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FIRE SEASON A predictive look at what to expect this summer

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"We've gone into summers looking worse, but we have all the pieces to have an active fire year," said Bob Hoenisch, incident meteorologist with the National Weather Service out of Great Falls. "Bottom

line, going into the summer, the conditions are favorable for an active fire season."

Hoenisch cited below average snowpack, a dry winter and relatively warm temperatures as three reasons Southwest Montana may have fires throughout the summer. Looking at a map of the

United States, Hoenisch said

the outlook for fire activity increases moving west.

"It's really looking like a very active fire season for California, Oregon and Washington ... Even Idaho," he said. "Our confidence looking at Montana isn't as high, but still points toward more activity than normal." When Hoenisch talks about

"confidence," he means how certain a prediction is. For example, it is hard to predict how summer precipitation in Southwest Montana will play out.

"Our precipitation in the summer usually comes in the form of scattered, isolated thunderstorms, so predictability is really low," he said. "There's really no telling

if we will have an average, high or below normal year."

One thing Hoenisch said he is confident about is how the low snowpack

will influence fire season. "The sooner you lose snowpack, the more fires you get," Hoenisch said. "The snowpack in the lower and middle elevations has already melted out and (those areas) will be more receptive to fires earlier in the season."

Outlook maps

The Northern Rockies Coordination Center releases significant wildland fire outlook maps of the entire

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STATE OF THE WATER



Virginia City Town Council submits infrastructure planning grant

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The northeast corner of Virginia City has two issues with infrastructure, according to Mayor Robert Erdall.

'We have really low water pressure," he said. "And we don't have any sewer up there.'

On May 21, the town council took the first step to looking into how to remedy those issues by unanimously agreeing to submit an application for a Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) planning grant through the Montana Department of Commerce.

"We're trying to get the rant to study what improvements we could make to the infrastructure up there," Erdall explained. "We want to study what it is going to cost us and how we would go about getting sewer up there and raising the water pressure."

step in the process, he said. "Municipalities of all shapes and sizes face water utility infrastructure challenges resulting from growth and evolving government standards," Gatewood said. "Virginia City is no different. The TSEP planning grant, combined with input from the town and public, will help discern what, if any, improvements to our drinking and wastewater system are necessary and whether they are financially feasible."

Entities across the state have until July to submit planning grant requests to the TSEP program, but Erdall said the town wanted to get an application in early.

"The earlier the better," he

DEQ, Madison Conservation District discuss the health of area waterways

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"Raise your hand if you've used one of our waterways in the last three days,' said Madison Watershed coordinator Sunni Heikes-Knapton to more than 20 community members gathered at the Ennis Elementary School on May 20.

At least half of the hands in the room reached toward the ceiling. When Heikes-Knapton asked how the water was used, the answers varied from fishing to irrigating to recreating.

"Stream health is crucially important," HeikesKnapton said. "At a national, state and local level, waterway health is a priority."

Those in attendance were there to hear a presentation from the Madison Conservation District and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality about local stream monitoring efforts and future planning in

the Madison Watershed.

"Waterways have multiple uses, but those uses can impact the water," Heikes-Knapton said. "Those impacts can be significant but not always obvious. Healthy streams can support multiple uses - excess pollutants mean those uses cannot be supported." Turn to DEQ on pg. 2

Erdall said raising the water pressure is important for two reasons – it would improve quality of life for the people who live in that part of town, and also provide better fire protection.

Councilmember Justin Gatewood said Virginia City is in the process of analyzing and evaluating water infrastructure needs - applying for the TSEP grant is a logical

said. "Sometimes it ends up being first come, first serve."

Great West Engineering is preparing the application. Erdall said the town is not applying for a specific figure the application is merely something that will be submitted.

"We'll put in for the grant and we'll see what we can get," he said.

Erdall said one potential solution to the issue is to create a special improvement district.

"That would mean the people who live up there and who would benefit from it would be the ones paying for the improvement," he said. "It's just a possibility."

County offices postpone move to new office building

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Construction on the courthouse annex has moved at timely pace throughout the winter and spring, according to Madison County commissioner Jim Hart. Though the building is nearing completion, the move in date was postponed to June because the building does not have a generator yet.

"Purchasing a generator was in our initial plans, but got put on hold," Hart explained. "We didn't throw the idea away at all. We said, 'let's take care of what we know we can do right

now while keeping in mind we know we need a generator.' For awhile we thought we could use the (current generator) from the courthouse, but we really need a larger one for this building."

Two weeks ago, the commissioners found out they were unsuccessful in securing grant funding to purchase a generator – the type of generator needed to power the whole annex is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$90,000.

On May 14, the commissioners walked through the new building with general contractors Langlas & Associates.

"They are pretty much done," Hart said. "They just have minimal touch ups and a few finishing touches.'

Commissioner Ron Nye said they were hoping to move in the week of May 26, but now county offices will move June 4 and 5 and June 8 and 9 because they were delayed by the question of the generator.

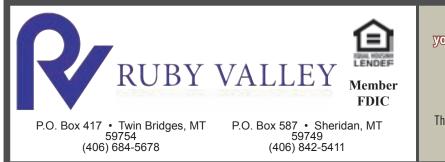
'We decided to purchase a generator," Nye said. "We

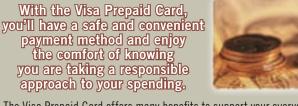
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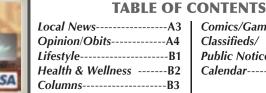
The construction crew is completing finishing touches, like final work on the main staircase, on the new courthouse administrative building.







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Thursday, May 28, 2015

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U.S. The outlook map for June 2015 shows parts of Hawaii, California, Arizona, Oregon and Washington at above normal or increasing to above normal conditions for fire.

By July, the predictive map shows above normal conditions moving east into Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota including Madison County.

Jon Agner, Forest Service fire management officer based out of Ennis, said conditions in this area are actually "really good" for this time of the year. "We had a really good

green up," Agner said. "We'll probably have a normal fire season, where we'll pick up fires late July or into August - not earlier."

Agner said the green fuels will "take awhile" to dry up, which is good for preventing early season fires, but could be dangerous later in the season.

'Eventually, that will dry up," he said. "And then that's more fuel for fires to spread quickly if they get a start."

Agner said he believes Madison County is in pretty good shape for the next six weeks, but after that, "all bets are off."

Follow this link for the NRCC's updated outlook reports and maps: http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/predictive/outlooks/outlooks.htm.

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The Madison Conservation District's stream team is a group of volunteers who first started collecting data on waterways in the Madison Watershed in 2012, an effort that has

"Stream health is crucially important. At a national, state and local level, waterway health is a priority." *- Sunni* Heikes-Knapton, Madison Watershed coordinator

included the DEQ. Essentially, the data the stream team collects is analyzed by the DEQ.

Katie Makarowski with the DEQ spoke about some impairments waterways can have - nutrient impairments, metals impairments, E. coli impairments, sediment impairments and temperature impairments. All of those types of impairments have

OFFICE from pg. 1

won't get it for 10 weeks so we are hoping for permission from the building inspector to only operate during

With construction nearly finished, the only thing holding up the move-in

the ability to impact aquatic life, drinking water, agriculture, recreation and more.

Waterway impairments

In the Madison Watershed, the stream team and DEQ have collected data on 25 waterways, which were selected because they were previously impaired, a local priority water, have high resource value or atrisk, according to Makarowski.

We looked at the data we received and then compared it to water quality standards," she said. "That's how we determine if the waterway is impaired."

Not all the data has been processed yet, but the impairments the DEQ found were primarily from arsenic and sediment.

"Metal impairments – like arsenic – can potentially be toxic to fish or possibly impact drinking water," Makarowski said. "Arsenic is naturally occurring ... the standards just tell us how much can be present in the water. The arsenic impairments (in the Madison Watershed) are not above what is okay for aquatic life."

Sediment impairments can impact fish and aquatic life, because changing sediment can alter habitats, Makarowski

daylight hours until then.

He can give us (that permis-

sion) once we give him proof

Hart said the funding for

we've ordered a generator."

said. Increased amounts of sediment can impact agriculture by clogging irrigating equipment - it can also affect recreation by making waters murky.

Out of the 25 streams where data was collected, 13 showed up with sediment impairments, according to the DEQ.

"Why is there so much sediment?" asked community member Donna Jones. "What is the cause?"

Makarowski said there are various sources of increased sediment.

"It can be from erosion in the forest, especially near roads," she said. "Or from timber harvest. Or bank erosion."

The next step

Makarowski said the final assessments from the collected data will be completed in 2016, which is also when the DEQ will begin creating Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports on every waterway with an impairment.

Christina Staten, TMDL planner with the DEQ, said all impaired waters require a TMDL document according to the federal Clean Water Act.

"(A TMDL) tells the maximum amount of a specific pollutant that a stream can contain

the generator will most likely come from a few sources. "We have a couple op-

tions," he said. "One is our contingency fund, and we are and still meet water quality standards," Staten said. "The document is essentially a water quality improvement plan."

A TMDL contains information about the sources of any pollutants suggest land management changes to remedy impairments and gives future recommendations, Staten added.

"It can be used for creating a watershed restoration plan," she said. "But all the suggestions in it are voluntary.'

Staten said the DEQ will begin writing TMDLs for all impaired streams in the Madison Watershed this fall. After the documents are completed, they will go out for a 30 day public comment period and, before they are adopted, they must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Then, it is up to the community, according to Ethan Kunard, water program director with the Madison Conservation District.

"We have to decide what we are going to do as a community with the information," he said. "The more information and feedback we get from all of you, the better idea we'll have of what the community wants."

also discussing funding from the sheriff's budget – that is very tentative, but since the building will be an emergency center, it makes sense."



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Virginia City kicks off the summer with a parade through town

Photos courtesy Erin Leonard/Elijah Allen

On May 23, Virginia City celebrated the beginning of summer with a kick off parade that pulled spectators from Madison County and across Montana. Sheridan's Representative Ray Shaw attended the parade, along with his colleagues in the House – Representative Jeff Welborn and Representative Virginia Court – and two senators, Duane Ankney and Jim Keane.



Susan Smith from 3 Rivers Telecommunications tosses our mini basketballs for spectators young and old.



NorthWestern Energy Hebgen operations update

Submitted by Butch Larcomb NorthWestern Energy

Current conditions:

NorthWestern Energy (NWE) manages the Hebgen project taking into account current and the previous month's stream flow, snowpack conditions and volume runoff projections. Inflow for the month of May has averaged 65 percent of normal, while April flows were 85 percent of normal. Snowpack has decreased from 66 percent to 48 percent of average from April 1 to current. The Natural Resources and Conservation Service volume runoff forecast for the May to July period is 50 percent of average. Hebgen

Lake elevation is at 6533.07 feet as of May 18, which is 1.80 feet from full pool. Currently, Hebgen outflow is at 575 cubic feet per second (cfs), and at Kirby, the USGS gauge below Hebgen, flow is at 937 cfs.

Forecast:

NWE has and will continue to be proactive in the refill of Hebgen Lake. Current projections call for a conservative May outflow to be maintained between 550 cfs to 600 cfs and for the lake to reach full pool by mid to late June. Refill of Hebgen Lake is important for several reasons. Besides the recreational use of the Lake, our FERC license requires Hebgen Lake provide adequate

flow to meet downstream minimum flow requirements, and for potential pulse flows. Pulse flows may be required for the lower Madison River to reduce temperature for fishery protection. The pulse flow protocol has been updated for fish protection while maximizing water conservation. The operation of the project is subject to constant monitoring and re-evaluation. Appropriate operational changes will be made, as necessary. With the lack of snowpack, this summer's lake and river conditions will be heavily dependent upon precipitation.

Construction update: NWE's work at Hebgen

Dam on the intake rehabilitation project has continued this year since early January. This spring, the final concrete was placed behind the intake to bring the surface up to the planned elevations for the operations building and gate mechanical equipment. Since diverting river flow to the spillway in mid-April, crews have been replacing the stair access tower and worked to ready the intake for the installation of gate guides and the trash rack. Work from now through the summer is directed towards completing the installation of all of the gates and the operating equipment, electrical installation, controls and automation, the operations

building, and starting up and testing all operations. The intake rehabilitation is currently scheduled for completion at the end of the summer. Concurrently with the intake rehabilitation project this year, NWE is proceeding with construction work to remove the cofferdam in front of the intake and construct a new cofferdam in front of the spillway at the other end of Hebgen Dam. At the point in the intake rehabilitation project when gates are secured and dam safety concerns are mitigated, work will begin to disassemble and remove the large cellular cofferdam in front of the intake. Much of the materials from the intake cofferdam will be reused to construct a new cofferdam in front of the spillway. The spillway cofferdam is needed to isolate the spillway from the reservoir for 2016. Beginning early in 2016, NWE will demolish and completely replace the spillway. The spillway replacement project is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

* NorthWestern Energy will provide a Hebgen operations update to interested stakeholders and the local media on a monthly basis throughout the summer months. For more information, contact Claudia Rapkoch, director, corporate communications, North-Western Energy, 497-2841.

OPINION

Thank you for help and support

Ruby Dale (Patacini) Fouts

February 26, 1922 - May 23, 2015

The family of Robert Meeks sincerely thanks K & L Mortuaries for their professional services and the pallbearers for their service. Also, a big thank you to all the wonderful people who have cared for Robert over the years, and to those who have helped, visited, provided food, fire wood,

cards, flowers and anything else to help out during our time of loss. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness.

of hard work. They peddled their

Waterloo to Butte to make a liv-

ing. They continued their family

life of ranching in Waterloo until

they sold the ranch and moved

to Whitehall in 1970. The plan

was to retire, but Don and Ruby

were accustomed to farming and

to do for years until just months

Ruby is survived by her

daughter, Donna Lee (Mike);

(Fayma); sisters Elsie Rex and

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before Don's death in 2009.

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The Madisonian. OBITUARIES

Ruby Dale (Patacini) Fouts, 93, passed away at her daughter's home in Dillon, with her grandson Tyler by her side, on May 23. Ruby was born Feb. 26, 1922,

to Achille and Ester (Maggini) Patacini of Pleasant Valley (Whitehall). Her parents were originally from Biasca, Switzerland, before their move to the United States in 1912 through Ellis Island. Ruby's many siblings were Elsa, Elso, Vernie, Elsie, Pete, Alex and Henry.

Ruby grew up on the family dairy farm in Pleasant Valley. She was accustomed to hard work: milking cows, working in the potato and hay fields and helping cook for the many hired men. Ruby attended school in Whitehall and excelled in track.

She came from a family that loved to dance – any free time was spent going to the Green Mill in Waterloo to dance, and there she met the handsome young man, also from Waterloo, Don Fouts. Don and Ruby were married Sept. 28, 1940, and were blessed with two children, Joe and Donna. They were mar-

ried for 69 wonderful years. Ruby loved and enjoyed her family and friends. Other hobbies and interests were working in the yard, flow-

granddaughters Randi (Traers, cooking for other people, vis), Paige (John) and Jenny (Steve); grandsons Tyler the T.V. show Friends, her dog Jake, horseshoes, cards, (Shantil) and Jayson (Koa); great-granddaughter and sons fishing, bowling and dancing (especially the polka). Tylee, Coy, Tanner, Kolb and Jayson; brother Henry Patacini

Ruby and Don lived in Waterloo, continuing their married life

Robert "Bob" Harrison November 12, 1926 – May 23, 2015

Robert "Bob" Harrison (White Cloud), age 88, of Ennis passed away May 23, 2015, at the Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis. Robert was born

Nov. 12, 1926, at Lake Village, Ark., to Dean and Idell (Trigleth) Harrison. He was raised and attended school in Arkansas.

After high school, he enlisted and served in the Marine Corp Recon during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Upon his retirement he moved to Montana, where he worked as a cowboy in the Madison Valley.

Robert was a hunting guide, licensed pilot, a PI and a survivalist. He enjoyed fishing,

deep sea fishing and hunting. He was truly an outdoorsman. He loved sports and was an avid Dolphins fan and a boxer. He enjoyed life. He was preceded

in death by his parents and two infant sisters. Survivors include

his sister Rose Harris of Alabama; niece Pena and Emmitt Jackson; two great nieces; one

great nephew; one great great niece; and a host of cousins. Cremation has taken place and a memorial remembrance ceremony will take place Wednesday, May 27, at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ennis. K&L Mortuaries of Ennis is assisting

with arrangements.

Vernie Smith; daughter-in-law Gail Fouts: nieces Tina LaClaire and Gail Banks; and numerous other nieces, nephews and greats, plus numerous friends.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents Achille and Ester; brothers Elso, Alex and Pete; sister Elsa; husband Don; son Joe; granddaughter Wendy; son-in-law Pete Waylett; niece Doty Fisher; and nephew Tim Patacini.

Ruby has been cremated; there will be no services at her request. The family asks that any charitable donations be sent to the Senior Citizens' Centers in Whitehall and/ or Dillon in Ruby's name.

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Nancy (Jill) Marsh March 17, 1959 - December 4, 2014

Nancy (Jill) Marsh, daughter of Ted and Isabel Marsh – both deceased – passed away Dec. 4, 2014, in Grand Junction, Colo. Jill was 55

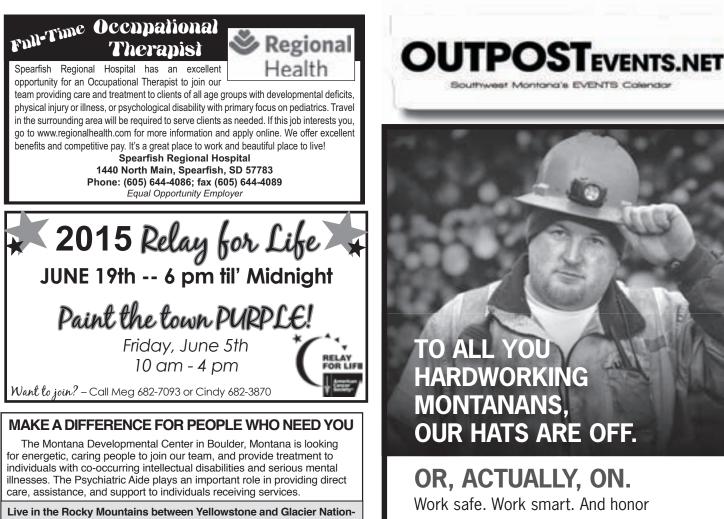
years old. Ted and Isabel ranched for many years just outside of Sheridan. Jill is survived by her three brothers: Bill (Grand Junction,

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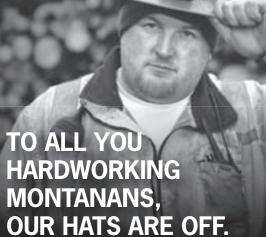
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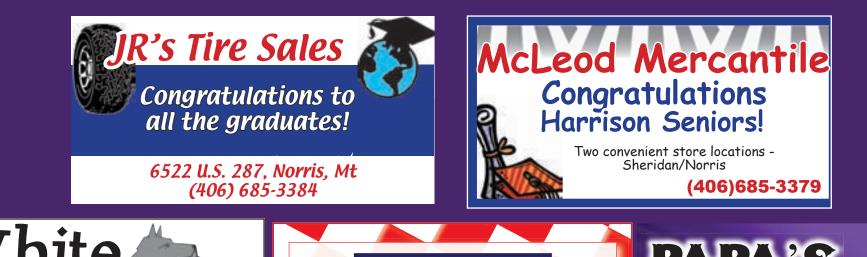
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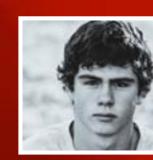




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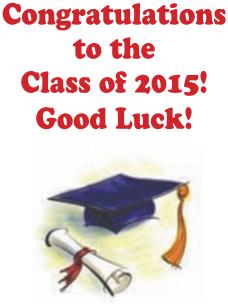
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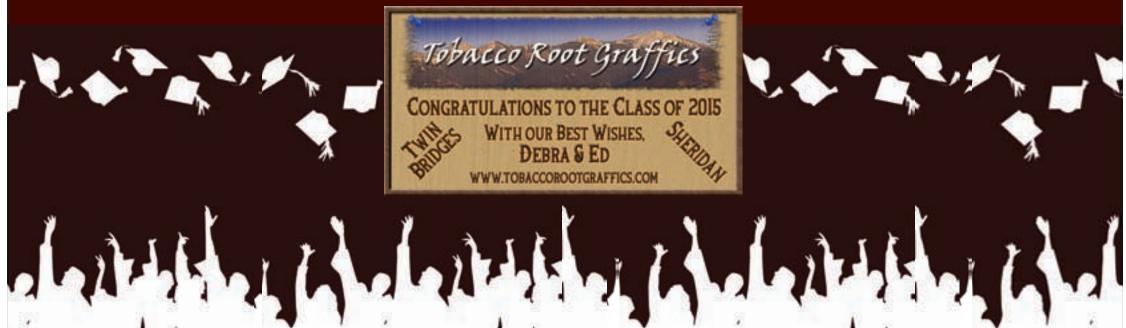


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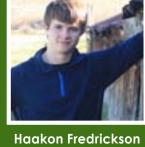
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SHERIDAN SOUTHEAST CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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: "(We are) moving forward with paving; we should be complete with the asphalt next Wednesday. We are planning on chipping on June 18. Other work will be clean up and irrigation repair behind sidewalks."





Handmade quilts for world missions

Submitted by Janice Witt

The scene inside Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Ennis recently looked like one of those old children's kaleidoscopes. Eighty colorful handmade quilts were draped over the church's pews and communion rails and blessed before being shipped to the needy around the world.

In addition, 10 boxes containing 30 school kits and 57 personal care kits were laid out on the front pews. This was quite a sight and testimony to the dedication and faithfulness of the women who made them.

Once a month throughout the

past year, women of the congregation and friends and neighbors from the area met to make these quilts. Blocks of fabric were cut and sewn together to make the quilt tops. They were then assembled with batting and sheet backs and bound together to make 60 inch by 80 inch warm, colorful quilts. Women of the church have been making quilts like this annually since 1994.

These quilts are distributed by Lutheran World Relief and are used not only for warmth and comfort, but shelter, carrying personal belongings and wrappings to hold a baby on its mother's back. They give the individuals and families receiving them a helping hand, a sign of comfort and hope for the future. In 2014, over 485,900 quilts made by Lutheran women around the country were collected and are being sent to those suffering from poverty or natural disasters around the world.

LWR got its start in the 1940s, when World War II left an estimated 1/5 of the world's Lutheran population homeless. Lutheran churches in at least 20 states were prompted to send aid to their German and Scandinavian kin. Soon, realizing aid could be shared with people all over Europe and beyond, service to all suffering people became a vital part of Christian wit-

ness through this new agency.

Just this spring, over 9,200 quilts and 1,000 personal care kits were distributed by LWR to victims of the Nepal earthquake within days of the disaster. The 80 quilts that were made by the women of Shepherd of the Hills will now be used to restock the supply necessary to continue to reach out to those in need.

The women meet at the church the third Saturday of every month and invite anyone interested in helping with this humanitarian project to join them. If you would like to help with this project or have fabric or sheets to donate, call Janice at 682-7054.



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MVHA elects board members

Submitted by Larry Love Madison Valley History Association

The Madison Valley History Association May meeting was held at the Trinity Church with a potluck lunch. This meeting was where directors were elected and awards were handed out. Liz Applegate was awarded a presidential award for her work on making our posters, website page and on Facebook. Five 15 year awards and 23 10 year awards were handed out - congratulations to all. The MVHA museum will open June 16 for the season. Several field

trips were announced to the town of Ruby in July and the power plant in August.

Board members who were elected to a three-year term were Devonna Owens, Lee Robinson and Larry Love. A budget was also passed, presented by Kevin Brenneke.

The MVHA is starting to build another building south of the forge to house some more artifacts. In June, we will be at the Ennis Pharmacy for some more local history. Come join us.

Don "Kid" Neville holding his presidential award for his contributions of picture framing and his history knowledge





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Twin Bridges Rotary awards 4 scholarships

Submitted by Frank Colwell Twin Bridges Rotary

The following graduating students from Twin Bridges and Sheridan high schools have been awarded scholarships from the rotary club of Twin Bridges in the amount of \$800 each. Two scholarships are awarded by the rotary club for graduating seniors from each high school annually. One scholarship is for students attending a Montana college in a four-year curriculum. The other scholarship is intended for students attending a college of technology, two-year curriculum in any state. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, probability of success, service to school and community and financial need. Twin Bridges High

School awardees: Spencer Stewart – Stewart will attend University of

Montana and major in international business and law. Katie Hall – Hall will attend the University of Montana

and pursue a career in music. Sheridan High School awardees: Nicholas Haag – Haag will attend Montana State University and pursue a degree in mechanical engineering technology.

Charlie Smart – Smart will attend Montana State University-Northern with a study of diesel technology.

The rotary club of Twin Bridges is very pleased to present its scholarship awards to these deserving graduates and thanks all applicants for their interest in its ongoing scholarship programs. The club thanks the Ruby Valley communities for their assistance in the club's fundraising efforts.



Winning survey from Twin Bridges student

Submitted by Gail Banks

On May 19, the American Legion Post 31 of Twin Bridges presented Paige Phillips, a senior at Twin Bridges High School, with a plaque and check for \$400. Earlier in the school year, Phillips completed a government survey for seniors. The survey was 85 questions with a couple of short essay questions at the end.

Phillip's survey was chosen locally as the winner and then

sent to the state competition where she was first at the state level. The award is a scholarship to help with further education but can be used in any manner Phillips wishes. Congratulations go out to her from all the veterans of Twin Bridges.







Jason DeShaw stirs crowd in Sheridan

Submitted by Doris Fischer MADISON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

"Discrimination against mental illness is the civil rights issue of our time." Country music singer

Jason DeShaw performed twice at Sheridan High School on Thursday, May 14. At an afternoon assembly of 100 high school students from Sheridan and Twin Bridges, DeShaw sang and spoke about his experience living with mental illness. He later performed at an evening concert attended by 200 area residents.

At age 33, DeShaw has already lived a lot of life. He has toured across the United States, Canada and Europe singing original country music. He has released five albums. Diagnosed in 2010 with alcoholism and bipolar one disorder, he has been a

patient in four psychiatric hospitals. In his home state of Montana, DeShaw has performed at Montana State Hospital, the Montana Law Enforcement Training Academy, fine music halls, school gyms and community centers.

In recent years, DeShaw has become not only a nationally known musician, but also an advocate for mental health. He openly shares his personal journey of struggle, perseverance, recovery, relapse and hope.

"I've been called crazy," he sings, "in a world that is not sane. My brain functions different, but our spirits are the same."

DeShaw stresses the hope and dignity of each human being.

"In a world with love and compassion," he said. "There is no room for stigma." The Madison County

Mental Health Local Advisory Council arranged for DeShaw's visit. His performances in Sheridan were enthusiastically received. "He was fabulous," said

one Sheridan resident. "I'm so glad I went," exclaimed another. "He was amazing," said an Ennis teenager. "I learned so much from him."





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Photo courtesy of Sheri Luksha Whitetail deer in the Ruby Valley.

VETERAN TRIBUTE AT ALDER SCHOOL



Submitted by Jamie Janosko Alder School

On Thursday, May 21, 2015, the Alder School performed their spring concert with a special veteran tribute. The concert included a bee themed play, captivating piano performances and songs that paid special tribute to honor the veterans. There was also a special presentation given by veterans Master Sergeant Allen Fox and Master Sergeant Douglas Martin.





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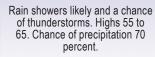


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MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

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Saturday NightMostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers and thunderstorms. Highs 60 to 70. Lows 40 to 50.

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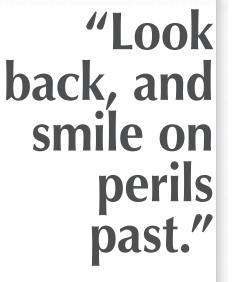


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Monday



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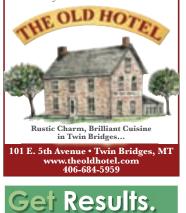


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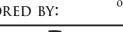
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PET OF THE WEEK

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NELLA Hi, I'm Nella. Came in with my sister Black Cat, or BC if you purfur. The people we had left us here at the rescue cause they moved to another state and dia's wart to to another state and didn't want to take us. Oh, of course they used a different excuse, but that's really what it boiled down to. We are 10 what it boned down to. We are to years old, current on shots, spayed and, as much of disaster as it is -we are declawed in front. Don't hold that against us, believe me it wasn't our idea! Anyway could you find it in your heart to adopt me or both of us? We wouldn't mind going together or separately. We just want a loving furever home. Please call either Misty: 439-1405 or Afton: 287-3613. Thanks, Nella

















LEFT TO RIGHT, STARTING AT THE TOP ROW AND MOVING DOWN ROW BY ROW.

Photo courtesy Barbi Halverson Wood **The Ennis boys receive their first place trophy.** From L to R: Wade Lulay, Cleet Wrzesenski, Haakon Fredrickson, Walker McKitrick, Wylie Leo, Ty Morgan and Corbin Wood.

Photo courtesy Barbi Halverson Wood Tristen Guillot from Twin Bridges receives a first place medal for his win in the 1600.



Photo courtesy Kelley Knack Paige Phillips from Twin Bridges is a member of the relay team that returned home with a second place trophy.

Photo courtesy Barbi Halverson Wood Harrison's Jed Fike places third in the triple jump.

Photo courtesy Barbi Halverson Wood Cleet Wrzesinski from Ennis hurdles his way to first place. Photo courtesy Britta Oliverson **The Twin Bridges girls 4x400 relay team** took second place at the state meet.

Photo courtesy Kelley Knack Mustang Corbin Wood takes fifth place in the long jump.

Photo courtesy Barbi Halverson Wood **Emily Schaufler from Ennis races** toward her relay teammate, Danika Philpott in the 4x100 relay.

Ennis boys take first as a team, multiple athletes place in individual events

* Compiled from the Montana Twin Bridges High School Association 100 meter

On May 22 and 23, athletes traveled to Laurel for state track. The following is a list of Madison County results:

GIRLS

400 meter dash: fifth place, Kailee Oliverson,

Twin Bridges 100 meter hurdles: third place, Taya DeFrance, Harrison 300 meter hurdles: second place, Taya DeFrance, Harrison; fifth place, Audrey George, Twin Bridges 4x100 meter relay: third place, Twin Bridges 4x400 meter relay: second place, Twin Bridges Long jump: fourth place, Taya DeFrance, Harrison Shot put: second place, Britt Cooper, Harrison Discus: fourth place, Britt Cooper, Harrison Javelin: third place, Britt Cooper, Harrison * Harrison received the third place team trophy and Twin Bridges placed 13th.

BOYS

100 meter dash: fourth place, Cleet Wrzesinski, Ennis 200 meter dash: first place, Cleet Wrzesinski, Ennis 400 meter dash: third place, Bill Yeager, Twin Bridges 800 meter run: first place, Tristen Guillot, Twin Bridges

1600 meter run: first place,

Tristen Guillot, Twin Bridges 110 meter hurdles: first place, Cleet Wrzesinski, Ennis 300 meter hurdles: first place, Cleet Wrzesinski, Ennis 4x400 meter relay: second place, Ennis Pole vault: first place, Walker McKitrick, Ennis; third place, Haakon Fredrickson, Ennis

Long jump: fifth place,

Corbin Wood, Ennis Triple jump: third place, Jed Fike, Harrison Shot put: first place, Austin Brentlinger, Twin Bridges Discus: fifth place, Ty Morgan, Ennis * Ennis received the first

place team trophy, Twin Bridges placed fourth place and Harrison placed 22nd.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Improve your health this summer

Submitted by StatePoint

For the health conscious, there is no such thing as a summer vacation from making good nutritional choices and getting plenty of exercise. But there is no reason to let a healthy lifestyle become boring.

Here are three ways to let the summer season guide your routine:

• Mix up movement: After months of indoor exercise, you may be ready for a change of scenery. And summer is the ideal time to take a break from the treadmill and incorporate different types of movement and exercise into your lifestyle. So ditch the gym this weekend and head for greener pastures. From row boating to hiking, you will find yourself activating different muscles than you normally would by mixing things up.

• Eat in-season produce: Take advantage of the summer harvest and plan meals around in-season produce. The USDA lists apples, beets, bell peppers, kiwifruit,

carrots, garlic, peaches, okra and cherries, amongst many more fruits and vegetables that reach their peak in the summer months. These items are chock full of vitamins and nutrients and taste their best in summer. • Summer sun: Beyond

the Vitamin D factor, a study published in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology shows that sunlight may lower blood pressure, which could reduce one's risk for heart attack and stroke. Some researchers now say the benefits of sunlight could outweigh cancer risks associated with exposure. Do not forget to take the usual precautions, however. Wear sunglasses, sunscreen and a wide brimmed hat to protect against harmful UV radiation.



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on mobile devices. Protect your identity

Thirty percent of travelers have experienced identity theft while traveling or know someone who has, according to a recent survey. Leave items like social security cards or unneeded credit cards at home. Avoid public Wi-Fi when possible and make purchases with credit cards, which often offer better fraud protection than debit cards.

Require passwords for access to your devices. Be wary of entering personal information when using public computers. A variety of identity protection services are available to assist with proactive identity and credit monitoring. **Prepare for emergencies** If you are traveling abroad and get sick or injured, hospital costs could be extreme, even for relatively minor issues. Protect your travel investment. Travel insurance can include medical coverage, trip interruption and more. Another option, emergency travel service membership, can benefit you in the event of a medical emergency. Subscribers make the call on where they want to go for care and treatment within their home country. Do not get caught offguard on your next vacation. For safer travels, get savvy

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By Reverend Keith Axberg

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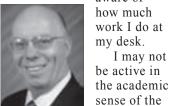
"Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more ... (or) to make God love us less." Philip Yancey

I had the pleasure of taking in a clergy conference near Prescott, Ariz., recently. During the course of the conference I learned that people are encouraged to maintain physical fitness for their health and well being. That sure made sense until they suggested that a fitness regimen might include such things as walking or doing things.

It was even suggested that a person ought to strive to get in 10,000 steps each day and, to indicate how serious they were that we should do so, the conference leaders even gave us each a small pedometer to wear on our belts. Well, I can certainly belt out a tune, but was highly offended that they would try to make us walk more by giving us such a tawdry bribe as that.

I assured them that I am as fit as a fiddle, although I wouldn't want to play any fiddle that was built like me – and I certainly don't want anyone pulling my strings. It's bad enough when they push my buttons.

Anyway, I have tried wearing the pedometer with me wherever I go and have discovered that it is extremely limited; it seems not to be aware of



about? Shouldn't they have designed a larger pedometer just so the walker could look svelte in comparison? Where the heck was their marketing team when that design came down for review?

Well, the fact is that maybe I could stand to be a bit more active. While I do have abs of steel, the steel is more like the soup that sloshes around in the bowl at the smelter than the hardened variety one finds at the end of the line. Perhaps it is time to examine my physical regimen more carefully and begin adjusting my work-a-day habits so as to involve a bit more movement.

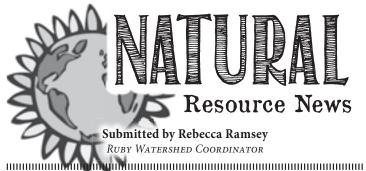
Why should I take better care of my body? Well, for one thing, it's the only one I've got.

I've got plenty of clothes I can change into if I get wet or dirty, but I've only got this one carcass. It's got to last until I'm done with it. So there is that.

For another thing, it's a gift from God. How I treat it indicates to some degree just what I think of the giver, eh? If I toss a gift into a drawer and forget it, or never use it or wear it, that says something.

The best way to say "thank you" is to put the gift to work for its intended purpose. We don't strut our stuff for the world to ogle at; stepping lively is simply a friendly wave to God above – a simple thanks to our God of love. I think one's spiritual

life is like that, too. To be spiritually fit requires spiritual exercises, such as getting up and going to church, breaking open the Bible (and reading it), praying



Usprey

I have been enjoying seeing our migratory neighbors all around this spring and one of my favorites is the Osprey. The Osprey is a large, diurnal raptor, which means that they are active during the day and sleep at night. They typically arrive in Montana to breed and nest in late March and April and then depart by October for wintering areas in the southernmost United States and Central and South America. There are a few very visible nests along the highways of Madison County, so we get a great opportunity to observe the pairs that frequent the area. Once a species of concern in the 1950s, these birds

are making a big comeback. The Osprey is also known as the fish hawk, sea hawk, fish eagle or river hawk because fish make up about 99 percent of their diet. They are superb fishers, who hunt by diving to the water's surface from some 30 to 100 feet up. They have pads on their feet to help them grip the fish they pluck from the water with their large, curved claws and carry them for great distances. In flight, the Osprey carries the fish headfirst to ease wind resistance.

Osprey are always found near water, including rivers, ponds, lakes and coastal waterways. The Osprey is sometimes confused

she lived a good life, so on and

with bald eagles because of their white heads, but can be identified by their white underparts, and their white heads also have a distinctive black eye stripe that goes down the side of their faces. Eagles and Ospreys often frequent similar habitats and sometimes battle for food, with Eagles forcing an Osprey to drop a fish that they have caught and stealing it in midair.

The birds build large nests in trees near the waterways that stand above the others or on telephone poles, channel markers and other similar locations. Humans have also been helpful by creating nesting platforms. They typically lay three eggs, which both parents help to incubate. Osprey eggs don't hatch all at once, but are staggered over time so that some siblings are older and more dominant. When food is scarce, these stronger birds may take it all and leave their siblings to starve.

Osprey build nests from sticks and sod, and they line the nest with soft materials such as moss, grass, lichen and bailing twine. Nests have been found to have as much as 1/4 mile of baling twine in them! The baling twine is something that has become a real problem for the Osprey, as it is easily tangled in the talons of the adults. Sadly, many Osprey have been found dead hanging upside down from their nests in a tangle of twine. Twine also accounts for around 10 percent of chick death, according to a recent publication from the University of Montana's Project Osprey. The chicks become tangled in the twine and are strangled.

B3

Humans can do their part by picking up all used baling twine in fields and on fence posts; storing twine in barns or other buildings or covered 45 gallon drums; and disposing of old baling twine safely out of the reach of the Ospreys and spreading the word – tell your friends and neighbors.

The Osprey will be a featured animal this summer on June 21 in Ennis during the summer speaker series organized by the Wildlife Conservation Society Community Partnership Program, so keep your eyes peeled for posters and more information. In the meantime, you can watch an Osprey nestcam at: http://www.umt.edu/geosciences/ faculty/langner/Osprey/index.htm and request more information on these birds and how to help them from projectosprey@mso.umt.edu



Ask me how it feels to stick a toothpick through the tip of your finger – it stings like crazy and then hurts even more when you pull it out. That is experience talking - the moral is, don't store toothpicks in the door handle of your car! But I also need to add that the pain of that toothpick stuck in my finger didn't hurt half as bad as the phone call I received from my cousin telling me that my aunt Ruby Fouts had passed away last Saturday. You know in your head all the facts; she was 93, she was really starting to suffer from the cancer,

so forth. But when you hear the news of someone passing that you love, you think with your heart. I was at the Fish Creek Cemetery when I got the call. I had just finished weed eating and hauling some more rock in on my grandparent's graves. The view from the cemetery is so awesome, it looks right into the Tobacco Root Mountains. Man Head Mountain kind of guards the sacred grounds. Just sitting there in deep thought, I found out she had passed. I've talked about Ruby

many times in this column – she was such a hard working, strong woman and also the person that was always there for my family. Ruby didn't leave our sides when we all lost my mother; there never was a question if she cared.

What upsets me so is I want to understand why a 93 year old woman can not pass away from old age, why did she have to die

way up in the western sky.

from pancreatic cancer? I can fall to my knees, pray and ask why is there no cure for cancer, as I am sure so many others have done too. I am told it isn't for us to know, but who says?

Much sympathy goes out to Ruby's family and many friends, may they all find peace in the fact that Ruby is back with her husband Don, a marriage that lasted nearly 70 years on earth.

Mark your calendars for the Garage-A-Rama, a Twin Bridges Public Library fundraiser, sponsored by Friends of the Library. It is June 6; garage sales galore, bake sale, hot dogs and lots of fun!

I was talking to some of our local veterans this weekend and they said to spread it around that they are planning another kids' fishing derby on June 20 at Lori's Pond outside of Twin Bridges. The school art class is finishing up painting designs on the veterans building on Main Street, please drive by and take

As June comes to a close both planets set around 11:30 p.m. On the other side of the night sky, golden colored Saturn is low in the eastern sky as darkness falls on June 1 and doesn't set until sunrise. By the end of the month, Saturn is about halfway up in the eastern sky as the sky darkens and sets about two hours before sunrise. Look for Saturn just above the three stars forming the claws of the scorpion in the constellation Scorpius. As June comes to a close, look for speedy Mercury to make an appearance low in the eastern sky just before dawn.

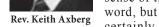
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the end of your rope, tie a knot in the end of it and hang on! Each day is a gift, not a given right. When someone is vicious toward you they are giving you a glimpse of the pain they carry in themselves; viciousness is suffering.

Wow, the Madison County track athletes did great at state this past weekend! Congratulations to them all. It's nearly June – more flowers, gardens, mowing the lawn and some sun are on the way, we hope.

Try this: beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Just maybe your life will never be the same again!



I get quite a bit of exercise. I jump to conclusions; I punch out sermons; I take a leap of faith getting up each morning; I run my mouth every day of the week and twice on Sundays. All that has got to count for something, doesn't it?

But my poor pedometer just doesn't understand my kind of activity. It is very imperfect that way. In fact, I sometimes have to shake it just so I can read the display – and need I tell you there is a bit of exercise involved in just sucking in my six pack abs so I can see that tiny little device down there on my belt. What's that all and finding things to do that promote the peace and well being of the community.

It has nothing to do with being better than one another – morally superior or any of that guff. It has to do with recognizing we are spiritual beings as much as physical beings, and all things work together for those who love God, and who are called according to God's purpose – and that purpose is grace, forgiveness and walking peaceably with God and neighbor in this, our valley.

Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at kfaxberg@gmail.com.



The June highlight for the Montana night sky is the spectacularly close conjunction of the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter. The ringed planet, Saturn, provides another night sky highlight with the inner planet Mercury becoming briefly visible as the month comes to a close.

As June begins and darkness falls, Venus shines brilliantly about a third of the

About 20 degrees further up in the evening sky is the giant planet, Jupiter. Venus sets about a half hour after midnight as the month begins followed by Jupiter about an hour later. On June 1, Venus forms a generally straight line with Pollux and Castor, the two brightest stars in the constellation Gemini. Then, on June 13, Venus, Jupiter and Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, form a diagonal line with the star and planets spaced about equally from each other and Venus and Jupiter now only about 10 degrees apart. By June 27, Venus and Jupiter have closed to within two degrees of each other with the culmination coming on June 30 when these two brightest of the planets are only 3/10 of a degree apart.

The moon is found to the lower left of Saturn on June 1. On June 2, the moon is full. On June 19, the moon is directly below Venus. Then the moon is to the lower left On June 21, the moon is to the left of Regulus. Finally, on June 28, the moon is just to the upper left of Saturn.

For meteor shower watchers, there are no significant meteor showers this month. Even so, a sporadic meteor can flash across the sky at any time. From a dark site, meteors typically can be seen at a rate of about five meteors per hour.

The Sun arrives at the summer solstice at 10:38 a.m. on June 21, the longest day of the year, when summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere.

*Life-long amateur astronomer and former member of Delaware Astronomical Society and National Capital Astronomers

Commodity Insite: News and Views

"A trio of profitable trades over the past year - long U.S. dollar, long Treasuries and long European equities – have taken a big hit in the second quarter of 2015. Over at Jefferies, chief market strategist David Zervos puts his finger on the source of these sell-offs: German debt. Zervos writes: 'The Dollar, the U.S. bond market and the European stock market have all recently become infected with a highly contagious disease. The source of this nasty fever appears to be coming from none other than the sleepy old German bond market.' The yield on 10-year German sovereign debt has spiked from below 0.1 percent in mid-April to 0.635 percent as of publishing. That's the kind of move you'd expect to see about once every six decades." - Bloomberg News

"The most over-crowded and complacent market anywhere are equities." – Commodity Insite, Jerry Welch, March 15, 2015

"The outlook for a return to growth in U.S. farmland values, particularly cropland, appears bleak despite scattered signs of an early 2015 recovery, central bank data showed. The best hopes for appreciation appeared to be for ranchland, of which values were being supported by relatively buoyant livestock prices. Ranchland values were up 6.8 percent year on year, although this gain disguised a small decline in the quarter from prices in the October-to-December period. Looking ahead, bankers expect continued strength in the cattle sector and increasing cattle inventories will sustain demand, and prices, for ranchland." - AgriMoney

"The nationwide average retail price for a gallon of regular gasoline hit \$2.658 a gallon on Tuesday, according to AAA. That compares with \$3.652 a gallon a year ago, but \$2.390 a gallon a month ago. Prices in California averaged \$3.726 a gallon on Tuesday, up from \$3.104 a month ago." – Market Watch "While they're not exactly

"While they're not exactly singing 'Bubbles, Bubbles Everywhere,' at least one Wall Street firm is acknowledging that prices in some areas are getting overblown. As for U.S. stocks specifically, they are trading at fairly expensive levels historically speaking about 2.9 times book value. 'No longer cheap but not yet in bubble territory,' Citi said." – CNBC

"The most over-crowded and complacent market anywhere are equities." – Commodity Insite, Jerry Welch, April 4, 2015

"On Wednesday, Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said that even though 'risks to financial stability are moderated,' stock prices are

still 'quite high' right now. Markets, though, shrugged off this concern. If this is our 'irrational exuberance' moment, it's not much of one — not that the original one was either. That came back on Dec. 5, 1996, when, in the middle of an otherwise unremarkable speech, then-Fed Chair Alan Greenspan asked 'how do we know when irrational exuberance has unduly escalated asset values, which then become subject to unexpected and prolonged contractions as they have in Japan the past decade.' Japan's stock market, as economist Robert Shiller points out, promptly fell 3 percent, Hong Kong's did too and then London and Frankfurt's dropped 4 percent. The U.S. stock market opened the next day down 2 percent, but rallied thereafter. And then it kept rallying for the next three years, before the

boom turned into a bubble." – The Washington Post

"Even though prices have climbed lately, gasoline will likely be the cheapest in at least six years this summer, experts predict. With prices about a buck cheaper a gallon than last year, drivers will be packing up their cars for trips that they may have been putting off." – USA Today

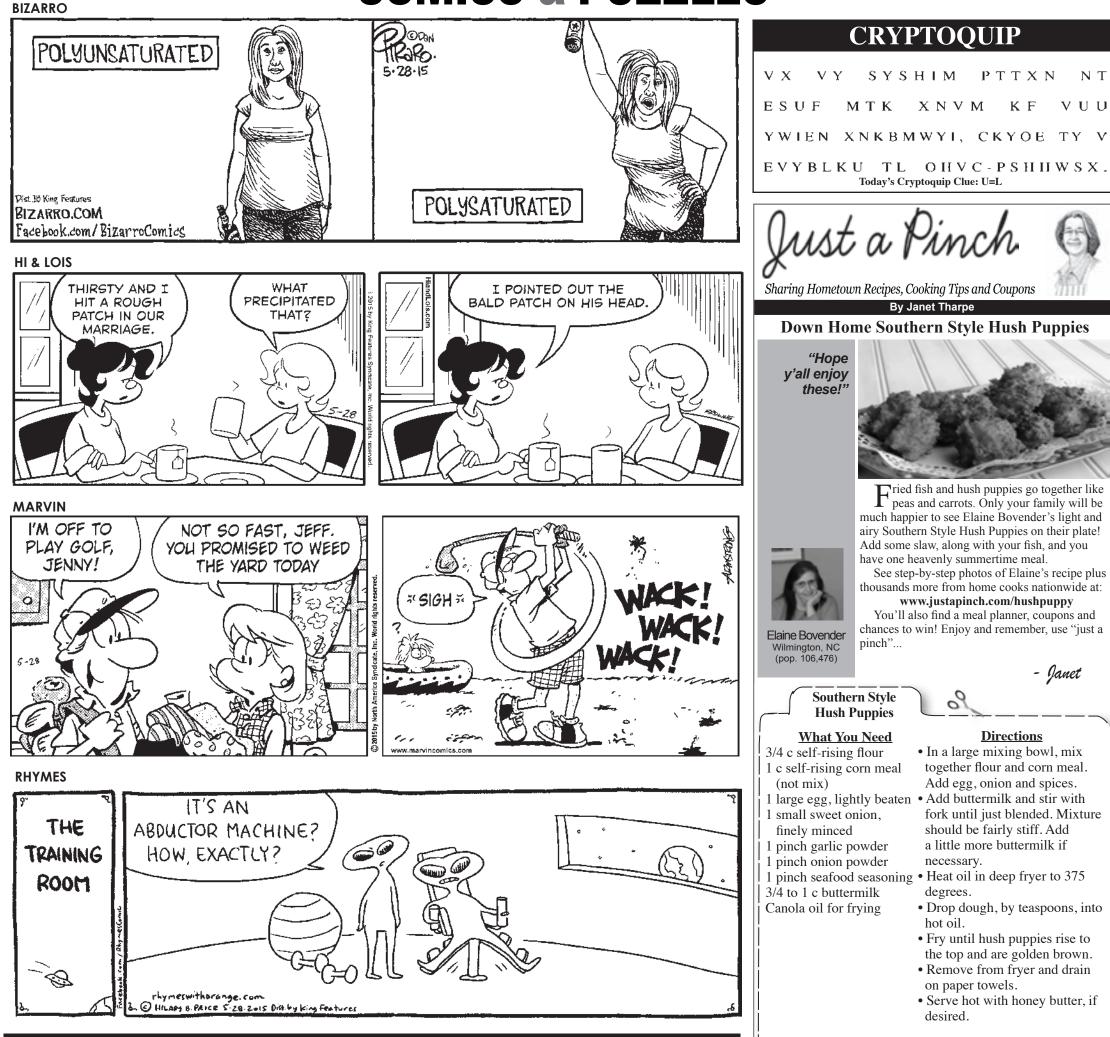
"They say the wait is the hardest part, and that's certainly been the case for both the bulls and the bears with stocks this year. 'The S&P 500 is trading within its tightest range to start of a year in almost a decade,' technical analyst Carter Worth said Tuesday on CNBC's Futures Now. 'It's almost as if they closed the market.' Worth noted that since the start of January, S&P 500 has traded within a 125 point range, or roughly 6.3 percent. That's the smallest peak-to-trough range for the

start of a year since 2006. According to Worth, the market needs a 'good healthy reset' of at least 10 percent in order to return to advance further. 'It has to be 10 percent or greater to keep this [bull market] going,' he said. 'Otherwise we are on borrowed time'." – CNBC, April 20, 2015

"The most over-crowded and complacent market anywhere are equities." – Commodity Insite, Jerry Welch, May 15, 2015

"The bird flu virus in the U.S has killed more than 33 million, chickens, turkeys and other birds. As a result, egg production in the U.S. will experience the first annual drop since 2009. And egg prices reached a record high of \$1.23 per dozen this week. It's not a yoke nor meant to crack you up but egg prices are headed higher yet." – Commodity Insite, Jerry Welch

COMICS & PUZZLES



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Submitted by: Elaine Bovender, Wilmington, NC (pop. 106,476) www.justapinch.com/hushpuppy

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All puzzle answers on B7





Wanted- Custodian for the Alder School. Approximately 2 hours per day during the school year. Please send resume to the Alder School. PO Box 127, Alder, MT 59710. For more info contact the Alder School at 842-5285. 29-tfc-b

Combination Technician

3 **Rivers** Communications looking for is а Telecommunications Combination Technician. This position is responsible general support and for maintenance of 3 Rivers equipment. This is a full-time position and based in Ennis, MT.

A Combination Tech performs the following tasks:

· Perform installation and maintenance duties of phone, internet and TV (DSL, Ethernet, IPTV and wireless equipment) Basic troubleshooting of

POTS and data • Locating buried copper cable or fiber

Splice and troubleshoot fiber optic cable and copper wire

• Work with analog and digital subscriber equipment and aids network with T-1 problems

· Run Jumper wires and change line cards

apply or for more То information, please contact the Human Resources Department at 406-467-4410 or write PO Box 429, Fairfield, MT 59436, or e-mail robert.frost@3rivers. coop. An application is available online atwww.3rivers. net/employment.

The application deadline is Friday, June 5, 2015 at 5:00 pm. 3 Rivers Communications is proudly an Equal Opportunity – Affirmative Action Employer.

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/housekeeper 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



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

Rare Jeffers Rental Opportunity. Secluded country home. 4 Bed/2 Bath with 2 car garage. 3 miles from Ennis/Madison River Spectacular 360 degree mountain views. Minimum one year lease \$1700/month unfurnished. Im mediate available call 406-682 7000. References/leave message 28-tfc-b

Bicentennial Apartments

Dillon, MT., Senior Housing 62 or older or handicapped, rent based on income, HUD Subsidized util. paid. Qualifications apply. Market rent apartments also available. Call: 406-683-2727 800-253-4091 50

MADISON MANAGEMENT Vacation and Long Term Rentals 570-5401 www.madisonmanagement.com 22-tfc

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

WANTED

Gopher Hunters! Sharpen your skills. Please call 685-3360 for more information. 30-tfc-b

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. 27-1-р

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

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Cash only. Serious buyers only. 31-2-b

> **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

AUCTION

AUCTION Sunday, June 7th, Whitehall Comm. Ctr. Combined estates including noving estate of Tony Eckerle of Sheridan. FOUR-WHEELERS, FIRE-ARMS, COINS, TOOLS, SHOP EQUIP, ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, WESTERN ART, HORSE BITS, SPURS & TACK, CAMPING, HUNTING & OTHER OUTDOOR ITEMS FURNISHINGS & MORE! (406)684-5181- FLYER ONLINE AT WWW. HAGEDORNAUCTION .COM 31-tfc-b

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

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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



Rivers Communications, 3 requires a background check and drug screening test as a part of its selection and hiring process. 29-tfc-b

Alley Bistro is now hiring pm dishwashers. Call John 209-4031 or 682-5695 31-tfc-b

Bartenders Needed Goldmine Lounge & Casino Send resumes to PO Box 55 Cardwell, MT 59721 or fax to (406) 287-5092. 28-tfc-b

Help Wanted. Tree pruning, carpenter, ranch hand. No smokers. 406-865-0000. 31-2-b

Winston Rod Company has an opening on the production floor. Competive wages and benefits. Contact 684-5674 or stop by the plant. 29-3-b

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

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

NEW Wagon Wheel Steakhouse and BBQ in Twin Bridges is now HIRING all positions. Come in and apply today. 24-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 Hall. 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

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: 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



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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT 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, PO. Box 1715, Helena, MT 59624, or filed with the clerk of the aboveentitled court.

DATED this 22th day of April, 2015.

(A) Travis L. Myers TRAVIS L. MYERS, Personal Representative (Pub. May 14, 21, 28, 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:

County, Montana: Unit 22 of Cedar Creek Condominiums, located on Lot SE of the Amended Plat of a portion of Lot 5, and Tract A, Block 1, Amended, Cascade 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, 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 in-stallments 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 principal, interest at the rate of 2.87500% total-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 \$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, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing con-ditions, 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 or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE. Dated: February 9, 2015 Dalia Martinez Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company of Montana, Inc Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services PO Box 339

Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho) ss.

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, 28, 2015) mk MNAXLP your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiffs' attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this summons, exclusive 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 de-**NOT**

manded in the Complaint. This action is brought for the purposes of partition or sale of real property situated, lying and being in the County of Madison, State of Montana, more particularly described as follows:

Unit 307 of WM Lodge Condominiums, lo cated 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 Con dominiums, 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 Amendment 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 with the search of the search Clerk of District Court (Pub. May 14, 21, 28, 2015)mor MNAXLP

NOTICE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT DECISION THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF 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

MEETING CHANGES 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.

wise noticed. (Pub. May 21, 28, 2015) mcc MNAXLP

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Madison County is seeking comments on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and the proposed overall goal of 6.53%. It has been developed for federally assisted airport improvement programs exceeding \$250,000. The DBE Program establishes goals for the participation of DBE firms for current and future federally assisted projects in Madison County. Based on the 9th Circuit Court Decision in Western States Paving v. Washington State Department of Transportation, Madison County has determined that it is appropriate to use a race/gender neutral goal. Madison County encourages all bidders to take active race/gender neutral steps to include DBE's in this and other airport contracts. Race/gender neutral steps include: unbundling large contracts, subcontract work the prime contractor may self-perform, provide bonding or financing assistance, provide technical assistance, etc. Contracts can be awarded without the lowest responsive bidder meeting the goal or demonstrating good faith effort to meet the goal. A copy of the draft Program is available for review during normal business hours at the offices of Robert Peccia and Associates, Helena, Montana for 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia and Associates (P.O. Box 5653, Helena, MT 59604) and must be received by June 29, 2015. (Pub. May 28, 2015)rpa/mcc MNAXLP





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 the 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 1 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,

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, Plaintiffs,)

v. 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

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 Man-agement, Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT 59725 within 15 days after the first publication of this notice. As inter-preted by BLM, the regulations do not authorize the acceptance of protests in any form other than an original written and signed hard



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

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

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Submitted by Betsy Kirkby

Montana State Parks will host a National Trails Day event at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

American Hiking

Another chance to **Trails Day**

The Jack Creek Preserve Foundation is also hosting a National Trails Day event. On June 6, meet at the summer camp area at 10 a.m. - lunch will be provided. For more information. contact Meredith Hardy at meredith@ jackcreekpreserve.org.

Upcoming Irish weekend in Virginia City

Virginia City's annual 13, with activities beginning - and all who enjoy Irish stripe down Wallace Street,

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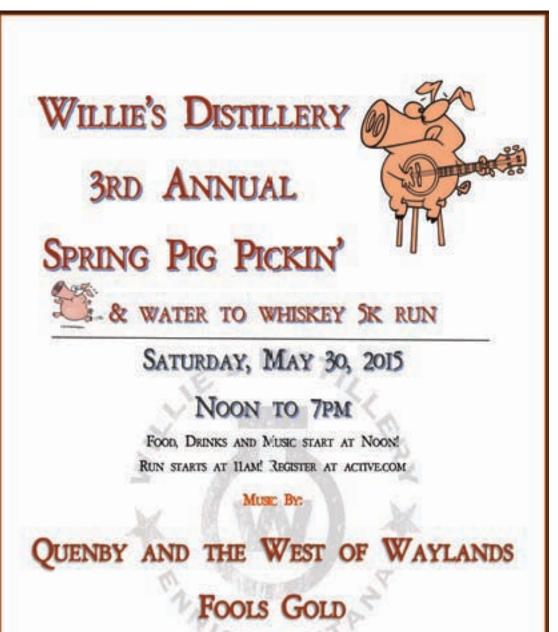
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Submitted by Melody Clark, Madison Valley Manor

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Please join us this Friday, May 29th, from 3-7 pm for an Office Open House to celebrate our new location and our new name! Everyone is welcome!

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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.



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B10 Thursday, May 28, 2015

THURSDAY **MAY 28**

Spring harvest party, Ennis

Summer is on its way and our school garden is having a spring harvest party at 3:15 p.m. at the Ennis School Garden.

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 -

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 9:30 a.m. at Bale of Hay Saloon. Karaoke fun for everyone!

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.

SUNDAY MAY 31

James McMurtry show, Virginia City 9 p.m., Wells Fargo Steak House. See www. wellsfargosteakhouse. com for more information and ticketing. 843-5556

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 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 workshop, 6-7 p.m.

THURSDAY JUNE 4

Business after hours, Ennis

Business after hours at ERA Landmark - Arrow Real Estate and 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.

FRIDAY JUNE 5

Paint the town purple, **Ennis and Sheridan** 10 a.m., in Ennis and

Sheridan. The event will create awareness and community involvment.

SATURDAY JUNE 6

Substance Abuse Discussion, Ennis 11 a.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. This program is part of the monthly program on health, both mental and physical that is sponsored by Friends of the Library each month. Substance abuse is the topic this month and Lyndon Kacick from Southwest Montana Substance Abuse and leading this

Garage-a-Rama, **Twin Bridges**

for more information. SUNDAY

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a.m. Prizes for the best three poker hands and Register day of or at

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TUESDAY JUNE 9

EAA meeting, Ennis 10:30 a.m. Ennis Arts Association meeting at Carol McMullin's house, 62 S. MEadow Creek Road, McAllister. Turn west at crossroads in McAllister, go approximately 1.5 miles to intersection of South Meadow Creek and North Meadow Creek. Bear left and go approximately .5 miles to mark stone and tree, turn right. Please bring a salad or dessert. For more information call Carol at 682-4456.

WEDNESDAY **JUNE 10**

Friends of the Sheridan **Public Library Board** Meeting, Sheridan



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council will be speaking informative discussion. The Friends of the Twin

Bridges Public Library are holding their 14th annual Giant Garage-a-Rama garage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. Contact 684-5201 or 684-5993

JUNE 7

Mountain bike poker ride benefitting the Virginia City Rural Fire Department. First bike out at 9 a.m. Last at 10 loads of cool door prizes. www.eventbrite.com.

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Fly-tying Roundtable, Ennis Come one, come all.

Tuesday nights 6:30 -8:30 p.m. Ray Plante's cabinet shop at 113 Antelope Meadows.

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

Open Sew, Ennis Open Sew with the Quilt Guild-open to the public from 2-5pm at Ma'dison Valley Public Library

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.

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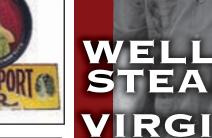
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