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County will hold primary election

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At their regular commission meeting on March 21, the Madison County Board of Commissioners voted to hold a primary election for commission district number one, which is up for election this year.

"We do not have to have a primary," explained Clerk and Recorder and Election Administrator Kathleen Mumme. "My opinion is that it should go on a primary. I feel like you should always get it down to two for the general election. By law, you do not have to."

Mumme, whose seat is up for election, was the only one who filed to run, but three Madison County residents put their names in for commission district number one, which is currently held by Dave Schulz. Schulz filed for re-election and will run against Dan Allhands and Ellis Thompson.

Allhands and Thompson were both in attendance at the meeting, so commissioner Ron Nye asked for their opinions about whether or not they wanted a primary election.

"I suppose we should probably have one," Allhands said. "I think it upsets people if you don't. It would also get the candidate names out there and get people talking about the issues."

Thompson agreed with Allhands, saying he thought the general election should be between the "best two."

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ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Madison County Courthouse.

NEXT ON DECK

Commissioners decide to replace Laurin Bridge

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The majority of Madison County's bridges are in good shape, according to commissioner Jim Hart. In the Madison Valley, Blaine Spring Bridge and Varney Bridge are scheduled to be replaced, and now the commissioners have turned their attention to two bridges in the Ruby Valley.

"We decided to do Laurin (Bridge) first," Hart said. "In part because of how much traffic it gets."

The other bridge on deck in the Ruby Valley is the Geim Bridge, which crosses the Beaverhead River southwest of Twin Bridges. At their regular meeting on March 14, the commissioners instructed Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering to start the process of replacing the Laurin Bridge, which crosses the Ruby River in Laurin.

"It's a bit smaller than the Geim Bridge," Hart added. "It is initially less expensive. But both (bridges) are priorities – structurally, they aren't very good."

Commissioner Dave Schulz said the substructure underneath the Laurin Bridge has gotten "pretty frail" in the last few years.

"The bridge does not meet a sufficiency rating that will take us into the next 10 or 20 years," Schulz explained. "We're taking initial steps to find out where we can come up with some money to get the bridge replaced."

Schulz said the replacement of the Laurin Bridge will come with some difficulties – namely, it will be challenging to bypass the bridge for cars to get by.

"When the time comes, we will put our contractor under a fairly regimented schedule and try to get the thing replaced in a short amount of time," Schulz said.

Once the Varney, Blaine Spring, Laurin and Geim bridges are all complete, Hart said the county is not too worried about other bridges, from a structural standpoint.

"There are a couple in the Jack Creek area I'm a little worried about, but that's because they are narrow," Hart said. "Other than that, there aren't any we're deficiently worried about."

TAKING SHAPE



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Ruby Valley Hospital administrator John Semington speaks about the new facility

Community gathers to hear plans for new Ruby Valley Hospital

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"We're here to answer questions and get you up-to-date," said Ken Walsh, chairman of the Ruby Valley Hospital's board of directors, addressing around 50 community members who gathered at the Sheridan Elementary School on March 15. "This is how we are going to meet the healthcare demands of the future."

Walsh continued to say the RVH is important for a multitude of reasons – the obvious one being the health and wellness of Ruby Valley residents.

"The care of our people is important, but it is also important to our economic development," Walsh said.

The idea of constructing a new hospital has been kicked around by the board and RVH administration since Walsh joined the board in 2006.

"This was not a quick process," he said. "It has been slowly developing. We have looked at our needs and deficiencies. The architects have talked with the staff."

That process has developed into a plan for an entirely new building – the majority will be paid for through a \$9,950,000 loan from the United States Department of Agriculture. In addition, a community fundraising campaign has raised nearly \$2.4 million to contribute to the project.

The USDA loan is for a term of 37 years, with monthly payments of \$41,122, Walsh said.

"So ... that's a lot of money," he acknowledged. "But since we are a critical access hospital we are reimbursed from the government based on our costs. We also get Medicare reimbursements."

Walsh emphasized that the hospital has the ability to make the loan payments with the reimbursements, and that they do not plan to turn to the taxpayers for more funds.

"We're working with the government," he said. "So is it a guarantee? It is today. And it probably is down the road."

A new facility

After multiple needs assessments and a comprehensive financial feasibility study, Walsh said the board and administrators determined it would be more cost effective and less disruptive to construct a new building instead of remodeling the existing one.

According to a fact sheet distributed at the community meeting, the projected cost to expand and remodel the current building was \$600,000 more than building a new facility.

"The time required to remodel is 18 to 24 months and a new hospital can be constructed in 12 months," the fact sheet continues. "New hospital construction (will) not interfere with patient care."

Word from the staff

Roman Hendrickson, MD, started working at the RVH in 2003, and said he has seen patient volume double since then.

"And then it's doubled again in the last two years," he said. "We used to see about 30 people per month in the emergency room, and now we average 100."

Hendrickson pointed out the new hospital will add more clinic rooms, space in the emergency room, space for physical therapy, the laboratory and more.

Director of nursing Ted Woirhaye pointed out the new hospital will increase patient privacy, which is not ideal in the current facility.

The community also heard from Mary Ann Birdsill, the head of radiology, and Jamy Kraal, physical therapist, about how the new building will improve their departments.

"Hopefully we will be able to increase patient load and capacity," Kraal said. "Now we are so limited on space, we can't provide all the services we want to."

The construction process

Jason Davis, architect with SMA Architects, said the board, administration and staff have been careful to "get it right."

"I've never been on a project like this," he said.

Langlas and Associates, general contractors, were hired as construction managers. Loren Cantrell, project manager, attended the meeting and said Langlas and Associates will try hard to "involve local community members."

"There will be work opportunities for local contractors," Cantrell said. "We

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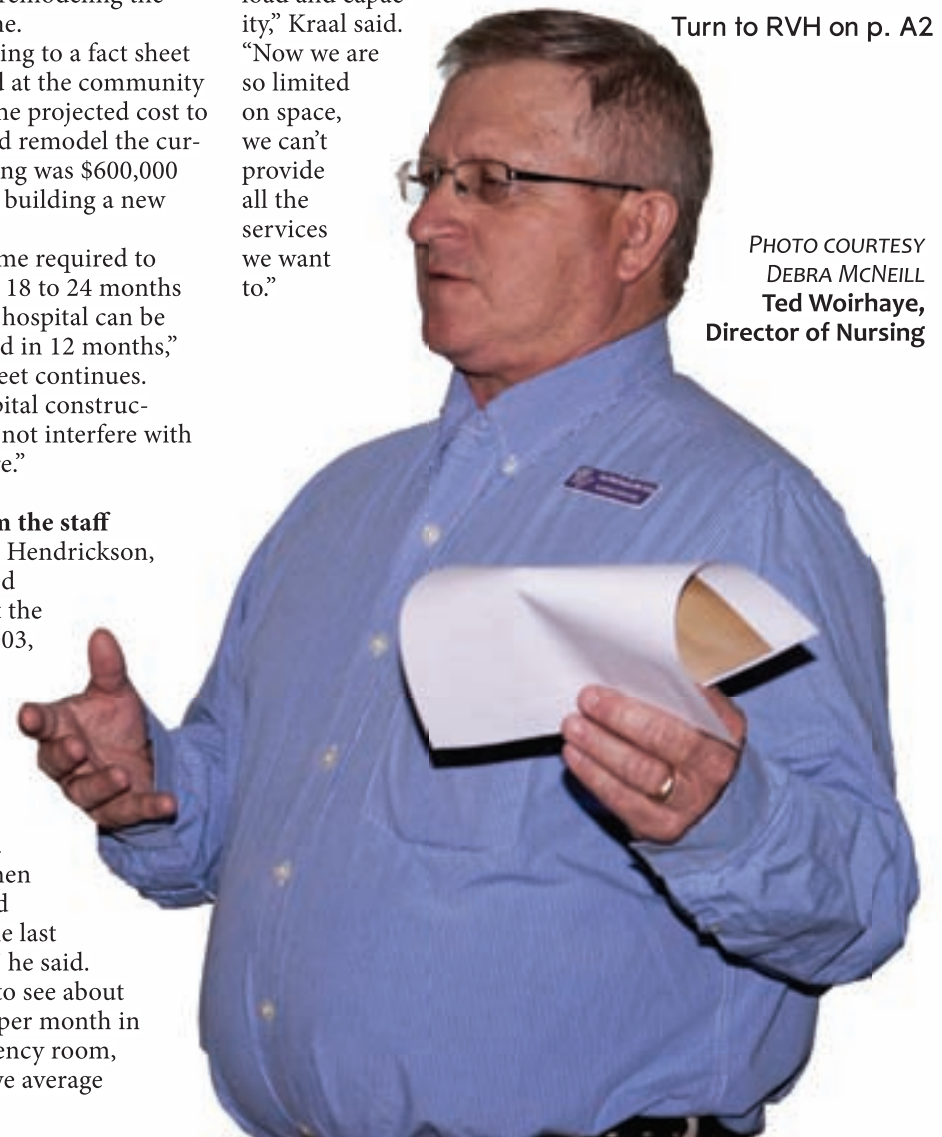




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want to help inject dollars back into the community.”

Cantrell said Langlas and Associates will hold another meeting prior to the bid process to see what kind of interest there is from local suppliers, contractors and laborers.

“We'll invite you to learn about bid opportunities or trade opportunities,” he said. “If there's a way to make sure we're putting money back in your community, we do that. Why? If we're not making friends, we're not getting referrals and we're not getting work.”

The actual groundbreaking is scheduled for June 2016, with building construction beginning later this summer. That puts the projected completion date either July or August 2017, with a move in date in August or September 2017.

Community questions

Community member Gary Hilliker raised the question of taxes.

“I've heard you guys say ‘no,’ that taxes won't go up, but when I take out a loan I have to pay it back,” Hilliker said. “Can anyone tell me for sure that in five or six years my taxes are not going up?”

Currently, the hospital receives between \$250,000 and \$275,000 yearly from a permanent mill the taxpayers approved in 2012, Walsh said – those mills are the “cushion” the hospital needs.

“We have worked hard to make sure this won't change taxes,” he said. “Can I guarantee that forever? No. Something will make your property taxes go up sometime. There are a lot of things we can't project, but we've worked very hard.”

Hilliker asked if the size of

the new facility has been factored into the administration's future financial planning.

“The old hospital is a small facility,” he said. “This one is big.”

Walsh said the board and administration are aware the new building is going to cost more to run.

“It will mean a bigger power bill, more custodial crew, things like that,” Walsh said. “That's built in. Our plan is only to grow staff if our patient volume grows.”

Community member Doris Fischer asked if there is a plan for the current hospital building.

“We don't have a plan exactly,” Walsh answered. “We are giving it to the foundation. We hope it gets utilized. We are looking for ideas.”

At the end of the meeting, Walsh emphasized the impor-

tant role the hospital plays in the community.

“The hospital is not our

“We don't want to create this in a void. We want to be transparent. We want this to be your hospital, your children's hospital.”
 -Ken Walsh, chairman, Ruby Valley Hospital board of directors

hospital,” he said. “It's the community's hospital. Healthcare is a personal thing, but it's also a community issue. We don't want to create this in a void. We want to be transparent. We want this to be your hospital, your children's hospital.”




Les Gilman, president of the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation, tells nearly 50 community members about the progress of the capital campaign fundraiser to raise money for the new hospital.



The current Ruby Valley Hospital in Sheridan.

How well do YOU know Madison County?

Thanks for playing by the rules last week! To even the playing field, we asked you call after 9 a.m. on Friday the week the paper comes out. We're continuing that this week, so if you know where the photo was taken, be sure to call after 9 a.m. on March 25! Thanks!




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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
The first Moore Creek culvert is under construction, which requires a detour in downtown Ennis.



Replacement of first Moore Creek culvert underway in downtown Ennis

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If you have driven Main Street in Ennis lately, the construction on the first of eight culverts along Moore Creek is impossible to miss. Currently, the contractors are working their way under Main Street, rerouting traffic and filling in their progress as they go.

"There are some folks who believe things have not been moving fast and that there ap-

pears to be no sense of urgency to get it done," said commissioner Jim Hart. "In reality, we knew this stretch, even though it is short, was going to be the most difficult to get done."

Hart said the contractors had to deal with fiber optic, water, sewer and dewatering the creek to make progress, but that they are still within their allotted time frame to complete the first culvert.

"They have until around

the middle of April to get all the way across Main Street," he said.

When the work under Main Street is complete, the contractors will fill it in and it will be gravel through the spring, but people will still be able to drive on it, Hart added.

The other seven culverts run southwest through town and eventually cross MT Highway 287 by the Mormon Church, south of town.



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Construction on the first culvert is being done in three phases, right now, the contractors are working on the culvert as it passes under Main Street.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Not guilty plea to theft charge

On March 21, Jeremiah Michele Simard from Sheridan appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker.

The state, represented by County Attorney Chris Christensen, charged Simard with accountability to theft and obstructing justice, both felonies.

The charges stem from incidents that concurred from about Jan. 5 through Jan. 14,

2016, according to court documents. Simard "purposefully or knowingly obtained control over property he knew to have been stolen by another and had the purpose to deprive the owner of the property," and "prevented or obstructed Madison County law enforcement from investigating the perpetrator of a felony theft by means of deception," according to a filed Information.

Simard plead not guilty to both charges, and he was released on his own recognizance. No future court date has been set yet.

Workman enters not guilty pleas

A Norris man appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on four charges on March 21, 2016.

The state, represented by County Attorney Chris Christensen charged Kenrick Owen Workman with assault with a weapon, assault, resisting arrest and driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, according to court documents.

Workman allegedly caused "reasonable apprehension of serious bodily injury in another with a weapon," or more specifically, "pointed

a revolver at (the victim) under circumstances which caused (the victim) to reasonably fear that the revolver would cause him bodily injury." In addition, the state alleges Workman grabbed and/or shoved the victim, attempted to prevent one or more peace officers from effecting an arrest and drove a motor vehicle on a public highway of the state while his privilege to drive was suspended.

Workman's \$15,000 bail was continued, and he was released without a future court date being set.

Roads to somewhere

Questions circulate about access on some county roads

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"We have several roads in the county where there is some question about where the road actually goes," said commissioner Dave Schulz. "They are county roads, but the issue is determining where they begin and end."

Recently, following questions from the community, the commissioners started a discussion about how to define those county roads.

"The information we have on some of the roads is insufficient to determine exactly where the road goes," Schulz explained. "For example, one old road petition says the road begins at the mouth of the canyon and goes to the big rock on the hill. One hundred years ago, that rock meant something, but today, we don't know what rock it's referencing."

Commissioner Jim Hart said the issue really revolves around public access.

"On different occasions, a private landowner has put up a gate over a county road that isn't used much and locked it," Hart said. "It's okay for them to put up a gate, but it's not legal to lock it. If it's locked and it's really a county road, we

should be able to take the lock off."

The problem is coming up with a legal description of a road from point A to point B if the road was created years ago, and has not been heavily used by the public in the meantime, Hart added.

According to Ellis Thompson from Virginia City, his concern is about the commission's timeliness and fairness in addressing the issue.

"There's one road (outside of Virginia City) that's been closed off for seven years," Thompson said. "It's a county road. The two tracks are there; that's where the road is. It's locked."

Thompson said that is only one of five or six examples in commission district one alone.

"What we hope to do is create a committee that can investigate through the clerk and recorder and old commissioner journals to identify any number of those roads and start to pick away at them and determine where the county road actually goes," Hart said.

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Some county roads are paved, others are gravel and some are dirt.



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There is one exception to the no letters policy the week before the election. If a letter runs on May 26 and speci-

cally challenges a candidate, that candidate is allowed to run a rebuttal letter, addressing only that specific issue, in the June 2 edition of the paper. We understand the technicalities and the dates are a little difficult to understand, so anyone with questions should call the paper at 682-7755 and we can talk you through it.

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All that being said, we do encourage discussion on this page of the paper - that is why it is here! We want our readers to use this page to discuss important issues and engage one another. So, please interact!

A general reminder: Letters to the editor must be kept to 350 words. A verifiable author's name, address and phone number must accompany the letter - though only the name and resident's town name will be printed. Citizens can have their letters published twice per month.

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3/13/16

Theft in Pony
Dog complaint on Clay Dr McAllister

Medical aid in 100 Blk Jefferson St Harrison

3/14/16

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Fraud complaint in 200 Blk E Main St Ennis

Suspicious person in 100 Blk Wallace St Virginia City

Citizen assist in 100 Blk S Madison St Twin Bridges

Warrant on MT Hwy 287 MM 33 Sheridan
Medical aid in 100 Blk Ruby St Sheridan
Accident on US Hwy

287 MM 14 Cameron
Disturbance on MT Hwy 287 in Alder

3/15/16

Medical aid in 3000 Blk Pony Rd Pony

Wildlife complaint in 200 Blk W Hugel St Ennis
Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 4 Cameron

Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 73 Harrison

Threats in 400 Blk E Cover St Virginia City
Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 26.5 Laurin
Citizen assist in 300 Blk E Cover St Virginia City

3/16/16

Privacy in communications/scam in Sheridan area

Citizen assist on Ruby River Dr Sheridan
Burglary on Jeffers Road Ennis

Suspicious circumstances in 200 Blk Idaho St Virginia City
Medical Aid in 100 Blk E Cover St Virginia City

3/17/16

Medical aid in 200 Blk N Bridge St Twin Bridges
Medical aid in 500 Blk Ray Lane Sheridan
Theft in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 45 Ennis
Accident at Shining Mtn Loop Road and Varney Road Ennis

Missing person in 100 Blk W Hamilton St Sheridan

Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 38 Twin Bridges

Fraud complaint in 200 Blk W Main St Ennis
Theft in 100 Blk Sterling Road Norris

Medical Aid in 900 Blk Middle Road Twin Bridges
Theft in 400 Blk Hugel St Ennis

3/18/16

Welfare check on Upper Ruby Road Alder
Accident on MT Hwy

84 MM 4 Norris
Missing person in 200 Blk W Hamilton St Sheridan

3/19/16

Theft in 100 Blk Sterling Road Norris

Wildlife complaint on Canvasback Road Ennis
Accident in 200 Blk N Main St Ennis

Citizen assist on Wisconsin Creek Road Sheridan

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Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 359 Cardwell

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& MORE NEWS:

SHERIDAN SCHOOL

Board approves levy request for elementary school, high school

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The Sheridan School Board met last week for their monthly meeting and approved running a levy for both the elementary school and high school to help with a budget shortfall and building operating costs,

according to Superintendent Mike Wetherbee. "On the elementary side we're asking for a \$13,968 levy for operating costs and budgets and on the high school \$47,625 for cost cover," said Wetherbee. Both levies are for one year terms. During the meeting, the

board also approved new hires and rehired all tenure teachers. Julia Trishman has been hired to take over for Kathleen Lane as the fifth grade teacher beginning next fall. Trishman is currently in Kodiak, Alaska, but student taught in Sheridan. "It's like a welcome home," said Wetherbee.

The board also approved tenure for 16 teachers and rehired Rod Stout as the elementary school principal.

Other news
Wetherbee also said the board is looking into updating the school phone system and do a complete overall in

both schools. "It's a nightmare and we're looking to just get it fixed," he said. Wetherbee said the school marquee sign at the corner of Main Street and Poppleton Street is moving forward to be a bigger and better sign, and will hopefully be up and running by early summer.

Two board seats are up for election. Interested parties have until March 24 to file a petition to run, while write-in candidates have until March 31. Interested peoples should contact Rebecca Larsen at the Sheridan School. The election is May 3.

HARRISON SCHOOL

Wildcats face budget crunch

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The Harrison School Board voted to request a building reserve levy during their March 14 meeting with future building maintenance repairs in mind.

"We're potentially going to have a roof issue over the next decade," said Superintendent Fred Hofman.

Aside from the potential roofing repairs, Harrison School has already experienced building issues.

"It's an old school," said Hofman. "We're still waiting on

bids for the heating project and are having a hard time getting bids."

Earlier this year the school experienced heating issues and purchased a few heaters for the main floor classrooms to help regulate heat and since then has worked toward completing a heating project that would involve adding baseboard heaters to the primary classrooms.

"We have had boiler issues - it's gone out four times this year - so we're just trying to find a way to help regulate heat if we get in a pinch," said Hofman.

If the board-requested levy

should pass, Hofman said this would allow Harrison to set aside money for potential "big ticket" repairs.

"The board requested a levy for the building reserve for the amount of \$25,000 a year for 15 years," Hofman said. "This would help maintain the facility ... we would put \$10,000 to \$15,000 away so we have that when we get these big ticket repairs."

Hofman added the board's mentality toward the proposed levy is simply following a more balanced budget and that the election for the levy will take place in May.

More importantly for the Harrison Wildcats is looming budget cuts due to low enrollment numbers. With only 74 students, Hoffman said the enrollment drop has finally caught up to them.

"Enrollment finally caught up to us and put us in a bit of bind," he said adding that until now, the school has been based off their three-year average enrollment numbers as allowed by the state.

But now, the three-year average is no higher than the current enrollment.

"The board and I are looking at \$50,000 to \$60,000 in cuts," he said. "We'll have a big cut this year and one more cut next year - we're hurting for students."

Other news
The board accepted the resignation of kindergarten teach Heidi Dykman after over 30 years of service to the school according to Hofman.

"(Dykman) retired a couple years ago and we brought her back part-time," said Hofman, adding that Dykman has been an asset to the school and willing to help out if the school gets in a bind.

The technology club will be looking into updating and recycling the teacher laptops, as well as moving away from computer labs and looking into laptop carts to keep up with current systems and equipment for both teachers and students.

The next meeting will

be held at 7 p.m. on April 11.



FRED HOFMAN
HARRISON SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT

PRIMARY from pg. 1

"Whether there are 17 or eight or three, I think it needs to get down to the best two," he said.

Schulz disagreed, saying it would make the campaigning much more significant and costly for the candidates.

"In any case, since statute allows it, I favor the alterna-

tion," Schulz said. "Running a primary does run six, seven or eight thousand dollars, which is directly out of (the clerk and recorder and election administrator's) budget."

Nye moved to hold a primary and commissioner Jim Hart seconded the motion. Both Nye and Hart voted in favor of the motion and Schulz abstained from voting.

Madison County's primary election will be June 7.

Write-in candidates

Write-in candidates have until 10 days before the primary to file their names - any names written in on ballots of people who have not filed will not be counted, Mumme explained.

"Can you have a write-in

on the primary and the general ballots?" Hart asked.

Mumme said she would look into that question, but her instinct was that if a certain seat is on a primary ballot, that would be it.

"If it wasn't on the primary, I would think a write-in would be allowed in the general (election)," she said. "But I don't know that for sure."

Social media

Mumme asked the commissioners if she could set up a Facebook page explaining the voting process in Madison County.

"I think that would be under the election administrator's jurisdiction," Schulz said. "It's your call."

Mumme explained the page would serve to inform Madison

County residents about voting, but would not be political.

"It's all about education," Mumme said. "People don't know a lot about voting. I think it's really important for people to know what's going on. You would think they would, but there's so much misinformation on television."

TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON PAGE A6

Céad míle fáilte A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES

Hi readers,

The third week of March is a special one because the Irish, and many others, celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! Though at its core, Saint Patrick's Day is a religious holiday commemorating the death of Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, it is more than that. It's amazing how the celebration of a small island across the big pond has become a cultural holiday in many countries, especially the United States.

In some communities, March 17 is a day to remember and honor Irish heritage. In others, it's an excuse to get a little wild and crazy ... I know this firsthand because I lived in Chicago for four years, and there's nothing like the Saint Patrick's Day parade in the South Side.

Though my family lineage is a melting pot, the most dominant part of the hodgepodge mixture is Irish, and I identify as such. I've always felt a pull to the "motherland." When I was younger, I devoured historical fiction novels that took place in Ireland and voraciously consumed tales of my ancestors. As I grew older, I set my mind on visiting the country as soon as I could. But I wanted more than just a visit - I wanted to live in Ireland.

So I set my sights on County Cork and applied to study abroad at University College Cork the fall of my junior year of college. I was accepted into the program, and in September of 2011 I packed my bags and caught a plane to Dublin. I spent a few days exploring Ireland's biggest city before I hopped a bus to Cork, which is located in the southwest corner of the island. And there, I felt at home.

The Irish are a warm and hospitable people and their openness to having a good time is very appealing. They don't need an excuse to get together to eat and maybe have a drink or two. They have a strong sense of family, and over time friends also become part of the family clan.

I spent a few months exploring Ireland from Belfast to Galway to Dingle and even headed to County Ennis! That's right - Ireland has an Ennis, just like Madison County. Looking back, I see a lot of similarities between the two locationx. The Irish treasure their history and the natives take pride in sharing it with each other and visitors. I find the same is true with our county residents, who do a fantastic job of honoring and sharing our Montana history. We have multiple historical societies and numerous libraries that house information dating back to the beginning of Montana. As in Ireland, it's important to remember where we came from ... and there's nothing more interesting than hearing about the Irish potato famine in the 1840s or tall tales of Virginia City back in its wild vigilante days!

Anytime I miss Ireland, I take a drive from Harrison to Cardwell on Highway 359 - during the early summer that piece of Madison County has an uncanny resemblance to the Emerald Isle!

Abigail



I explored the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare and absolutely loved the Dingle Peninsula!



TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL

Board approves two levy requests; discuss building updates

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The Twin Bridges School Board met last week and discussed teaching and coaching contracts, school summer projects and updates, as well as whether or not to request levies for the next school year. According to the board minutes, the school, under the recommendation of Superintendent Chad Johnson, renewed and approved 14 tenure-teaching contracts. The board also approved two coaching contracts for an as-

sistant high school volleyball coach for the 2016-17 school year and an assistant junior high track coach for the current season. Kathryn Holden and Paul Tatarka were selected for the assistant positions, respectively. The major discussion item at the March 15 meeting was whether or not to move forward with requesting two mill levies, one for a building reserve and another for the general fund, both of which board members approved. "It is my understanding that they were accepted," said

Elementary School Principal Tammy Demien. "There was a lot of discussion about (the levies) and the board was being very conservative about them." According to school clerk JoyAnn Breakall, enrollment is down by 10 students, resulting in a funding loss of \$40,000. "The board discussed lots of things and decided to ask for a one year general fund levy for \$20,000," Breakall said, adding the board wanted to be careful and conservative but still be able to run the school.

The school's building reserve levy ends this year, so the board also requested a one year \$25,000 levy to address the needs of replacing cabinets and carpets. That levy will help support future school products for basic maintenance issues, but will primarily fund new cabinets in the elementary school and carpet. Both levy requests will be on the May 3 ballot. Breakall said the board is still planning to update Carroll Field but no action was taken during the meeting.



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Parsons to study abroad at Oxford

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Kelsi Dianne Parsons has been accepted to study abroad at the University of Oxford for the 2016-17 academic year. Parsons is the granddaughter of John and Dianne Claypool of Alder and the daughter of Marni and Michael Parsons of Culver City, Calif. Marni Claypool Parsons is a 1986 graduate of Ennis High School. Kelsi is a 2014 graduate of Culver City High School, and a current undergraduate student at Sarah Lawrence College in New York. Her academic focus is politics, history and theater arts. While at the University of Oxford she will study politics and history. The University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English speaking world with its first teachings dating back to 1096. It is located in Oxford, about 60 miles northwest of London.



Kelsi Dianne Parsons

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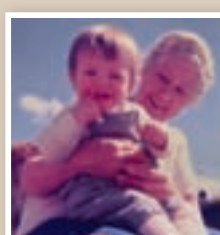
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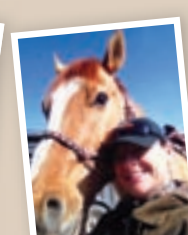
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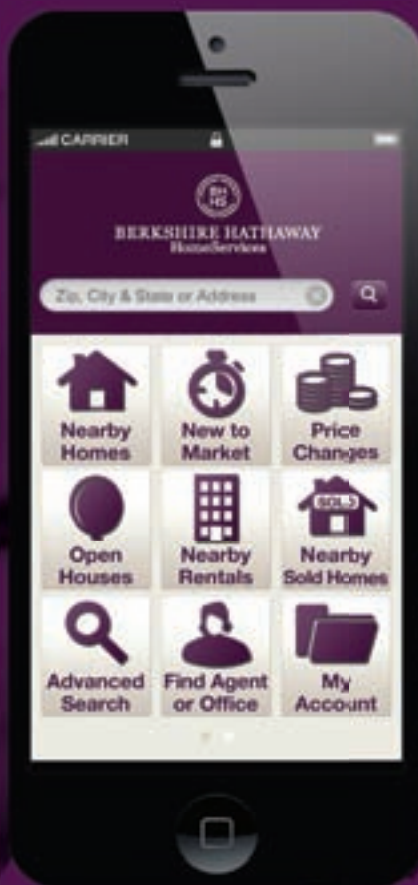


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Saturday



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Sunday



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

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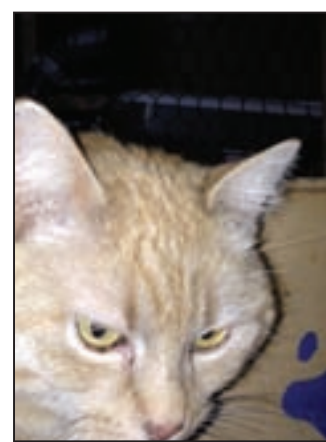
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Tales from Ted

A sitdown with Madison County's Ted Coffman



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Memorial Day weekend 1978, Ted Coffman visited Ennis looking for a job.

"It was a nice, neat place," he said.

He interviewed for a job with a mine and easily acquired work.

"They asked how soon I could start," he said, adding that he needed just a couple months to sell his property and small herd of cattle back in his home state of Washington. "So I said, 'how about July 15?'"

A man who is true to his word, Ted returned to Washington, sold his land and cows, loaded up his van and headed for the valley.

Getting to know Ted

There is something unique about Ted. From his permanently rosy cheeks and jolly demeanor, you can't help but feel happy when you sit down with him. He is a simple man, a true cowboy at heart and full of tales – some taller than others.

Ted was raised on a ranch in eastern Washington where there was always work to be done. He had a good job with the highway department before he traded that for a gig with a mine driving equipment outside of Ennis.

The winter of 1978/79 was cold one, according to Ted, who worked the graveyard shift and remembers having to drive his loader to the gate plowing snow, just so the day shift could get to work.

"Oh less than a year," laughed Ted when asked how long he worked for the mine.

A man of many talents

A man that definitely knows

what he wants, Ted is one of those rare beings not afraid of change and definitely not afraid to find something that makes him happy. After the mine, he started a garbage collection business with a friend and was contracted by the town. After that, he started his own insulation business while he was building a house south of Ennis.

He sold the house he built in the 80s and was on to a new venture.

"Ennis was booming in the 80s," he said. "There was nowhere to rent."

In order to provide a home for himself, Ted saw one option – buy the Riverside Motel.

"It had a house and was a place to live," he said. "I ran it for five seasons and made enough to make the payments."

After trying his trade in hotel management, the cowboy in him started calling and Ted made his way out to the Jumping Horse Ranch where he did just that – "cowboy'n."

He worked at the Jumping Horse for four years, utilizing his passion and know-how for stock before leasing a place in McAllister in the early 90s and starting another small herd of cattle.

After the Jumping Horse, Ted decided to get his broker's license – something he has kept up-to-date – and began to sell real estate in the valley and surrounding areas and later opened up shop with his friend Bill Dringle.

Real estate love story

Unbeknownst to Ted, real estate would bring love into his life and keep it there, 22 years and counting.

He met his companion, Jean, when she was sent out from Cleveland, Ohio, by a

friend to close on a house in Virginia City in 1994. Jean's friend purchased the house on a whim after traveling through the area via motorcycle, never setting foot on the property, and sent Jean for the closing and later to help with the remodeling of the house.

"She had a good eye for that stuff," said Ted, referring to Jean's understanding of home remodeling.

Ted took Jean out to lunch the morning after closing on the house, thinking nothing of it – he assumed he would never see her again. That is until one day, an "attractive lady" came waltzing in Ted's office and struck up a friendly conversation.

"She was talking like she knew me and when she left, I looked at Bill and said 'who the hell was that?'" said Ted.

After a quick moment, Ted remembered Jean from the house in Virginia City and went next door to find her.

"There was a cowboy collectibles store next to the office, so I went over and BS'd her for a while and she invited me out to the house to see the remodeling project," Ted said.

Being all the way from Ohio, Jean was living out of her van while she was overseeing the house remodel and Ted offered to take her on a drive and show her the country.

"We drove up the gulch and the Ruby and it just went from there," he said.

Commissioner's office

"I must have been possessed," said Ted about why he chose to run for a commissioner seat, which he held for 12 years.

According to Ted, he was approached by various people

and friends about running for the position and was sworn in April 1994.

"I like being around people and we had a great crew at the courthouse," Ted said. "We didn't always agree but we were able to work together. I felt very blessed in Madison County."

During his tenure as commissioner, Ted saw a lot of change from growing subdivisions to expanding populations, but his biggest concern were the county roads and budget.

A familiar face

Ted definitely made his name known in Madison County. He has been a part of multiple volunteer groups including the fire department, ambulance and search and rescue. Though he never had a desire to rodeo, he spent

time helping with the rodeo committee and the illustrious Ennis Fourth of July parade.

"I like helping out," Ted said. "Especially in these small communities."

While he is now retired from the county, he has not quite retired from the community or his life of cowboy'n. He can still be spotted downtown sipping coffee in the mornings or out with his horse up the West Fork where he helps friends move cows from winter pasture. He still enjoys branding and roping and just likes to be on his horse.

"God made horses so old guys don't have to walk," he laughed.

"God made horses so old guys don't have to walk."
Ted Coffman

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Top: Ted Coffman overlooks his property, which faces Lone Mountain.

Bottom: "If you're going to take my picture, I need a hat," Ted said before looking to the camera.







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Running with a purpose

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I ran six miles – on purpose. Like Erin and half of Madison County, I participated in the running festivities two weekends ago and ran my first ever 10k, a feat I never really thought possible.

I did it. I certainly didn't run the entire six miles, but I finished and that's what counts, right?

I intended to dazzle you with my wit for this column and tell you all about my victorious race day, but sometimes life has a way of turning things around.

This past week, I received a phone call about my ailing grandmother and that I needed to prepare myself for her departure. My first thought after getting the phone call was to go for a run – I needed to clear my head, and my newfound love of running has proven to be a good stress reliever. I was in Billings with some friends when I got the call so instead of the run, I settled for a glass of red wine (heart healthy) and good company.

The thought of losing someone is a hard cross to bear. While it is nice to be prepared, nothing can

truly prepare you for death. As I thought more and more about the situation I realized a change in my mood, obviously a natural thing. But with that, I got to thinking more and more about my mental health and I kept swirling back to wanting to go for a run – a feeling I never used to get.

While I was so focused on the physical effects running had on my body, I never thought to account the benefits I felt and the change in my mental state to running. I don't know if it's just the endorphins doing their job or the natural high I achieve every time I pass a mile

marker, but running and upping my exercise habits has done wonders for my mental health.

After the race, my legs hurt, my arms hurt and my eyes hurt from all the sweat dripping into them, but I was happy. I was happy, one, that I had finished and even beat some people, but two, I was just happy. Mentally, I felt good.

Staying healthy is not only good for your heart but also good for your head. So that is my advice to you and to myself – don't forget to reap the mental benefits a run can bring ... or yoga or lifting or whatever you choose!



Have recurring gastrointestinal symptoms?

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Many people find it difficult to discuss gastrointestinal problems with their doctors, yet such issues are far more common than you might realize. For example, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), which is characterized by recurring abdominal pain with

either constipation or diarrhea, impacts nearly 35 million Americans – and its effects go beyond physical discomfort, according to a new survey.

Three-quarters of IBS sufferers surveyed reported feeling frustrated and/or depressed according to a new survey from the American Gastroenterologi-

cal Association. And over half (52 percent) of all respondents said their symptoms were extremely or very bothersome – so much so that they reported they would give up caffeine (55 percent), their cell phone or Internet connection (47 percent) or even sex (40 percent) for one month for the chance to feel one

month of relief.

The IBS in America survey, commissioned by the AGA and conducted with the financial support of Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Allergan plc, reveals many insights that could prove useful to both patients and doctors. For example, a majority of sufferers said they

wait more than a year before even talking with a doctor about their symptoms.

“Talking about bowel function habits is never easy, but it is concerning to see how long the respondents in this survey often waited to talk to a doctor. There may not be a cure for IBS, but there are treatments.

Patients need to see a doctor, and doctors need to be proactive in bringing up this topic in conversation with patients,” said Dr. Michael Camilleri, president of the AGA.

The AGA recommends three steps that can improve doctor-patient communication:

- **Speak up early:** The study revealed that many sufferers take the advice of friends or family without speaking to a doctor or attempt to self-medicate with over-the-counter products, without success. Instead of suffering in silence or taking advice from people who are not healthcare professionals, talk to your physician about recurring abdominal pain and bowel symptoms.

- **Speak up completely:** Instead of just saying “I have constipation” or “I have diarrhea,” tell a doctor about the full extent of symptoms, how they impact your life and what approaches you have already been tried to manage them.


- **Speak up often:** Tell a doctor if symptoms return despite treatment efforts. Your doctor can then assess alternatives.

Full survey results and more information about IBS can be found at ibsinamerica.gastro.org.

If you suffer from chronic abdominal pain and bowel symptoms, remember, you are not alone.


“IBS is the seventh most common diagnosis made by all physicians and the most common diagnosis made by gastroenterologists,” pointed out Camilleri.

The sooner you seek professional help, the sooner you and your doctor can discuss all of your options for managing your symptoms.



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By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Less-than-shining moments

Recalling a few mega-mortifying mishaps

Overall, despite life's many adversities, I have managed to conduct myself in this world with a reasonable degree of decorum. Regrettably, I have also endured some what can best be described as "less-than-shining moments." Without doubt, the most mortifying example occurred some years ago during a civil trial for which I had been selected to serve on the jury. Unfortunately, before the proceedings even began, the seeds of calamity were already in place.

To begin, the outside temperature was 20 degrees below 0 while the courtroom felt like a sauna. In addition, as is common knowledge, civil trials are notoriously boring. Moreover, spring-mounted chairs allowed for jurors to periodically shift their body positions, thereby enhancing comfort levels. Lastly, to make matter worse, I chose a seat in the back row of the jury box.

As the proceedings drug on, the combination of stupor-inducing heat, boring dialogue and a too-comfortable chair began to take their toll. My eyelids grew heavy and I relaxed more and more into my flexible chair. Then, I succumbed to sweet slumber.

"Whap" – the sound of my head bashing against the wall behind the jury box resonated throughout the courtroom! In a flash, I recoiled back to an upright position, fully awake. A deafening silence ensued, during which every eye in the courtroom (including the judge's) was riveted on my radish-hued face.

Not knowing what else to do, I flashed my warmest smile and waved to let everyone know I was okay. Judging by his protracted, scathing stare, I don't believe His Honor was overly concerned about my well being. After what seemed an eternity, the



Art Kehler

trial resumed. From then on, I remained zealously attentive. Not surprisingly, since that less-than-shining moment, I have never again been asked to serve on a jury.

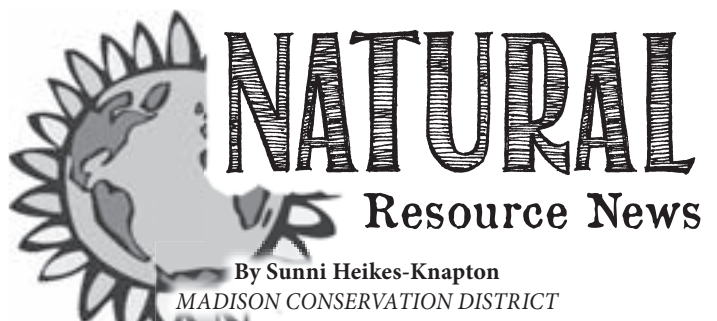
Another mega-mortifying mishap occurred at a drivers' license renewal station. For the preceding four days, I had been working long hours. As a result, I was even less mentally acute than normal. Nevertheless, I was intent on getting the odious task out of the way. So, I arrived just as the station opened. Groggy though I was, I managed to complete the required paperwork and pass the eye exam.

At that time, the uniformed Department of Transportation employee told me to place my toes on a blue line, painted on the floor. After focusing on getting my toes perfectly flush to the line, I lifted my head and found myself staring at a wall. Immediately, a voice, dripping with sarcasm, proclaimed – "Sir, would you mind turning around? We need a picture of your face, not the back of your head."

Naturally, the last thing on earth I wanted to do was to grant that smartbutt the satisfaction of turning around. In fact, for a few seconds, I seriously considered shimmying across the room and out the door backward. However, because the paperwork was already partially completed, I had no choice but to comply with the degrading request.

To this day, I can still see the foul smirk on her face as the Wicked Witch of Wretched Portrayals concluded the licensing process. Granted, drivers' license photos are infamously hideous, but that one turned out to be the worst picture taken. I looked like an alpha-male gorilla with rabies!

Ultimately, the above-described events were not the only less-than-shining moments I have suffered. They do, however, still rank as my most mega-mortifying mishaps. Here's hoping they remain so.



By Sunni Heikes-Knapton
MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BEE SAFE: PESTICIDE APPLICATION TIPS

With the advent of spring, we are starting to see the first flowers blooming. This means bees will be buzzing around in full force soon, pollinating native plants and crops alike. While we are hearing more about the value of pollinators to our landscape, agricultural producers also need to keep in mind precautions that should be taken when applying pesticides to crops. The following set of recommendations comes from Marion Ellis from the Montana State University Extension Program, and they provide helpful suggestions for those who are interested in safer application practices.

Do not treat fields in bloom and be careful when treating crops, such as alfalfa, which is highly attractive to bees. Insecticide labels carry warning statements about application during bloom. Always read and follow the label. Examine fields and field margins before spraying to determine if bees are foraging on flowering weeds. There are many common weeds that are highly attractive to honey bees.

Fields should be scouted for bees at the same time of day as the anticipated insecticide application. Choose short residual products and low hazard formulations. If insecticides must be applied during the flowering period to save a crop, select the least hazardous option. Avoid

spray drift. Give careful attention to the position of blooming crops and weeds relative to wind speed and direction. Changing spray nozzles or reducing pressure can increase droplet size and reduce spray drift.

Apply insecticides when bees are not foraging. Some insecticides can be applied in late evening or early morning (i.e. from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.) with relative safety. Short residual materials applied from late afternoon until midnight do not pose a bee hazard in corn fields if blooming weeds are not present.

Adjust spray programs in relation to weather conditions. Reconsider the timing of insecticide application if unusually low temperatures are expected that night. Cool temperatures can delay the degradation process and cause residues to remain toxic to bees the following day. Stop applications when temperatures rise and bees re-enter the field in early morning.

Contact local beekeepers and obtain locations of bee yards. Many state laws require that apiaries be clearly identified with the name, address and phone number of the beekeeper. Identification may appear on one or more colonies, or a separate sign may be posted in the apiary. Some state departments of agriculture maintain a list of apiary locations and can help identify the owner.

If colonies are present in an area that will be sprayed with a bee-toxic insecticide, contact beekeepers in time for them to protect or move the colonies. Many pesticide applications pose minimal risk to bees, and beekeepers may choose to accept some risk rather than move colonies. Notify beekeepers as far in advance as possible. Read the pesticide label. Carefully follow listed precautions with regard to bee safety.

Encouraging bee forage plants in wild or uncultivated areas will reduce bee dependence on crop plants that may require pesticide treatments. Most trees and shrubs are beneficial to bees, and there are many native plants that are recommended as sources of pollen and nectar. Establishing forage areas also conserves soil and provides valuable habitat for plant and wildlife conservation programs.

By keeping these simple steps in mind and planning in advance, a good cooperation can be established. Agricultural operations can support bees on our landscape and ensure that these important pollinators and their beekeepers will thrive in our area.

My cousin's beam: Part II

By Charlie Rossiter

We're picking up where we left off last week. Remember, 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.

Against my advice, Clay had brought a couple beers along for just such a celebration, and we opened one for the ride down the hill. It was so cold, and we were thirsty from our epic battle with the tree. We had finished the beer by the time we arrived at town and went by my house, where we'd planned on mulling over our proud day's accomplishments. Clay had a wild thought and said, "Why don't we call Jonesie and have him saw the tree into a square beam in his saw mill?" This seemed like a great idea at the time, and we called him. He had his mill in Alder at the present, but would cut it if we could get it up there. Clay decided immediately, without my consultation, that we needed to transport the tree to Alder for sawing, today! I very reluctantly agreed (as I was considering another long trip and wasn't looking forward to that prospect) so we loaded up and headed out to Alder via the back roads. During the trip, I noticed the trailer was getting a little sporadic, traveling back and forth on the road and vibrating loudly. I told Clay to slow down a little and he did, which



Charlie Rossiter

cured the problem.

We continued to the stop sign at the intersection in Laurin, where we checked the load before proceeding down the highway to Alder. He pulled out on the highway and accelerated to about 30 miles per hour. All of a sudden the trailer and load started to swerve right and then left uncontrollably, and it was jerking the truck back and forth and lifting the rear end off the ground. By the time he got the rig straightened out, the tongue on the trailer snapped and we watched the loaded trailer roll off the road and careen to the bottom of the barrow pit and splinter into a million pieces. Clay was basically in tears as we looked over the carnage lying alongside the road. When we looked at the trailer, we noticed that the axle was sheared in half; due to our sudden speed increase it had separated on the pavement. I figured we were a couple of miles from Alder and could call for some help from there.

A couple of years before this episode, I had been empaneled on a jury for a DUI case. The defendant's statement said that he had waited at the scene of the accident for several hours for the police to arrive. He claimed that he and his group drank some beer while waiting for the authorities, as it was the only fluid they had at the time. The driver had received a DUI and was fighting it as he claimed he had not been drinking when the accident occurred. The phrase "without a reasonable doubt" carried the day, and we, the jury, had to pronounce him innocent. I felt that if we went to a nearby bar we could, if neces-

sary, use this same logic if Clay were to be tested. (I tried to explain this to Clay, and probably wasn't too clear at the time, due to all the crying he was doing about losing the load and the possibility of his being arrested and thrown in jail.) I told him we needed to get to Alder and a tavern. I knew we could make a call home and plan on what to do next to keep out of the slammer. After arriving, I used the phone and the first call I made was to the sheriff's department, where I explained the circumstances to the dispatcher. I told the gal on duty that the trailer had broken on our way to the sawmill and we were physically fine. I asked that if their officers were traveling past the wreckage and called it in, to please let them know we had called and would be back the next morning to retrieve the wreckage. She said she would pass this info along to any deputies that might call it in. I then called my wife and invited her and Clay's wife to join us for dinner at the watering hole.

Clay was still upset, and I told him that the best thing he could do at this time was to relax. He was a little hesitant but then I mentioned that our wives would be there shortly for dinner and everything would be okay. He still was very concerned that the police would find the trailer and come looking for us. I assured him it would be fine, and that the trailer had no identification on it so they couldn't come after us. I might have forgotten to mention that I'd already called the sheriff's department and cleared up the incident with them. Not mentioning it to him seemed

like the best thing to do at the moment, and seemed like a lot more fun. Our wives arrived and we had a great meal. I said that I'd borrow a trailer in the morning and we'd retrieve the original trailer. Clay was worried about what time we'd get it. I told him that we'd leave at 6 o'clock sharp. We finished the evening and went home for the night. (With our wives driving.)

The next morning, I happened to be awake at 5:45 a.m. and watched the clock tick down to 6 a.m. At exactly 6 o'clock sharp, the phone rang and I knew it was Clay calling. He hadn't slept all night from the apprehension that the police would be coming by to pick him up at any moment. At this point in our conversation, I mentioned my call to the dispatcher the previous afternoon and he used some expletives about me, which I've never heard before or after. We picked up the borrowed trailer and retrieved the broken timber truck lying in the barrow pit. The prized tree, which we had so diligently brought off the mountain the prior day, lay in a pile of debris which could be best described as a mountain of tooth picks. The other beams were unimpeded by the accident and we salvaged what we could and returned home. He later finished his cabin and it turned out beautifully, using the original beams we first picked up. We looked back later on this incident and decided we lucked out and promised each other it would never happen again.

The moral of this story is that four short beams in hand are better than one long tree in the barrow pit.

Commodity Insite! Real? Or a FOBO!

by Jerry Welch

The Dow Jones Industrial Average began 2016 with the worst start to a New Year in all history but finally caught a bid when values fell a tad under 15,400 on Jan. 20, a two year low. The market has improved ever since. Commodities as measured by the CRB Index fell to 13 year low on Feb. 8, before catching a bid. The market has improved ever since. Stocks and commodities, after a very shaky start in early 2016, have improved and the media has been touting the rally for the past few weeks. Headlines such as, "Dow Closes At Three Month High," "Stocks Breaking Out To The Upside" and "Commodities Led By Crude Oil Appear To Have Bottomed," say so.

When markets of any kind "break out" to the upside it suggests more gains lie ahead. Most investors, traders and the smart money only trade breakouts

because such activity hints of momentum. And that is what investing or speculating is all about. It is about catching the wave. Riding the trend. Regardless of all the hoopla surrounding the recent upside breakouts underway with stocks and commodities per se there are hazards to such a strategy.

What, you ask, are the hazards of chasing a market on strength? What is wrong with trying to ride the wave? Why not go with momentum? The risk with such a strategy is simple. The rally has to be bonafide and not a dead cat bounce. The rally has to be followed by bullish fundamentals. The old saw, "A bull has to be fed daily," holds truth. Markets can rise or fall for a variety of reasons. But when chasing strength, the 'ol bull has to be fed daily or prices are subject to a swift reversal.

My work suggests strongly

that the recent rally with stocks and commodities is not a legitimate upside breakout. My work suggests the fundamentals behind the current rally are not necessarily bullish which means the recent strength underway since Jan. 20 with stocks and Feb. 8 with commodities is what I call a FOBO, a fake out, breakout. If so, both stocks and commodities are living on borrowed time.

But those that follow my weekly column should not be surprised by such a forecast. After all, in my column from Feb. 19 entitled, "Beware the Ides Of March," I stated clearly that stocks and commodities were in the midst of a rally but the strength should not be trusted. Here are a few thought lifted from that column: "Of late I find myself committing the sin of being modesty and for the short run only, positive towards stocks

and commodities. Consequently, I am now taking a stab at market timing and avoiding the short side of most markets."

Further in the same column I wrote: "Lately, there has indeed been an improvement with a handful of leading indicator markets such as gold, crude oil, the Dow Jones and the CRB Index. The improvement with values is no great surprise as most of those markets were itching for a reason to rebound. They were looking for some excuse to rally and they did just that. But make no mistake. The rally is little more than a dead cat bounce."

In my Feb. 19 column I also pinpointed the exact day when stocks and commodities should begin turning south once more, proving clearly that the recent rally was a FOBO and little else. My work was clear as gin with this assumption. Yes, stocks and commodities could indeed rally,

but the likelihood of much larger gains was slim to none. And here is the final paragraph of that column: "I caution those long stocks and commodities that March 15 is a pivotal and bearish period from a timing standpoint. Certainly, I may be wrong with such specific outlook. It would not be the first time I was wrong. But just as a soothsayer warned Julius Caesar in 44 B.C. about the perils of that date I am warning investors and traders about the same thing. The timing for most markets to morph back to a ferocious bear arrives on the Ides of March."

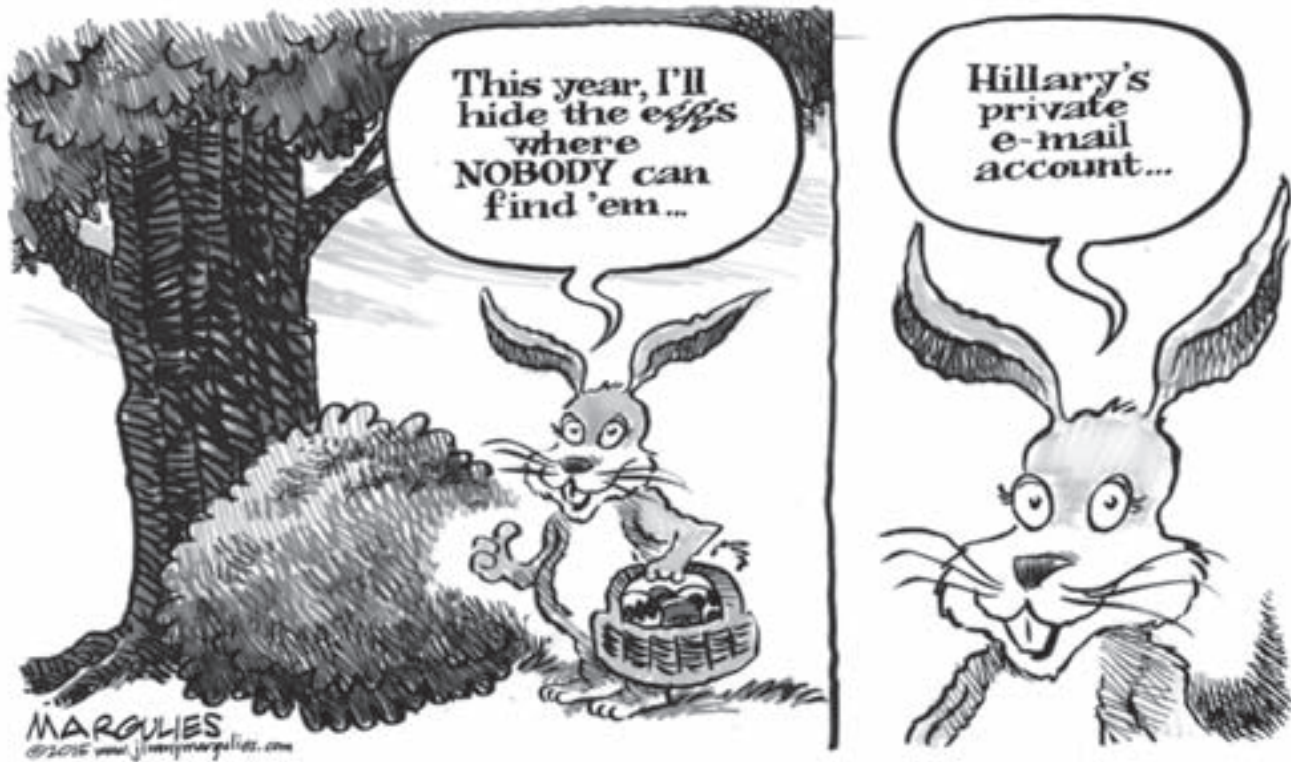
Of course, this week's column will not hit the newsstands or arrive in the mail until after March 15. But investors, traders and agricultural producers should be mentally and financially prepared to sell rallies that unfold once the Ides of March has passed as we move deeper into

the spring. Especially concerning commodities.

The fundamentals keeping a ceiling on stocks and commodities remain firmly entrenched. They are: the Fed will hike rates several more times this year; the Chinese economy will likely endure a hard landing; the dollar will rise much higher than most expect; the stock market as measured by Dow Jones is an old, old bull market; and when it comes to commodities per se, there are no shortages of anything. Only Mother Nature in the upcoming growing season can change the long term outlook for commodity values.

When I witness stocks or commodities "breaking out" to the upside with the media touting the movement the first thought that comes to mind is, "Ah, another FOBO is taking place. I need to sell the market short."

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The Board of Madison County Commissioners is accepting applications until filled for the full-time position of Human Resource Officer. This position will require the utmost confidentiality in dealing with employee records and business information, using excellent service skills to establish working relationships with other employees, officials, and all members of the general public. The position is based in Virginia City, Montana, and offers challenging work in a rural but growing part of beautiful Southwest Montana. Beginning hourly wage will be determined depending on experience. Interested candidates may obtain a job description and employment application by contacting the Madison County Commissioners' Office at (406) 843-4277, via e-mail at madco@madison.mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madison.mt.gov. Madison County is an equal opportunity employer. 22-2-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

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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

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Madison Valley Medical Center is currently seeking a **Full-Time Cleaning Specialist**. This is a full-time hourly position with health benefits. The main responsibility of the cleaning specialist will be to maintain the cleanliness of and sanitary conditions in Madison Valley Medical Center by performing various cleaning and maintenance activities. Must be able to stand, bend, and walk frequently for a six hour shift. For more detailed information about the position and to download an application visit our website at www.mvmedcenter.org/careers. Please, email applications and resumes to careers@mvmedcenter.org or drop them off in the main lobby of the hospital. 22-2-b

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Wayner Hepper, Ft Yates, ND, needs 5 temp. ranch hands, 4/2/16 - 12/31/16. Plant/cultivate/handle grain, calves/cows, feeding, fencing, repair/farm maint. Cut baling hay, work horse back. 6 mo. experience & drivers license req. Lift 100 lbs, ext. walking/stooping. Criminal background, drug testing req. at employer's expense. \$14/hr. Higher than advertised wage rate DOE merit. Above 40 hrs. p/w may be offered, not guaranteed. 3/4ths guaranteed, Provided at no cost: tools/supplies/equip. and housing (if unable to return to perm. residence daily). No cost transport/subsistence to work-site reimbursed at 50% completion. Contact nearest (SWA), ND 701-328-5000. Refer JO#439323. 22-2-p

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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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BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:
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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

For Rent: Large storages - 14x48 \$165/mo., 12x40 \$125/mo. Large doors and concrete floors. Boats, RV's, Warehouse. Available May 1st. Call Bob 925-1362. 22-tfc-b

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

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Shining Mountains West Owner's Association is seeking bids for 2016 roadwork. Licensed and insured contractors only. For more information please email smwoa_board@googlegroups.com 22-2-p

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May 19, 20, & 21st
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AROUND THE COUNTY

Garden in Jeffers

SUBMITTED BY KAREN KETCHU
Jeffers Garden

Jeffers gardeners will meet Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. at the Jeffers community garden to swap and share seeds, tour the garden and plan plots for the 2016 growing season. Many plots are still available for the season; if you are interested in gardening in Jeffers, either join the garden group on the 9th or call Barbara at 682-4032.

Madison Valley Woman's Club announces scholarship opportunities

SUBMITTED BY LAURA GILMORE
Madison Valley Woman's Club

Due to the community support of the Nearly New Shoppe in Ennis, the Madison Valley Woman's Club is pleased to announce they will be funding scholarships for the 2016-17 school year. All applicants must have a home address in the Ennis School District but may be attending school elsewhere.

Scholarships will be offered in four categories. First, high school seniors planning to pursue a four-year college degree; second, high school seniors planning to attend a vo-tech,

two-year trade school, community college or associates degree; third, alumni from this area who wish to continue their education at the undergraduate or graduate level at any college or tech school; and fourth, non-traditional students who may not have started college directly from high school, earned a GED, previously had to drop out of college or those who have earned an associates degree and would like to pursue a four-year degree, train in another area, desire to attend a trade or vo-tech school or a parent or senior citizen who finally has the time to pursue the dream of an education.

Applications available at the Nearly New Shoppe, RE/MAX Mountain Property or online at ennischools.org.

The application deadline (must be post-marked by deadline) is April 15, 2016 - late applications will not be considered.

Explore your family history

SUBMITTED BY TONI JAMES
The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center

The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center will be hosting Write Your Family Memoir or Historical Biography as part of an ongoing eight week writer's series on Thursdays from 1 - 5 p.m. beginning April 7 and ending May 26. None of us are getting any younger. Now is the time to write your family memoir or historical biography.

Join instructor Allyson Adams for an intensive workshop that will get pen to paper (or fingertips to keyboard) so you can begin and finish your manuscript. For more information or to register, call Adams at 818-825-9750.

Community bazaar in Pony

SUBMITTED BY PONY HOMECOMING CLUB

The Pony community bazaar will take place Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pony gym. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a fee. Crafters, call Shirl Gandenberger at 685-3421 to reserve your space.

Ennis Arts Association scholarships

SUBMITTED BY VERN THIBODEAUX
Ennis Arts Association

April 15 is the deadline for this year's scholarships from the Ennis Arts Association. Tuition scholarships are available to Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges students who are pursuing an arts curriculum, and are a high school graduate (or equivalent), home school graduate or a student already pursuing an arts curriculum. More details and applications are available at each schools' guidance counselor office or at www.ennisartsassociation.org. One

\$2,000 and one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Hunter education in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY AL NOACK
Ennis hunter education instructor

Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1985, and wanting to hunt in Montana, must take and pass a hunter education course. Classes will be held April 16 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 41 Noack Road in Ennis.


Students must be 10 years old at the start of the first class.

Students are required to read the manual and complete the chapter quizzes. They must show the completed manual to an instructor by the start of the first class.

Parent or guardian for students 17 years old or younger must attend the first 30 minutes of the first class. Please dress for cold and wet weather both days, as the class will take place inside and outside. Bring your own lunch.

Students can pick up a manual at Shedhorn Sports in Ennis or at any Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

Sign up is online only through fwp.mt.gov. Class size is limited to 30 students. Call A Noack at 682-7352 for more information.



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Tony Shaw, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

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

R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.

Mutual (Youth Group)
Weds. 7:00p.m.
3560 | MT State Hwy 287
Sheridan 842-5860

Bishop Dustin 684-5255



Liturgy Schedule

St. Patrick, Ennis
Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary, Laurin
Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.

Deacon Andy Dorrington,
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- Sunday School 10:15 am

Corner of Madison and Arnette St.
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Ennis Branch

Sacrament Meeting
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
11:20 a.m.

R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.

Family History Center
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Pres. Thompson 682-7415
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6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)

Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)

Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

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Dr. Ray Teston

Pastor

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Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

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Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group Weds at 6:30 pm

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Sheridan
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Morning Worship 10:45 am (Nursery & Children's Church)	Family Night 7:8:15 pm (Prayer meeting, Women's bible study, youth group, kids groups)

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
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682-4197

Madison County Episcopal Churches

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Trinity	St. Paul's	Christ Church
Jeffers/Ennis 11:00 a.m.	Virginia City Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sheridan Sunday 10:00 a.m.
www.rvec.org		Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Prayer requests:
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Pastor Tom Luksha



AREA SENIOR MEALS

SENIOR MEALS, VIRGINIA CITY

Winter Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on **Thursdays** (through May 2016) from 11:30 am to 12:30 for \$3.50.

Mar. 3: Grilled ham & cheese or cheeseburger w/ tomato soup, chocolate cherry cake

Mar. 10: Fried Chicken & Mashers, gravy, corn, roll, cookie

Mar. 17: Reuben rolls w/ side salad, apple crisp

Mar. 24: Stuffed pork roast, mashers & gravy, carrots, brownie

Mar. 31: Hamburger, potato casserole, roll, fruit upside down cake

MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

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

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MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN

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

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To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in.
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MARCH 10 - MARCH 17 MENU:

Thurs, Mar. 24: TURKEY & GRAVY, VEGGIES, DESSERT

Friday, Mar. 25: COD FISH FRY, COLESLAW, FRENCH FRIES, DESSERT

Tuesday, Mar. 29: BURGER: LETTUCE, TOMATO, PICKLE, ONION, POTATO SALAD, DESSERT

Weds, Mar. 30: GARLIC ROSEMARY BALSAMIC PORK, ROAST RED POTATOES, VEGGIES, DESSERT

Thurs, Mar. 31: GOULASH, SALAD, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT

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Ted Darby, Ken Mumme and Del Hartford are presented with their certificates and pins.

Legion potluck and 'Operation Ruptured Duck' presentation

SUBMITTED BY MIKE MORGAN
American Legion Post 89 Adjutant

Anderson-Simpson Post 89 of The American Legion in Sheridan celebrated The American Legion birthday with a potluck dinner on March 25, in

Sheridan.

During the dinner, three members of the post were presented with certificates and pins for "Operation Ruptured Duck" This is a program to recognize surviving World War II veterans at the American Legion Posts

throughout the world.

The pin is a reproduction of the pin given to World War II veterans upon their return to the states. This pin allowed returning veterans to ride for free or at a subsidized rate on railroads, buses and other transportation

means. It also allowed discharged veterans to continue to wear their uniform until civilian clothing could be obtained.

Not present but also receiving this award are post members Ross Stocker, Dick Todd and Shirley Hancock.



Photo courtesy John Thompson

Brothers laid to rest in dual military service

SUBMITTED BY DOUG MARTIN
American Legion
Post #31 Adjutant

Two brothers were born in Glasgow in 1937 and 1938, and their lives adventures began. At the ages of five and four, they were sent to the Montana State Orphans Home in Twin Bridges. Later, at the ages of 18 and 17, after growing up in the orphanage and graduating from Twin Bridges High School, they both joined the military. Henry (Hank) Hanley joined the United States Air Force while little

brother William (Bill) Hanley became a U.S. Marine.

Their lives took many twists and turns until they were again reunited for eternity. Hank had preceded Bill in death by a couple of years and his ashes were cared for by Bill until his death in February.

After Bill retired from the Marines and had another career with the Vancouver, Wash., Port Authority he came back to the only home he knew—Twin Bridges. Over his remaining years he became heavily involved in the American Legion,

the Twin Bridges Historical Society, School Alumni, Toys for Tots and orphanage reunions.

One of his last requests was upon his death was that he and Hank be buried beside each other in the Twin Bridges Cemetery. He wanted the Butte Marine Corp League as his Honor Guard and the American Legion, Post 31 Honor Guard to be Hanks.

With Bill's sudden death, our Post 31 came together to coordinate and fulfill his last request.

When his family arrived at the funeral home the Montana

Patriot Guard was already stationed along the main street.

Following the funeral services the Patriot Guard escorted the brothers ashes to the cemetery. The Marines in Billings sent two soldiers to fold the burial flag and present it to the family while the Air Force from Great Falls also sent two Airmen to provide the same honor.

Working in unison, the Marine Corp League and American Legion Post Honor Guards presented a dual 21-gun salute and played "Taps."

Dallas Snider

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COURTESY DOUG MARTIN

Kaleb Bausch is given his American Legion Boys State scholarship.

Bausch receives Boys State scholarship

SUBMITTED BY DOUG MARTIN
American Legion Post 31 Adjutant

Kaleb Bausch, a senior at Twin Bridges High School was selected to receive the American Legion Boys State scholarship. In June, Bausch will represent Twin Bridges

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY ANNUAL MEETING

Corporate Office PO Box 129 Belgrade Montana 59714

Notice of 16th Annual Meeting of Stockholders Of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc

To: Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

You are hereby notified that the 16th Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc. PO Box 129, Belgrade, MT 59714, will be held on April 7th 2016 at the University of Montana Western, Lewis & Clark room in Dillon, Montana at 6:00 PM for dinner and 7:00 PM for transaction of any business that may properly come before the meeting.

You are hereby notified that at said meeting, the following will be presented to the membership:

- 1) Election of two members of the Board of Directors. (One from Beaverhead-Madison area, one from the Gallatin Valley area.) Anyone interested in becoming a board member, please contact any of the Board of Directors.
- 2) Audited Financial Report
- 3) Managers Report
- 4) Board of Directors Report
- 5) Door Prizes

April 7, 2016


6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Meeting

University of Montana
Western, Lewis & Clark
room, Dillon, MT

Door Prizes and Miscellaneous
Drawings

RSVP'S Requested
No later than
April 1, 2016
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OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

B10 Thursday, March 24, 2016

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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.

Maudy Thursday, Ennis
Communion around the table beginning at 8 p.m. at the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church.

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.

Easter service, Ennis
Easter service beginning at 11 a.m. at the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church.

Easter egg hunt, Virginia City
Easter egg hunt with the Easter bunny on Boot Hill beginning at 1:30 p.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.

MONDAY APRIL 4

Discussion, Ennis
April is occupational therapy month and Darci Sgrignoli, our local OT specialist, will discuss all aspects of this therapy beginning at 11 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

School Board meeting, Ennis
Meeting at 5 p.m. in high school room three.

THURSDAY APRIL 7

Business after hours, Ennis
BAH hosted by Main Street Flowers and Gifts from 5-7 p.m. at 121 W. Main Street. BAH is a free networking event open to Chamber members and their guests.

Hunting presentation, Twin Bridges
Come learn about lead ammunition's impact on wildlife and how hunters are leading the way to address the issue. Contact dave@rubyhabitat.org for more information.

MONDAY APRIL 11

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

THURSDAY APRIL 14

Gathering, Sheridan
Bring your friends and celebrate the end of tax season with the Friends of the Sheridan Library at the seventh annual Tax Relief Gathering at the Episcopal Hall in Sheridan. Call 842-5770 for more information.

Book club, Ennis
Book club discussion of "A Constellation of Vital Phenomena" by Anthony Marra at the Madison Valley

Public Library beginning at 1 p.m.

Blood drive, Ennis
United Blood Service blood drive from 1-6 p.m. at the Madison Valley Medical Center. For appointment call Judy at 682 3530. Walk-ins welcome.

FRIDAY APRIL 15

Presentation, Ennis
The second annual mock emergency scenario will take place at the Ennis High School field at 9:15 a.m. where local emergency responders will highlight the dangers of drinking and driving.

SATURDAY APRIL 16

Chautauqua, Virginia City
The Elling House Arts and Humanities center in Virginia City will be hosting a Chautauqua program beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be a potluck prior to the program, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
HOLY THURSDAY
St. Patrick, Ennis: 5:15 PM
St. Mary, Laurin: 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
St. Patrick, Ennis: 3:00 PM
St. Mary, Laurin: 5:30 PM

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL
St. Patrick 7:00 PM (No Sunday Easter Service St. Patrick)

EASTER SUNDAY
St. Mary, Laurin: 8:30 AM

NORRIS HOT SPRINGS
MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:
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- Every Saturday from April 16 - May 21
- Leave Ennis at 9:30 a.m., return at 2:30 p.m. (transportation provided by Ennis Schools)

Questions?
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FRIDAY APRIL 15TH: STEVE INGRAM
FRIDAY APRIL 22ND: ED COYLE

ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY BOTTLING PARTIES!!

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.
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TOPS, Ennis

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

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
7 p.m. See the weekly ad on this page for weekly performers.