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A NEW MAYOR IN ENNIS



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Town clerk Ginger Guinn collects mayor ballots from the commissioners.

Larry Pine assumes role; commission discusses storage units, grant, STIP

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Though the big agenda item at the Ennis Town Commission meeting on March 10 was the selection of a mayor, the commissioners handled other business first, including allowing the library to purchase a storage unit, applying for a grant and renewing a participation agreement in a state investment program.

A place for books

Molly Aagard, Madison Valley Public Library director, told the commissioners the library is in need for more storage space. "We keep taking book donations," she said. "The Friends of the Library are willing to pay for a storage unit." Aagard said they need a mouse proof, water proof storage unit, and that they were looking at purchasing one similar to what town hall has, which is essentially a shipping container.

Zoning administrator Art Behar said the commissioners needed to approve the request since the proposed location of the unit is on city property. "It's something they need," said commissioner John Bancroft. "We would be setting a precedent if we deny it - we've never done that. We would deny them the opportunity to save their books. I don't know what the problem is."

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Former town commissioner Larry Pine is sworn in as Ennis mayor on March 11, by town clerk Ginger Guinn.

CANDIDATE FILING CLOSES

For state and county offices, candidates toss their names in the hat

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March 14 marked the final day for candidates to file to run in this year's election for state and county offices, according to Kathleen Mumme, Madison County clerk and recorder and election administrator.

Mumme said most state offices are up for election this year, from the governor's seat to Senate and House seats specifically related to Madison County - Senate District 36 and House District 71.

Debbly Barrett from Dillon currently holds SD 36, but cannot run again because of a term limit. Jeff Welborn from Dillon, who previously served four terms in the House of Representatives, filed to run for the seat.

"My campaign is simply about my track record in the Montana legislature, one focused on jobs, the economy, building infrastructure and educating our kids," Welborn told *The Madisonian*. "My plan is simple, do the right thing for Montana."

Dale Stewart from Dillon filed to run against Welborn for the Senate seat. Though Stewart is a self-proclaimed "new comer to politics," he has lived in Dillon for almost 18 years and served as a school board trustee, interim pastor, director of a bible camp, reserve police officer, firefighter and more.

"I am not a politician and do not want to be one. I want to put the people back in 'we the people' and make 'common sense' common again in the government," Stewart stated in a press release.

HD 71, which is currently held by Ray Shaw of Sheridan, covers all of Madison County and parts of Silver Bow and Jefferson counties. Shaw filed to run for reelection, saying he enjoys being the "common sense voice of the people of HD 71."

Dennis Lester, an engineer from Silver Star who has lived in Madison County since 2004, filed to run against Shaw.

"It's my civic duty," Lester said. "I feel I am one of the better candidates out there to present a different view to the Montana legislature."

In addition, Robert Wagner from Harrison also filed to run for HD 71. Wagner served two terms in the House of Representatives prior to Shaw.

"I truly believe that our state and our nation needs to restore some principles of government that have all but been lost," Wagner said, explaining why he decided to run for the seat.

County offices

Two county seats are up for election this cycle - commission district one, currently held by Dave Schulz, and clerk and recorder and election administrator, Mumme's role.

Mumme was the only one to file for the clerk and recorder

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Ennis School Board

Board discusses construction project, technology levy, superintendent search

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When the Ennis School Board met on March 9, much discussion revolved around turnover in the next few months, since three trustee seats are up for election and the school will be hiring a superintendent to replace Jon Wrzesinski, who resigned effective June 30, 2016.

"We need to catch everyone up so they can help the new board members and new superintendent," said board chair John Scully, referring to trustees Kris Inman and Chad Coffman, who are not up for election this year. "Based on the election and whoever is chosen as superintendent, we need to get all the documents together, old budgets, to review and get everyone on the same page."

Scully said he reached out to John Overstreet, who served as the school's superintendent prior to Wrzesinski and asked Overstreet if he would sit in on a budget committee to lend a hand.

"He is willing to serve as a committee member," Scully said. "If you guys would like that," Trustee Craig George thanked Scully for

reaching out to Overstreet, saying the former superintendent has "great experience" and is a "great asset."

Trustee Maria Lake asked Scully how long the budget committee would be in place.

"Only as long as we need to catch everyone up so they can help the new board and superintendent," he said.

Scully also pointed out the importance of getting the new board members up to speed on other parts of the board's duties, after they are sworn in on May 11.

"We should schedule a training for board conduct, board policy," he said. "And (Targeted Economic Development District) training."

TEDD training is important for the Ennis School Board because a subcommittee of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is exploring how a TEDD may be implemented in Big Sky, though there is no formal proposal to do so before the Madison County commissioners.

Vo-tech project

Over the summer, the board hopes to construct an addition to the vo-tech building

located to the west of the school.

Dave Grigsby, architect, and Chris McCown, vo-tech teacher, presented the project at the meeting.

"We've come across some issues," McCown said. "It's an old building."

Scully asked when the building was constructed, and McCown said he believed it was built in 1973.

Grigsby explained the biggest issue they are facing is where to place the propane tank - it currently sits on the south side of the building and is out of compliance.

"A 1,000 gallon propane tank has to be 25 feet from a building and 25 feet from the property line," he said. "There's nowhere to put it to the south."

Grigsby suggested a few alternative locations to put the propane tank, including to the west of the building, or burying the tank, but said he needs direction from the board.

In addition to the propane placement issue, Grigsby said they have come across issues with the insulation and the siding, both relating back to the age of the building.

"I just need to know what you want to do," he told the board. "Things are snowballing."

Lake and George, who run the board's build-



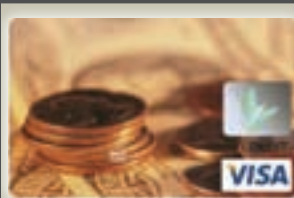
John Overstreet

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Commissioner Audra Bourk said she did not want to deny the library's request, but added she thought there should be something in the town ordinances about what kind of storage units are acceptable in the future.

"If the problem is aesthetics, there are a lot of fixes to that," Aagard said. "We could make it nice or paint it plain or put up a fence around it."

"In my opinion (Pine) would be a good candidate. He's got both feet into the budget already, he knows the employees and what's going on." - Audra Bourk, Ennis commissioner

Commissioner Larry Pine asked if the books are stored long term or if they are accessed often.

"We get a lot of book donations," Aagard explained. "If they fit in my collection, I catalogue them, but if they do not, we store them. We have book sales throughout the year but we have to house them until the sale."

Bancroft moved to allow

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position. She said she believes she is the most qualified person to step in and take over – she was appointed interim clerk and recorder after Peggy Kaatz-Stemler stepped down earlier this year.

"In another month I will have been in this office for 23 years," she said. "But, beyond that, I love this office and everything that we do. There really isn't anything about this job or the office that I don't find interesting, fun, challenging and rewarding."

Three people filed to run for the commission seat – Schulz, Dan Allhands and Ellis Thompson.

Schulz, from Sheridan, is currently in his 16th year as commissioner, and said he truly loves the people of Madison County and his job.

"I feel going forward I can still help make a difference," Schulz said. "I feel I have made a significant difference in many of the issues Madison County deals with. I have a good understanding of Madison County's financial position and a working understanding of our budget."

Dan Allhands said people have asked him to run for commissioner for the last couple years, but he has been busy taking care of a large ranch in Alder.

"We're moving on from that and when people heard, more started asking me to run," Allhands said. "They're concerned about the way we're going financially – there's been too much money spent on some things."

Though Allhands comes

from a ranching background, he also served as Alder fire chief and on the Sheridan School Board.

The *Madisonian* reached out to Thompson for comment but did not hear back by press time on Tuesday.

School board elections
 Though filing for state and county offices has come and gone, the deadline to file in school elections is March 24 and the election is May 3, according to school clerks from around the county.

The county clerk and recorder's office handles elections for the entire county, except for school elections.

"We only supply the school clerks with the voter registers and lists," Mumme said. "They administer their own elections."

According to Alder school

Bancroft seconded it. All the commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

STIP

The commissioners also voted to renew their participation in the state's Short Term Investment Program, which is essentially a saving's account, explained clerk Ginger Guinn.

"We invest some money to gain interest," Guinn said. "The state invests the money in the stock market ... it's easy to move our funds in and out of the program."

Vincent moved to renew the town's participation agreement in STIP, and Bourk seconded it. All the commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A new mayor

After former Mayor Becky Vujovich resigned last month, the commissioners have been on the hunt for a replacement. Bancroft and Bourk interviewed three applicants for the position and gave their recommendations to the council.

"We had three really good applicants," Bancroft said. "I want to thank them all. I have a recommendation of who I think would be best. (Bourk) may have another."

Bancroft continued to say he thought Blake Leavitt was the best candidate for the job.

"He's the best person to move in and get things going,"

Bancroft said. "He said he would sit down with all department heads and figure out where to go. He knows budgets and he knows how to handle people. He can devote time to the town."

Bourk agreed with Bancroft on one point, saying all the applicants were great.

"In my opinion, (Pine) would be a good pick," she said, referring to the current commissioner. "He's got both feet into the budget already, he knows the employees and what's going on."

After a short debate about whether Pine should vote on the appointment, town attorney James Greenbaum said his gut reaction was that Pine should refrain from voting because of a conflict of interest.

Guinn handed out a closed ballot and the other four commissioners – Bancroft, Bourk, Vincent and Palmerton – each cast their vote. After a quick tally, Guinn announced Pine as the new town mayor.

"Congratulations, Larry," Vincent said. "... We will have to appoint a commissioner in (Pine's) place."

The commissioners will advertise Pine's now-open seat until March 31, and make their selection at the beginning of April – the seat must be filled within 30 days of Pine's resignation, which took place March 11 when he was sworn in as mayor.

clerk Kathleen Wuefeling, the school will hold an election for one trustee.

In Ennis, three trustee seats are up for election – two three year terms and one one year term. The seats are currently held by Maria Lake, John Scully and Craig George, said clerk Ginger Martello.

Harrison only has one trustee seat up for election, according to school clerk Judi Ward. The seat is currently held by Dusty Wagner.

Sheridan school clerk Becky Larsen said the school has two seats up for election this year – the seats are currently held by Karen Talley and Bill Wood.

Twin Bridges only has one trustee seat up for election this year. The seat is currently held by chair of the board Allison Wentzel, according to school clerk Joyann Breakall.

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ing committee, made plans to meet with Grigsby and McCown to discuss the issues more in depth.

Superintendent search

Since the school started advertising for a new superintendent at the beginning of the month, clerk Ginger Martello said she has had 21 requests for packets.

"Three people have emailed in applications and I've gotten three in the mail," Martello said. "The deadline is (March) 21."

Scully said the board needs to establish a screening process, and asked if any board members objected to Overstreet sitting in.

"I think that would be

great," Lake responded.

The first batch of applicants was screened on March 16, so the board members could receive information about them before the March 21 deadline.

Technology levy

Last month, the board approved running a technology mill levy, but on March 9, they approved the actual amount.

George moved to request a technology levy for \$222,133 for seven years – that money will go to the school's technology fund, to cover tech support, software, replacement and maintenance, professional development and tech salary and stipend. George added the caveat that if the voters pass the request, the current technology levy of \$36,000 will go away. Coffman seconded

the motion.

"I'm concerned," said Inman before the vote. "Is this enough?"

Wrzesinski said it is hard to know because technology costs rise rapidly, but inflation was built into the requested amount.

All the trustees voted in favor of the motion and it passed.

Other business

Inman and Coffman will meet with representatives from World Strides, Farm to Fork and Close Up prior to the June board meeting to come up with a checklist of things the programs need to provide to the board yearly.

The trustees approved a tentative class schedule for Ennis Continuing Education's spring courses. They also

asked program director Cori Koenig to provide them with the number of classes in previous sessions and how many students were in those classes.

Wrzesinski reported that he completed principal evaluations for both elementary principal Brian Hilton and high school principal Rich Borden, and said he will recommend the board rehire both.

The school received a request to allow Harrison School students to join their drivers' ed course, but Wrzesinski said it would add too many students. He told Ennis' instructor, Kurtis Koenig, he would have to work with Harrison privately if he wanted. The board asked a letter be sent to Koenig for insurance reasons.

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Ruby Valley Search and Rescue completes ice training on reservoir

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"This is the time of the year fishermen fall through rotten ice," said Bill Sinclair, president of Ruby Valley Search and Rescue. "So we went out and trained for it."

Seven members of the Ruby Valley SAR donned dry suits

**"We all learned a lot and I know that if we were called out on an incident, we definitely know how to work together better."
- Gordon Ash, Ruby Valley Search and Rescue**

and took an icy plunge into the Ruby Reservoir on Saturday, March 5.

"A big component of search and rescue for the Ruby Valley unit is water related," explained Gordon Ash, SAR member. "We want to be competent in all aspects of water rescues. We've gone through the raft

and jet boat training in a river situation, and we had the desire to do something with ice training in the event of somebody going through."

Ash used a training program from Nova Scotia search and rescue to implement tools into Ruby Valley SAR's arsenal for ice rescues.

"We have nine dry suits," he said. "Our dry suits are used in any water situation. They don't keep you warm at all for extended periods of time so we were layered up under those suits."

Ash said the members quickly learned they would have to stagger their time in the icy water so they could exit the water to warm up.

"The Ruby Reservoir provided a neat environment," Ash said. "It had open water and really thin ice then out to solid ice. So we were acclimating ourselves to getting into the water and then onto the ice."

The participants used haul lines to secure themselves to the shore, and also had a raft for back up.

"We had a ladder out there that was used as a tool for slithering out on the ice to reach someone that may have



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Ruby Valley Search and Rescue trainees maneuver on thin ice at the Ruby Reservoir.

fallen through," Ash explained. "When you get into a thin ice situation, you are trying to displace weight across the surface, so anytime you can spread it out using a ladder or sled or by slithering along on your belly, you try that, as long as you have a secure recovery means."

Sinclair said he realized how important it was to have people

on shore, tethering ropes and coordinating those in the water.

"There is an important component of your team that is on the shore making sure your strategy is going as planned," Ash added. "That's where your incident commander is. They are there keeping track of communication and the activities happening on the ice. That way, instead of a hap-

azard, disjointed operation, you have an individual coordinating and keeping everything concise and safe."

Both Sinclair and Ash agreed the training went well. "We all learned a lot and I know that if we were called out

on an incident, we definitely know how to work together better," Ash said. "We found out what minor tools are helpful - like ice grips and crampons when you are walking out on the ice, and having hand and foot warmers."

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Lewis found not guilty

Lucas Daniel Butler Lewis, of Sheridan, was found not guilty of the charge of sexual intercourse without consent and on the lesser included offenses by a 12 person jury following a three and one-half day trial at the Madison County Courthouse last week.

"Closing arguments started at 9 a.m. on

Thursday (March 10)," said Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall. "They ended around 10:30 a.m. and the jury reached a verdict around 12:15 p.m."

According to court documents, Lewis was charged with sexual intercourse without consent because he "knowingly had sexual intercourse without consent with another person," or more specifically, he allegedly had intercourse with a person who was 12 years old at the time of the offense - May 2015 - which

means the victim was incapable of consent due to her age.

The defense attorney requested lesser offenses be included for consideration, meaning the jury was allowed to consider lesser included offenses - essentially, lesser versions of the crime the defendant was charged for.

In Lewis' case, the jury considered the lesser offenses of sexual assault, attempted sexual assault, assault and attempted assault, and found him not guilty of all of them,

Ekwall explained.

"The jury is supposed to start by considering the most serious offense and move down the list until they find him not guilty of all of them, or find him guilty of one," Ekwall said.

Lewis' trial began on March 7, and during its duration, multiple witnesses were called by the defense and the state.

Lewis was previously on bond, but following the jury's not guilty verdict, that is no longer the case.

TWIN BRIDGES TOWN

Council works with Great West Engineering on storm drains, discusses senior center

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The Twin Bridges Town Council met on March 8 for their monthly meeting and considered a few upcoming projects.

Most important on their list of projects is updating some storm drains within the town, as well as making several updates to their subdivision regulations, according to Mayor Tom Hyndman.

Hyndman said the council gave the engineering bid for the subdivision project to Great West Engineering, and should hear a report at the next meeting, as well as hopefully have an answer regarding the storm drains and what the town can do to prevent pooling water in the streets.

"Well, right now we are just looking at different avenues to go down to fix the storm drains," said Hyndman. "They're awful expensive."

Great West Engineering attended the meeting and gave the council members different options to evaluate before moving forward with a permanent fix to the storm drains.

"They gave us a couple different options that we could try to go for and we need to think which way we want to go," said Hyndman. "And if we can afford it."

According to Hyndman, multiple drains around town, particularly those located near

the school, are not draining properly - water is pooling in the road.

"It's just causing standing water because it's not draining," he said. "We are looking to see if we can tie it in with the drain on Main Street."

Senior center update

The council also heard an update on the senior center, which has a hopeful completion date of April 15, according to Ron Nye, president of the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center committee.

"We're in the final stages of construction and we have a completion date," said Nye. "I'm hoping we make it if we don't get held up on all the little goodies that finish it."

Nye also said the board is shooting for the beginning of May for a grand opening, hoping that will give them enough time to smooth any wrinkles.

While most of the interior and exterior work is completed, concrete for the sidewalks and the parking lot still has to be

poured, but Nye said the group is optimistic.

"We're excited to finally give the seniors a place to call home," Nye said, adding that the center will provide meals and activities to close to 50 senior citizens in the area.

Nye and the rest of the board will meet later this week to begin the process of hiring people to run the facility and are hoping one of those hires will be a cook.

"That's what's going to make it a success," said Nye.

I'D RATHER BE BUSY THAN BORED!

Hi readers,

Sometimes, I say that as a mantra. *I'd rather be busy than bored. I'd rather be busy than bored. I'd rather be busy than bored.*

That statement is true 90 percent of the time, maybe even 95 percent. When my job doesn't have me running around Madison County, I still rarely slow down. After exercising my dog, riding my horse and bettering myself at the gym, I thank my lucky stars Mike likes to cook and often has dinner ready and waiting.

When I get off work and it's a sunny day without gale force winds, I head to the barn to ride Eddie. While he's been a great addition to my life, he's a time-consuming addition. One day last week, Mike and I went for a ride and made it back to the barn as the sun was setting. I fed Eddie and hopped in my car, my mind focused on taking a shower and crawling into bed, even though it was only 7 p.m. Instead, I rushed home and traded my cowboy boots for gym shoes and was back out the door in a flash.

Though I only spent about half an hour at the gym, I felt better for it. And, bonus points! Mike had a hot plate of food waiting for me at home.

Though I love having my days filled with activities, down time is important. Relaxation allows me to



recharge, which is key because I need my wits about myself the next few months at work.

I looked at my to-do list today and nearly passed out ... but it's getting extra busy around here for a good reason. It's time for The Loop again! If you are unfamiliar with The Loop, it's the lifestyle and culture magazine *The Madisonian* publishes twice a year. Basically, it's our way of celebrating the people of Madison County and the way they recreate and enjoy life in Southwest Montana.

Though we're still in the early planning stages, we have lots of great ideas, which include features about fly fishing, Native American history and Madison County's haunted side! If you have ideas about content, or cool stories to share, email me (editor@madisoniannews.com). In addition, if you have beautiful photos of the great place we call home - especially summertime pictures - please send them my way.

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Proposed delisting of grizzly based on biological opinions, facts

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see in your March 10, 2016, edition the news article about the proposed delisting of the grizzly bear. After several years of successful recovery efforts, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed

the delisting based on expert professional biological opinions and facts. But no surprise that the Humane Society of the United States will fight the delisting. In my opinion, for them and for other similar groups, it is not about grizzlies but rather an opportunity to use this science based

effort by USFWS as a campaign focus to raise money for their organization(s). As a charitable 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, they will use this and other wildlife and animal welfare "causes" as fund raising subject matter to attract donations to fill their coffers. I believe the real end

game for HSUS is elimination of hunting and fishing. I expect that their campaigns will be incremental, one step at a time, as they work to impose their value system on others.

Rick Hafenfeld
Sheridan

Daylight Saving Time – an unlucky day

Dear Editor,

They did it to us again. Sunday the 13th was the unlucky day. You know what I'm talking about. You know why you have been so tired and grouchy all week. Yes, Daylight Saving Time. They, and you know who they are? They took an hour away

from us. We know someone was killing them to do this. We all took time to catch our breath. You know someone had time on their hands and had time to spare. I just want a time out or maybe time off to get used to the hour gone. I called the time police and asked fi it is a crime to kill time. The answer was, "time

will tell." I called the airline to get a timetable to Timeville and the answer I got was, "Time flies." I looked at my timepiece but it was off and so am I. I know my time was up and it was time to hit the road. So I said, "I think it is time to call it a day."

Where did that hour go? Will I get a tax refund

for the hour lost and taken away? Will I ever get time to set my clock? Sometime after you get time, give me a call.

LaVon Brillhart
Dillon

Professional emergency medical response unit should be considered priority

Dear Editor,

Last month an employee of a local ranch was involved in an accident while on the job. The tragic event occurred less than 5 miles from downtown Ennis and exposed the need for a professional emergency medical response service in Madison County.

Although the accident occurred close to downtown Ennis, it was nearly two hours before medical help arrived. Volunteers transported the victim to the Madison Valley Medical Center where he arrived still alive, but succumbed to his injuries a short time later. The volunteers did the best they could, but it is

asking a lot of volunteers to respond to medical emergencies throughout Madison County with 8,000 residents spread over 2.3 million acres, save Big Sky. Make no mistake, I am very supportive of and grateful for our medical emergency response volunteers.

This tragic event however, exposes the need for the Madison County to create a full time professional emergency medical response unit, perhaps one complimented by the volunteer network. A professional EMR unit needs to be a priority for the county on par with the sheriff's department. County residents' health and wellbeing is as

essential as police protection and law enforcement.

County commissioners will hopefully agree that an EMR service is a high priority, and will therefore confront the question of how to pay for it. They should resist the temptation to ask residents to fund a new EMR service with a new mill levy. If asked to approve a new mill levy, the commissioners would be declaring to the community all current county services and budget expenditures are essential, cannot be cut or eliminated, and are of a higher priority to that of the residents' health and wellbeing. It is backwards budgeting to automatically fund nones-

sential or lower priority county services, and then wonder if residents are willing to fund critical, essential services by asking for a mill levy vote. Ultimately, with proper priorities that accurately reflect the needs of the community, our commissioners should be able to find the money in the county's existing \$31 million dollar annual budget to fund an initial EMR program.

It is time to create a professional emergency medical response unit to take advantage of Madison County's new medical center and air ambulance service.

Jeffrey Lee
Cameron

OBITUARIES

Lloyd Leo Lemieux
June 4, 1926 – March 9, 2016



Lloyd Leo Lemieux, 89, of Bozeman, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Lloyd was born on June 4, 1926, on a farm homesteaded

by his grandfather, James Lemieux, near Poplar. His parents were Leo Alfonse Lemieux and Pauline Marie Strommer Lemieux. As a young man he served our country during World War II as a member of the United States Army in the Pacific Theatre. After returning from the war, Lloyd spent time in Minneapolis and graduated from Dunwoody Institute. He returned to eastern Montana where he worked for the Rural Electrification Administration bringing electric power to the region. Lloyd was a farmer, rancher and business-

man in several communities around the state. Among the more well known businesses he owned in the past were the Stockman's Bar in Wolf Point and several businesses in the Bozeman area, including the Rocking R Bar, Lake Glass and King Arthur's Trailer Park. Lloyd enjoyed outdoor activities and spent many summers fishing and camping at Canyon Ferry near Townsend.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn Joan Lemieux and niece Kimberly Lopach Gagnon. His survivors include two sons: Kendall

Lemieux of Bozeman and Troy Lemieux of Hamden, Conn.; daughter Faye Lemieux of Chepachet, R.I.; his sister LaVonne Lopach and nephew Michael Lopach of Scottsdale, Ariz. Grandchildren include Afton Matthews of Norwich, Conn., Keenan and Kylie Bailer of Chepachet, Emma and Thomas Lemieux of Hamden and a great-grandchild, Harlan Matthews of Norwich.

Cremation has taken place; private family services will be held later in the spring.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com

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SUNSHINE WEEK

TAKING A LOOK AT TRANSPARENCY IN MADISON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

On page A5 this week, we're devoted to one thing. SUNSHINE WEEK.

Sunshine Week, which runs from March 13 – 19, 2016, is an initiative spearheaded by the American Society of News Editors and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press to promote openness in government.

The point is to "promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants include news media, civic groups, libraries, nonprofits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know," according to sunshineweek.rcfp.org.

Think about it this way. Have you ever wondered what you, a private citizen, have the right to know from our county government bodies? I have. It's something I didn't think about until after I became a reporter. Now, I spend a significant amount of time digging for information from our county and town governments – it's been enlightening to find out what the public can access, and I thought I'd share it with all of you!

Abigail Dennis

MADISON COUNTY ATTORNEY

"Generally, we are free to release and discuss public information, but cannot talk about or release confidential information. Pretty easy, right?"

– Justin Ekwall, deputy county attorney

Ekwall explained his point more in depth, listing public information and confidential information.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: What our county attorney and deputy county attorney can discuss

- Anything that has been filed with the clerk of district court
- Anything discussed at a public county meeting
- Any questions about the law in general
- An explanation about a court ruling
- Whether a person has been arrested, cited or charged, what they have been charged with and the court's schedule for the given case
- CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** What our county attorney and deputy county attorney will not disclose or discuss
- Evidence that has not been presented in court
- Intentions, rationale or strategy for a pending or unfiled case (once a case has been closed, the county attorney's office is free to discuss strategy and rationale)
- Details about plea negotiations before a plea agreement has been formally filed in court
- Anything about sealed proceedings (including child neglect cases, mental health commitments, juvenile court records after the person in question turns 18 and prior cases dismissed after deferred sentences)
- Anything the court ordered sealed
- Legal advice about how the law applies to a specific situation, especially one taking place in Madison County

** Exceptions to confidential information. Defendants and defense counsel receive information, and the county attorney's office is allowed to release evidence to victims of crimes under certain circumstances. And here's the kicker: ANYONE (the media or a private citizen) can obtain confidential criminal justice information if they file a motion in court and the court finds that the need for disclosure outweighs the private rights at issue.

However, as with most things, there are a few grey areas. According to Ekwall, there are a few things that can be argued to fit under the public legal category and the confidential category.

For example: mugshots and police reports. It recently came to The Madisonian's attention that some counties offer up mugshots as public information, while others do not. In Madison County, when we asked if we could get booking photos, it was determined that those photos fall in both the public and the confidential categories. Once a specific photo is requested, however, Ekwall said the person could be notified and the court could be asked to clarify whether or not our district – the fifth judicial district – considers them public records.

"If the court says they are, then we could start releasing them routinely," Ekwall explained. "If they court says no, this might be something that the state Supreme Court will eventually address."

Stay tuned – *The Madisonian* has plans to request a photo in the near future and see where it takes us!

MADISON COUNTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

Madison County has been around for a long time, and the clerk of district court's records prove that. According to clerk Karen Miller, the records date back to the area's territorial days – 1864. Officially, the clerk of district court is the record keeper of the district court records. Those records include various proceedings, like criminal, civil, probates, marriage licenses and water decrees.

"Most records are public, but some matters are confidential and open to the public only by court order," Miller said. "Some of those matters include adoptions, dependent/neglect cases, dismissals after a deferred sentence, insanity cases, investigative subpoenas, marriage license applications and paternity cases."

The public can head to the clerk's office and access all public records from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is located on the ground floor of the historic county courthouse in Virginia City. All records from 1990 to the present are available via a computer.

"Requests for information can be made in person or by electronic means," Miller added. "There are fees for obtaining copies."

MADISON COUNTY JUSTICE COURT

When it comes to Madison County Justice Court, the majority of the information recorded is public – the court handles initial appearances for felony charges – including bond condition – and all misdemeanor charges that happen in the county. Justice court also deals with certain civil matters up to \$12,000.

"You have to pay for a search and for copies," explained court administrator Abbi Russ. "We need a written request for what you want to see."

Though most of what is in the files is public, personal identifiers like birthdates, social security numbers, medical histories and phone numbers are confidential, so Russ or court compliance officer Jordan Allhands skim a file and redact that information before making copies for the public. Accessing the justice court's files can be a little tricky because there is not a public terminal to do so, so Allhands and Russ have to help out – searches will be processed as time permits, they explained.

"We can look it up on our computers and then pull the file for someone," Allhands explained. "And they can look at the file here."

Per state law, the justice court is only required to keep records for a certain amount of time. In Madison County, however, files dating back to 2007 are located in the office and older files are stored in the attic.

MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Madison County Commissioners meet every Monday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Madison County Administrative Building, unless otherwise posted. All meetings are advertised and open to the public.

In addition, meeting minutes are available for public review.

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE

The public interacts with the planning office ... a lot. According to planning director Charity Fechter, the office has information available to the public to help them in making individual development decisions. This includes studies, adopted guidelines and adopted policies/regulations. (Hint, hint: quite a bit is available online at <http://madison.mt.gov/departments/plan/planning.asp>).

What does the planning office do?

At its core, planning is responsible for implementing the county's growth policy, typically through guidance, regulation, studies or other support. That means the office guides growth and land development through road naming, addressing, reviewing subdivisions and exemptions, floodplain development permits, towers and tall structures permits, airport affected area permits, annual reports and more. Documentation on all those things is available to the public. The public is actively encouraged to participate in developing the growth policy, and to comment on many specific development proposals.

"Once an application is accepted, the engineering design/reports, special studies, comments, minutes and more are available for public review," Fechter said.

Another way the public can interact with the planning office is through a preconstruction safety review, which applies to all new residential construction in Madison County.

"The purpose is to work with the landowners so they understand what they can do to keep themselves and responders safe," Fechter explained. "Planning coordinates the process for the Department of Emergency Services."

The majority of files at the planning office are open to the public, but there are a few exceptions, such as proprietary information and materials deemed confidential under state statute, which are usually related to personnel or litigation.

MADISON COUNTY FINANCE

The Madison County Department of Finance does just what its name says – it manages the accounting and financial operations of Madison County.

According to the department's job descriptions for the finance clerk and the chief financial officer, that includes managing payroll, personnel action, various reports, county expenditures and claims, budgets, purchasing, inventory and assets and more.

The majority of that information is available to the public – county employee wages, budgets, tax information and more can be shared with private citizens and the media. The only thing that is not public information in the finance office is payroll records – though wages are public!

Vicki Tilstra, chief finance officer, recommends making an appointment if you have questions about county finances. The number is 843-4215.

MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Madison County Sheriff's Office goes by what Montana Code Annotated lists as public criminal justice information, Sheriff Roger Thompson said. "This includes providing a coroner report to a family member, if requested, in the event of a death" he added.

According to MCA 44-5-103, public criminal justice information means information: "made public by law; of court records and proceedings; of convictions, deferred sentences and deferred prosecutions; of post conviction proceedings and status; originated by a criminal justice agency, including: initial offense reports, initial arrest records, bail records and daily jail occupancy rosters; considered necessary by a criminal justice agency to secure public assistance in the apprehension of a suspect; or statistical information."

Basically, once the sheriff's office closes a case and gets the information to the county attorney, the information about the case is available to the public through the clerk of district court if the case is filed with the court, who has jurisdiction, Thompson explained.

Thompson added that initial reports include the identities of persons arrested.

Since jail occupancy rosters are also public information, a private citizen can call the sheriff's office and request a list of people currently in jail. On the flipside, MCA also defines confidential criminal justice, which are things the sheriff's office will not release.

That includes "criminal investigative information; criminal intelligence information; fingerprints and photographs; criminal justice information or records made confidential by law; and any other criminal justice information not clearly defined as public criminal justice information," according to MCA 44-5-103.

"We won't discuss active investigations," Thompson clarified. "We won't give out social security numbers or birthdates, but we do encourage potential employers or landlords to do background checks if they wish. In many cases, problem employees and tenants could be screened out ahead of time if a little background and reference checks are undertaken. Privacy is an important issue in Montana so we try to accommodate information requests but also understand peoples confidentiality with their personal information when allowed by law."

Private citizens can look up criminal history on specific people for a fee by going through the Montana Department of Justice's division of criminal investigation at <http://doj.mt.gov/enforcement>.

Thompson added that the sheriff's office also will not release health records for anyone that has been arrested. When someone passes away, however, their name can be released after the first of kin is notified.

MADISON COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

The first order of business at the clerk and recorder's office is right in the name – to record documents. According to Kathleen Mumme, clerk and recorder, those documents include things like deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney and more.

"By their very nature, they are all public," Mumme explained.

"That really is, in essence, why they are recorded: for safe keeping and for the public to view them."

Mumme said individuals record documents so they can obtain a copy if they lose an important document of their own. And the public needs access to the records for multiple reasons, like clearing a title on real property, loan information or more.

"We do charge a fee to provide copies of these instruments and these fees are set by (Montana Code Annotated)," Mumme said. Mumme's office also clerks for the county, so many county documents are housed there.

"(We) are usually the first place people come to find out how much I get paid, or how much we spent on roads last year," she explained.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- The office also keeps birth and death records, those are not public

- Military records are not public

* To obtain copies of confidential documents, a person must fill out a request and provide certain information so the office can determine the person has a right to the document they are requesting

ELECTIONS

Mumme is also the county election administrator, and as such, is the keeper of all voting records.

- Anyone can call up and ask if a certain person is registered to vote

* One caveat here is that, while a voter's name is public, he or she may request to have other information, like an address, for example, made confidential

* Anyone can obtain a list of voters and their addresses after filling out a form and paying a fee for voting purposes only

* "You can't obtain voter labels if you are wanting to advertise something or throw a tea party," Mumme added.

INCORPORATED TOWNS

ENNIS:

According to clerk Ginger Guinn, the public is welcome to stop by town hall to look at the town code, meeting minutes and town records, which include information about the water and sewer system, ordinances, resolutions, subdivisions and more.

"If a meeting had to be closed for some reason, like a personnel issue or a strategy meeting if we were being sued, those minutes would not be public," Guinn added. "Some of our city court records are also confidential, depending on the case."

When the Ennis commissioners are holding a meeting, the agenda must be posted 48 hours in advance – Guinn said it is posted at town hall and the Madison Valley Public Library.

"If we do have an emergency happen, we can call the commissioners and have them come immediately," she added.

SHERIDAN:

The town keeps record of anything applicable to operations, like payables, payroll, minutes, resolutions, audits, financial reports and more, according to clerk Gail Leary.

"You can come in and I would let you look at the ordinances and things like that, but if you request the whole book of ordinances, it costs and you might not get it that day," Leary said. "We want to get it all online in the future."

Sheridan's new town website is townofsheridanmt.com.

Leary said personal information about employees is confidential. All meeting minutes are public, unless the council calls an executive session for legal or personnel reasons. Since the council must approve minutes before they are official, Leary said she will not give them to the public until then, unless she stamps them as a draft.

The council agendas must be posted at least 48 hours before the meeting, Leary said, and are posted in five places around town – the library, town hall, the post office, the gas station and the bank.

TWIN BRIDGES:

Though clerk Kristi Millhouse is new to the job, she said the majority of information the town handles is available to the public.

"Once minutes from meetings are approved, people can come in and request to see those," she said. "They can request to see pretty much anything other than employee records. Personal information, like (social security numbers) are not made public."

Millhouse said she has a book of town ordinances sitting on her desk, available for public review at any time.

"They can see all resolutions," she added. "And claims that are paid by the town. They can view the budget and financial reports."

Council meetings are posted 48 hours in advance – since they are regularly held on a Tuesday, Millhouse said the agenda is set and posted by Friday the week before the meeting.

"We post at the town office and then various bulletin boards throughout town," she said. "We have seven different spots."

VIRGINIA CITY:

"Everything is public information except for employee records and what each individual business made through the resort tax," explained clerk Nancy Stewart. "Everything else here – water reports, sewer reports, the budget, development permits, minutes and resolutions – are public."

Stewart said the public is welcome to stop by and she will point them in the right direction, but if they want her to research something, there is a fee associated with that.

As for meetings, Stewart posts the council agenda 48 hours before the meeting time.

"If somebody comes in and wants on the agenda after it's posted, they can't get on for that meeting," she said. "All meetings are open to the public, unless there is a reason for it to be closed (like a personnel issue)."

Agendas are posted at town hall, the post office and both county courthouse buildings.

SPRING SPORTS

A preview of what to expect from Madison County's athletes

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Spring is just around the corner and with that comes spring sports in Madison County. Practices started this week as student athletes took to the track and the golfing greens – whether it is golf you are interested in or track and field, here is what you can expect this season.

ENNIS



Golf

Ennis is the only school in the county with a golf team and with 20 students out this season, head coach Chris McCown said he is not sure what to expect.

"With our larger numbers I'm sure we'll have a couple kids all over the place, from beginner to intermediate golfers," he said. "But we are excited."

With a lot of beginners hoping to learn more about the game, the Mustang golf team is young this season – McCown said a lot of freshman students have shown interest.

"We do have a couple returning kids," McCown said. "Bailey Sciuchetti and Bryson Glines made it to state last year so I'm hoping they can be some leaders on the team."

Sciuchetti and Glines are both juniors this year.

McCown said he enjoys the mental and strategic approach to the game and the individual aspect.

"It's a little more challenging than a team sport ... it teaches (students) etiquette, as far as the golf game goes, and a lot of patience," McCown said.

After working as assistant coach in 2014, this will be McCown's first year as head coach. He will be joined by Nick Burgess as his assistant coach this season. Though practice has already started, the Mustangs have to wait until April 2 for their first meet, which is in Big Timber.

Track

With 35 students out for Mustang track and field, third year head coach Wendy McKittrick thinks an exciting season is in the works.

"We have a lot of hardworking kids out this year," McKittrick said, adding that there are several returning stars looking for a trip to state.

The Mustang boys team took home the state champion title last season and are hoping to make that a repeat this season with the leadership of Cleet Wrzesinski and Corbin Wood.

On the girls side, McKittrick said the team is young but eager.

"We've got Wrenzi Wrzesinski out this season who is a great sprinter and senior Caitlin Klatt is back for the throwing events – we're hoping to see some big things from her," said McKittrick. "Overall, we're just hoping to put a lot of marks on the board this season."

The Mustangs will head east on April 1 for their first meet in Columbus.

HARRISON



Track

"I love watching athletes in track as they give 100 percent from their heart," said Harrison's first year head coach Kaysha Young.

Young is the high school cross country coach and coached junior high track last season, but this year will mark her first season as the high school coach.

"I am grateful to be back in Pony and coaching at the high school and in the events that I have so many fond memories of," she said.

After losing two "powerhouse" athletes last season to graduation, Young said senior and "returning state attendee Taya DeFrance will lead the pack."

DeFrance went to state in multiple events including high jump, long jump, triple jump and the 100 and 300 meter hurdles.

According to Young, you can expect a lot of dedication and determination from this Wildcat team.

"We have a young and inexperienced team this year with seven of 10 athletes being freshman or sophomore athletes that have never participated in track before," Young said. "The athletes and coaches are excited for the year and hope to represent Madison County well."

SHERIDAN



Track

Head coach Shawn Regnerus is excited for the season with his young crop of 16 students. As a high school and collegiate runner, Regnerus knows the benefits of the sport and enjoys coaching his athletes to see results.

"(Track and field) is really objective," said Regnerus. "The kids will see the results of their efforts right away."

While the Panther team is "fired up" for the season, Regnerus said students are still determining what events they want to specialize in.

"We're a pretty young team with only a few returning juniors and seniors," he said. "We have a lot of younger guys still looking at what events to do."

Regnerus also said the Panthers have been working hard all winter and are hoping for some return trips to divisionals and maybe even some state appearances.

The Panthers' first meet is on April 2 when

they host an invitational in Dillon.

TWIN BRIDGES



Track

Head coach Louis Reynolds will spend his 11th season with the Falcon track team and said he always has high expectations from his athletes.

"I always expect a lot but you don't know till the season comes," Reynolds said.

While he is unsure of how many athletes will participate this season, Reynolds said he is positive we can expect some great things from the Falcons, as long as injuries stay to a minimum.

"Looking at both the boys and girls, we should have two pretty decent teams," he said.

Senior standout Jessica George will be back in action this season after recovering from a knee injury last season, but has switched places with her younger sister Audrey, who ended her basketball season early due to a knee injury.

"A. George was a huge asset to the team last year," said Reynolds. "And we don't get her this year so that's going to hurt."

Sophomore Kailee Oliverson is also expected to do well in the sprinting and hurdling events, according to coach Reynolds.

"She just shines in every event she does," he said.

Mara Johnson will also be another athlete to watch in the field side of the sport as she takes on the javelin this year.

For the boys, Reynolds said sprinter Bill Yeager is back and aching for a state title.

"(Yeager) took third in the 400 at state last year ... he wants it pretty bad," said Reynolds.

Jumper Wesley Harshbarger is another athlete Reynolds said to keep an eye on.

"(Harshbarger) really came in last year as a sophomore and produced – we might see some good things from him," Reynolds said.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Buy Local Expo in the Ruby Valley

SUBMITTED BY BOB REIMARD
Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their ninth annual Buy Local Expo. This event will be held at the fairgrounds in Twin Bridges on May 7, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 45 vendor spaces will be available to display, promote and sell products and services. This highly successful event highlights the diverse nature of businesses here in the Ruby Valley. As space is limited, those businesses interested in reserving space should contact BoB Reimard at 842-7900.

Prescribed burning to begin in Gravelly Mountains

SUBMITTED BY LEONA RODERICK
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Fire officials from Madison Ranger District will soon begin prescribed fire activity, which may result in visible smoke mid-April through mid-June.

Firefighters will be burning piles and large concentrated areas of woody debris throughout the Gravelly Mountain Range in southern Madison County. The areas targeted for burning include Bogus Basin and around the Madison River Campground.

Fire crews will burn under prescribed conditions and monitor these burns after ignition to ensure they stay within prescribed boundaries. Travelers and residents between the Three Dollar Bridge and Lyons Bridge areas may see smoke from these burns, however little impact from the smoke is expected. For more information about these prescribed burns, contact the Madison Ranger District at 682-4253.

Rancher roundtable in Madison County

SUBMITTED BY BILLY WHITEHURST
Montana State University Extension Office

Come and learn how your irrigation system can apply micronutrients, soil penetrants, control pH, buffering agents and the like to increase your production and decrease fertilizer costs at a fertigation rancher roundtable event on March

22. Head to Twin Bridges at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant at 1 p.m. or at Whitehall at 5 p.m. at the extension office.

Events at the Madison Valley Public Library

SUBMITTED BY KAREN KETCHU
Madison Valley Public Library

Madison Valley Public Library is hosting two events Saturday, March 19. The first, a Living History Event titled "Dressing for Success 1860: From Prairie to Town," will be performed in first person by local resident Leona Stredwick, starting at 11 a.m. Stredwick will talk about and demonstrate the challenges and practicalities of women's dress in the 1800s.

At 4 p.m., Lee Robison will emcee open mic. Everyone is welcome to read, sing, play and listen to local talent in an intimate, open forum.

Carnival in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY ED BURKE
Sheridan Schools

Sheridan Schools will be hosting a family/school carnival on Thursday, March 24. The carnival will be held in the high school gym and will run from 5 to 7 p.m. Junior high and high school classes as well as various school groups will be putting on games and carnival activities sure to be fun for the whole family. Among the activities will be bingo, sponsored by the Ruby Valley FFA, a cake walk sponsored by the senior class and cotton candy provided by the Spanish Club. Sheridan's FCCLA group will be holding a spaghetti dinner on the night of the carnival beginning at 4:30 p.m.

For additional information you can contact the Sheridan High School office at 842-5401.

Bow hunter education course

SUBMITTED BY DOUG STONEBRAKER
Bow hunter education instructor for Madison County

Bow hunter education classes will be conducted at the Twin Bridges High School Montana room on April 11, 12, 13 and 14 from 6 – 9 p.m., with a field day on April 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Numerous certified instructors will be on hand

to fully educate you in the field of archery and bow hunting. Students do not need to own a bow to take this class but they must attend all five sessions to be certified. If you will be 12 years of age or older by Dec. 31, 2016, you are eligible to be certified. The class is free and prospective students can register online at fwp.mt.gov. If you have hang questions you can call Doug Stonebraker at 490-4699 or 684-5219.

Ennis Spay/Neuter Clinic

SUBMITTED BY TERRI SWIER
Ennis Spay/Neuter Clinic

On Saturday, April 2, bring your pet to the Ennis Spay/Neuter Clinic. Call Tami at 599-4893 to schedule an appointment. Volunteers are always welcome. The clinic will be located at Ennis city hall starting at 8:30 a.m.

Mental health training in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY LESLIE SKILLMAN
Madison Valley Manor

Madison Valley Medical Center and Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council are sponsoring a free Mental Health First Aid Training Course on Monday, April 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the medical center. The course teaches participants a five-step action plan to support someone developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in an emotional crisis. Mental health first aid prepares individuals to interact with a person in crisis and connect the person with help. To register for the class or for more information, contact Leslie at 682-7271. Space is limited.

Open mic night in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY JANET MARSH
The Shovel and Spoon

The Shovel and Spoon in downtown Sheridan will host an open mic Friday, March 25. All local performers are invited to share their talents. Performances will begin at 6:30 p.m. Supper will be available after 5 p.m. There is no charge to enjoy the performances. For more information call 842-7999.

Madison County Mental Health Needs Assessment results released

SUBMITTED BY DORIS FISCHER
Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Results of the 2015 Madison County Mental Health Needs Assessment are in. Last fall, the Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council and researchers from the Boise State University Center for Health Policy conducted a countywide assessment of the mental health needs of Madison County residents. The assessment took three forms: an online survey, paper surveys provided at local libraries and personal interviews. Those choosing to participate in the assessment fell into three categories: Madison County residents, mental health service providers and other professionals likely to interact with county residents in need of mental health care.

Across the three types of respondents, similarities surfaced in response to questions posed about mental health concerns, services most needed and barriers to utilizing mental health care in Madison County.

All three groups identified adequate access to mental health care as the top concern regarding the delivery of mental health services in Madison County. Other major concerns included adequate number of mental health providers, wellness and prevention services and adequate addiction and substance use services.

All three groups ranked mental health services provided by mental health professionals as the number one mental health need. Additional major needs included substance abuse and prevention education, mental health education and a crisis facility for assessment, stabilization and referral.

All three groups listed the following as one of the top five barriers to utilizing mental health care in Madison County: lack of mental health professionals, distance from a mental health provider, stigma associated with mental health services and lack of awareness of mental health services.

The needs assessment also demonstrated concerns about special populations having adequate access to health care, specifically children under the age of 12, veterans, seniors older than 65 and low-income residents.

Residents who were personally interviewed tended to have a diagnosed mental illness themselves and a family member with a diagnosed mental illness. These respondents most commonly suggested the following improvements in mental health services for Madison County: hire more mental health professionals, require mental health training in various settings and combat stigma associated with mental health problems.

Interviewed service providers (e.g., mental health professionals, substance abuse counselors, primary care providers, law enforcement personnel) reported the following most common

mental health problems among Madison County residents: depression, stress or anxiety, bipolar disorder, trauma and substance abuse. When asked about Madison County's greatest challenges in regard to health care, this group of interviewees most commonly named a lack of resources and services, socio-economic factors, care facility issues and a lack of accessibility to services due to distance and long travel times. They suggested several improvements, including increasing the number of counselors and therapists throughout the county, increasing the availability of services and improving access to crisis services.

In their written report detailing and analyzing the needs assessment results, the Boise State University researchers offer an overarching conclusion: "Madison County residents, although they have serious mental health needs, are seriously underserved with respect to mental health care ... It is perhaps unsurprising that the major findings of this needs assessment show that there appears to be a serious shortage of mental health professionals in Madison County, that key services (e.g., for wellness and prevention, crises and substance abuse treatment) are few in number (if not completely non-existent), and that the needs for both more professionals and more services are high ... Like many other frontier counties in the United States, Madison County appears to face serious challenges with respect to providing even a basic level of mental health support its residents need."

According to Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council chairperson Doris Fischer, the council plans to identify and undertake a series of strategic actions in response to the needs assessment information and input.

"We hear a clarion call for mental health services in Madison County," she said. "We now have good documentation of our mental health needs and a solid foundation for pursuing expanded mental health support and services for county residents. In the coming months, the council will work collaboratively to address the highest-ranked concerns, needs and barriers that local residents and area service providers so clearly identified."

The written report is available online via the Madison County Public Health Department website, the Madison County Sheriff's Office Facebook and on the Madison County Buy, Sell and Trade Facebook page. Want your own copy? Pick one up at your local library, medical facility, town hall or the Madison County commissioners' office.

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Kevin McWilliams (L), of 3 Rivers Communications, hands Karen Talley (center) and Mike Wetherbee (R) a check for \$2,500.



Sheridan cooperative group receives grant from 3 Rivers for new electronic billboard

SUBMITTED BY CALLIE MOSS
3 Rivers Communications

The Sheridan cooperative group recently received a \$2,500 donation from 3 Rivers Communications.

"These funds will go toward a new sign to improve and enhance emergency communications and special event information to the citizens and passer-bys on Main Street / MT Hwy 287 in Sheridan, Montana," said Karen Talley, Sheridan school trustee and project coordinator.

This Main Street Electronic Billboard or EBB Project will replace the previous static sign located on the Anderson Simpson Post 89 American Legion property. The dual sided EBB

will provide information not only for school activities but also community activities and meetings and more importantly emergency information in critical time.

The total cost estimate for the new school and emergency information sign was originally expected to be \$22,000. The majority of the funding shall be provided by the Hazard Mitigation Grant obtained by Madison County. The balance of the money needed shall be a combination of funds from the Sheridan Schools and grants such as this from community partner 3 Rivers Communications.

Kevin McWilliams, 3 Rivers Customer Liaison, explained the scope and importance of the 3 Rivers

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 - 2) Audited Financial Report
 - 3) Managers Report
 - 4) Board of Directors Report
 - 5) Door Prizes

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Harrison School participates in Read Across America Day

SUBMITTED BY EMMA STEFFEN
Harrison School

At the beginning of the month, Harrison School celebrated National Read Across America Day by devoting the entire day to activities emphasizing the importance of reading. Read Across America was developed by the National Education Association and its purpose is to celebrate reading and

inspire motivation in students to get lost in a good book. It is held across the country every year on the school day closest to March 2, the birthday of author Dr. Seuss.

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2/28/16 - 3/5/16

2/28/16
Alarm in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis
Burglary in 5300 Blk MT Hwy 41 N Silver Star
Medical aid on Toledo Mine Road Sheridan
Animal problem at US Hwy 287 and MT Hwy 359 Harrison

2/29/16
Citizen assist in 100 Blk Trail Creek Road Ennis
Accident at MT Hwy 287 and Two Bumps Road Ennis
Fire-other on US Hwy 287 MM 19 Cameron
Theft complaint in 200 Blk Pony Road Harrison
Animal problem at US Hwy 287 and MT Hwy 359 Harrison
Threats/harassment in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis

3/1/16
Welfare check on First St Ennis
Burglary in 5000 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis
Alarm in 700 Blk Jack Creek Road Ennis
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 N MM 21 Twin Bridges
Traffic stop on MT Hwy 287 MM 37 Sheridan
Fire-gas odor in 300 Blk S Main St Twin Bridges
Threats/harassment in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis

3/2/16
Medical aid in 800 Blk Bauer Lane Ennis
Traffic stop on Main St Ennis
Fire-carbon monoxide alarm in 200 Blk Ruby St Sheridan
Alarm in 300 Blk Mill Creek Road Sheridan
Citizen assist at Red Mountain Campground Norris
Fire-chimney on Fish Hatchery Road Ennis
Privacy in communications on Mylane Road Ennis
Traffic stop on US Hwy 287 MM 46 Ennis
Suspicious circumstance on MT Hwy 41 MM 46 Twin Bridges
Privacy in communications in Virginia City Ranches Ennis
Suspicious circumstances on Water St Sheridan
Privacy in communications in 300 Blk E Cover St Virginia City

3/3/16
Traffic stop in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis
Medical aid out of Madison County
Agency assist on MT Hwy 287 Ennis

Privacy in communications in 100 Blk Dry Creek Trail Ennis
Wildlife complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 25 Cameron
Fire - Twin Bridges dump Twin Bridges

3/4/16
Medical aid in 300 Blk W Main St Ennis
Vandalism/criminal Mischief on US Hwy 287 MM 42-43 Ennis
Medical aid at West Fork Trail Cameron
Juvenile problem at Sheridan Baseball Park Sheridan
Animal complaint on Parsons Ln Sheridan
Welfare check on Sand Coulee Road Sheridan
Burglary in 5300 Blk MT Hwy 41 N Silver Star
Accident near Lone Mountain Trail Big Sky

3/5/16
Coroner call in Sheridan
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 55 Silver Star

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 58 calls for service from Feb. 29-March 5, 2016.

3/6/16 - 3/12/16

3/6/16
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 4 Cameron
Welfare check on US Hwy 287 MM 29 Cameron
Agency assist out of Madison County
Warrant/arrest out of Madison County
Suspicious person/circumstances on Varney Road Ennis
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 30 Cameron
Drugs/DUI in Big Sky
Abandoned vehicle on US Hwy 287 MM 73 Harrison
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 59 McAllister
Missing person on Sweetwater Road Alder

3/7/16
Medical aid near S Madison St Twin Bridges
Accident at Beaverhead St/Madison Ave Ennis
Privacy in communications in Sheridan

3/8/16
Wildlife complaint at E Main St/N Second St Ennis
Threats/harassment in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis
Theft complaint out of Madison County

Dog complaint on S Golden Eagle Dr McAllister
Suspicious person/circumstances in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis
Disturbance in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 71/72 Norris
Citizen assist on Moores Creek Ct Ennis
Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 73 Harrison

3/9/16
Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 2 Ennis
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 2 Ennis
Abandoned vehicle in 300 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis
Burglary on Coyote Trail Ennis
Dog complaint in 500 Blk Pony Road Pony
Animal complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 21.5 Nevada City
Medical aid in 100 Blk Middle Road Twin Bridges
Missing person in Big Sky

3/10/16
Citizen assist in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis
Medical aid from Ruby Valley Hospital Sheridan

Fire at dump in Alder
Animal complaint on Primrose Lane Silver Star
Traffic complaint at Twin Bridges Fairgrounds Twin Bridges
Citizen assist in 200 Blk Water St Sheridan
Disturbance in 100 Blk Pearl St Ennis

3/11/16
Traffic complaint MT Hwy 41 MM 53 Silver Star
Animal complaint on Duncan District Road Sheridan

3/12/16
Threats/harassment in 100 Blk Boundary St Sheridan
Trespass in 100 Blk V Timber Lane Ennis
Dog complaint in 100 Blk Jefferson St Harrison
Citizen assist in 800 Blk Mirza Way Ennis
Suspicious person/circumstance at Sheridan dump Sheridan

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 54 calls for service from March 6-12, 2016.

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- Insanity: High Intensity Exercise Class: Lacey Keller
- Yoga for Athletes: Cori Koenig
- Early Bird Yoga: Cori Koenig
- Beginning Yoga, Continued: Cori Koenig
- Beginning Pickleball: Cindy Gockel
- Introduction to Bird Watching: Marc Elser
- Prospecting, ID of Common Ores, & Intro to Fire Assay: Russell Scruggs
- Active Parenting: Sandy Bailey
- Barn Quilts: Bonnie Lietgeb
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Workshops

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- Geology Field Trips: Russell Scruggs
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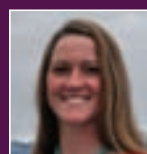
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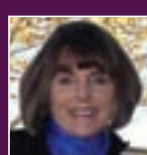
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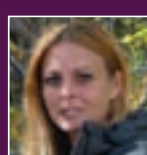
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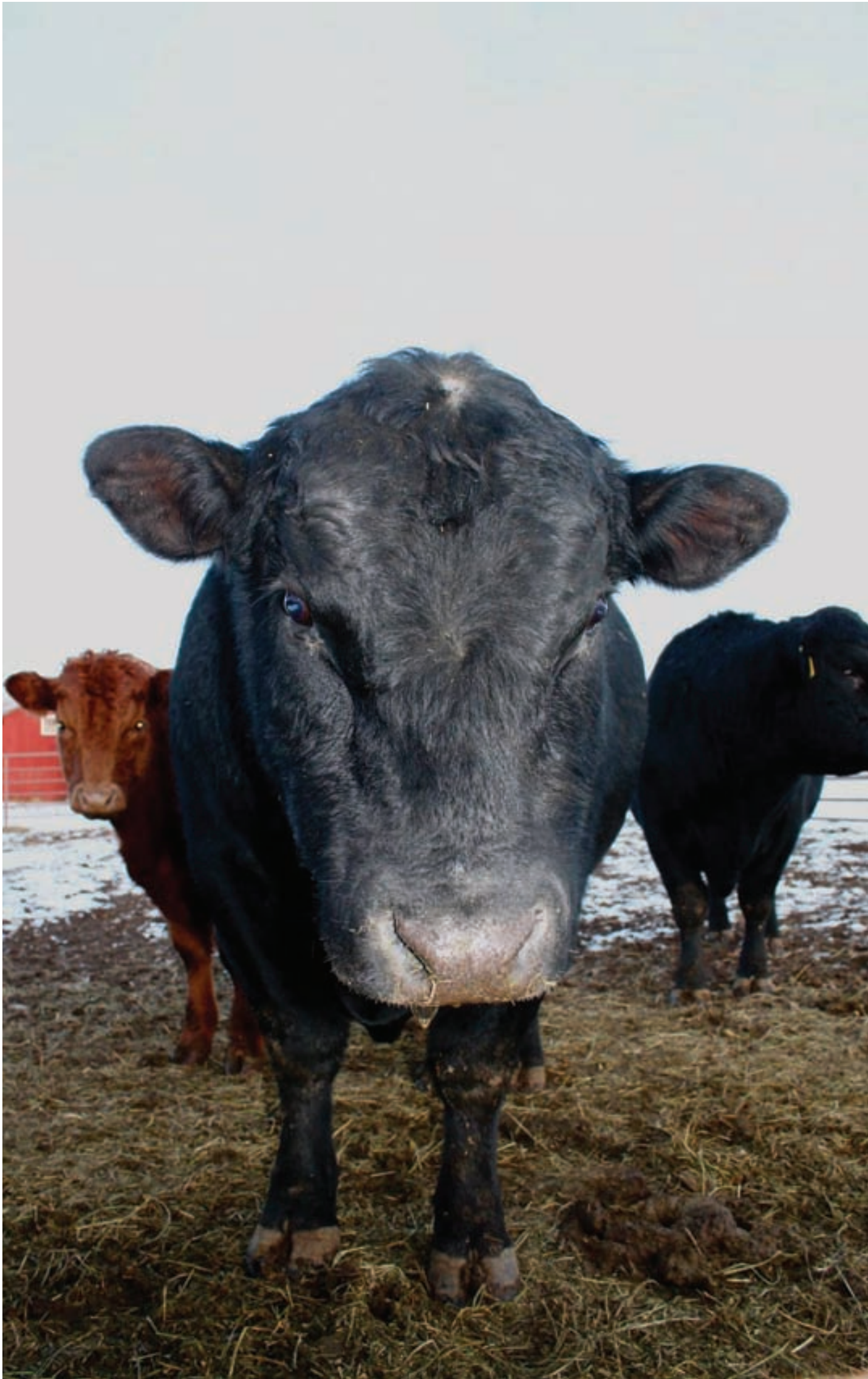


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Saturday



Partly cloudy. Lows 10 to 15. Highs 35 to 45.

Sunday



Mostly cloudy. Lows 20 to 25. Highs 35 to 45.

Monday



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Quote of the Week:

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Sage Canterbury breaks a board using a sidekick. Taekwondo students are preparing to test for their next belt and have to demonstrate a various array of moves and techniques.

PHOTO COURTESY SHAWNA VANHOUTEN
Sheridan wrestlers will head to Dillon this weekend for the state meet.



Madison County kids explore various sporting avenues

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Madison County is home to five schools, so there are always sporting events to attend. From fall football, cross country and volleyball, to basketball in the winter, to the upcoming spring sports of golf and track and field, there seems to be something sports related going on all the time.

To take a line from Robert Frost, “what about the road less traveled?” Did you know that some Madison County youth are exploring sporting opportunities not affiliated with school? Here is an inside look at just a few!

Taekwondo

Jake TeSelle travels to Ennis twice a week from Bozeman to help educate and teach beginner taekwondo students the basics of the sport, as well as the benefits of knowing self-defense.

“We strictly teach self-defense,” said TeSelle, who is a third degree black belt and in his fourth year of teaching. “It’s an absolute last resort (to fight) but we want to teach students how to defend themselves quickly and effectively.”

Growing up, TeSelle was not all that involved in many school-sanctioned sports.

“I stayed home and played video games,” he said.

After coming across a taekwondo course in the local newspaper, TeSelle and his mother thought the sport would be a good alternative.

“It was a good social outlet and I was able to get some fitness that included enough rigorous and high demand activity, but was also a laid back alternative

outlet,” TeSelle said.

Now, 12 years and three black belts degrees later, TeSelle is teaching and imparting the benefits he gained from the sport to others.

“There’s a big leadership aspect that you gain from (taekwondo),” he said. “You work with a wide variety of people and you focus on courtesy and respect.”

TeSelle said that with every stripe students test for, they are required to complete a small community service project. Should they continue on for their black belt, they are required to complete a larger service project within the community.

Currently, TeSelle teaches in Ennis twice a week where he works with beginners and intermediate students, all of varying color belts.

“Class average is about eight students,” said TeSelle, adding that everyone is at a different level to some degree.

In taekwondo, students work through a color system, starting with a white belt and making their way toward a black belt with nine colors in between.

“Each color level is different,” said TeSelle, adding that each belt comes with a new level of difficulty students have to master.

Students in the course vary in age from six to 13 and TeSelle said that everyone has a lot of fun.

“We do all kinds of stuff and keep things laid back and fun – we get serious when we have to,” he said. “But we have a lot of fun doing it.”

Little guy wrestling

The Ruby Valley started

their little guy wrestling program in 2009, and it has grown in numbers every year – this season, 35 kids are participating, ages four to 12, boys and girls.

Eric and Shawna VanHouten of Sheridan got involved with the program after their children became interested in the sport.

“My son was involved under the instruction of Jory Thompson before he left,” said S. VanHouten, explaining how the family found wrestling.

After Thompson left, S. VanHouten said they needed someone to keep the program running, so the VanHoutens stepped up to the plate, taking over the club in 2011.

Both E. and S. VanHouten were athletes growing up and now almost all their children have followed in their footsteps, staying active and involved and getting into the wrestling spirit.

“We wrestle by weight class and girls wrestle girls and boys wrestle boys,” said S. VanHouten. “And they’re learning real drills and moves.”

The wrestlers meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for two-hour practices and travel around the county and state for different wrestling tournaments.

While the travel and busy schedule might be tiresome, S. VanHouten said she enjoys watching the kids grow in their ability year after year.

“Everyone gets involved and we work on building team spirit and the younger kids build pride,” she said. “It’s a nice outlet.”

S. VanHouten said another benefit to the sport is teaching

kids about body awareness, as well as nutrition.

Ennis also has a little guy wrestling league. Shawn Christensen and Todd Foss took over the program four years ago and have focused on teaching sportsmanship.

“Our biggest thing is sportsmanship,” said Christensen. “It’s a very physical activity and you can’t turn around the blame on anyone ... we want the kids to learn how to respectfully deal with the outcome of each match.”

Christensen said the kids all become friends and enjoy the competition but are able to continue their strong friendships after the match.

The Ennis little guy wrestling league has been active for over 10 years, and Christensen said he will stay with the program as long as he can.

“As long as I can stay in it and continue to do my duties, I’ll stay as long as I can,” he said.

This week, all wrestlers are headed to the state tournament in Dillon – be sure to cheer them on!



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Johnny Hall practices a high kick during his beginning taekwondo practice.



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Sheridan wrestlers take to the mat during a tournament.





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Staying on the right track

BY ERIN LEONARD
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So, I ran my second 10K this past weekend. The Run to the Pub. I choose this race because it's for a worthy cause: Beer at the finish line.

I kept the same time as last year, which is fine with me because I trained half as much this year. The weather was great, my father-in-law was good company and I was more excited than nervous this year. Some people may not think 6.2137 miles is a big deal. I think it's pretty rad for someone who didn't start running routinely until she was in her mid-30s. So I consider it an accomplishment. I think anything completed that is somewhat challenging is an accomplishment. And the more I run the more I enjoy it. After I got over a beast of a side cramp (note to self: do NOT eat a bagel a half hour before you start a run) at mile 2.5, I was in my zone. And the last mile, well, I love the last mile. You run faster, you're stoked it's almost over and the adrenaline (at least for me) is in full force. Whoop! Done!

I also need to toss a shout out to my father-in-law. The dude just turned 70 and ran alongside me the entire way. I have a nice steady (and slow) pace. I ain't in it to win it; I just want to enjoy it and finish comfortably. He got third place in his age group, and if he hadn't stayed with me, I am certain he would have taken home first. Whatta guy! That kind of thing inspires me. To run as a 70-year-old? Seriously? Blows my mind. But then again, WHY isn't it possible for all of us? It is!

My husband has inherited his ability - he hasn't run in three to four months and thought, "Sure! I'll run the half marathon!" He did it. And aside from a few sore muscles, he was fine and dandy. Again, inspiring. Not to get too cheesy on you, but we are all capable of so much!

Since Saturday I have taken a couple days off to rest and be a bit lazy. But having lost some pounds in the last couple weeks of training and eating better has me encouraged. I am back on the treadmill tomorrow! And I am actually excited about this. I am not sure I can say that about last year after my first 10K. I have been feeling pretty good and I feel dedicated to a healthier lifestyle.

I hope it sticks!



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Heartworm testing: What every dog owner needs to know

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Your dog is your best friend and you take good care of him, making sure he gets quality food and exercise, immunizations and heartworm medication. Why, then, does your veterinarian also insist on a yearly heartworm test?

Chances are, your veterinarian is following the advice of the American Heartworm Society, whose mission it is to lead the veterinary profession and the public in the understanding of heartworm disease.

"The AHS recommends annual testing for all dogs," explained veterinary parasitologist and AHS board member

Dr. Patricia Payne. "Heartworm is a devastating disease. It is preventable and can be treated in dogs, but early detection is essential."

Unprotected dogs are at risk

Along with testing, the AHS recommends year-round administration of heartworm preventives. Unfortunately, said Dr. Payne, far too many dogs do not receive this measure of care. Almost two-thirds of dogs in the United States that are seen by veterinarians are given no preventives at all, according to studies conducted by heartworm medication manufacturers.

Among those on prevention medication, far too many

are only given medication in spring, summer and fall, when the mosquitoes that transmit heartworm larvae are active. Because weather is unpredictable and hardy mosquitoes can survive indoors as well as outdoors in protected areas, so-called "seasonal" usage creates ample opportunity for animals to unintentionally become infected.

Mistakes can happen

Another factor is human - and animal - error.

"Pet owners who give heartworm medications year-round and on time are to be commended," said Dr. Payne. "Even so, it is still possible for heartworm infection to occur."

The following are three scenarios that make heartworm testing a necessity for all dogs:

- Even the most diligent owner can forget a dose now and then. "If you have medication left when your veterinarian reminds you that it's time to purchase more preventive, it's a pretty clear sign that you missed a dose or two," said Dr. Payne.
- Not all pills are swallowed, and not all topical medications are properly applied. If is not absorbed completely - a pet may be less protected than you think.

• Heartworm resistance is rare but real. "Owners can rest assured that heartworm medications are highly effective, but a few cases of heartworm strains that are resistant to common preventives have been documented," explained Dr. Payne, adding that the issue is being studied by the AHS.

Test annually

The good news for owners is that heartworm testing is simple and inexpensive.

"Your veterinarian can easily conduct this simple blood test during a dog's annual or semi-annual wellness visit," assured Dr. Payne. "If your dog tests positive, treatment can begin. With a negative test result, an owner has the peace of mind of knowing that his or her pet has been protected for another year."

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COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Sloth in the valley

Sloth (is) the sin by which we ignore our obligations. – Tony Campolo

A reader asks, “How can people claim to have faith in God and lack a desire to read the Bible or go to church?”

I will admit I am not an advice columnist cut from the cloth of either Ann Landers or Dear Prudence.

However, I know my immediate (and quite judgmental) response to the question is to chalk it up to sloth. That’s an old fashioned word for what we call “laziness” today. In fact, sloth heads the list of the seven deadly sins we sometimes hear about in church – especially during the season of Lent.

I should note here that the word “sin” has also fallen out of fashion. We live in a culture that doesn’t like others to feel too badly about themselves. Being a creature of this generation, I prefer other ways to talk about sin, using euphemisms such as character defects, faults, shortcomings and the like.

Church words sometimes lack meaning in our digital age. We hear the word “sin” and probably conjure up images of people going into those tiny booths where they tell the priest what bad things they’ve done, and where the man behind

the curtain grants pardon (absolution, in church-speak) and suggests a few spiritual exercises to the penitential party.

Historically, sin is a technical term used by ancient archers, and simply means to miss the mark.

Imagine you’re out hunting. You spot a beautiful bull elk, take careful aim, hold your breath and just as you prepare to squeeze off a round, your nose itches and you twitch just enough your bullet misses the elk’s heart (the mark). Instead, you get a lung shot and have to trail the animal for a couple miles before it succumbs to the wound.

Now you have to haul it further, and it will have suffered longer, so the quality of meat will have been degraded. Those are consequences of your “sin.”

You would not be a bad person.

No one would accuse you of being evil or cruel. You would simply admit you missed the mark (sinned). It could have been the twitch of the nose; it could have been a twig the bullet grazed while en route to the beast. Having missed the mark, you note what changes you need to make for better hunting in the future and you follow up with better actions. That’s what it means to “repent.”

It is quite possible, though, that the way we are missing the mark in our culture isn’t through sloth as much as the reverse – we’re so busy. We’re too worn out to learn, too worn out to change, too worn out to do what we ought to do. We’ve ignored the gift of Sabbath – the call of rest.

In other words, we’re not too lazy to go to church; we’re too busy. We’re not too lazy to read our bibles; we’re too busy. When we’re not at school or work, we’re out fishing, hunting, hiking, shopping, taking in ball games or running to town for dinner and a movie.

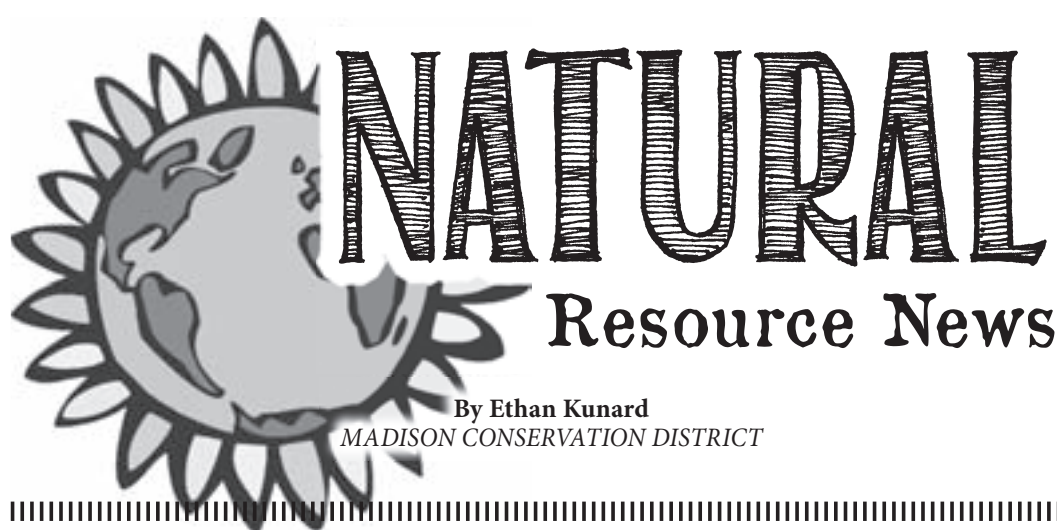
We live in a world that craves action and which doesn’t devalue leisure as much as it redefines the term by all those activities! I know people who develop a case of hives if they’re immersed in more than 30 seconds of silence; going to church could quite possibly do them in altogether and yet, perhaps in the frenzy of activity we find ourselves missing one key element to our existence – that we are the target of God’s love, God’s desire, God’s very own heart.

God has put us in his cross hairs, not to kill, but to bring life! “Be still and know that I am God,” is not the bark of command, but an invitation to live.

I go to church and read the bible because I find them as essential for my spirit as air is for my body. It isn’t the “going” I find critical, but the “being” there that makes the difference. It is a road not taken by everyone, to be sure, but for me, “(it) has made all the difference.” – Frost

Church is where we mark-missers gather, learning to love and to be loved (for who doesn’t fall short there?). At least that’s what I’m aiming for here in this, our valley.

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WATER?

If you open up any newspaper in this region you are almost guaranteed to see at least one headline related to water. This shouldn’t come as a surprise since water is a limited resource that is vital to maintaining our livelihoods. Perhaps, though, another reason that water is such a focus topic is because the management of water is so complex, and it requires the cooperation and partnerships of so many people. This partnership is important since water is a shared public resource, and its management is entrusted in the everyday users, as well as the public entities that have the technical expertise to help us make informed decisions on how we use our water.

So, how do we make the best decisions around

water management? When it comes to water management we essentially need two things: a sufficient quantity of water at the time it is needed, and an adequate quality of water to meet our desired needs. In short, we need information. Luckily, there are federal, state and local natural resource agencies, as well as a multitude of non-profit conservation organizations, whose sole focus is obtaining information to understand water supply and water quality within our watersheds.

The amount of snowpack and rainfall that recharges our rivers, streams, and aquifers each year is variable. There are an incredible number of factors that affect how much moisture enters our waterways, and a lot of it comes down to timing.

A college professor used to say that, “the problem with water is that there’s either too much, or there’s not enough.”

Fortunately, we have tools from the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, United States Geological Survey and other agencies that help us measure snow pack, snow density, soil moisture, streamflow and other parameters, so that we can try to understand the quantity and timing of our limited water supply each year. This information can be incredibly valuable to water users and can provide them with an opportunity to plan for the upcoming conditions, rather than to react. Furthermore, we have seemingly endless opportunities to implement conservation measures

that can help ensure we are making the best use of our limited water supply.

One way of making the best use of our water is by ensuring our water is of sufficient quality to meet our needs. Sometimes, the very practices that are dependent on using our water are also the ones that put it most at risk. This is where cooperation and partnerships are fundamental – because the water belongs to all of us and it belongs to none of us.

Most often, the things that affect water quality can’t be seen, but they can be measured. Agencies and groups such as the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Madison Stream Team are in place to collect data that helps us understand the conditions of our waterways. We are fortunate to live in a watershed with so many generous landowners and community members who are actively involved in this monitoring process. This information will help us keep our landscape healthy, and will provide us opportunities to improve water conditions for our community.

Ultimately, all of this information is simply that – informative. If we use the available data, however, to actually inform our water management decisions and begin thinking long-term, we can be more resilient to water scarcity issues as they arise in the future. We have an opportunity to make headlines showing the positive outcomes of our community partnerships, and demonstrating how much we value our water.



My cousin’s beam

By Charlie Rossiter

In the following story, I’ve taken some poetic license with the names to protect their identities. I don’t condone my actions and apologize if this piece offends, as it was written to be nothing more than entertainment.

My cousin Clay is four years older than me and was raised in the ‘Nam era just like I was. He’s always been a little bit of an outlaw and non-conformist and even in his 60s he still wears his hair in a ponytail and has an earring. A few



Charlie Rossiter

years back, he purchased some mining property and asked me if I could help him get some beams to support his second story on the cabin he was in the process of building. Now my cousin was buying, borrowing, finding or bartering all of the materials needed for the construction from everyone he knew. I think this was due to his tight Scottish background. We’d always helped each other with projects and being a self-proclaimed cabin specialist, I made several trips to his property. He was looking

for a main beam for the second floor loft support and I told him I might know of one. The beam was part of an old mill structure that was going on 100 years old, and I thought it would be cool to have something like that incorporated into his cabin.

I followed up by getting permission from the owner to remove a long beam from the old mill site. We were anticipating finding long 25 to 30 foot beam that would probably take care of his project.

A year earlier I had purchased a timber truck trailer on a mine closure auction. This would be its maiden voyage. The trailer was constructed to take a lot of weight and hauled enormous loads of rough cut lumber in underground mines. It was built for strength; not speed. Early one Saturday morning we hooked up the trailer and proceeded up the mountain. I’d had the foresight to throw in my Milwaukee cordless drill and sawsall and had a few other assorted hand tools along on the trip. The beam had been lying on the ground for years, and we felt we could pull anything we needed out of the piles of fallen lumber with just physical strength. When we arrived at the mine, we began in earnest to get

our beam located. The lumber was in a hodge-podge configuration resembling a magpie’s nest, and we started pulling out the beams we thought would work best. The construction in the late 1800s was really something to see. The beams were several sections of 10 foot by 10 foot rough cut, joined by dowels on German notched joints. They were really a work of art, and to this day I’ve never seen the pattern repeated. The length was a problem, as the longest was just shy of 15 feet and we needed at least 25 feet. I suggested that we could take a couple short beams and join them for the overall length needed. (I had permission to take a 25 foot long beam). He thought about it for a minute and we pulled out the first beam. It was imbedded within a group of beams, and we did everything we could do to free it, but our actions were in vain.

I knew of some folks camping up above us with their three sons in an old mine cabin and thought we could enlist their help. As we drove up the road to their cabin, I had a bad feeling we were in a deliverance movie without the banjos. We knocked on the door and were greeted with a large adolescent wearing

a set of bib overalls and cowboy hat. He had a .44 magnum pistol strapped to his waist and a big toothy grin. His father joined the conversation at this point and we explained that we needed help and he agreed to assist.

The father was a big burly man who had worked hard his whole life, as evidenced by his stooped posture. A mechanic by trade, he had permanent oil stains on his hands and car parts lying all around the room.

The second boy was a very quiet kid who always had a serious look on his face. He was sitting next to his weapon of choice, a large game rifle with a scope.

The youngest lad had two ammo belts hanging from his chest bandelero style, and a hat on that reminded me of the famous picture of Billy the Kid. The boys were all sporting an arsenal of weapons from handguns to rifles (I half expected to see a bazooka). I felt their attire was a little unnerving and asked what they were hunting up here. One replied, “anything that moves.” At this point in our conversation, I made a quiet suggestion to my cousin that we make a hasty departure and get the hell out of here. However, when my cousin gets his teeth into something he

doesn’t give up so we continued with the plan to enlist the youngsters.

After acquiring their help, the six of us removed the beams and loaded them. The boys’ father asked Clay why he didn’t take a couple more and he readily accepted the help. We ended up with four beams loaded and strapped down to our trailer and headed out. We drove about 150 yards toward the road and that’s when Clay noticed the “perfect tree” lying on the ground. He asked about it and was told the tree had just fallen down the previous evening and he was free to take it also if he wanted. His excitement was evident, and he started to step off how long it was. The tree was 35 to 40 feet tall and straight as an arrow. Clay asked all present if they had a chain saw in camp and the answer was no. The only saw to be had was my Milwaukee cordless set and Clay started to cut on the tree with it immediately. The boys walked around us as if on a guard detail protecting our backs. I had one backup battery along and the charge went out quickly on the 24 inch thick log. We had sawed about a half of the round trunk when the second battery gave up, and Clay knew we’d never

get the cut completed without some other cutting device. The youngest boy said that he had a handsaw at their cabin, and lit out to get it. He retrieved it but when presented, it was only 12 inches long. (It was part of a Handy Andy tool kit for children.) Clay, being desperate, grabbed it and started cutting the log again, with what seemed like a vengeance. It was tedious work and we all took a turn or two at the cutting, and after an hour and half we finally got through the log. Our next dilemma was going to be getting the tree loaded on to the trailer. The six of us tried unsuccessfully to lift it but could barely roll it. The boys’ dad remembered another group of campers staying in a cabin up the road and headed out to see if they could help in the endeavor. He came back a little while later with an old area local who had a pickup truck with a hydraulic lift on it for loading round bales of hay. We rigged it up to the tree and it lifted it as if it was designed just for that purpose. Eureka! We were loaded and heading down the hill.

Check back in next week, you don’t want to miss what happens next!

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By Janet Tharpe

Juicy and Delicious Ham with Peachy Brown Sugar Glaze

"Our house smelled amazing while this cooked!"



Annette W.'s Ham with Peach Brown Sugar Dijon Glaze is peachy! Traditionally, I use pineapple with my ham so the peach added a great, new flavor. The glaze is wonderfully sweet. By preparing the ham early and keeping it warm in a slow cooker, it'll leave you tons of time to work on the rest of your Easter meal.



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- Janet

Ham with Peachy Brown Sugar Dijon Glaze

What You Need

- 9 lb bone-in spiral cut ham, fully cooked
- 1 c peach preserves
- 1 c brown sugar
- 3/4 c dijon mustard
- 1/2 c white cranberry/peach juice
- 1 pinch ground cloves
- 1 can sliced peaches, for garnish

ADDITIONAL GLAZE FOR SLOW COOKER

- 1/2 c peach preserves
- 1/2 c brown sugar
- 6 tbs dijon mustard
- 1/4 c white cranberry/peach juice

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350. Put about 1 c of water in the bottom of a roasting pan with a rack. Place ham meat side down on rack.

- Mix remaining ingredients in a large cup you can pour from.
- Pour 1/2 the glaze over ham. Make sure to get in-between the spirals but leave plenty to pour on top to drip down the sides as well.
- Cover ham loosely with aluminum foil.
- Bake on for 50-60 min.
- Remove foil. Pour the other 1/2 of glaze on ham and return to oven for an additional 20-30 min uncovered.
- While ham is cooking, make additional 1/2 batch of glaze. Set aside.
- Remove ham from oven.
- Cut ham off bone and place in slow cooker.
- Pour juices from the pan over ham as well as the additional glaze.
- Turn slow cooker to warm or low to keep warm.
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Substitute librarian position available at the Twin Bridges Public library. Hours to be determined by the Library Director. Paid minimum wage. For more information please contact the Library Director at 406-684-5416. 21-1-b

ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION VACANCY
The Town of Ennis is looking for an interested person to serve on the Ennis Town Commission. The position requires the applicant to be a resident within the incorporated limits of the Town of Ennis. (The term being filled will go up for election at the next Municipal Election for the Town of Ennis.) If you are interested in this position, send a letter of interest to: Town of Ennis, 328 W. Main St., Ennis, MT. 59729, or drop off at Ennis Town Hall. Deadline for application is March 31, 2016. If you have any question regarding this position, call Ennis Town Hall at 682-4287 or come in to Town Hall during normal business hours. 21-2-b

Madison County Community Emergency Response Team
What is it: The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

If this is something you would be interested in please contact the Madison County Disaster and Emergency Services office for further information. The time requirements will be 1-4 trainings a year. There is already equipment and a trailer in the county to further assist the team. We will also be looking for someone to lead the team as well. If you were on the Madison County CERT Team in the past or wish to join please contact us for further information. Contact: Madison County Disaster and Emergency Services Direms@madison.mt.gov (406) 843-4253 21-2-b

Application for Temporary Employment:
The Madison County Weed Board will be accepting applications for Field Crew Personnel for the 2016 season. Employment may be from May 2, 2016 to September 29, 2016 at 40 hour/week, and a Compliance Tech. for the 2016 season. Employment approximately from May 2, 2016 to September 29, 2016 at 16 hour/week. Applications and job descriptions are available at the Weed Board Office at: 2296 Hwy. 287, Alder, MT. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. April 6, 2016. Return Applications to: Madison County Weed Board P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755 For additional information contact: Margie N. Edsall, Coordinator, or Janie Alt Office Manager at (406)842-5595 21-3-b

FOR RENT

2 bd/2 ba home or shop for rent - Residential or commercial. Hwy frontage. Call A&O management for information. Ennis. 581-9944 21-1-b

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

Studio apartment for rent in Ennis. Call Jamie 581-9219. 7-tfc-b

FOR RENT- remodeled 2 br/1bath near McAllister. Available March 1st. \$650. deposit required. no smokers, no pets. references needed call 406-581-5574 35-tfc-b

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

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:
1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$650 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

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Indoor & Outdoor RV/Boat storage, storage units. Ennis, 682-7442 18-tfc-b

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

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

FOR RENT: Call Apex Management at 682-7112 or 581-0103 for long term or vacation rentals in Ennis and the Madison Valley. 1-tfc

For Rent. Two story furnished studio guest house. Upper deck, heated garage and storage, W/D and kitchenette. 1 year lease \$750 per month utilities included. N/S No dogs. In Ennis. Call Erich 682-5737 35-tfc-b

Lot for rent in Sheridan \$300/mo. Camp trailers and manufactured homes welcome. 3 bd, 2ba home in the country for rent. \$1,200/mo. Call Jack Leber, Sales Associate BHHS Montana Properties. 406.596.7893 or visit www.askjack.realtor 21-4-b

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Liquidation sale continues at COVERUPS Gifts & Embroidery, 110 E. Main, Ennis. 30% off store wide Long sleeve tee shirts and select flour sack towels 50% off! Store hours 10-4 Monday, Tuesday, Friday 10-3 Saturday 20-4-b

WANTED

I am seeking full time work in Madison County. I am well-versed in hay operations, repairs, irrigation, tractor maintenance and driving, discbines, balers, etc. I have 2 cow-savvy horses, my own tools, vehicle, horse trailer. I am very proficient with cattle, including winter calving, pulling, tagging, banding, etc. I provide my own health insurance. Salary is negotiable, but pasture space for my horses is a MUST. I have EXCELLENT local references and will be happy to supply them. Please contact me. I am a well-proven hard worker and you won't regret it. 35+ years experience, great attitude. Contact 209-2038. 20-2-p

Summer Pasture for 50 pairs of cows and calves. Call 596-1450. 20-3-cc

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GARAGE SALE

Sale in Ennis Sat. 3/19 10 am to 4 pm 1 blk south of Town Pump 50% off all gift items (new) 55" Sony TV Tools, CDs, Records, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, Decorative items and more stuff 20-1-b

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Probate No. DP-29-2016-6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed personal representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to John Warren, Davis, Warren & Hritsco, P.O. Box 28, Dillon, Montana 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED February 22, 2016.

Neil Alan Barnosky

Co-Personal Representative

Eric Jay Barnosky

Co-Personal Representative

Personal Representatives' Attorney

John Warren

Davis, Warren & Hritsco

P. O. Box 28

Dillon, Montana 59725

(Pub. March 3, 10, 17, 2016) dwh

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE- NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by ANDREW P. SUENRAM, as successor Trustee, of the public sale of the real property hereinafter described pursuant to the "Small 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. 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

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@bigskyoa.org. Responses will be received until 5PM on Friday April 1, 2016. (Pub. March 10, 17, 2016) bsoa

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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 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 discriminated 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 (20 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.

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 \$30.00 (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 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. 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 CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE RESIGNATION

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Clerk of Ennis School District No. 52, Madison County, State of Montana that regular registration for the Annual School Election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, will close at 5:00 pm on April 14, 2016.

NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election offices up to and including election day. Between noon and the close of business on the day before election day, you can complete and submit a voter registration card, but you will need to return to the local election office on the election day to pick up and vote a ballot.

All active and inactive voters of Ennis School District No. 52 are entitled to vote at said election.

Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the county election administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county.

The county election office is located at: Madison County Courthouse - Virginia City, MT 103 Wallace

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2016
GINGER MARTELLO
/s/ Ginger Martello,
District Clerk
(Pub. March 10, 17, 24 2016) es

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE POSITION

The terms of two (2) trustees of Sheridan School District No. 5 will expire this year. Trustees are elected for three years. Anyone qualified and interested in running for these positions may pick up a declaration of intent and oath of candidacy for trustee candidates in the elementary school office.

The petitions must be turned into the elementary school office prior to 4:00 p.m. March 24, 2016, not less than forty (40) days before the election on May 3, 2016. (Pub. March 17, 2016) ss

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FOR FLOOD-PLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The Madison County Floodplain Administrator has received a Floodplain Development Permit application request from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to replace the existing culvert with a cattle guard at the entrance to the Varney Bridge Fishing Access Site. The project will remove some fill and the culvert and construct a new cattle guard at the entrance to the Varney Bridge Fishing Access Site. The project will be done in conjunction with the boat ramp replacement project. The project is located at the entrance to the Varney Bridge FAS (393 Varney Cutoff Road) on the east side of the Madison River in the E1/2 NW1/4, Section 17, T 7S, R 1W, PM.

A more precise map and description of the proposal is available for review at the Madison County Planning Department, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. Comments concerning the above request should be directed to the Floodplain Administrator by mail: P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; via phone: (406) 843-5250; via fax: (406) 843-5229; or email: cfechter@madison.mt.gov.

Comments will be received through Friday, April 1, 2016. In the event of substantial comment or protest to the issuance of the permit, the Madison County Floodplain Administrator may hold a public hearing to determine whether the permit shall be issued.

Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator
Madison County
(Pub. March 17, 2016) mcpb

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE

ON May 2, 2016, at 11:00 AM at the Front Door to the Madison County Courthouse located at 110 West Wallace Street in Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:

Lot 237 of Shining Mountains Subdivision, Unit I according to the official plat on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder in Book 4 of Plats, Page 41, Madison County, Montana.

KRISTEN D KOPP and Colette M. Davis, also known as Kristen Kopp and Colette Davis, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to Charles J. Peterson, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to PHH Mortgage Services, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust on August 9, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002 as Book 471 Page 968 Document No. 87785.

The beneficial interest is currently held by PHH Mortgage Corporation dba PHH Mortgage Services. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana.

The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$661.92, beginning November 1, 2012, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of October 26, 2015 is \$88,870.04 principal, interest at the rate of 6.42000% totaling \$17,506.98, late charges in the amount of \$694.89, escrow advances of \$5,444.43, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$3,352.64, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.

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

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

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

The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually in-

curred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

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

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: December 18, 2015

Dalia Martinez
Assistant Secretary,
First American Title Company, LLC
Successor Trustee
Title Financial Specialty Services
PO Box 339
Blackfoot ID 83221
STATE OF Idaho

) ss.
County of Bingham)

On this 18 day of December 2015 before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Shannon Gavin
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission expires: 01/19/2018
PHH Mortgage Corp. vs Colette M. Davis
KRISTEN D KOPP 100508-1
(Pub. March 17, 24, 31 2016) mk

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SHORT TERM LEASE OF A WATER APPROPRIATION RIGHT

This Short-Term Lease of Appropriation Right is made between Brook Foxhill LLC, Jerry Brooke, PO Box 1024, Fort Benton, MT 59442 ("Lessor") and Helena Sand & Gravel, P.O. Box 5960, Helena, MT 59601 ("Lessee") for the short term lease of water appropriation Number 41G 195612-00

Source: North Willow Creek
Term: 3/14/2016 to 6/15/2016
Use: The water will be used for construction and dust abatement on the Federal Highway Project # HSIP 283-1(4) SF 099 East of Pony & HSIP 359-2(7)14 SF 109-Curve Reconstruct-North of Harrison

Point of diversion: Section 16, T-2-S, R-2-W, Madison County, Montana.
Place of use: Section 16, T-2-S, R-2-W, Madison County, Montana.

Volume: The daily water usage is expected to average approximately 22,000 gallons per day during embankment and gravel placement.

Flow Rate: 0.75 CFS
Notice: Helena Sand & Gravel shall provide notice of this lease in a newspaper of general circulation in Madison County, Montana, as required by MCA 85-2-410(4), no less than thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the Project. Helena Sand & Gravel shall also provide notice of this Short-Term Lease to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation as required by MCA 85-2-410(3), no less than two (2) days prior to the commencement of the project.

Compensation: None
Indemnification: Lessee shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Lessor against any claim by any person or entity for injury to persons, crops, livestock, personal property or environmental deterioration caused or allegedly caused by any water withdrawn by Lessee pursuant to this Lease. In the event Lessee or any governmental agency requests or requires that water withdrawn by Lessee pursuant to this Lease be treated, filtered, chlorinated or purified in any way, the entire cost of such treatment, filtration, chlorination or purification shall be borne by Lessee. Lessee shall not commit waste.

No conveyance: This Lease does not grant, convey, or transfer any water right owned or claimed by the Lessor.
Lessor: BROOKS FOXHILL LLC
Name: Jerry Brooke
Date: 2-26-2016
/s/ Jerry Brooke
Lessee: Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc.
Name: Kevin W. Allen
Date: 2-29-2016
/s/ Kevin W. Allen
(Pub. March 17, 24, 31 2016) ka

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BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR MARCH REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 - 8:30 AM
BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT, STATION #1
650 RAINBOW TROUT RUN, BIG SKY
Introduction of visitors and guests

- 1.Call to Order
- 2.Public Comment
- 3.Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:

- a.Approval of draft minutes of February 24, 2016 Regular Meeting
- b.Financial Reports for February 2016
- c.Monthly Financial Statements
- d.Check Register: Checks 6115322 - 6115380; including voided checks 6115357 and 6115358
- 4.Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat
- 5.Correspondence
- 6.New Business
- a.Swearing In of Deputy Fire Chief Scott Morovits
- b.Fire Chief's Compensation Package
- c.2016-17 Big Sky Resort Area District Application - Due 5/1/16
- 7.Unfinished Business
- a.Part-time Administrative Position Description
- b.Fire Station #1 Renovation Update
- c.2016-17 Annual Budget Committee Update and Approval
- d.Master Plan - Next Steps
- e.Personnel Manual Update
8. Other Business
9. Public Comment
10. Date for next regular meeting - April (TBD)
11. Adjourn

(Pub. March 17, 2016) bsfd
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS / PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CM-AR) SERVICES

Madison County is seeking a qualified Construction Manager to participate as a partner with the County and the Architect of Record (ThinkOne) with the design and construction of various improvements and renovations to the Madison County Courthouse located in Virginia City, Montana.

The complete Request for Qualifications / Proposals document (Request) can be obtained from: ThinkOne
101 East Main Street, Studio One
Bozeman, Montana 59715
(406) 586-7020

A project meeting and site inspection will be held at the Madison County Courthouse on Wednesday, March 23 at 10:00AM. Attendance is recommended.

Submittal packages must be received in the office of the Madison County Board of Commissioners by Friday, April 1, 2016 at 4:00 PM to be considered.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and to waive any formality or technicality.
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MADISON COUNTY WEED BOARD YEAR 2016 HERBICIDE CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Madison County Weed Board is calling for sealed quotes for Noxious Weed Herbicides for the 2016 Madison County Weed Management Season. Quote specification (Type and Amount of Herbicides), and invitation to quote forms are available at the Madison County Weed Board Office, 2296 Hwy. 287, Alder, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755. (406) 842-5595.

Quotes will be accepted until the close of business, 12:00 PM Thursday, April 7, 2016. Quotes will be opened and read publicly at the regular Weed Board Meeting at the Weed Board Office, Alder, Montana, at 2:00 PM Thursday April 14, 2016.

The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose bid is most beneficial to the County. Consideration will be given to Madison County resident bidders in accordance with MCA 7-5-2309, part 1, which states "if there are no out of state bidders for a contract subject to competitive bid under this part, the contract may be awarded to

Donation to the Ruby Valley Hospital directly benefits nurses; patients

SUBMITTED BY DEBRA MCNEIL
Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation

The hospital recently received a generous donation of nine beds from the Intensive Care Unit at St. James Healthcare. The beds have significant technological and healthcare benefits over the current in-patient beds, providing greater comfort to patients and enhancing the care provided by the nursing staff.

Nurse Donna Stump is pleased with the bed's technology for weighing patients.

"If you've ever been pulled out of bed at 4:30 in the morning to

be weighed, you'll appreciate this!" said Stump. "The patient just lies in bed and I take their weight from the touch-screen - it doesn't get any easier."

Stump is also looking forward to using the bed's systems that "blow-up" and help turn a patient.

Ted Woirhaye, director of nursing, is very satisfied with the lower noise level of the Hill-Rom Total Care Sport beds.

"The hydraulic system in these beds is nearly silent," said Woirhaye.

He also appreciates the beds can convert to a sitting, lounge chair position which will be much more comfortable for patients with long

bed stays. Matt Leber and the hospital's environmental services team have been busy disinfecting and testing the beds so that they can be installed in patient rooms without delay.

"This is the second time we've received a donation of beds from St. James," said Ruby Valley Hospital CEO, John Semington. "We truly appreciate Kevin Dennehy, vice president of strategy and business, and Chuck Wright, CEO at St. James for making this donation. The staff is really enjoying learning about the new system and discussing how it will promote better patient care."

Sheridan February students of the month

SUBMITTED BY EMILY MCPARLAND
Sheridan Schools

Sheridan students of the month are chosen by faculty and staff members based on the following criteria; citizenship, leadership and academic attitude.

- Kindergarten Addison Stout
- First grade Aden Miller
- Second grade Haze Hardy

- Third grade Austin VerHow
- Fourth grade Samuel Patterson
- Fifth grade Jake Dvorak
- Sixth grade Jorien VerHow
- Seventh grade Elizabeth Hamilton
- Eighth grade Madison Fabel
- Ninth grade Ty Haag
- 10th grade Destiny Fabel
- 11th grade Tionna Schwend
- 12th grade Madison Stewart

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.

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12:10 p.m.
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Sheridan 842-5860
Bishop Dustin 684-5255

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St. Mary, Laurin
Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.
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Pastoral Administrator ~ 842-5588

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- Bible Study 10:15 am
- Sunday School 10:15 am

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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.

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Junior high essay winners (L) Ashley Guinnane, Brooke Melhoff, Robinson Dale and Doug Martin.



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High school essay winners Ruth Redfield (middle) and Kjersten Sandru were presented cash awards from Doug Martin with the American Legion.



PHOTO COURTESY MELODY CLARK MADISON VALLEY MANOR

Residents with March birthdays celebrated last week.

Legion Essay winners announced

SUBMITTED BY DOUG MARTIN
American Legion Post #31

On March 11, the American Legion Constitutional Essay Contest came to a close. Both the high school and junior high schools had competitions to write individual essays on their thoughts of the 26th Amendment, the right to vote at the age of 18.

After the high school competition was completed, Ruth Redfield's essay came in first place with Kjersten Sandru a close second. The junior high competition was a much fiercer battle with 14 entries. After much deliberation and head scratching, the American Legion panel of judges scored the contest as such; first place went to Ashleigh Guinnane, second place was Robinson Dale and third place was won by Brooke Melhoff.

Residents of MVM plan and party

SUBMITTED BY MELODY CLARK
Madison Valley Manor

Madison Valley Manor residents had a fun filled week. They started with a walleye fish fry that was enjoyed by all. Most residents are in their remodeled rooms and like the new environment.

Resident council met and made plans for next month's activities. Zane Miller played music for the birthday party that was hosted by the MVM Auxiliary and three residents were honored; Marian D., Richard, and Don C.

Residents are looking forward to their St. Patrick's Day party this week!

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MVMC receives donation toward mammography machine

SUBMITTED BY DOTTIE FOSSEL
Madison Valley Medical Center

At a recent meeting of Madison Valley Womans Club, Dottie Fossel, chairman of Madison Valley Medical Center's Board of Trustees and a womans club member, introduced a program featuring MVMC's new Hologic Digital 3D Mammography. The screening test has been offered at MVMC for the past two months each Thursday in its new mammography suite by two technologists from Bozeman.

Bev Bishop, the head of MVMC's imaging department said, "Annette Bracha and Martie Calkins, registered technologists, from Bozeman Health, each have over 20 years experience in mammography."

Dr. Maura Davenport, in family practice at MVMC, discussed womens health in general as well as stressed the importance of mammography.

At the end of the program, Lynn Leeming, president of MVWC, presented Dottie Fossel with a check for \$2,500 as a contribution toward the purchase price of the mammography machine.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DOTTIE FOSSEL
Pictured in photo from left to right first row: Dottie Fossel, Martie Calkins, Annette Bracha, Bev Bishop
Back row: Dr. Maura Davenport, Dr. Sean Kalagher

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SUBMITTED BY HEATHER PUCKETT

Daphne Puckett, a 2013 Twin Bridges High School graduate, competed in the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Championships in Johnson City, Tenn., on March 5. She placed 12th among a field of 23 of the best throwers in the nation with a throw of 43'5". This gives Puckett a new personal best for the season, a new school record at University of Great Falls and also ranks her the fourth best sophomore thrower in the nation. Puckett has received three Frontier Conference Athlete of the Week awards for the indoor track season. Puckett begins competing in the outdoor season for the Argonauts on March 18 at the University of Great Falls Open.

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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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1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. • Internet Security
 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
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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

Come and enjoy the Topsy 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.

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. Call 843-

5346 for class prices.

St. Patrick's Day lunch, Virginia City
Traditional lunch of corned beef and cabbage, soda bread and Blarney Stones served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

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 in Virginia City 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. Acts should be under three minutes. Contact Lee Robison for more information. Begins at 4 p.m.

Poker tournament, Ennis
Texas Hold'em scholarship tournament at the Silver Dollar Saloon. 10 a.m. sit and go's, tournament at 1 p.m.

Author signing, Ennis
Montana children's authors Janet Muirhead and Marcia Melton will be at Rocky Mountain Supply from 1 - 3:30 p.m. to sign books and visit.

Relay for Life kickoff, Ennis
Join us at 8 a.m. at Maples Coffee to sign up your relay team.

Living history, Ennis
Dressing for success: from prairie to town in 1865 lecture at the Madison Valley Public Library. Begins at 11 a.m.

Casino night, Twin Bridges
The Rotary Club of Twin Bridges will have their annual casino night scholarship fundraiser beginning at 7 p.m. at the Blue Anchor Bar. The dress theme this year is vintage Virginia City attire.

SUNDAY MARCH 20

Easter concerts, Sheridan and Twin Bridges
The Ruby Valley Chorale will perform their Easter concerts at Bethel United Church Methodist Church in Sheridan at 2:30 p.m. and at the Church of the Valley in Twin Bridges at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY MARCH 22

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

Blood drive, Sheridan
Blood drive at Bethany Hall from 1-6 p.m. For an appointment or more information call Kathy at 842-5128.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23

Trivia night, Ennis
Trivia night at the Sportsman's Lodge to benefit the library. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY MARCH 24

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. Call 843-5346 for class prices.

Mad Gals, Bozeman
Mad Gals monthly meeting begins at 12:30 at the Valley View Golf Club.

SATURDAY MARCH 26

Easter egg hunt, Ennis
Come to Lions Park at 11 a.m. for an Easter egg hunt and other fun activities.

SUNDAY MARCH 27

Sunrise service, Ennis
Easter sunrise service at 7:15 a.m. at Madison Valley Meadows Golf Course.

Community breakfast, Ennis
Easter breakfast at the Rocky

Mountain Baptist Church beginning at 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

Meeting, Ennis
A meeting of fellowship and comfort - all faiths welcome. Held the last Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Ennis Christian Science Church.

THURSDAY MARCH 31

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. Call 843-5346 for class prices.



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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.

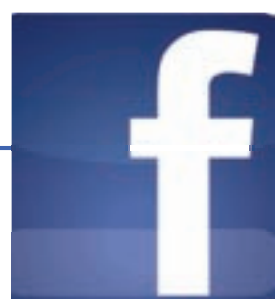
Story Time, Ennis

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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Monday, March 21, 2016

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Registration begins at 10:30am
Lunch 11:30am - 1:00pm
Business Meeting 1:00pm

Fairfield office closed 11am to 3pm
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Madison Conservation District Meeting

Mon., March 21

Lone Elk Mall Ennis

7:00 p.m.

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Friday, March 18 - Sunday, March 20, 2016

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Sun 3/20 - Aaron Williams
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