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Water system upgrade



Fred Phillips with Great West Engineering answers questions from the public regarding a report during the public hearing,

Sheridan town council passes motion to update water system

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The town of Sheridan held a public hearing on March 21 to discuss a preliminary engineering report about the town's water system prepared by Great West Engineering, During their regularly scheduled meeting, which followed the public hearing, council members unanimously passed a motion to move forward with the project. "Your system supply is in good shape," said Great West Engineering's Fred Phillips during the public hearing, adding that the town is within adequate range for fire flow storage. Quality no longer requires you to treat your water," Phillips said. "It used to be treated with chlorine and you still have that as an option should things change." The PER suggests the town maintain

The PER suggests the town maintain the chlorination system in an operable position. While the town's system has adequate fire flow distribution, the PER suggested improvements to the water mains on Water Street and Bieler Lane, which would loop in with Tolsen Lane; an upgraded 2 inch main in the alley between Mill Street and Hamilton Street; an 8 inch main upgrade on Crofoot Street from Main Street fire to Madison Street, upgraded replacement valves; and work on old service lines between various mains and meters. system on Bieler Lane, replacing the water main on Water Street, back generators for the well pumps and a new chlorination system.

A PER on the town's water was previously completed in 2004 and found the town was deficient in their water supply and storage for the amount of water it was using. The 2004 report also found leakage problems and issues with the service meters.

"Since 2004, (the town) has replaced 1,400 feet of pipe, installed some new water mains and service meters and lines," said Sheridan mayor Tom Shaffer. "We haven't had any serious issues as of lately; the PER and all of these projects are just preventative measures and upgrades." While improvements have been made since the 2004 PER, the purpose of the current report is to further identify water deficiencies still affecting the town or potential hazards.

FIRE IN NORRIS

Madison Valley, Harrison departments respond to fire at Norris gas station

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On March 24 around 6:30 p.m., the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department received a mutual aid request from the Harrison Fire Department to assist with a structure fire in Norris, according to MVRFD fire chief Shawn Christensen.

"There was a structure fire at the Norris Sinclair fuel station," Christensen said. "Arriving on scene, we had heavy smoke coming out from the eave on the northeast corner and heavy smoke coming out the north window."

Christensen said the crews started with defensive fire tactics and then used a piercing nozzle to cool the interior of the building before sending firefighters inside.

"Brown smoke is not good," Christensen said. "It turns white when you pump water into it. The smoke changed colors."

Because the firefighters were able to bring the internal temperatures down, they were able to do an interior fire attack and suppress the fire.

"Electrical is suspect at this time, but there will be further investigation," Christensen said. "Nobody was hurt. The structure is still standing."

MVRFD and Harrison's fire department received assistance from the Montana Highway Patrol and Madison County Sheriff's Office.

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BUS TO BIG SKY

Commissioners contribute to bus service linking Big Sky, Bozeman

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Dave Kack from Skyline Transport traveled to Madison County on March 21 to chat with the county commissioners about their continued support of the bus service linking Bozeman and Big Sky, which provides affordable transportation for Big Sky's employee workforce.

"We're doing well," Kack said. "We're very busy. Ridership is up

Fire flow means the town is capable of producing enough gallons of water per minute through a hydrant during the event of a fire.

According to the final PER, the current water system does not treat town water, but there is a chlorine disinfection system that is not currently being utilized, nor is it state required.

"The Department of Environmental

The background

Back in January, the town council heard a report from Great West Engineering after the company completed a PER to review the town's water system. In the first report Great West Engineering suggested implementing an additional water tank to up storage capacity, looping the water

The funding

The PER included two different funding strategies, one that includes the main on Crofoot Street and one without. The council agreed unanimously to include the main on Crofoot Street in the project.

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CANDIDATES FILE FOR SCHOOL BOARD SEATS

May 3 trustee election will determine who serves on various school boards

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March 24 was the deadline for interested persons to file to run for open school board seats around the county. Each Madison County school – Alder, Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges – has at least one trustee seat up for election.

Alder

In Alder, only one trustee seat is up for election, according to school clerk Kathleen Wuelfing.

"I will be cancelling our election because we only had one position to fill and one candidate applied," Wuelfing said. "Our candidate's name is Ryan Ellis."

Ennis

Out of all Madison County's schools, Ennis has the most seats up for election this year – three. One is for a one year term, and Maria Lake is the only candidate who has filed for the seat. According to school clerk Ginger Martello, two other two year terms are up for election and four people have filed to run: Steven Badura, Julie Funston, Drew Henrich and Karen Ketchu.

Harrison

Harrison has a single trustee seat up for election, but nobody filed to run as of March 24, explained school clerk Judi Ward.

"If there are no candidates running, then the board will appoint someone for one year," Ward said. "If they, or anyone else, chooses to run next May, they would then run for a two year term."

Sheridan

In Sheridan, two people filed for two seats – Bill Wood, who is the current board chair, and Kendra Horn, according to school clerk Rebecca Larsen.

Twin Bridges

The seat currently held by board chair Allison Wentzel is up for election, according to school clerk Joyann Breakall.

"Only one candidate – Allison Wentzel – is running for the position," Breakall said. "So we will not be having a trustee election."

Voters will elect their new trustees on May 3 at various polling places around Madison County. about 6.4 percent - that's just from last year. It has increased each year since the recession."

The Madison County commissioners currently contribute \$50,000 per year to the transportation program, which Kack said he appreciates.

"We need more discussion in Big Sky between their resort tax board and big employers and the counties – Gallatin and you folks in Madison – to talk about what a doable amount is," Kack said. "This summer Spanish Peaks is going to build a big hotel and folks from the Town Center may break ground on a hotel this summer. That's just going to add to the need for employees up in Big Sky."

Kack said Big Sky suffers from a shortage of workforce housing, meaning most of the people who work there actually commute from Bozeman, Belgrade or Gallatin Gateway.



Dave Schulz, Madison County commissioner

Some also commute from Madison County, though that is a smaller number.

Because of the future need for a larger workforce, and the reality that most of that workforce will commute to Big Sky, Kack said he would probably have a "big ask" from the commissioners.

"Looking long term, we want to get the two counties each to (contribute) \$200,000," he said. "That's a big lift from where you guys are now at \$50,000."

During the winter season, from Thanksgiving to the middle of April, Kack said it costs Skyline Transport around \$50,000 to have one round trip bus from Bozeman to Big Sky.

The Big Sky Chamber of Commerce funded a housing study that showed 83 percent of the people who work in Big Sky commute.

"They need 1,200 affordable housing units," Kack explained. "Hopefully they can build some affordable housing there, but they will probably never build enough to accommodate all the workers."

Commissioners' role

Commissioner Dave Schulz asked Kack a question about the talked-about Targeted Economic Development District.

"This is an unfair question, but if you were sitting at our side of the table, would you support the bus service or the TEDD?"

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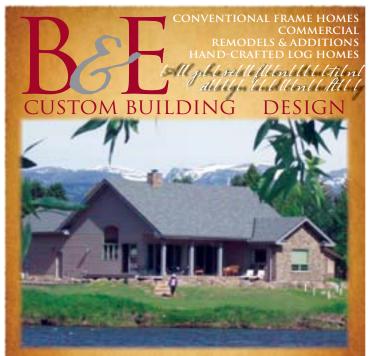


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A second call

While MVRFD was fighting the gas station fire in Norris, they received another call about a structure fire in

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The biggest concern the council faced during the entire process was finding a way to complete the water project without having to raise water rates.

"The funding for the project will come though construction grants and the State Revolving Fund Loan Forgiveness," said Phillips, adding that the loan will be paid back through the town's existing water rates. "We found that town had that money in their budget already and wouldn't have to raise water rates."

The entire project is based on approval of the grants and should any grants not be awarded, Shaffer said the town will simply have to readjust.

"We won't know about the grants until next year – the next funding cycle," he said.

Phillips said he feels strongly the town will be successful in the grant applications.

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Schulz asked.

The TEDD is relevant 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.

"The way I read it is that you could use TEDD funds to support transit," Kack said. "That's my interpretation. Big Sky is such a unique area – it straddles two counties and is unincorporated, that brings challenges."

Kack added that traffic counts in and around Big Sky are higher than they were before the recession.

"Growth has come and then some," he said. "My guess is that somebody from Big Sky will be asking you to contribute with Gallatin County and (the Montana Department of Transportation) to kick in money to create a bigger transportation plan in the near future." the Ennis Fish Hatchery area, Christensen said. "We were responding to that secondary structure call and left some of the crew at Norris to help Harrison," he said. "(Fire departments

"We have been really successful with these grants – I'm expecting good things," Phillips said.

Other news

Also during the March 21 meeting, the town was approached with a water ordinance variance request regarding domestic wells and whether residents are required to hook up to town water. After much debate, the council unanimously tabled the discussion and scheduled a special

Schulz asked Kack to keep Madison County informed firsthand about any developments.

"Some of these things we learn about from Gallatin County and they've already made a decision, though maybe that's exaggerating a little bit," he said. "Please keep us informed the best you can. I'd rather have things come to us from you than in an email from someone else."

Last year when the commissioners' set the county's budget, they approved \$50,000 to go to Skyline Transport for the 2015-16 fiscal year, which will be paid in the next few months.

"As our latitude allows us, we will consider your request," Schulz told Kack, referencing the "big ask" of more money in the future. "I don't know that we can do anything this coming year, but we will acknowledge there may be a significant increase in your request in the next few years." from) Virginia City and Sheridan were activated for mutual aid – they were both responding when we determined it was a controlled burn."

Instead of a structure fire, someone was burning slash af-

meeting for March 25. According to town ordinance number 118, section nine, subhead 21, residents

within town limits who are not on town water have to hook up before the transfer or sale of their property. "Non conforming properties that transfer ownership must con-

ties that transfer ownership must connect to the town water at their own expense at the time of the transfer. Proper-

ties with domestic water wells that transfer ownership

When asked why Madison County contributes to the bus service, commissioner Jim Hart had a simple answer.

"It's a matter of public health and safety," he said. "We believe that it is important to take a number of vehicles off U.S. Highway 191 and those drivers work in Madison County."

A bus to Virginia City

Last fall, Kack and the commissioners tentatively discussed a bus line from Bozeman to Ennis to Virginia City during Madison County's peak tourism season – May through September.

"At some point in time, could we revisit that discussion?" Schulz asked Kack.

Hart said he discussed the idea with the Virginia City Chamber of Commerce, and they expressed an interest in somehow getting traffic from West Yellowstone to Virginia City. ter daylight – though they had a permit, they "failed to read the fine print," Christensen said.

"All burning must be done during daylight hours," he concluded.

must connect to the town water system at the time of sale, at the owners' expense," as stated in the 2012 ordinance.

"These rules are in place for a reason and we need to stick to them so we don't create problems for councilmembers down the road," said Shaffer during the special meeting.

Shaffer also said during the meeting that the town is simply following DEQ standards.

"The state oversees this and it is up to the council to enforce – all incorporated towns face the same challenges," he said.

The major concern for the town regarding domestic wells is the potential for cross-contamination.

"It's a health issue," said Shaffer. "It's just the issue that we face."

"I haven't heard much from the Ennis Chamber (of Commerce)," Hart added. "The point is not just to get people from Bozeman to Ennis, but to get them from Bozeman to (Virginia City)."

Though the discussion was not expanded during the meeting, Schulz said it will be a topic in the coming months.

> "It's a matter of public safety. We believe that it is important to take a number of vehicles off U.S. Highway 191 and those drivers work in Madison County." - Jim Hart, Madison County commissioner



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MORE NEWS: THE ROAD TO THE LAKES County applies for FLAP funds to maintain road to Cliff, Wade lakes

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More than two years ago, Madison County commissioner Jim Hart, in cooperation with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, applied for a little more than \$500,000 from the Federal Land Access Program to complete a road project from U.S. Highway 287 to MT Highway 87 in the south Madison Valley - the road connects both highways with Forest Service land and the highly recreated Cliff and Wade lakes, Hart said.

"Unfortunately, the gentleman responsible for the project got sick and passed away," Hart said. "We were scheduled to receive the funds, but it fell through the cracks."

Because of that the commissioners decided to apply to FLAP again this year - the application is due April 1, and Hart said he should find out next fall if the project is awarded.

"If we get it, I would guess we could get work started in 2016," Hart said.

Ideally, the work will help maintain the nearly 13 miles of road - according to Hart, that means drainage improvements, possible cattle guards, culvert work and more.

Hart said the grant requires a 13 percent county match, which would figure to approximately \$70,000 that can be met with the preliminary engineering costs and in-kind work. In-kind work means man power, equipment and materials, not necessarily funds, Hart explained.

In the meantime

Though the FLAP funding is not a given, Hart said the Forest Service completed road maintenance last summer, and a Madison County road crew also worked on the road.

"That road gets about 700 vehicles a day in the summer so it really needs work," Hart said.

High volume of traffic is one of the reasons Hart applied for the FLAP money in the first place.

"It gets a ton of traffic," he said. "Right now it's barely more than a lane and a half. And we've had to work hard to get it to that point."

FLAP funding requires projects access federal land - the road connects the highway to the lakes, and also to other portions of the forest.

"Folks have found the lakes," Hart said. "Fishermen with boats and trailers use it and people with Winnebagos use it. And it's not a very good road for Winnebagos?

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian The proposed project would complete roadwork from U.S. Highway 287 at Three **Dollar Bridge to Horn Creek** (pictured) and eventually to MT Highway 87.



Public access at the Ruby Reservoir



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Last year, a closer look at the Bureau of Land Management's campground at the Ruby Reservoir south of Alder brought to the public's attention that part of the campground is partially on private land.

"The latrine, main boat launch and several of the main campsites are located on private property." said BLM public affairs specialist David Abrams.

The campground is located along the east side of the reservoir. Since last summer, when the patchwork quilt of public/private and was brought up, the Madison County commissioners and BLM have worked to come up with a solution to public access at the reservoir. BLM Dillon field manager Cornie Hudson said the "bottom line" is the BLM is still interested in getting the entire campground on public land. 'There are a lot of partners working on it and we're trying to figure out how to make it happen," she said. "We need to have formal surveys done and an appraisal."

Solutions

According to commissioner Jim Hart, Congressman Ryan Zinke's office has gotten involved in the issue.

"They have been looking into some avenues to purchase that property," he said. "A number of people and organizations may be interested in assisting with that, including Trout Unlimited."

Hart said talk of purchasing the private land at the campground and access is still preliminary.

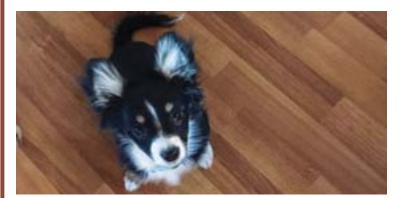
'The essence of what we know is that the BLM access to the lake is actually on private property, but it would make sense to have it on public (land)," Hart said. "We think it's important to have it public."

The need

Hudson said the Ruby Reservoir is highly recreated year round, and the BLM considers it an important public resource.

"It's very popular," she said. "We would love to get it into public hands."

SUCCESS: MEET GLOCK, THE ORNERY PA



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At just 13 weeks old, Glock was brought into an animal shelter because his owners could not get him potty trained. Bonny White, president of the shelter, immediately fell in love.

"They turned him in as a rescue and I said, 'Oh, he's not going anywhere," she said. "Just one look at him and I didn't want him to go anywhere."

Glock the dog is a Papillon, a small breed within the toy spaniel family best known for their butterfly like ears.

"He's the orneriest one of the bunch," joked White, who has adopted five of her six dogs from shelters. "But he's definitely a Momma's boy."

White said Glock has adapted to his new home and is doing great.

"He sleeps on the bed with us," she said.

White is an animal lover and a fan of adopting and giving pets a second chance.

"I think when you adopt (an animal) you help them," she said. "They deserve a good home because they've been tossed around and a lot of them get brought back in."

Glock certainly enjoys his new home and White said he is grateful for his second chance.

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Monica Maloney October 23, 1936 – March 19, 2016

she is best known for the 26

years she spent as the school

and a few years after that in

Alder. She was a good cook

and truly took pleasure in the

kids, teachers and people she

Monie thoroughly en-

Mike rode their Honda Gold

Wing, 4-wheeled and camped

painted weekly with her good

grew bountiful tomatoes and

vegetables in her greenhouse

making. She was a prolific

and perfected salsa and pickle

reader and seamstress/quilter.

She enjoyed telling or hearing

a good joke and had the abil-

ity to laugh at herself and the

absurdity of everyday life.

Monie will be sorely

joyed retirement. She and

with friends. She was part

of a sewing/craft club and

friend, Bonnie Elser. She

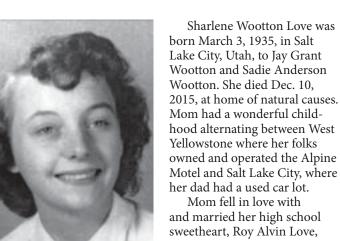
worked with.

"lunch lady" in Sheridan



On Sept. 24, 1955, she married Mike Maloney. For the first few years of marriage, they lived in several Montana communities. Along the way, they had three children: Mary, Marlene and Mike. The family settled in Sheridan in the late 1960s. Monie and Mike started a cattle hauling company, M&M Trucking, and did custom hay work for several years. Career-wise,

Sharlene Wootton Love March 3, 1935 – December 10, 2015



Monica "Monie" Maloney,

longtime resident of Sheri-

dan, passed away March 19,

2016, at the age of 79 in the

Dillon hospital. Monie, the

youngest of eight children,

was born to Ward and Mary

Smail on Oct. 23, 1936. She

was raised on various wheat

Geyser and Stanford area. A

true Montana girl, she grew

farms in the Coffee Creek,

in Bozeman on May 22, 1954. They began their married life on the family ranch in Ennis, eventually moving to Farmington, Utah, where they raised their two children, Shirley K. Harper (Scott) and Richard Grant Love (Cindy).

Mom's favorite thing in life was to travel. Her and Dad were able to visit all parts of the world, but enjoyed camping and staying in their trailers more than anything else.

Sharlene was preceded in

missed by her husband of 60 years, Mike of Sheridan; children and their spouses, Mike and Bonita Maloney of Arkansas and Mary and Gary Dalton of Helena; grandchildren Kelsey and Craig Dalton; siblings Ollie Smail and Ora Ayers; many cherished nieces and nephews (and their children and grandchildren); and her friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Marlene Maloney; her parents; and siblings Joyce Baker and Ivan, Keith, Ralph and Harold Smail.

Funeral services will be held, Thursday, March 31, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church in Laurin. A graveside service and then a reception in the church hall will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Ruby Valley Ambulance in Sheridan.

her son, Richard (Cindy) and daughter Shirley (Scott); nine grandchildren; and 25 greatgrandchildren; sisters in-laws Kathy Wootton and Jesse Clark. Mom was a very loving and supportive wife mother,

grandma and friend and will be greatly missed. A viewing was held for family and friends on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015.

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Roy; her parents; brother Jay;

and in-laws. She is survived by

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Brenda Barnaby (Shipp) May 1954 – March 22, 2016



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WORKFORCE HOUSING ON THE HORIZON Land donation in Big Sky kick starts housing project

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Last week, the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce and HRDC, a housing authority in Gallatin County, announced the formation of the Big Sky Community Housing Trust, which will be responsible for leading the charge for affordable housing in Big Sky.

"The BSCHT will address the need for affordable housing opportunities in Big Sky for those who are part of the workforce but are unable to afford homes, through development, technical assistance, mortgage counseling, homebuyer education and lending programs," according to a press release from the chamber. "The BSCHT will operate as a community land trust and apply for tax exempt status with the (Internal Revenue Service) to provide permanently affordable housing units by acquiring land and removing it from the forprofit real estate market."

Though the chamber has been working toward a solution to Big Sky's workforce housing for years, their partnership with HRDC will provide the experience and connections they need, according to Kitty Clemens, executive director of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce.

"We believe we will be most successful if we have our own Big Sky housing program that we can get public and private entities to support," Clemens said. "Montana's real estate is getting out of reach for the average person, except for in places that have really depressed economies."

Big Sky resident Loren Bough pledged an initial land donation to the BSCHT – according to Clemens, the total parcel of land is around 11 acres, and located in Meadow Village.

"Having land makes the difference between a conceptual project and actually being able to put units on the ground," explained Tracy Menuez, special projects officer with HRDC.

A real need

"Eighty-three percent of our workforce can't live in our community," Clemens said, explaining why the BSCHT is addressing an important need. "Nothing is being built for that population."

Clemens continued to say most of the construction in Big

Sky is catered toward vacation homeowners, which forces the workforce to commute.

"It's important (to have housing for the workforce) for many reasons," she continued. "The first reason is talent recruitment. If you have to ride a bus for an extra three or four hours a day and you can get a job that pays better where you can live, why would you work here?"

In addition, removing commuting vehicles from the highway is good for the environment, she added.

"Another reason is that you pay people a payroll and they take it somewhere else and don't support the Big Sky businesses," she concluded.

Funding source

The next step is pulling

together a process to clarify which people can qualify for the new development, and what the requirements will be, Clemens said.

Menuez addressed the funding for the actual development, now that land has been secured.

"It will be a combination of different sources," she said. "Some remaining funding from the resort tax, and then a portion will come through subdividing the property in a manner that allows us to sell a few lots at market rate to help fund the affordable part of the parcel."

Once those lots are sold to help support infrastructure development for the affordable housing, the rest will be done like any development, Menuez said. "We will take out construction financing and pay it off as we sell homes," she said. "I believe this year will be for qualifications and planning with the possibility of a little infrastructure work this summer. We will probably sell the first units next summer."

> "Montana's real estate is getting out of reach for the average person, except for in places that have really depressed economies." - Kitty Clemens, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce

DOG TRIALS IN MADISON COUNTY Twin Bridges hosts dog trials at fairgrounds



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Eighty-five cow dogs and their handlers from all over the northwest took to the arena at the Twin Bridges Fairgrounds on Monday, March 28 for a cattle dog trial.

The event tested the handler and dog's ability to work together to maneuver cattle through different obstacles for points. The team with the most points won each division – open, intermediate, nursery or novice – and qualified for the national competition this summer.



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Cattle dogs, or stock dogs, that compete in the trials have a plethora of commands they follow in the ring. Get ahold, one of the commands, instructs the dog to bite at the cow when the cow is not cooperating. "Sometimes, the dog thinks they know more than you!" laughed Jeff Roche, a handler from Utah who has been training cattle dogs for 58 years.

Roche and his dog Slick competed in the novice trials.

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The three-legged wonder dog, Sue, and his handler, Wade, celebrate after a clean and quick run during the intermediate trials. Sue got his name from the classic Johnny Cash song, "A Boy Named Sue."

BOTTOM

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Points are given via each individual cow, 10 points a head, by each completed obstacle and time. The dog/handler duo has a five minute max to rack up points and finish the course but are rewarded more points for completing the course quickly.

"It's very much a partnership between the dog and the handler," said Mariane Sasak, who drove up from Steamboat Springs, Colo., to compete in the trials. "You want to get the cattle to trust your dog – cattle can read a dog faster than anyone – so it's all based on how well every personality clicks."





CLARIFICATION

In the March 24, 2016, edition of *The Madisonian*, the article, County will hold primary election, should have clarified that deadline to file an intent for write-in candidates is 30 days before any election. We apologize for any confusion.



AROUND THE COUNTY

Celebrate trees in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY MELINDA MERRILL Ennis Tree Board

As Arbor Day approaches we find ourselves once again in celebration of the Ennis status as Tree City, USA. This is the sixth year that Ennis has been able to meet the standards set for communities across the nation with approximately 3,400 cities currently in the program. You must meet and maintain four standards: first, establish a tree board. Currently Dan Dedman, Jr. chairs the Ennis Tree Board and we are always looking for members that might have similar interests that wish to serve. Secondly, a tree care ordinance must be created, ours being established and ratified by the Ennis Town Council. Thirdly we must spend \$2 per year per person in Ennis towards planting, care and maintenance of trees on public right of ways or public owned land. We have done several projects over the years including planting trees along the city streets, trimming or removal of trees that are a hazard to public safety or education as a public service. We are always open to new ideas so please feel free to share any that you may have. Lastly we need to find a way to observe National Arbor Day.

Arbor Day 2016 will be observed on April 29 and we have a multitude of plans. We are purchasing trees and working in conjunction with Ennis Schools to plant them right as you come to the stop sign on U.S. Highway 287. We will be celebrating with grades kindergarten through fifth, giving each student a seedling to plant in a pot to take home, nurture and grow.

We are also celebrating Arbor Day and our Tree City status by decorating the downtown window that Berkshire Hathaway dedicates to non-profits.

Tax relief gathering in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY CAROL DELISI Friends of the Sheridan Library

Bring your friends and celebrate the end of tax season with the Friends of the Sheridan Library at the seventh annual Tax Relief Gathering on Friday, April 15 from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Again this year the event will be held at the Episcopal Hall located just off of Main Street behind Christ Church in Sheridan in order to allow for more room and kitchen accommodations. Join us and relax with wine tasting, delicious hors d'oeuvres and the good company of your friends and neighbors. Door prizes will be awarded and a raffle will be held for a beautiful wine and cheese basket. The basket will be on display before the Tax Relief Gathering at Ruby Valley Bank in Sheridan. This event is open to all 21 and over. Proceeds will benefit the library's expansion fund. For more information, please contact the library at 842-5770.

Poker in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY RUSS WHITACRE Ennis Lions club

Ennis Lions Club will be hosting a Texas hold'em poker tournament on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Ennis. The first prize in the tournament will be \$1,000; all net proceeds will be used to sponsor Lions Club activities in the Madison Valley. To register and for more information please contact Bernie at 640-2689.

MCNHF holds annual meeting

SUBMITTED BY PAUL MARSH Madison County Nursing Homes Foundation

The Madison County Nursing Homes Foundation conducted its annual meeting at the Madison Valley Manor on March 22, 2016. Agenda items included:

• An update on the remodel project at MVM, completion should be by the end of May and updates are being

very well received by both the residents and staff.

 Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center has welcomed new Administrator- Saza Lee.

• Election of eight board members was completed and board officers were elected: Paul Marsh, president, Jean Stiegle, vice president, Jennifer Doney, treasurer, Mary Ragsdale, secretary.

• The board voted to donate \$10,000 to each facil-

Saturday April 2, 2016 10am gates open at 8am.

ity during 2016 to be used as discretionary funds by each administrator for unexpected staff or resident needs.

With this years \$20,000 donation, the MCNHF has been able to donate a total of \$60,000 over the past three years to the nursing home facilities.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 28, at 8 a.m. at the TRMCC in Sheridan.

Classes begin Monday, April 11th and run through Saturday, May 21st. **Registration begins** Monday, March 28th.

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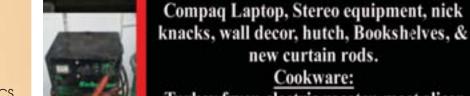
EXPLORING EDIBLE AND MEDICINAL HERBS Wednesdays | 6-8 pm | FCS Room Kay Gogerty | Materials fee TBA

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RUBY RIVER RECREATION

Fish, Wildlife and Parks leases fishing access sites along river

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The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission was presented with three lease renewals for fishing access sites along the Ruby River, which they approved at a meeting in mid-March.

The sites included in the five-year renewal are the Alder Bridge FAS, Ruby Island FAS and Silver Spring FAS, according to region three FAS manager Ray Heagney with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"These agreements are leases for the use of this land that have access sites," Heagney stated. "The FWP will pay each landowner \$7,000 a year and Montana Trout Unlimited will contribute \$3,000 a year to landowners."

Heagney said the money is drawn from licensing funds. He added the site leases have been in place since the early 90s.

"We normally have a renewal period on each lease, that particular period is around five years, then we revisit the lease agreements with landowners," Heagney said, adding that the Ruby River is limited on the number of access sites available to anglers. "The landowners we've worked with have been very accommodating and we appreciate their generosity ... and this means that (anglers') ability to recreate will continue."

Dave Delisi has been an avid angler in the Ruby Valley for 11 years and is pleased with the willingness of various groups and landowners in providing public access.

"This is a wonderful example of how different groups from (FWP) to individuals to nonprofit groups like Trout Unlimited can make good things happen when they find common ground," Delisi said.



According to Delisi, keeping these sites open allows continued access to "treasured resources." "From an individual

perspective, it means that the Ruby Valley is viewed by a lot of people with regard to stream access and so the opportunity to keep these sites open demonstrates a willingness on the part of land owners and the agencies to keep their access to this treasured resource," he said.

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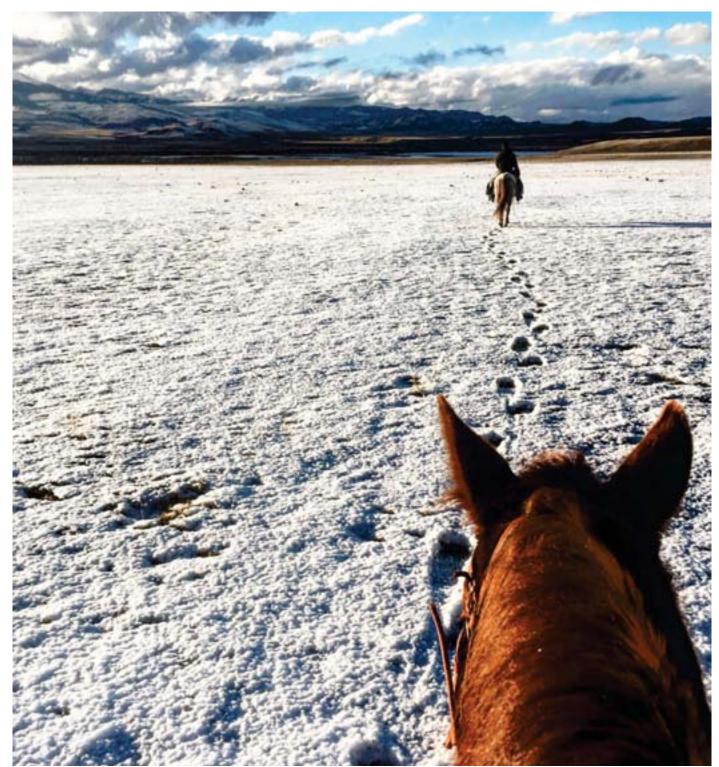
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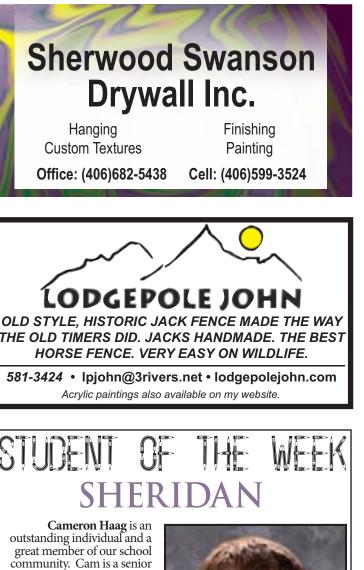


After a dusting of spring snow, the skies clear and the horses make new tracks.



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this year and is carrying a 3.07 GPA into graduation. Cam is a hard worker who has a passion for working with his hands in the shop. He continues to amaze with his beautiful woodworking and metals projects. He is an active FFA member and competes in mechanics and parliamentary procedure. Cam will definitely be missed when he graduates this spring. Congratulations Cam, on being selected as Sheridan High School student of the week.



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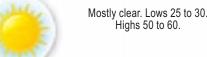
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Madison County prepares for the fair

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Have you ever wondered how the Madison County Fair comes together? Or how long Madison County youth spend preparing their projects, raising their stock or practicing their archery skills? Did you know some events actually take place months before the fair?

The Madisonian is introducing a series focusing on what preparations our youth, judges, volunteers and coordinators take to prep for the event of the summer.

Editor's note: If you or someone you know is interested in speaking with The Madisonian about preparing for the fair, please contact Caitlin Avey at news@madisoniannews or phone the office at 682-7755.

A brief background

The Madison County Fair and the fairgrounds themselves extend clear back to the late 1880s, when past Madison County residents used the land to congregate for social gatherings. In 1889, Madison County held its first fair. After a few "We are doing a total rewrite on the fair book and this year everything goes online," she said. "It's a big step because everyone is used to signing up by paper entry and now, we hope people will be able to sign themselves up online."

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As the fair creeps closer, participants who plan to show market animals are jumping into gear since first weigh-ins began in January with steers. Pigs will follow in April and sheep will weigh-in the first of June. All animals will be weighed once more for their final weight at the fair.

In addition to coordinating awards, judges and weigh-ins, Whitehurst and his team are responsible for making sure participants have met their quality assurance training, which instructs them on proper animal health and vaccination protocols – everyone submits a medical release form.

Perhaps the biggest issue organizers face is simply finding enough space for everyone.

"We are so short on animal space," said Whitehurst. "We are at capacity and beyond – we're going to have to have pigs in pens outside and under tarps." The Madison County Fair sees over 360 participants each year, which means a lot of work for Whitehurst and his team. Luckily, 4H is a volunteer driven organization and Madison County has no shortage of volunteers. about basic safety as well as preparing those who might be interested in bow hunting, according to Smith. It also serves as a unique outlet for kids who might not be interested in more mainstream sports such as basketball and football.

"It's a great confidence builder for some these kids," she said. "It's self-competitive."

Air rifle is another self-competitive, non-stock event kids participate in as part of the fair – it teaches them about shooting sports and basic marksmanship, according to Bill Wood.

Wood volunteers in the Ruby Valley and has been working with kids since the first part of December.

"The kids start practicing in December and shoot every week until the fair shoot at the end of April," Wood said.

Air rifle is a three position shooting sport where kids an shoot either prone, kneeling or standing and work with pistols, rifles and shotguns, shooting at targets and clay pigeons.

According to Wood, kids gain much more than just basic marksmanship skills.

"There's a lot they can do with air rifle and a lot of scholarthe steer and gaining the animal's trust are two more pieces of the equation.

SECTION B

"(C. Gilman) will spend time with his steer and pet him when he feeds," said K. Gilman.

Stock animals are fed twice a day and participants, like C. Gilman, have to watch what they are feeding their animals and how much, being sure to adjust after the first weigh-in so they reduce their risk of being overweight at the fair.

According to Whitehurst, the weigh-in is based on industry standards with a certain cap, or weight limit, for each animal. For steers, the cap is 1,350 pounds.

Although this is his first steer, C. Gilman is not new to the fair atmosphere, having previously shown a sheep as well as some woodworking projects.

"I built a bird house and porch swing," C. Gilman said. While many fair participants

spend their months prior to August preparing and working with their animals, many also participate in woodworking, leathering and other craft-like events. Just like working with a sheep, pig or steer, the indoor projects take time and preparaPHOTO COURTESY KAYCEE GILMAN Coleman, or Cole, Gilman feeds his steer a mixture of high protein pellets, cracked corn and hay twice a day.



name changes, come 1901, the event would come to be known as the Madison County Fair.

The earliest fairs were solely based around showing stock with the exception of some impressive produce. Now, the Madison County Fair has grown to include animals for show and sale, shooting sports such as air rifle and archery, woodworking projects, craft and sewing works, baked goods and even more.

So how does the county prepare for such a large and timeconsuming event? It is a more comprehensive process than you might think.

Organizing the fair

"We try to work with the fair board and get info gathered ahead of time ... it's lots of planning ... really from January until fair time, we spend a huge amount of time on fair issues," said Billy Whitehurst, Montana State University extension office agent for Madison and Jefferson counties.

Whitehurst has already been contacting judges for the fair in August, streamlining awards and ribbons and ordering buckles.

"There's a lot more behind the scenes work that goes on then a lot of people think," he said.

Ag education and 4H program assistant Katherine Smith has started fair data entry and is preparing for signups.

Shooting sports

"We're actually just finishing up," said Claire Smith, who volunteers to help with the archery events. "We start archery just before Christmas and run through April, practice one to two nights a week."

Because fair time is so busy and the demands of caring for an animal or finishing a picnic table for your woodworking project can require time, the archery events take place early in the season.

"They used to do it during fair but it's just so busy," Smith said, adding that the event tests the archers' patience. "They don't get any results or awards till fair though and that nearly kills them."

The archery season will wrap up the beginning of April with the county shoot in Ennis. Archers shoot at either a single target or a Vegas three spot, participating in 10 rounds of play.

"We are very lucky," said Smith. "We have a great group of kids throughout the Madison and Ruby valleys."

Archery helps teach kids

ship opportunities," he said.

Scholarships are just one of the many benefits the fair and participating in 4H and FFA bring.

Animal and craft events

Seventh grader Coleman Gilman is showing his first steer this year.

"I'm excited – I get more money," Gilman said about taking a steer.

Beginning this year, FFA will allow sixth and seventh graders to participate, while 4H is for ages eight to 18.

Gilman is a member of the Shooting Shamrocks 4H Club, which is led by his mom, Kaycee Gilman, and Missy Wood. The group has been meeting throughout the year and members are now really jumping in to preparing their stock animals.

"(C. Gilman) feeds his steer twice a day and we've started halter breaking," said K. Gilman.

While working with pigs and sheep is a little easier, halter breaking a 1,000 pound animal can be a little more challenging.

"Some people do it differently, but we start by putting (the steer) in a halter with a long lead rope and let it drag," said K. Gilman, adding that letting the rope drag causes the animal to step on it and learn the grab and give of the halter.

Halter breaking his steer is only half of the work. Feeding

tion to complete.

The benefits of 4H and FFA

"It's the one program I really push my kids to be in because I feel like they get so much from it," said M. Wood. "It's incredible for record keeping."

The common denominator found throughout the fair is the leadership skills and responsibility kids learn from programs like 4H and FFA.

"They're learning so much about responsibility just by caring for an animal," added K. Gilman.

"I think the general idea is to open eyes up to new opportunities," said Whitehurst of the benefits of the fair and participating in 4H and FFA. "We don't want to burden kids with busy work but get them some hands on learning ... try something they've never done before and see if they like it. It's the type of organization that can really propel kids forward in life if they take advantage of what it has to offer."

Whitehurst also said the community atmosphere helps contribute to the busy yet fun events that make up the Madison County Fair.

"Kids make friendships and memories that will last a lifetime," he said. "That's the goal, anyway."

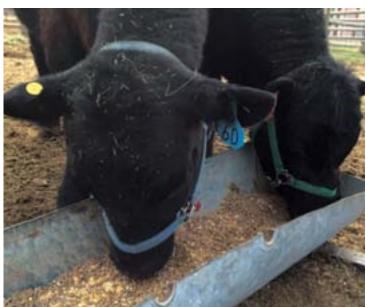


PHOTO COURTESY KAYCEE GILMAN The Gilmans have been halter training their animals for two to three weeks. The Gilmans use a long lead rope that drags behind the animal, causing them to step on the rope. This helps the steer get used to the grab and give of the halter.

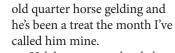


HEALTH & WELLNESS

Adapting to a new lifestyle – one that includes a horse

BY ABIGAIL DENNIS

Last time you guys heard from me on the health page, I told you about purchasing Eddie, the first horse that is solely my responsiblity. He's a 4-year-



He's been a treat, but he's also been a pain. I'm new to the horse ownership world, and I'm reasonably sure our new rela-

> tionship has been a bigger learning curve for me than it has been for him. The frustrations and struggles I've had with him have been 100 percent worth it. Eddie is a huge time

commitment and I see that little guy every chance I can, which is pretty much every day. Fortunately, Mike is great about feeding him when I have evening meetings or am under the weather.

Since my history with horses involves borrowing those owned by my friends and going for trail rides, I had misconceptions about owning one. Surprise surprise, horses are living beings with unique personalities ... they're not like four-wheelers that can be turned off and left in the garage when life gets busy.

For me, that's a good thing. My commitment to Eddie is benefitting my life in healthy ways. Like the promise I made in last month's column, I've cut back on eating out and partaking in happy hour – both of those are time and money traps for me. It's allowed me to free up my afternoons and evenings to catch Eddie and go for a short ride. Another huge boon – this month, my credit card statement was between \$400 and \$600 less than normal. Though that means I was spending a couple hundred dollars on burgers and beers every month, which is not a pleasant thought.

Eddie has fueled some lifestyle changes, and I'm happier for them. I'm more energetic and motivated – turns out, when I have something to do and a purpose, I get it done and enjoy myself while doing it. Instead of thinking of Eddie as a burden, getting to the barn after work is something I truly look forward to. When I'm active, I have more energy. When I'm not eating out constantly, I save money and I eat healthier. It's been a win-win. Really, a win-win-win if you count how attached I've become to Eddie – he's sweet, gentle and always happy to see me!





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The yuck, the junk and the gunk in Madison County How do we stop the spread?

BY MELISSA BRUMMELL Madison County Public Health Nurse

As everyone in the area is well aware, our sick season has hit hard and with a vengeance. So first off ... what is this gunk? It seems as though we have a large variety of diseases circulating. It is influenza season and we have definitely started to spike with positive flu cases. We are also seeing human metapneumovirus which is in the family of viruses that includes respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), parainfluenza virus, rhinovirus and coronavirus. You do not need to get caught up with the different names of each virus, but you do need to know the common link and when to see a medical provider. Viruses are tiny organisms that may lead from a mild to severe illness. To get sick with a virus it needs to enter the body via the nose, mouth or breaks in the skin. This happens through either breathing in the virus, ingesting the virus by eating or drinking or getting the virus on your skin. The first chance we have to stop the cycle of the virus is to not expose anyone else to the virus. If other people do not come into contact with the virus, then they cannot get sick. That is why it is important to stay home or keep your children home

when you or they are sick. As with every situation, this is not always possible, so if you must go out in public it is vital to stop the next chance that the virus has to spread to other people. To stop spreading the virus it must not enter the air or land on objects. We stop this by covering our mouths and nose when we sneeze, using disposable tissues to blow our noses and use good handwashing and or hand sanitizing.

Now that you know a little

Fahrenheit. If you can't keep anything in your system due to severe vomiting or diarrhea lasting over 24 hours, it is a good idea to go get it checked out. It is normal to have a sore throat during a viral illness but severe pain can be a sign of an infection that may need treatment. If you have a severe cough for a few weeks and it is not getting better your doctor may want to give you a test to check for more serious diseases. If you have aches and pains accompanying some of the other symptoms listed above or have been exposed to someone with influenza go to your medical provider so that they can get you tested and start you on the correct antiviral medication to decrease the severity and shorten the length of the flu. Children under six months of age and the elderly's immune systems are not as strong, so when they get sick it can progress quickly and they need to be watched more closely and taken to their medical provider before their illness is severe. It is important to remember that antibiotics do not help viruses! Your provider may prescribe antiviral medication when appropriate. The best treatment is prevention. Stay home, decrease the number of people exposed and wash your hands. Let us work together to get our community healthy again.

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MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER bit about viruses and how they are spread and contained, let's move on to some of the symptoms of these pesky little buggers. Most of the symptoms are not life threatening but are annoying, such as a scratchy throat, cough, sneezing, stuffy or runny nose, aches and pains and a fever and or chills.

How do you decide when it is time to go to a medical provider? This is a tricky question, but here is some standard guidance. Go to a medical provider if you have trouble breathing or chest pain as this could be a sign of the disease worsening or a more serious problem such as pneumonia or a heart attack. You should also go in if your fever does not improve within a few days, or if it does not come down after taking fever-reducing medication. Generally, a fever for an adult is a temperature over 100.5 degrees

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COLUMNS

This, OUR VALLEY: By Reverend Keith Axberg Horse sense

"If we're growing, we're always going to be out of our comfort zone." – John Maxwell

Computers are a wonderful thing.

I have always enjoyed them, and especially I have appreciated their odd little quirks and issues that arise from time to time.

I enjoy the thrill of the hunt - having a problem crop up that requires a solution if one is going to continue using the digital beast. It's nice knowing that when all else fails, we've always got Ctrl+Alt+Del!

A while back I found myself losing the internet fairly regularly so that it became



Rev. Keith Axberg router and,

with fear and trembling, removed the old units and installed the new one and - lo, it worked. Not only that, it seems to be much fast than what we had before. Better yet, I didn't have to resort to Ctrl+Alt+Del.

For that I am thankful.

One of the problems I've found with new computers and new operating systems is that they are much more stable. Having fewer problems may seem like a good thing, and yet I find that my ability to locate the source of a problem -

mess out there on the trail. Since I had the rein and was on top, I think I was supposed to be in charge, but the horse sure didn't seem to recognize my authority.

Staying loose is important though. It helps to maintain balance by staying flexible, and being able to maneuver come what may.

Jesus once asked the question: Why do you fret over so many things? Can worry add an inch to your height or extend your time on earth? Each day has enough worries of its own. Trust God to know what you need and relax (very loosely paraphrased).

When we worry about things over which we have no control – like the economy, the weather or the people who surround us on every side - we can't help but get uptight. We can't help but bounce up in the saddle when the horse is dropping down, and bouncing down hard in the saddle as the horse is coming up. The ride becomes most unpleasant because a horse and rider out of sync is just a horse with a problem.

It is important to be able to ride out life's little storms and recognize that most of them are just that - little. There's not a whole lot to get upset about or fret over. The economy will do whatever it is going to do regardless of what I put into it or try to take out of it. The sun will shine, or the clouds will gather no matter how hot or cold my attitude may be on any given day. People will do whatever it is they do and think whatever they think and feel whatever they feel pretty much regardless of my own input.



FLOWERS AND HERBS FOR PEST CONTROL

While it has been pretty cold and snowy, with March going out like a lion, I am grateful to officially call it spring! Spring conjures visions of flowers and vegetable gardens and I've recently learned that flowers and gardens can go together! Some flowers and herbs can be planted in your veggie

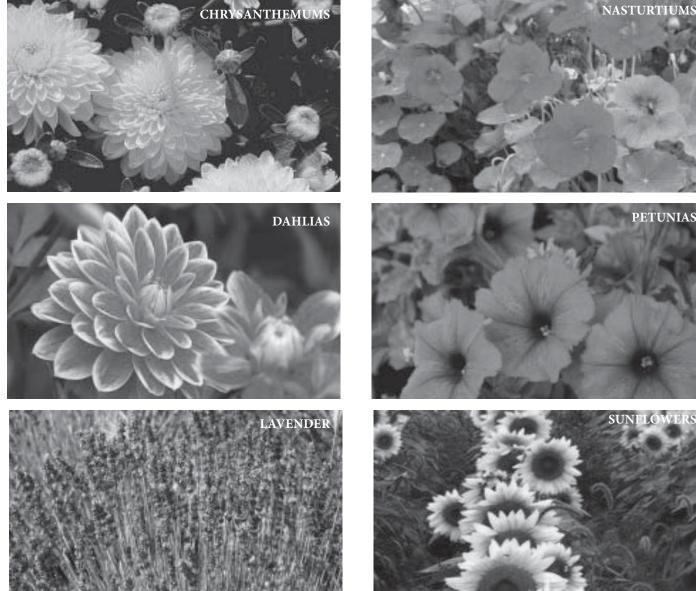


garden and around your property to either attract beneficial insects, or repel harmful insects and pests. For instance, you may want to invite ladybugs, one of several beneficial insects into your garden, because they eat aphids, a harmful insect that feasts on many kinds of plants and flowers. Some of the best flowers to attract beneficial bugs include: Bachelor's Button, Cleome, Black-eyed Susan, Daisy, Salvia, Yarrow and Zinnia.

By planting wisely, using flowers and herbs as a tool for controlling pests, you can reduce pesticide use, which invites more beneficial bugs.

This is just a short list of interesting flowering plants and herbs that may work in your garden. Have fun experimenting with what works best in yours. You can always contact your local extension office, Natural Resources and Conservation Service office or check out a site online or one of many





great western gardening books for more tips. This list came from www.vegetablegardener.com/item/10805/pest-fightingflowers.

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Borage: Borage is an herb that can deter hornworms and cabbage worms, and is believed to help almost any plant increase its resistance to disease and pests.

Chrysanthemums: Chrysanthemums have large flower heads in white, yellow or pink, and they can be quite helpful with pests in the garden. Some varieties have been made into a tea for use as a pesticide to kill root nematodes and repel Japanese beetles. Bonus, they are great to cut and keep in your house for a splash of color.

Dahlias: Dahlias grow flowers with a variety of shapes and colors, making them a popular choice for flower gardeners. They're said to also repel nematodes, making them both beautiful and useful in your vegetable garden.

Lavender: Lavender is an excellent general pest repellent flower to use in your garden. It repels both fleas and moths and it can help protect other plants near it from whiteflies. Bonus, lavender can be used for everything from scented sachets, to tea to baking ... try it in shortbread cookies!

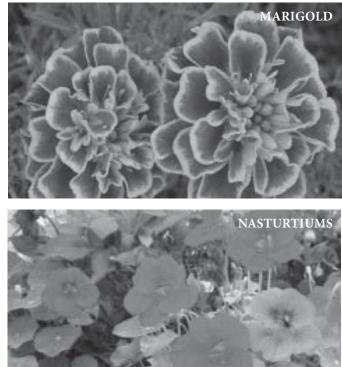
Marigold: The marigold is probably the most well known plant for repelling insects. French marigold repel whiteflies and kill bad nematodes. Mexican marigolds are said to "bug" many destructive insects. Marigold flowers come in scented and unscented varieties, with the scented ones are best used for pest deterrents. Bonus, deer don't seem to eat the marigolds as much as other flowers! It's the only one I can keep alive outside of my fence.

Nasturtiums: Nasturtiums planted near tomatoes and cucumbers can fight off aphids, whiteflies, squash bugs and cucumber beetles. The flowers, especially the yellow blooming varieties, act as a trap for aphids. Bonus, nasturtiums are edible, and delicious in salads.

Petunias: Petunias can repel asparagus beetles, leafhoppers, aphids, tomato hookworms and others.

Sunflowers: Sunflowers might be the largest flower you have in your garden, and what a better beacon to say "come on over" to beneficial pollinators. I've heard that they can draw aphids away from other plants. However, it can also attract ants ... and deer!

Happy spring everyone!





when one finally rears its ugly little noggin - is that I have a hard time remembering how to find the solution.

I remember there's a way but I can't find the path without doing a lot more digging and hacking.

Most of us, I think, would like to go through life with few (if any) trials and tribulations, and yet it seems that the struggles we endure on a daily basis, whether those problems are large or small, help keep us fresh and loose and more functionally fit.

Robert Louis Stevenson once said that we need to "sit loosely in the saddle of life."

I think it is pretty good advice. I've not ridden horses much in my life. In fact, I've only tried it once, and I was definitely loose in the saddle. We were quite a syncopated

So, why not just sit loose in the saddle and enjoy the ride? Be prudent regarding finances and weather, but don't be alarmed; be alert to the needs of those around you, but not consumed by them.

If we can bring our own lives under control, wouldn't that be a move in the right direction? Wouldn't that make life better for everyone?

Until then, we can just horse around until we've figured it out in this, our valley.

Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at kfaxberg@ gmail.com.



By Richard Stouffer*

Montana night sky highlights for April begin with giant Jupiter, which shines brightly in the evening sky and throughout most of the night. Another evening highlight is speedy Mercury, which provides its best evening appearance of the year. Later in the night the Red Planet, Mars,

Montana night sky highlights for April

increases almost two times in brightness throughout the course of the month. Mars is joined by the ringed planet, Saturn, which shines just a few degrees away from Mars. Toward dawn, brilliant Venus sinks into the solar glare in the early part of the month as it ends its several month presence in the early morning sky.

As April begins, Jupiter may be found about 40 degrees up in the eastern evening sky. Jupiter dominates the sky through most of the night, setting about a half hour before the sun as the month begins and almost two hours before the sun as April comes to a close. Jupiter may be found just below the tail section of the constellation Leo, the lion.

On the other side of the evening sky, speedy Mercury begins the month very low in the western sky, setting about 45 minutes after the sun. For about two weeks beginning around April

9, Mercury puts on its best evening appearance of the year. By April 18, Mercury sets almost two hours after the sun as it reaches its furthest distance away the sun when it appears over 10 degrees above the western horizon 45 minutes after the sun sets. After that, Mercury starts to fade rapidly until it is lost in the solar glare toward the end of the month as it speeds toward its passage over the face of the sun on May 9.

Later in the night sky, look for orange-yellow colored Mars to rise about a half hour after midnight as the month begins. Mars almost doubles in the brightness throughout the month as its speeds toward in its closest approach to Earth in 10 years at the end of May. By the end of the month, Mars rises about 10:45 p.m. Mars is soon joined by golden colored Saturn, which rises about 1:15 a.m. at the beginning of the month and about 11:15 p.m. as the month comes to a close. All month long, Mars and Saturn form a triangular pattern with reddish colored Antares, the

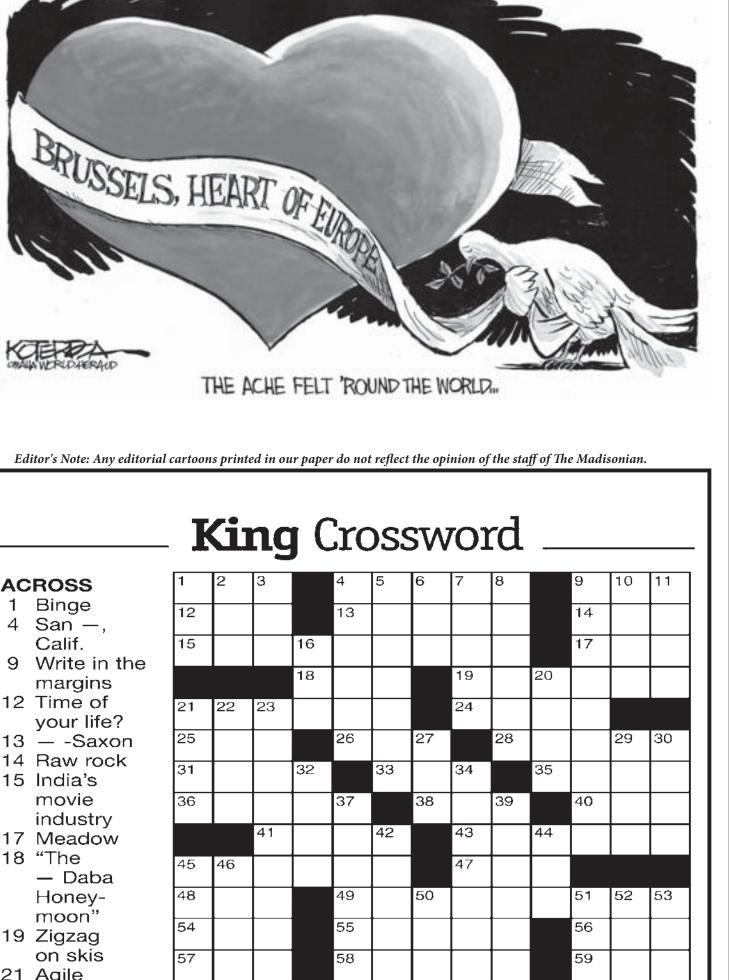
brightest star in the constellation Scorpius, which is located below the planetary pairing.

As the sky begins to brighten toward dawn, brilliant Venus rises about 25 minutes before sunrise on April 1. By the end of the first week in April, Venus becomes lost in the solar glare.

The moon appears to the upper left of Mercury on April 8 and appears very close to Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, on the evening of April 10 after passing in front of Aldebaran earlier that afternoon. The moon appears below Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on April 16 and passes close to Jupiter the next evening. The moon is full on April 21 and forms a tight triangle with Mars and Saturn on April 25.

For meteor shower watchers, the Lyrid meteor shower peaks on the morning of April 22. This shower normally produces no more than about 12 meteors per hour and is hindered by a full moon this year.

COMICS & PUZZLES



Just a Pinch Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons By Janet Tharpe Super Simple Dinner, Lemon Pepper Panko Crusted Fish "These are tasty and moist!' ooking for an easy dinner idea? Try Patti LJagodzinski's Lemon Pepper Panko Crusted Fish recipe. Serve with tartar and lemon slices as Patti suggests or turn this into a scrumptious fish sandwich. Potato flakes and Parmesan are added to lemon Panko crumbs create a lovely crunch for the delicious fish. Super easy and very tasty! See step-by-step photos of Patti's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/lemonfish You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"... (pop. 3,397) - Janet Lemon Pepper **Panko Crusted Fish Directions** What You Need 4-6 medium haddock filets, • Place flour in a plastic bag, add salt cod filets, or other firm and pepper to your liking (about a 1/2 tsp each). white fish • Add fish filets and shake to coat. 1 large egg, beaten • Mix egg with water in a dish. 1 tbsp water • Add Panko crumbs, potato flakes 1 c lemon pepper Panko and Parmesan cheese to a separate crumbs dish. 1/4 c instant potato flakes, dry • Roll fish filets in egg mixture and 1/4 c Parmesan cheese, grated Olive oil for frying, 1/4-inch then roll in Panko crumbs mixture. • Repeat back into egg mixture and depth then into Panko crumbs once more. Enough flour for dredging • Put olive oil in a fry pan and heat on fish filets medium high. Salt and pepper, to taste • Fry fish on each side for about 3 minutes or until fish are a nice golden brown and crunchy. • Remove to a plate and serve with tartar sauce and lemon wedges. Submitted by: Patti Jagodzinski, Tomahawk, WI (pop. 3,397) www.justapinch.com/lemonfish Brought to you by American Hometown Media

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Registered Nurse

Local Propane company has immediate job openings in two of our 5 locations, we are currently looking for Drivers and Service Techs. This position requires a Class B drivers license with a tanker and hazardous materials endorsement. Clean driving record and the ability to drive in adverse weather. WE OFFER a comprehensive benefit package and competitive salary. A pre-employment drug screen and background check is required. If you are interested please send your resume to our office. MRP 5658 Kessler Rd Belgrade, MT 59714 or email to office@ madisonriverpropane.com 18-tfc-b

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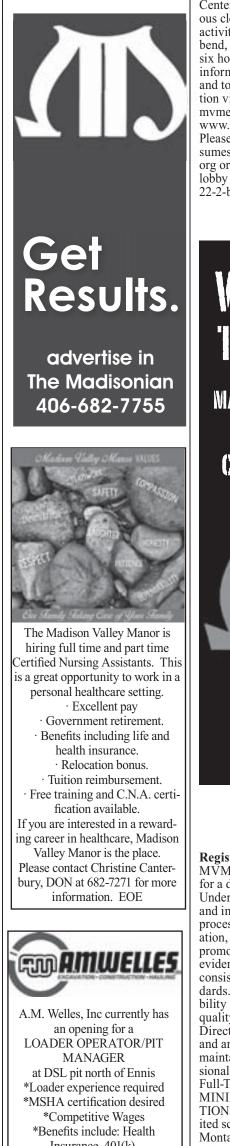
Wagon Wheel Steak House & BBQ now expanding! Hiring more Awesome people! All positions, Career Opportunity spot available. Stop By today! Twin Bridges, 684-5099 19-tfc-b



Reliable, knowledgeable individual to move and maintain side roll irrigation system in McAllister area through irrigation season. Call 210-382-1360 or 210-710-6584. 19-4-b

Cardwell store and Moose Crossing Sweets & Gifts are now hiring friendly, team oriented, energetic people with exceptional customer service skills. Send resume to cardwellstore@outlook.com or stop in to pick up an application. Starting wage at \$9.50/hr. No phone calls, please.

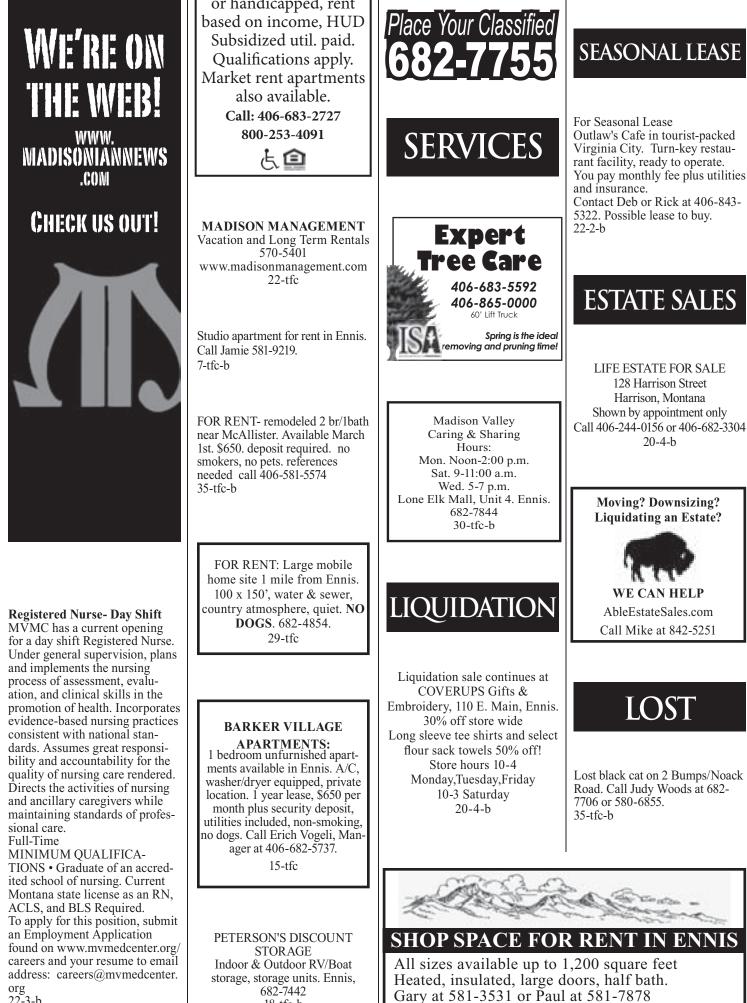
Madison Valley Medical Center is currently seeking a full time Registered Nurse to work the night shift. Under general supervision the Registered Nurse is expected to plan and implement nursing processes of assessment, evaluation, and execute clinical skills in the promotion of health. RN is expected to incorporate evidencebased nursing practices consistent with national standards. RN will assume great responsibility and accountability for the quality of nursing care rendered. It is expected that RN will direct the activities of nursing and ancillary caregivers while maintaining standards of professional care. Full-Time: 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: • Graduate of an accredited School of Nursing Current Montana State License as an RN • ACLS • CPR • BLS • Experience and competency to work in an Emergency Department setting To apply for this position, please complete an Employment Application which can be found at www.mvmedcenter.org and submit your resume to careers@mvmedcenter.org. 20-3-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

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<http:// 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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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Business Opportunity in Sheridan, MT: Own your own insurance business! Training and assistance available. Sell all types of insurance. Small down-payment. Call 406-925-0727 for more information. 23-4-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 23-tfc-b

Bicentennial Apartments

Dillon, MT., Senior Housing 62 or older or handicapped, rent

BARKER VILLAGE **APARTMENTS:** 1 bedroom furnished apart-

ments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$700 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, nonsmoking, 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

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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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 wellproven hard worker and you won't regret it. 35+ years experience, great attitude. Contact 209-2038. Ž3-2-р



OUT FOR BID

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-р

SEASONAL LEASE

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JOB NOTICE:

The Madison County Fair Board is accepting applications until April 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. for a crew assistant and three parttime Grounds Keeper positions at the fairgrounds in Twin Bridges, Montana. These are Short Term Positions. Applicants must be flexible and available to work with very little notice. There is no guarantee of the number of hours per month. No benefits are included with the position. Interested candidates may obtain a job description and employment application by contacting the Madison County Fair Office at (406) 684-5824, via email at mcfair@3rivers. net, or visit our website at www. madison.mt.gov. Please submit applications to the Madison County Fair, P.O. Box 414, Twin Bridges, MT 59754. Madison County is an equal opportunity employer. 23-2-b

McAllister Inn hiring line cook. Please stop by for application or call 682-5000. 23-tfc-b

Hiring customer service/sales associate. Full or part time will be considered. Building material knowledge helpful but not required. Pay based on experience. Stop in and talk to Kyle today. Énnis Lumber Company. 23-2-b

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Insurance, 401(k), Paid vacation, Dental & Vision Call for application: 406-685-3372 or *Fax resume to: 406-685-3270 or *Email resume to: Susan at: norrisfilter@hotmail.com 21-5-b

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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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 Court house 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 Mort-gage 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 add ed 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 The conveyance will be made by checks) Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary

the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED DEBT. 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, know 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 Gavir 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 MNAXLP

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. (Pub. March 17, 24, 31 2016) mc

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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 Coun ty 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 the lowest and best rensible bidder that is a county resident and that makes a bid that is no more than \$500.00 or 3% higher, whichever is less, than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder that is not a county resident". Prices are to be guaranteed to September 30, 2016. Madison County Weed Board reserves the right to reject any or all irregularities in

quotes. Date: 2/11/16 /s/ Betty Sykes, Chairperson Madison County Weed Board /s/ David Schulz. Chairman Madison County Commissioners (Pub. March 17, 24, 31 2016) mcwb **MNAXLP**

CALL FOR BIDS

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COP Construction LLC requests quotes from qualified MBE/WBE/DBE subcontractors and suppliers from all trades for the "Blaine Spring Creek – 8 Miles South Ennis – Federal Aid Project STPB 249-1(8)7" for the Montana Department of Transportation. Bid date is April 7, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Bids are due by April 6, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Types of work needed include, but are not limited to: Asphalt Paving, Aggregate Supply, Concrete Supply, Drilled Shaft, Erosion Control, Rebar Tie, Guard Rail, Fencing, Seeding, Traffic Control, Signing, Surveying, Trucking, Earthwork / Ex-cavation, and Stream Restoration. Contact Christian Duffus at cduffus@copconstruction.com or at COP Construction LLC, 242 S. 64th St West, Billings, MT 59106, 406-656-4632 or by fax at 406-655-9286. Plans and specifications are available at Contract Plans Bureau of the Montana Department of Transportation, 2701 Prospect Avenue, P.O Box 201001, Helena, Montana 59620-1001. COP Construction LLC is an EEO company. (Pub. March 24, 31, 2016) cop

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESS-MENT AND PUBLIC MEETING-Madison County is preparing an application for a Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Grant from the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC). TSEP grants are a state action subject to the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). As required by the MEPA and DOC regulations, Madison County has prepared draft Environmental Assessments (EA's) that evaluate the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed projects. This notice announces the availability of the draft EAs for public review and comments as well as the date and time of a Public Meeting regarding the proposed

project.

gets, environmental issues, and potential funding partnerships. On Monday, April 11th, 2016, the Commission will review and consider all comments, and Madison County will decide that either:

1.An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary; 2 The Environmental Assessment did not ad

equately reflect the issues raised by the proposed action and must be revised; or 3.An EIS is not necessary, and make a final decision on the proposed action (submitting

the application for TSEP funding). All interested persons will be given the oppor tunity - and are encouraged - to ask questions and to express their opinions regarding the proposed project and its environmental impacts. Comments may be given orally at the meeting or submitted in writing prior to 5 p.m on April 6th. Written comments and request for further information should be sent to: Jer-

emiah Theys, Great West Engineering, 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, MT 59601 (406) 495-6193, email: jtheys@greatwesteng.com. (Pub. March 24, 31, 2016) mcc MNAXLP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Notice is hereby given of the East Bench Irri-gation District Annual Meeting Tuesday, April

2016 at the Beaverhead County House in the District Court Room at 7:00 p.m. (Pub. March 24, 31, 2016) ebid MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM EDGAR HANLEY. Deceased Probate No. 29-2016-8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the un-

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

Claims must be either mailed to John Joshua Hanley, the Personal Representative, c/o Kruer Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749, return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 14th Day of March, 2016. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. /s/ Stephanie Gehres Kruer STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUER Attorney for Personal Representative (Pub. March 24, 31, April 7, 2016) sk MNAXLP

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGU-LAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REG-ISTRATION

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Clerks of Alder School District No. 2, Sheridan School District No. 5, Harrison School District No. 23, Twin Bridges School District No. 7, 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 Monday, April 4 2016.

NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on 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 Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot. All active and inactive electors of Sheridan

presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by ap-pearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office. Late registration is only available through the county election office, and not the school district.

The county election office is located at: 103 West Wallace St., Virginia City, MT 59755 DATED this 23 day of March, 2016 /s/ Judi Ward, Clerk, Harrison School /s/ Kathleen Wuelfing, Clerk, Alder School /s/ Rebecca Larsen, Clerk, Sheridan School /s/ Joyann L. Breakall, Clerk, Twin Bridges

School (Pub. March 31, April 7, 2016) ss, as, hs, tbs ÌMNAXLP

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received up to and includ-ing 3:00 PM on April 20, 2016, and will be publicly opened and read aloud in the offices of the Design and Construction, 1522 9TH Av enue, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, for: Varney Bridge FAS Improvements 2016, FWP # 7153716 near Ennis, MT. Bids shall be submitted on the form provided within the Contract Documents. Contract documents may be secured from the Mon-tana Fish Wildlife & Parks Web Site, Design & Construction Upcoming Bid Openings at: http://fwp.mt.gov/doingBusiness/designAnd-Construction/upcomingBidOpenings.html For more information contact the following: Kevin McDonnell Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Design & Construction 1522 9th Avenue P O Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701

PH: 406-841-4007 FX: 406-841-4004 A refundable deposit of -0- is required for

each plan set. A PRE-BID WALK-THROUGH IS SCHED ULED FOR APRIL 13, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MEET AT VAR-NEY BRIDGE FAS. ATTENDANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

All bids over \$25,000.00 must be accompanied by a bid security meeting the require-ments of the State of Montana in the amount of 10% of the total bid. After award, the successful bidder must furnish an approved Performance Security and a Labor & Mate-rial Payment Security each in the amount of 100% of the contract

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) calendar days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids except as noted in the Instruction to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any and all irregularities or informalities and the right to determine what constitutes any and all irregularities or informalities

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with an applicant's ability to compete in the bidding and/or selection pro-cess. In order for the state to make such accommodations, applicants must make known any needed accommodation to the individual project managers or agency contacts listed in the contract documents. Persons using TDD may call the Montana Relay Service at 1-800-253-4091.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT OF FISH WILDLIFE AND

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(Pub. March 31, April 7, 14, 2016) mfwp MNAXLP

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST ONE NEW ORIGI-NAL MONTANA RETAIL ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER AND WINE LICENSE Poor Orphan Creamery, LLC (Lark Gilmer-Smothermon, Owner) has applied for one Montana Retail On-Premises new original Consumption Beer and Wine License No. 25-999-4506-301 to be operated at Poor Orphan Creamery, 13 Laurin Loop, Sheridan, Madison County. The public may protest this license in accordance with the law Who can protest this license? Protests will

be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location (Madison), residents of adjoining Montana counties (Beaverhead, Silver Bow, Jefferson and Gallatin), and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4)(d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number (25-999-4506-301) and the applicant's name (Poor Orphan Creamery, LLC); (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.

What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifica-tions listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location

will be adversely and seriously affected. How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before May 2, 2016.

What happens if the license is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Sheridan. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protester's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg. mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Danette Tenneson, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Liquor Control Division, at (406) 444-4332 or DTenneson@mt.gov. (Pub. March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2016) dor

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Cause No. DV-29-2015-53 Honorable Loren Tucker

SHINING MOUNTAINS OWNERS ASSOCIA-

TION, Plaintiff

MICHAEL GRAHAM, SHARI GRA-HAM

DARREN McALLEN, and KATHLEEN McALLEN,

Defendants TO: Michael Graham

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of District Court, a copy of which is deemed herewith served upon you. Within twenty-one (21) days after service of this Summons on you, you must serve on the Plaintiff, an answer to the Complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure. Do not include the day you were served in your calculation of time. The answer or motion must be served on the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's attorney, if Plaintiff is represented by an attorney, whose name and address is listed above. This action involves the following-described

real property in which you have or claim an interest Lot 197, of The Shining Mountains, Unit II,

a Subdivision, in Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana. (Plat Reference in Book 4 of Plats, page 50 records of Madison County, Montana.) Plaintiff has sought relief in this action including a declaration that the Protective Cov-enants recorded July 24, 1972 in Book 232, Page 70, Madison County, Montana restrict the use of the above-described real property and injunctive relief restraining Defendants' breach of the Covenants.



Based on the draft findings of the Preliminar Engineering Reports (PER's), the proposed action generally consists of the replacement of the Laurin Bridge and the Giem Bridge. The Laurin Bridge over the Ruby River is located approximately 8 miles southeast of Sheridan and the Giem Bridge over the Beaverhead River is located 5 miles southwest of Twin Bridaes.

Copies of the draft EAs are available for review at the office of the Madison County Commission, 103 West Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT 59755. Madison County will consider all substantive comments received in response to the draft EAs.

The Madison County Commissioners will hold a Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, April 7th, 2016 at the Madison County Weed Office at 2296 MT Highway 287, Alder, Montana in order to discuss the draft EA's and present the PER research for the Laurin Bridge Replacement project. The Giem Bridge Project will be submitted for 2018 TSEP funding. At the Public Meeting, the proposed projects

will be explained, including the purpose and proposed areas of the work, activities, bud-

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School District, No.5 are entitled to vote a said election

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Persons who wish to register and who are not



If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

You also must file your answer or motion with the Court.

Jated this 21st day of March, 2016. /s/ KAREN J. MILLER, Clerk of District Court (Pub. March 31, April 7, 14, 2016) blt MNAXLP



Madison County Sanitarian's Office P.O. Box 278 - 103 W. Wallace Street Virginia City, MT 59755 (0) 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.

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?



SUBMITTED BY **RUSS WHITACRE ENNIS LIONS CLUB**

The Ennis Lions Club President Ken Sciuchetti presentS a check to Shae Lovett, a sixth grader at Ennis Elementary School to recognize her science fair project, "Do You See What I See?" an experiment examining how different groups of people view first impressions differently.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT **MADISON VALLEY MANOR**



SUBMITTED BY MELODY CLARK

Madison Valley Manor residents had a good week celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Bingo was played and planning for the St Patrick's party was enjoyed. A special lime sherbet punch was made for the party. It was also happy hour and included yummy treats. On Friday the residents were visited by the children from the Ennis Community Children's School, which they always enjoy. Pictured here are Doc L., Elle C., and Butch N.

Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor KJV 842-5602

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

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Rocky Mountain Baptist Church 682-4949

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Madison Valley for the



Dayspring Church Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Nurserv Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship Joel Trenkle/Pastor Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com 596-0707 • 3648 Hwy 287 Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges <u>HARRISON</u> COMMUNITY CHURCH Harrison, Montana Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m. Pastor Joe Miller

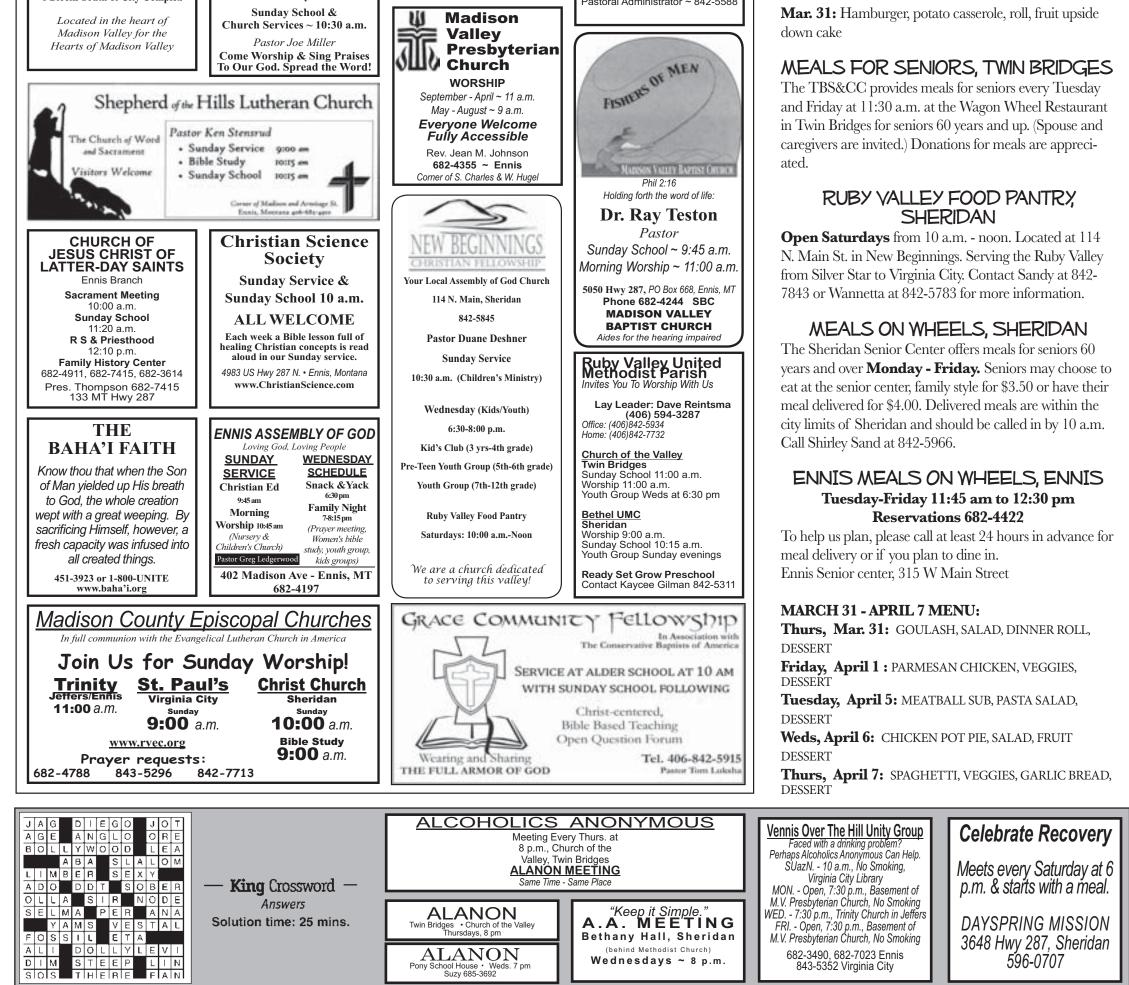


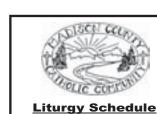
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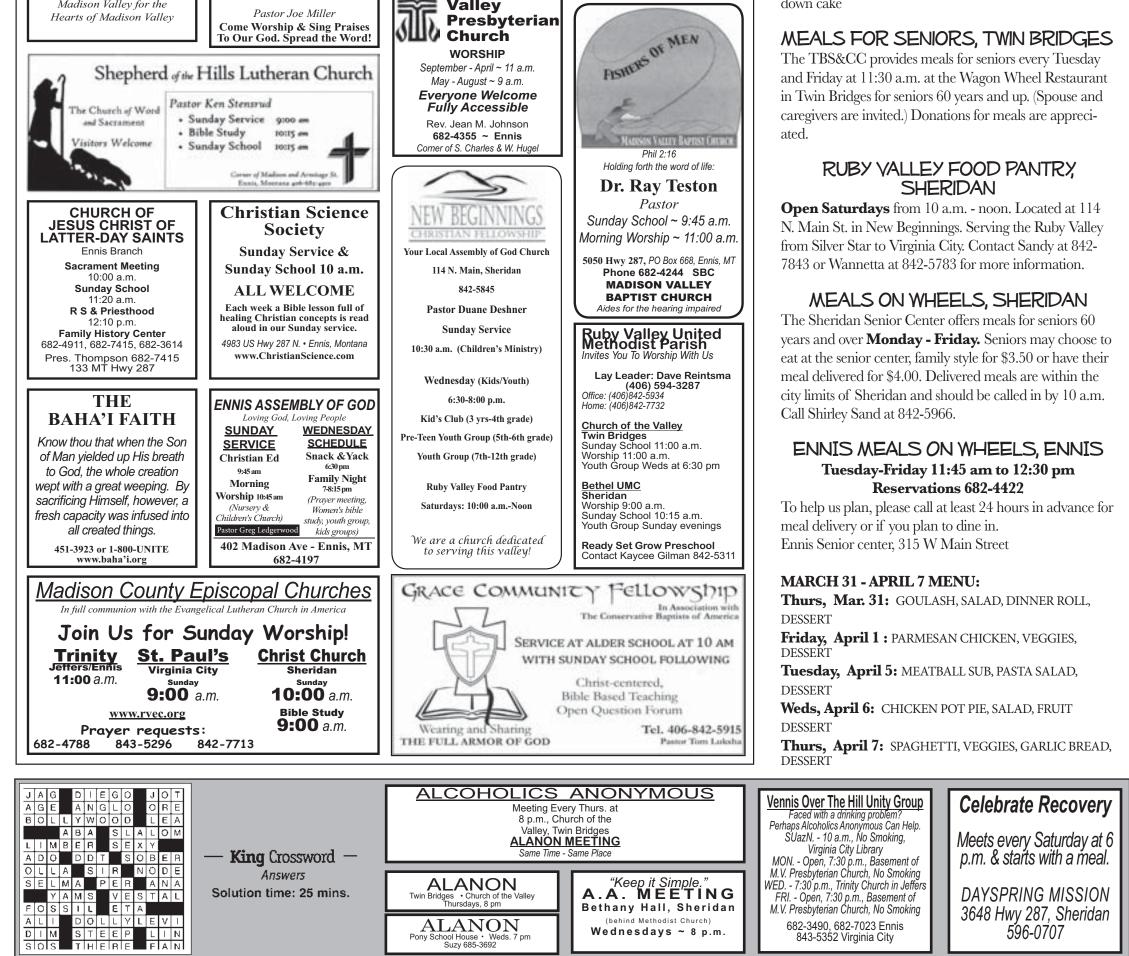
Bishop Dustin 684-5255





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

St. Mary, Laurin Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m. Deacon Andy Dorrington, astoral Administrator ~ 842-5588





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



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We will be OPEN for Easter, this Year!!! Sunday, March 27th, 2016 Celebrate Spring with your Family & Friends!

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Sheridan FCCLA members find their roar

SUBMITTED BY **ROXANE SHAMMEL** Sheridan Schools

Seven Sheridan Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America members and advisor, Roxane Shammel, along with chaperone, Kacey Smart, enhanced their college and career ready skills while attending the 69th Annual State FCCLA conference in Billings, March 20-22. Members attended

workshops and a college fair as well as competed in Star Events. They listened to Keynote Speaker, Scott Backovich who talked about being a catalyst.

The Sheridan Chapter received a silver Star Chapter and advisor, Roxane Shammel, received a pin and certificate for 35 years of advising FCCLA students.

Beth Hamilton received gold in Career Investigation, Zoe Lee and Kenna Millhouse, silver in Chapter in Review Portfolio, Janie Smart, silver in illustrated talk, Isaac Bendon, bronze in illustrated talk, and Aislinn Deavel and Katie Fritts, silver in interpersonal communications. Three members received first or second in their events and will be representing Sheridan FCCLA and Montana FCCLA in San Diego, Calif., this July.



From (L): Beth Hamilton, Kenna Millhouse and Zoe Lee.

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SUBMITTED BY RUSS WHITACRE ENNIS LIONS CLUB

On Saturday, March 26, the Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Lions Park with several hundred people in attendance. Pictured (L) are children lining up to get candy from the Easter Lion and (R) after finding eggs participants sat down in center field to egg-samine their bounty.



Trapp elected vice president of Montana Healthcare Communications and Development Association

SUBMITTED BY MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION AND MONTANA HEALTHCARE COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Christie Trapp, Executive Director Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation was elected vice president of Montana Healthcare Communications and Development Association, an affiliate society of the Montana Hospital Association.

The MHA is an association whose members provide the full spectrum of health care services, including hospital inpatient and outpatient, skilled nursing facility, home health, hospice, physician, assisted living, senior housing and insurance services. Many notfor-profit acute care hospitals in Montana are a member, ranging from the smallest critical access hospitals providing primary care services in Montana's rural communities to some of the largest tertiary care hospitals in the state.

MHA offers a variety of services, including advocacy of members' interests with state and federal governmental agencies and legislative bodies, regulatory assistance, data products, education programs and communications. The MHA is the principal advocate for the interests of members in their efforts to improve the health status of the communities they serve. The MHCCDA, which Trapp will serve on, focuses on public relations and marketing and foundations.

Trapp's health care fundraising experience as executive director for the Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation and her background in global marketing and communications makes her an ideal candidate.

During her current position with the Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation, Trapp has developed more than \$6 Million in five years for the nonprofit. Trapp now joins two other MVMC executives who have been recognized for their profession; Dr. R.D. Marks, Chief of Staff named Montana Family Physician of the Year in 2015 by the Montana Academy of Family Physicians, and John Bishop, CEO named by the Bozeman Daily Chronicle in 2015 as one of the Top 20 Business Professionals under the age of 40 in Southwest Montana.



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Montana Heritage Commission PO Box 338 Virginia City, MT 59755 www.virginiacitymt.com

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 139, Belgrade, MT 39314, will be held on April 7th 2016 at the University of Montana Western, Lewis & Clark room in Dillon, Montana at 6000 PM for dinner and 7000 PM for transaction of any business that may properly come before the meeting.

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You are hereby notified that at said meeting, the following will be presented to the membership: i) Election of two members of the Board of Directors. (One from Beaverhead-Madison area, one from the

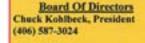
 Election of two members of the Board of Directors. (One from Beaverhead-Madison area, one from the Gallatin Valley area.)

Anyone interested in becoming a board member, please contact any of the Board of Directors. Audited Financial Report

- 5) 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 (406) 388-4008



Jim Sitz, Vice President (406) 683-5277

John Jackson, Secretary (406) 834-3131

Ryan Gaasch (406) 925-1251

Shirley Wilson (406) 266-4068

Mark Reyher (406) 388-4656

Bob Marx 405-388-4624

Please call your local outlet for information and directions, or call the Belgrade Corporate Office.

This is an important meeting, the Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc. requests your presence. By the order of the Board of Directors, John Jackson, Secretary



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WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

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Meeting, Ennis A meeting of fellowship and comfort. 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.

FRIDAY APRIL 1

April Fool's Day party. Cameron Cabin fever bash at the Blue Moon Saloon. Begins at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY APRIL 2

Library soiree, Virginia City

Come enjoy music from Dave Walker and gather with libraries from around Southwest Montana. The party begins at 4 p.m. at the Thompson-Hickman Library.

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 am, at the Madison Valley Public Library.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

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.

Hunting presentation. Twin Bridges

Come learn about lead ammunition's impact on wildlife and how hunters are leading the way to address the issue beginning at 6:30 p.m. Contact dave@ rubyhabitat.org for more information.

APRIL 9-10

Drama club, Sheridan Sheridan High School presents "Arsenic and Old Lace" Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. Call 842-5302 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

GO TO OUTPOSTEVENTS. NET FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF EVENTS

Book club discussion of "A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra at the Madison Valley Public Library beginning at 1 p.m.

drive from 1-6 p.m. at the Madison Valley Medical Center. For appointment cal Judy at 682 3530. Walk-ins welcome.

> FRIDAY APRIL 15

Mock accident, Ennis Ennis Ambulance Service will be holding its second annual mock accident focusing on drinking and driving at 9 am on the football field.

Gathering, Sheridan Celebrate the end of tax

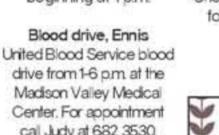
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season with the Friends of the Sheridan Library at the seventh annual Tax Relief Gathering at the Episcopal Hall in Sheridan Cal 842-5770 for more information.

SATURDAY APRIL 18

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



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

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

Books and Bables, Ennis Madison Valley Pub-

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City Meeting the first Tues-day 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 af 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 lic Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

Grief Support Group, Ennis Everyone welcome. Meet's every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist

THURSDAYS

Church

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

MV Manor Auxilary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH 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 tast-ing 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.



Closed Tues & Weds will be entered into the swim program How Much Ones When Gree The Lessons? Every Saturday from April 16 - May 21 Leave Ennis at 9:30 a.m., return at 2:30 p.m. Contact Carrie Welch. (transportation provided **MVAC** Executive Director by Ennis Schools) Signup ends April 11th! 682-4023 115 Man St. Ennis, MT Friday, April 1 - Sunday, April 3, 2016 ZOOTOPIA (PG) Friday & Saturday 7:15 pm Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm Poleon COMING SOON: EDDIE THE EAGLE (FG-13), MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN (FG), BATMAN V SUPERMANEDAWIN OF JUSTICE (FG-13) Evenings: Adults \$3 • Children (12 & under) \$6 Show time at 7.15 pm Box Office opera at 6.30 pm ind us on 🖬 at Madoortheatteenvis a nist, WILLIES DISTILLERY UPCOMING EVENTS: 33 8 Maini minane, existe 406-682-417 WWW.WILLINGSPILLING.COM EVERY FRIDAY WE HAVE LIVE MUSIC FROM 5:30 - 7:30 PM COME JOIN THE FUN, LISTEN TO SOME GREAT MUSIC AND ENJOY SPIRITS WITH A WESTERN PLANOR! FRIDAY APRIL 1ST: JEFF BALLINO FRIDAY APRIL 8TH: WILLIE JAMES FRIDAY APRIL 15TH: STEVE INGRAM FRIDAY APRIL 22ND: ED COYLE FRIDAY APRIL 29TH: LEFT FOR DEAD ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY BOTTLING PARTIES!"