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## SIDEWALK SOLUTION

### Ennis Town Commission votes to connect the 'Y'

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"The only item on the agenda tonight is sidewalks," said commissioner Brian Vincent at the start of the Ennis Town Commission meeting last Thursday, Feb. 25. "Does anybody have a public comment?"

At that point, former Ennis Mayor Becky Vujovich thanked the commissioners for the effort they have put into the Montana Department of Transportation's sidewalk around the town's "Y" intersection.

"I know you haven't taken the easy out," Vujovich said. "You've put in a lot of hours."

The commissioners met on Thursday to make a final decision regarding adjustments to the sidewalk project.

"We have two things to consider," Vincent said. "First, what to do with (segment) three. Second, if we want to add any upgrades to the project."

When the commissioners first voted on the project on Jan. 14, they chose to break the project down into four segments and vote

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ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Town commissioner Brian Vincent (R) explains the alignment of the Montana Department of Transportation's sidewalk project around the "Y."

## Madison County schools make AYP

### Looking at the value of Adequate Yearly Progress

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Last month, Montana's Office of Public Instruction released 2015 Adequate Yearly Progress determinations for all state schools. It just so happens that every Madison County school – Alder, Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges – made AYP. Sounds great, right? But what does AYP truly mean?

"This year, to determine a district or school AYP status at the high school level, only the annual graduation rate was used," according to Emilie Ritter Saunders, OPI communications director. "The federal law requires an 85 percent benchmark in this process. For the (kindergarten through eighth-grade) level, only the annual attendance rate was used. The federal law requires an 80 (percent) benchmark."

Essentially, that means student performance was not used as part of the 2015 AYP determination process, Saunders explained.

"Superintendent Denise Juneau requested and received a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education," Saunders said.

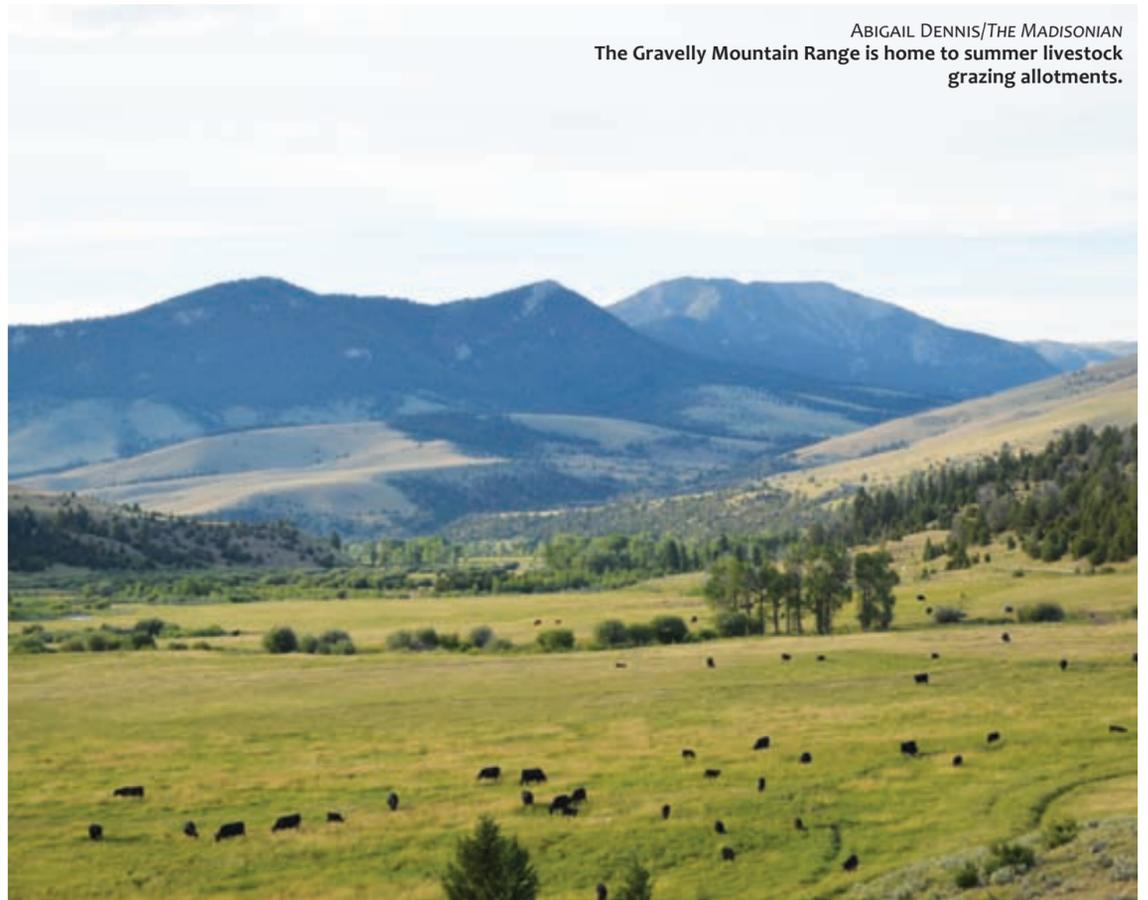
That waiver, which was granted May 20, 2015, stated Montana OPI was not required to include student assessment results to determine AYP.

"Specifically, (OPI) requested to waive accountability determinations based on state administered assessments during the 2014 – 2015 school year, because this is the first year the state is administering new, more challenging state assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics aligned to the state's college and

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## GRAZING IN THE GRAVELLYS

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The Gravelly Mountain Range is home to summer livestock grazing allotments.



### Forest Service reviews four allotments

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During the summer months, many Madison County producers utilize federal and state lands to graze cattle.

"The history we have with public land grazing, and the reliability of it, brings economic stability to family ranching operations," said Sheridan rancher Les Gilman. "We rely on public land grazing to be sustainable."

Currently, the Forest Service is preparing an environmental impact statement on four grazing allotments in the Gravelly Mountain Range.

"The biggest reason we're going through this is to make sure that everything meets the current (Allowable Use Levels)," explained Kevin Suzuki, rangeland management specialist with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. "We haven't looked at these allotments in quite a while."

AULs determine to what percent specific areas of the allotment can be used. For example, upland forage cannot be used more than 55 percent, while riparian areas cannot have more than 30 percent streambank disturbance. When an AUL is reached, livestock must be moved from the area, pasture or allotment, according to a release from the Forest Service.

"(The producers on the allotments we're reviewing) have been following those allowable use levels for awhile, but we need to formally review them," Suzuki said. "In a perfect world, we would do a review every 10 years, but if we make it within 20 or 30 years, we're doing pretty well because of our budget constraints."

The four allotments up for review are located in the southern portion of the mountain range – Eureka Basin, Pole Creek, Southwest Corner and Robb Creek.

Rick Sandru, a Twin Bridges-based rancher, grazes cattle on one of those allotments.

"From a producer perspective, it's imperative we have those summer grazing lands," Sandru said. "Without those lands, most of the ranches in Southwest Montana wouldn't be viable cattle operations. It's important for people to understand the connectivity of availability of grazing on Forest Service and (Bureau of Land Management) land and our ability to keep the river basins open for the public to enjoy."

Sandru pointed out that a huge amount of Madison County's acreage is public land – opportunity for private land expansion is difficult because of recreational buyers.

"Proper grazing management ensures that we are going to have a healthy and vibrant plant community into the future," Sandru said. "Grazing also helps reduce wildfire; proper grazing can

retard conifer encroachment and it also provides succulent wildlife feed. We see time and time again that people don't realize elk follow our cattle as we move from pasture to pasture."

#### The economics

Gilman said the reliability of public land grazing permits gives ranches economic stability.

"Private land grazing is not readily available, we can't always rely on finding it," Gilman said. "And oftentimes, the goals and objectives of private land grazing change based on the needs or desires and expectations of owners. Say a new owner comes along, that grazing land may no longer be available."

Gilman provided an example of an operation with 300 cows. "We made a decision we're going to run 300 cows," he said. "Then our operation is based on that number. We have the machinery for 300, we must find grazing for 300. Say all of the sudden you have a private land grazing lease that goes away, the whole dynamic changes and you have to readjust. However, public land grazing permits generally have a longer term and can be counted on year after year."

In addition, without public land grazing, the private land in the valley floor would not be able to sustain itself if the cattle graze it year round, Gilman added.

"If you tried to run the same number of cattle year round, it would get overgrazed and it would not be economically stable," he said. "Public land grazing here in the valley and throughout the west contributes to an economic sustainability – private lands work in conjunction with public lands."

Without public land grazing, Sandru said many of Madison County's ranches would be sold off to recreational buyers or be broken up in to subdivisions or ranchettes.

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### GRAZING from pg. 1

"They wouldn't be working ranches anymore," Sandru said.

#### The guidelines

Sandru said producers with Forest Service allotments work under strict guidelines, set out in management plans.

"We move cattle on riparian standards, upland utilization standards and more," he said, referring to AULs. "The

standards determine when we move cattle. If we reach our standards and move our cattle through pastures quickly because of a dry year, we would have to bring the cattle home early. We move on strict standards to ensure the resource is not negatively impacted."

The grazing allotments in the Gravelly Mountains are for the summer season, which Gilman said "works well" with most ag operations in Madison County.

"Historically, irrigating and haying operations happen in the valley floor in the summer," he said. "It works well the cattle can go to the mountains when that's happening – from a seasonal perspective, the timing works really well."

#### The process

Currently, the Forest Service is not proposing any changes to the grazing allotments, but Suzuki said the data is still being analyzed.

Public comments about the analysis must be submitted by March 7. Comments should be sent to Dale Olson, Madison district ranger, at 5 Forest Service Road, Ennis MT, 59729, or at [comments-northern-beaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-beaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us).

The draft EIS, which will take public comment into consideration, is expected to be completed by June 2016, and the final copy should be completed by January 2017.

### SIDEWALKS from pg. 1

on each one individually. 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; and segment four runs from Fan Mountain Inn to Madison Foods. The commissioners unanimously voted in favor of segments one, two and four, but voted down segment three in a three to one vote – commissioners Vincent, Audra Bourk and Brandi Palmerton voted against it, and commissioner John Bancroft voted for it. Commissioner Larry Pine was not present at that meeting.

In the weeks since the vote, the sidewalk question has not gone away. Instead, community members and business owners have been working with commissioners to find a compromise for getting sidewalks along segment three.

Vincent outlined three options for segment three – first, the town could do nothing and their Jan. 14 vote not to have sidewalks from Pearl Street to Fan Mountain Inn would stand. Second, the town could rescind that vote and vote in favor of the MDT's alignment. And finally, Vincent said the town could vote to do the MDT project along segment three except for the space from Deemo's Meats to Sugar High, where a sidewalk would be installed on private land with private funds, to get the alignment directly in front of the businesses instead of in the MDT right of way.

"MDT said they would be okay with that," Vincent said, referring to the third option.

"But they have to have a guarantee there would be a sidewalk constructed."

Vincent added that the business owners along the stretch from Deemo's Meats to Sugar High have verbally agreed to construct sidewalks that would connect to the MDT's project.

Before moving into a discussion about potential upgrades to the entire project, Vincent suggested the commission vote on segment three.

"What is going to happen with (segment) three does not tie into any of the upgrades we may choose to do," he said. "If we want upgrades, they will be town costs."

Bourk moved to rescind the Jan. 14 vote on segment three, and Vincent seconded the motion. Pine, Bourk and Vincent voted in favor of rescinding the vote, and Palmerton voted against it. Bancroft was not in attendance at the meeting.

Before the commissioners made a new motion, community member John White questioned why the town was considering making a motion with so many "loose ends."

"You don't know how much it's going to cost, you don't know if it is going to be ADA compliant," White said. "If you vote on something and you can't follow through, how is that going to look?"

"Well, we are a little under the gun," Vincent responded. "MDT needs an answer tomorrow. We have to do something. We have some verbal agreements in place ... and we are going to back them up with some guarantees."

Vincent then moved to approve MDT's alignment for segment three with a few adjustments; with approved easements, the sidewalks will

leave MDT's right of way from Deemo's Meats to Sugar High and will be completed privately to meet up with MDT's sidewalks by June 1, 2017, and if those private sidewalks are not in place by that date, the town will begin the construction of sidewalks in MDT's right of way. Bourk seconded the motion. Pine, Bourk and Vincent voted in favor and Palmerton voted against it, saying she does not want any sidewalk along segment three.

#### Project upgrades

The commissioners discussed multiple upgrades, including rapid flashing beacons at the crosswalk at the north end of the "Y" and upgrading the sidewalk along the east side of the "Y" and from Fan Mountain Inn to Madison Foods from asphalt to concrete.

"Have the contractor put in an alternate bid, the cost of asphalt and then the cost of concrete," said Madison Valley Medical Center CEO John Bishop. "You're not losing anything by asking. Then if you can't afford concrete, go for asphalt."

Community member Ann White spoke up and offered to pay for updating the crosswalk – a price tag of \$15,000 she said she would donate to the town to make it happen.

Vincent also pointed out that MDT may be willing to put posts at the ends of the asphalt segment to prevent people in vehicles from driving onto the asphalt, mistaking it for a road.

"We do not have the ability to do concrete in both places," Vincent said, referring to segment two and four, which are both currently asphalt paths in MDT's design. "If we pick one, I think it should be on the east side. I think that would be worth it."

Community member and business owner John Heckler pointed out that MDT may have some cost savings in the project since the sidewalks along Deemo's Meats and Sugar High are being paid for privately.

"Direct them to use those cost savings from (segment) three and apply them to the budget for concrete along (segment) two," Heckler said. "Tell them, 'the cost savings we've created over here, apply them to any additional costs along segment two.'"

Before concluding the meeting, Vincent moved to request MDT put together alternative bids for rapid flashing beacons for the crosswalk at the north end and for an upgrade of concrete on the east side of the intersection. Palmerton seconded the motion and all the commissioners in attendance voted in favor.

## THE MOTIONS

1. THE COMMISSIONERS RESCINDED THEIR JAN. 14 VOTE AGAINST A SIDEWALK ALONG SEGMENT THREE.

2. THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED IN FAVOR OF MDT'S SIDEWALKS ALONG SEGMENT THREE, WITH AN ADJUSTMENT SO A PRIVATE SIDEWALK COULD BE BUILT FROM DEEMO'S MEATS TO SUGAR HIGH, CONNECTING WITH THE MDT SIDEWALK ON BOTH SIDES.

3. THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO REQUEST MDT PUT TOGETHER ALTERNATIVE BIDS FOR RAPID FLASHING BEACONS FOR THE CROSSWALK AT THE NORTH AND FOR AN UPGRADE OF CONCRETE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION.

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The chalk lines show where Montana Department of Transportation planned to install a sidewalk. The sidewalk, however, will be paid for privately and will run in front of the businesses.



### AYP from pg. 1

career-ready content standards," the waiver states. "I am granting this waiver because it is likely to increase the quality of instruction and improve the academic achievement of students by enabling (OPI) to focus on administering the new state assessments and setting high achievement standards for the knowledge and skills students need to demonstrate they are ready for college and the workforce."

#### The positives

Though student test results were not used to determine AYP, making AYP is still a good thing.

"Any time a school or district records a higher graduation rate or higher average daily attendance rate, that's a great thing," Saunders said. "We are required to go through this process under the Federal law, No Child Left Behind."

However, Congress recently passed a new education law that will allow Montana to develop its own accountability

systems, so AYP will soon be obsolete, Saunders added.

"There were just some unusual circumstances this year," she said. "We are in a gap phase, transitioning out of the old Federal law into a new one. Things will look different in the future."

#### County schools

Sheridan Superintendent Mike Wetherbee said he was not surprised the school made AYP, but cautioned that it is only a measure of how the school is doing in some areas.

"Other questions that quickly come to mind are, 'how are our students doing beyond our doors?'" Wetherbee asked. "Are we preparing them to be successful in a tech school or at college? Are we providing a platform that emphasizes work ethic? Is our curriculum aligned with state and national standards? How is our average kid doing when they try to succeed beyond our doors? Are our best kids standing side-by-side and competing with the best kids nationally for scholarships and on nationally

normed assessments?"

Wetherbee said Sheridan tries to develop curriculum and work the students to succeed on multiple assessments, not just state mandated ones.

Superintendent Fred Hofman from Harrison said he has been at other schools that seem to focus on nothing but the results of tests.

"In an effort to improve scores, they lose sight of the bigger picture," Hofman said. "During our recent series of strategic planning meetings, we specifically discussed that we believe in educating our students to be well rounded and adaptable. At Harrison, we dedicate a full day to take our kids on an all school hike or to spend the day at Bridger Bowl or go to Yellowstone (National Park), or spend a week on a survival camping outing on the Jefferson River in the spring. We are so much more than a math or reading score, as are all of our students in Montana."

Ennis Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski said it is always "exciting" to receiving a passing mark on an assessment, but

also echoed Hofman and Wetherbee, saying that Ennis focuses on a well-rounded approach to education.

"It's always good to meet common core standards," said Twin Bridges Superintendent Chad Johnson. "But it's hard to determine where we excel and where we are deficient by just looking at one test."

In Alder, head teacher Teresa Murdoch said AYP determinations hold "some value" in displaying a school's success. "Alder School teachers look at many educational components that contribute to each and every child's individual success throughout the year," she said.

Madison County Superintendent of Schools Pam Birkeland emphasized that AYP determinations only indicate "one slice in time," not overall progress districts or schools make over the course of each school year.

"I believe all of the schools and districts in the county are doing an admirable job of educating our county's most valuable resource, our students," Birkeland added.

# MORE NEWS:

## MUSIC TO OUR EARS

### 220 junior high band students gather in Ennis for concert



**ABOVE**  
CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Students in the sixth grade band practice for their performance as part of the junior high band festival.

**RIGHT**  
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The seventh and eighth grade band gets direction from guest director Tak Engle of Castle Rock Middle School in Billings.

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On Feb. 29, 220 students from around Southwest Montana converged in Ennis for the Junior High Band Festival. Students from nine schools, including Ennis, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Harrison, spent the entire day practicing and preparing for their concert, which they performed that evening at Ennis High School.

“Ennis hasn’t hosted the event for 18 years,” said Ennis’ music teacher Andrew Scruggs.

The festival rotates through the different participating schools and gives students a chance to network.

“Students get to perform in a big group and the end product is just awesome,” Scruggs said.

The students were separated into three groups; seventh and eighth grade band, sixth

grade band and drumline. The drumline led the way as they performed various cadences, directed by Micah Jastram, followed by the sixth grade band who performed four pieces. The seventh and eighth grade band finished out the night.

Guest director Tak Engle from Castle Rock Middle School in Billings directed the seventh and eighth grade band, while directors from the participating schools took turns directing the sixth grade band.

“It’s very exciting,” said Sheridan’s music teacher Carla Wisler of the daylong event. “It changes (the student’s) level of musicianship and they learn so much in just this one day.”

According to Wisler, the practice day is just as much a learning experience for the directors as it is for the students.

“You learn a lot from just watching the other directors – and there’s no reason not to learn,” she said.



## DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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### Feist back in court

On Feb. 29, 2016, Carol Ann Feist appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on two charges – tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and perjury, both felonies.

The charges against Feist stem from a Jan. 11, 2016, incident where Feist is alleged to have provided the court with a fabricated letter of recommendation “purportedly from her former employer ... knowing that the document had been fabricated, and with the purpose to mislead the court, the prosecutor and/or defense counsel” during a hearing.

On Jan. 11, Feist was in court on charges of deceptive practices and issuing bad checks. That case has not yet been adjudicated.

The maximum penalty for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence is imprisonment in the state prison for a term not to exceed 10 years, a fine in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 or both. The

maximum penalty for perjury is imprisonment in the state prison for a term not to exceed 10 years, a fine in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 or both.

Feist pleaded not guilty to both charges and she was released on her own recognizance.

“We do not believe she is a flight risk,” said Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall.

A future court date has not yet been set.

### Border sentenced to DoC

David Tanner Border appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Feb. 29, 2016, on charges of theft, burglary, criminal mischief and possession of burglary tools.

The state, represented by Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall, initially charged Border with two felony counts of theft, one count of burglary, one count of criminal mischief and possession of burglary tools.

According to court documents that were filed on Oct. 9, Border “purposely or knowingly obtained or exerted unauthorized control over the property (of the victims), in or about June or July 2015.”

More specifically, the state alleges Border removed a television, vacuum cleaner, blu-ray player, two bridles, a breastplate, a saddle and other miscellaneous items from a residence in McAllister. While removing those items, the state alleges Border “possessed a tool, instrument or device suitable for breaking into an occupied structure,” and that he damaged the front and rear doors of the residence. In addition, the state alleges Border took a vehicle from a mine without permission on July 23, 2015.

Ekwall requested one of the felony charges of theft be amended to a misdemeanor, and Judge Tucker ordered it. Border then pleaded guilty to theft, a misdemeanor, criminal mischief, felony burglary and felony theft. The state dismissed the charge of possessing burglary tools.

After hearing recommendations from Ekwall and Border’s attorney, Stephanie Krueger, Judge Tucker moved on to sentencing.

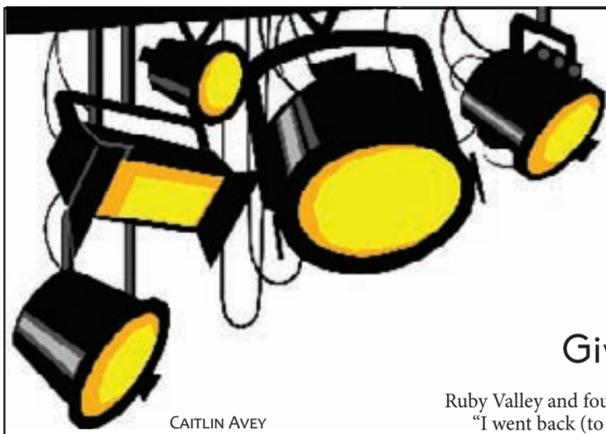
For the charge of misdemeanor theft, Judge Tucker sentenced Border to pay \$2,859.99 in restitution to the victims and serve a two year deferred

sentence. For the charge of felony burglary, Judge Tucker sentenced Border to the Department of Corrections for seven years, with two years suspended. For the charge of criminal mischief, Judge Tucker sentenced Border with a deferred one-year sentence. And finally, for the charge of felony theft, Judge Tucker ordered Border pay \$11,050.00 to the mine as restitution and sentenced him to the DoC for seven years, two suspended.

Judge Tucker also stipulated that the sentences should run concurrently with one another, and with a sentence Border is already serving from Gallatin County.

“Given the amount of restitution, I am not imposing fines,” Judge Tucker said. “The court highly recommends pre-release and connections corrections.”

Border was given credit for 161 days time served, and was ordered to begin paying restitution 30 days after his release at \$100 per month.



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As Pony prepares to celebrate its 150th year this August, it is the volunteers that keep the tiny town intact.

“It’s preserving history,” said Nancy Nellis, treasurer for the Pony Homecoming Club.

After swearing to never leave the mountains of Colorado, Nellis was visiting a friend in the

Ruby Valley and found new mountains to love. “I went back (to Colorado) and rented out my house and packed up and moved to Alder,” she said.

Nellis spent two years in Alder before continuing her move over the hill and up to Pony, where she has lived since 1994. With the Tobacco Root Mountains in her backyard, Nellis said she enjoys the opportunities of living in the area and “connecting with nature.”

She also enjoys connecting with history.

The PHC is dedicated to preserving the historic buildings and nature that make up the Pony area and Nellis said she ultimately got involved with the club because they needed members.

“It was really my first effort at volunteering,” she said.

Eventually, she got more and more involved and now stays pretty busy with her work through the club being something she has enjoyed.

“I enjoy being a part of community functions and meeting new people,” Nellis said. “I feel that is important, especially in these small-town communities that dot the landscape of Montana ... I enjoy getting to know these folks, and volunteering enables me to do this.”

Nellis enjoys being outside, whether to hike or garden or spend time with her two horses, Roo and Chet.

“I found (Chet) online and I couldn’t turn away,” she said about rescuing her horse. “He’s a gentle soul.”

An animal lover at heart, Nellis also helps to care for and rescue animals from harmful situations.

“I rescue horses and dogs and animals that are in need of a better situation, when possible” she said.

Currently, Nellis cares for her two horses, two cats and a dog.



Nancy Nellis



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## Are United States elections the laughing stock of the world?

Dear Editor,

Is the political election system of the United States the laughing stock of the world? It sure is the laughing stock for millions of Americans. Why does it take so long to decide who we, the public, want to be our next presidential nominee?

Every day, every hour, every minute, we are bombarded with, "I'm the chosen one to be your next leader." They all promise you the moon. Just what we need - a new moon, which is always dark on the

other side.

Sometimes you wonder, is Freddy Krueger disguised as the next nominee? They tear each other apart like destroying a jigsaw puzzle with the wrong pieces. They tell us they are conservative, but spend millions of dollars on ads to convince us they are frugal. They tell us everything is wrong with the U.S., but if we vote for him/her, everything will be fixed. They all seem to have some kind of fairy dust to sprinkle to make everything just the way they want.

While they keep whining so they can win, most of us have made up our minds months ago, before the onslaught of the gibberish that contaminated the air.

Why do we not have a lottery? Everyone 18 years or older and a citizen of the U.S. can have their name in the hopper. On election day, the first name drawn will be president, the second name will be vice president. This will save a lot of wasted money, wasted time and wasted words that were a waste before they were

even spoken.

Oh, for the good old days that never happened. Oh, for the good old day that will stop in November. But we know the day after the election the same process will start again and never end.

There has to be a better way. The whole process, maybe should be the "hole" process, is like playing a video game gone wild and you lost even before the game started.

LaVon D. Brillhart  
Dillon

## Thank you for your kindness

We would like to thank everyone for the many phone calls, cards and memorial donations in Ed's memory. Hearing from and talking to our many friends has made a very hard time a little easier. Thank you.

God bless,  
Merrilyn, Jerry, Holly, Scott and Stephanie

# OBITUARIES

## Bill Hanley

February 19, 1938 - February 23, 2016



Bill Hanley of Twin Bridges passed away Feb. 23 at his home in Jefferson Acres, after a long fight with kidney failure and most recently lung cancer.

Bill was born Feb. 19 in Glasgow to Jack and Lois Hanley. At the age of 4, Bill and his brother Henry were placed in the orphans' home in Twin Bridges, where they resided until Henry was 18 and Bill 17. Bill enlisted in the Marine Corp; he participated in the 1958 Landing

in Lebanon, the Cuban Missile Crises and two 13 month tours in Vietnam. It was a 20 year career of military intelligence with satellite interpretations. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Hawaii and California. He retired Sept. 3, 1975, as a Master Sergeant on Recruiting Duty in Denver, Colo. He then worked with the Vancouver, Wash., Port Authority, retiring in 2000.

In 1995 Bill was instrumental in planning a reunion of the former children from the orphans' home in Twin Bridges. Over 400 former children showed up for the reunion and another 200 came to another reunion two years later.

After retirement, Bill moved from Vancouver to Twin Bridges (2000). He became active in the museum, historical association and veterans groups and was the manager of the Marine Corps

Toys for Tots, covering Waterloo to Virginia City up to the time of his death. Bill wanted his Toys for Tots families to know the program will continue, Ed Walter, also a marine, will step into managing Toys for Tots for the valley. Bill made scrapbooks each year of the school happenings and all the students, the events that the local veterans hosted and the orphans' home reunions. These are all now donated to the Twin Bridges museum.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his son John William Hanley; his brother Henry; and his best friend Mickey Naranche.

He is survived by his daughter Gina in Denver; his aunt and uncle Penny and Wes Garden of Vancouver; and his grandchildren John J. (Kandace), Gina Christensen (Eric),

Crystal Cerenil (Odilowne) and Jacob Hanley; and Bill's children's mother Diane, all of Sidney, Neb. Also surviving are Bill's grandchildren Norah, Riley, Austin, Mathew, Dante, Deekun, Korbin and Caleb.

K&L Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Services will be Tuesday, March 1 at 11 a.m. at the mortuary. Bill has been cremated, his ashes and his brother Henry's ashes will be laid to rest side by side in the Twin Bridges veterans' section at the cemetery. The services will be military for Bill and his brother. There is an Irish wake after the funeral for Bill at the Lost Cabin.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Joy Day for the historical association and museum or the Toys for Tots program, in care of Ed Walters. Semper Fi, Bill.

## Aleta Dorothy Begley

December 8, 1946 - February 27, 2016



Aleta's hard fought battle, of almost six years, against ovarian cancer ended Saturday, Feb. 27. Loving friends and family surrounded her throughout her journey, and to the end of this battle. She died with her family at her side in Sheridan at her daughter Dayna's home.

She fought against cancer with both tenacity and grace. Through her courageous battle she did not teach us how to die, but instead she taught us how to live.

Aleta was born to Alfred and Dorothy Therghesen in Redding, Pa. After briefly living in Massapequa, N.Y., on Long Island Sound, her father Al and his best friend Ron Rood, both teachers, were contemplating quality of life questions. They were selling Christmas trees and at that moment decided to move their young families to Vermont. They bought a beautiful farm in Lincoln, Vt., Sugar Bush Hill. Six children and four adults moved next to the river to live in one busy farmhouse. Sadly, Aleta's mother Dorothy died suddenly and unexpectedly with Aleta by her side at age 8 from post rheumatic mitral valve cardiac failure. The families rallied together and Peg and Ron Rood, along with Al and Peg and Ron's

four children, raised Aleta and her 2-year-old sister Gayle. Al remarried Norene Therghesen and her daughter Joan (Devries) joined the family. The new family, Al, Norene, daughter Joan, Aleta's sister Gayle, along with a new little sister Andrea moved to Connecticut.

Aleta attended college her freshman year at Albright College where she was studying to be a physical education teacher. She decided she wanted to be a nurse and transferred to the rigorous Diploma Nursing Program at Harford Hospital. She lived there for three straight years completing the rigorous training. After graduation, much to her father's chagrin, she hopped in her new car and promptly drove to her beloved Cape Cod and lived in a beach cottage. There she worked as a cocktail waitress living on the beach, spending her days swimming in the ocean which was one of her greatest pleasures, it was one of her fondest times.

After a fantastic summer of fun in the sun, she moved to Boston, Ma., where she worked as a registered nurse at Boston Children's Hospital. While living in Boston she met and fell in love with a game warden from Connecticut, Peter Begley, and soon after they were married on April 25, 1970, they moved to make a home in the northwestern corner of Connecticut, Canaan Valley, in the Berkshires.

Aleta's dad and Peter built a log house in Canaan Valley that was graced with five children. Dayna, Tate, Slade, Alesha and Kaytlin. The house was full of laughter, love, animals and always lots of friends. Peter and

Aleta divorced in the early 90s when four of the children were still living at home. She raised them while working long hours as a nurse. She was loved by her work "families" too; wherever she went she treated everyone like family. She worked at Lois Carlson's Nursery with disabled children, Winsted Hospital, was the director of nurses at Parkside Lodge for addiction recovery services and Sharon Hospital Behavioral Health Unit inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry Unit as the director of nurses.

In 2010 she came to the Ruby Valley in Montana to help care for her granddaughter McCall Delaney Leavens, daughter of Dayna (Begley-Therghesen) and Dan Leavens. While here visiting, she became ill and was shockingly diagnosed with stage five ovarian cancer. She began the fight against ovarian cancer with the team at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, Dr. Jack Hensold and Dr. Randall Gibb at the Billings Clinic. She had incredible care with a great team and endless compassion. She fought multiple relapses over seven rounds of chemotherapy and surgery. Many people did not know Aleta was ill during this battle because she fought with grace, an always-present smile and contagious zest for life. She was always grateful for any amount of time she was granted to be with her beloved family.

Her family was the light of her life. She leaves behind a sister Andrea Therghesen Lecuyer from Bozeman and sister Joan Devries (William) of Taconic, Conn.; daughter Dayna Begley Therghesen and granddaughters

McCall Delaney and Cady Rae Leavens, of Sheridan; son Tate Begley, wife Jeannine, grandson Slade Rigby, Gunnar Torgesen, Kora Alette, of Cornwall Bridge, Conn., Slade Begley, of Cornwall Bridge; Alesha Hamill, husband Richard, granddaughters Sydney Lila and Kennedy Aleta, of Gilbert, Ariz.; and Kaytlin Begley and grandson Samuel Wyman, of Livingston; and numerous friends and family near and far who will miss her dearly.

Her mother Dorothy, sister Gayle, father Al and stepmother Norene preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Ruby Valley swimming pool, Sheridan, and the Cancer Support Community or Cancer Center at Bozeman Health Hospital, Bozeman.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place, (i.e. per Aleta, dancing and music) this spring in the Ruby Valley, and this summer on the beach in Cape Cod.

*She danced like a hippie with the spirit of life.*

*She flew with the winds of possibility like a fairy.*

*She stamped her feet in passion and with presence like a flamenco girl.*

*She twirled to the music in her heart like a butterfly.*

*She sang the song of those who loved the earth.*

*She was a rock.*

*She felt her stars within.*

*She was a drop in the vast ocean of the universe and in that she knew her brilliance, she found her freedom.*

- S.C. Lourie

We love you mom, and beloved Mor Mor

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# & SPORTS:

## THE END OF THE ROAD

### Basketball season draws to a close in Madison County

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Three Madison County teams traveled to Hamilton for the Western C Divisional Tournament last week with high hopes, but all three teams returned home without clinching a spot in the state tournament.

Though the Ennis Mustangs made it through the first round of play with a win over Seeley-Swan, they fell to Arlee, ending their season during the consolation championship game, where they earned fourth place. Both the Lady Mustangs and Lady Falcons lost in the first round of divisional tournament play, and spent the rest of the week battling other teams in the consolation bracket – the Lady Mustangs lost out of the consolation bracket, but the Lady Falcons continued on to take fourth place at the tournament.

#### MUSTANGS

The Ennis' boys started their championship bid strong, showing up to play during their first game of the tournament against Seeley-Swan on Feb. 25. Though Seeley-Swan knocked down three baskets from behind the line in the first quarter, the Mustangs were not deterred.

In the first eight minutes of play, Mustang Gavin McKittrick managed to score three field goals; in addition, two of his teammates – Jake Knack and Tracer Croy – knocked down buckets.

By the end of the first half, Ennis had expanded its lead and the teams entered the locker room with the Mustangs up, 26 – 19.

Though Seeley-Swan made a run at the end of the game, it was too little too late and the Ennis boys won their first game of the tournament, 62 – 52.

Knack led the team with 20 points, followed closely by McKittrick who ended the night with 19.

Ty Morgan scored eight, Cole Crowley and Croy each contributed six and Tyler Barney scored three to make up the team's total.

The Mustangs shot 53.8 percent from the floor, and 41.7 percent from behind the three-point line. They also benefitted greatly from free throws, shooting 69.6 percent for 16 free throw points.

"They played really hard and fought hard every single game," head coach Jared Smithson said. "I am very proud of the way they played this weekend."

The next day, the Mustangs had their work cut out for them against Arlee, and were unable to come back after falling behind in the first quarter, ultimately losing the game, 51 – 69.

McKittrick led the team with 15 points, followed by Morgan, who contributed 11. Knack had nine at the end of the game and Croy had seven. Crowley scored six, Tanner Wood scored two and Race Owens scored one.

The loss to Arlee sent the Mustangs to the consolation bracket and they faced off against Hot Springs on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. Though Hot Springs hit the court aggressively in the first half, the Mustangs outscored them in the final two quarters of play, ultimately winning with a score of 53 – 47.

Knack made eight field goals and knocked down five free throws to score 21 points. Morgan was the next leading scorer with 14, McKittrick had seven, Crowley scored six and Croy contributed five.

Later in the day, the Mustangs went head-to-head with Valley Christian to determine who would take home third place and who would get fourth. Though Ennis stuck to Valley Christian like glue throughout the game, they lost by two points, 46 – 48.

Knack scored 19 points, McKittrick scored 11, Crowley scored eight, Morgan scored six and

Barney scored two during the game, and the team ended their season with a fourth-place divisional title.

Smithson said he is already looking forward for next year.

"I wish it started tomorrow," he said. "These kids are going to be very, very good next year."

The Mustangs will graduate three seniors this year, but will still have a "solid" team, Smithson said.

"Ennis hasn't been to a state tournament since 1997 on the boys' side, so it's something they want now," Smithson said. "This tournament just made them even more hungry for it."

#### LADY FALCONS

Though the Lady Falcons from Twin Bridges headed into tournament play strong, dominating Arlee during the first quarter of their Feb. 25 game, they had trouble connecting with the basket in the second quarter and were unable to recover fully from their deficit, losing 43 – 47.

Nine players scored in the game, led by Kailee Oliverson who had 11 points at the final buzzer. RaeAnne Bendon, Jessica George and Cassie Williams each scored five, Madysen Beagley and Cassidy Wetzel each contributed four and Megan Martin, Brooke Schandelmeier and Mara Johnson ended the game with three apiece.

"I thought the girls did as well as could be expected," said head coach Rob Lott. "Every team there was really even – (most of) our games were one-point games with a minute to go."

The loss sent the Lady Falcons to the consolation bracket, where they beat White Sulphur Springs, 52 – 33, to advance to a Saturday morning game against Manhattan Christian.

Oliverson led the team against the Lady Eagles, scoring 20 points. Wetzel and Martin each scored six, Bendon and George added four apiece and Johnson, Williams and Beagley each scored two.

Later that afternoon, they had a shot at third place, but could not topple Seeley-Swan and ended up taking home fourth place after a 35 – 39 loss.

Oliverson led the team on the scoreboard with 19, followed by George who scored six, Bendon who contributed five Schandelmeier who scored three and Williams who added two to the team's total.

"I thought the girls did really well and played as hard as they could," Lott said. "Whatever the reason, the ball didn't quite bounce our way as often as we would have liked."

Lott said he thinks the Lady Falcons will be competitive next year too.

"We're losing five seniors who were very crucial to our success, but those five seniors did a very good job of teaching the younger girls what will be expected from them," Lott said. "I think we'll be competitive next year."

#### LADY MUSTANGS

The Ennis girls won their spot at the divisional tournament by winning the consolation bracket at



districts two weeks ago.

The Lady Mustangs had a tough time gaining momentum against Plains during their first tournament game on Feb. 25 and ultimately lost, 26 – 49.

Caitlin Klatt put up eight points to lead the team, followed by Jourdain Klein who scored seven, Danika Philpott and Danyel Martin who each scored four and Amanda Kimmy who scored three.

The following morning, the Lady Mustangs rallied to take on Drummond and walked away with a hard-earned win, 35 – 34.

They came out the gate strong and scored 10 more points than the Lady Trojans in the first quarter, but struggled in the second. Senior Klatt never slowed, however, and the team found its momentum again in the second half to win the game.

Klatt led the scoreboard with 14 points, followed by MaKenzie Moen who scored six, Martin and Brigit Croy who each scored five and Philpott who scored four.

On Saturday morning, a tough Seeley-Swan team stood between the Lady Mustangs and their shot at the consolation championship game, but Ennis lost, 35 – 51. Eight players scored in the effort, led by Moen and Croy who scored seven apiece.

Martin scored six, Klein and Kimmy each scored four, Whitney McKittrick contributed three and Lexi Lindemulder and Josie Jenkins each scored two.

"I'm proud of the girls for the way they competed at the divisional tournament," said head coach Jordan Overstreet. "We played three good teams were able to make it to Saturday."

Overstreet said the girls put forth dedication and effort season-long, which brought them success.

"Every day they would come in the gym and work extremely hard to prepare for the next team," he said.

This year, the Lady Mustangs graduate two seniors, whom Overstreet said will be "greatly missed."

"They did a great job leading our team this season and getting our program started off right," he said. "Next year, we will have 10 returning varsity players. If the girls put in the work, I wouldn't be surprised if we could make a state tournament appearance."

#### PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM RIGHT

COURTESY KELLEY KNACK  
 Jake Knack (24) connects with the basket for the Mustangs.

COURTESY OF KELLEY KNACK  
 The Ennis Mustangs ended their season with first place at districts and fourth place at the divisional tournament.

COURTESY KARI MONTGOMERY  
 Kailee Oliverson (34) was the Lady Falcons' leading scorer in every game they played during the divisional tournament.

COURTESY KELLEY KNACK  
 Caitlin Klatt (22), a senior for the Lady Mustangs, navigates the ball around a defender and heads for the basket.





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The Montana Heritage Commission wanted to express a big thank-you to the Ennis School District who received another top ranking as the number 1 and 2 school in Montana for 2015-2016. According to K12.niche.com who is a ranking service for all of public schools Nationwide, Ennis School District was ranked number #1 in 2015 and #2 in 2016 for the best school district in Montana. The Public High Schools ranking provides a comprehensive assessment of the overall experience of a public schools. This grade takes into account key factors such as the strength of academics, quality of teachers, school resources, the quality of student life, as well as student and parent reviews, in an attempt to measure the overall excellence of the school.

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Best Regards,  
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# Sheridan students work with their hands

Ag classes partner with local Forest Service to create feed bunk at Bear Creek trailhead

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Students in Sheridan High School's agricultural classes are nearly done with a class project in which they constructed a stock feed bunk to be placed at the Bear Creek trailhead.

The Bear Creek trailhead, 20 miles south of Ennis, is a popular area throughout the year and is one of very few trailheads in the Madison Valley that provides camping that supports stock access into the wilderness.

"We had just recently finished a pretty long course on welding, so it worked out pretty well," said Sheridan's ag teacher Rodney Braaten.

Gordon Ash, who deals specifically with trails, wilderness, recreation and special use permits for the Madison Ranger District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, approached Braaten about the project after he received complaints about trailhead maintenance.

"Our budget is challenging and trying to prioritize a high volume of maintenance needs can be tough," Ash said.

Before coming to the Madison Valley, Ash worked on the Flathead National Forest where he partnered with the high school and the Flathead Chapter of Backcountry Horseman to create similar bunks to be displayed at trailheads at the base of the

Bob Marshall Wilderness.

"It was a very successful project and a lot (of feed bunks) were constructed over time," Ash said.

While the district was receiving complaints about maintenance at the Bear Creek trailhead, Ash said he also received requests from state BCH chapters that use the trailhead to access the Lee Metcalf Wilderness "offering to assist with stock facility improvement at Bear Creek."

"I talked to (Braaten) immediately about the feed bunk project being a welding class project - he took it on and the rest is history," said Ash.

Eight students helped build the feed bunk from designs from the Forest Service - all they have left to do is paint.

"We're not totally done yet ... we just finished the welding part of (the project) and now we need to paint," Braaten said.

Braaten also said he thought the partnership was a good community service project for his students and that several of his students also receive college credit for some of their welding projects through Gallatin College, a two-year college that complements with Montana State University.

"I would do it again," Braaten said.

Ash said the main benefit for the stock feed bunk is minimizing user conflict at the trailhead and help supporting future maintenance projects.

"This feed bunk will start the foundation for maintain-

ing and improving the trailhead," he said. "We hope, and

(Braaten) has indicated future support, to have additional

feed bunks made and installed in coming years."



PHOTO COURTESY GORDON ASH  
The nearly-completed food bunk is waiting for a coat of paint at Sheridan High School before it gets moved to the Madison Valley and placed at the Bear Creek trailhead.

## Remembering Hugh Leslie

SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN LOSEE

"Mornin' Jon. Are you ready?"

"Sure am!" It was Hugh Leslie calling.

"I'll meet you at the hanger."

Hugh was the local veterinarian and he and Arlene took care of our cats and dogs for years, and were close family friends. He was an experienced World War II airman.

I remember the clear calm sky that day as I got into my truck and drove to town - perfect summer morning for my first experience in a small plane.

"You've gotta make sure your equipment is in perfect condition," Hugh said as he walked around the plane, inspecting the flaps, wings, propeller and landing gear, probably remembering the time when he and Otis Crooker lost one wheel on take off.

"Arlene, do something!" Laura Crooker hollered as she squeezed Arlene's arm watching helplessly as Otis executed a perfect one-wheel landing and spun the plane around.

Satisfied, he climbed aboard his little Cessna and we buckled in. He pulled down a clipboard from the visor. "Checklists" a perfect system of important life-saving operations necessary to ensure no detail is overlooked.

"You can't be too careful in this business," he said as

we prepared for take-off.

The experience was amazing. Hugh taught me the principals of flight and how to feel the air support the wings and to trust the plane's structure when updrafts near the mountains tossed us around a bit.

"Can you feel that? It is like you are in a kite," he said.

We flew a counter-clockwise circuit around the valley and of course the first objective was to fly by our house on Spring Creek, watching Doc and Olive waving back at us as Hugh tipped the wings. We headed south over Thexton's, and The Bar-7 ranch.

"Want to fly it?" he said.

He let go of the yoke and allowed me to fly his plane and I carefully experimented with the steering column as Hugh instructed me of its operation. We flew high enough to see Black Butte, circled around the McAtee Bridge and headed north over the unblemished wide-open arid ranch-land, the Cedar Creek alluvial fan, past Belle Jeffers' and The Jumping Horse, around the south side of the lake, Clay's gardens, Jasman's, McAllister, Ledbetter's and finally arrived back at the Sportsman's Lodge gravel airstrip.

"How'd you like that, Jon?" he asked.

There are so many more memories I have of Hugh; his kind humour, and gentle manner, and the way he worked long and hard 24/7 helping all of the ranchers with their big animal prob-

lems, pulling quills out of dog's mouths, even crawling under an old barn to extract a brood of orphaned skunks so someone could have a pet.

"You don't want to cut that! Arlene would never let me into the house," he said showing me as he gently dissected the musk gland from the sedated animal.

But I'll never forget that beautiful Montana morning flying over the valley and our many times with Hugh and Arlene and how endearing they were to us and to each other. They were a big part of our family and the community and will be missed by all of us.

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## Sheridan grade school takes home several Regional Science Fair prizes

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 Sheridan Schools

Jenna Nate- second place ribbon  
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**Fifth grade**

Clair Haag- first place ribbon and bronze medal  
 Brayden Greco- third place ribbon and outstanding fifth and sixth grade project exhibiting the best use of mathematics award  
 Henry Sutton- third place ribbon

**Seventh grade**

Mackenzie Fabel and Ruby Rossiter- first place ribbon and bronze medal  
 Beth Hamilton- second place ribbon  
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### Emerson Theodore Bock March 29, 1926 – February 9, 2016



Emerson Theodore Bock passed away on Feb. 9, 2016, in Yuba City, Calif., with family members attending.

Emerson Bock was born in Laurin on March 29, 1926. He grew up in the Laurin, Alder and Virginia City area, where he had attended elementary and high school. His parents, Lomer and Ethel Bock, operated a small ranch near Laurin, and in 1945, moved to Alder. Emerson had two sisters, Eleanor and Eva, and three brothers, Elmer, Ernest and Eugene. In school he excelled in athletics, playing baseball and track, and had set several local records in his school's division, a number of

which stood for many years. After school and chores he enjoyed fishing, hunting and running trap lines in the Alder Gulch area.

Emerson grew up in lean times during the Great Depression, and had always to work very hard. He cut firewood, worked as a ranch hand and worked as a hard rock miner in the Sheridan and Butte mines. At one time he bought a service station and self trained as an auto mechanic. This skill served him well, and for several years

operated his own repair shop. Emerson and his brothers proudly served in the military. Emerson and his older brother, Elmer, served in the U.S. Army in World War II. Emerson was in field artillery in Europe and later in Greece monitoring postwar elections. Lomer and Ethel were proud of their boys' service to the war effort and to our country.

Emerson married "his little red headed girl," Bonna Dillard, in 1947. She was his sweetheart and they enjoyed a loving rela-

tionship, ever deepening over the decades. They had two beloved children, Angela and Ted. Sadly, Ted died at too young of an age. Angela remained a joy to Emerson throughout his long life. It was said that he did not just love Angela, but had worshipped her.

The family moved to Nevada during the 1950s, following work near Las Vegas. He moved his family to California in the 70s, finding further success investing in commercial and residential real estate.

Emerson Bock is survived by his brothers Dr. Ernest Bock, (Doris), of Sheridan, and Eugene Bock of Casper, Wyo.; Emerson's wife of 69 years Bonna Bock of Yuba City; daughter Angela (William) Orr, of Sacramento, Calif.; grandsons Sam and Tony Hedley; and five great grandchildren, A.J., Shea, Eleanor, Alex and Claire.

The family is planning a graveside memorial ceremony at the Laurin Cemetery, later in the year. This will be announced at a later date.

### Betty Lou Carson April 13, 1929 – February 24, 2015



Betty Lou Carson, an exceptionally kind, sweet, loving and gentle spirit of Ennis, passed on Feb. 24, 2016. She had a way to make everyone feel special when she greeted them. Betty was generous of heart and had a special love of children and

helping others. Betty had a wonderful quick-witted reply that would delight anyone with laughter. She enjoyed sharing her popular songs of youth and loved to teach them to anyone. She shared many poems memorized and loved to recite them, often of great length. "The Inventors Wife" was a favorite she was asked to recite frequently. She played the piano, organ and accordion by ear. Hum a portion of a song and she would take off with it. She was an accomplished typist with her fingers rhythmically soaring at over 100 words per minute. She also enjoyed baking, sewing, calligraphy, paint-

ing and reading and shared her love of books with her children.

She was born in Colorado on April 13, 1929, to a remarkably loving, close-knit family that gave her much joy and lasted their entire lives. She married Curtis Carson on Oct. 18, 1947, and they raised three children Duane Carson, Vivian Matson and Cynthia Sulamo and have three grandsons, three great granddaughters and a great-great granddaughter along with a host of nieces, nephews and loving relatives and friends.

They lived for many years on a farm in California and have lived in Ennis for 25 years.



Dr. Hugh Alexander Leslie was born Dec. 5, 1918, in Deshler, Neb. Doc attended school in Belvidere, Neb., where he graduated in 1937. He enlisted in the Army in 1941 and was part of Troop D, 33d Cavalry, 20th Armed Divi-

### Dr. Hugh Alexander Leslie December 5, 1918 – February 23, 2016

sion, which was instrumental in the European Theater during World War II. While on leave, he met the love of his life, Mildred A. Naiman (Arlene), and were married June 21, 1942, in Baltimore, M.D. In 1954 he received his veterinary degree from Colorado State University.

Doc and Arlene moved to Ennis in 1955 to establish his vet practice. Doc put a lot of miles on his trucks as he served the entire Madison County – attending to both large and small animals. When he was not busy with his work or doing honey dos for Arlene, he loved to fly his airplane, which

he kept behind the Sportsman's Lodge. Hugh retired from his practice in 2013 and was a lifetime member of the MVMA and the AVMA.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Arlene, in April 2015. Doc is survived by his brother, Glen Leslie of Cambridge, Minn.; his god-daughter Kristy Saier of Ennis; godson Douglas B. Young, DVM, of Ennis; as well as several nieces and nephews. A memorial service is planned for March 7, 2016, at the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church in Ennis at 11 a.m. with a luncheon following at 134 Steffens Street.

### Alexander William McNeill January 19, 1943 – February 26, 2016



Alexander William McNeill died Feb. 26, 2016 in Ennis. He was born Jan. 19, 1943, in Stirling, Scotland, to Adam and Margaret (Bell) McNeill. He earned teaching credentials in math and physical educa-

tion from St. Luke's College, Exeter, England. Alex loved sports, particularly rugby and gymnastics. He received the first Fulbright scholarship in physical education for his study in exercise physiology and biomechanics, leading him to earn a bachelor of science in physical education in 1965, a master of science in exercise science in 1967 and a doctorate in exercise physiology and biomechanics in 1973 from the University of Oregon. Subsequently, he held positions at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the University of Idaho and Montana State

University. His higher education career included teaching, research, collaborative authorship on numerous education projects serving diverse populations and university administration. McNeill joined the University of Alaska, Anchorage in 1994, serving as dean of the School of Education, and became dean of the College of Health, Education and Social Welfare in 1996. In Anchorage, McNeill was instrumental in revamping the university's teacher preparation program and improving communication among departments. In 2001, he moved to Camarillo,

Calif. As a founder of the newest California State University campus, CSU Channel Islands, McNeill served as the first Vice President of Academic Affairs. He retired from CSUCI in 2011. At CSUCI, he oversaw academic programs and academic planning. One of Alex's enduring contributions to the people of Ventura County was through his vision for Project Vista, a multi-million dollar federal competitive grant-writing effort that he spearheaded in 2010. In his final year of service at CSUCI, he led a grant-writing team that secured nearly \$3 million for the

purpose of improving diversity in the university's credential and graduate programs. With the help of Project Vista's initiatives, CSU Channel Islands saw a 485 percent increase from 2010 to 2015 in the number of Latino-identified students in its credential and graduate student population.

McNeill spent six summers building his dream retirement home on the Madison River in Montana, to which he and his wife moved in 2012.

Alex is survived by his wife, Fran (Rogers), daughter Lisa McNeill (husband Tom Paulson), grandchildren Bonnie

and Ian Paulson, son Jonathan McNeill and sister Martha (husband Alex) McBain. His parents and his sister Janet (Netta) Cox preceded him in death. A service will be held Thursday, March 3, 11 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, Highway 287, Ennis. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the CSUCI Foundation with designation for the Alex McNeill Vista Scholarship Fund, and mail to: c/o Dr. Kaia Tollefson, CSU Channel Islands, 1 University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012; or to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, NY.

### Jack Morgan June 4, 1932 – February 17, 2016



Jack Edwin Morgan was born on June 4, 1932, to Edgar W. and Eddeth (Shults) Morgan in Vanoss, Okla. The family moved many, many times due to Edgar's

oil field geology career, before settling in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., in 1942. Jack competed in basketball and baseball in high school. He graduated in 1950.

After several years of pre-medical studies in college, Jack volunteered for Medical Corps Duty when he enlisted in the Navy in 1952. He enjoyed extensive medical training and served his country in the Korean War as a medic assigned to the 1st Marine Division FMF PAC stationed in Japan.

Jack's colorful resume included stints working in the

oil fields of Oklahoma, driving a taxi and playing piano in a bar to put himself through college after his military service. He earned a degree as a bacteriologist and went on to a successful career as a hospital administrator and director of medical labs in both California and Montana. Jack's love of the outdoors drew him to Montana (despite his hatred of cold weather) where he met his wife Nora in 1975. They married the next year and moved back to California to continue their careers. In 1994, the couple retired to Sheridan,

which they loved for its lack of mosquitoes and the stunning view of Baldy Mountain from their deck.

Jack was a lifelong outdoor enthusiast. Until his health started to fail, his retirement was filled with his favorite pastimes: fly fishing, golf, woodworking and throwing horseshoes. He was very progressive with technology and had a love-hate relationship with his computer, which was the source of many Sudoku games. A highlight of Jack's life was when his team won the 1985 Michelob Golf Clas-

sic in Auburn, Calif., and Jack capped off the victory with his first (and only) hole-in-one the following day – one day too late to win a new car in the tournament!

Jack's quick wit and clever humor will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife of 40 years Nora; children Paul Christian Morgan and Leslie Ann Morgan Carnes (Mike); sister Grace Meisel (Dave); niece Christina Meisel; nephew Mark Meisel; stepchildren Rob Lott, Dan Lott, Holly Haithcox (Bruce Pericich) and Thomas Lott; Kathy Lott;

grandchildren Kaelin and Nathan Morgan, Christopher and Julianne Carnes, Whitney, Kelcy and Tyler Lott, Trisha Lott, Amanda and Jared Haithcox and Bailey and Emily Lott; great grandson Gus; and friends throughout the Ruby Valley and Coalinga, Calif. Jack's life was touched by special friends Cora and Pete Novich, Ron and Marge Mailey, Ralph and Patty Wilson and Bob and Jeanie Bowers.

The sun has set, the day has passed ... you will be remembered with love and missed by so many. "Till we meet again Jack!

### Audrey M. Triplett 1916 – February 25, 2016

Audrey M. Triplett, age 99 of Twin Bridges, passed away Feb. 25 in Dillon.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in Twin Bridges this summer. K&L Mortuaries of Twin Bridges is assisting with arrangements.



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# Twin Bridges Schools second quarter honor roll

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Twin Bridges Schools

## Twin Bridges High School honor roll for second quarter:

### Seniors

James Bendon  
Ben Corrigan  
Tracen Eggers  
Robert Lovejoy  
Colby Minert  
Ethan Orrin  
Cassidy Wetzel  
Madyson Beagley  
Kaylan Garrison  
Jessica George  
Alice Giem  
Megan Martin  
Mariah Mays  
Rylee Mehring  
Justin Nelson  
Katie Pfertsh  
Kjersten Sandru  
Gabbi Stephens  
Wynn Swenson  
Monty Tipps  
Bill Yeager

### Juniors

Shalynn Broksle  
Audrey George  
Mara Johnson  
Laryssa Jones  
Mickey Patritti  
Kaleb Bausch  
Haley Fournier  
Sierra Frandsen  
Chase Kneeland  
Skiela Mager  
Brooke Schandelmeier  
Brooke Smith  
Cassie Williams

### Sophomores

Megan Bausch

Kaleb Garrison  
Jennifer Hobbs  
Beth Huttinga  
Eddie Kelly  
Michaela Madden  
Jenna Nelson  
Abigail Olsen  
Andrianna Pollorena  
RaeAnne Bendon  
Noah Harbor  
Mick Hendrickson  
Kailee Oliverson  
Ruth Redfield  
Sierra Rinta  
Emily Dustin

### Freshman

Emily Drukman  
Riah Edsall  
Cole Escott  
Nora Humbert  
Clancy Phillips  
Sydney Post  
Ayden Anderson  
Taryn Johnson  
Blu Keim  
Ethan Kneeland  
Daniel Kruer  
Jovenai Rosselott

### Eighth grade

Aaron Grabil  
Lydia Harbor  
Isaiah Redfield  
Rob Dale  
Avery George  
Ashleigh Guinnane  
Trystan Harmon  
Jake Hughes  
Nate Konen  
Brooke Mehlhoff  
Bryce Nye  
Dante Salerno  
CJ Wayland  
Beth Wrzesinski

Stone Smith

### Seventh grade

Hailey Jo Feigert  
Shawn Head  
Hadley Johnson  
Charlie Kruer  
Will Morris  
Hunter Sager  
Kyie Salerno  
Brynna Wolfe  
Carl Shaw  
Axton Anderson  
Delilah Puckett  
Tate Smith  
Bailey Stockett  
Tabitha Orrin

### Twin Bridges Elementary School honor roll for second quarter:

### Sixth grade

Pablo Babcock  
Adelean Baker  
Jasmine Banks  
Ryleigh Boyd  
Zane Carter  
Kara Dale  
Kate Fisher  
Chase Fitzpatrick  
Christopher Fraser  
Lilly Grabil  
Morgan Hendrickson  
Sam Konen  
Hailey Pack  
Tyler Pancost  
Francesca Pollorena  
Riky Puckett  
Taylor Smith  
Lexie Stockett  
Landen Wentzel

### Fifth grade

Leah Carter

Ian Frederick  
Jesse Hughes  
Reid Johnson  
Connor Nye  
Kyra Oliverson  
Zeke Redfield  
Mellie Reynolds  
McKenzie Stack  
Wiley Stockett  
Ruby Waller

Perfect attendance second quarter:

### Sixth grade

Christopher Fraser  
Lilly Grabil  
Francesca Pollorena

### Fifth grade

Connor Nye  
Zeke Redfield  
McKenzie Stack  
Wiley Stockett  
Ruby Waller

### Fourth grade

Ali Dale  
Wyatt Frandsen  
Amanda Millhouse

### Third grade

Janel Baker

### Second grade

Kristen Nelson  
Lilly Stockett

### First grade

Cooper Montgomery  
James Seidensticker

### Kindergarten

Joshua Millhouse  
Brandt Nelson

Never are we more aware of how much friends and family mean than at this difficult time. There are no words that seem adequate enough to say thank you to everyone who offered their kindness and sympathy following the loss of Ty. Through memories that he gave each of us - he will live forever in our hearts. The family of Ty McKay

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK ENNIS

Hannah Stecker is the Ennis Elementary Student of the Week. Hannah is a 2nd grade student in our school. She always works hard on the task at hand. It is important to her to do her best on her work and it is also important to her to set good examples for other people. Hannah always sees the bright side in things and lives life to the fullest. Congratulations, Hannah, and thank you for being a part of our school - keep up the great work!



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### SKIP

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### Saturday



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### Sunday



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### Monday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Highs 35 to 45.

*Quote of the Week:*

*Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!*

*Dr. Seuss*

## WORKING AS A TEAM

### Ruby Valley resident ranks 15th in the world for cutting

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Michelle Van Dyke stood brushing her 7-year-old gelding cutting horse in the midday sun.

"He hasn't quite shed all of his winter coat," she said. "He's looking kind of fat."

Van Dyke is petite in size. Her light gray hair sat tucked behind her ears, grazing at the nape of her neck and she donned a black cowboy hat to shield her face from the sun.

Solo, the token cattle dog, sat and waited for Van Dyke to finish, ready to head for the small arena behind the barn. Van Dyke's other dog, Millie, a giant St. Bernard, leaned against the side of the house, soaking up the sun.

"She's more of a large lawn ornament," Van Dyke said as Millie perked her head up and slowly laid it back down, fairly unimpressed.

The Van Dyke's property sits on the northern end of Sheridan, just outside the city limits, with Old Baldy Mountain in your view at all times. There are two mid-sized barns behind the house and a small arena to the side of road. A small herd of cattle graze just beyond the arena.

"It's like dancing with cows," said Michelle Van Dyke, in an attempt to explain cutting. "You're matching your movements to the movements of the cow. It really is a team sport."

Van Dyke is currently 15th in the world in the sport of cutting, a western style equestrian competition where a cutting horse and rider work as a team to demonstrate the horse's athletic ability at handling and working cattle.

#### The sport

Before being developed into a sport under the rules and regulations of the National Cutting Horse Association in the mid 40s, cutting was a basic practice used by ranchers throughout the American West. Because cows are herd bound animals, cutting was a necessity for ranchers needing to separate cattle for doctoring or branding.

"Its premise was for working cattle before becoming an actual sport," said Van Dyke, who is a 32-year veteran of the sport. "It started out as just an affordable sport and ranchers could do it. Now it's becoming more of a money-man sport."

The primary goal of a cutting competition is to separate a cow from the herd and keep it from returning. It is the responsibility of the horse to read the cow's movements and act accordingly without being guided by the rider. "Your horse should be in line with the cow," said Van Dyke's husband Jim.

The horse and rider are given two and a half minutes in the arena to work at least two cows, being judged on the athleticism of the horse and its expression in the arena.

"You want to pick a cow that's going to challenge your horse and work the horse," said Van Dyke.

The harder your horse has to work, the better your chances are for a higher score.

There are different divisions in which to enter, whether you are a pro or a non-pro like Van Dyke, and a ranking is determined based on your monetary accumulation throughout the year, according to your division.

#### From novice to expert

Van Dyke grew up on a ranch between Twin Bridges and Dillon where she first experienced riding horses and dabbled in barrel racing. After she met her husband, she got into cutting.

"Jim had a cutting horse when we were first married and I wanted to ride," Van Dyke said. "You take your first ride and you're hooked – you have to have more."

Now, 32 years later, Van Dyke has certainly made a name for herself in the world

of cutting. In 2010, she went to the World \$50,000 Amateur in Fort Worth, Texas, where she placed 13th, earning herself not only a title and some prize money, but also a big, shiny belt buckle. After the 2015 season, Van Dyke once again found a new title – 15th in the world.

"It's just kind of a feather in your cap," she said. "It's nice to be able to do something you enjoy, especially at my age."

Though she is a full-time rancher and realtor, from March through October her weekends are reserved for competitions.

"I probably go to 20 shows," she said – mostly she sticks to the western half the country but sometimes travels north of the border.

While she has to leave Jim to care for the ranch, Van Dyke often travels to competitions solo, with just her trusty four-legged teammate in tow.

"His name is Texas Brushpopper," she said. "I always seem to get the (horses) with the most interesting names. The one before him was Bahama Llama."

#### Making a connection

"It's a long process to teach a horse and rider to cut," said Jim as he operated a small flag connected to a pulley system in the arena.

Van Dyke sat squarely atop Texas Brushpopper, holding the reins loosely in her hands. Texas was square to the imitation cow, following the flag across the arena.

"The flag is nice because Michelle can operate it herself, where as a cow will move once or twice and then just stand there," Jim said, adding that their cows have all been through the practice ring.

"He's trying to cheat!" Van Dyke said as Texas flipped his tail around.

After a few rounds of playful dancing, Texas and Van Dyke were in the zone, matching the flag's movements, turning hard to stay one step ahead.

"Cutting horses are extremely smart," said Jim.

While the training process can be long, cutting is a natural instinct for the horse – training the rider takes more time.

"You want to find a horse that's going to be forgiving," said Van Dyke.

Probably the most important aspect of horse cutting is matching a horse and rider and making a good connection.

"It takes a while to bond with your horse and learn to read their movements," Van Dyke said as she stroked Texas Brushpopper's side.

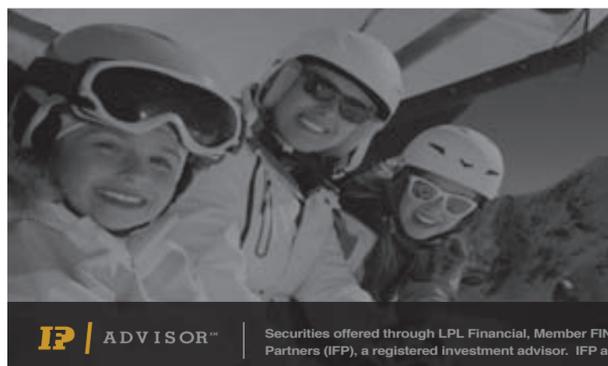
After a few more rounds with the flag, Texas and Van Dyke galloped around the arena, seeming to leave all worries back at the barn. The pair stopped in middle of the arena and Van Dyke guided her teammate in a backward and side-to-side movement before coming full circle and heading back around the arena.

"It really is a team sport," Van Dyke said.

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Michelle Van Dyke and Texas  
Brushpopper rank 15th in the world  
in the sport of cutting.



"It's like dancing with cows. You're matching your movements to the movements of the cows. It really is a team sport."  
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BY CAITLIN AVEY  
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I recently agreed to run a half marathon with my collegiate cross-country running older sister. I'm not sure if you have done the math but we're talking about 13.1 miles of straight pavement. Thirteen point one miles of sweating, heavy breathing, probably some bleeding and definitely some mental swearing – for me that is. Suzy, who ran cross-country and track all through high school and college, will probably just be doing the sweating part.

If she had approached me two months ago, I would have blown her off like I've done in the past and told her I'd show my support from the sideline. But this time, the little voice in my head told me this sounded like a good idea.

It's not that I'm not athletic – I excelled in sports in high school and they have always been something I have enjoyed. Running long distances, however, was never my thing. My mom and I have those fast-twitch muscles, meaning we're sprinters and we like short distances. Suzy and my dad, on the other hand, are built for endurance running.

My first run, according to a plan Suzy gave me, was an easy two miles. I did some stretches as I mentally prepared myself for what I expected to be a horrendous adventure, giving myself 24 minutes (that's a 12 minute mile pace) to get the job done.

The first half mile, I honestly thought I was going to die. Breathing was hard, my legs were hurting and sweat was dripping from eyes ... okay, I was probably crying. Yet, the little voice in my head was there, pushing me a step further every time I wanted to quit.

"Just a quarter mile more," it would say. "Just another quarter."  
As I approached the two-mile mark, I was two minutes under my goal and a sensation I have never felt before came over me – it was incredible. I had accomplished something I never thought I could do and I just wanted to do it all over again.

I've now been running three to four days a week for a month and just signed up to run my first 10K next weekend. Check back next month as I continue my battle with the belted beast and the open road and to see how the race went! Wish me luck!



## Linking financial wellness and physical wellness

BY ABIGAIL DENNIS  
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Last week, I made the largest "fun" purchase of my life. I bought a horse! He is a 4-year-old sorrel quarter horse named Eddie and I already love him.

Buying Eddie was a big step for me – I get buyer's remorse when spending money on anything, even necessities. I'll give you an example of my conservative spending habits. I was walking around wearing boots that had holes in the soles and was reluctant to buy new ones. Since my bosses, Erin and Susanne, know about my thrifty ways, they kindly presented me with a gift card to a shoe store. They knew if they handed me cash, I would probably stash it in the bank and keep wearing my worn boots.

So, the fact that I used a significant amount of my savings, even on a really promising horse, is truly a big deal. I love horses and can't wait to ride Eddie in the mountains and during hunting season. His presence in my life will increase my enjoyment of new outdoor adventures.

Eddie is already changing my world. Caring for him is not just a routine responsibility ... it is forcing me to alter my life in beneficial ways. Now, instead of going home after work and posting up on the couch, I head to the barn and spend time working with Eddie. And the cost of his care will also cause me to take a frugal approach to managing my finances by making a few lifestyle changes.

For this month, I'm going to eat out less and forgo happy hour to see what kind of savings I get. I'll report back next month!



## Developing healthy habits

BY ERIN LEONARD  
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So, I am 38 years old. I'll be 39 in August. And then it's 40. I truly wasn't bothered by turning 30. I thought it made me an official adult and I was more stoked than anything. I was also pregnant with my first child. But 40 might be different. Not because I find that age to be some marker that signals the beginning of the end, but because since I turned 30 ... well, I have gotten less healthy. I also feel like if I don't get my butt in gear now I will never do so.

It was all so easy for me in my 20s. I never gained weight, I didn't really understand what 'out of shape' meant. Now I do. My kids are getting more active (my husband is always active). I want to be a good example for them. I want to ski without my legs hurting after four runs, run with them in their first 5K and hike high up in the mountains with them seeing me as strong and healthy. And mainly, I want to feel good. I know I eat improperly a lot of the time and I know I don't exercise as much as I should. That's changing now. I want to lose 20 pounds. That's my goal.

I started last week running on the treadmill four days a week and hopefully squeezing in an outside run on the weekends. I like running and the high it gives me, so I will start there. I also signed up for a 10K that is in less than two weeks (don't worry, I won't hurt myself ... I don't think). On top of all that, I am starting small with my eating habits. I am cutting out fried food and soda. I am also trying to eat five small meals rather than three bigger meals.

I am not utilizing any help from professionals (although I am not opposed and probably should). I am just going to start out with some common sense and hopefully develop some good healthy habits that yield results. Hopefully this column will hold me accountable and I can write about positive results!



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## THIS is the year

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At some point every year for the past 10 years, I have proclaimed that THIS was the year I was going to take better care of myself. And each of those 10 years has come and gone, having seen quite the opposite happen. In fact, I can confidently say it's been a unanimous flop.

Something I have learned about myself is that I often miss life's messages if they are displayed in figurative small print. I'm more of a headline kind of girl. I'm usually excessively focusing on all of my to-dos; thus, it is going to take a message in large font and bold print to catch my attention. I'm not proud of it but it is what it is.

So, it would be fitting that those 10 years of, "Gosh ... I really should eat better," have progressed to the present, "What the heck is wrong with me? No, seriously, maybe it's bad!?"

Fast forward to today, day six of my household's clean eating plan – we're finding out which foods work for us and which don't. The positive results were almost immediate. Many of the awful symptoms that were making life a bear are gone! So, while I can't be sure that food was the culprit, I can say I'm pretty optimistic.

The objective isn't weight loss, it's improving my overall health – because mine has become, in all seriousness, frighteningly lacking.

More specifically, my goal this week is to cheat a little less and to thank my wonderful husband daily for being supportive enough to eat like a caveman.





# COLUMNS



## This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



### Beelzebub's days are numbered in the valley

*We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity – The Big Book*

I was walking up a set of stairs the other day. I wasn't alone; I had a companion who was also upwardly mobile. Simultaneously, we noticed a common housefly creeping around on one of the treads. It was still winter, so it seemed somewhat out of the ordinary to find the critter lurching about on the step like a drunken sailor.

My companion remarked quite matter-of-factly, "Oh look, there's a fly crawling about."

I stepped on it and said in reply, "Not now."

It is always my intention to be kind to all of God's creatures, but must confess I find flies both disgusting and disturbing. I know the sorts of things they like to play around with and eat and I want no part of it, so I am quite fly-icidal when I see them out and about. They make me crazy.

I can stand in a room full of flies, swatting them left and right all day long, and be insanely happy as the dickens. You could call me a flyromaniac.

One day I was out shopping and found what I thought was a good deal on a set of fly swatters. It was a three-pack, so I bought two (to match my six-pack abs, of course). That way I could have a fly-smoother handy in every room, for little annoys me more than when I have to waste time seeking something

to obliterate the uninvited wing-nuts. By the time I've located the whacky-doo, the pesty-poo has moved along, so now

I have something for every room – and they were cheap, to boot.

Unfortunately, you get what you pay for. The swatters are so flimsy they do no harm; they are anything but lethal. In fact, I do believe the flies have put out fliers inviting swarms to come get massages for free. It got so bad a deputy sheriff threatened to throw me in jail for operating a massage parlor without a license! I let fly with my tale of woe, so he let me go, as long as I promised not to

flea the county.

So I gave up the fly swatters for Lent and decided to take another tack. I went to the local hardware store and purchased packs of tacky fly-snatching strips. I stretched them out and hung them up by the windows, and they did an okay job of catching the little black buggers. On the other hand, they looked pretty unsightly hanging there and that bugged me. What would our guests think?

I didn't mind the strips so much, but I don't like seeing creatures – even nasty flies – struggling in despair. I could almost hear them crying in their little fly-voices: Help me! Save me! Woe is me!

It makes me feel a bit like a Padre de Sade. Even if flies are carriers of disease and pestilence, they undoubtedly have their place in the circle of life (just not around me).

Consequently, I decided to try a different approach. I went to another local establishment and found cans of pesticide for sale. They were reasonably priced and I thought the skull and cross-bones were tastefully and artfully displayed. I carefully read the instructions and discerned I was qualified to follow them, so I bought a can and, with more than a bit of maniacal cackling, took it out for a spin.

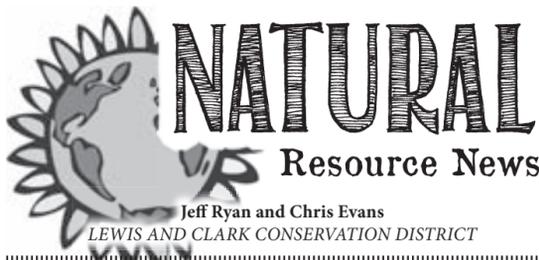
I soon discovered a flock of flies congregating on a window, presumably discussing where to go for dinner. I stood back a few paces, gently shook the can in my hand, aimed and pfeut – let fly with a cloud of aerial ack-ack.

At first, the mist appeared to have had no effect and I was quite disappointed, but then ... then they began to quiver and shake and soon, they began to drop like ... yes ... they began to drop like flies.

Take that, Beelzebub! V-F day was at hand; I'd found my solution. Those falling aviators looked at me with their googly eyes and the last thing they heard from me was this: "You've been canned."

With that, what passes for sanity (at least in my mind) returned, and that's the buzz for this week here in this, our valley.

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## SPRING PLANTING

Most gardens aren't ready for growing, and I doubt if my neighbor's back 40 is ready for seed either. What I want to share is a few thoughts on streambank planting.

This time of year, if you've got an eroding bank on your stream and you want to treat it with something other than riprap or car bodies and want to use vegetation, you need to start preparing for the project. So why so early? The answer is that in most of Montana one of the most effective plant materials to use is willow and this time of the year they are in dormancy weathering the winter. So am I suggesting you try to dig out the willow and plant it on your eroding stream bank? Of course not. What I am suggesting is that now is the time to cut willow stems.

Most species of willow are able to generate root growth along their stems, if while they are in dormancy, they are planted in soil. There are numerous species of willow in Montana and I wish I could identify even a few of them, but I can't. The good news is that in most parts of Montana, including our area, one of the most common species (and one of the

best for streambank planting) is sandbar, sometimes called coyote, willow. This is the 6 – 8 foot tall plant you see along most of our major rivers and streams – the one that captures your \$5 fly and saves those trout. If you aren't a fly fisher, it is the plant that has a long narrow leaf with a jagged sawtooth like leaf edge.

A few pointers on willow collection/cutting: First, make sure the stand is relatively younger growth. This time of year the younger willow stands have a light reddish hue on the upper reaches of the stem. The stem bark is usually pretty smooth and if in doubt, just take a sharp object (fingernail can work) and peel off some of the bark. If a moist green veneer is exposed, the willow is young and vibrant for cutting and transplant.

Cutting length will vary depending on how you want to plant the willow. If you intend to sandwich them horizontally between fabric soil lifts, the length should be about 4 – 6 feet in length. If you are going to sprig them vertically in holes you've punched in the bank, they can be shorter, depending on the hole depth and where groundwater is in the hole.

There are a number of other planting techniques, but whatever you use, the key is assuring that at least 80 percent of the stem length is in the ground.

Again, remember that the roots form along the stem length and if a lot of the stem is exposed above ground it will form too many leaves that rob energy from the roots. Vary stem diameters from approximately finger/thumb size to about 1.5 inch diameter. The smaller stems take off earlier in the season, but the bigger diameter has more stored energy to help later in the growing season.

I would suggest bundling willow in groups of about 25 cuttings each. Old baling twine works just fine for the tie together. One twine surrounding the cuttings is good, but if you want to compact the bundle for storage purposes, twine at the lower end of the bundle and another further up works just fine. You can bundle more together, but a bundle of 25 is easier to handle and simplifies keeping track of numbers cut.

After the bundles are formed you need to store them in a refrigerated environment until you

are going to use them. The north side of a building with snow covering them works fine, but if you are going to plant them later in the spring you need to arrange for refrigeration. You would be surprised how many tightly bound willow bundles you can get in a mid-sized walk in cooler.

The willow should be immersed in water a minimum of 24 hours prior to use in the stream bank. The soaking activates enzymes that stimulate root growth. You can soak them for up to two weeks but at that point they form fragile roots that make transplant very difficult.

Good luck with your spring planting and don't hesitate to contact your local conservation district if you have questions. They would also welcome visiting your potential streambank project and sharing ideas with you on approaches. There may be some grant resources available to help with projects on a case-by-case basis.

A further note is that prior to actually doing your stream project or any stream project, your 310 permit is required from the conservation district. This permit takes 30 to 45 days to obtain and there is no cost for it.

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**A streambank previously stabilized with willows shows good recovery and growth.**



## WANT WILDLIFE? GRAZE LIVESTOCK

By Billy Whitehurst  
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With the unusually heavy snowfall we have seen this winter in the Whitehall area I have heard lots of folks comment on how many pheasants they have seen this winter. The reality is they have always been there in heavy abundance, but the snow has made them really stand out this year by simply making them more visible. What has amazed me though is that no one has seemed to comment on where they see the birds. If you've been paying attention you will notice an abundance of pheasants on the feeding grounds for livestock. This really shouldn't be surprise to anyone, as wildlife will typically follow livestock. This applies to large game as well.

Why do so many people prefer to hunt big game on private land? Simple. Elk and deer tend to graze on lush alfalfa hay meadows or follow the grazing herds in an effort to get the lush and tender regrowth that comes after pastures have been grazed by livestock. Many outfitters I know will request the grazing

plans from the ranches they lease for their clients. Why? They will generally start hunting the areas grazed about six weeks prior.

It is often thought that elk and cattle are in competition for feed and at times they can be as they are both classified as a biological grazer, which means they select primarily for grass and forb type species of plants. Deer are classified as browsers and rarely select grass if there is anything else available to them. When looking at the physiology of elk and cattle, they graze differently even though they may select for the same species. Elk graze closer to the ground than cattle and have lips that are much more tensile than cattle. This is the simple reason that elk like to follow cattle, resulting in well-managed pastures becoming an elk haven. Over time if grazing is strictly excluded, elk will use the ungrazed areas for a refuge, but migrate to the better managed areas for forage. While it may be beneficial to have an area that goes ungrazed for period of time to provide cover and refuge for wildlife, a planned rotational grazing system will in the end prove

more beneficial to wildlife and the land.

Before coming into the extension field, I spent almost 10 years as a ranch appraiser and during that time and since I have seen many properties be purchased to create a pheasant haven for hunting, which unfortunately often excludes grazing. At first it seems like a great idea, but over time the pheasant population dwindles leaving the landowner wondering what happened. Where did they go? They plant food plots often to no avail, provide more cover and still the birds don't return. Why not?

All too often we focus on the cover aspect and the food aspect ... for the adult birds. We plant annual grains of all species for food plots to give those birds a buffet to die for, but do we think about the survival of the clutch (the nest of young birds)? In the first few weeks of most bird's lives they rely heavily on insects and forbs (broadleaf type plants) as they provide a higher plain of nutrition, specifically in the area of proteins, than grass species and even grains. Grains are typically high in energy but low

in the proteins that the young need to grow. We can provide all the food in the world for the adult population, but without meeting the nutritional needs of the young chicks, the population can't sustain itself.

Enter the grazing animal. The benefit of a well-managed grazing plan to the pheasant and other game bird populations is twofold. Properly managed grazing creates a wider diversity of plant species, including those succulent little forbs that young chicks need, but also provides for a direct injection of insects via the manure left behind. Within the manure there will be worms, grubs and fly larvae ... all packed with proteins needed to keep the chicks growing and thriving. When we think about it, it is really just the cycle of nature. Sometimes we over analyze what we do and forget to employ nature's way of keeping the cycle going. So the next time you are driving around the countryside and looking at all those pheasants on the neighbor's property that you wish were on yours, take a look at what they have that you don't. It could be as simple as what the cows leave behind.

## Commodity Insite! The proverbial "it" hit the fan due to soaring inflation

by Jerry Welch

In a surprise, the core rate of inflation within the Consumer Price Index jumped 2.2 percent last month, the biggest increase since the summer of 2012, four years ago. The data confirms the Fed's view that inflationary pressures are alive and kicking despite the fact that commodity prices per se are at a 13 year low. And believe it or not, the marketplace viewed the news as bullish because unusually low inflation is a certain sign the economy is weak.

The core rate of inflation does not include energy and food. The uptick with inflationary pressures was the result of rising housing and health care costs. Compared to a year ago, housing expenses are up 3.2 percent and medical expenses up 3.3 percent. In January, airfare, clothing and auto costs rose while food expenses were flat. Moving forward, depending on economic growth and inflation,

the Fed will decide the pace of additional rate hikes.

Keep in mind that in December, the Fed hiked rates for the first time in nine years. They have also promised, threatened or whatever to hike rates three to four more times this year to fight inflation. History shows that higher interest rates are bearish for most all markets with the possible exception of the United States dollar. Thus, if rates are hiked in the year ahead, the dollar will likely work higher while stock and commodities per se work lower.

The United States is not the only nation struggling with inflation. In Venezuela, crude oil exports account for 95 percent of the nation's income but as prices have dropped nearly 74 percent since the summer of 2014, the state-led economy is now mired in a deep recession. According to globalpost.com, "Already dealing with triple-

digit inflation, Venezuelans have just been hit with about a 6,000 percent hike in gasoline prices and a 37 percent currency devaluation." The President of Venezuela addressed the nation with a four hour television broadcast and tried to reassure the citizen the price of gasoline was, "almost nothing." Venezuelans had the cheapest gasoline prices before the 6,000 percent increase and they have the cheapest gas prices after the hike.

However, globalpost.com goes on to state, "Such comments are unlikely to go down well with ordinary Venezuelans who are used to almost free gasoline and are currently struggling to pay for cooking oil and toilet paper as a widespread scarcity of basic goods fuels inflation and eats up their salaries. Inflation hit 275 percent last year and is expected to reach 720 percent this year."

In the United States, the Fed is

hiking rates because they fear their target of 2 percent inflation, year over year, will be reached sometime soon. Compare that 2 percent inflation target with the expected rate in Venezuela of 720 percent this year and it is mind-boggling. But inflation has been a problem across the globe for decades. In a weekly column from April 1989, I stated, "The inflation rate in Peru topped 1,720 percent last year and could, according to many experts, reach an unbelievable 10,000 percent in 1989." In June 1989 I wrote the following: "Inflation in Argentina reached 75 percent in May and is accelerating at a pace that would amount to more than 80,000 percent for the year."

All those stories pale in comparison what I wrote years earlier in December 1987, as an example of runaway inflation. I wrote, "But the most astounding record of all occurred in 1924

during Germany's period of hyperinflation. According to Federal Reserve data, the dollar climbed to an all-time high of 4.587 trillion Reichmarks to the dollar. I am not sure, but that could be where the term 'good bang for your buck' got started."

In 1989, riots began in Caracas, Venezuela, that left 1,200 dead when gasoline prices were raised. From lattime.com, "Fearful of stoking violence again, governments since then have only raised the price once, keeping it frozen since 1994. Inflation over the years has reduced the real value to virtually nothing. But the subsidy has been costly. The state-owned oil company PDVSA estimates that artificially cheap gasoline was costing the government \$12 billion per year. As much as 10 percent of Venezuelan gasoline is sold as contraband in Colombia and Brazil because of

the huge profit potential for smugglers."

The more I think about the volatile situation in Venezuela regarding inflation and the various shortages of basic necessities, the more clear it becomes. There was a cause and effect scenario at work with the scarcity of toilet paper coupled with the hike in gasoline prices. Follow my logic if you will.

The average Venezuelan, upon hearing news about a humongous jump with gas prices, was greatly surprised and in sudden need of toilet paper, which led to the immediate shortage of a basic necessity. It was clearly a cause followed by the effect. That is my theory. And if correct with such an assumption, it would certainly explain how the proverbial "it" hit the fan when Venezuelan citizens learned that gasoline prices at the pump soared 6,000 percent overnight.

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## Just a Pinch

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By Janet Thorpe

### Go Nutty for Sweet Alabama Pecan Bread

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- 1 c sugar
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- 1 1/2 c self-rising flour
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- 2 c pecans, finely chopped

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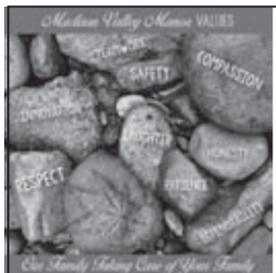
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 18-tfc-b

The Pool Advisory Committee, Sheridan, MT is accepting Life Guard applications for the 2016 swim season. Applications are due by April 1, 2016. See [rubyvalleypool.com](http://rubyvalleypool.com) for application and details. Contact via [info@rubyvalleypool.com](mailto:info@rubyvalleypool.com).  
 19-2-b

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 19-2-b

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**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 Accredited 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 to 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 Schetter**, 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 REFER-

ENCE 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  
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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 scribes' 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 59717-1389, by April 17th, 2016. Please indicate "Case 41F-A15" on any response, objection or other correspondence related to this Motion to Amend.  
(Pub. Feb. 18, 25 and Mar. 3 2016) dms  
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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. 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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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ARLENE BARNOSKY, Deceased.

Probate No. DP-29-2016-6  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representatives 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 John Warren, Davis, Warren & Hritsco, P.O. Box 28, Dillon, Montana 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
DATED February 22, 2016.  
Neil Alan Barnosky  
Co-Personal Representative  
Eric Jay Barnosky  
Co-Personal Representative  
Personal Representatives' Attorney  
John Warren  
Davis, Warren & Hritsco  
P. O. Box 28  
Dillon, Montana 59725  
(Pub. March 3, 10, 17, 2016) dwh  
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## NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by ANDREW P. SUENRAM, as successor Trustee, of the public sale of the real property hereinafter described pursuant to the "Small Trust Financing Act of Montana" (Section 71-1-301, et seq., MCA). The following information is provided:  
THE NAMES OF THE GRANTOR, ORIGINAL TRUSTEE, THE BENEFICIARY IN THE TRUST INDENTURE, ANY SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE BENEFICIARY OR GRANTOR, ANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, AND THE PRESENT RECORD OWNER ARE:

Grantor: John Hanley and Sharron Reynolds, 3829 Atkins Street, Cheyenne, WY 82001  
Original Trustee: First American Title Company of Madison County, LLC, dba Madison County Title, PO Box 54, Virginia City, MT 59755-0054  
Successor Trustee: Andrew P. Suenram, Suenram & Bergeson, PO Box 1366, Dillon, MT 59725  
Original Beneficiary: Ruby Valley National Bank, PO Box 417, Twin Bridges, MT 59754

Present Record: Owner: Sharree Reynolds, P.O. Box 529, Twin Bridges, MT 59754

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

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY COVERED BY THE TRUST INDENTURE IS: The real property and its appurtenances in Madison County, Montana, more particularly described as follows:  
Lots 18 & 19 of Tobacco Root Unit of Jefferson Acres according to the official plat thereof filed in Plat Book 4, Page 22, Records of Madison County, Montana.

RECORDING DATA: The following instruments and documents have been recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's Office in Madison County, Montana.  
Montana Trust Indenture dated July 3, 2003 and recorded July 23, 2003, in Book 490, at page 246, under Document No. 93369, records of Madison County, Montana (the "Trust Indenture").

Substitution of Trustee dated November 23, 2015, and recorded December 2, 2015, under Document No. 164461, records of Madison County, Montana.  
THE DEFAULT FOR WHICH THE FORECLOSURE IS MADE IS:

Nonpayment of amounts due pursuant to the terms of the Trust Indenture and Grantor's Promissory Note dated July 3, 2003, secured thereby, executed by John Hanley and Sharron Reynolds, including but not limited to the nonpayment of monthly payments due July 5, 2015 and each subsequent payment in the amount of \$600.00 each, together with late fees.

THE SUMS OWING ON THE OBLIGATION SECURED BY THE TRUST INDENTURE ARE:

Principal: \$32,275.97  
Interest: Interest continues to accrue and totals \$550.26 as of October 7, 2015. The current interest rate is 7.86% per annum.  
Late Charges: Late charges continue to accrue and total \$205.40 as of October 7, 2015. The Beneficiary anticipates and intends to disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the real property, and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts or taxes are paid by the Grantor or successor

in interest to the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligation secured by the Trust Indenture. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of the sale include the Trustee's and attorney's fees and costs and expenses of sale.

THE TRUSTEE, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BENEFICIARY, HEREBY ELECTS TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO SATISFY THE AFORESAID OBLIGATIONS.  
THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE ARE:

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
Time: 11:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect.

Place: Front entrance to the Madison County Courthouse,  
100 Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT 59755.

Terms: This sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, and excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid in cash. The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

Dated: December 7, 2015  
/s/ Andrew P. Suenram  
ANDREW P. SUENRAM  
Successor Trustee  
STATE OF MONTANA  
:ss

County of Beaverhead  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of December, 2015, by Andrew P. Suenram, Successor Trustee.  
/s/ Amanda A. Howard  
Notary Public for the State of Montana (SEAL)

Printed Name: Amanda A. Howard  
Residing at: Dillon, MT  
My Commission Expires: April 1, 2019  
(Pub. March 3, 10, 17, 2016) sb  
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-Advance Directives  
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**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.

**EFFECTIVE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
Your drycleaning drop & pick up in Sheridan will be moved to the Sinclair Station/  
**McLeod Mercantile**  
Madison Laundry and Cleaners wishes to thank Pat and her crew for helping us serve the Sheridan area.  
Thank you Sandy for helping us continue this service in the community of Sheridan.  
~John and the crew at Madison Laundry & Cleaners

# Ennis high school and elementary students place at Regional Science Fair

SUBMITTED BY MELLISSA NEWMAN  
Ennis schools

## FIFTH GRADE:

**Biological:**  
Tanner Inman – first place – blue ribbon and gold medal  
Jaylynn Jenkins – second place – red ribbon  
Kody Suplee – third place – white ribbon  
**Physical:**  
Nicholas Johnson – first place – blue ribbon and bronze medal  
Genesis Boyles – first place – blue ribbon and

gold medal  
Will Inman – second place – red ribbon

## SIXTH GRADE:

**Biological:**  
Shae Lovett – second place – red ribbon  
Taylor Barney – second place – red ribbon  
Cassidy Carruthers – second place – red ribbon  
**Physical:**  
Tait Olson – second place – red ribbon  
Henry Lukas – third place – white ribbon  
Bo Kelley – third place – white ribbon

## SEVENTH GRADE:

**Biological:**  
Chance Story – 2nd Place – Red Ribbon and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks award

## EIGHTH GRADE:

**Biological:**  
Maida Knapton and Kara Elliott – third place – white ribbon  
**Physical:**  
Riley Green and Daniel Johnson – second place

– red ribbon

## TENTH GRADE:

**Behavioral Science:** Chrissy Ackerman and Marlena Oldham – third place – white ribbon  
Charlie Gilmore and Will Gilmore – third place – white ribbon  
**Physical:**  
Christopher Funston – third place – white ribbon

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

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



# Find Fellowship With Us

## AREA SENIOR MEALS

**Ruby Valley Baptist Church**  
Tony Shaw, Pastor  
842-5602  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.  
One block behind IGA, Sheridan

**Rocky Mountain Baptist Church**  
682-4949  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 6 p.m.  
606 Comley Way, Ennis  
6 Blocks South of City Complex  
Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

**Dayspring Church**  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School/Nursery  
Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship  
Joel Trenkle/Pastor  
Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com  
596-0707 • 3648 Hwy 287  
Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

**HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Harrison, Montana  
Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Joe Miller  
Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

**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.  
3560 | MT State Hwy 287  
Sheridan 842-5860  
Bishop Dustin 684-5255

**Liturgy Schedule**  
St. Patrick, Ennis Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.  
St. Mary, Laurin Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.  
Deacon Andy Dorrington, Pastoral Administrator ~ 842-5588

**Madison Valley Presbyterian Church**  
WORSHIP  
September - April ~ 11 a.m.  
May - August ~ 9 a.m.  
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Rev. Jean M. Johnson  
682-4355 ~ Ennis  
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**Dr. Ray Teston**  
Pastor  
Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.  
5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT  
Phone 682-4244 SBC  
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Aides for the hearing impaired

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
The Church of Word and Sacrament  
Visitors Welcome  
Pastor Ken Stensrud  
• Sunday Service 9:00 am  
• Bible Study 10:15 am  
• Sunday School 10:15 am  
Corner of Madison and Arnette St.  
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4900

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
Ennis Branch  
Sacrament Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.  
Family History Center  
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614  
Pres. Thompson 682-7415  
133 MT Hwy 287

**Christian Science Society**  
Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.  
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842-5845  
Pastor Duane Deshner  
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Wednesday (Kids/Youth) 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)  
Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)  
Youth Group (7th-12th grade)  
Ruby Valley Food Pantry  
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon  
We are a church dedicated to serving this valley!

**Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish**  
Invites You To Worship With Us  
Lay Leader: Dave Reintsma (406) 594-3287  
Office: (406) 842-5934  
Home: (406) 842-7732  
Church of the Valley Twin Bridges  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group Weds at 6:30 pm  
Bethel UMC Sheridan  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
Youth Group Sunday evenings  
Ready Set Grow Preschool  
Contact Kaycee Gilman 842-5311

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SUNDAY SERVICE 9:45 am  
Christian Ed 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE  
Snack & Yack 6:30 pm  
Family Night 7:8:15 pm  
(Prayer meeting, Women's bible study, youth group, kids groups)  
Pastor Greg Ledgerwood  
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT  
682-4197

**Madison County Episcopal Churches**  
In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Join Us for Sunday Worship!  
Trinity Jeffers/Ennis 11:00 a.m.  
St. Paul's Virginia City Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Christ Church Sheridan Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
www.rvec.org  
Prayer requests: 682-4788 843-5296 842-7713

**GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**  
In Association with The Conservative Baptists of America  
SERVICE AT ALDER SCHOOL AT 10 AM WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING  
Christ-centered, Bible Based Teaching, Open Question Forum  
Tel. 406-842-5915  
Pastor Tom Luksha

## SENIOR MEALS, VIRGINIA CITY

Winter Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Thursdays (through May 2016) from 11:30 am to 12:30 for \$3.50.  
Mar. 3: Grilled ham & cheese or cheeseburger w/ tomato soup, chocolate cherry cake  
Mar. 10: Fried Chicken & Mashers, gravy, corn, roll, cookie  
Mar. 17: Reuben rolls w/ side salad, apple crisp  
Mar. 24: Stuffed pork roast, mashers & gravy, carrots, brownie  
Mar. 31: Hamburger, potato casserole, roll, fruit upside down cake

## MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

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

## RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN

Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - noon. Located at 114 N. Main St. in New Beginnings. Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Sandy at 842-7843 or Wannetta at 842-5783 for more information.

## MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN

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

## ENNIS MEALS ON WHEELS, ENNIS

Tuesday-Friday 11:45 am to 12:30 pm  
Reservations 682-4422  
To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in.  
Ennis Senior center, 315 W Main Street

## MARCH 3 - MARCH 10 MENU:

Thurs, Mar. 3: SALISBURY STEAK, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, VEGGIES, DESSERT  
Friday, Mar. 4: TOMATO BASIL PESTO PASTA SALAD, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT  
Tuesday, Mar. 8: FRENCH DIP - MOZZARELLA, CHIPS, FRUIT, DESSERT  
Weds, Mar. 9: CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, CROISSANT, APPLESAUCE, DESSERT  
Thurs, Mar. 10: BROCCOLI BEEF, RICE, DESSERT

— King Crossword —  
Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.

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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges  
**ALANON MEETING**  
Same Time - Same Place

**ALANON**  
Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley  
Thursdays, 8 pm

**ALANON**  
Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm  
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**A.A. MEETING**  
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(behind Methodist Church)  
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**Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group**  
Faced with a drinking problem?  
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SUZAN - 10 a.m., No Smoking,  
Virginia City Library  
MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking  
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers  
FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking  
682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis  
843-5352 Virginia City

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Meets every Saturday at 6 p.m. & starts with a meal.  
DAYSRING MISSION  
3648 Hwy 287, Sheridan  
596-0707

# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Open burning season

SUBMITTED BY DUSTIN TETRAULT  
Madison County Disaster and Emergency Services

Spring burning season is here. Burning is a great way to clear dead vegetation and clean up. Before you light up this spring, take the necessary precautions to ensure your burn does not become the next wildfire. Obtain a permit (<https://app.mt.gov/burnpermit>) or contact Madison County Disaster and Emergency Services at 843-4253, burn early in the day and check weather for afternoon or next day wind conditions. Be sure to have adequate equipment, assistance and water supply with you and always make sure the area is cold to the touch before leaving. Checking the following day is also important as stumps or roots may be holding heat that could reignite. If a fire does get out of control call 911 immediately.

This message is brought to you by the Montana Department of Natural Resources

and Conservation and Madison County DES. For more information visit - [www.keep-green.org](http://www.keep-green.org)

## Artist's reception in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY CAROL DELISI  
The Friends of the Sheridan Public Library

The Friends of the Sheridan Public Library will host a reception for Sheridan artist Nadine Pickthorn on Thursday, March 3 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Pickthorn's focus for her artwork has always been wildlife and their habitat. She paints on a variety of surfaces including traditional canvas, clayboard and watercolor paper, as well as non-traditional surfaces such as Montana sandstone, wood and agate slabs, feathers, sheet of acrylic and preserved

leaves.

Join us for refreshments and discussion with Pickthorn. Her prints are currently on display at the Sheridan Library.

For more information, please call the Sheridan Public Library at 842-5770.

## Local real estate agent earns e-PRO® certification

SUBMITTED BY JACK LEBER  
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties

Jack Leber, sales associate for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties - Ruby Valley offices, has successfully completed the e-PRO® certification program and has been awarded the e-PRO® certification, the official technology certification program offered by the National Association of Realtors.

Leber joins more than 30,000 real estate professionals who have earned NAR's e-PRO® certification and dedicated time and effort towards learning how to use the latest social media technologies to create an online presence and reach today's hyper-connected consumers.

"Today's consumers are beginning their real estate search online," said Frank Colwell, managing broker of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties - Ruby Valley offices. "With an increasing number of consumers turning to social media and online technology throughout their home search, it is essential for today's agents to have the knowledge and training necessary to connect with these consumers online."

## Madison County gears up for Relay for Life 2016

SUBMITTED BY MEG SAMMONS  
Madison County Relay for Life

The Madison County Relay for Life planning committee is excited to announce the date of the 2016 relay and the new venue - it will be on June 17 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Lion's Club Park in Ennis. The new venue will inspire everyone walking the luminaria lit paths, celebrating cancer survivors and remembering those we have lost to cancer.

Be sure to mark your calendars in March and attend one of two relay kick off events in Ennis and Sheridan. Warm up with free coffee Saturday, March 19 at Maples Coffee 8

- 10 a.m. in Ennis and sign up your team, or gather at the Sump Bar in Sheridan, Thursday, March 24 from 5 - 7 p.m. for goodies and team sign up. Bring your friends and neighbors, invite your loved ones or challenge co-workers to start a team.

Keep looking for upcoming relay events, including the details for the first annual Relay for Life 5K fun run/walk in Sheridan June 4, the annual wine tasting, a mega raffle and much more.

Want to be involved? Contact Meg Sammons at 682-7093.

## Sheridan scholarship news

SUBMITTED BY LAURIE BARTOLETTI  
Sheridan Schools

The Sheridan Scholarship Foundation is inviting scholarship applications from all Sheridan graduates. Alumni must submit a transcript, one current letter of recommendation and an essay describing goals and path to achieve those goals. Current seniors are required to submit: plans for life after high school, two references in addition to two letters of recommendation and a complete updated resume.

The deadline is Friday, March 18 (post-marked) to: The Sheridan Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 312, Sheridan MT, 59749 For further information, contact Mrs. Bartoletti at [laurieb@sheridan.k12.mt.us](mailto:laurieb@sheridan.k12.mt.us).

## Children's authors in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY JANET HILL  
Raven Publishing

Montana children's authors, Janet Muirhead Hill from Norris and Marcia Melton from Big Sky, will be at Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc. in Ennis from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 to autograph their books, visit with those who come by and answer any questions you may have about books and writing. Hill is the author of the "Miranda and Starlight" series of seven books, a trilogy about twins and two stand alone novels for middle grade and young adults. Melton wrote two historical novels set in Montana, "The Boarding House" (set in 1914) and "Joe Henry's Journey" (set in 1862) for children, young adults and anyone interested in authentic Montana history.



## SACAJAWEA HOTEL

### Easter Brunch

MARCH 27

Enjoy a special Easter Brunch. Pompey's Grill will be offering a wide variety of tastes for every craving. 8:30am - 1:15pm. Reservations required.

\$32.95 Regular Adult  
\$19.95 Hotel Guests  
\$14.95 Kids 5-12  
FREE Kids 4 & Under



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### Dining Specials



PRIME RIB WEDNESDAY  
Only \$25<sup>00</sup>

Every Wednesday come treat yourself to a mouth watering herb-crusted prime rib. This 10 oz, slow roasted, local beef is served with horseradish cream, Au Jus, and two sides for your choice.



3 COURSE THURSDAY  
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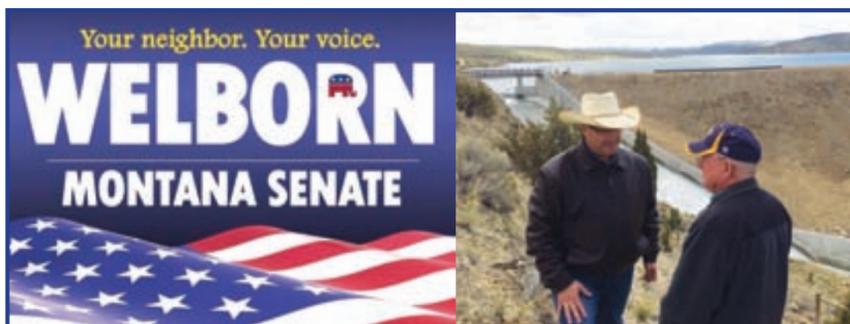


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Paid For by Friends of Jeff Welborn, Box 790 Dillon, MT 59725



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

## 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

There will be a question and answer session after the presentations.

The Ruby Valley Hospital is an equal opportunity provider.



## Madison Valley Manor residents take a trip

SUBMITTED BY MELODY CLARK  
Madison Valley Manor

Madison Valley Manor residents bundled up, loaded up and ended up at

the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone. Eight residents enjoyed the outing and expressed gratitude and that they had learned a lot. While there they had lunch and Dar-

cel Cook treated everyone to ice cream. Bright and early that same morning Melody and Oakley and the kitchen crew fixed omelets for everyone – enjoyed by all.

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## Twin Bridges senior places in speech contest

SUBMITTED BY DOUG MARTIN  
American Legion Post 31

On Feb. 20, the District Six American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program speech contest was held in Butte

and Kjersten Sandru competed representing Twin Bridges High School and our local community. Her prepared speech was titled "The Legacy of Liberty" and she spoke about the cost of freedom. Many in the crowd spoke later of how

touching her speech was and how it made many of them reflect back to their experiences in the military and with family.

After the competition was complete, Sandru won second place with a scholarship check, a certificate and oratory medal.

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## BEACH PARTY



PHOTO COURTESY RUSS WHITACRE  
ENNIS LIONS CLUB

The Ennis Lions Club recently held their winter dinner at the senior center and celebrated with a beach theme complete with a surfboard, tropical beach attire and a Polynesian themed meal. Pictured from the left are John Sedwick, Mary Sedwick and Elaine Forsberg.

**RE-ELECT**  
**Kelly McInerney**  
 To the 3 Rivers Telephone Co-op Board of Trustees  
**Annual Meeting and Trustee Election, Monday, March 21, Fairfield, MT**  
 Committed to maintaining 3 Rivers' financial stability and customer service to enhance the health of our rural communities  
**Remember: If you're not attending the Annual Meeting, return your mail-in ballot by March 16, 2016.**  
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## THURSDAY MARCH 3

### Business after hours, Ennis

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.

### Artist reception, Sheridan

Reception at the Sheridan Public Library for Nadine Pickthorn beginning at 4 p.m.

### 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.

### Pinocle, Cameron

March Madness pinocle at the Bear Creek Schoolhouse every Saturday night in March beginning at 7 p.m.

### Observatory night, Twin Bridges

Join us at the Cottontail Observatory at 7 p.m. for a stargazing night. If the weather is bad a presentation will be given.

## SUNDAY MARCH 6

### Brunch and bingo, Virginia City

Brunch with 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.

**Story time, Virginia City**  
Join us at 10:30 a.m. for story time every Tuesday at the Thompson-Hickman Library.

## 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.

### Fundraiser dinner, Bozeman

The Lincoln Regan dinner fundraiser for Madison and Gallatin republicans will present author G. Edward Griffin. For more information, call 518-7000.

## MONDAY MARCH 14

### Meeting, Ennis

The American Legion Post 65 will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the V.F.W. hall. Meetings are the second Monday of every month. All veterans and legion members are encouraged to attend.

### Auction, Twin Bridges

NCAA auction to benefit the Twin Bridges Community Association beginning at 5:30 p.m. Call Jack Leber at 684-5686 for more information.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

**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.

**Ennis Arts Association, Ennis**  
Meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. [ennisartsassociation.org](http://ennisartsassociation.org)

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

**Movie Night, Virginia City**  
Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every OTHER Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Please call 406-843-5346 to find out what is playing!

### WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

**TOPS, Ennis**  
Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 am Meetings at 9:30 am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

### Books and Babies, Ennis

Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

### Grief Support Group, Ennis

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

### THURSDAYS

**MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH**  
NO meetings June, July or August.

**MV Manor Auxillary 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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### Movie night, Virginia City

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