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RUBY RIVER ACCESS AT SEYLER LANE

Stream access question back at courthouse to determine public right-of-way

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After overturning Judge Loren Tucker's decision regarding Ruby River access at Seyler Lane Bridge nearly two years ago, the Montana Supreme Court sent the case back to district court and instructed Judge Tucker to define the width of the public right-of-way.

On Feb. 22, all the interested parties met at the Madison County Courthouse for the final day of trial to determine that width, and Public Lands Access Association attorney Devlan Geddes and James Cox Kennedy's attorney Peter

Coffman both called witnesses to the stand to present evidence.

The background

"The question is, what is the public's right to use the area off the pavement of county roads," Susan Swimley, attorney for Madison County, explained. "What is the public's right in a county easement area?"

A county easement area includes the land on either side of a county road the county uses for road maintenance such as snow removal, weed spraying and mowing, Swimley added. The case first appeared before Judge

Tucker in 2004, when the PLAA filed a lawsuit against Madison County concerning the issue of stream access at bridges – specifically focusing on a bridge crossing the Ruby River on Seyler Lane, a prescriptive right-of-way that crosses private land owned by James Cox Kennedy, according to the Supreme Court case synopsis.

The lawsuit claimed "private property owners had erected fences in the public right-of-way along county roads" near the bridge, preventing the public from accessing the Ruby River, the synopsis stated.

In 2012, Judge Tucker ruled

public use of Seyler Lane Bridge does not guarantee public use of the Ruby River from the bridge, according to Swimley. The adjacent right-of-way area could only be used by the county to perform maintenance on the road and bridge – anglers accessing the Ruby River would be considered trespassers if they left the pavement.

The PLAA appealed Judge Tucker's decision on the grounds it violated the Stream Access Law of 1985 that allows people to access waters by staying within the ordinary high-water marks of rivers and streams – which

happens during runoff when the river is at its highest, and took the case to the Montana Supreme Court in 2013. The PLAA also said the ruling violated Montana's 2009 Bridge Access Law, which upheld the public road right-of-way as the full width of the road and over the bridge to a stream's high-water mark.

Coffman filed a cross-appeal, claiming both those laws, which allow public access to private land, are an unconstitutional taking of Kennedy's property.

In a five to two decision, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the PLAA in January 2014, stat-

ing "the areas that are reasonably necessary to support and maintain Seyler Bridge, and to ensure the public's safe and convenient use of it, are included in the Seyler Lane public road right-of-way," according to the majority statement, written by Justice Mike Wheat.

In the synopsis, the Supreme Court "determined that the public prescriptive right-of-way on Seyler Lane extends beyond the traveled way and includes such width as is reasonably necessary for the construc-

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SIDEWALKS AROUND THE 'Y'



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The commissioners, led by Brian Vincent (center), walk along the proposed sidewalk with interested community members.

One step closer to a solution

Ennis Town Council comes up with four options for segment three during work session

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For a week now, chalk lines have delineated where the proposed Montana Department of Transportation sidewalk would run from Deemo's Meats to Fan Mountain Inn, which is part of the only segment of a four-section project from MDT that the town of Ennis has not approved.

"I think we should all go out and walk it," said town commissioner Brian Vincent during a work session on Friday, Feb. 19. "We have a few options we need to consider."

When the commission voted on the project on Jan. 14, they approved segments one, two and four but voted down segment three. Segment one runs from Shedhorn Sports to Chowning Street;

segment two runs from First Street to the south entrance of the Madison Valley Medical Center; segment three runs from Pearl Street to Fan Mountain Inn along the west side of the 'Y'; and segment four runs from Fan Mountain Inn to Madison Foods.

During their work session last week, all commissioners – Vincent, Audra Bourk, John Bancroft, Larry Pine and Brandi Palmerton – discussed what kind of sidewalk they would like to see along segment three.

Before they, and the 15 community members who showed up to the work session, walked the chalked out alignment, Vincent outlined the commission's options.

One option is to accept the MDT's project as-is and leave it at that, which would cost the town \$0. Another option is to

upgrade segment two – along the Madison Valley Manor – from asphalt to concrete, which would cost the town \$20,000. Another option is to do that upgrade, and also add flashing beacons the crosswalk between the medical center and Fan Mountain Inn, which would bring the town's contribution up to \$27,500, thanks to a donation of \$7,500 for the upgraded crosswalk from a private citizen. Finally, if the town chooses to reject MDT's design along part of segment three and pay to put the sidewalk directly in front of the businesses from Deemo's Meats to Fan Mountain Inn, MDT will pay for the concrete upgrade in front of Madison Valley Manor and the flashing beacons at the crosswalk, but the town would have to pay \$35,000 – at the most – for the sidewalk along segment three.

"I don't have a strong opinion either way between the MDT route or going right in front of the businesses (along segment three), but do you guys?" Vincent asked the

other commissioners after they returned from walking the proposed sidewalk.

Bancroft pointed out that if the town accepts the project as-is, it is completely paid for by the state.

Pine asked if MDT is comfortable connecting their sidewalk with one the town puts in, and Vincent said yes.

"Along (segment three) from Pearl Street to Deemo's would still be the MDT project," he said. "And then (the town's sidewalk) would connect back up with (MDT's) at Fan Mountain Inn."

At that time, the work session ended and the commissioners called a special meeting to order, handling other town business before moving back into the conversation about sidewalks.

If the town does decide to turn down MDT's proposed sidewalk in front of the businesses along the west side of the 'Y,' the business owners

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WHO CAN PLAY BALL?

Madison County schools sport varying eligibility procedures

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This winter, confusion with Ennis' eligibility policy begot a question – what is each Madison County school's stance on what makes a student ineligible to participate in a sport or other extra-curricular?

"The confusion for us was in the semantics of the words (in our policy)," explained Ennis Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski. "Were we supposed to rely on a quarter grade or a semester grade to determine eligibility?"

For example, Wrzesinski said Ennis' policy was unclear on a student's eligibility if they failed a quarter but passed a semester.

"My interpretation (of our policy) is that the semester grade is the grade of record," Wrzesinski said. "That's what ends up on the transcript. But our policy needs to be cleared up by the board, and they'll do that this spring."

In Ennis currently, if a student receives a failing grade at any time during the quarter or semester, they are required to attend an after school study hall from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

"Anytime that failing grade becomes passing, then they don't have to go to study hall," he said. "But if they fail at a grade check – which is at the quarter or semester – there is a mandatory two week sitting period."

A few basketball players were failing at least one class at the end of a quarter and were deemed ineligible. A student's parent appealed to the board, and the board ruled the policy was unclear and they were listed as eligible again, which is where the confusion started, Wrzesinski explained.

Twin Bridges

The Twin Bridges School Board improved the school's eligibility policy last year, according to Superintendent Chad Johnson.

"We had a few kids get in legal trouble two years ago and we followed the policy, but realized it probably need to be a little stricter," Johnson

explained. "We updated it to be closer to the state's example."

Twin Bridges' policy states that "participating in co-curricular activities is viewed by the district as a worthwhile endeavor to enhance adolescent development." However, students participating in any activity must abide by the rules – in Twin Bridges, that means they must have a 2.0 GPA or higher on quarter marks. Also, any students who have two or more Fs, regardless of GPA, are also ineligible.

"If a student is determined to be ineligible at the quarter, the student will not participate in activities until the next progress report is done at mid-quarter," the policy states.

Harrison

According to Superintendent Fred Hofman, Harrison's relatively strict eligibility policy works well for the school.

"Students may not have an F in any class, nor an overall GPA under 2.0," Hofman explained. "We check their grades weekly."

Hofman said weekly checks works for the school, but he added that is maybe because of Harrison's size.

"We are also very small so it's maybe easier for us to address struggling students," he said.

Sheridan

Sheridan, like Harrison, checks student grades weekly, according to Superintendent Mike Wetherbee.

"Sometimes it hurts our numbers on the floor," Wetherbee said. "We put out a weekly eligibility list and if we have a student athlete who is riding the line there will be some weeks they are off the roster for extra curricular (activities) that week."

Wetherbee said most students do "quite well" academically and do not struggle to stay off the list, but a few have to work a little harder at it.

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tion, maintenance and repair and for the public's safe and convenient use of the road."

The Supreme Court then sent the decision back to Judge Tucker, ordering him to consider the evidence in the record and conduct whatever additional proceedings he considers necessary to establish a definite width of the public right-of-way, according to Supreme Court documents.

There are two issues with regard to the prescriptive easement at play in the case: the area the county uses to maintain the road and approaches to the bridge, and the area used by the county from the fences down to the river, which the county used for inspecting the bridge.

"(Judge Tucker) will set a specific width for Seyler (Lane) but that will create a precedent for all other prescriptive county roads," Swimley said. "This case has statewide significance."

Witnesses

On Feb. 22, Geddes called Barney Hallin, a land surveyor, to the stand to speak about how wide for a public right of way is determined.

"We look at the road bed, the barrow pits, fences and utilities – other infrastructure that may be part of the road," Hallin said. "We also look at certificates of surveys and subdivision plats. If counties have road maps on particular roads, we look at those too."

Geddes questioned Hallin about the width that county road employees have previously used to access from the bridge and said there is evidence of county maintenance workers and recreationalists accessing the river that should determine the right of way. Geddes added that a survey was done on the road prior to the lawsuit and that it establishes the right of way.

"Then why do we need any other evidence?" Judge Tucker asked.

"Because up to this point in time, you disagreed with me on that position, your honor,"

Geddes said. "Our position is that the survey should determine the edges of the right of way. Up until now, the court has disagreed with that position, so we are bringing more information, like evidence on the ground."

Following cross-examination, Coffman called two witnesses to the stand, first Ken Jenkins, a surveyor, and then Kevin Feldman, a civil engineer who has worked on multiple bridges throughout his career.

Jenkins testified about what it took for him to "reasonably" access the river – essentially, how much space he required to access the water, which would be the public right of way.

Both Jenkins and Feldman visited the bridge last summer. While Feldman was on the stand, Coffman asked him questions about how much room was required to maintain the bridge, or replace it in the future.

Coffman also asked Feldman if it was necessary to set a public right of way at a greater width than necessary,

just because of the potential of future construction.

"We would just obtain a temporary construction easement from the adjacent landowner if needed," Feldman said. "In my experience, I have always been able to get (a temporary construction easement)."

Now what

After hearing from all three witnesses, Judge Tucker asked the attorneys how they wanted to proceed. Both Coffman and Geddes agreed they needed time after receiving the transcripts from the day to produce proposed findings and conclusions.

"Keep in mind that with each passing day, the topic becomes colder and less clear," Judge Tucker said. "The supreme court has said, 'give us a distance.' Please do that."

The next court date in the case is scheduled for March 28 – both Coffman and Geddes will present proposed findings and conclusions at that time.

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Ennis' public works director Kelly Elser walks along the proposed Montana Department of Transportation sidewalk on the west side of the 'Y' intersection during a town work session on Feb. 19.

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said they are willing to sign permanent easements over to the town for the sidewalks.

"It would give you the right for entry and construction and maintenance," said John Heckler, who is one of those business owners. "And we would even pay for the cost of the sidewalk in front of (our business)."

Heckler also pointed out that he has looked at the MDT's plans closely and believes their proposed work is out of their right away in a few places.

"That is a moot point," Vincent said. "That is not what the engineers have said."

The commissioners then opened the meeting to public comment. Multiple community members asked the commissioners to state their intent to put in a sidewalk along segment three, regardless if it is MDT's proposed alignment or an alternative.

Vincent called for a consen-

sus, asking the other commissioners if they are in favor of a sidewalk along segment three. Palmerton said she wants to find a solution that works for the businesses and the people. Bancroft said he is in favor of a sidewalk, as did Pine. Bourk said she wants to find away to make it work and emphasized that she is not against sidewalks – a point that Vincent agreed with.

Before adjourning the meeting, the commissioners decided to schedule another special meeting for Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at town hall. In the meantime, Vincent said he will reach out to the town attorney and have easements drafted if the commission does choose to install sidewalks directly in front of businesses.

Other business

•During their special meeting, the commissioners unanimously accepted Mayor Becky Vujovich's resignation. They have 30 days from Feb. 11

to hire a replacement mayor.

•The commissioners also approved turning down a Community Block Development Grant for the Ennis Senior Center that the town had applied for and was awarded. According to Heckler, who is on the board of the senior center, the board turned down the grant because the schedule for administering the funds would take too long.

"When seniors are the subject, time is of the essence," Heckler said. "The scheduled dictated by the grant was way too long, versus what we thought we could do independently."

Heckler said the senior center updates will include more storage, and expanded dining room and three offices, and should be completed by the end of the summer.

"We have a lot of what we need to do it already in our budget," Heckler said. "It will be all from private funding."

FOUR OPTIONS, FOUR PRICE TAGS:

What the commissioners are considering

1. Accept the MDT's entire project
TOWN COST = \$0
2. Accept the MDT's project, but upgrade sidewalk in front of MVM from asphalt to concrete
TOWN COST = \$20,000
3. Accept the MDT's project, but upgrade sidewalk in front of MVM from asphalt to concrete and upgrade crosswalk at north end of intersection
TOWN COST = \$27,500
4. Pay for sidewalk along segment three out of MDT right of way and MDT pays for concrete along MVM and upgraded crosswalk
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ESTABLISHING A CITY COURT SYSTEM

Sheridan pulls out of discussion, Virginia City and Twin Bridges still interested

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Toward the end of 2015, the mayors of Virginia City, Sheridan and Twin Bridges began a discussion on possibly implementing a city court system that would be held at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City. Currently, Ennis is the only incorporated town in Madison County with a formal city court system.

At Sheridan's February council meeting, however, councilmembers made the decision to back out of the discussion due to their current budget restraints.

"We felt as though until we start a zoning process it is just an expense that we don't need to endure right now," said Sheridan mayor Tom Shaffer. "... It's just not money and time well spent right now."

Because zoning is a technique of land-use planning utilized by city governments, the council felt that putting

their budget toward enacting a zoning plan into the city bylaws was more important.

The background

The mayors of each municipality approached the Madison County commissioners about using the courthouse and were granted permission, given that the towns could provide an idea of how often they would need to hold court.

"They would give us the room in (Virginia City) so we could have court up there," said Twin Bridges mayor Tom Hyndman.

The three towns planned to work in conjunction with the county and the sheriff's office, using a city court to enforce city ordinances.

"If we get a court system set up we can enforce more stuff," said Hyndman. "But until we do that we can't do anything."

Sherriff Roger Thompson said the city court system would have little affect on him and his deputies since they

already patrol all three areas.

"It would actually give us more tools to enforce the things the town(s) want," said Thompson. "It would just add another layer of court system for us but it wouldn't increase our workload."

Cost

Another concern that the mayors and towns have yet to address is the individual cost implementing a city court would be to each town.

"I need to follow up and see what the actual cost is," said Virginia City mayor Scott Petersen. "I think it is assessed per month and then that would be divided between the towns, but I'm not entirely certain at this point."

Status for other towns

Without Sheridan's participation, Twin Bridges and Virginia City need to discuss if they want to continue with the process.

Hyndman said that Twin Bridges is still interested in the

idea of a city court system.

"We just got to meet again and check it out a little closer – the council would like to look a little more at what the price would mean for us," he said.

According to Petersen, the issue will be addressed at the next Virginia City council meeting where they will reevaluate if they want to continue with just two towns.

"If it is just two cities, can we afford it?" Petersen asked. "We just don't know at this point."

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The Madison County Courthouse would be the home of a court for some Madison County municipalities if they decide to pursue it.



Skate park committee abandons Sheridan; moves efforts to Virginia City

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"I will let everyone know that the skate park committee has decided to move their efforts to Virginia City," said Sheridan mayor Tom Shaffer during the February council meeting. "They felt they had no support from the community and decided to put their efforts elsewhere."

In September of 2015, a group of Sheridan students and their parents formed a skate park committee with the hope of building a skate park in the community as part of their Family, Career and Community Leaders of America service project.

Though there are various grants available specifically for the construction of city skate parks, the committee said they could not apply for any until they secured a location.

After approaching the town and surveying different lots throughout Sheridan, councilmembers concluded that a southwest corner property near East Crofoot Street would serve as the best location for a skate park, and began notifying adjacent property owners.

"We wanted to get the public involved too," Shaffer said in the Nov. 12, 2015, edition of *The Madisonian*.

During the November council meeting, residents of

the community voiced some concerns about the potential park and asked questions regarding its construction and issues with parking and lighting, as well as safety concerns.

While the project sat idle for the past couple months, Shaffer said the council requested a plan informing them of the progress and procession of the skate park and never received one. The committee withdrew their formal request in January and sent a statement to the council.

Shaffer addressed the council at their February meeting saying the skate park committee had not received enough support from the community and were going to work to estab-

lish a park in Virginia City.

Community support

"We felt that we were moving forward but slowly to make sure we were doing the right thing," said Shaffer, regarding the committee's decision to withdraw their request, adding that he found it "hard to believe" the group would try to build a park in Virginia City because of the historical nature of the town.

"Maybe they will," he added. In their withdrawal, the committee stated that Sheridan was not entirely a retirement community and needed to look at the younger members of the community and develop recreational activities to attract

and entice younger residents.

The committee's letter stated, "after careful consideration, we feel our efforts would be better spent helping Virginia City with their town."

Multiple requests for comment from Abbi Lee, a main contact for the skate park committee, were not returned by The Madisonian's press time Tuesday.

Skate park status

After withdrawing their efforts in Sheridan, the skate park committee said that nothing has been confirmed in Virginia City. "We have contacted Virginia

City and they met last week," said Kendra Horn, skate park committee member, adding that she had not yet heard the outcome of the meeting.

Justin Gatewood, president of the Virginia City town council and member of a newly formed committee looking to establish more recreational activities for kids at the city park, said the group did approach their committee about a skate park in Virginia City.

"Virginia City is currently doing some master planning on its parks ... we will explore whether a skate park fits into that category," Gatewood said.

Twin Bridges School Board sets election resolution, school farm gets footing

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On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Twin Bridges School Board approved an election resolution to elect a new trustee and potentially run a levy for the general and building reserve funds, in addition to approving an agreement between the school and the Madison County Fair Board.

As of yesterday, only one person had filed to run for the board's upcoming vacant seat, according to school Superintendent Chad Johnson.

"If no one else files, we'll just do it by acclamation," Johnson explained.

The board unanimously approved the resolution to have

an election for the one trustee, and also included language about a potential general fund levy and building reserve levy.

General fund monies are for the "purpose of instruction, maintenance and operation" of the school, according to the resolution language. The building reserve fund is for the purpose of construction, maintenance, remodeling of existing facilities and acquisition of additional school sites.

Though the board approved the resolution stating they may run levies for both funds, they have not set amounts or finalized if they will do it, Johnson explained.

"We don't have to have it set until next month," he said.

"They just set it across the board so we can run it if we need to."

The board will vote on actual figures at their next meeting if they determine they want to run both the levies.

School farm

The board also approved a five year lease with the Madison County Fair Board that will provide the school around two acres at the fairgrounds to turn into a school farm.

"It's a five year lease, at \$1 per year so we have just a lot of opportunity," Johnson said.

Twin Bridges ag teacher Colton Hellwinkel got the ball rolling earlier this year, and said his students are already utilizing their knowledge in

geometry and trigonometry to begin mapping landscape design ideas for the farm.

"Over the past several years in education, I have continuously noticed the need for improving students' critical thinking skills, as well as bridging the gap from classroom experience into career related skills," Hellwinkel said. "I think the opportunity of our new school farm is the perfect solution to address both of these issues."

Hellwinkel said other students are hard at work exploring how to make the facility sustainable.

"Already within a few weeks of this project starting, students have been getting the

hands-on application they have been looking for," he said. "On the other hand, this project has not been developed with only Twin Bridges aged students in mind. As our facility begins to take shape over the next several weeks, we hope to share in this amazing opportunity with the community as well."

Ideally, the town will be able to use the farm as a community garden during the summer months, he said.

Another element of the farm is being kickstarted with a \$2,500 grant Twin Bridges FFA received from the FFA: Food For All program.

"The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support year-

long service-learning projects that address local hunger needs," according to the FFA.

Hellwinkel explained one stipulation of the grant is that by January of next year, FFA must produce and disperse over \$5,000 worth of food-related resources.

"We look to be producing farm to school products, farmers markets venues and of course allowing any community members to come plant, manage and harvest throughout the summer months," he said. "Simply put, I hope to give students the ability to invest in their community and be proud of what it is they are producing. In my eyes, that type of education is truly meaningful and will last a lifetime."

HIGHS AND LOWS

Hi readers,

Last week was full of ups and downs. Celebration and grief. Joy and sadness. I posted up in Manhattan Christian for the district basketball tournament for most of the week and experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat with our Madison County teams.

In good news, both the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs from Ennis are headed to the divisional tournament in Hamilton this week ... and so are the Twin Bridges Lady Falcons! Three Madison County teams advanced, and that says something impressive about our small schools. What was also impressive was how many fans packed into Manhattan Christian, clad in their favorite teams' colors to cheer on the student athletes.

Saturday, however, was a somber affair. While the Falcons and Mustangs battled for district championship titles, Mike and I hit the road, headed north to Ronan for a funeral.

Earlier this month, one of Mike's friends passed away. Ty McKay was working at a ranch in the Madison Valley when he was involved in an accident that resulted in his death. Ty was Mike's age – the two went to school together in Polson. Ty was a passionate hunter, enthusiastic outdoorsman and seemed to truly love life. Though I didn't know him well, I know many of

his close friends and it is apparent how much he is missed.

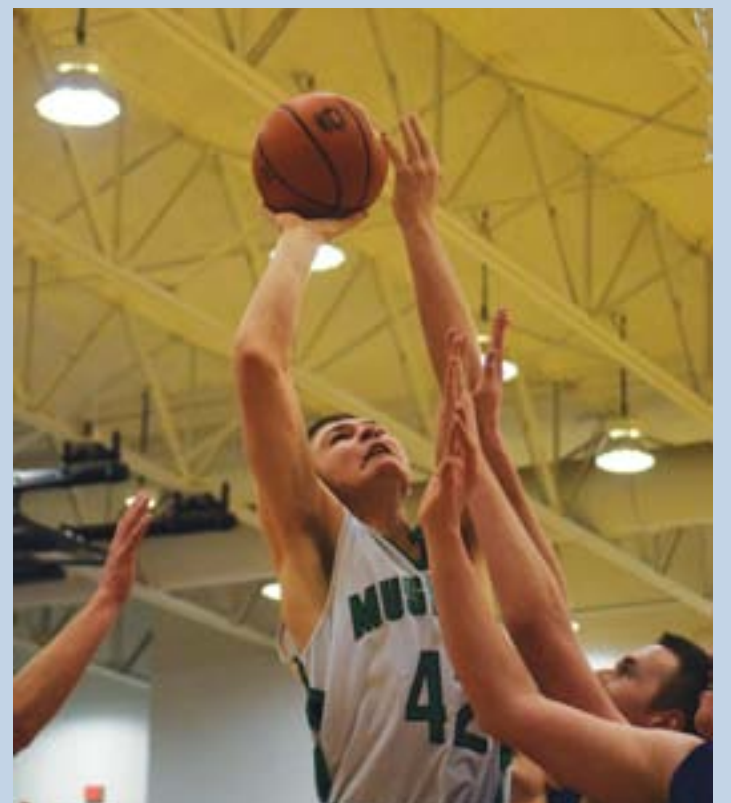
When tragedy strikes in rural Montana, it almost always hits close to home. Our communities are close.

We have a police scanner at *The Madisonian's* office, and when it chirps now, my heart stops. My first year as a Madison County resident, I didn't recognize any names and I hardly recognized any places that crackled across the scanner. When I called the sheriff's office or highway patrol to get information about a crash, the names they gave me were faceless. That's not true anymore. These days, if I don't immediately recognize a name, I end up knowing someone who does.

It's always hard to lose a friend or family member – it's even hard to lose acquaintances – but it was incredible to see Ty's community gather to celebrate his life in Ronan. Friends and family shared stories about him, his brother put together a slideshow of his life and everyone focused on remembering the man he was instead of letting grief rule the day.

This week, focus on the positives. If you're a Panther or Wildcat fan, congratulate the basketball players on their season. And if you're a Falcon or Mustang fan – it's not over yet! If you can't make it to Hamilton to support our teams in person, send good vibes their way!

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Ty Morgan rises above the competition to score for the Mustangs.

OPINION

Replacing Justice Scalia

Dear Editor,

With the death of Justice Scalia, the senate is heading into a battle royal. Yet there are precedences from the past as to how Congress can react.

When President Reagan nominated one of the most intelligent attorneys, Judge Borg, a dominated senate trashed the judge's life during a long hearing before rejecting him. They then took the second nomination, Greensberg, and trashed him

and finally accepted the third nomination, Justice Kennedy.

Look at the virtual trial that Justice Thomas was put through before being accepted. Almost his entire life was put under the microscope.

In the 1890s, there was a vacancy for an entire two years.

Remember when President Obama tried to put two labor union attorneys to run the labor department and they were rejected by the senate? Through the back

door, he appointed them when the senate was in what he considered, "a recess," as he could do this year.

There is also a rule named after Justice Thurman Marshall. It states that if a justice dies or retires before the last summer of a sitting president, that it be left to the American people, based on who they elect as president.

I will not be here to see the results, but if it results in a court of five liberals and four conservative jus-

tices, it could result in the change to the second amendment about bearing arms and other privileges enjoyed by the majority of Americans.

I pray the senate will allow the next president to pick whomever replaces Justice Scalia.

Bill Hanley
Twin Bridges

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Marjorie Claire Bowersox passed away at her home of heart complications on Feb. 18, 2016. Services will be held at Madison Valley Baptist Church in Ennis at 11 a.m., Feb. 29, 2016.



Robert Jesse Endecott, 71, of McAllister, rode over the great divide on the family ranch on Feb. 19, 2016, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Ashton, Idaho, on Oct. 5, 1944 – the fifth of six children to Richard and Hilda Warsany Endecott. He grew up in the farming community of Squirrel, Idaho, where his dad was one of the last to switch from teams of horses to tractors. Bob cut his teeth on harness



Diane Renay (Kruse) Hicks (61) passed away unexpected on Jan. 25, 2016, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Diane

She was born June 23, 1929, in Ennis to Albert Edison and Anne Charlton Barter. She was raised on a ranch in Bradley Basin and attended grade school in Norris, graduating from high school in Harrison in 1947.

Her dad became ill and was severely limited in his abilities from the time she was in third grade and passed away when she was 13 so she helped raise her sister Donna, who was eight years younger than her, and cooked and worked on the family ranch.

She married William Dale Bowersox on June 23, 1948,

and they were married until her passing. They spent 10 years on the ranch at Bradley Basin and the remaining years on their ranch on North Meadow Creek.

Her work career included waiting tables and working at the talc mine. She took correspondence and night courses to obtain a medical records accreditation and was the medical records secretary for the Madison Valley Hospital for 14 years. She was a past president of the Medical Records Division of the Montana Hospital Association.

She loved her children, grandchildren, sewing, snow-

mobiling, dancing, traveling and her yard and flowers.

She is survived by her husband William Bowersox of McAllister; children Sandy Black (Wayne) of Ennis, Barry Bowersox (Marilyn) Gillette Wyo., Scott Bowersox (Caroline) Lakeland, Minn.; nine grandchildren; five step grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, parents in law, sister Donna and her husband Dee Owens.

In lieu of flowers please send memorials to the Ennis Senior Center.

Robert Jesse Endecott

October 5, 1944 - February 19, 2016

rings and as soon as he could walk, he headed for the horse corrals. Whenever he disappeared, his mom knew exactly where to find him. The love and respect for horses continued throughout his life.

He proudly served his country in the 716th Military Police Battalion. He spent one tour in Vietnam and was stationed in Saigon, at times providing security for General Westmoreland. After his release from the Army, he spent several years working for dude ranches in Gallatin Canyon. He started ranching in the Madison Valley in the early 1970s and never left.

He married Janet Goggins in 1978 and they worked with her family on the ranch. With their daughter Rachel, they raised good cattle and made good horses. Bob followed in his father's footsteps, feeding with teams of horses or

mules until the mid-1990s. Some of his favorite times were spring brandings, shipping in the fall and our big winter sledding parties.

Bob was active in the Ennis Rodeo Association for many years and helped put on the Fourth of July rodeo. He harrowed the arena for several years with his team of mules, and got quite a kick out of the rodeo horses' reaction to his long-eared ladies.

Horse racing was a passion for Bob, not for the gambling aspect, but for the true love of the equine athlete. He enjoyed hitting the tracks at Ruidoso Downs and Sunland Park in New Mexico when Rachel was attending graduate school at New Mexico State. He also enjoyed tuning in to the horse racing channels on T.V. the past few months. Bob was an incredibly talented leatherworker and horsehair

hitcher. Many friends and family are proud owners of a Tails End Original.

Left here to miss him are his wife Janet; daughter Rachel; brothers Boyd (Eula), Gerry (Rusty) and Jack (Pauline) Endecott; sisters Sharon Davis and Wilma Miller; father and mother-in-law, Bob and Cora Goggins; sister and brothers-in-law, Betty, Bob (Terri), Jim (Shelly) and Pat (Michelle) Goggins; and many nieces and nephews.

We are confident that Bob now has a cavvy of good grey horses, moving cattle through stirrup-high grass.

A celebration of life is planned for the summer. Memorials may be made to Collegiate Stockgrowers at Montana State University, Madison Conservation District, Hospice of Bozeman Deaconess or Madison Valley Medical Center.

Diane Renay (Kruse) Hicks

October 9, 1954 - January 25, 2016

was born on Oct. 9, 1954 in Terry to Irene (Meissel) and Frank "John" Kruse. They eventually moved to Billings, where Diane attended Senior High School. Though a car accident in 1978 left her with limited mobility, she overcame many obstacles and lived a life of faith and hope and tried not to let her disability bring her down. She showed great strength and courage, and whenever she was asked where her strength came from, she would point to Heaven.

In 2004 she moved to Salt Lake City to be closer to her daughters. She was able to live more independently until 2009, when she moved into a skilled nursing facility where she developed many friendships and visited with her grandchildren, who were her greatest joy aside from God.

Diane is survived by her daughters: Dana (Eric) Breyer and Brandy (Brandon) Wood; her mother, Irene Martinson; her brothers: Frank (Dona) Kruse, Alvin (Lorna) Kruse, Miles (Deb-

bie) Kruse, Ledson Martinson, Doug Martinson and Keith (Kelly) Martinson; her sister Lori (Bill) Williams; her grandsons: Ethan, Jakob, Sean and Rhys and Andrew and Aaron; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Community Presbyterian Church in Terry on Saturday, March 26 at 11 a.m. to celebrate the life of Diane. The service will be officiated by Pastor Katie of Hope Lutheran Church. A graveside service will follow.

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11/12C DISTRICT BASKETBALL

TEAMS FROM ENNIS, TWIN BRIDGES ADVANCE TO DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT IN HAMILTON

ABIGAIL DENNIS
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Madison County basketball teams traveled to Manhattan Christian last week for four days of basketball – at the end of the 11/12C district tournament, both the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs and the Lady Falcons from Twin Bridges earned spots in this week's divisional tournament in Hamilton.

ENNIS

It was a good week for Mustang basketball. The boys team made it to the championship game and then rose above Manhattan Christian to take the district title. Though the girls were bested by the Lady Falcons from Twin Bridges and sent to the consolation bracket, they battled onward and earned a berth at the divisional tournament with a third place finish at districts.

Boys basketball

The Mustangs entered the tournament as the number one seed, and quickly proved they deserved the honor. First, they took on Lone Peak, and beat the Big Horns, 53 – 32. Ennis took a commanding lead in the first quarter and expanded on it from there. Jake Knack scored 19 points, Gavin McKittrick knocked down 12, Tracer Croy had seven, Ty Morgan scored six, Tyler Barney scored five and Tanner Wood and Race Owens each had two.

The next day, the team set its sights on White Sulphur Springs and ultimately won, 59 – 44. Though the Hornets played the Mustangs close in the first half of the game, they could not keep up and Ennis slowly pulled ahead. Knack led the team again with 21 points, followed by teammate McKittrick who scored 11. Morgan contributed 10, Croy added nine to the team's total, Barney scored four and Cole Crowley also scored four.

The bracket dwindled down until Ennis was left to face the Manhattan Christian Eagles for the championship title on Feb. 20. The Mustangs came out of the gate strong, scoring 10 more points than the Eagles in the first quarter. Though Manhattan Christian started to make a comeback before the half, Ennis was able to hold them at bay. During a back-and-forth second half, the Mustangs continued to pull ahead, and when Manhattan Christian made a run at the end of the game, it was too little too late. The Mustangs won the district championship, 73 – 67. Knack, McKittrick and Morgan fell into their common leadership roles, scoring 27, 19 and 12 points respectively. Barney

and Crowley contributed six apiece and Croy scored three.

Girls basketball

The Lady Mustangs took a longer road to earning their spot at divisionals after they lost to the Lady Falcons, but the ladies rallied hard to take home third place.

Their first game was a Madison County match-up against the Harrison/Willow Creek Lady Wildcats – the Lady Mustangs came out on top, 40 – 24. Danyel Martin led the team with 10 points. Danika Philpott and Caitlin Klatt each scored nine, and Brigit Croy, MaKenzie Moen and Jourdain Klein each scored four.

The following day, Feb. 19, the Lady Falcons from Twin Bridges knocked the Lady Mustangs out of the championship bracket – Ennis lost, 27 – 39. Following the loss, the Ennis girls played two games on Feb. 20, where they first bested Shields Valley and went on to defeat White Sulphur Springs solidifying a third place trophy.

The Lady Mustangs beat the Lady Rebels from Shields Valley, 54 – 49. Martin led the team with 16, followed closely by Moen who scored 15. Klatt had nine, Klein scored six, Philpott scored five and Croy scored three.

In their final game of the tournament, the Lady Mustangs took on the Lady Hornets and won by 12 points, 49 – 37, earning them a spot at the divisional tournament. Croy, Klatt and Klein each scored 10 points in the consolation game. Amanda Kimmey added four and Martin, Lexi Lindemulder, Philpott and Moen each scored three and Wrenzi Wrzesinski scored two.

"I'm very proud of our girls' effort this weekend," said head coach Jordan Overstreet. "The Saturday morning game (which was against Shields Valley) is the toughest game at tournaments. The girls showed up everyday ready to go."

Overstreet said a season's worth of hard work and the toughest schedule in the division paid off for the team.

"I couldn't be more proud of our girls and I'm excited to see what happens at divisionals this weekend," he added.



ABIGAIL DENNIS/The Madisonian
Jourdain Klein capitalizes on a fast break against Harrison's Taya DeFrance and drives to the basket for the Mustangs.



ABOVE
ABIGAIL DENNIS/The Madisonian
Harrison's Daly Nesbit rushes past a Lima defender.



RIGHT
ABIGAIL DENNIS/The Madisonian
Makenna Livezey (10) hurries to prevent the ball from rolling out of bounds, while Ennis' Danika Philpott (20) avoids a foul.

HARRISON

The Wildcats and Lady Wildcats were dealt a tough schedule during the tournament – both teams ultimately lost out of the consolation bracket.

Boys basketball

The sixth seed Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats won their play-in game against the Lima Bears on Feb. 17, 51 – 44. Zane VonBergen led the team with 11 points, followed closely by Daly Nesbit and Lane Buus who each scored 10. Chas Buus and Parker Galt both scored eight and Matt Fouch also got on the board with four in the win.

The following day, the Wildcats played the number two seed Manhattan Christian Eagles and lost, 23 – 69. Nesbit led the team with seven points, and both C. Buus and Galt contributed five. VonBergen, Fouch and Derik DeFrance all scored two points.

After their loss to Manhattan Christian, the Wildcats were sent to the consolation bracket, where they faced off against Gardiner and lost, 42 – 48. Nesbit scored 10, VonBergen had eight, L. Buus and DeFrance both scored six, C. Buus had five, Fouch scored four and Galt scored three in the game.

According to head coach Nick Dyk, the boys started out strong in the tournament, shooting 43 percent from the field against Lima. However, shooting woes derailed the team against the Eagles and

the Bruins – they shot 23.8 percent and 23 percent respectively during the games.

"I would like to thank the boys on the team for the great season and effort that they have put forth," Dyk said.

Girls basketball

The Harrison/Willow Creek Lady Wildcats were unable to best the Lady Mustangs on Feb. 18 and lost, 24 – 40, sending them into the consolation bracket, where they lost out just short of a bid for third or fourth place in the tournament. In the game against Ennis, Addie Nesbit led the Wildcat charge with eight points. Makenna Livezey scored six and Josie Hokanson and Taya DeFrance each scored five.

The next day, the girls were motivated as they hit the court against West Yellowstone – they beat the Wolverines, 39 – 21. Hokanson and DeFrance led the scoring with 12 points apiece. Hailey Hokanson scored seven, Nesbit contributed six and Livezey scored two.

On Saturday morning, the Lady Wildcats were back at it again, but this time, they fell to White Sulphur Springs, 36 – 42. DeFrance scored 14, Nesbit scored 13, J. Hokanson contributed six and Livezey had three.

"We ran into some tough teams," said head coach Zach Dyk. "When your shots don't fall and you get into foul trouble with a small bench it generally doesn't end up in your favor ... I thought the girls showed a lot of heart."

TOURNAMENT RESULTS CONTINUED FROM A5

SHERIDAN

The young Panther teams from Sheridan each battled for a play-in spot in the tournament but were unable to secure wins.

Boys basketball

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, the 10th seed Panthers faced off against seventh seed Gardiner, but were only able to score half the total Bruins points and lost, 40 – 80.

The Bruins were first on the board, but Sheridan's Moxon Lee returned fire on the next play and put the Panthers on the board with a three pointer. From there, Gardiner started to pull ahead, but the Panthers did not slow their pace – Sheridan stuck to their opponents like glue on defense.

Sheridan junior Tristen Horn found his rhythm and knocked down a three pointer, then drove to the basket for two more on the next play and the score was 8 – 16 with time winding down in the first. Horn got the ball again and dribbled down the court, pulling up for a quick three as the buzzer sounded.

During the second quarter, the Bruins utilized their size advantage and worked the ball inside for easy points, but Horn could not be stopped. He ended the game with 27 points.

Each quarter, Gardiner extended their lead a little more, but the Panthers never faltered, consistently putting points on the board throughout the game.

Other than Horn, Sheri-

dan's Issac Bendon scored five, Lee scored three, Moritz Remmert and Ben Larsen scored two each and Kenny Foster contributed a point.

"The team came out and played hard," said head coach Chad Elser. "The players competed from tip off til the end of the game. They left everything they had on the court. I am extremely proud of them."

Girls basketball

The Lady Panthers basketball season drew to a close on Feb. 17, when they were unable to beat White Sulphur Springs, losing 13 – 62. The girls came out of the gate strong, controlling the tip against the Hornets. Though they were unable to capitalize on the possession, they forced a turnover at the other end of the court – Janie Smart put Sheridan on the board with two minutes left in the first quarter. A few minutes after Smart's bucket, Alexis Woirhaye passed the ball inside to Tionna Schwend, who scored two more. The Panthers ended up scoring nine points in the first half.

It was not enough to slow the Lady Hornets, however, who held the Panthers to zero points in the third quarter and pulled away with the game.

Smart ended the night with six points, followed by Schwend who had four. Destiny Fabel scored two points and Alexis Woirhaye had one.



ABOVE
ABIGAIL DENNIS/The Madisonian
Sheridan's Tristen Horn looks for the basket. Horn scored 27 points against Gardiner.



RIGHT
ABIGAIL DENNIS/The Madisonian
Tionna Schwend shoots over a White Sulphur Springs defender.



ABIGAIL DENNIS/
The Madisonian
Kailee Oliverson (34) finds the basket for the Lady Falcons. The team was able to work the ball inside to Oliverson during the game against West Yellowstone, and she scored 10 points.

TWIN BRIDGES

The Lady Falcons charged into the tournament with an undefeated record and as the number one seed, but ultimately fell to Manhattan Christian in the championship game – still taking second place and earning a trip to the divisional tournament. The boys, however, suffered from injuries halfway through the tournament and lost out on Saturday morning.

Boys basketball

The Falcons started their post-season play on Feb. 18 against Gardiner as they slowly added to their lead every quarter and beat the Bruins, 70 – 52. Cooper Christiansen scored 22 points in the match up. Tracen Eggers knocked down 16. Chace Guinnane scored 13, Wesley Harshbarger had 11, Kaleb Roselott had three and Daniel Kruer and Ethan Orrin each scored two. James Bendon also contributed one point in the game.

The next day, the Falcons played the Eagles and lost by one point, 40 – 41.

"It was just one of those things that happened at the wrong time," said head coach Josh Keller. "We lost one of our leading scorers, (Harshbarger) in the first half to concussion. The good news is he seems to be doing well."

Keller said the boys battled back in the second half without Harshbarger and a lot of kids "stepped up huge."

"It just happened that (Manhattan Christian) tipped the ball in with a few seconds left," Keller said. "I was very proud of our guys for what we accomplished not only throughout the year, but the character they showed at the district tournament."

After their loss to Manhattan Christian, the Falcons faced Shields Valley in the consolation bracket, losing 42 – 52. Eggers scored more than half of the team's points during the game – 28. Christensen scored nine and Guinnane had five.

"We just ended up shooting the ball short all morning," Keller said. "Shields (Valley) had a great game plan and executed it well. Yes, we are disappointed that we don't get to continue on but we played

as hard as we could with a lot of heart and we left Manhattan Christian without any regrets."

Girls basketball

The Lady Falcons coasted into the championship game against Manhattan Christian without much issue, but ultimately lost to the Lady Eagles by just three points, earning them a second place title and a trip to Hamilton for the divisional tournament.

On Feb. 18, the Lady Falcons kicked off their tournament play against West Yellowstone, beating the Wolverines, 21 – 55. Megan Martin scored 11, Kailee Oliverson had 10, RaeAnne Bendon contributed eight, Cassie Williams scored seven, Michaela Madden and Cassidy Wetzel scored four each, Jessica George and Mara Johnson each contributed three, Madyson Beagley and Rylee Mehring each scored two and Brooke Schandelmeier scored one.

Up next, the Lady Falcons faced off against their Madison County rivals, Ennis, and came out on top, winning 39 – 27. Oliverson scored 14, Bendon score seven, George had six, Martin had five, Johnson scored four and Madden contributed three.

That win put them in the championship game against the Lady Eagles, who they beat by three points during the regular season. This time, the tables were turned and it was the Eagles who came away with a three point advantage – Twin Bridges lost, 35 – 38. Oliverson scored 15, Williams and Wetzel each scored four, Johnson and Bendon each contributed three and Beagley, George and Martin scored two apiece.

"We beat them by three on our court (earlier in the season) and they beat us by three on theirs," said head coach Rob Lott. "I have a lot of respect for the Manhattan Christian team, and our girls fought and battled the best they could."

Lott said the team is focusing on divisionals, working on fine tuning "everything" and resting up for another three day basketball ordeal.

"(At divisionals) you're playing teams that you haven't seen before," he said. "It's exciting to play someone new – old plays that didn't work at districts will work again. They won the games they needed to win for a chance at divisionals."

WESTERN C DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Western C Divisional Tournament takes place Wednesday, Feb. 24 through Saturday, Feb. 27 in Hamilton. Check The Madisonian's Facebook page for game updates!

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A black bear investigates a bear-proof dumpster.

Innovative testing used for bear-proof containers

ARTICLE BY ROB CHANEY
The Missoulian

An unexpected problem has developed in the world of bear-resistant food storage testing: the grizzly bears responsible for tearing containers to shreds are getting bored or depressed.

"With some of these containers, the bears are no longer interested in testing," U.S. Forest Service national carnivore program leader Scott Jackson recently told the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee meeting in Missoula. "For the metal cases that are bolted to the ground that they can't tip over and knock around, that's becoming more and more of a problem. They just lick the bait off the outside and leave them alone. The manufacturers are kind of left in limbo."

In a way, that's a good problem to have. Bear-resistant food storage rules apply to more and more places in the woods as both grizzlies and black bears add human food to their foraging plans. This summer, floaters who win a coveted permit to spend a week on Montana's Smith River must pack their steaks and beer in bear-resistant containers.

Randy Gravatt manages the testing program at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone. His captive grizzlies, including the infamous Kobuk the Destroyer, have brutalized 425 containers in the past 10 years. Roughly three out of five survive an hour with Kobuk and his cohorts — the success standard for an

officially sanctioned container.

"I'm impressed with the innovation and ingenuity of the developers," Gravatt said. "But a lot of manufacturers underestimate the power of the bears."

That's especially true for containers designed for backpackers. While many systems have passed the discovery center test, Gravatt said manufacturers now try to make their products lighter, easier to use or less expensive to build.

"They're trying to find the line (between convenience and survivability)," Gravatt said. "So they'll bring in six, eight, 10 versions of the same product."

On the other hand, Brian and Jane Robertson of Cody, Wyo., have seen bears ignore their front-country containers at the testing center. That proof of concept has helped spur a steady increase in demand for containers in campgrounds, recreation areas and picnic grounds.

"The last two years have been great," B. Robertson said. "Ever since the Greater Yellowstone Coalition partnered with the Forest Service down here, it's made more funds available for guys like me."

Jackson said the nonprofit GYC has agreed to match up to \$125,000 dollar for dollar annually with the Forest Service to install new bear-resistant containers on public lands surrounding Yellowstone National Park. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem holds an estimated 717 grizzly bears and a considerably larger number of black

bears. Jackson said because the captive grizzlies have given up on those heavy-duty, permanent containers, the IGBC testing system has moved to a more lab-style testing standard in which welds and latches must survive mechanical stress tests equal to the force biologists know bears can exert.

But those containers will not work everywhere bears are. Grizzly bears can only dream of the power packed by a Smith River winter ice jam. A high flow in 2014 over-ran 11 campsites and scraped toilets and fire rings off their concrete bases. That seasonal obstacle convinced the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks that installation of permanent food boxes was unaffordable on the Smith.

While that problem searches for a solution, Colleen Matt at the Wildlife Management Institute debuted another tool at the IGBC meeting. She's been working on an interactive map that outdoor visitors can check to learn local bear-food requirements.

"By April, the map should be ready to show the food-storage rules for all public lands," Matt said. "It's the coming thing. Food storage orders are going to be the way we learn to live with grizzly bears, by keeping them out of our stuff. And we've really got to start with black bears. Think of the angler who puts his backpack on the bank and walks downriver, only to come back and find a bear has gotten into it."

FUTURE SCIENTISTS



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Bill Mercer and Laura Gilmore of ReMax Mountain Property presented a check to Miss Meyers first grade class at the Ennis Grade school last week. The class science fair project showed the effect of freezing water. The funds will be used for future classroom projects.



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Marian McAllister Morton
March 14, 1927 – February 11, 2016



Marian Morton passed away peacefully on Feb. 11, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. Marion was previously of Seattle, Wash., and for the last four

years she was a resident of Elk Meadows in Oakley, Utah, and Abbingdon Retirement Center in Heber City, Utah. She is survived by her daughter Karin Tritt Ross and husband Tim Ross, longtime residents of Park City, Utah, and Oakley; her son Rob Morton and wife Jenny Bernard of Seattle; and daughter Mary Morton Hartmann and husband Richard Hartmann of Castle Rock, Colo. She has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Karin and Tim's children are Skylar Tritt and Rebecca Ross Glidden, both of Park

City, Andrea Tritt Fiore of Chicago, Ill., Devin Ross of Bozeman, and Alexa Tritt of Oakland, Calif. Mary's children are Noah Bundy of Bellevue, Wash., Tamara Hartmann Callstrom of Cannon Falls Minn.; and Robert Hartmann of Castle Rock.

Marian was born in Ennis and raised along the Madison River. The small town of McAllister, just north of Ennis, was their family's ranch and homestead. The family eventually moved to Polson where she attended high school. Marian graduated from the University of

Montana, majoring in home economics and minoring in music. Her joie de vivre, spirit for adventure, talents and beauty (she had been sweetheart of Sigma Chi), led her to a career as a stewardess for Pan American Airlines when international air travel was in its infancy. Her first husband Thomas Powell of Brunswick, Ga., a pilot for Pan Am, was killed when his plane went down in the Brazilian jungle, killing all 50 aboard. It was one of the first major commercial flight crashes in aviation history. Later, Marian moved to Seattle with

her infant daughter Karin. She met and married widower Dr. Robert Morton. Thus was created a family of three children – Rob, Mary and Karin.

Marian and Bob (who passed away in 1984) both had their private pilot's licenses allowing them to pursue their passion for flying and travel. Marian went on to also acquire her helicopter's license. Marian taught aviation ground school and worked as a travel agent for a number of years. Her hobbies included snow skiing, tennis, scuba diving, playing music, dancing and play-

ing bridge. After moving to Utah she loved visiting with friends and playing bridge at the Park City Senior Center.

Marian lived a wonderful life. Being near friends and family brought her great joy. She will be dearly missed.

A celebration of life and burial of Marian's ashes will be held this summer in Pony near her parents Owen and Clara McAllister. In remembrance of Marian, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.olpinhoopes.com

Myrna M. Woirhaye
January 4, 1939 – February 15, 2016



Myrna M. Woirhaye, 77, went peacefully to her Lord on Feb. 15, 2016.

Myrna was born Jan. 4, 1939, in Bozeman to Jack and Mildred Lemon. She married Dale Woirhaye, June 7, 1959, in Harrison. In 1969 they moved to Boulder, Wyo., where they resided until 2006 and then

moved to Wheatland, Wyo., to be closer to family.

She cherished her family deeply. Myrna loved gardening and nature. She was adored for her cooking, particularly, amazing pies.

She is survived by her husband Dale Woirhaye of Wheatland; sons Deryl (Sue) Woirhaye of Laramie, Wyo.,

and Dale (Julia) Woirhaye of Douglas, Wyo.; and a daughter Jody (Rob) Levin of Cheyenne, Wyo.; sisters Lucy Ferrat of Toston and Deanie Jackson of Norris. She is also survived and loved by many nieces and nephews and the absolute joy of her life, her grandchildren, JR (Bethany)

Mason, Sara (Kyle) Sheen, Chase Woirhaye, Lantow Woirhaye, Keinan Woirhaye and great-grandchildren Logan Mason, Cameron Mason and Sadie Sheen.

Myrna was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Mildred Lemon, her brother George Lemon, her sister Lorna

Fitzhugh and granddaughter Shenoa Woirhaye.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Myrna's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at <http://giftfunds.stjude.org/>.

There will be a celebration of life this summer in Norris, per her wishes.



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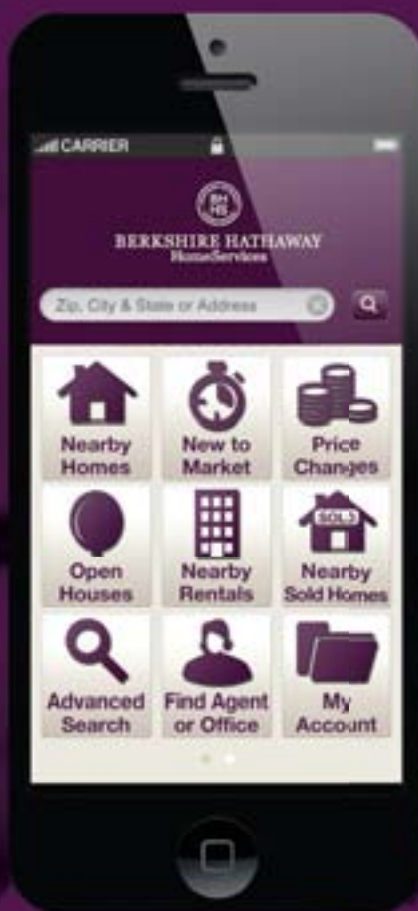


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SUBMITTED BY BARBARA HALL
Dillon Concert Association

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the Dillon Concert Association concert series, and is sponsored by Bill and Liane Forrester and Adventure Cycle and Sled, Inc.

For further information please contact Chris Kloker at 865-0076.

Custer Gallatin National Forest plan upgrade

SUBMITTED BY JIM HART
Madison County Commissioner

It has been 30 years since the Custer Gallatin National Forest last took a large-landscape scale look at our local national forest, right in the

backyards of many cities and towns across southern Montana. That is about to change as the Custer Gallatin National Forest is launching a four year process of revising its forest plan. This long-term, master-plan will guide how these public lands are managed.

Evaluating and revising the existing Custer Gallatin National Forest Plan is an opportunity for each of us to weigh in on how our public lands – our backyards – are managed. By participating productively in these community meetings and providing thoughtful comments to our Forest Service officials, we can collectively move this process forward together and ensure our national forests are man-

aged in a way that benefits all.

The Custer Gallatin Working Group will be actively participating in this process with a positive attitude and an open mind. We encourage all interest groups and individuals to do the same.

Join the conversation. Make your voice heard. Attend one of the many community presentations and provide public comment about where you recreate, where you create memories with your family and friends, and how you would like to see our public lands managed. For more information about the CGNF forest plan and how you can get involved, please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/custergallatin/landmanagement/planning>.

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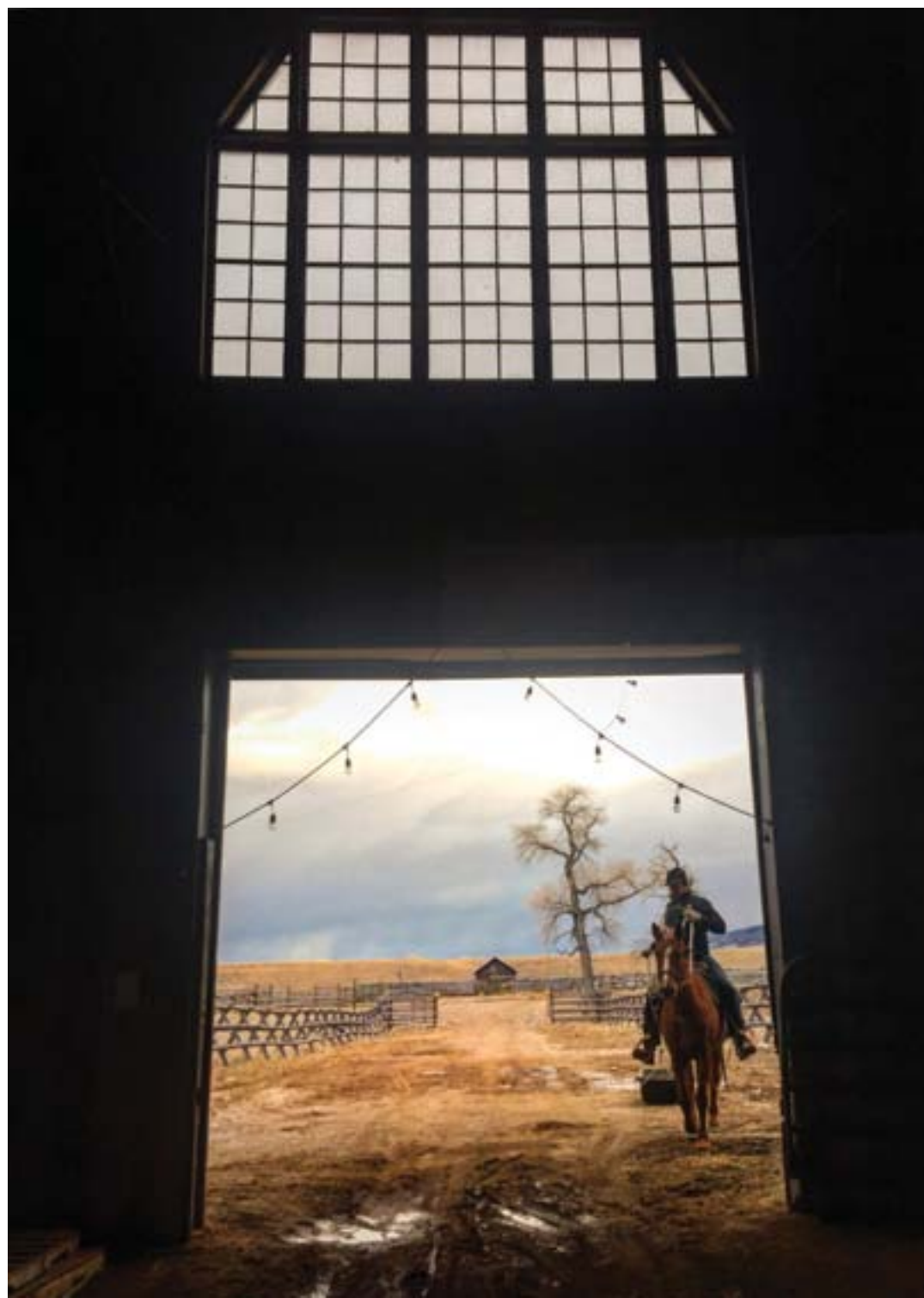


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Friday



Mostly clear. Highs 40 to 45. Lows 25 to 30.

Saturday



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Highs 40 to 45.

Sunday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow and rain. Highs 40 to 45.

Monday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows 25 to 30. Highs 35 to 45.

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A DAY WITH BIGHORNS

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Nearly 80 volunteers were on site Feb. 20 to help with the trapping and transporting of 22 bighorn sheep.



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My alarm buzzed just before 7 a.m. It was Saturday, so I casually hit the snooze button ... 15 minutes later my eyes shot open. I had convinced myself I did not have to get up and start getting ready for work, but neglected to remember that I am no longer able to sleep in all day on the weekends. Goodbye, college life.

Last weekend, I was covering a bighorn sheep capture south of Ennis, where local agencies, sportsman's groups and conservation groups were working to test and transplant close to 22 bighorns from the Taylor-Hilgard herd that call the area just east of Reynolds Pass home. At 9 a.m. officials and nearly 80 volunteers would be gathering on the hill and I had to be there.

Actually, I got to be there. As I jumped out of bed and shuffled around my apartment, all I wanted was to crawl back into my cozy abode. I bolted out the door, coffee in hand, and headed south, winding my way along the Madison River.

Eight in the morning is a great time to be awake. I saw huge herds of elk in the fields along U.S. Highway 287 and watched as the sun moved around Sphinx Mountain. My attitude quickly changed from wanting to waste the day away in my bed to excitement about what I was covering for the newspaper.

When I made my way up the hill to the drop site, I noticed a significant number of young people. From children, there to experience the day with their parents, to college-aged students wanting to get some hands on experience in a potential career field, the average age of the group was probably 26.

The sun was shining and the air was crisp and full of excitement as we all waited for direction. Volunteers were dressed in warm, earth tone colors and camouflage – ready to get their hands-on some sheep.

"We're going to be mugging," Madeline Demaske told me.

Demaske is a Montana State University student studying economics who came over from Bozeman to help out

with the daylong capture.

As a member of the Wild Sheep Foundation, Demaske and two of her friends were some of the volunteers blindfolding and hobbling the sheep, meaning they were the ones first approaching the sheep after they were captured by a 600-pound net.

An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Demaske told me she was excited to join in the conservation effort.

"It's cool to see the other areas of conservation and to see the habitats of these sheep," she said.

The basics

In 2011, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, in conjunction with Montana State University, started the early conservation process of the Taylor-Hilgard bighorn sheep herd by assessing disease outbreak within the herd and its influence on their population.

"We started recognizing 'what if they get a disease and die off,'" said Julie Cunningham, a wildlife biologist with FWP who has been part of the process since the beginning. "We started

brainstorming and working on different ideas and looking at environmental assessments and kind of started the public process of the project."

What Cunningham and her collaborators found was the presence of an outbreak of pneumonia within the herd. Pneumonia, an infection in the lungs, is a fairly common disease among wildlife and in most cases, wildlife will develop acute pneumonia and die off. But what was exciting about this herd, according to Cunningham, was their ability to fight off and overcome the disease.

Now the question is why. Why was this herd able to recover when other bighorn sheep populations struggle?

"We're hoping that by transplanting some of (the Taylor-Hilgard) herd to another winter range it will help colonize more sheep and create better genetics and disease resistance," Cunningham said. "That could mean more sheep on the mountain, more licenses and hunter opportunities – it's a win win win."

Bighorn sheep have five historic winter ranges in the Madison Valley but only two

are being occupied. It is the goal of Cunningham, her MSU collaborators and many sportsman and landowners to help rehabilitate some of these historic ranges.

In 2015, 52 bighorn sheep were trapped, tested and transplanted into Wolf Creek, about 15 miles north in the Madison Valley. As predicted, some sheep returned home after the transplant, but some stayed in their new home.

"Our goal is to add to whatever is remaining at Wolf Creek and help that new population succeed," Cunningham told me.

The original transplant site FWP officials were looking at was up Indian Creek, just north of the Wolf Creek drainage because it is farther from Reynolds Pass. According to Cunningham, the "alignment of social, political and biological factors" just did not match up.

The process

When I first approached the trap site, it looked like a circus. The 600-pound tent that drops on the sheep was already set up and ready to go, spanning a large portion of the hillside, with a large

pole supporting the middle – resembled a circus tent.

Dr. Robert Garrott, a professor at MSU, has been instrumental in this conservation process and has been one of Cunningham's main collaborators.

"If I see anyone pull out a knife and cut the net, you will be blindfolded and hobbled," Garrott joked as he addressed the crowd about net safety.

After 10 to 20 sheep entered the baited area underneath the net, the net would drop and the volunteers were to quickly walk to the net and begin to blindfold, hobble and separate the sheep. Only "naive" sheep, or those who have not been previously transplanted, would be transplanted to the Wolf Creek drainage, but all sheep captured would be given health checks.

I watched as the volunteer "muggers" separated into groups of four to five people, and waited to begin, while Cunningham, Garrott and Harry Liss, whose land the sheep have inhabited, spread hay and grain underneath the

Turn to BIGHORNS on pg. B8




Sheep jump and buck as they try to escape from underneath the net.



Volunteers took nasal and tonsil swabs, as well as blood samples, before transporting the sheep to the Wolf Creek drainage.




Julie Cunningham (right snaps a remote collar onto a young ewe.



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HEALTHY = HAPPY

Starting next week, *The Madisonian's* staff is going to hijack a few column inches on this page to discuss our personal journeys toward eating right, getting fit, organizing our finances and more. We think the benefits will be twofold. On one hand, we think our struggles are relatable – the kind of issues common folks in Madison County deal with. For example, what is the best way to stay active during the long winter months when daylight hours are limited and the air is chilly? The second reason we're doing this is a selfish one. By committing to writing a monthly column in the paper, we are holding ourselves accountable – if we have to produce content, we better actually commit to working toward bettering ourselves.

Caitlin is training for a half marathon in the fall. Erin is running a 10K in March, and hasn't done much running since the race last year. Abigail is trying to save money for a big, upcoming purchase. Susanne is starting a paleo eating plan to improve her health.

If there are certain health and wellness related topics you want us to explore – like juice cleanses, cutting out caffeine, trying out meditation or something we haven't thought of – give us a call or shoot one of us an email. We're always interested in hearing from our community. Check back next week for the first installment. Here goes nothing!

March is National Nutrition Month: Develop better eating habits

SUBMITTED BY STATEPOINT

Have your healthy New Year's habits already begun to fade? Recharge your resolutions in March during National Nutrition Month and remember the importance of developing and following sound eating habits.

The 2016 National Nutrition Month theme – Savor the Flavor of Eating Right – encourages you to take time to enjoy food traditions and appreciate the pleasures, great flavors and social experiences that food can add to life.

"Food nourishes the body and provides necessary fuel to help you thrive and fight disease," said registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics spokesperson Kristen Gradney. "In addition to providing nourishment, food is also a source of pleasure and enjoyment. Take time to enjoy healthy foods and all the happiness they bring to your life."

Gradney offers a few ways you can Savor the Flavor of Eating Right this National Nutrition Month:

- Enjoy food traditions and social experiences: There is an obvious social component to food. Whether it is a nightly family dinner, a special occasion or social gathering, food often plays a central role. Enjoy the food at these gatherings while also taking time to appreciate the company around you.

- Research indicates that family meals promote healthier eating and strengthens family relationships.

- Appreciate foods' pleasures and flavors: Take time to appreciate the flavors,

textures and overall eating experience. In today's busy world, we often eat quickly and mindlessly. Instead, savor your food, eating slowly one bite at a time to focus on the different flavors and textures. Stop and take time in between bites.

Eating slowly not only allows you to enjoy your food, but it also can help you eat less by giving your stomach time to tell your brain you are full.

- Develop a mindful eating pattern: How, when, why and where you eat, are just as important as what you eat.


Think about where you eat the majority of your meals. Do you eat lunch at your desk or dinner in front of the television?

Instead of multitasking through meals, take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to find a nice place to mindfully eat.

- Consult a registered dietitian nutritionist: A healthy lifestyle is much more than choosing to eat more fruits and vegetables. It is also essential to make informed food choices based on your individual health and nutrient needs.


A registered dietitian nutritionist can educate you and guide your food choices while keeping your tastes and preferences in mind. RDNs are able to separate facts from fads and translate nutritional science into information you can use. Find an RDN in your area by visiting the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics site at www.eatright.org. The site also contains articles, recipes, videos and educational resources.

By taking the time to enjoy what you eat, you can develop a healthier relationship with food.



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HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Failed mastery of the slopes Recalling the link between extreme speed and extreme pain

Gawking down at the speck-sized ski lodge, the awful realization dawned that I was doomed to slide down a nearly vertical, ice-glazed mountain on a set of slick sticks with no brakes! Very soon, I was streaking downward at an Indianapolis 500-worthy speed. I lost count of the number of times I fell. Impact severity ranged from a “full-throttle, full-frontal flop” to a “rump-rupturing thump” to a “bladder-motivating thud!” Somehow, I managed to land on every bodily extremity except for my feet.

Just the day before, some friends had conspired (with the aid of several inhibition-reducing beverages) to convince me (at age 45) to try downhill skiing.



Art Kehler

According to them, the fact that I had never downhill skied wasn't a problem. Indeed, I was assured that, for someone with my superlative athletic abilities, high-priced lessons would be a waste of money. Instead, my buddies would give me an onsite demonstration and I would master the slopes before finishing the first run.

Nonetheless, I stridently argued it was my experience that extreme speed goes, hand-in-hand, with extreme pain. When I went on to confess that I am basically averse to hurting at any level, my determined comrades switched their tactics. From then on, I was subjected to goading taunts and machismo-challenging insults. Eventually, their vocal battering prevailed and I grudgingly consented to join my “pals” at Big Sky.

After several crowd-pleasing fails, exasperated resort employees fairly heaved me aboard a chair lift. From there, my amigos and I ascended high up Lone Mountain. Then, in another display of less-than-stellar athleticism, I tumbled off the chair lift and flattened a cluster of resentful women and children. My trusty companions then gave me the promised,

five minute quasi-skiing lesson before abandoning me with a cheery, “See you at the bottom!”

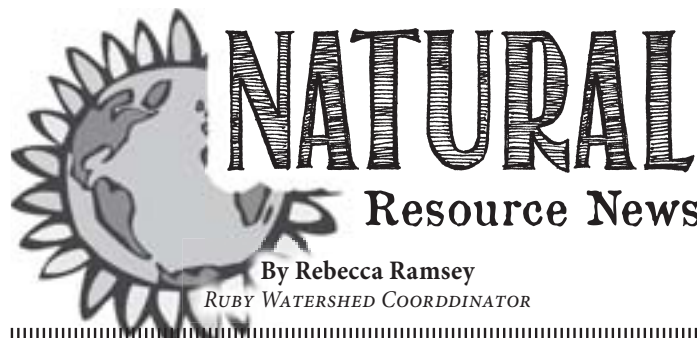
Despite its previously described turbulent beginnings, about two-thirds of the way down the run, I was still alive. Then, suddenly, it felt as though I had fallen into the clutches of a jumbo paint-shaker. While rocketing through the series of sadiistically-crafted moguls, my eyeballs vibrated forcefully enough to render me blind. My ricocheting knees whacked my chin so hard that I nearly lost consciousness. Then, just when I thought things couldn't possibly get worse, I sailed off over a vast chasm.

At the highest point of my unscheduled flight, I thought I caught a glimpse of Bozeman 30-odd miles north. I also conservatively estimated the vertical drop beneath my skis as rivaling that of Yellowstone Falls. Upon impact, my skis, poles and numerous articles of apparel blew off like flying shrapnel. Several death-defying somersaults later, after shrewdly using my chin for an emergency brake, I crunched to a halt.

“Yup, I hear you,” – the voice from behind startled me! Turning stiffly, I beheld a partially buried, middle-aged man, scraping packed snow from his goggles. Ironically, the old boy had recently plummeted from the same ghastly precipice with similar grim results. Despite our speed-induced extreme pain, the kindred soul and I burst into riotous laughter.

Lastly, as if to confirm my failed mastery of the slopes, I fell flat on my face on the bunny run, directly in front of the lodge. With that final indignity, my initial day of downhill skiing came to an end. On the long drive home, I ached (literally) for the day of my inevitable, sweet revenge on my “pals.”

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



By Rebecca Ramsey
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

SANDBAR WILLOW



Rebecca Ramsey

This is the time of year that we start thinking of upcoming streambank and other types of restoration projects. Gone are the days of using car bodies and large rock riprap techniques to stabilize eroding banks, and instead we like to encourage a “softer” approach that mimics nature. This involves using strategically placed vegetation and one of the most effective plant materials to use is willow, and the most available and traditionally successful species is the sandbar willow.

The sandbar willow, or *Salix exigua*, is also known as the narrow leaf willow or coyote willow. It is a species of

willow native to most of North America, occurring from Alaska east to New Brunswick, and south to northern Mexico. It is a native, deciduous shrub reaching 13 – 23 feet in height. It quickly forms thickets on sand or gravel deposits along streams, roadside ditches, sloughs and other places frequent to flooding. Branches are mostly smooth and reddish brown in color. Leaves are 2 to 5 inches long, narrowly lance-shaped and pointed at both ends; they are green and smooth on both surfaces or sometimes silvery-silky.

Sandbar willow's common name comes from being adapted to sandy soils in stream, river and shoreline sites. The leaves are narrow, green, to grayish with silky white hairs at least when young. The flowers are produced in catkins in late spring, after

the leaves appear. The fruit is a cluster of capsules, each containing numerous tiny seeds embedded in shiny white silk.

This willow provides wood and shelter for many birds and mammals and provides forage for deer and moose. It is one of the first plants to flower in the spring, so it is enormously valuable to our local honeybees and other pollinator species. The sandbar willow had many uses for Native Americans; the branches were used as flexible poles and building materials, the smaller twigs were used to make baskets, the bark was made into cord and string and the bark and leaves had several medicinal uses, including taking an infusion of the bark for coughs and sore throats.

The sandbar willow is used for streambank and lakeshore stabilization and riparian area development or restoration. It is recommended for deep wet lowland, overflow areas, wet meadow sites, streambanks, lakeshores and other areas with a high water table. Late winter/early spring, before the first leaves appear, is an ideal time of year to cut sprigs, while the willow is still dormant. The use of willow cuttings is very effective as they are able to generate root growth along their stems.

If you are collecting willow sprigs for a planting/restoration project, it is best to look for young growth

so it is vibrant, and willing to grow quickly. You can recognize young growth by thin red bark, typically on smaller diameter branches rather than the larger diameter, grey barked decadent growth. Length of the cutting varies depending on your desired use.

You can talk to your local conservation districts and Natural Resources and Conservation Service office about the best time and techniques for willow cutting, and for how to best use them for your restoration needs. The state of Montana's various natural resource agencies often host workshops to help landowners learn about restoration techniques, and your local conservation district can help to keep you informed of those. The Madison Conservation District is hosting a streambank stabilization workshop at the end of March, and will start collecting willows on Monday, Feb. 29 if you are interested in getting outside and learning more. You can talk to Sunni at 682-3181 to learn more about this opportunity.

The next time you're walking next to the river, pay attention to our native neighbors the sandbar willows. They are a great addition to our wildlife habitat, provide shade for stream, matted roots to hold soil in along our stream banks and food for bees and more ... every plant has its place!



By Richard Stouffer*

The star of the planetary show in March for the Montana night sky is the giant planet Jupiter, which shines brilliantly all night long throughout most of the month. Later in the night, Jupiter is joined by Mars, then Saturn, and briefly toward sunrise by the brightest planet of all, Venus.

As the month begins, and the sky begins to darken, look to the eastern horizon to see brilliant Jupiter rising about a half hour after sunset. As the month progresses, Jupiter will appear higher and higher in the eastern sky as darkness descends. On the other end of the night, Jupiter won't set before sunrise until about the middle of the month, with Jupiter setting a little over a

half hour before sunrise by the end of March. Next up in the night sky is the red planet Mars, which rises a little before 1 a.m. both as the month begins and when the month ends (because of the changeover from Standard to Daylight's Savings Time on March 13). During that time, Mars becomes noticeably brighter as it heads toward its closest approach to Earth in the last two years, which occurs toward the end of May. Mars also passes very close to the highest star of the three stars making up the claws of the scorpion in the constellation Scorpius on the morning of March 16. Mars is followed by the ringed planet Saturn, which rises about 2:15 a.m. as

the month begins and about an hour earlier as the month comes to a close. During March, the distance between Mars and Saturn shrinks by a factor of two from the beginning to the end of the month. Last up in the night sky is the brightest planet Venus. As the month begins, Venus rises about an hour before the sun, but by the end of the month, that time has shrunk to about 25 minutes before sunrise. Because Venus is so bright, it will still be visible even as the sky brightens toward sunrise, but it will become increasingly difficult to find as the month progresses.

Look for the moon between

Mars and Saturn on March 1 and much closer to Saturn the next morning. The moon will be just to the right of Jupiter on March 21 and then will be full on March 23.

The sun arrives at the vernal equinox at 10:30 p.m. on March 19, when the sun heads north across the celestial equator and spring begins in the Northern Hemisphere.

For meteor shower watchers, there are no major meteor showers this month. However, 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.



Commodity Insite! Beware the Ides of March

by Jerry Welch

Writing for Forbes in June '14, Rick Ferri posted a piece entitled, “The Problem With Market Timing.” He stated: “Successful market timing requires two correct decisions: when to get out and when to get back in. Guessing right once is a 50/50 proposition. Guessing right twice drops the odds to only 25 percent. One wrong guess and you shoot yourself in one foot; two wrong guesses and you shoot yourself in both feet. This is what makes market timing so difficult.”

Over the years, I have stated time and again the most difficult question to answer when taking a profit or realizing a loss on a market position is, “when to get out?” There is no simple answer to that question. It comes down to being stubborn. Unfortunately, being stubborn is a two edged sword. An investor or trader can

make a great deal of money by being stubborn. The same investor or trader can lose a great deal of money by being stubborn.

In November 2015, institutionalinvestor.com ran an article entitled, “Market Timing Is Back in the Hunt for Investors.” Written by Clifford Asness, Antti Ilmanen and Thomas Maloney the article stated, “For 15 years we have attributed the following quote to late economist Paul Samuelson, though admittedly, we can't find of a trace of it now. We remember him saying near the height of the technology bubble of 1999-2000, when stock prices were at astronomical highs, something along the lines of ‘Market timing is an investing sin, and for once I recommend that you sin a little’.” And a few paragraphs further down in the same article the authors wrote, “If market timing is a sin, then there

are times when even the saints can be tempted into sinning a little.”

Of late I find myself committing the sin of being modestly and for the short run only, positive towards stocks and commodities. Consequently, I am now taking a stab at market timing and avoiding the short side of most markets. And that is coming from someone suggesting every rally for every market be sold for the past 18 months. What led me astray? Why suddenly become a backslider? Why have I toned down my downbeat outlook for stocks and commodities? Simply because in recent days several leading indicator markets I follow religiously are suggesting that being short or bearish is the wrong way to be positioned from a timing standpoint. For yours truly to suggest avoid being bearish after a year and a half of bad mouthing

nearly every market on the board, I feel as if I am committing a sin.

Understand that my work is not turning bullish stock and or commodities. On the contrary, unless a new market force emerges, I am even more bearish but simply waiting for the right time to re-enter the markets from the short side of the ledger for another, “leg down” with most markets and in particular, stocks, shares and the Dow.

Market timing comes down to price or time. Or both. A specific price level may be reached which generates a buy or sell signal. Or an exact time period can also generate a buy or sell signal. My work believes stocks as well as commodities will begin a new and serious bout of weakness starting in mid-March.

Lately, there has indeed been an improvement with a handful of leading indicator markets such as

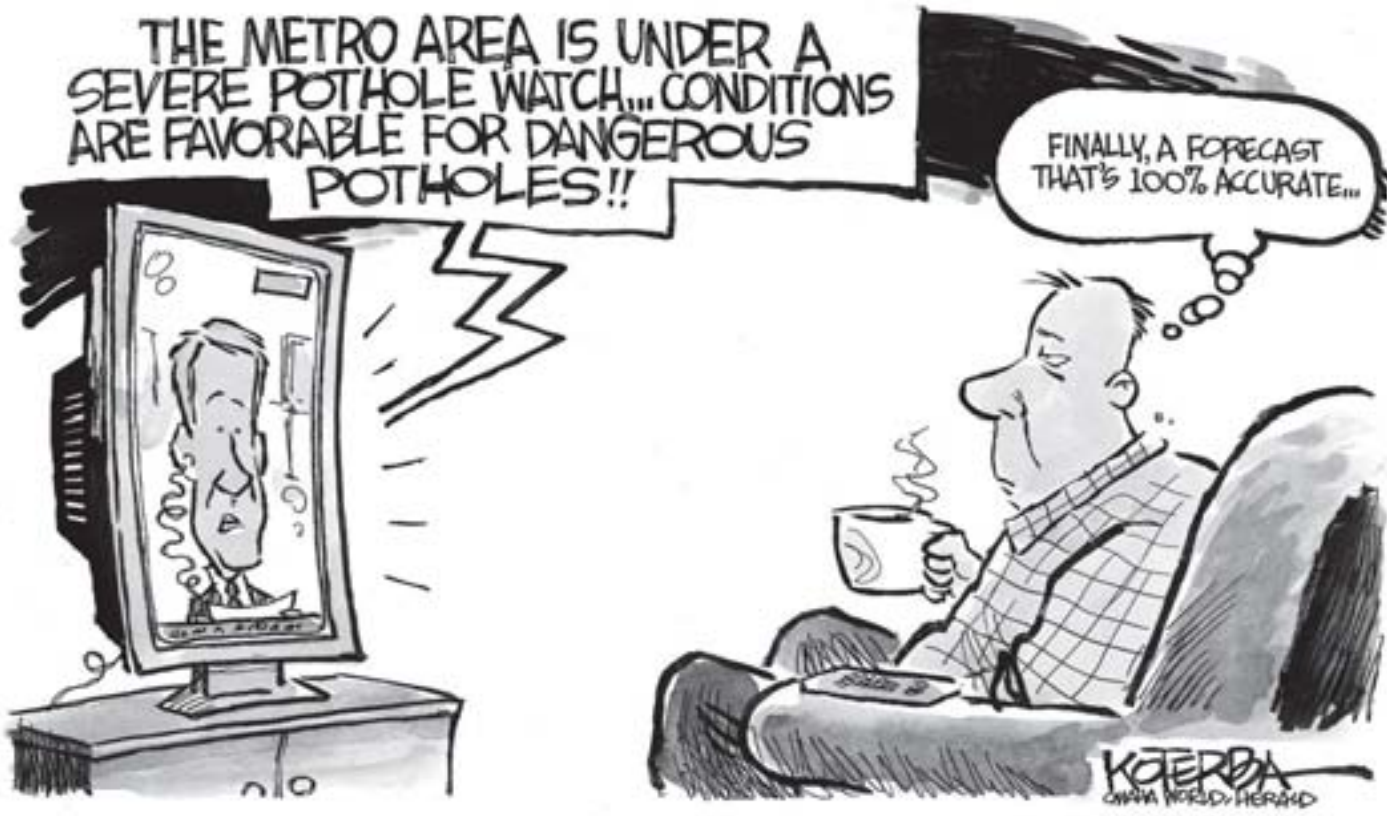
gold, crude oil, the Dow Jones and the CRB Index. The improvement with values is no great surprise as most of those markets were itching for a reason to rebound. They were looking for some excuse to rally and over the past few sessions they did just that. But make no mistake. The rally is little more than a dead cat bounce.

One of the most popular quotes from William Shakespeare is “beware the Ides of March.” The quote is from Shakespeare's tragedy written in 1599 entitled, “Julius Caesar”. The warning is uttered by a soothsayer who is letting the Roman leader know that this life is in danger and to be careful when March 15, the Ides of March, rolls around.

From study.com come these comments about the death of Caesar. “. . . as you might already know, Caesar doesn't stay home

on March 15, and he is murdered halfway through the play. His death does not come as a surprise to the audience. Yes, he was warned. But history already told us that on the actual date of March 15, 44 B.C., the real Julius Caesar was violently murdered, stabbed 23 times by a mob of senators who were led by his protégés and supposed ‘friends’ Cassius and Brutus (Et tu, Brute?) I caution those long stocks and commodities that March 15, is a pivotal and bearish period from a timing standpoint. Certainly, I may be wrong with such specific outlook. It would not be the first time I was wrong. But just as a soothsayer warned Julius Caesar in 44 B.C. about the perils of that date I am warning investors and traders about the same thing. The timing for most markets to morph back to a ferocious bear arrives on the Ides of March.

COMICS & PUZZLES



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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Assistant
- 5 Praise to the skies
- 9 Banned bug spray
- 12 A-line originator
- 13 Choir member
- 14 Playwright Levin
- 15 Went on a tangent
- 17 Weep loudly
- 18 Approximately
- 19 Makes less intense
- 21 Military group
- 24 Sandwich shop
- 25 Colors
- 26 Sight-seers
- 30 Dadaist Jean
- 31 Debtors' woes
- 32 Take to court
- 33 Type of parking
- 35 DNA carrier
- 36 And others (Lat.)
- 37 Fragrant wood
- 38 Founded (on)
- 40 Ethereal
- 42 "Of course"
- 43 Talked over
- 48 Pirouette

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- 31 11 Filing aids
- 32 16 Before
- 33 20 "The Greatest"
- 34 35 Old Faithful, e.g.
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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Tharpe

Go Nutty for Sweet Alabama Pecan Bread

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Is it a cake? Is it a cookie? However you look at it, Amy Borne's Sweet Alabama Pecan Bread is good! With the perfect amount of sweetness, these treats are perfect alongside your morning coffee or a scrumptious ending to a meal. The smells that came out of my oven while these baked were divine!



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- Janet

Sweet Alabama Pecan Bread

What You Need

- 1 c sugar
- 1 c brown sugar
- 4 eggs beaten
- 1 c oil
- 1 1/2 c self-rising flour
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 c pecans, finely chopped

Directions

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- Stir in flour and vanilla. Add pecans, then stir until evenly mixed.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE ON April 8, 2016, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse located at 110 West Wallace Street in Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:

Lot 2 of Ramshorn Mountain Estates Minor Subdivision, a portion of the NW ¼ NE¼ of section 18, Township 5 South, Range 4 West, P.M.M., according to the official plat thereof filed in Book 4 of plats, Page 260, Records of Madison County, Montana, excepting therefrom that portion conveyed to the State Water Conservation Board of the State of Montana by Document Recorded in Book 147, Page 45, together with the Improvements, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances thereto.

Jason R Schwend and Liza M Schwend, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Charles J Peterson, Attorney, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Countrywide Bank, FSB, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated January 14, 2008 recorded January 29, 2008 under Document No 124282. The beneficial interest is currently held by Green Tree Servicing 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 \$1,927.17, beginning December 1, 2014, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of June 17, 2015 is \$221,007.20 principal, interest at the rate of 6.375% totaling \$8839.53, late charges in the amount of \$458.16, escrow advances of \$1701.94 plus accruing interest at the rate of \$38.61 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

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

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Dated: December 10, 2015
Dalia Martinez
Assistant Secretary,
First American Title Company, LLC
Successor Trustee
Title Financial Specialty Services
PO Box 339
Blackfoot ID 83221
STATE OF Idaho
)
) ss.
County of Bingham
)

On this 10 day of December, 2015 before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.
Shannon Gavin
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission expires: 01/19/2018
Green Tree V Schwend 42072.406
(Pub. Feb. 11, 18, 25, 2016) mk
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

THE FOLLOWING LEGALLY DESCRIBED TRUST PROPERTY TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Successor Trustee will, on May 20, 2016 at the hour of 02:00 PM, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the following described real property which the Grantor has or had power to convey at the time of execution by him of the said Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Deed of Trust, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charges by the Successor Trustee, at the following place:

Madison County Courthouse, North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755
John A. "Joe" Solseng, a member of the Montana state bar, of Robinson Tait, P.S. is the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust in which **Stephen H. Ellis**, an unmarried man as Grantor, conveyed said real property to MONTANA TITLE AND ESCROW, INC. as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION. Beneficiary of the security instrument, said Deed of Trust which is dated May 1, 2006 and was recorded on May 8, 2006 as Instrument No. 113142, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Madison County, Montana.

The Deed of Trust encumbers real property ("Property") located at 833 S 2nd St, Ennis, MT 59729 and being more fully described as follows:
LOT 4A AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON THE AMENDED PLAT OF LOTS 4 AND 5,

BLOCK 3 OF ARMITAGE'S DEER MEADOW ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ENNIS, AS SAID PLAT IS FILED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 142, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA.

The beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS10.

The Beneficiary has declared the Grantor in default of the terms of the Deed of Trust and the Promissory Note ("Note") secured by said Deed of Trust due to Grantor's failure to timely pay all monthly installments of principal, interest and if applicable, escrow reserves for taxes and/or insurance as required by the Note and Deed of Trust. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: monthly payments of principal, interest and escrow totaling \$51,709.92 beginning June 1, 2014; less a suspense balance of \$1.89; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: \$316,562.38 with interest thereon at the rate of 4.63 percent per annum beginning May 1, 2014; plus escrow advances of \$14,602.97; less a suspense balance of \$1.89; plus property inspection fees of \$235.00; plus late fees of \$668.08; plus deferred principal balance of \$159,860.07; plus other fees and costs in the amount of \$2,885.06; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

Due to the defaults stated above, the Beneficiary has elected and has directed the Trustee to sell the above-described property to satisfy the obligation.

Notice is further given that any person named has the right, at any time prior to the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by making payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust, together with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: December 18, 2015

/s/ John A. "Joe" Solseng
John A. "Joe" Solseng, a member of the Montana state bar, of Robinson Tait, P.S., MSB #11800
(Pub. Feb. 18, 25 and Mar. 3 2016) rt
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Madison County Courthouse, North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755

John A. "Joe" Solseng, a member of the Montana state bar, of Robinson Tait, P.S. is the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust in which **Vince Schetler**, a married man and Michael A Chernine, a married man and Randy Black, a married man as Grantor, conveyed said real property to SECURITY TITLE COMPANY as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC. its successors and assigns. Beneficiary of the security instrument, said Deed of Trust which is dated August 8, 2006 and was recorded on September 7, 2006 as Instrument No. 115604, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Madison County, Montana.

The Deed of Trust encumbers real property ("Property") located at 28 North Lewis and Clark Trail, Whitehall, MT 59759 and being more fully described as follows:
TRACT 26 OF JEFFERSON RIVER RANCHES SUBDIVISION PLAT, IN MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA. (PLAT REFERENCE IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 375)

The beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the Holders of the RAAC Series 2007-SP2 Trust, Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-SP2.

The Beneficiary has declared the Grantor in default of the terms of the Deed of Trust and the Promissory Note ("Note") secured by said Deed of Trust due to Grantor's failure to timely pay all monthly installments of principal, interest and if applicable, escrow reserves for taxes and/or insurance as required by the Note and Deed of Trust. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: monthly payments of principal, interest and escrow of \$293,555.65 beginning October 1, 2009; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: \$425,753.84 with interest thereon at the rate of 8.75000 percent per annum beginning September 1, 2009; plus escrow advances of \$33,555.89; plus property inspection of \$197.75; plus late charges of \$2,428.58; plus other fees and costs in the amount of \$7,389.09; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further

sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

Due to the defaults stated above, the Beneficiary has elected and has directed the Trustee to sell the above-described property to satisfy the obligation.

Notice is further given that any person named has the right, at any time prior to the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by making payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust, together with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: December 17, 2015

/s/ John A. "Joe" Solseng
John A. "Joe" Solseng, a member of the Montana state bar, of Robinson Tait, P.S., MSB #11800
(Pub. Feb. 18, 25 and Mar. 3 2016) rt
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CASE 41F-A15 (PART OF)

Kroenke Land and Livestock Company LLC (claimant) has requested amendments to water rights on Jack Creek.

Claim Numbers 41F 15327 00 through 41F 15335 00

Claimant has requested the points of diversion for Claim Nos. 41F 15327 00, 41F 15328 00, 41F 15329 00, 41F 15330 00, 41F 15331 00, 41F 15332 00, 41F 15333 00, 41F 15334 00, and 41F 15335 00 be amended to correct scribers' errors and reflect historic use. The source is Jack Creek. The current points of diversion, NWSENE Section 33, Twp 5S, Rge 1E and NENWNE Section 33, Twp 5S, Rge 1E, will be corrected to the following point of diversion, SWSWNW Section 34, Twp 5S, Rge 1E.

Objection Date:
In accordance with Section 85-2-223(6), MCA, any response or objection to the Motions to Amend must be filed with the Montana Water Court, P.O. Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59711-1389, by April 17th, 2016. Please indicate "Case 41F-A15" on any response, objection or other correspondence related to this Motion to Amend.
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/s/ John A. "Joe" Solseng
John A. "Joe" Solseng, a member of the Montana state bar, of Robinson Tait, P.S., MSB #11800
(Pub. Feb. 18, 25 and Mar. 3 2016) rt
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE RE OF THE ESTATE OF:
ALICE JEANNE HARDY,
Deceased.
Probate No. DP-29-2015-32

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to KIM RICE WHITTEMORE, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 167 Bedford Road, Lincoln, MA 01773, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: February 1, 2016

/s// KIM RICE WHITTEMORE
Personal Representative
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS)
) ss
COUNTY OF **XXX**
KIM RICE WHITTEMORE, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
) s// KIM RICE WHITTEMORE
Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1st day of February, 2016.
) s// Salwa A. Hindi
Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Residing at: **XXX** Massachusetts
My Commission expires: June 3, 2022
(SEAL)
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 2016) km
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT

TO: BARBI WOOD
Post Office Box 1116
Ennis, Montana 59729

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That you are in default of that certain Lease Agreement whereby you agreed to lease space number 324 of the Self-Storage Units of Madison Valley Storage in Ennis, Madison County, Montana, for the sum of \$45.00 per unit per month. You have failed and refused to make payment of rental amounts for the months of January 2015 through and including March 2016 (a total of 15 months; minus a \$3 credit) for the total sum of \$672.00.

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~John and the crew at Madison Laundry & Cleaners

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 70-6-420, et seq., default in payment of storage space rental fees will result in the sale, at public auction, of the contents of said mini-storage units for payment of said rental fees. Proceeds of such sale shall be applied first to the costs and expenses for the sale, and then to unpaid storage rental fees.

You are hereby notified that you have thirty (30) days from the date hereof to pay said rental amounts in full and remove the contents of said self-storage unit number 324, or a public auction will commence. Said public auction is to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the self-storage units of Madison Valley Storage, Ennis, Montana.

You are further notified that the above-mentioned Lease Agreement is hereby terminated and of no further force or effect. Dated this 17th day of February, 2016.
/s// Paul McMullin
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL -
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(Pub. Feb. 25, March 3, 2016) km
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT

TO: MIKE GLEASON
c/o Philip and Helen Gleason
Post Office Box 1138
Three Forks, Montana 59752

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That you are in default of that certain Lease Agreement whereby you agreed to lease space number 113 of the Self-Storage Units of Madison Valley Storage in Ennis, Madison County, Montana, for the sum of \$55.00 per unit per month. You have failed and refused to make payment of rental amounts for the months of March 2015 through and including March 2016 (a total of 13 months) for the total sum of \$715.00.

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 70-6-420, et seq., default in payment of storage space rental fees will result in the sale, at public auction, of the contents of said mini-storage units for payment of said rental fees. Proceeds of such sale shall be applied first to the costs and expenses for the sale, and then to unpaid storage rental fees.

You are hereby notified that you have thirty (30) days from the date hereof to pay said rental amounts in full and remove the contents of said self-storage unit number 113, or a public auction will commence. Said public auction is to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the self-storage units of Madison Valley Storage, Ennis, Montana.

You are further notified that the above-mentioned Lease Agreement is hereby terminated and of no further force or effect. Dated this 17th day of February, 2016.
/s// Paul McMullin
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL -
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(Pub. Feb. 25, March 3, 2016) km
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT

TO: LINDA PLETAN
239 S. Serree Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That you are in default of that certain Lease Agreement whereby you agreed to lease space number 334 of the Self-Storage Units of Madison Valley Storage in Ennis, Madison County, Montana, for the sum of \$25.00 per unit per month. You have failed and refused to make payment of rental amounts for the months of October 2014 through and including March 2016 (a total of 18 months) for the total sum of \$450.00.

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 70-6-420, et seq., default in payment of storage space rental fees will result in the sale, at public auction, of the contents of said mini-storage units for payment of said rental fees. Proceeds of such sale shall be applied first to the costs and expenses for the sale, and then to unpaid storage rental fees.

You are hereby notified that you have thirty (30) days from the date hereof to pay said rental amounts in full and remove the contents of said self-storage unit number 334, or a public auction will commence. Said public auction is to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the self-storage units of Madison Valley Storage, Ennis, Montana.

You are further notified that the above-mentioned Lease Agreement is hereby terminated and of no further force or effect. Dated this 17th day of February, 2016
/s// Paul McMullin
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL -
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(Pub. Feb. 25, March 3, 2016) km
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT

TO: RUDY AND REBECCA RENFANDT
Post Office Box 398
McAllister, Montana 59740

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That you are in default of that certain Lease Agreement whereby you agreed to lease space number 283 of the Self-Storage Units of Madison Valley Storage in Ennis, Madison County, Montana, for the sum of \$55.00 per unit per month. You have failed and refused to make payment of rental amounts for the months of August 2014 through and including March 2016 (a total of 20 months; minus a \$20 credit) for the total sum of \$1,080.00. Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 70-6-420, et seq., default in payment of storage

space rental fees will result in the sale, at public auction, of the contents of said mini-storage units for payment of said rental fees. Proceeds of such sale shall be applied first to the costs and expenses for the sale, and then to unpaid storage rental fees.

You are hereby notified that you have thirty (30) days from the date hereof to pay said rental amounts in full and remove the contents of said self-storage unit number 283, or a public auction will commence. Said public auction is to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the self-storage units of Madison Valley Storage, Ennis, Montana.

You are further notified that the above-mentioned Lease Agreement is hereby terminated and of no further force or effect. Dated this 17th day of February, 2016.
/s// Paul McMullin
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL -
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(Pub. Feb. 25, March 3, 2016) km
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE POSITION

The term of one trustee of Alder School District No. 2 will be up for election this year. Anyone qualified and interested in running for this position, may pick up a nominating petition in the Alder School office. The petitions must be turned into the Alder School office prior to 4:00 pm, March 24, 2016 not less


than forty (40) days before the election on May 3, 2016.
(Pub. Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17 2016) as
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PROBATE NO. DP-29-2016-5 DONNA LEITA BAUSCH, also known as DONNA L. BAUSCH, Deceased.

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

Claims must either be mailed to Jerry Don Bausch, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested c/o Braaksma & Miller, PLLC, 1227 North 14th Avenue, Suite 3, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 9th day of February, 2016.
/s/ Jerry Don Bausch
Jerry Don Bausch
Personal Representative
(Pub. Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 2016) bm
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THE LINCOLN REAGAN DINNER FUNDRAISER for MADISON & GALLATIN REPUBLICANS

will present

G. EDWARD GRIFFIN, RENOWNED AUTHOR AND LECTURER, on MARCH 12, 2016.

It will be held at
The Commons, 1794 Baxter Ln. Bozeman, MT.

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Doors Open at 5:00, Program starts at 6:00

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Annual Meeting Notice
78th Annual Meeting will be held in the Lewis and Clark Room on the campus of University of Montana - Western, Dillon.

Friday, March 4, 2016

- Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.
- Dinner by reservation will start at 12:15 p.m.

(Reservation cards must be mailed by February 26th)

- Annual Meeting will commence at 1:45 p.m.
- Special Guest Anita Decker, Executive Director, Northwest Public Power Association



Estate Planning:

- Advance Directives
- Guardianship
- Wills
- Trusts
- Power of Attorney

FREE ESTATE & END OF LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR
By A. Suzanne Nellen, Attorney at Law, PLLC

Tuesday, March 8 @ 5:30-7 pm:
Thompson-Hickman Library, 217 Idaho St, Virginia City

Monday, March 14 @ 5:30-7 pm:
Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main St., Ennis

Tuesday, March 15 @ 5:30-7 pm:
Sheridan Public Library, 109 E. Hamilton, Sheridan

THIS IS NOT A SOLICITATION FOR WORK
If you'd like to attend, please call Suzanne at 406-587-4427. Pre-registration not required.



Greater Ruby Valley Chamber donates to hospital campaign

SUBMITTED BY JULIE WARD

The Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held their annual meeting on Feb. 16, in Twin Bridges. Karen Town, president, presented a \$1,500 check to Ken Walsh and Nondi Harrington, representatives of the Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation. The check will go toward their capital campaign for the new hospital.

Madison Valley Lenten Schedule:



The following is a breakfast schedule. Meal served each Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. for an hour of fellowship and worship.

Wednesday, February 24:
Madison Valley Baptist

Church in Ennis.
Wednesday, March 2:
Assembly of God Church
in Ennis

Wednesday, March 9:
Trinity Episcopal

Church in Jeffers
Wednesday, March 16:
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church in Ennis

Ruby Valley Lenten Schedule:



Breakfast schedule is at 7 a.m. each Wednesday, followed by a short time of worship and reflection.

Wednesday, February 24:
Christ Episcopal
Church in Sheridan.

Wednesday, March 2:
St. Mary's Catholic
Church in Laurin.

Wednesday, March 9:
Dayspring Church on
Hwy 287 in Sheridan.

Wednesday, March 16:
Notre Dame Catholic
Church in Twin Bridges.

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



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 6 p.m.

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Dayspring Church
Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Harrison, Montana
Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Joe Miller
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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.

R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
Weds. 7:00p.m.
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Liturgy Schedule

St. Patrick, Ennis
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Thurs, Feb. 25: BEEF STROGANOFF, SALAD, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT

Friday, Feb. 26 : KIELBASA , OVEN ROASTED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, DESSERT

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BIGHORN from pg. B1



CAITLIN AVEY/The Madisonian

A ewe watches as officials conduct a second net drop.

hay and grain underneath the net. A hush fell over the crowd and we waited for the sheep to begin the trek down the hillside and into the baited area.

After maybe 10 minutes of waiting, Liss took off in his razor, a bag of grain in hand, and began calling for the sheep. Sure enough, the sheep listened and in no time were feeding on the bait.

"I'm a pretty good sheep wrangler!" Liss said as he returned to the crowd.

The anticipation and excitement in the air was high as the volunteers waited, blindfolds and straps in hand.

SNAP! The net dropped and everything seemed a little chaotic at first – sheep were jumping around, trying to break free. Volunteers briskly approached the trapped sheep, dodging the lucky ones that managed to escape, and soon the chaos subsided as the sheep were blindfolded and hobbled and brought back for testing.

Testing kits were deposited and officials and volunteers did

not hesitate as they took nasal and tonsil swabs, blood samples and tested the temperature of the sheep. Because of the warmer weather and stressful nature of being blindfolded and hobbled, it was important to monitor the sheep's body temperature. Sheep whose temperatures rose above 104 degrees were lightly doused in cold water and volunteers gathered snow around their bodies to help in the cooling process.

As soon as they were given the go-ahead, the sheep were released, weighed or loaded into a trailer to be transported to Wolf Creek. The whole process took close to half an hour as volunteers and officials worked carefully and cautiously. As people finished and waited for the next net drop, I could see the excitement in their eyes and hear it in their voice, as the reality of being a part of this conservation effort sunk in.

Having a voice

Before the first net drop, while Garrott and Cunningham were first addressing the crowd, Liss and his wife Kathy stood before us and thanked us all for coming and being a part of the day. As he stood on his back porch that overlooks the mountainside, Liss said something that really struck a chord.

"If there is something going on with your wildlife, talk to a biologist – you are their only voice," he said holding back tears. "You young people showing up and getting involved ... it's amazing and we are so happy to have you here."

And just like that, my attitude changed. I no longer cared about not getting to sleep in or having to work on the weekend. All that mattered in that moment was witnessing passion – passion for our wildlife, passion for conservation, passion for being apart of something not many people will get to experience. It was all consuming.

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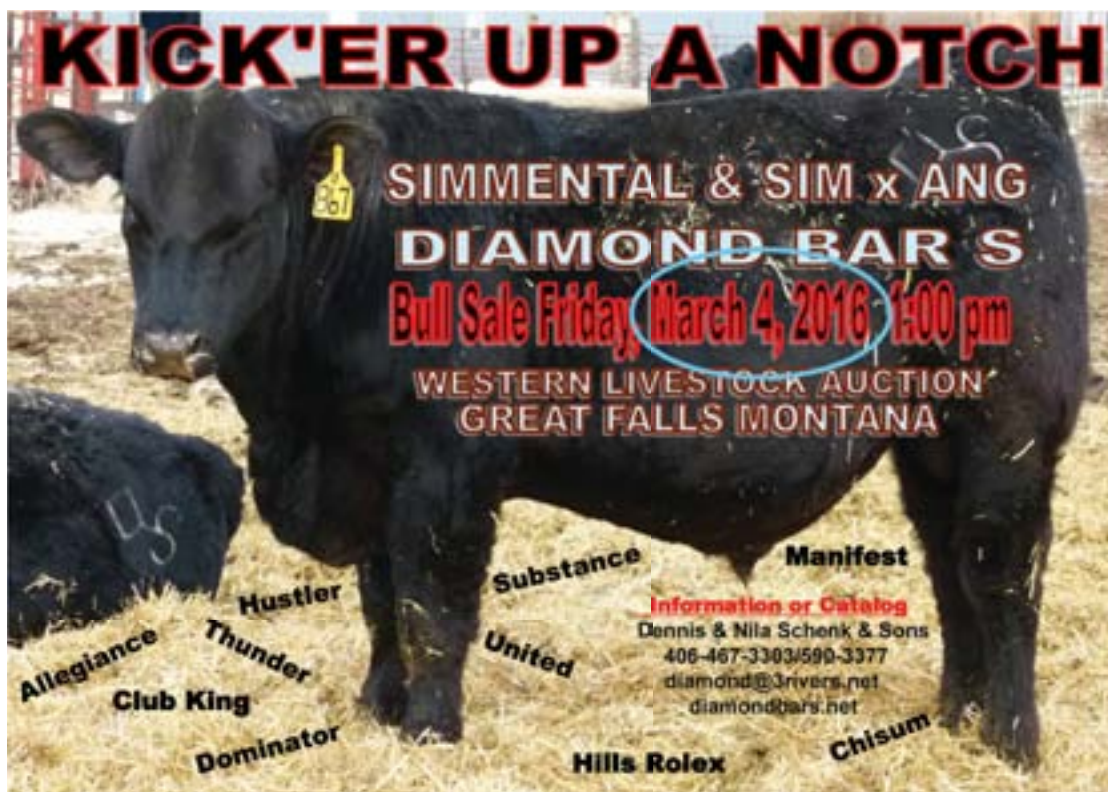


A snapshot of Jeff Welborn's Record in Helena. You've asked, He's delivered.

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- Ruby Dam reconstruction,
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First grade learns traditional Indian game



SUBMITTED BY SALLY B. SCENDEL

Sheridan School's library program is the perfect place for students to learn traditional games. The first grade class practiced cooperation and problem-solving skills as they practiced the hoop and stick game last week.

Pictured are Titus Horn, Aurora Miller, Bella Cash Rich, Aden Miller, Jace Allhands, Ben Patterson, Abby Melvin, Jessica Hitchcock and teacher librarian Sally B. Schendel



You are invited to a
Community Presentation
 for the
New Ruby Valley Hospital

Topics will include -

- Why we need a new hospital
- How the new hospital will be financed
- The status of the Capital Campaign
- Where and how the new hospital will be built
- Environmental assessment of the building project
- Advantages of the new hospital

Presentations from -

- Ruby Valley Hospital Board of Trustees
- Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation
- SMA Architects, PC
- Ruby Valley Hospital Medical Staff
- Ruby Valley Hospital Administration

When: March 15, 2016 at 7pm
 Where: Elementary Cafeteria, Sheridan School

There will be a question and answer session after the presentations



Twin Bridges senior participated in 2015 American Legion Boys State

SUBMITTED BY DOUG MARTIN

On Feb. 17, J. D. Mehlhoff, a senior at Twin Bridges High School, was presented a Medallion and Good Citizen

Certificate for his participation in the 2015 American Legion Boys State session at Carroll College. Only those who illustrate leadership, character, scholarship,

loyalty and service in their schools and community are considered to attend as delegates of this course. Mehlhoff not only attended the 2015 session but did

extremely well. His can do leadership abilities shone brightly and when the course was completed he had been voted by his peers all the way to Lieutenant Governor.

MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

2/7/16 – 2/20/16

2/7/16
Fire - other in 100 Blk Ramshorn Creek Road Sheridan
Citizen assist on Jackson Lane Harrison
Accident at W Wallace St and Jackson St Virginia City

2/8/16
Trespassing in 400 Blk Mill Creek Road Sheridan
Threats/harassment on Main St Sheridan
Theft in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis
Abandoned vehicle in Jefferson Island area Cardwell
Alarm - false in 100 Blk S Main St Twin Bridges
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 S MM 3-4 Twin Bridges

2/9/16
Welfare check in 300 Blk N George St Twin Bridges
Privacy in communications in 200 Blk S Boulder Road Cardwell
Alarm - false in 700 Blk Bear Gulch Road Twin Bridges
Animal problem on Jack Creek Road Ennis

2/10/16
Lost or found property on US Hwy 287 MM 1 Ennis
Animal problem on US Hwy 287 MM 33 Cameron
Missing person in 200 Blk Mill Creek Road Sheridan
Fire - other on Wisconsin Creek Road W Sheridan

2/11/16
Missing person out of Madison County
Animal problem on MT Hwy 287 MM 19-20 Nevada City
Sex offense reported from out of Madison County

Animal problem on US Hwy 287 MM 55-56 McAllister
Threats/harassment in 300 Blk W Wallace St Virginia City
Coroner call in Ennis
Accident in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis
Public safety complaint at Point of Rocks Road and Bone Basin Road Whitehall
Accident in Big Sky
Domestic dispute in Big Sky

2/12/16
Scam complaint in Ennis
Stalking complaint in 300 Blk W Main St Ennis
Road hazard out of Madison County
Citizen assist out of Madison County
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 32 Sheridan
DUI alcohol or drugs on Pony Road Harrison

2/13/16
Fire - other in 400 Blk Upper Ruby Road Alder
Wildlife complaint in 900 Blk E Bench Road Twin Bridges
Citizen assist on Metully Lane Twin Bridges
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 65 Norris
Suspicious person/circumstance on Airport Road Ennis
Fire - other on Ramshorn Creek Road Sheridan
Civil standby in 400 Blk N Madison St Twin Bridges
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 55 MM 2 Whitehall

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 59 calls for service from Feb. 7-13, 2016.

2/14/16
Accident on US Hwy 287

N MM 61-62 Norris
Medical aid out of Madison County
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 191 Big Sky
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 29 Cameron
Drug/narcotic activity in Harrison area
Welfare check in 2300 Blk MT Hwy 287 Alder

2/15/16
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 38 Cameron
Wildlife complaint on McHessor Creek Road Twin Bridges
Privacy in communications in Ennis area
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 54 McAllister
Citizen assist on Sweetwater Road Alder

2/16/16
Accident on South Fork Road Big Sky
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 359 MM 2
Jefferson Island/Cardwell Threats/aarassment in 800 Blk Bauer Lane Ennis
Road hazard at US Hwy 287 and MT Hwy 287 Ennis
Animal problem on MT Hwy 287 MM 24 Alder

2/17/16
Coroner call on Mill St Sheridan
Fire-other on Cemetery Road Ennis
Traffic complaint on Main St Ennis
Dog problem on Spear Lane Sheridan
Suspicious person/circumstance in 400 Blk Madison St Twin Bridges
Suspicious person/circumstance in 5000 Blk MT Hwy 41 N Silver Star
Traffic complaint on

Wisconsin Creek Road Sheridan

2/18/16
Citizen assist in 100 Blk Wallace St Virginia City
Animal problem at US Hwy 287 and Palisades Campground Cameron
Alarm-false in McAllister
Privacy in communications in 100 Blk Moores Creek Ct Ennis
Coroner call on North Meadow Creek Road McAllister
Abuse or neglect in 100 Blk Ruby Road Sheridan
Traffic complaint in 400 Blk W Main St Ennis
Agency Assist at Primrose Lane and Waterloo Road Silver Star

2/19/16
Suspicious person/circumstance out of Madison County
Coroner call on North Meadow Creek Road McAllister
Alarm-false in 1500 Blk US Hwy 287 Cameron
Traffic complaint out of Madison County
Dog complaint at Ennis Fairgrounds Ennis
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 87 MM 18 Cameron
Abuse or neglect in Alder

2/20/16
Animal problem in 300 Blk Madison St Sheridan
Animal problem on US Hwy 287 MM 64 Norris
Privacy in communications on Ruby Springs Lane Sheridan
Trespassing complaint on Comleyville Road Ennis

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25

Discussion, Ennis
The Madison Valley History Association will present a program describing and discussing the McKees, a family that moved to the Valley in 1896, and operated a farm near Jeffers. Will begin at 4 p.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

Mad Gals, Ennis
Monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the Norris bar.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26

Open mic, Sheridan
The Shovel and Spoon. Supper will be available after 5 p.m. and the music begins at 6:30. All performers welcome.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27

Bee keeping 101, Ennis
An all day workshop featuring bee keeping and basics of honey production. Begins at 9

a.m. Contact Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

Lecture, Sheridan
The Friends of the Sheridan Public Library will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program "Hand-Raised: Historic Barns of Montana" with Chere Justo. This conversation includes an overview of Montana's barn-building history, stunning photographs of barns from across the state and the stories attached to some of Montana's most memorable, photogenic and historic barns. Begins at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY MARCH 1

Gardening workshop, Ennis
We will cover seed selection for; storage, canning, freezing and dehydrating. Also covered will be timing for multiple plantings, what varieties will thrive in cooler early and late season plantings, as well as how to protect and enhance growing

conditions for those shoulder seasons. Come prepared to share your successes and failures, so we can all learn how to produce tasty, healthy food over a longer period of time. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

THURSDAY MARCH 3

Business after hours, Ennis
BAH hosted by ERA Landmark - Arrow Real Estate from 5-7 p.m. BAH is a free networking event open to Chamber members and their guests.

Constitution classes, Ennis
Constitution classes begin on Thursday, March 3, and continue each Thursday through April 7. The classes will be held in the Ennis High School at 6 p.m. Classes consist of a one hour DVD followed by a one hour discussion. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Call Cedar at 682-7552 for more information.

SATURDAY MARCH 5

Discussion, Ennis
Angie Brown will discuss balance improvement and preventing accidental falls at the library beginning at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY MARCH 6

Brunch and bingo, Virginia City
Brunch with a menu of eggs benedict, sausage, fruit, coffee cake, and beverages. Bingo

starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Elks Lodge #390.

MONDAY MARCH 7

Meeting, Dillon
Lewis and Clark Trout Unlimited Chapter 656 meeting at 6 p.m. at the Beaverhead Search and Rescue building.

TUESDAY MARCH 8

Estate planning seminar, Virginia City
Suzanne Nellen will hold a seminar about planning for your estate and address important questions about guardianship, wills and power of attorney. Please call Suzanne at 587-4427 if you are interested in attending. The seminar will be held at the Thompson-Hickman Library from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY MARCH 10

Book club, Ennis
Discussion of "A Walk Across the Sun" by Corban Addison. A discussion will be lead by Barbara Hoag. Begins at 1 p.m. at the Madison Valley Library.

SATURDAY MARCH 12

Cake walk, Virginia City
You are invited to the Virginia City Fire Department Cake Walk on March 12 at 6 p.m. Bring your family and a cake to the Elk's Lodge and come support the fire department.

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MONDAYS

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Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
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TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 am. Meetings at 9:30 am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

TUESDAYS

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.

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

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 2p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

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

Live Music - Norris
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