune.

"Organic matter causes soil to form stable soil aggregates, or crumbs," she said. "With

better soil structure, infiltration of water into the soil improves, which allows the entire soil profile to take in and hold more water when it rains.'

Healthy soil acts much like a sponge, with its ability to absorb and hold much of its volume in water.

The difference between healthy, stable soil and degraded, unstable soil can be seen dramatically in NRCS' soil stability test video demonstration.

In healthy soil, earthworms, arthropods and decaying roots create "macro-pores" into which water can flow to then be stored in the soil.

"Bacteria, fungi and other soil life build and stabilize smaller 'micro-pores' that further increase the soil's capacity to hold water," Moebius-Clune said.

Contrary to conventional thought, plowing or tillage actually reduces the capacity of the soil to receive and hold water over time, according to Moebius-Clune.

"That's because tillage destroys soil aggregates and the

biologically produced glues that hold soil aggregates together," she said. "This results in the collapse of those aggregates and the pores between them, which leads to compaction, crusting, increased run-off and downstream flooding, all of which decreases the amount of water that enters the soil profile to be stored and used by crops.'

But Moebius-Clune said there's good news and a new hope in healthy soil.

"By farming using soil health principles and practices adapted to each local production system, such as reducing tillage, growing cover crops and diversifying rotations (including animals), farmers are actually increasing microbial activity, building organic matter and sequestering more carbon in their soil," she said. "They are improving its ability to take in and hold 'water in the bank.' They're even creating wildlife and pollinator habitat – all while decreasing risks from extreme weather and harvesting better profits and often better yields."

All of us can take those soil health benefits to the bank.



I saw a picture on Facebook this week of a mom and her son in a car that is obviously in a hard brake. The mom had her arm extended over in front of the son to try to hold him in place in the seat. The caption on the picture was, "before seatbelts, did you ever do this?" I had to laugh to myself, oh yes I did – with my kids all the time, but one time out of habit to a complete stranger.

It happened to me of all places at the bus/transportation convention. We all had to drive a car with the instructor, hit a prepared slick place in the road and control the car out of the spin. Well, it was my first time

through the course, so when the car went into a fast spin, I immediately reached my arm over to catch 'my kid' but it was the instructor. My hand grabbed him right on the leg. Plus, to make it all even worse for me, I was eight months pregnant. I can't tell you how many "I am so sorrys" I told him. At the end of the course, the instructor told the entire class that he had a first with this class; a pregnant student grabbed his leg in the slick. Well, there weren't a lot of pregnant ladies there taking the course, in fact, I was the only one, so everyone got to share in my embarrassment with a good ole' laugh on me.

Such a rainy, cold weekend last week – I just stayed home and was lazy. Kind of nice, I really like being lazy sometimes; it is good to just sit and think. Marti Carlson's sudden death makes you take a look at your own life, health and circumstances. So a lazy day was just what I needed. I looked at

old annuals from school, made some notes to change on my will and power of attorney and just watched T.V. and listened to a lot of really good old music. I had to laugh to myself when I was flipping through the T.V. stations – I didn't want any movies that were sad or silly, I just wanted something easy. I found the Lawrence Welk show reruns. When I was growing up nearly every Saturday night, we as a family watched the Lawrence Welk show. Ilike all kinds of music – eclectic, I think they call it. I like some music much more than others but still enjoy it all. Music makes everything better.

Family, friends, the Twin Bridges school students and staff and the community have a tough day coming this Thursday putting Mrs. Carlson to rest. I can remember an early morning a long time ago; it was after a really terrible day for my family and myself. I thought to myself, "how can the sun still come up, doesn't it know?" I think of that now and

then; life goes on with or without us. It is like what my little 4-year-old granddaughter Lilly says when she is upset, "Lilly, take a big breath and another."

So what have we learned this week? If something is wrong, fix it if you can, but train yourself not to worry. Worry never fixes anything. Pause and remember every person is going through difficult hardships and growth; let's be more conscious of this by being more patient, compassionate and understanding. Choose to be happy. You have to be stretched in order to grow.

athletes from the county going to the state track meet this weekend in Laurel. Have a very nice Memorial

Best of luck to all the

Day holiday – do remember the reason for the season.

There is no need to reach high for the stars. They are already within you. Just reach deep into yourself.

Through the WINDOW of the archives

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

The two story stone building at the corner of west Wallace and Jackson Street was built in 1864 and from 1865 to 1875 it was Montana's Territorial Capitol building. The second floor housed the Territorial Legislature as well a small library for young men. In about 1882, R.O. Hickman and Jacob Albright operated a clothing store in the old stone building.

However, in the 1890s, things began to change and move forward into the 1900s with an ambitious generation of people with brand new business in mind coming upon the scene.

In 1909 a new run-about Ford

automobile was traveling around the area and was drawing interested individuals who wished to purchase one of those amazing, fast, fourwheeled, run-abouts. This resulted in Charles Buford becoming a licensed agent for the Ford Motor Company.

The automobile became a winning venture and demanded business in the declining Virginia City, whose population had decreased and the town had to adapt and seek out ways to adjust to the new era of times if it was to survive. Upon the scene came two automobile garages, one run by Joe Buford and Dan Sherman located on Jackson Street, which was once the old International Hotel Building – they converted it into a

garage The other was run by Lewis A. Dudley and Ray Kohls - their garage was located on Wallace.

You guessed it ... it was the old stone building that was once the Territorial Capitol building. The famous building became a garage for all those automobiles that would be in need of repairs.

Improvements had to be made to make the building ready for this new business. Many of the interior walls were removed and a large double door was built in the front for cars to enter and plenty of room for numerous automobiles in need of repair. It was be supplied with all the modern equipment that would be needed for those repairs. The 1910s were upon us and businesses, especially the new garage, would be of benefit to a great many.

Now it is time to look a little closer to Dudley. He was born on Nov. 11, 1874, near Cumberland, Ohio, coming to Montana in

1903. He became involved with mining at the Easton and was in charge of the cyanide plant. It wasn't until 1910 until he entered into employment with C. Buford and became sole owner of the garage (Dudley Garage) in 1914.

He married Laura Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Montana pioneers. Dudley passed away in February of 1950. After his death the garage was taken over by his son, L.A. Dudley Jr. (Alan). He continued operation until the early sixties (1960-61) it was at this time Alan wished to retire so he and his family were off to California. It was a just a short time later the long time business of Dudley Garage went up for sheriff's sale and was purchased by Charlie Bovey.

Source: Dick Pace Archives, Thompson-Hickman Library; The Madisonian 1909, 1910, 1911, 1950

Commodity Insite: Too crowded

The New York Yankees Hall of Famer and the most quoted professional baseball player in history, Yogi Berra, celebrated his 90th birthday this week. Many a writer has lifted, "Yogi-isms" over the years, including yours truly. Among the most famous are, "It ain't over 'til it's over." "It's déjà vu all over again." And, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." My favorite quote from Yogi is, "Nobody goes there

anymore. It's too crowded." I favor that quote because it can be related right back to the entire Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities. "How is that," you ask? Because a market can get too crowded and when that tipping point arrives, the odds increase considerably that a significant change in trend can rapidly unfold to the

chagrin of the participants. Take the global bond

markets as an example. In the past month, treasuries across the globe have dropped 12 percent, give or take a bit. Over the past six years, investors and speculators have flocked for safety. But the market became too crowded and prices collapsed.

From Wall Street On Parade: "There has been a seismic shift in thinking among global investors when it comes to sovereign debt and it's not about what you're reading in the business press.'

"In the past three weeks, yields have spiked on sovereign which has caused an estimated loss of over \$400 billion globally – and counting. (Bond prices move inversely to interest rates.) This has effectively been a rapid, unanticipated tightening of monetary policy by the markets themselves – leaving central banks in Europe, China and Japan, which

are trying to effectuate an easing of rates, nervously fingering their worry beads."

To describe the recent collapse with treasury bond prices as "seismic" is putting it mildly. Treasury bonds are most important of all markets because they determine interest rates. The main reason stocks and commodities have improved since 2009 is because the Fed has been buying bonds as a stimulus measure to support the economy.

The Fed has kept interest rates near zero for six years by purchasing bonds. It was the Fed and low rates that led to the treasury market being too crowded. But after the recent global bond rout, the treasury market is far less crowed and market participants far less wealthy. And the very fact that bonds, a leading indicator market, has collapsed seismically,

the odds are high that other markets way too crowded are living on borrowed time.

In crowded markets, the participants tend to be complacent, comfortable and oblivious to risk. Mr. Mitchell Eichen writing for Forbes recently stated, "The resiliency of the U.S. stock market is surprising to me. It has been more than two years since the last 10 percent plus correction, despite Russia's annexation of Crimea, sluggish GDP growth, the risk of a credit bubble in China and a host of other important economic issues." And he goes on to write, "In one of my prior columns, I described the market as being 'comfortably numb' to the risks we face today. The risks do not seem as daunting as those we faced during the credit crisis. I think 'complacent' is perhaps a more appropriate term defining

the market's behavior today." The most over-crowded and complacent markets anywhere are equities. However, here are two other markets burdened with so many people that if they ever try to exit the same door at the same time such as what recently took place in the global treasury market, a nasty rout could unfold.

Commodities: since mid-March, commodities as measured by the CRB Index rallied to a new five month high this week. The rally was not the result of improving fundamentals such as supply or demand. The rally unfolded because too many were short. Being short commodities was too crowded and the market cured that problem by rising sharply. And now that the CRB has been cleansed of shorts, the odds are high that commodities per se are poised to head lower once again.

Another market woefully too crowded was the U.S. dollar. The 'ol greenback

hit a 12 year high in mid-March but this week fell to a new, five month low. The dollar collapsed for the very same reasons treasury bonds collapsed and the CRB Index rallied. The dollar was burdened with too many complacent longs that were comfortable and oblivious to risk.

What I touched on this week is the theory behind crowded markets. In practice and reality markets will do what they want to do. But beware of being involved with markets that are known to be crowed and complacent. Things can get dicey if everyone wants out of the same door at the same time. And Yogi Berra had

his unique spin on things when he once said, "In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice, there is.

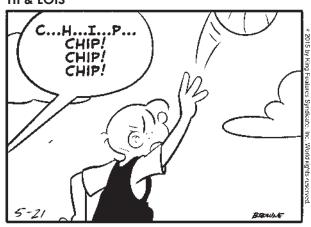
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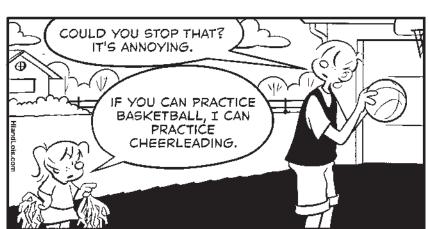
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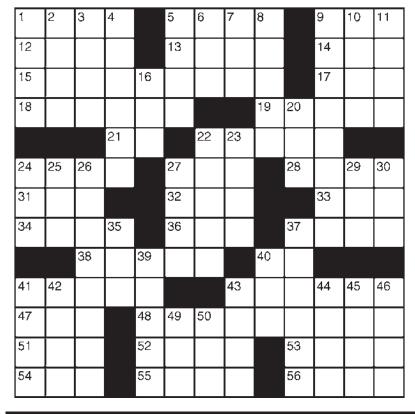


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What You Need

ripe cantaloupe seeded, peeled, cubed

Melissa Johnson

Clifton, TN (pop. 2,694)

1 15 oz. can peaches, drained

1/2 c sugar 1/4 tsp ground ginger 1/2 tsp nutmeg

1 tsp cinnamon 1 tsp vanilla

1/2 stick butter pinch salt 1 stick butter (to be melted in pan during preparation)

TOPPING 1 c flour, self-rising

1 c sugar 1 c milk 1 tsp vanilla

1/4 tsp cinnamon

Directions

- Combine all cobbler ingredients (except 1 stick of butter) in a large saucepan. Cook until fruit is softened and sauce is slightly thickened.
- Remove from heat. Taste for sweetness. Add additional sugar if necessary.
- Place 1 stick of butter in 13 x 9 pan and heat in 350 F oven until melted.
- Mix together all topping ingredients until smooth. If topping is too thick, add more milk until thinned.
- Pour fruit into pan over melted butter. • Pour topping over fruit. Sprinkle with
- sugar if desired. • Bake at 350 F until golden brown and bubbly (approximately 35 min.).
- · Remove from oven and serve while
- Top with whipped cream or ice cream.

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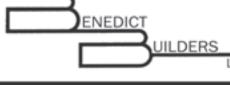


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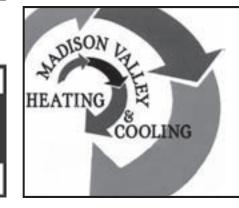
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Please contact Sheriff Roger Thompson or Undersheriff Phil Fortner at (406) 843-5301 with any questions. Closing date is May 31,

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The Madison County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the position of Communications Coordinator. The salary for this position is \$21.21 per hour with county medical benefits. This is a 30 hour per week position with the possibility of working up to an additional 10 hours per week on occasion depending on the needs of the assignment.

Duties and responsibilities

include managing the Madison County Communications/911 Center handles which communications for all emergency responders in Madison County including fire departments, emergency medical responders, enforcement, search rescue along with handling non-emergency calls for other county entities. This position provides supervision and training for dispatch personnel. The position also is responsible for maintaining county wireless communication equipment and infrastructure along with all other communication devices used at the Center Communications and other county locations. The position also assists the Madison County Director of Disaster and Emergency Services.

This position requires the applicant to be well versed in use of computer equipment, familiar with public safety communications protocols, administration and

procedures fami with public safety communications equipment and use and be familiar with ICS and its application in real-life events. The Communications Coordinator applicant must have prior supervisory experience and have the ability to work well with a wide array of private and public entities to solve problems. The applicant must be able to develop grants, proposals, correspondence and project papers, attend complete and required training, successfully pass a law enforcement investigation background and be physically fit to travel and operate both at indoors and outdoor situations. The person appointed to this position must live within or be able to re-locate to Madison County, possess a HS degree or GED and have a strong sense of teamwork and

cooperation. Applications can be found at www.madison.mt.gov. The application and a complete resume should be sent to the Dillon Job Service, 730 N. Montana Ste. #4, Dillon, MT 59725 (DillonJSC@mt.gov) or to the Madison County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 276, Virginia City, MT 59755. Please contact Sheriff Roger Thompson or Undersheriff Phil Fortner at (406) 843.

Please contact Sheriff Roger Thompson or Undersheriff Phil Fortner at (406) 843-5301 with any questions. Closing date is May 31, 2015. Madison County is an EE/AA employer. 29-2-b

Drivers wanted, for local hauling. Need current CDL. Call Willie at 641-765-4285. 28-4-b

Part/Full Time experienced horse-back wrangler and a cook for July and August. Call 682-7292. 27-tfc-b

Help Wanted. Full time general maintenance at Antler Designs. Monday-Friday, 8-5 p.m.. Benefits. Apply at 333 W. Main St, Ennis or call 682-7153. 27-tfc-b



Boot Hill Mercantile in Virginia City has an opening for an Assistant Manager for the upcoming season. Approximately 25-30 hours per week, must be able to work weekends. A competitive wage and an incentive bonus are offered. Contact Allison @ 406.579.2295 or email resume to allisonveland@yahoo.com 27-tfc-b

McAllister Inn- Hiring servers and kitchen help- line cooks, prep cooks and dishwashers. Give us a call at 682-5000 or stop in after 2 and pick up an application. 27-tfc-p

HELP WANTED
Moriah Motel in Sheridan
Part Time
Housekeeping and Office Duties
406-842-5491
30-2-b

Summer Job opportunity:
Weed control tech
20-30 hrs/wk. Must be 16 years
or older and have transportation to work site. Contact Jeff
at 406-925-1970 or jwedding@
ranchresources.net for more
information.
30-2-b

Madison Valley Manor has an opening for a dietary aide/house-keeper position. This is a fill-in position, hours will vary, pay based on experience.

For an application and more information please contact Tom Burt or Candy Vincent at 682-7271. 28-tfc-b

The Board of Madison County Commissioners will be accepting applications until filled for the full-time position of Planning Clerk. The Planning Clerk will provide administrative support to the County Planning Office and secretarial support to the County Planning Board. This position will begin with an hourly wage of \$14.53. Benefits will accumulate according to the Madison County Personnel Policy based on eligibility. Please contact the Planning Department at (406) 843-5250, email to planb@madison.mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madison.mt.gov for an application and job description.

Madison County is an equal opportunity employer. 29-2-b

Now hiring part time cashier at the Cardwell Store. Call 287-5092 or stop by to apply. 28-tfc-b

Driftwood Bar & Bistro is seeking a waitress for its morning/lunch position. Experienced preferred but will train the right person. Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 with Wednesdays off. Must have reliable transportation. Please send brief resume to: Driftwaters@live.com. No solicitors. 30-2-b

Permanent part-time public works position for the Town of Sheridan. 10-15 hours per week. Duties include maintenance of streets, parks, and various town properties. General knowledge of lawn care, snow removal, and related equipment. Must be available for shared weekend call in. Wage \$13-\$14.50/DOE. Pick up/or call Sheridan Town Haul. 406-842-5431 for application. Position open until filled.

30-tfc-b

Seasonal Irrigator/ Plant Maintenance Assistant Local ranch management company is looking to fill two (2) seasonal irrigator positions near Sheridan. Employee(s) will be responsible for providing regular irrigation to habitat restoration plantings and assisting with other plant maintenance tasks as necessary. Work will be 40 hrs/week, outdoors from approx. mid-May to the end of August, 2015. \$10-12/hr DOE, on-site lodging may be available. Must be able to provide personal transportation to jobsite. 842-5010, ask for Dave. dmcadoo@ranchresources.net 27-1-b

Sheridan Alder Parks and Recreation Dept/Ruby Valley Swimming is hiring for lifeguard positions for Summer Season 2015.

Apply online at www.rubyvalleyswimmingpool.com 24-tfc-b

FOR RENT

PETERSON'S DISCOUNT STORAGE Indoor & Outdoor RV/Boat storage, storage units. Ennis, 682-7442 18-tfc-b

FOR RENT in Ennis 20 x 30 heated shops/storage. RV Storage also available. 581-7687. 28-tfc-b

Ennis Rental: Clean, furnished studio apt, \$425 includes utilities. No smoking, no pets. Call 551-0309.

MADISON MANAGEMENT Vacation and Long Term Rentals 570-5401

www.madisonmanagement.com 22-tfc

Retail/Office space for rent in downtown Ennis 2 rooms somewhat divided plus full bath 1,000 sq. ft., \$600 month Paul 581-7878 29-tfc-b

FOR RENT: Large mobile home site 1 mile from Ennis. 100 x 150', water & sewer, country atmosphere, quiet. **NO DOGS**. 682-4854. 29-tfc

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$650 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737.

15-tfc

For rent: 14x48' storage, 12x14' high overhead door. Great for warehouse, boats, RV's, etc. \$165/mo, call Bob 925-1362 25-tfc-b

FOR RENT: Call Apex Management at 682-7112 or 581-0103 for long term or vacation rentals in Ennis and the Madison Valley.

FOR RENT: Retail/office unit, 975 sf, \$460/mo. plus utilities. 682-5653 5-tfc-b

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

1 bedroom furnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$700 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

ENNIS MINI STORAGE New low prices with 10 x 10's starting at \$35. Larger sizes available. Call Melinda at 596-4288. 15-tfc

30'x60' metal shop. 3-phase power. Overhead door. Floor is 1/2 dirt-1/2 cement. Located in Nevada City – HWY 287 and Browns Gulch Rd. \$500/mo, deposit required. Call 435-752-5215. 25-tfc-b

CLASSIFIEDS CONT. B6



Montana Heritage Commission in historic Virginia City

is looking for a full-time(40 hours/week), seasonal worker to perform lawn, artifact and janitorial maintenance in Virginia City, Montana. Position runs through Labor Day. Pay range is from \$9.48-\$12.60/hr. Free housing may be available. Call 406-369-8147



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

CLASSIFIEDS CONT. FROM B5

WANTED

Gopher Hunters! Sharpen your skills. Please call 685-3360 for more information.

Responsible couple wanting to rent/lease country home. We have good references. Also willing to exchange rent/lease for property care taking. 406-599-0024 25-tfc-b

FOR SALE

1948 Studebaker Champion, best offer. 406-682-4105 or 209-3996.

For Sale: Like new! 22 Anderson casement windows (various sizes), and 5 fixed windows. Call Joyce Adams at 714-679-5351 for more informa-

Cargo craft trailer. 6 ft x 12 ft. Box \$1950. Call 406-682-5412.

27-tfc-p

27-1-р

Place Your Classified

BRIDGE DECK 8'2" wide X 16' long, 12" Ibeams. Gross wt. 32,000 lbs Ideal for small ditch or canal \$2,500 OBO. Call 684-5551. 18-tfc-b

Started chicks, ducks, geese, turkeys, guineas and more. Feeders and waterers. Also have eggs. 406-577-6152 28-tfc-12

REAL ESTATE

Wood Frame House for Sale. 2 story, 3,930 sf wood frame home with deck built in 2004. South of Cameron. Home must be removed from property. Showings May 8th, 23rd at 1 p.m. Call 406-531-8297 or 523-3445 for more information. 28-3-b

Ennis Lake, Rainbow PT, fully remodeled home on private road & private lake access. \$449,000 Info @ www.ennislakefront. com/406-581-7820 13-tfc-b

SERVICES

Portable Irrigation Pipe Press steel/aluminum welding parts available. Repair, wheel lines, hand lines. ALSO: Custom built steel fencing, arenas, corrals. Call 925-1752 22-tfc-b



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

DEEMO'S MEATS

Don't stress your livestock by taking them to slaughter. Let slaughter come to your ranch. To schedule an appointment, call 682-7306 or 600-0320 and ask for Scott. 20-tfc-b



GARAGE SALE

Super Garage Sale Friday-Saturday June 5 - 6 8 am - 3 pm Furniture, household goods and much more. Troutdale II 22/24 Coachman Lane. 30-3-b

Friday May 22 8 am - 3 pm Saturday May 23 8 am - 3 pm 222 W Fagin St., Ennis Ammunition, books, collectibles, guns, household, saddles, open yokes, much more

Multi-family Yard Sale

Moving Sale Saturday May 23 Furniture, including like-new blended leather couch and matching chair, dressers, pub height kitchen table, household goods, horse tack, golf clubs, etc. 9 am - 2 pm. 109 Ennis St 30-1-b

ESTATE SALES



ABLE ESTATE SALES -Huge Annual Multi Estate Sale — June 4, 5 & 6th, Same weekend as GarageORama at Fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. Watch for Photos and listing details at www. AbleEstateSales.com Mike & Cheryl Gordon, WE BUY ESTATES 842-5251

PUBLIC NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for construction of the Moores Creek Culvert Replacements Project will be received by the office of the Madison County Board of Commissioners at the County Courthouse, 205 N. Broadway Street, PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755 until 2:00 p.m. local time on May 26th, 2015, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of the removal of existing culverts and the construction of replacement structures on eight separate roadway crossings over Moores Creek in the Town of Ennis, Montana. The new structures consist of both four-sided concrete box culverts and precast concrete slab bridges. The proposed culverts and bridges will vary in configuration and length depending on the site. Improvements for the projects consist of, but are not limited to: traffic control & temporary detours, removal of existing structures, structure excavation, unclassified excavation and embankment, imported structural backfill, dewatering, bedding course, crushed gravel surface & base course, geocell abutment stabilization, asphalt concrete pavement, random riprap, supply and installation of four-sided concrete box culverts and wingwalls, supply and installation of precast concrete bridge foundations, supply and installation of precast concrete slab bridges, bridge rail, impact attenuator, guardrail end sections, guardrail, water main relocations, pedestrian rail, stormwater improvements, tree removals, pavement markings and other miscellaneous items.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.greatwesteng.com or www. questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab. The contract documents, consist ing of half size Drawings and Project Manual may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineering, located at 2501 Belt View Drive, PO Box 4817, Helena, MT, phone (406) 449-8627 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required deposit is \$100 per set, which is not refundable. In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following loca-

Bozeman Builders Exchange Helena Copy Center Butte Builders Exchange Missoula Plans Exchange Billings Builders Exchange There will be a Pre-Bid Conference at the

project site at 1:00 p.m. on May 20th, 2015. Attendees should meet at the Ennis Town Hall. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend

Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, PO Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by Montana Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employ-ment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national

origin.
Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Madison County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

This project is funded with multiple grant funding sources and provisions from those funding sources must be strictly followed. Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 16.02 of the Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Em-

Madison County Commission PO Box 27, Virginia City, MT 59755 (Pub. May 7, 14, 21, 2015)mcc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Probate No. DP-29-2015-9 NANCY K. MYERS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed, return receipt requested, to TRAVIS L. MYERS, the Personal Representative, c/o Hanna Warhank, GOUGH, SHANAHAN, JOHNSON & WATERMAN, PLLP, P.O. Box 1715, Helena, MT 59624, or filed with the clerk of the aboveentitled court.

DATED this 22th day of April, 2015.

/s/ Travis L. Myers TRAVIS L. MYERS, Personal Representative (Pub. May 14, 21, 27, 2015) gsjw

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on June 19, 2015, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison

County, Montana: Unit 22 of Cedar Creek Condominiums, located on Lot 5E of the Amended Plat of a portion of Lot 5, and Tract A, Block 1, Amended, Cas-cade Subdivision, in Book 4 of Plats, Page 327, records of Madison County, Montana Together with an undivided 1.3% interest in and to the General Common Elements as set out and established in Amended and Restated Declaration for Cedar Creek Condominiums, recorded December 4, 1998 in Book 425, Page 307, records of Madison County, Montana, and as subsequently amended. Said unit to be used for residential and/or residential rental purposes only. ALSO KNOW AS:

Unit 22 of Cedar Creek Condominiums as shown and designated on those certain Basic Unit Floor Plans and Site Map recorded in he office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. TOGETHER WITH an undivided 1.3 percentile interest in and to the Common Areas and Facilities as shown and designated in said Basic Unit Floor Plans and Site Map, being Tract 5E of Amended Plat, Book 4 of Plats, Page 327, of a portion of Tract 5 and Tract A of Block Amended, Cascade Subdivision, situated in Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Madison County Montana, which tract is described as Exhibit "A" in the Declaration of Cedar Creek Condominiums Amended and Restated Declarations recorded December 4, 1998 in Book 425, Page 307, and First Amendment to Amended and Restated Declaration recorded November 12, 1999 in Book 435, Page 472, Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Declaration for Cedar Creek Condominiums recorded December 7, 1999 in Book 436, Page 61, Third Amendment to Amended and Restated Declaration for Cedar Creek Condominiums recorded December 16, 1999 in Book 436, Page 463, Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Declaration for Cedar Creek Condominiums recorded July 24, 2001 in Book 455, page 398, and Fifth Amendment to Amended and Restated Declaration for Cedar Creek Condominiums recorded December 4, 2001 in Book 460, page 963, and Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Declaration for Cedar Creek Condominiums recorded April 8, 2014 as Document No. 155423, records of Madison County, Montana Jeffery R Quackenbush a/k/a Jeffrey R Quackenbush and Lauren Quackenbush as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Charles J. Peterson of Mackoff, Kellogg, Kirby, and Kloster, PC., as Trustee, to secure

an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated May 2, 2006 and record ed May 9, 2006 under Document No 113162 and re-recorded November 17, 2006 under Document No 117050. The beneficial interest is currently held by PennyMac Holdings, LLC. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$1,112.92, beginning April 1, 2009, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of January 14, 2015 is \$179,012.74 prin cipal, interest at the rate of 2.87500% total

\$1,681.50, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$14.10 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinguent, un less such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses

ing \$34,512.60, late charges in the amount

of \$477.45, escrow advances of \$8,694.15

and other fees and expenses advanced of

of the sale and late charges, if any. Trustee to sell the above described property

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the to satisfy the obligation The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation of warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually in curred and attorney's fees) other than such

portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be post-poned by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bank ruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-

POSE Dated: February 9, 2015 Assistant Secretary

First American Title Company of Montana,

Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services PO Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221

STATE OF

County of Bingham)
On this 9th day February, 2015, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

Lisa J Tornabene Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Commission expires: 11/6/2018 Pennymac Vs. Quackenbush 41961.039 (Pub. May 14, 21, 27, 2015) mk

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY PATRICIA ANTONUCCI and JOSEPH ANTONUCCI, as CO-TRUSTEES OF THE JEFRY ROSMARIN FAMILY TRUST DATED OCTOBER 7, 1993,

JEFRY ROSMARIN, EVAN GLASS, as CO-TRUSTEE OF THE JEFRY ROSMARIN FAMILY TRUST, JARED ROSMARIN, RYAN ROSMARIN, UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS NO. 1 and NO. 2, Defendants.

Cause No. DV-15-08 Hon. Loren Tucker SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION STATE OF MONTANA, TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, AND TO ALL OTH-ER PERSONS UNKNOWN - GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiffs' attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this summons, ex clusive of the day of service. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
This action is brought for the purposes of par-

tition or sale of real property situated, lying and being in the County of Madison, State of Montana, more particularly described as fol-

Unit 307 of WM Lodge Condominiums, located on Tract 1A of Amended Plat of Tract 1 of Yellowstone Mountain Club, Phase 4, and Lot 1 of Big Springs Village - Phase 1b, in Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana. (Plat Reference in Book 4 of Plats, Page 644-A, records of Madison County, Montana). Together with a 1.3350% interest in the general common elements as set out and established in the Restated and Revised Declaration for WM Lodge Condo-miniums, recorded February 23, 2005 in Book 526, Page 228; First Amendment to Restated and Revised Declaration for WM Lodge Condominiums, recorded December 13, 2011 Document No. 143539; Second Amendmen to Restated and Revised Declaration for WM Lodge Condominiums, recorded May 6, 2014, Document No. 155771; and Third Amendmen to Restated and Revised Declaration For WM Lodge Condominiums recorded February 5, 2015, Document No. 159703, records of Madison County, Montana. Said unit is for residential purposes only.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 29th day of April, 2015. KAREN J. MILLER

Clerk of District Court (Pub. May 14, 21, 27, 2015)mor MNAXLP

BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR MAY REGULAR

MEETING Wednesday, May 27, 2015 – 8:30 AM Fire Station No. 1 Introduction of visitors and quests

Public Comment Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:

Approval of draft minutes of April 29, 2015 Regular Meeting Financial Reports for April 2015

Monthly Financial Statements Register: Check 6114776 Fire Chief's Report - William

Farhat New Business Annexation of Madison County

- Discussion & Possible Action Required Unfinished Business

Fire Chief's Performance Review Follow-up - Discussion & Possible Action Required Other Business

a. Big Sky Resort Tax Meeting Follow-up – May 13, 2015 – Discussion Party for Al Scholes, June 14, 2015 - Discussion Big Sky Kids Breakfast, June 21,

2015 - Discussion Election of Board Officers - Discussion & Action Required Public Comment

Date for next regular meeting -June 24, 2015 @ 8:30 AM

NOTICE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT DECISION

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MAN-AGEMENT, has issued a Forest Management Decision to implement the BIRCH MEADOW TIMBER SALE: MADISON COUNTY: MON-TANA: PUBLIC DOMAIN LAND. This timber

sale is located approximately 8 miles north of Ennis, Montana, to implement treatment on 62 acres of Federal Lands in a portion of section 34, T4S, R2W, M.P.M. This timber sale would be implemented in cooperation with adjacent private lands to reduce fuel loading, improve forest health, and recover the economic value of wood products. Due to access constraints this will be a non-competitively awarded project. No forest products will be sold at less than the government minimum appraised value. This notice, first published on May 21, 2015 constitutes the decision document for purposes of protests under 43 CFR subpart 5003-Administrative Remedies. Protests of this Forest Management Decision must be received at the Bureau of Land Management, Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT 59725 within 15 days after the first publication of this notice. As interpreted by BLM, the regulations do not authorize the acceptance of protests in any form other than an original written and signed hard copy that is delivered to the physical address of the advertising BLM office.

(Pub. May 21, 28, 2015) blmdillon MNAXLP

NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETING CHANGES

The Board of Madison County Commissioners The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on May 25, 2015, as County Offices will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday. The regular Commission meeting for that week will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, instead. The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding a regular meeting on the week

of June, 1, 2015, to allow time for the move to the new County Administrative Building. Please note that beginning on Monday, June 8, 2015, Commission meetings will be held in the new County Administration Building at 103 W.

Wallace in Virginia City, Montana, unless otherwise noticed. (Pub. May 21, 28, 2015) mcc

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Engines & Transmissions Installed - Car & Truck Accessories



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NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE

2nd half 2014 property taxes are due and payable before 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2015. Mobile home taxes will be mailed at a later date due to the legislative session. Unless paid prior to that time the amount then due will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as penalty. If date on which taxes are due falls on a Holiday or a Saturday, taxes may be paid without penalty and interest on or before 5:00 p.m. of the next business day in accordance with 1-1-307. If you have a delinquency, the current taxes (2014) have to be paid in full before your delinquency can be paid. Payment of taxes may be made at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, MT, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on legal holidays or at any time before the due date. Taxes may be mailed to Madison County Treasurer, P.O. Box 247, Virginia City MT, 59755, postmarked no later than June 1, 2015. PLEASE NOTE: IF TAXES ARE PAID AFTER THIS DATE, PENALTIES AND INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED AND YOUR CHECK WILL BE SENT BACK TO COLLECT THEM. PLEASE CALL FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT OWED AFTER THE DUE DATE! WE NOW HAVE A NIGHT DROP AT THE REAR ENTRANCE OF THE COURTHOUSE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED UNTIL 5:00 PM. June 1ST, 2015 FOR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.

Telephone inquiries may be made to 406-843-4212 or e-mail sburke@madison.mt.gov Web site: www.madison.mt.gov To pay by Credit Card call 1-800-272-9829 Jurisdiction

Code 3614 with a 3% charge or use officialpayments.com, e-check is also available for \$3.00 charge Night drop at the rear entrance of the Courthouse

OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



The Madisonian/Susanne Hill

Bill Mercer presents a door prize to a lucky winner at Thursday's Business After Hours event hosted by ReMax Real Estate. Those in attendance share a laugh as Les Terrell of Willie's Distillery claims his prize of Willie's bourbon.

Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor \{\) 842-5602

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

One block behind IGA, Sheridan

Rocky Mountain Baptist Church 682-4949

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Service,

Wednesday 6 p.m.

606 Comley Way, Ennis 6 Blocks South of City Complex

Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley



Find Fellowship With Us

Dayspring Church

Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship Joel Trenkle/Pastor

Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com 596-0707 · 3648 Hwy 287 Between Sheridan & Twin Bridge

<u>HARRISON</u>

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Harrison, Montana

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m. Sunday School &

Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joe Miller Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church



 Sunday Service 9:00 am · Bible Study

 Sunday School Lent Services soup

DOITS am 10015 am

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Ennis Branch Sacrament Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.

Family History Center 682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614 Pres. Thompson 682-7415 133 MT Hwy 287

THE **BAHA'I FAITH**

love one another; that we should seek out our own shortcomings faults of others, that we must not neighbours! ~

'Abdu'l-Bahá, Paris Talks, p. 147

All religions teach that we should

before we presume to condemn the consider ourselves superior to our

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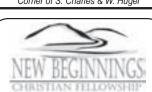
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Liturgy Schedule

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St. Mary, Laurin Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.

Deacon Andy Dorrington, astoral Administrator ~ 842-5588



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Summer Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Wells Fargo on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning May 20 from 11:30am to noon for \$3.00.

MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

The TBS&CC provides meals for seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Donations for meals are appreciated.

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MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN

The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and over Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the senior center, family style for \$3.50 or have their meal delivered for \$4.00. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Call Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

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Submitted by Emily McParland

The Sheridan elementary fifth and sixth-grade boys were awarded a first place trophy at the Madison County track meet.

The importance of teams in Relay for Life

Submitted by Meg Sammons

Relay for Life is a team event. Being a part of a Relay team can be one of the most fulfilling things you will ever do. Relay teams are boundlessly passionate about and committed to Relay for Life. Without teams, there would be no Relay. They

are the backbone of Relay. Teams fundraise in the most creative ways. They have raced ducks, knitted scarves, crocheted afghans and raffled off anything they can get their hands on. Toilets have been stolen. Bracelets have been crafted, awesome sweets baked and luminarias sold. Teams have been super-heroes, fairy princesses, not-so cowardly lions, hunters, 80s disco queens and even blue people.

But it is not all about dressing up or creative fund raising – it all comes back to the heart of the Relay: cancer survivors and their caregivers. Relay teams are helping them fight the fight and find a cure.

Team fundraising supports the enormous amount of research being done every day to find a cure. Every dollar counts as researchers are closer than ever to finding a cure. The money raised also finances programs available to our local community: The Hope Lodge for patient and family stays, Road to

Recovery for travel expenses to and from treatments, Look Good ... Feel Good to assist patients with selfimage during treatments and Reach to Recovery advocacy programs to partner survivors with mentors to help them along their cancer journey.



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THURSDAY, JULY 9 FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M. at the

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• Join Marc & Janice Mondavi for wine flight tastings and hors d'oeuvres

• Silent Art Auction with local artists & artisans

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Tickets for \$75 each! Go online:

http://trinityepiscopalmt.org to pay securely with credit card or PayPal. Or call David at (406) 565-2903 and plan on attending this special event.

Trinity Episcopal Church Historical Preservation Project Fund Raiser – Project ensures this 112-year old Treasure lives on through the next century

On Wed., July 8th, float & fish with the Mondavis & expert guides plus lunch and wine sipping! -2- Lucky people will enjoy this one-of-a kind float. Winners will be announced June 9th. Bidding starts at \$900 per ticket. For on-line bidding go to: http://trinityepiscopalmt.org or for more information call David (406) 565-2903.



The Montana Heritage Commission invites you to start the season of 2015 with the MEMORIAL DAY KICKOFF PARADE ON SATURDAY, MAY 23RD AT 1:30PM!

We want to thank the collaborative efforts of the town of Virginia City and Madison County Residents, together we have helped make Virginia and Nevada City, Montana:

- #1 State-Owned Tourist attraction with 500,000 tourists visiting each year.
- \$62 Million in Economic output for the state of Montana (Ref: Northern Rocky Mountain Economic District)
- \$34 Million for Madison County

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- 1025 jobs (Ref: Northern Rocky Mountain Economic District)
- 42 Incorporated businesses
- Recognized by the New York Times and 2 Peer reviews from the American Association of Museums as one of the largest historic sites in the United States with over 1.2 million artifacts and 276 original 1860's structures.

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WEDNESDAY **MAY 20**

Presentation, Ennis State of the Water presentation: The Madison Conservation District and MT DEQ will present on the condition streams in the Madison Valley, and discuss the long-term stream planning process. Ennis **Elementary School** cafeteria at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY MAY 21

MVHA Annual Meeting, Ennis

MVHA Annual meeting. Election of board members and budget along with the showing of the "Rocky Mountain Demon Wolf." Plus a potluck – Last names A-F, dessert, G-R, main dish, S-Z, salad. 12 p.m. at Trinity Church.

MVAC monthly meeting, Ennis

Monthly meeting for Madison Valley Aquatic Center at Lone Elk Mall conference room. 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY MAY 23

Horseback Poker Ride, Virginia City

Horse back Poker Ride in the hills above Virginia City to benefit the V.C. Chamber of Commerce. Leaves the Bale of Hay Saloon at 8:30 am. Last rider out at 10 a.m. Prizes

for top three hands and door prizes.

Student Astronomy Program, Twin Bridges

8:30 p.m., Presentation on the solar system with star-gazing (weather permitting). Cottontail Observatory in Twin Bridges.

MVHA Museum open, Ennis

The Madison Valley Historical Association Museum will open for Memorial Day weekend. Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 1 to 4 p.m at 447 Mt. Hwy 287. Come see the beast.

Summer Kick-Off Parade, Virginia City

1:30 p.m. We are encouraging old fashioned entries representing the era of the 1860's found in Virginia City or any of the other mining camps, including costumed groups representing miners, children, military units, hurdie gurdy girls, Masons, musical groups, horse drawn buggies, covered wagons, freight wagons, stage coaches, pack trains, sheepherder wagons, etc.

James concert and art show, Virginia City

The Ellina House Arts & **Humanities Center is** pleased to welcome Jean and Sandy James of Dillon. Join us for an art show and artist reception at 5:30 p.m. for Jean James and

James will entertain us all with his humorous and satirical songs.

Farmer's Market, Ennis

Madison Farm to Fork Farmer's Market every Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. now on the grass at the Sportsman's Lodge. Come visit our new location.

SUNDAY

MAY 24

Book signing,

Virginia City

Doug White, author of

the Jake Winter Series,

will be signing books

from 1 to 4 p.m. at Rank's

Mercantile in Virginia

City. Doua's books are

a family friendly read.

Cowboy Church kicks

off, Nevada City

10 a.m. in Nevada City.

Grace Community

Fellowship Church.

Look for the Cowboy

Church tent.

MONDAY

MAY 25

Memorial Day

celebration, Virginia City

Hillside Cemetery for a

celebration of our fallen

service members. Noon.

Memorial Day

celebrations, Ennis

The Ennis VFW will be

conducting Memorial

Day Services to honor

our fallen service

members. Services at the

McAllister cemetery will

begin at 10 a.m. Services

at the Ennis cemetery

will follow at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

MAY 28

Spring harvest

party, Ennis

Summer is on its way

having a spring harvest party at 3:15 p.m. at the Ennis School Garden.

and our school garden is

Mad Gals Monthly

meeting, Ennis Mad Gals Monthly meeting and luncheon at The McAllister Inn. Social hour 12:30 p.m. and lunch at 1 p.m.

FRIDAY MAY 29

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices open house, Ennis

We would like to invite you to stop by our new office on Friday, May 29 anytime between 3 and 7 p.m. for an open house. Food and drinks will be provided and we will also have a few prize drawings. New location, 101 E. Main Street, Ennis MT 59729.

SATURDAY MAY 30

Willie's Distillery 3rd **Annual Spring Pig** Pickin', Ennis

Food, drinks and music starts at noon. Music by Quenby and The West of the Waylands, Fools Gold and Jack Creek Coyles and Friends. Everyone welcome bring the whole family. Rain, snow or shine. Pig roast, live music, door prizes and fun!

20th Annual Madison River Run, Ennis

5 kilometer race near the banks of the Madison River. Please send an email to Sam Korsmoe at sam@yespi.net for more information or how to help.

Karaoke with DJ **Dubz, Virginia City**

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Trinity Church building preservation garage sale, Ennis

9 a.m. at the Lions Club Park. Garage sale to benefit the historic preservation project of Trinity Episcopal church.

Make It!, Ennis

Families are invited to our first Makerspace at MVPL. Build and program robots, explore and build circuits, paint, knit, create with LED sewing kits, and much more. 10 a.m. at Madison Valley Public Library.

TUESDAY JUNE 2

Home Buyers workshop, Ennis

Plan to attend this Home Buyers workshop for an opportunity to ask a panel of Real Estate experts your home

/pm

buying questions. The workshop will be held from 6-7 p.m. at the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices office. Open House Tour of homes for sale in the Ennis area will be held 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. and again after the

THURSDAY JUNE 4

workshop, 6 – 7 p.m.

Business after hours, Ennis

Business after hours at ERA Landmark - Arrow Real Estate & Maydak Gallery hosted from 5 to 7 p.m. A great networking event open to the public.

Annual MVAC Gala, Ennis

6 – 9 p.m. fundraiser for the Madison Valley Aquatic Center at the Madison Theatre. Performance by the Illustrious Virginia City Players. Tickets at the Ennis Chamber of Commerce.



of Hay Saloon Horseback Poker Ride 8:30am & Parade 1:30pm Sat May 23rd 9:00pm Montana's Oldest Watering Hole - Virginia City www.baleofhaysaloon.com 406-843-5700



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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 Citý 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-ins are at 8:30am Meetings at 9am.

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 NO meetings June, July or August.

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

Sheridan Farmer's Market 4:30 - 6:30 pm at corner of Mill and Main.

Chidren's Summer Reading Program, Sheridan 10 a.m. every Thursday. Summer's theme: "Every Hero Has a Story". Sheridan Library

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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