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## Addressing infrastructure



Nearly 75 community members and representatives from various organizations gather at the Madison County Administrative Building for an informational session about Targeted Economic Development Districts.

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## Commissioners host informational session about potential Big Sky TEDD and what it could mean to Madison County taxing bodies

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"We want to thank you for being here," said Madison County Commissioner Dave Schulz to a room full of people, gathered at the Madison County Administrative Building in Virginia City on March 2 for a presentation and discussion about Targeted Economic Development Districts. "We have a valuable resource here today so we can hear the ins and outs, ups and downs and do's and don'ts and then have time for discussion."

The "valuable resource" Schulz referred to was Erin McCrady, a partner at Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, a law firm out of Missoula. In introducing herself, McCrady explained that she has been working in public finance for more than 17 years.

"We'll talk about what a TEDD is and its history," McCrady said. "Why would you create a TEDD? First, the county must find there is an infrastructure deficiency in the area they want to create the TEDD."

Commissioners from Gallatin and Madison counties, representatives of entities like Ennis Schools, Madison Valley Medical Center and Madison Valley Conservation District, and community members from Big Sky and Madison County attended the presentation, because a subcommittee of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is researching the possibility of implementing two TEDDs around Big Sky.

When a TEDD is established, a baseline is set on all property taxes within the district. Then, any new development or increased property tax revenue is considered an "increment" and those funds are set aside for infrastructure needs within the district, McCrady explained.

"Once it's created, it's a district with a legal boundary," she said. "Just like a water/sewer district or a hospital district. Then tax increment revenue (from the district) will be segregated and held apart in a fund to make improvements to identified infrastructure deficiencies."



Erin McCrady, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP

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## Proposed delisting of Yellowstone grizzlies

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On Thursday, March 3, 2016, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed delisting grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, saying the species is no longer threatened.

"The Yellowstone grizzly bear population has rebounded from as few as 136 bears in 1975 to an estimated 700 or more today," the federal release states. "Stable population numbers for grizzlies for more than a decade also indicate that the Yellowstone ecosystem is at or near its carrying capacity for the bears."

The release continues to state that determining recovery of the species was based on more than the number of bears in the ecosystem.

"It includes the quantity and quality of habitat, adequate regulatory mechanisms to maintain a healthy and viable population and a good balance of male and female bears that are well-distributed throughout the ecosystem," according to the release.

### Management post-delisting

If the proposal passes and the Yellowstone grizzly bear is delisted, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has already drafted management plans, which include turning management of the bear over to the states – Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

That drafted strategy will shift the management of the bear from recovery to conservation. The plan identifies a primary conservation area, which would be "a secure area for grizzly bears, with population and habitat conditions maintained to ensure a recovered population is maintained for the foreseeable future and to allow bears to continue to expand outside the PCA."

In areas adjacent to the PCA, however, the plan recommends allowing bears to expand into biologically suitable and socially acceptable areas.

"Outside of the PCA, the objective is to maintain existing resource management and recreational uses and to allow agencies to respond to demonstrated problems with appropriate management actions," the drafted plan states. "Grizzly bears (could be managed) as a game animal; including allowing regulated

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## Ennis School administrator moves on

### After one year, Wrzesinski resigns as superintendent

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On March 1, the Ennis School Board met for a special meeting and approved a letter of resignation from Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski, effective June 30, 2016.

"We held this meeting on an emergency basis," said trustee Maria Lake. "We cannot advertise for the job until we accept (Wrzesinski's) resignation."

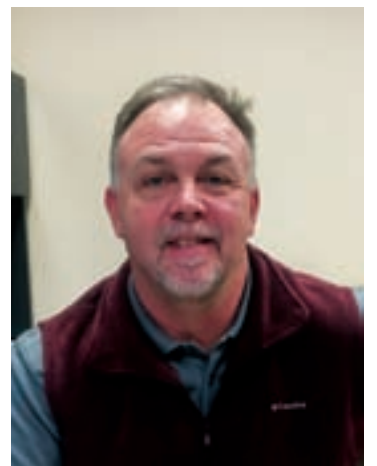
Before the board moved to accept his resignation, Wrzesinski said his decision to leave had "nothing at all to do with the board, the school or being disgruntled with the job."

"It was solely a professional and family move," Wrzesinski said.

Wrzesinski and his family will be relocating to Baker, a town located along Montana's eastern border, where he accepted a job as the school superintendent.

Lake pointed out that Wrzesinski's contract as superintendent was for two years, and does not expire until June 30, 2017.

Trustee Craig George moved to accept Wrzesinski's resignation, effective June 30, 2016.



Jon Wrzesinski

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## A dry month for Southwest Montana

### February is first month to show winter's true El Niño colors

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"We're in better shape than we were last year at this time, and that's the good news," Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service said cheerfully on Friday, March 4.

The bad news, however, is that Southwest Montana suffered from a dry, warm February.

"Basically, what we saw last month should not be news to folks," Zukiewicz said. "Warm, dry conditions dominated – it

was the first real El Niño month we've had so far this winter."

The first half of February was particularly devoid of moisture in Madison County, but Zukiewicz said the area received a storm around Valentine's Day and another at the end of the month that brought "decent moisture, but not enough for (the area) to maintain where it was at the start of the month."

Going into February, both the Madison River Basin and the Jefferson River Basin, which encompasses the western half of Madison County, were at normal or slightly above

normal snowpack percentages thanks to early season moisture, but that story has slightly changed.

### Madison River Basin

As of March 4, the Madison River Basin was at 89 percent of normal snowpack, which was down some from the start of February, Zukiewicz said.

"But we were at 82 percent of normal at this time last year, so we're doing better," he emphasized. "The early season snowpack we got has persisted – only the valley and the lowest elevations have seen snow melt."

Above Hebgen Lake, the snowpack was at 85 percent of normal as of March 1, but below Hebgen it was at 92 percent.


"The closer you get to Ennis, the better the snow gets," Zukiewicz said. "Water is water, we want whatever we can get."

As far as precipitation in the Madison Valley, the mountains received 66 percent of average precipitation in February, and valley precipitation was only at 47 percent.

"That's the not so nice part of it," Zukiewicz said. "This was the first month we've been well below average."

One positive, according to Zukiewicz, is that March, April and May are historically good months for precipitation in Southwest Montana.

"What we'd like to see is normal precipitation that falls in the mountains as snow and

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For example, if a TEDD was created in 2016, the base date that determines a baseline would be as of Jan. 1, 2016, and the taxable value of the property within the TEDD would be set as of that date, McCrady explained.

"All the growth – new development, property appreciation – that takes place in the district is the increment revenue that is put aside for improvements," she said. "Anything below the base year number continues

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 – Kevin Germain, Big Sky TEDD committee

to go where it normally does. Only the increment goes in the TEDD fund for infrastructure."

**Infrastructure deficiencies**  
 TEDDs are intended to be created around areas of a community that are deficient to the point of stagnating growth, McCrady explained.

"The idea is that if you upgrade infrastructure, maybe more development would come in," she said. "The reinvestment is supposed to be for public infrastructure improvements."

Ideally, public infrastructure upgrades would attract "value adding industry," which is defined by state law as manufacturing or technology-based businesses.

"Big Sky is a single-source economy based on tourism," said Kevin Germain, a member of the Big Sky TEDD committee. "To develop a robust year round community, we need a diverse economy ... It's a scary place to live on April 21 after the lifts shut down. Attracting other entities would be beneficial."

Germain pointed out that Big Sky has huge infrastructure needs – water, sewer, fiber optics and more.

"A county forms a district, but only within that county," McCrady said.

Big Sky is unique because it straddles the Madison-Gallatin County line, so two separate TEDDs would have to be developed, though they may be able to be operated jointly through an interlocal agreement, Germain said.

**Lifespan**

The life of a TEDD is 15 years, but can be extended to 25 or 40 years due to bonding, McCrady explained.

"That increment is just a slowly growing pot of funds," she said. "But the idea is to leverage it – use the increment money to repay bonds or loans you take out to do infrastructure improvements."

Essentially, a bond or loan can be taken out to complete an improvement, like putting in a sewer main, and then the tax increment funds from the TEDD would be designated to pay back that bond or loan.

"That is really the purpose of putting a TEDD together, rather than letting the funds slowly grow," McCrady said.

Community member Kurtis Koenig asked McCrady if the baseline is ever re-evaluated. "Absolutely yes," she said. "That can be done. Or they can remit money back to taxing bodies from increment funds."

"Which governing body sits at that switch?" Koenig asked. "Who makes that call?"

McCrady explained that it is up to the county to make decisions about the TEDD, including remitting money back to the taxing bodies or adjusting the baseline, or even excluding some development from the TEDD.

**Impact on taxing bodies**

The proposed TEDD boundary impacts 12 taxing districts – Big Sky Fire Department, Big Sky School District, Big Sky Water and Sewer District, Ennis School District, Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Zoning District, Gallatin Conservation District, Gallatin County, Gallatin County Open Lands, Madison Conservation District, Madison County, Madison Valley Cemetery District and Madison Valley Hospital District.

Take Ennis Schools as an example. According to Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski, the current school board has done a good job to cut the school's current mills down and to use reserve

funds.

"It has saved taxpayer dollars," Wrzesinski said. "But if they had foreseen this coming, they probably wouldn't have depleted those reserves. We're at the point now where we would nearly have to double our current mills if we lost the taxable revenue from Big Sky."

Wrzesinski acknowledged the school receives some funding from the state, but that the majority of the school's budget comes from property taxes.

"We could not operate without that money," he said simply. "It costs money to provide a quality education."

Wrzesinski pointed out the flexibility of a TEDD, saying the commissioners would have the choice to carve certain things out of the TEDD – residential development, for example.

"Most of the development up there is residential, it's private," he said. "Yes, there is a public need for infrastructure, but where do you draw the line with something like a sewer if private structures and condos want to tie in? If you use a TEDD to put in a sewer with private tie-ins, would that be adding value to private development?"

MVMC CEO John Bishop brought up another concern in Big Sky.

"You have a workforce that can't afford to live in the community," he said. "How will you attract business if there is no place for the workforce to live?"

Germain said the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is working on a few solutions to the problem of workforce housing, but also said the problem ties back to Big Sky's infrastructure deficiencies.

"We realize it's a big issue and we're committed to solving

it," he said. "It's an expensive place to live and an expensive place to do business. We're hoping a TEDD will help."

Germain said the chamber acknowledges Big Sky's growth will have some impact on the taxing bodies.

"We could set the baseline to grow," he suggested. "Say we're growing at 8 percent, we could set the baseline to grow at 3 percent to keep up."

**The commissioners**

"I appreciate the dialogue," said Schulz. "The more we know, the better."

Schulz pointed out the commissioners have not received a specific request to create a TEDD yet.

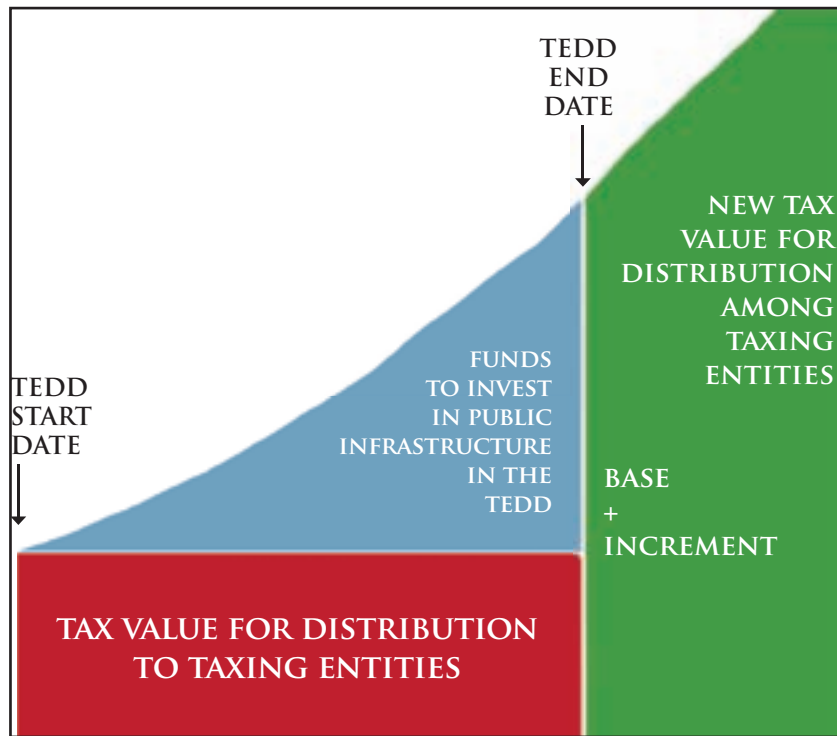
"We have not decided to do something or not," he said. "We're curious and we want to know more, with a little skepticism."

The idea of a TEDD has been kicked around Big Sky for about a year and a half, Germain said.

"We're still in the information gathering stage," he said. "We want to come back when we have our deficiencies lined out and a plan of what to do. This is a dialogue that will likely have many follow up meetings."

Madison County Commissioner Jim Hart said the commissioners are still trying to decide what the best option is for Madison County as a whole.

"Like any other resident or community in Madison County, we do need to pay attention to Big Sky and their needs," he said. "At the same time, one given community, wherever it is, does not override any other community. (A TEDD) is a tool. Is it the best tool? I'm not sure yet."



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hunting when and where appropriate."

According to Suzanna Soileau, a spokesperson for

**"Montanans should be in charge of managing our wildlife for the betterment of the state. I am excited that we can again have that opportunity and we will do so in a responsible way that is reflective of our values and the values of this iconic species."**  
 - Steve Bullock, Governor of Montana

the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, the IGBST does not comment on the decisions of management agencies, but bases assessments on scientific findings.

"From a biological perspective, the IGBST's decades of research and monitoring of grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone area supports the idea that this population has recovered," Soileau said. "The population has seen steady growth from 1983 to 2001, with a slowing of annual growth from 2002 to present. The slowing is not observed as a decline in population growth, but rather a stabilizing of the population for

almost 15 years. Continued monitoring of the grizzly population will allow us to follow this trend into the future to see if there are changes over time."

**Opinions about delisting**

Some organizations, like the Humane Society of the United States, have already released comments in opposition to the service's proposed delisting.

"Contrary to (the service's) contentions, (Yellowstone) grizzly bears are far from recovered," the HSUS release states. "(HSUS will) fight the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ser-

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to delist the Yellowstone grizzly bear is welcome news and a result of the tireless efforts and outstanding work of the state and countless individuals and groups across our region," Bullock stated. "As we celebrate the successful return of a healthy grizzly bear population across the Yellowstone ecosystem, we must continue to focus on protecting the critical habitat that made this proposal possible. Montanans should be in charge of managing our wildlife for the betterment of the state. I am excited that we can again have that

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According to Serena Baker, public affairs specialist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the service will evaluate all the comments after public and peer review.

"(The service will) make a decision whether or not to delist the Yellowstone grizzly bear population," Baker explained. "Our goal is to have a decision later in 2016."

*By the numbers.*

**YELLOWSTONE GRIZZLY POPULATION**

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vice's proposed delisting of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzly bear population and hand over of management to Idaho, Montana and Wyoming."

On the other hand, Montana Governor Steve Bullock released a statement applauding the proposal.

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**Public involvement**

The public is asked to comment, either electronically at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), by searching docket number

There will be two public meetings about the proposed delisting – in Montana, the meeting will be held on April 12 in Bozeman at the Holiday Inn (5 E Baxter Lane). From 2 – 4 p.m. there will be an informational meeting, and from 5 – 8 p.m. there will be a public hearing.

# MORE NEWS:

## Treated sewage from Big Sky spills into Gallatin River

DEQ says there is no risk to human health, sediment is main concern to aquatic life

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On Thursday, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality reported a storage pond spill in Big Sky was releasing an estimated 35 million gallons of sewage water into the Gallatin River.

"The spill is of highly treated reclaimed water and it does not threaten human health," the DEQ release states. "The discharge is below human health standards."

The break in the system occurred in an outlet pipe that flows to the Yellowstone Club golf course to irrigate the turf during the summer months – in the winter, it is used as a storage pond. As of Thursday night, the spill was proceeding down the hillside into Second Yellow Mule Creek and then to the South Fork of the West Fork of the Gallatin River. The pond stopped flowing at 4:30 a.m. on March 7.

"Most of the effluent comes from the Big Sky Sewer District, with a small portion coming from the wastewater treatment facility used at the Yellowstone Club," the release continues. "There is an estimated discharge of 35 million gallons, based on the volume of the storage pond. About 4 to 5 feet of water will remain in the lined pond once it fully discharges."

The water is highly treated wastewater, and the total nitrogen content is below the human health standard. From an aquatic standpoint, DEQ spokesperson Kristi Ponozzo stated the main concern is sediment.

"The wastewater stream is picking up a sediment load as it moves downstream," Ponozzo stated in a release. "DEQ water quality specialists are sampling for turbidity, pathogens, phosphorus, suspended sediment, ammonia, pharmaceuticals, nitrate plus nitrite and total nitrogen."

The DEQ stated turbidity is high, but lowering in the creeks closest to the source as the sediment moves downstream. The results from other tests will be available in the next few weeks after the information is received from the lab.

"The Yellowstone Club and the Gallatin River Task Force are teaming up for their own sampling effort," according to the release.



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Treated sewage water enters the Gallatin River from a break in the Big Sky Water and Sewer system last week.

## Protecting Virginia City, Nevada City



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A \$200,000 grant from the Montana Department of Administration will kick start fire suppression efforts in Virginia City and Nevada City. The grant money was awarded to the Montana Heritage Commission and must be used by June 30, 2016.

### MHC receives \$200,000 for fire suppression

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By June 30 of this year, Virginia City and Nevada City will be better equipped to prevent fires, thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Administration.

"Fire suppression for those old, wooden buildings is important," said Montana Heritage Commission chairperson Marilyn Ross. "The first thing the heritage commission has been charged with by the legislature when the state purchased the property was the protection and preservation of those buildings. That is our first and primary responsibility."

In a community like Virginia City, Ross said fire is always a concern. That is why, when the grants became available through the Department

of Administration's Risk Management and Tort Defense Division, the MHC decided to apply for one.

"The state of Montana has a Loss Mitigation Expense Program, which was established in response to funding requests from agencies and universities, as well as issues that loss prevention staff were seeing in the field as they conducted property inspections and surveys," explained Laura Weiss Smith, communications director for the Department of Administration. "The funding awarded is for projects, equipment and/or training that prevents and mitigates the kinds of losses insured by the Risk Management and Tort Defense Division."

Through the grant, Virginia City and Nevada City will install a new fire pump

and fire suppression systems in the hotels and restaurants. In addition, the boardwalks in Virginia City will be replaced.

"It is helping us protect the property – the resource – and also give our guests added safety," Ross said. "(The grant) will not cover all our needs, but it is a good start."

From the Virginia City Town Council's perspective, fire is a real concern.

"The type of construction of our historic buildings and the close proximity of them to one another make Virginia City a tinderbox," said council member Justin Gatewood. "We applaud and appreciate MHC's efforts."

Ross said she believes fire suppression will be an ongoing project for the MHC.

"This will help us a lot and we're going to sleep a little better," she said.

## ALL IN A DAY'S WORK ... A HARD DAY'S WORK

*Hi readers,*

As an inner city bred gal, last weekend was my first hands-on introduction to actual ranch work. Since little Eddie – my new horse – and I are always looking for adventures, we accepted an invitation to help work cows before a branding.

I arrived at the barn at 6:30 a.m., early enough to allow extra time to catch and saddle Eddie. At 7 a.m. sharp, everyone was ready to go ... except me! Since working with horses is still new to me, I'm not the quickest. For Mike, saddling a horse is second nature, but I still have to talk myself through the entire process, and then, more often than not, I still end up forgetting a step. That is why Mike patiently checks my setup before I get on to ride.

So at 7 a.m. when everyone was ready to go, I was still fumbling with Eddie's bridle and halter.

Fortunately, the others were gracious and waited patiently for me – the amateur.

I finally climbed on Eddie and we were off to gather cow/calf pairs, which turned out to be so much fun for both of us. Eddie is a slight little quarter horse that comes from cutting horse blood, and his ears perked up as soon as he got with the cattle. Eddie and I were not crucial to the morning going smoothly, that's for sure, but we tried our best to lend a hand and enjoy the ride.

After the cows were gathered, Mike and a few others stayed in their saddles to sort the moms from the babies. I was given the task of operating a gate and counting cows, which was right in my wheelhouse. I may not be a competent horsewoman, but I can count.

Later that morning, friends and neighbors showed up to help with the actual branding. If you ever have the opportunity to experience a branding, don't skip it! The riders rope and drag the calves to the fire and everyone gets to wrestle calves – even me!

I also took the opportunity to get in a little work with Eddie. He's pretty attached to Mike's horse, Lorie Darlin', and hates being separated from her. So while Mike was busy roping, I made Eddie trot away from Lorie Darlin' and the crowd again and again. He was not happy with me in the beginning, but by the end of our ride, he had calmed down and I think we made some good progress!

After the last few calves were roped and branded, everyone made their way to the barn for a tasty meal and good company, another awesome part of the branding experience. By that time, I had dust in my eyes and ears, and my whole body was tired and sore. And, there was still more work to be done! The cows and their freshly branded babies had to be pushed back out to pasture!

My one day of ranch work, though fun and exciting, was exhausting. I have a newfound appreciation for the men and women who spend a lifetime devoted to ranching. My job pushes me in a variety of ways, but I rarely get home at the end of the day just wanting to take a shower and slowly crawl under the covers.

*Abigail*



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Lorie Darlin', Mike's horse, drags her first calf!

# OPINION

## Thank you for love and support

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all our family and friends for all their love and support through Bob's illness and passing. All of the cards, flowers, food, kind words, thoughts and prayers are so appreciated. A special thanks to the work crew that showed up. We are blessed to live in this community.

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# OBITUARIES

## Marvin Paul Love November 7 1935 – March 3, 2016



On Thursday, March 3, 2016, Heaven welcomed Marvin Love. Marvin was born on Nov. 7, 1935, in Sheridan to Paul and Roberta Love. For the first 14 years of his life, they, along with Marvin's younger brother Larry, lived in Virginia City. Marvin graduated from Ennis High School and attended Montana State University where he received a bachelor's degree in range management in the spring of 1957.

In March of 1958, he was drafted into the United States Army. Marvin served two years active duty in the Signal Corps, primarily in 5th Army Headquarters in Chicago. After being

discharged in the spring of 1960, he returned to Ennis to work at the family owned Angle Hardware store.

In 1962, Marvin returned to MSU and received his teaching certificate. His first teaching job was in Lewistown beginning in 1963. Marvin later found out that this would be the career choice that suited him. Through 1965-1966, Marvin attended Oregon State University and received his master's degree in science education and then returned to Montana, where he landed in Townsend to begin a 30-year career teaching junior high science. He retired from education in 1997, but never stopped attending athletic events, plays, music concerts and anything involving Townsend Schools. Through the years, he developed lasting memories with countless students and always enjoyed visiting with former students.

Marvin met the love of his life in 1969 and he married Terry Sullivan during the summer of 1970. Together they raised two sons, Steven and Timothy. Marvin and

Terry loved traveling the state following their sons as they participated in athletics, Boy Scouts, fishing, hunting, skiing and many other activities.

Marvin joined the Catholic Church in 1986. He embraced Catholicism and had a wonderful relationship with God. He always enjoyed good Christian fellowship and was a constant fixture at the men's Christian breakfasts that the Townsend community held once a month.

Upon retirement, Marvin volunteered at the Broadwater Health Center and volunteered countless hours at Townsend Schools. Two of his favorite activities were chaperoning the school skiing trips and he absolutely loved being involved in the Dr. Seuss Reading Program, where he would always be dressed to the "hilt" in his wacky Dr. Seuss attire. He looked forward to participating in the Townsend Rotary Club variety show every year as well ...

Marvin cherished the time and memories he shared with all of his family member and friends.

He enjoyed life to the fullest, being a great husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Terry; sons Timothy and Steven; his daughter-in-law Janene; and grandkids Aislynn, Aryal and Tucker. Marvin is also survived by his brother Larry (Shirley) Love.

Visitation was from 12 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7 at Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 212 Broadway St, Townsend. Marvin's life was honored at both the Rosary at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 7 and at the funeral Mass at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 8. Both were held at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, 101 S. Walnut St, Townsend. Rite of Committal followed the Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery with a reception that followed in the social hall of the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be made to the Holy Cross and Canton Church Cemetery funds in Townsend or the memorial of your choice. Please visit [www.stevensonwilke.com](http://www.stevensonwilke.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Marvin.

## Vickie Clark May 22, 1951 – March 5, 2016

Vickie Clark, age 64, of Sheridan passed away Saturday March 5 at her home at Sheridan.

Vickie was born May 22, 1951, in Wallace, Idaho, to Brixie and Joyce (Scott) Mullins. She was raised in Wallace and graduated from high school in Wallace. She married Gary Clark Oct. 23, 1971, at Entiat, Wash. They lived in Washington for three years where she worked in the orchards. They then moved to Anaconda where she worked as a housekeeper at Fairmont. They then moved to Wallace for three years and then returned to Montana in 1985, where Vickie worked as a housekeeper at the condos at Fairmont. In 1990 they bought a honey business in Sheridan and she began working as a honey extractor. In 1993 they moved to Sheridan and she continued with the bee business and also began working at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center. She retired from the nursing home in 2010 due to her health.

Vickie enjoyed her time with her family and her grandchildren. She loved taking them fishing and always followed her grandchildren through their school sports years.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband Gary; son Scott Clark of Sheridan; stepson Gary Lynn Clark of Washington; four grandchildren Nick (Jamie), Justin, Pat and Barbie; sisters Susan (Dan) Moses of Opportunity and Barbara Mooney of Osburn, Idaho; Joe (Larry) Darling of Silverton, Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a humane society of the donor's choice.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, March 10, at 11 a.m. from the K&L Mortuary Chapel at Sheridan with Chaplain Sandra Van Zyl officiating. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Cemetery.

thank you!

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**Tournament Directors  
Marilyn Jenkins  
& Jamie Lovett**

# & MORE NEWS:

## Spelling all the way to Billings



Students compete in countywide spelling bee to earn a trip to state competition

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“Praline? Like the ice cream?” asked Twin Bridges student Carl Shaw.  
“Yeah, like the ice cream,” laughed Leona Stredwick, the Madison County Spelling Bee’s adjudicator.

With a quick shrug of his shoulders and some quiet laughter from the crowd, Shaw attacked the word.

“Praline. P-R-A-L-I-N-E, praline.” Shaw said with a smile.

On Wednesday, March 2, 16 of Madison County’s best spellers gathered at the Madi-

son County Administrative Building in Virginia City for an alphabet showdown, competing for a spot in the state spelling bee on March 19.

“This is the first time in history that we’ve had to switch to a different list,” said Stredwick after several rounds of play.

The crowd was on the edge of their seats after three rounds, and only Shaw was left, just two words standing between him and a first place trophy.

“Anthracite. A-N-T-H-R-A-C-I-T-E, anthracite,” he said.

No buzzer.  
Shaw’s second word was unguilate. After a quick pronunciation and definition, he gave

it a go, but was unsuccessful.

The buzzer sounded and those who lost out the previous round were back in the game.

After multiple rounds of back and forth between Twin Bridges sixth grader Ethan Wayland and Shaw, a seventh grader at Twin Bridges, Wayland stole the show with his correct spelling of malaria. Shaw took runner up.

Wayland took home the top prize and earned himself a trip to Billings for the Treasure State Spelling Bee, with the potential to represent Montana at the national competition in Washington D.C.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM RIGHT

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Carl Shaw took home second place at the county spelling bee.

PHOTO COURTESY JODY SANDRU  
Ethan Wayland took home first place and will represent Madison County at the state spelling bee.

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Students from each of Madison County’s schools competed for the coveted championship and runner up trophies at the countywide bee last week.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Doug Martin: Giving back with patriotism

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Doug Martin and his wife moved to the Twin Bridges area 11 years ago after craving that quintessential feeling you get from a small town. Originally from a small town in Oregon, Martin, who worked communications in the Air Force, was “surfing the net” and found some property in the Ruby Valley.

“We moved out here from Honolulu,” Martin

said.

Martin spent 24 years in the service and chose not to give that up after he retired. He currently serves as the adjutant for American Legion Post #31 in Twin Bridges, where he helps create programs and projects that involve the veterans around town.

“The legion is heavily involved in our youth programs,” said Martin.

Through American Legion Post #31, Martin and other veterans work with school students to

hold oratory and essay contests. They also meet with students to discuss topics varying from civil rights to flag etiquette.

“I organize for a couple of veterans to meet with grade school students every month, and talk with the students wearing their uniforms,” Martin said.

As the adjutant, Martin is in charge of the day-to-day duties of the post.

“We also work on merit badges with the cub scouts,” he said.

With service close to his heart, Martin also volunteers his time to organize all military funerals in the area.

“Volunteering, to me, is simply giving a little of yourself to help others,” he said. “We all have areas of expertise we are good in and if the chance comes up to show that to your neighbors by giving them a hand, I feel we are all obligated to willingly volunteer that hand.”

Aside from the legion, Martin is involved the Twin Bridges Community Association, which works specifically on maintaining downtown.

When Martin gets free time, he enjoys

hunting or relaxing on his deck with his golden retrievers.

Martin also said he enjoys spending time with his two children, five grandchildren and first great-grandchild, whom he hopes to meet this month.

“We haven’t even gotten to meet her yet, but hopefully soon,” he said.



Doug Martin

*Thank you for your dedication!*

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## SNOW from pg. 1

the valley as rain and sometimes snow," he said. "In the realm of possibilities, however, we could have a dry spring. We don't want that."

## Jefferson River Basin

The Ruby Valley's portion of the Jefferson River Basin was at 92 percent of normal as of March 1 for snowpack, Zukiewicz said.

"The Ruby Valley emulates the Madison Valley," he added. "They get the same weather patterns."

The Upper Ruby, however, saw better precipitation during February – 80 percent of average. On the other hand, the valley was at 30 percent of average precipitation for the month.

"One bad month can look bad," Zukiewicz pointed out. "But it makes a difference if you look at the water year as a whole; then you're looking at Oct. 1, 2015, to the current date. When you do that, we're in better shape."

Using that water year to date, the Ruby Valley is actually at 93 percent of average.

"Going forward, we're getting into the bread and butter of our snow season," Zukiewicz added.



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THE MADISONIAN  
Though  
February  
precipitation was  
below average in  
Madison County,  
high elevations  
have retained  
snowpack from  
early season  
snowfall.

## RESIGNATION from pg. 1

"I would never fault anyone for bettering themselves and their family," said trustee Chad Coffman as he seconded George's motion.

George asked Wrzesinski about his decision to leave.

Since Baker is a class B school and located on the edge of the oil field, Wrzesinski said they were able to offer him more money than he was making as Ennis' superintendent.

"They sought me out and I said I wasn't leaving (Ennis)," Wrzesinski said. "They said, 'what would it take?' and I threw out a number."

Before voting, George amended his motion to release Wrzesinski from his contract. All present trustees – George, Lake, Coffman and Kris Inman – voted in favor of the motion.

## A new administrator

The board moved to a discussion about advertising for a new superintendent.

"Do we need to modify the salary we offer?" Lake asked.

School clerk Ginger Martello said Ennis offers an "average salary."

"We are right in the middle for class C," she said. "There are some lower and some higher. We get the average."

The board decided to advertise the position until March 21, or until it is filled.

"That gives us the option to extend it or to close it once we get applicants," Lake said.

Inman asked Wrzesinski if he thought that was enough time for applicants to get their information to the school.

"The ones who are interested will hear about

it fast," Wrzesinski said. "Information travels fast, especially in Montana. It's enough time."

The board plans to hold a special meeting to go through their applicants, and will hopefully have a recommendation to hire someone by their April meeting.

"Did (Baker) have supplemental questions for you that we don't have?" Inman asked Wrzesinski.

"Yes," he replied. "During the interview, they had six pages of in depth questions. They were helpful. I'll get them to you."

## Saying goodbye

Wrzesinski first came to Ennis as the high school principal two years ago, and was offered the superintendent job last year.

"It's bittersweet," he said about leaving. "I like it here and I don't like the timing of leaving, but

it was the right decision."

Wrzesinski said his wife, Michelle, was also offered a full time teaching and coaching position in Baker, which contributed to making the move the right decision for his family.

"We have good people in (Ennis Schools) so it's tough to go," he said.

**"It's bittersweet. I like it here and I don't like the timing of leaving, but it was the right decision."**  
- Jon Wrzesinski, Ennis School Superintendent

# Full STEAM ahead



## Sheridan students showcase STEAM demonstrations during open house

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Sheridan Schools hosted an open house to showcase Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math demonstrations during parent teacher conferences last week, giving parents and community members the chance to check out some of the technology and engineering projects students have been working on.

Last fall, the school board started a technology committee that has put endless hours into finding tools to fund STEAM in the school.

"We talked about it (as a board) and where we wanted to go with it," said elementary school

principal Rod Stout.

To date, the school has added a 3D printer and plasma cutter, as well as some technology trunks that include electronic culetts and circuitry kits that students can check out.

"This is teaching them technical reading and problem solving, but what we really want is to just get the kids excited," said Stout.

Stout said the long-term goal is to eventually create a business plan to be used by the students that will help develop potential marketing strategies, but for now getting kids interested is most important.

"We just want to get the kids ready," he said, referring to students considering engineering

and other skilled labor fields.

The school had five stations during the open house on March 3, where students, parents and community members learned about the different projects and kits being incorporated into the curriculum.

High school students Stephen Hamilton and Juan Pablo Du-Pond showcased CO2 drag cars they created in shop class that operate on CO2 cartridges, by racing them close to 25 meters across the balcony in the gym. Both Hamilton and Du-Pond designed and sculpted their cars from balsa wood and had to comply with certain restrictions.

While it may just seem like fun and games,

Du-Pond and Hamilton had to put their engineering and mathematical skills to the test to construct a winning car.

"I like having to figure out the aerodynamics of the car," said Hamilton, a sophomore hoping to study aerospace or mechanical engineering. "And it's something to win."

"Definitely the competition aspect gets them going," added Stout.

Stout said most students in the school are interested and utilizing the hands-on benefits of STEAM, which is all he could have asked for.

"Just seeing those kids engage is everything," he concluded.

## PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

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From L: Juan Pablo Du-Pond and Stephen Hamilton showcase their cars to students and parents in a series of races.

Fifth grader Clair Haag works with a circuitry kit, using a banana as her electrical source.

Henry Sutton shows his parents and sister Ella some of the technology trunks.

Karen Talley takes a break to talk to Timothy (L) and Aurora Miller. Talley, a trustee, was instrumental in the creation of STEAM and gave a presentation at the open house.



# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Cake walk in Virginia City

SUBMITTED BY TONI JAMES  
Virginia City Fire Department

You are invited to the Virginia City Fire Department cake walk on Saturday, March 12 at 6 p.m. Bring your family and a cake to the Elk's Lodge in Virginia City.

There will be cakes galore, a cash bar, cupcakes for the little ones and a DJ spinning classic tunes all at the Elk's Lodge. Call 843-5454 with questions.

## Chorale concerts in the Ruby Valley

SUBMITTED BY NIKI MARTIN  
Ruby Valley Chorale

The Ruby Valley Chorale will be presenting their Easter concerts on Sunday, March 20. They will be performing a musical for Holy Week entitled "My Savior's Love" by Mary McDonald and Rose M. Aspinall. Concerts will be held at Bethel United Methodist Church in Sheridan at 2:30 p.m. and at the Church of the Valley in Twin Bridges at 7 p.m. Please come and join us as we remember the story of our Savior's love through music. Refreshments will be served after each performance.

## Mock emergency scenario in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY NICK KALLUM  
Ennis Ambulance Service

The Ennis Ambulance Service will be hosting the second annual mock emergency sce-

nario for the Madison Valley and Ennis Schools' don't drink and drive event.

The scenario will highlight the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol. Local Ennis students will portray victims of a terrible traffic accident caused by drinking and driving. Ennis ambulance will be called upon in a realistic drill, which will also include members of the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol and an aerial demonstration of two life flight helicopters.

The event will take place at Ennis High School athletic field on April 15, 2015 at 9:15 a.m.

The public is invited to attend this event to see your first responders in action.

For further information contact Nick Kallem, EMT, Ennis Ambulance Service, 702-6487

## American Legion news

SUBMITTED BY GARY A. WHITE  
American Legion of Montana

Edmund Gilbert, Commander of American Legion Post #23 in Livingston, said about 100 legionnaires and members of the auxiliary are to attend the spring meeting of District No. 7 on Sunday, March 7, 2016, at the post home in Lewistown.

Gilbert said there are about 1,500 legionnaires in District No. 7. The posts are located in Bozeman, Big Timber, Livingston, White Sulphur Springs, Belgrade, Ennis, West Yellowstone, Manhattan, Three Forks, Big Sky and Gardiner.

## Elling House chafauquas

SUBMITTED BY TONI JAMES  
Elling House Arts & Humanities Center

The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City will continue its popular tradition of hosting Chautauqua programs on March 19 and April 16. Each of the programs will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will be preceded by a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Those interested in performing should call 843-5454.

## March Madness in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY JACK LEBER  
Twin Bridges Community Association

Twin Bridges Community Association announces the third annual Twin Bridges NCAA Calcutta to be held on Monday, March 14, 2016, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Lost Cabin located on Main Street in Twin Bridges. This fundraising event has been scheduled the night before the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament begins. Last year, the TBCA was able to pay out just over \$5,200 in winnings to participants and was able to keep around \$500 for the beautification of our lovely Main Street and to finance fun, free events for all those that call Twin Bridges home as well as all those who visit. The auctioneer, the venue and the snacks are all being supplied by our kind community members all we need is you.

If you would like to get involved with the TBCA in any way or if you have questions about the calcutta, please contact Jack Leber, TBCA member at 596-7893.



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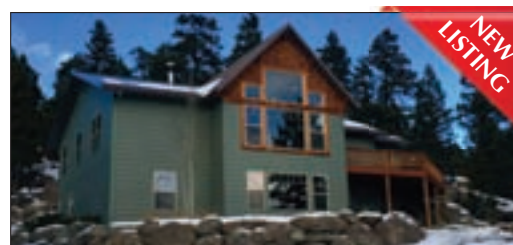
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## An Interview with Wayne Black, Owner of Ennis True Value

**Q:** Ennis True Value has an all-new look. What was the purpose of the remodel?

**A:** We've updated our store to the Destination True Value (DTV) store format – a retail concept designed to provide you with a one-stop shopping experience for products, expert advice and all the inspiration you need to complete your home improvement and DIY projects.

**Q:** Can you explain more about DTV?

**A:** The DTV format is a customized store design that features informative, attention-getting signage and well-stocked, broad and tightly merchandised assortments that exceed your shopping expectations. Our store offers a regionalized merchandise mix tailored to our community.

**Q:** How does this help me as a customer?

**A:** Customers can spend hours in big box stores just trying to locate one item. DTV offers personalized customer service and convenience so you can easily locate what you need. Our expanded product selection is easy to shop, with dominant product displays, bright lighting and a consistent shopping experience that stands above the confusing, intimidating big box stores.

**Q:** This looks like an expensive upgrade! Does this mean your prices will increase?

**A:** Not at all! In today's challenging retail environment, it's more important than ever to be priced competitively. As part of our upgrade, we're lowering prices during 2016 on hundreds of items throughout the store. Stop in the new Ennis True Value and watch for our falling prices all year!

**Q:** How do you see your position in the community?

**A:** Since 1980, Ennis True Value has donated over \$230,000 to local charities and programs. We feel that giving back to the community is not a slogan, but a way of doing business and a way of life. Our responsibility of doing business in this community is much greater than just making a profit. It is equally important to invest in the overall health of the community. Giving back to these programs makes our community stronger and healthier.

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# Ask the Expert

Local businesses have the information you need to make a variety of decisions. Best of all, they are here and available to meet your needs. In our "Ask the Experts" section, we went to these local experts for information on topics important to you.

Ask the Expert forum appears the second Thursday of each month. If you have questions for these area professionals e-mail us at [editor@madisoniannews.com](mailto:editor@madisoniannews.com).

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## EYE CARE

**Q:** I just started a new job. I will mostly be at a computer all day, but I also have to spend time in the shop where there are a lot of wood and metal particles, how can I protect my eyes?

**A:** There are several easy ways to protect your eyes while at work. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health reports about 2,000 U.S. workers sustain job-related eye injuries each day. Safety experts and eye doctors believe the right eye protection could prevent 90% of these. Always eliminate hazards prior to starting, know the dangers, and use proper eye protection that is correctly fitted. Additionally, according to the American Optometric Association, nearly half of all Americans spend five or more hours per day using a computer or PDA. Prolonged use of electronic devices may lead to eye strain, dry eyes, fatigue, headaches, blurred vision and loss of focus. Protect your eyes by following these simple recommendations: at least every 20 min, take a 20-second break and look at something 20 feet away. Sit about 25 inches away, and adjust font size, screen intensity and resolution to comfortable levels. Protecting your eye health and safety while at work is simple but important.



### Dr. Jeff Squire

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## HEALTH CARE

**Q:** I recently injured the area behind my knee and had trouble following my healthcare provider's comments during the examination. Where can I find a translator?

**A:** Here are some of the common medical terms and definitions relating to orthopedic issues (skeletal system and associated structures such as muscles and ligaments).

**Musculoskeletal definitions**  
**Ligament:** Tissue that connects bone to bone  
**Tendon:** Tissue that connects muscle to bone  
**Meniscus:** Soft cartilage in between joints (i.e., the knee)  
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**Strain:** Tearing of muscle or tendon  
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## IS PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT ACCURATE FOR HOME VALUES?

SUBMITTED BY TONI BOWEN  
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This method is completely unreliable, with the possible exception of new tract home projects. There are multiple obvious reasons why and a number of variables that will be unique to each situation. Many homeowners and others often use a price per SF as a gauge when trying to compare home values. In rural Montana, our market is totally unique. There are a number of variables involved in determining values.

1. Materials costs at the time of construction. Prices fluctuate dramatically and by locations.

2. Design and architecture. Are homes of similar detail being compared? Costs associated with labor intensive

designs will naturally be more due to time, material and waste.

3. Living area. It sounds pretty basic, but there is no such thing as a definite figure for square footage. How it's measured and what you measure can be totally different from house to house. Most Realtors rely on county records for residential square footage but those measurements are rarely accurate.

4. Price for the lot is a HUGE variable. No two are alike in size, site prep, terrain, views, external influences and improvements. Yet the lots are calculated into the SF price with an algorithm applied by websites like Trulia and Zillow and even on the local Multiple Listing Services.

5. Condition. When that home sold, what kind

of shape was it in? Was it enhanced just before sale to attract a higher price? Was it a total fixer-upper? What is the effective age of the home and depreciation level? It's a matter of opinion.

6. Incentives. Did the sellers give a decorating allowance? Were there any concessions given that would affect price?

7. Buyer-Seller motivations. Was that buyer in just for a weekend and had to find a place? Was that seller transferred, divorced, in financial trouble or something else that would affect the price?

8. Area desirability. Location, location, location. Different market areas have different values and different sections of the same market area have different values. Two similar homes in differ-

ent areas could have a wide price disparity.

These are a few variables to take into consideration. Value is determined by the market; your home is worth what a well-informed buyer is willing to pay at any given point in time. The best indicator of value remains analysis of comparable sales, pendings

and listings from the same competing market area. This remains the method of choice for the appraisal industry and the one on which to place most reliability. Your Realtor is the best source for this information.

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# Ed and Ida Mckee, Madison Valley immigrants

SUBMITTED BY LEE ROBISON  
Madison Valley History Association

The story of the family of Ed and Ida McKee, late 19th Century immigrants to the Madison Valley, was the program at the Madison Valley History Association February membership meeting, held in the library in Ennis. Over 50 people attended to hear the story told by Lee Robison, a great grandson of Ed and Ida. Ten other descendants were in the audience to hear the story of the trials that made their ancestors pull up roots in Iowa and take the trails west. The 1880s and 90s were subject to two major recessions, and Ed and Ida seem to have found all the ups and

downs of the economy at the wrong time.

Ed McKee and Ida Woodworth were married in Richland, Iowa, on March 24, 1881, and settled down in Bagley, Iowa, where Ed acquired a livery stable busi-

ness. But in 1885, the McKee family, now including three young children (Carl, Guy and Vern), left Iowa. They were probably forced to move because the panic of 1882 made it hard for Ed to keep the business going or to find

other work there.

The family moved to Whitman County, Washington Territory, where Ida's Uncle Ray Woodworth had a ranch and other businesses. In Washington, Ed and Ida lived by taking out loans in the spring and summer to buy seed and to operate their leased farm. For the first few years, with the United States economy on the boom, they had little difficulty paying these loans off every fall. But in 1893, the U.S. experienced another major depression. And by 1895 the family had quit Washington, and in 1896, now with three more children in tow (Della, Otto, and Zora), headed to the Madison Valley.

They moved to the Madison for the same reason that they moved to Washington – family lived there. Ida's uncle John Woodworth owned a large and expanding ranch, and two of her aunts were married to other ranchers in the valley.

In the Madison Valley they found their home. They arrived here at a fortuitous time. Within two years of their arrival, the general U.S. economy was improving. In addition, Montana was in the midst of a mining boom. The Butte mines' copper production was expanding, and would do so until the end of World War I in 1918. In Madison County, the Revenue Mine north of McAllister was in operation, and the dredging operations on Alder Gulch, west of Virginia City, were generating profits and jobs.

The older McKee boys, now in their teens, were starting to add to the family economy by working with their father and working for wages on other ranches in the valley. By 1903, Ed and Ida were able to sign a contract to purchase a home - a place Ida called the Briar Bush Ranch - about a mile northwest of Jeffers. There they raised their children, including four more (Anna, Henry and the twins, Harvey and Chauncey) born in Montana. One child born in Montana, Grace Ida, died before she was one year old. Ed and Ida lived on the Briar Bush Ranch until their deaths, Ed on Christmas Day, in 1924, and Ida on Dec. 19, 1959.

Ed and Ida have descendants scattered throughout the U.S., including some, all descended from their daughter Zora and her husband Frank Armstrong, living in the Madison Valley.



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## MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

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<b>Friday</b>	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 45 to 55.
<b>Saturday</b>	Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 25 to 30.
<b>Sunday</b>	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow and rain showers. Highs 40 to 50.
<b>Monday</b>	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow and rain showers. Highs 35 to 45.

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## Early Education: part 3

A glimpse at some of Madison County's historic schoolhouses

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Students at play during recess when the building still functioned as a school.



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The present day building.

# Bear Creek Schoolhouse

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Thanks to the amazing outpouring of support and the wealth of information coming in from our readers, *The Madisonian* is back with part three of our early education installments.

This time we focused on the Bear Creek schoolhouse which educated students from Cameron and its surrounding ranches from 1909 until 1942. The Bear Creek schoolhouse was the 10th school established in Madison County.

*\*\* Editor's note: All information has been taken from various reading materials including *The Progressive Years and Pioneers Trails and Trials*, both of which were comprised by residents of the county, and from Janet Smith, Karen Shores and writings from author Roberta Carkeek Cheney.*

In the early 1900s, students from Cameron and the surrounding areas were educated at the Bear Creek schoolhouse, which still stands today thanks to renovations and the meticulous care from the Cameron Community Club.

Prior to the current Bear Creek schoolhouse, students attended school in a small, log cabin just west of the current building, built in 1891, according to Janet Smith. After the homestead boom in 1909, the original log schoolhouse could no longer meet the needs of students.

In that same year, a rancher

named Herbert McCalley deeded an acre of land to the school district, thus beginning the process for an official schoolhouse. Amos and Lillie Storey led a fundraising project for a clapboard schoolhouse "complete with a bell tower, separate entrances for boys and girls, an outhouse and two towering windows facing the beautiful 'Old Red' (Sphinx) mountain," according to research done by schoolhouse historian Karen Shores.

The first teacher at the schoolhouse was Bessie Storey, who agreed to teach for two years. She would often arrive to school early so she could build a fire and warm the building before the students arrived, as well as get a pail of water from the nearby creek for students to drink.

"In our eyes, the Bear Creek schoolhouse was a magnificent building," writes Roberta Carkeek Cheney. "There was a bell tower on top and at nine in the morning and one in the afternoon, it called us in. The girls came in through the north cloakroom door and the boys through the south one. On the playground, the boys played on one side of the building and the girls on the other side. There were swings and places where we could play marble and jump rope. Inside were beautiful new desks – and heaven help the recalcitrant student who dared write on one of them or carve an initial."

Students came to school at 9 a.m. and either walked or rode horses. The small log shed

where students would tie their horses still stands, as well as the small outhouse behind the school that still functions and is used when community events are held at the school.

The Bear Creek schoolhouse thrived – at one point it held 40 students. Many community events were also held at the schoolhouse – everything from Christmas pageants to dances to church services.

In 1943 only few students remained, and eventually the school district consolidated with Ennis, meaning the last time school was held in the Bear Creek schoolhouse was in 1942. After consolidation, the school was later sold to a local Christ's Mission Guild who, in 1956, sold the school to the Cameron Community Club.

The CCC has continued to hold events in the schoolhouse and has been vital to the building's upkeep, repair and restoration.

"Bob Storey remembers riding his horse, Baldy, to school every morning, but sometimes had to walk the two and half miles home. Baldy had an uncanny ability to untie, not only his halter rope, but the rope of any other horse tied nearby. He also could open most gates and barn doors. Bob liked that horse but he was a challenge! Later on, Baldy's unusual ability was his downfall – there were freshly threshed green oats in the granary. The securely locked door was only a minor challenge to Baldy, but it was his downfall. He unlocked the door, feasted on the oats, bloated and died."

- An excerpt from the writings of Roberta Carkeek Cheney



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Students stand in front of the Bear Creek schoolhouse. The school opened in 1909 with a class size of 10 pupils and throughout the years educated as many as 40 pupils at a time.







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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## DPHHS officials announce first Zika virus infection in a returning traveler

SUBMITTED BY JON EBELT  
Department of Public Health and Human Services

State public health officials have identified the first case of Zika virus infection in Montana in an adult female from Missoula County who returned from a Zika-affected area. The infected individual is not pregnant.

Zika is a disease caused by a virus that is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species of mosquito not found in Montana. Travelers returning from Zika-affected areas who have symptoms or are pregnant should consult with their health care provider.

"This case serves as a reminder that anyone traveling to Zika-affected parts of the world should be mindful of the health issues present in that region," said Jim Murphy of the Department of Public Health and Human Services communicable

disease bureau.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the most common symptoms of Zika infection are fever, rash, joint pain and red, itchy eyes. Symptoms are usually mild and last several days to a week. About one in five people infected with Zika virus will get sick. For people who get sick, the illness is usually mild. For this reason, many people might not realize they have been infected.

Zika virus has recently been linked with serious health problems in pregnant women, primarily a birth defect known as microcephaly in children born to women who had a Zika infection. To minimize risks of complications, public health officials recommend that pregnant women or women wanting to get pregnant, follow CDC guidance to prevent Zika infections. There is no vaccine to prevent Zika virus disease and no specific medical treatment for

people who are infected.

Foremost, CDC recommends pregnant women should consider postponing travel to affected areas. If travel cannot be postponed, use of insect repellent and/or clothes treated with permethrin, and staying in places with air conditioning and window and door screens while in affected areas to prevent mosquito bites is strongly recommended.

Additional recommendations to prevent the sexual spread of Zika virus from returning travelers have also been issued by public health officials. Women who are pregnant are reminded to use condoms or abstain from sex with a partner returning recently from a Zika-affected area. Couples who are trying to get pregnant and have returned from Zika-affected areas are encouraged to consult with their health care provider.

Montana is one of 25 states reporting a travel-associated

case of Zika.


Across the United States, thousands of college students, members of faith organizations, healthcare professionals and others are now planning spring trips to warmer locations for fun or charity work. Travel can be a safe, healthy and enjoyable

activity, but it is important to protect yourself and your family while traveling. Avoid diseases spread by mosquitoes by making prevention an essential part of planning for a trip.

The DPHHS Zika website has detailed information on preventions, signs and symp-


ptoms of the illness and a list of Zika-affected areas. The page includes a direct link to CDC for information about how to prevent Zika virus, symptoms and detailed information for health care providers, facts sheets and more. Go to [www.dphhs.mt.gov](http://www.dphhs.mt.gov).





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## DPHHS officials warn Montanans against using e-cigs

SUBMITTED BY JON EBELT  
Department of Public Health and Human Services

Department of Public Health and Human Services officials are raising concerns over the increased use of electronic cigarettes by Montanans, in particular the rise in usage among high school students.

Latest statistics show that 50 percent of Montana high school students report having tried an electronic vapor product and 30 percent report

currently using them.

Health officials also add that poison control center calls in the United States related to e-cigarettes have increased significantly; from 460 calls in 2012 to over 3,000 in 2015. The majority of these calls involve children under the age of five.

The public should be aware of the rapid increase use of e-cigarettes by youth," DPHHS Director Richard Oppert said. "And, it's very important to know that this is a product currently unregulated

and contains nicotine, which we all know is a very addictive substance."

E-cigarettes can contain dangerous chemicals and have been linked to explosions that have caused serious injury.

Oppert also noted that retailers are prohibited from selling or distributing alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to individuals under the age of 18 years, whether over the counter, by vending machine or otherwise.

**HEALTH IN THE 406 MESSAGE – E-CIGARETTES**

- Dangerous chemicals and even explosions have been linked with e-cigarettes, which are unregulated.
- Over half of Montana high school students report having tried an electronic vapor product and one in three report currently using them.
  - Poison control center calls in the United States related to e-cigarettes have skyrocketed from 460 calls in 2012 to over 3,000 in 2015; 58 percent of these involve children under the age of five.

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## HEALTHY = HAPPY

Remember how we said we were going to take some column inches once a month to chronicle our health and wellness journeys? Well, we changed our minds. After hearing from all of you about our first installment with positive feedback, we're shaking it up.

Instead of all of us writing a short column on the same week of the month, Erin, Susanne, Caitlin and I (Abigail!) are going to each take a week of the month so we can expand on our topics and really dig deep. That way, you will get a little more information, and we will be held even a little more accountable.

So this is our break week. We're regrouping and reorganizing, and then next week, one of us will kick off the column.

Check back!



# COLUMNS



## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

### Perfection Punctured

### Recollections of a long-ago dilemma

This morning, just in time, I noticed a patch of ice on the cement stoop outside my door. That sobering sight reminded me of a February morning during my junior high school days. In a shocking departure from the norm, I arrived at school early. While traversing the sidewalk leading to the school's entry doors, I slipped on some ice hidden under the snow. In a praiseworthy exhibition of agility, I executed a series of pioneering gymnastics before crash landing.

Like any normal adolescent boy, my first impulse was to assuage my dented pride. Clearly, assuagement would only be achieved by relishing the mortifying crash of the next hapless casualty. Hence, I positioned myself far enough behind the entry door windows to remain obscure, while still maintaining a splendid view of the sidewalk. I then waited for the unlucky nerd to show up. To my uneasiness, before long, a classmate appeared who was anything but a nerd.

Priscilla was a straight A student. Rumor had it she had never dangled a participle, sang a sour note, fractured a fraction or suffered a subject-verb disagreement. She was, quite simply, academic excellence personified. Hence, she'd been christened by her numerous intellectual inferiors as "Priscilla Perfect." It's only natural to conclude such a person was the subject of mass loathing. However, there was one hindrance to collective abhorrence - Priscilla was also the prettiest girl in the seventh grade.

Focused on the warmth waiting inside the school, the dazzling damsel advanced at a crisp pace. As she drew near the icy patch, I faced the wrenching moral dilemma of whether or not to shout a warning. Then, just as I moved to warn her, a piercing shriek rang out. Instantly, the sound of that dented-pride-

assuaging resonance trumped any amorous or humanitarian concerns I formerly harbored.

Gratified, I watched as the Flawless One's feet shot from under her. Her arms flew outward, flinging books in a nearly symmetrical arch. At the apex of Priscilla's ascent, a sizeable space separated the seat of her jeans from the sidewalk. The look of panic in her saucer-sized baby-blues was soul-stirring. Upon impact, Priscilla's lips oscillated rapidly across her clenched pearly-whites.

With her perfection punctured, the wretched victim sat motionless while assorted papers floated down around her. Her peaches and cream complexion had turned to scarlet. In seconds, Miss Perfect was transformed from a vision of beauty to looking as though she'd spent the night in a dumpster.

After regaining her senses, Priscilla anxiously pivoted her head around to see if anyone had witnessed the unspeakable spectacle. When she noticed a set of widely grinning teeth inside the entry door windows, her mouth assumed a murderous scowl. At that point, I hastily retreated up the stairs and into the boy's restroom, where I hid out until the school filled with students. Then, I entered the hallway, only to find myself nose-to-nose with a disheveled demon.

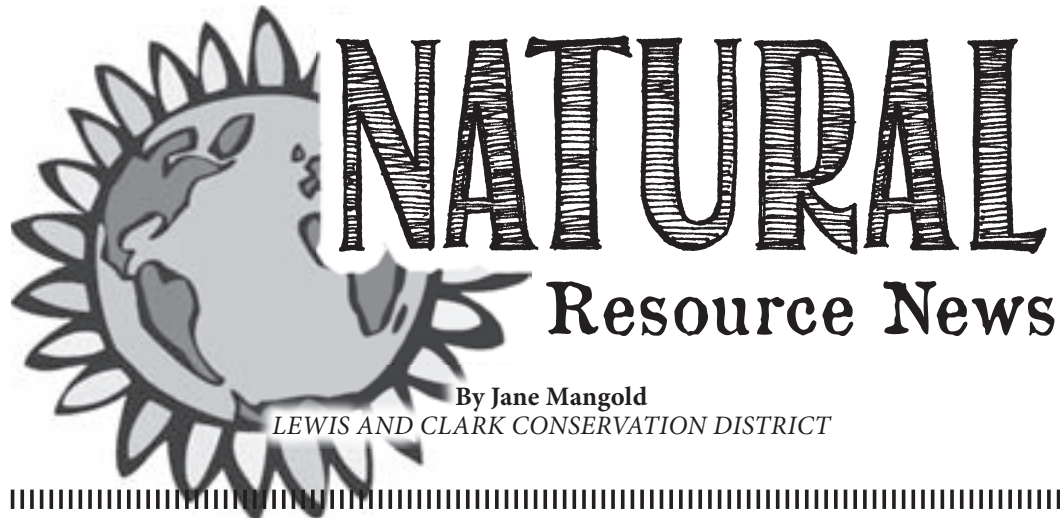
"IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT?" The damning words flustered me! My strident requests for evidence, proving her accusation, were met with indifference. My protestations of innocence fell on deaf ears. Miss Perfect was convinced I was the despicable villain who had facilitated her disgrace. Before triumphantly departing, she showered me with terms slandering my mental stability. Even then, I had to admit the girl looked gorgeous.

Not long after, our family moved away. I never saw Priscilla again. To this day, I doubt she ever knew how smitten I was with her or how close I came to warning her that long ago morning.

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Art Kehler



By Jane Mangold  
LEWIS AND CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## RUSH SKELETONWEED

Rush skeletonweed is a high priority species for Montana due to its limited presence here and our close proximity to large infestations in Idaho. Furthermore, rush skeletonweed could have devastating impacts on agriculture and rangelands in Montana if it becomes well established.

Rush skeletonweed is native to Asia, the Mediterranean and North Africa. It was first reported in the United States near Spokane, Wash., in 1938. A small infestation was found in Sanders County, Mont., in 1991 and has subsequently been reported in Lincoln, Flathead and Treasure counties as well. Most recently, rush skeletonweed has been reported in Beaverhead and Ravalli counties. It is listed as a Priority 1B noxious weed in Montana.

Rush skeletonweed primarily disperses by seeds. Established plants are capable of producing 15,000 - 20,000 seeds. The small, lightweight seeds can spread far distances by wind and water and can also attach to animals and clothing. Rush skeletonweed can also reproduce vegetatively from fragmented taproots.

Rush skeletonweed competes for soil moisture and nutrients with grains in cropping systems and desired plants in rangeland. It rapidly spread throughout the wheat-growing area of southeastern Australia and caused significant yield reductions. It can form dense monocultures on rangeland, reducing forage for cattle and wildlife.

Found on roadsides and rangelands, in pastures and grain fields, as well as disturbed sites like a recent wildfire or cheatgrass-invaded site, rush skeletonweed is actually a perennial forb in the sunflower family (Asteraceae). Rush skeletonweed is deep rooted, growing 1 - 4 feet tall, with a highly branched stem and few leaves, creating a "skeletal" appearance. When

the stiff stems are broken, they produce a milky latex substance. You will notice downward pointing hairs near the base of the stem and small yellow flowers at the ends of the stems, either individually or in clusters. The rush skeletonweed overwinters as rosette, which resembles common dandelion.

Management priorities for rush skeletonweed include monitoring, early detection and treatment of newly invading plants. Hand pulling is an option for small infestations, but this requires control two to three times per year for more than five years. Fall or spring applications of herbicides (picloram, aminopyralid or clopyralid) provide control for a year or more; however, the level of effectiveness can depend on the presence of biological control agents and percent cover of competitive perennial grasses.

Three biocontrol agents

of rush skeletonweed are established in the western U.S. including: rust fungus (*Puccinia chondrillina*), gall



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Rush skeletonweed.

## Commodity Insite! Sorry, too late

by Jerry Welch

The hot money, hedge funds and speculators raised their net short position in the ag-markets to a new all-time record high last week. The data comes from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission that regulates the futures market. The CFTC pegs the total short position to be the highest on record going back to 2006. Needless to say, the news clearly shows how bearish the trade views the ag-markets.

Then again, the CRB Index, weighted towards grains and livestock, is within striking distance of a new, 13 year low. In addition, commodities as measured by the CRB closed lower for the fifth year in a row in 2015, a feat never before seen with the index lower again this year. Thus, the hot money speculators holding a record short in the ag-markets is not surprisingly shocking. Not to me anyway.

The only positive I can glean from the CFTC data is that being short commodities per se or the ag-markets specifically is crowded trade. History shows that when a trade becomes popular and too crowded there is a tendency for prices to suddenly and without warning reverse course. Some are viewing the record shorts by the funds as a reason to spark a rally. They could be right. However, there is a fundamental reason why the hot money is on the sell side of the ledger by an all-time record amount. The reason is, the ag-markets are flat out bearish and will remain that way unless weather problems develop this growing season. Without weather problems, the ag-markets will struggle to rally which in turn will spark more and more fund selling.

Late this week, the USDA did not help matters when they unveiled their first formal estimate

for domestic grain supplies in 2016/17. They argue that corn stocks will end at a 12 year high and wheat supplies will jump to the highest levels in 29 years. If you wonder why everyone and their brother is jumping on the bear bandwagon when it comes to grains, the data above answers that question.

According to agriculture.com, "U.S. farmers will grow their second-largest corn crop and the third-largest soybean crop ever and see the lowest corn, soybean and wheat prices in a decade when they market them, the Agriculture Department projected at its annual Outlook Forum." The article also stated, "... season-average prices would fall due to strong foreign competition and the strong dollar. Corn is projected to fetch \$3.45 a bushel, soybeans \$8.50 and wheat \$4.20 a bushel. Each would be the lowest

since 2006/07, the early days of the commodity boom that peaked in 2013."

Each of those projected prices is above where the futures market traded this week.

In January 2015, new crop soybeans were trading north of \$10 by a few cents, new crop corn north of \$4 by a few cents and new crop wheat basis Chicago was a tad over \$6 a bushel. Compare those prices to the recent USDA projections and you can easily understand how far prices have declined the past 13 months. But if the USDA is correct, there is more coming to the downside.

As for shorting grains now, hoping and wishing the USDA is right about even lower prices will be seen and my response is brief and to the point. I say, "Sorry, too late to be bearish with the growing season at hand."

But understand. I am not

bullish grains. In fact, I am flat out bearish most all markets as I expect the Fed to hike rates and dollar work higher as a result. A stronger dollar and additional rate hikes will keep rallies across the board with hard assets in check. And when the Ides of March arrives, markets across the board will begin to shimmy and shake, roll over and stage another leg down and that includes grains.

This month is noted for being one of madness. Specifically March Madness by those that adore the game of roundball. But I discovered not long ago that the term roundball is seldom heard anymore because it is only used by an older generation. A more modern and up-to-date name for basketball is hoops, bball or brownball. Personally, I will stick with what I grew up with and continue to call the great game roundball.

I did run across an amusing piece on urbandictionary.com that touches on the generational differences among basketball lovers as well as parenting skills. The piece is by Smack, King of Ramen and first posted on April 25, 2004. It involves a conversation between a father and son. Here it is: "Let's go play some roundball, son." "No thanks, Dad." "Oh, ok, then you can sweep the driveway and clean out the fridge." "Well, alright, let's go!" "Sorry, too late. See ya in a couple of hours."

My bias regarding the grain complex is "sorry, too late" to now sell short. But it's not too late to expect the Ides of March to weigh on all markets in a month known for madness. It is also not too late to remind bball fans there was a time when the game was called roundball. And certainly never too late to hone one's parenting skills.

# COMICS & PUZZLES



"EVER GET THE FEELING IT'S TIME TO TAKE THIS CLIMATE CHANGE STUFF MORE SERIOUSLY?"

Editor's Note: Any editorial cartoons printed in our paper do not reflect the opinion of the staff of The Madisonian.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Vim and vigor
- 4 Go by
- 8 Blueprint
- 12 Glass of NPR
- 13 Between jobs
- 14 Top-rated
- 15 Unreasonably suspicious
- 17 Deteriorates
- 18 Clumsy ship
- 19 Protective wall
- 21 Not quite boil
- 24 Greek consonants
- 25 Past
- 26 Two, in Tijuana
- 28 Sulked
- 32 First course, maybe
- 34 "Golden Girl" Arthur
- 36 Volcanic flow
- 37 First Little Pig's material
- 39 Blond shade
- 41 Prot. or Cath.
- 42 Disencumber
- 44 Expedition
- 46 Ideal
- 50 Tatter
- 51 — out

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- 5 Commotion
- 6 Error
- 7 Auto style
- 8 Sunshade
- 9 Aerobic maneuver
- 10 Initial stake
- 11 Cardinals' home?
- 16 Branch
- 20 Pirates' quaff
- 21 Back talk
- 22 "— Rhythm"
- 23 Plagiarize
- 27 Red or Black
- 29 Landlocked country
- 30 Always
- 31 Limp-watch painter
- 33 Seeming
- 35 Donkey
- 38 Peruke
- 40 Bother repeatedly
- 43 Grumpy companion
- 45 Online help pg.
- 46 Mexican money
- 47 Related
- 48 Depend (on)
- 49 Appellation
- 53 Scoot
- 54 Really impress
- 55 Stick with a kick

### DOWN

- 1 Spot on a domino
- 2 Mound stat
- 3 Lover
- 4 Made a sawtooth edge
- 52 Toxic herbicide
- 56 Missile shelter
- 57 Ostriches' kin
- 58 Bristle
- 59 Black quartz
- 60 Longings
- 61 Still

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## Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons  
By Janet Tharpe

### Full-Flavored Sherry Balsamic Caramelized Brussels Sprouts

"This recipe hits it out of the park!"



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Lou Kostura  
Belmont, CA (pop. 25,835)

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- Janet

### Balsamic Caramelized Brussels Sprouts

#### What You Need

- 1 1/2 lb fresh Brussels sprouts, halved
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 2 tsp butter
- 2 oz dried wild mushrooms, mixed variety
- 1/4 c sherry balsamic vinegar

#### Directions

- Soak dried mushrooms in hot water for 20 minutes or until soft.
- Clean and cut Brussels sprouts in half.
- Heat heavy skillet to med-high, add olive oil, butter, and garlic.
- Place Brussels sprouts in skillet cut side down, let oil and butter start to caramelize them.
- When nicely browned add drained mushrooms.
- Add sherry balsamic and cover.
- Cook covered until all sherry vinegar is reduced.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

### 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 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 IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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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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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**BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
The Big Sky Owners Association is seeking bids to perform winter road maintenance on approximately 11 miles of roads in Gallatin County and 10 miles of roads in Madison County. Effective date of the contract is October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021. To receive a bid packet, contact the BSOA at 406-995-4166 or e-mail Casey Drayton at casey@bigsky.org. Responses will be received until 5PM on Friday April 1, 2016. (Pub. March 10, 17, 2016) bsosa  
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**ENNIS BIG SKY AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS ENNIS, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA**  
AIP 3-30-0090-013-2014 & 3-30-0090-015-2015

Separate sealed bids will be received by Madison County, Montana until 2:00 p.m., local time, March 31, 2016. All bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud in the Public Meeting Conference Room, Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, Montana 59755, for the Ennis Big Sky Airport Improvements Project to include the following:  
• Reconstruct North Apron;  
• Construct Apron Expansion;  
• Reconstruct / Construct Parallel Taxiway (partial);  
• Reconstruct Hangar Access Taxilane; and  
• Install Miscellaneous Navigational Aids.  
This work is to include all tools, equipment, materials, and labor to complete this project. Madison County, Montana, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-1 to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be dis-

criminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.  
The requirements of 49 CFR part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of Madison County, Montana to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership.  
All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The Contractor retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractor's compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 CFR Part 1910). Contractor must address any claims or disputes that pertain to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor - Occupational Safety and Health Administration.  
All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part time workers.  
The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division.  
This project is subject to the Federal provisions for Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace, which are incorporated by reference. Failure to comply with the terms of these contract provisions may be sufficient grounds to: 1.) Withhold progress payments or final payment, 2.) Terminate the contract, 3.) Seek suspension/debarment, or 4.) Any other action determined to be appropriate by the Sponsor or the FAA. Bids will be received on a price basis as described in the Contract Documents. Bid security in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid which shall be: (1) lawful money of the United States; or (2) a Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Money Order or Bank Draft, in any case drawn and issued by a federally chartered or state chartered bank insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation; or (3) a bid bond, guaranty bond, or surety bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana. The bid security shall be made payable to the Owner and failure to enter into a formal contract will result in the Owner retaining the bid security. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a formal contract within ten (10) calendar days

from the date the Notice of Award is received, to complete an insurance certification, to furnish a Performance Bond, and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount. The successful Bidder is required to comply with Montana's Contractor Registration Law in accordance with Title 39, Chapter 9, MCA.  
Contract Documents may be inspected at many plan exchanges, and at the office of the consulting engineer, Robert Peccia & Associates, (825 Custer Ave. / P.O. Box 5653, Helena, MT 59604). They may be reviewed, downloaded, and printed at no cost under the "CURRENT PROJECTS BIDDING" tab, at [www.rpa-hln.com](http://www.rpa-hln.com).  
All bids must be submitted in a Bidding Documents booklet, provided by the Engineer upon receipt of \$25.00 (non-refundable). Alternate forms or copies of the Bidding Documents booklet will not be acceptable. The Planholders List will include only the purchasers of Bidding Documents booklets.  
Hard copies of the Contract Documents (including a Bidding Documents booklet) printed by the Engineer are available upon receipt of \$300.00 (non-refundable) for each complete set.  
A pre-bid conference will take place on March 24, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ennis Big Sky Airport. Potential Bidders are also encouraged to contact the Engineer ([lance@rpa-hln.com](mailto:lance@rpa-hln.com) or 406-447-5000) with questions.  
Faxed bids will not be accepted or considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject nonconforming, irregular, non-responsive or conditional bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 45 days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidder prior to award of the contract.  
March 10, 2016  
MADISON COUNTY  
By /s/ David Schulz, Chairman  
(Pub. March 10, 17, 24 2016) rpa/mcc  
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**LEGAL NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Town of Sheridan will hold a public hearing on March 21, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Sheridan Town Hall at 103 East Hamilton Street in Sheridan. The Town Council has scheduled the hearing to obtain public comment regarding a water system preliminary engineering report (PER), possible applications to the State of Montana's Treasure State Endowment, Renewable Resource, and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs. Also, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on an assessment of the potential environmental impact of the proposed improvements to the water system. At the hearing, the project will be explained, including the purpose and proposed area of the project, activities, budget, possible sources of funding, and any costs that may result for local citizens because of the project. The Town Council will give everyone the opportunity to ask questions and to express their opinions regarding the project and its effect on the environment.  
Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing before the end of the hearing on March 21, 2016.  
Anyone who would like more information or has questions should contact Fred Phillips, PE, Project Manager, Great West Engineering at (406) 495-6179 or [fphillips@greatwesteng.com](mailto:fphillips@greatwesteng.com). A summary of the PER and the Environmental Assessment are available at Sheridan Town Hall at 103 East Hamilton Street in Sheridan.  
Town of Sheridan  
Tom Shaffer, Mayor  
(Pub. March 10, 17, 2016) tos  
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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  
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 de-

ceased 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 Braakmsa & 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 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 Tract 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



## MONTANA HERITAGE COMMISSION IN HISTORIC VIRGINIA CITY

IS HIRING 10 SEASONAL WORKERS TO  
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HR. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

KATE SLAWSKI AT 406-843-5247 OR  
KSLAWSKI@MT.GOV



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Virginia City, MT 59755  
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~John and the crew at Madison Laundry & Cleaners

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## 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.

Madison County Sanitarian's Office  
P.O. Box 278 - 103 W. Wallace Street  
Virginia City, MT 59755  
(O) 406-843-4275 (F) 406-843-5362  
mcsani@madison.mt.gov

## SERVSAFE TRAINING

The Madison County Sanitarian's Office will be holding a series of ServSafe trainings. A successful passing grade will satisfy the Montana Food Code, which requires all licensed food establishments to have a Certified Food Manager on staff. The dates and locations are listed below:

DATE: April 4th, Monday, 8:00am-5:00pm held in Virginia City  
May 6th Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm held in Virginia City  
Fee: \$75.00

Registration Deadline: One week prior to the class

Registration forms can be found on the Sanitarian's page of the Madison County website at madison.mt.gov, or the Sanitarian's Office, located at 103 W. Wallace Street in Virginia City.

Textbooks will be available for pick up at the Madison County Sanitarian's Office. Applicants must be registered and fees paid in advance of receiving textbooks and exam materials. Lunch will be provided at no cost. Please call the Sanitarian's Office at 843-4275 to register for this training. Seating is limited, so please register early.

## GET RESULTS.

advertise in The Madisonian. call 682-7755 to make a plan.



### 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.

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# Find Fellowship With Us



## AREA SENIOR MEALS

### 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 10 - MARCH 17 MENU:

**Thurs, Mar. 10:** BROCCOLI BEEF, RICE, DESSERT  
**Friday, Mar. 11 :** BAKED MAC & CHEESE, VEGGIES, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT  
**Tuesday, Mar. 15:** CHICKEN CORDON BLEU CASSEROLE, VEGGIES, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT  
**Weds, Mar. 16:** OPEN FACED PATTY MELT ON RYE, COTTAGE CHEESE, DESSERT  
**Thurs, Mar. 17:** CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE, POTATOES, DESSERT

### 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.  
RS & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.  
Family History Center  
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Pres. Thompson 682-7415  
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(Nursery & Children's Church)  
Pastor Greg Ledgerwood  
**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE** Snack & Yack 6:30 pm  
Family Night 7:8:15 pm  
(Prayer meeting, Women's bible study, youth group, kids groups)  
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT  
682-4197

### 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.  
RS & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.  
Mutual (Youth Group) Weds. 7:00p.m.  
3560 | MT State Hwy 287  
Sheridan 842-5860  
Bishop Dustin 684-5255

### Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP  
September - April ~ 11 a.m.  
May - August ~ 9 a.m.  
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Your Local Assembly of God Church  
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842-5845  
Pastor Duane Deshner  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. (Children's Ministry)  
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!



### 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



Phil 2:16  
Holding forth the word of life:  
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  
MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
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### 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

### 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 9:00 a.m.  
**Christ Church** Sheridan 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
www.rvec.org  
Prayer requests: 682-4788 843-5296 842-7713

### GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

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Pastor Tom Luksha

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— King Crossword —  
Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.

### 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  
Suzy 685-3692

### "Keep it Simple." A.A. MEETING

Bethany Hall, Sheridan  
(behind Methodist Church)  
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

### Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group

Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help. SUazN. - 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.

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# AT THE SCENE

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Madison Valley Rural Fire Department chief Shawn Christensen listens to the radio in the department's newest fire truck. MVRFD was on scene at a crash on March 7 at 8:15 a.m. in Ennis, at the corner of W Ennis Street and Madison Avenue. Two vehicles were involved in the incident, and the Ennis Ambulance transported one person to the Madison Valley Medical Center. MVRFD secured the site and stayed on scene until the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the Montana Highway Patrol arrived.

## Thank you!

The Twin Bridges Library Board of Directors would like to publicly thank the *John and Virginia Kleis family* for their charitable gift to *the* Twin Bridges Public Library.

Their generous donation will benefit the patrons and members of the community for years to come.



## Twin Bridges Public Library receives donation for technology

KERSTIN CLARK  
Chairperson for the Twin Bridges Library Board of Directors

The Twin Bridges Public Library has estab-

lished the John and Virginia Kleis Memorial Fund for Technology with a generous gift from the John and Virginia Kleis family. The memorial fund will be specifically used for technological updates to better assist the patrons of the library.



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

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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.



PHOTOS COURTESY JAMIE JANOSKO

(L) Students from Alder school show off their prizes at the Rural School Science Fair held in Dillon. (R) Molly Gilman is awarded first in the physical category.

## Alder competes in Rural School Science Fair

SUBMITTED BY JAMIE JANOSKO  
Alder School

The students from Alder school competed in the Rural School Science Fair held at the Keltz Arena in Dillon on March 4, 2016. The Rural School Science Fair is such an important academic

opportunity for these kids, and the Alder School did a fantastic job.

### Kindergarten

Maggie Baker, Benson Todd and Max Gilman participated in the fair.

### First grade

Quinn Gilman received second in Physical and Cooper Schwartz received first in earth and space.

### Second grade

Jaida Tutsch received first in physical, Connor Miller received second in earth and space, MaRae Smail received

first in chemical.

### Third grade

Molly Gilman received first in physical and Jacob Mann received second.

### Fourth grade

Brittany Walking Eagle received second in biology.

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The Internet has opened a wide new world of communication. It makes so many things possible from visiting with friends and family, to doing research, to online banking. All of these things are great, but also require some safety precaution to safeguard your identity. Learn some basic do's and don'ts to protect yourself when you are online.

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. • Devices**  
Open Forum. If you are interested in learning about the different devices or already have one and want to learn more. Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or android tablet. You will have time to ask questions and explore your device with the instructor.

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## - ATTENTION -

### HIGH PEAKS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBERS

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## 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.

**Gentle yoga, Virginia City**  
Join us every Thursday for gentle yoga with Manu Redmond. The class begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Thompson-Hickman Library.

**Relay for Life kickoff, Sheridan**  
Join us at 5 p.m. at The Sump Bar to sign up your relay team.

## FRIDAY MARCH 11

**Stargazing, Sheridan**  
A viewing of the night sky through telescopes. Call Joe Witherspoon at 842-7722.

## SATURDAY MARCH 12

**Cake walk, Virginia City**  
You are invited to the Virginia City Fire Department cake walk. Bring your family and a cake to the Elk's Lodge at 6 p.m.

**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 Com-

munity Association beginning at 5:30 p.m. Call Jack Leber at 684-5686 for more information.

**Estate planning seminar, Ennis**  
Suzanne Nellen will hold a seminar about planning for your estate. The seminar will be held at the Madison Valley Public Library from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY MARCH 15

**Estate planning seminar, Sheridan**  
Suzanne Nellen will hold a seminar about planning for your estate. The seminar will be held at the Sheridan Public Library from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

**Movie night, Virginia City**  
Join us every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movie night at the Thompson-Hickman Library. Please call to find out what's playing.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 16

**Meeting, Ennis**  
Madison Meadows Golf Course Board of Directors monthly meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at the clubhouse.

## THURSDAY MARCH 17

**Nonprofit management series, Dillon**  
Join the Montana Nonprofit Association's four-part nonprofit management series. Please contact the University of Montana - Western campus for more information.

**OldTimers concert, Sheridan**  
The Ruby Valley OldTimer's Concert - come and enjoy the Tippy Chicks, the Ruby Valley Boys, Jerry the one armed guitar man and many more. Begins at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

## FRIDAY MARCH 18

**Game night, Sheridan**  
Join us for Friday game night at the Christ Church Parish Hall at 6 p.m. We have a great variety of games for twos, threes or small groups. Feel free to bring your favorite game.

**Tea party, Virginia City**  
Second annual Mad Hatter Tea Party will be held at the Thompson-Hickman Library from 5-7 p.m. Bring a hat or borrow one of ours. Dave Walker will be performing for our listening pleasure.

## SATURDAY MARCH 19

**Chautauqua, Virginia City**  
The Elling House Arts and Humanities center will be hosting a Chautauqua program on beginning at 7:30 p.m.. Those interested in performing should call 843-5454.

**Open mic, Ennis**  
All are welcome to read poetry or other spoken word, musical numbers, skits or other performance acts at 2 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Acts should be under three minutes. Contact Lee Robison for more information.

**Holy Week Services at Christ Episcopal Church**  
Palm Sunday, March 20  
Please meet in the Parish Hall prior to the 10am service  
Good Friday, March 25  
Stations of the Cross at 11am  
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Easter Sunday  
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## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

**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

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

### FRIDAYS

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

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

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

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

**Live Music - Norris**  
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FRIDAY APRIL 8TH: WILLIE JAMES  
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