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## MARCH MOISTURE

### Spring storms benefit Southwest Montana snowpack percentage

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"March was kind to us," exclaimed Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service. "March came through for us and then some."

At the beginning of last month, Zukiewicz said the Madison and Ruby valleys were not "too far off" from normal. Throughout March, though, they did nothing but improve.

"March is always really important to us," he said. "We really start to see an upswing in terms of precipitation in our basins. That promise came through this year, which is awesome."

#### The Ruby

The Ruby River Basin, which is part of the larger Jefferson River Basin, was at 92 percent of normal snowpack on March 1 and jumped 12 percentage points to 103 percent of normal as of April 1.

"Even though it was raining in the valley, it was snowing up high, which is great," Zukiewicz said. "Last year at this time in the Ruby (River Basin), we were only at 69 percent of normal. So we are in way better shape than we were this time of last year."

#### The Madison

Zukiewicz said the Ruby River Basin usually fares a little better than the Madison, but this year the positive moisture pattern trickled over the hill.

"The Upper Madison (River Basin) above Hebgen went from 85 percent of normal on March 1 to 92 percent of normal on April 1," Zukiewicz said. "It's really just one storm away from being normal at this point."

Last year on April 1, the Upper Madison River Basin was only at

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Spring storms dusted the valleys and mountains with snow, benefitting overall snowpack percentages.

## SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH



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Casey Klasna, current Terry superintendent, answers questions from the Ennis School Board during his interview for the superintendent job on March 29.

### Ennis School Board offers Klasna the job

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After two days of deliberation, on March 31, 2016, the Ennis School Board offered a superintendent contract to Casey Klasna.

"We won't know the finality of it all until the (April 6) board meeting," said board chair John Scully. "In terms of his final decision."

Klasna and three other candidates interviewed for the position on Tuesday, March 29. Following interviews, the board went into an executive session to discuss their options. They recessed and met again on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31 before deciding to offer Klasna the job.

#### Klasna's background

Born and raised in Lambert, a small, eastern Montana town, Klasna grew up on a ranch. After rodeoing for a year at community college, Klasna transferred to Dickinson State University in North Dakota, where he graduated with an education degree.

After working in Wolf Point, he got a teaching job in Terry – he ultimately went back to school to get his superintendent endorsement, and got the job of superintendent and kindergarten through 12th-grade principal in Terry in 2010.

"I wear a lot of hats," Klasna said during his interview. "I'm really hard on myself. I want to do well."

The Ennis School Board worked their way through set questions with each candidate – when Scully asked Klasna how he measures his own effectiveness, Klasna said he focuses on the relationships he builds.

"I measure my effectiveness by my relationship with the community," he said. "And my relationships with the staff, students and board."

Klasna said he is not afraid to make tough decisions, which is one thing a superintendent has to do.



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## HYDROELECTRIC CAPABILITIES AT CLARK CANYON

### Proposal to use dam at headwaters of Beaverhead River to generate power

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is currently examining a proposal from Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC to turn the Clark Canyon Dam into a hydroelectric facility.

"We're at the tail end of the process," said Steve Disley, who works with Aquila, the company that owns Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC. "The next step will be an (environmental assessment) and then FERC granting us the license itself."

Disley said FERC is aiming for a decision by May 1.

The Clark Canyon Dam is located southwest of Dillon and is the head of the Beaverhead River, which flows into Madison County near Twin Bridges and joins with the Ruby and Big

Hole rivers to form the Jefferson River. The Bureau of Reclamation owns the dam facility, which was constructed in the 1960s, according to Chris Gomer with the Bureau of Reclamation's Billings field office.

"The project was not authorized for power development originally," Gomer said. "That's why FERC is involved now. The proposal is under the jurisdiction of FERC."

A company called River Bank, which was funded by Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC, received a FERC license to make the facility hydroelectric back in 2008, Disley said.

"Within those licenses there are requirements to start construction by a certain date," he said. "If you don't do that, the license is terminated ... River Bank went belly up, so rather than lose our investment, we purchased the project. By the

time we got in there and got everything sorted out, we hit the date and FERC terminated our license."

The day after the license was terminated, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC applied for another license, Disley said.

#### Impact on the Beaverhead

"People think we're going to build this big facility and increase flows and impact the fish," Disley said. "That's the heartache we're having. We're not changing any flows or asking for more flows to create energy."

Disley said the dam will operate with the same flows it historically has – the only difference is that the water will be released through a turbine instead of an outlet pipe.

"Our agreement with FERC and the Bureau

of Reclamation is that we take the water they give us and that's all we use," Disley explained.

According to Gomer, the Bureau of Reclamation is supportive of these kind of developments so long as the "appropriate environmental steps are taken."

"In general, we are very supportive of the inclusion of green energy to our facilities," he said.

Travis Horton, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks region three fisheries manager, emphasized that if FERC grants the license, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC will only be allowed to generate electricity when irrigators along the river are drawing water from the reservoir.

"The dam would operate the same way it is now," Horton said. "They would only draw dur-

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"I don't make them all of the sudden," he said. "Lots of education and lots of studying (goes into it). A lot of discussion."

Since Klasna has been the Terry superintendent for six years, he is familiar with budgets.

"It's important to keep the board informed," he said. "Having a good working relationship with the clerk is important."

When asked about his strengths as a leader and a person, Klasna referred to his outgoing personality.

"I tell people what's on my

mind," he said. "I've made decisions that are tough. But I make decisions I think are right for the kids."

**The interviews**

Three other candidates interviewed for the job on March 29 - Ennis Elementary School principal Brian Hilton, Savage

Superintendent Lynne Peterson and Broadview Superintendent Rob Osborne.

"I think the whole board felt we had four good candidates in the process," Scully said. "Without a doubt. It was a very difficult decision for a variety of reasons."



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**Casey Klasna**  
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 in Ennis about  
 what qualifications  
 he has that would  
 make him a good  
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-ing irrigation season."

Horton said the Beaverhead River is an "amazing" fishery.

"It has a high density of fish with great flows during the spring, summer and into the fall, because of the irrigation," he said. "Flows drop in the winter."



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Karen Shores from Cameron recognized her stomping grounds - this photo is of U.S. Highway 287 between Cameron and Ennis.





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The Woodson Ranch.

## Madison, Ruby valley conservation districts recognize responsible land management

ABIGAIL DENNIS  
The Madisonian

Once a year, the Madison Valley Conservation District and the Ruby Valley Conservation District receive nominations for their stewardship awards. This year, the Madison Valley Conservation District selected John and Donna Crumley, McAllister ranchers, as awardees. In the Ruby Valley, Craig and Martha Woodson received the 2016 award. Read on to find out how the Crumleys and Woodsons have made a difference in conserving Madison County as stewards of the land.

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Craig and Martha Woodson.



## CRAIG AND MARTHA WOODSON

### Creating a symbiotic relationship between agriculture, recreation and wildlife

Craig and Martha Woodson discovered Southwest Montana because of fly fishing. As avid fishermen, they traveled to Twin Bridges to cast lines and hook fish.

"Craig was a big outdoorsman," explained Martha. "We loved to fly fish so we kept coming up for several years before we bought the ranch."

The piece of Ruby Valley property the Woodsons eventually purchased in 1992 is located along the Ruby River, just north of Laurin. When they bought the property, they were looking for a place to recreate in retirement for 10 years, then sell and move back to Texas.

Then the Ruby Valley worked its way into their hearts.

"Little did we know we would totally fall in love with the land," Martha said.

Craig connected with Ruby Valley staple Les Gilman and the two started talking about natural resources, conservation and exploring how recreation, agriculture and wildlife can co-exist in harmony.

"As they owned the property and enjoyed it for 10 years, they became very interested in the complexity of natural resource management," Les explained. "As the 10 years came up, their passion for the property and the Ruby Valley had become so important to them they weren't able to walk away."

Craig and Martha decided they wanted to see their mission carried on into the future, so they created the Ruby Habitat Foundation in 2002.

"The entire time they owned the property they gave a lot of thought to things they could do to fix or enhance the land, like streambank

work and reseeding and replacing irrigation structures," Gilman said. "But they also gave a lot of thought to the management practices they could incorporate that would have beneficial impacts."

That forward-thinking approach to land management led the Woodsons down a path of "experimentation," Martha said.

"We thought, 'wouldn't it be a good idea to learn more about what we could do for the valley by experimenting with agriculture and recreational practices?'" Martha said. "Like demonstrating a 20 acre plot can support not just a home, but be a combination of a lovely home, farmed grains and animals."

Craig, Martha and Les, with the help of many others, conducted many trials dealing with forage, grazing, irrigating and more.

"Not all of them worked!" Martha exclaimed. "We tried something with Indian rice grass that we were very excited about. We harvested it and I used it to make bread to give out for Christmas and apparently it was terrible!"

Though Craig passed away in 2011, the Ruby Habitat Foundation exists as his legacy – dedicated to preventing the degradation of natural resources. And every year, Martha returns to the Ruby Valley, which she says is "the most wonderful valley there is."

"We only have so much land," Martha said. "The resource can be very fragile. It is very important to preserve it for future generations. How we use it and what we do will effect not only our environment, but that of the wildlife and our neighbors and everything else."

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– Martha Woodson

## JOHN AND DONNA CRUMLEY

### Showing how ranching and conserving natural resources go hand-in-hand

John Crumley's parents moved to the Madison Valley from Idaho Falls when he was only two or three years old – 1948 or 49. John's uncles owned a ranch up Meadow Creek north of Ennis and his family joined the operation, farming certified seed potatoes.

"They bought this ranch in 1959," John said from his home along the north shore of Ennis Lake.

John graduated from Ennis Schools and taught for a few years after graduating college. His wife, Donna, was raised in Billings but attended school in Ennis her junior year, which is how the two met.

After 10 years living in Belgrade, the couple moved to the Madison Valley for good, purchasing a ranch next door to John's parent's place.

"The 10 years we lived in Belgrade we came here every weekend," Donna said, explaining why they made the move. "I mean, every weekend."

The couple raised three daughters on the ranch – Donna says ranching is a great way to raise a family.

"Ranching teaches them how to work," she said.

"It's something they can do with you," John added.

When John's father passed away, the Crumleys bought the home ranch, where they are now. "John is a very active, progressive guy with what he's been doing on the ranch," said Kevin Suzuki, chair of the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group weed committee. "He chairs the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group, promoting the ranching lifestyle."

For John, the reasoning behind caring for the

land is simple.

"If you don't take care of the land, you won't be here very long," he said. "You don't always make the right decision, but you do the best you can with what you've got."

Or, in other words, "If you don't keep your grass in good shape, it shows up in your cows," John added.

The Crumleys placed a conservation easement on the ranch around 10 years ago – meaning the land can never be subdivided and/or developed.

"It keeps some open spaces around," John said. "We're lucky – the Madison Valley has the most acres in conservation easements out of all the valleys around Yellowstone National Park."

Ranching comes with its own plethora of issues, ranging from predators like wolves to pests like gophers.

The ranch is located along Meadow Creek, and the Crumleys are the last irrigators along the creek.

"We had flood irrigation but put in pivots," John said, explaining another project that has allowed them to use water efficiently. "These pastures only had a couple springs but we put in six tanks and pipes. It makes a lot of difference the way the cattle use the grass."

The Crumleys believe they are lucky – when they first moved back to the Madison Valley, Donna told John he started smiling a lot more.

"A neighbor offered me a lot of money for this place," John said. "And I've always liked Northern Nevada, so we went and looked at ranches. There was a little drawback with each one. I came back here and decided the Madison is good. Very good."

*"If you don't take care of the land, you won't be here very long. You don't always make the right decision, but you do the best you can with what you've got."*

– John Crumley



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John and Donna Crumley.



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## Marjean McAtee Tezak June 21, 1935 - April 3, 2016



Marjean McAtee Tezak was born June 21, 1935, in Ennis. She passed away on April 3, 2016, from an unexpected heart condition after being life

flighted to Missoula.

Marjean loved spending time with her large family and many friends and cooking (baking a cake for any occasion) and was one of the best cooks in the valley.

She loved to travel in her younger years, whether by boat, train or plane. And, of course, loved to go dancing and danced into her 80s.

She grew up in Cameron and was the youngest of six children and last surviving.

She attended school at Bear Creek School, Ennis, Bozeman Catholic Schools and graduated valedictorian from Ennis

High School and attended Western Montana College in Dillon.

She married her high school sweetheart, Joseph Allen Tezak of Sheridan. They were married 47 years. He preceded her in death in December 2002.

She is survived by her six living children: Joseph (Julie) Tezak, Edward Tezak, Sandra (Steve) Williams, Sherry Myers, Anthony (Connie) Tezak and Shelley (Tim) Dietrich; 18 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

She loved spending time and taking rides with her best

friend, Norman Dixon.

She would always say, "I wonder what Heaven is like?" Now she knows!

She was very loved, respected by many and will be missed by all.

Mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday, April 7, at 11 a.m. from St. Mary Catholic Church at Laurin. A parish vigil service was Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. from St. Mary Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Laurin Cemetery.

K&L Mortuaries of Sheridan is assisting with arrangements.

## Francis C. "Bud" Davis October 7, 1929 - March 28, 2016

Francis C. "Bud" Davis was born Oct. 7, 1929, in Hardin to Francis and Jennie Peck Davis. Bud died March 28, 2016, at his home in Sheridan after a long illness.

Bud was raised in Billings and married Margaret Ennis in 1949 and they later divorced. Bud married Pat Dixon Rodgers in 1966.

Bud worked as a farm implement salesman in Billings, Whitehall and Dillon, retiring

in 1994. In retirement, Bud pursued his hobby of creating beautiful horseshoe art, hunting, camping and fishing. He was a member of the Elks for 61 years, serving as an exalted ruler and district deputy, and was selected as Elk of the Year two times. Bud loved playing the guitar, singing and entertaining at many dances over the years. Bud served as a volunteer firefighter for many years and served a term on the

Sheridan city council.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents, his three sisters Noreen, Betty and Margaret, daughter Allyson, stepdaughter Denise and grandson Chris.

Bud is survived by his wife Pat; son Kevin (Sherrie) of Billings; son Ford (Jennie) of Sheridan; stepdaughters Debra (Marty) DeMarris of Helena and Dee Kougliouls of Butte; half brothers Mike (Pat) Davis

and Patrick Davis of Washington; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be sent to Frontier Home, Health and Hospice, 1940 Dewey Blvd, Butte, MT 59701 or charity of the donor's choice.

Memorial services will be held Friday, April 1, at 11:30 a.m. from the K&L Mortuary Chapel at Sheridan with Mike Yakawich officiating.

## Harrison third quarter honor roll

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### High school "A" honor roll

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A memorial service will be held at the Methodist Church in Sheridan at 11 am on Saturday April 23, 2016 for

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## Slippery roads

Semi hauling talc loses traction on hill; no injuries

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At 5 a.m. on March 30, a semi truck headed up Virginia City hill toward Ennis lost traction at mile marker 11, just west of the racetrack, according to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson.

"He had 40,000 pounds of talc from Dillon enroute back to Louisiana," Thompson said. "(The) tires lost traction on snow and ice and he then slid backward into the ditch."

Thompson said both traffic from both directions was partially blocked for the eight and one-half hours – equipment was used to unload the bags of talc so the truck and trailer could be removed.

"The vehicle was not damaged and the driver was not injured," Thompson added.

In addition to the Madison County Sheriff's Office, the Montana Highway Patrol responded to the wreck.

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN

**It took eight and one-half hours to unload then remove the truck from the ditch on Virginia City hill.**

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57 percent of normal, Zukiewicz added. "Below Hebgen saw a little more moisture," he continued. "It was 92 percent (of normal) on March 1 and improved to 105 percent of normal for April 1. Last year, it was only at 72 percent of normal at this time."

The overall basin peak snowpack usually occurs around the end of April or beginning of May for high elevation sites, Zukiewicz explained.

"Lower sites will make the transition probably around the beginning of the month," he said. "We had ample moisture this month and that's a good thing, but we need to keep it going."

Zukiewicz pointed out it is important to remember the area will still benefit from snowfall throughout April and into May.

"We want a slow release of the snow into our water system and to do that, we need to keep adding to the snowpack," he said. "We want to keep adding to the mountain reservoir system we have, because that makes for a slow release of water throughout the spring and

summer."

The area is "way ahead" of where it was last year in terms of snowpack, but last year also brought below normal precipitation during the spring and summer, which Zukiewicz said we "don't want" this year.

"But if we're taking a snapshot for today, we're in way better shape than we were last year," he concluded.

### Looking forward



## Ginny Ympa: Giving back through food

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"They love the split pea soup," said Ginny Ympa on what dish the seniors at the Pony senior center enjoy most. "I had never cooked it until I started working there and they are always telling me, 'Ginny, you just have to try it! I taste it every time I make it and I still don't like it.'"

Ympa first began cooking meals at the senior center in 2000 after inquiring about a job.

"One of my friends said (the senior center) was looking for a cook and that I should check it out," she said.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ympa cooks two days a week at the Pony senior center, and also supplies meals for funerals within the community. She also distributes home dinners to citizens.

"It's not just me but the whole community," said Ympa. "We all pitch in and help."

Ympa was born just over the Norris hill in Ennis and moved away with her family when she was nine, only to return to the valley when she was 24.

"And I've been here ever since," she said.

When Ympa first started cooking for the senior center, they were only meeting once a week. Now, the group gets together twice week for community presentations, pinochle games and lunch, serving between 35 and 40 meals week.

"It is just a gathering place for people," Ympa said. "And I just try to help out where I'm needed."

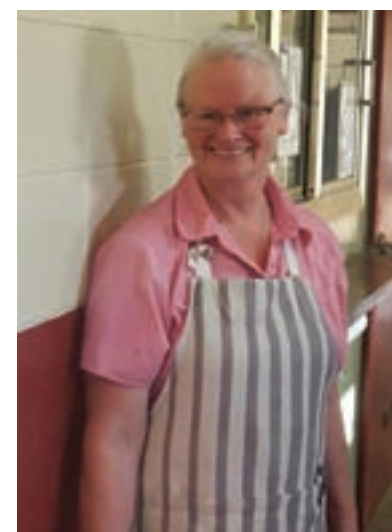
Aside from her cooking duties, Ympa helps prepare for the Pony Homecoming as well as volunteering in her church.

"I just do whatever they need – clean the church, hang fliers and people contact me if they want to use the church for a wedding or event," she said.

In her free time Ympa enjoys riding her horse, Penny, as often as she can.

"I love to ride my horse," she said. "I was raised around horses and my dad, who is 84, is breaking a horse now, then he's going to break my colt!"

Ympa also enjoys spending time with grandchildren.



Ginny Ympa

## APRIL SHOWERS BRING ... FRUSTRATION?

*Hi readers,*

I know, I know, moisture is a good thing. Last week, I chatted with Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, and our conversation ended the way it usually does.

"What's the hope for the next month?" – Me.

"Well, we won't say no to more moisture." – Lucas.

I get that. Water makes the world go 'round, and in Madison County in particular, it's an important resource. Maybe our most important resource. But the adventurous spirit in me is tired of spring storms!

Howling wind, grey skies and drizzling rain tend to put me in a funk. Now, when I'm stuck at work I love a good storm because I'm able to cozy up with a cup of tea at my desk and get things done. But after work hours, I want to play outside! That means riding my horse, going fishing or walking the dog. Native

Montanans rarely let weather keep you from enjoying outside activities, and though spring weather shouldn't stop me, it often does.

I have enough heavy coats and sturdy rain slickers that I have the ability to bundle up and get outside in the elements, but I hesitate when it's rainy.

Early last week, however, I learned a valuable lesson. All morning and afternoon I watched the weather bluster outside my office window. I became increasingly annoyed because I had a free agenda after 4 p.m. and wanted to go for a ride.

When I got off work, I bundled up and headed to the barn with a bad attitude in tow. I slogged through the mud and caught Eddie and led him inside. I spent longer than usual brushing him and was completely immersed in my work. To my surprise, when he was ready to go I glanced back outside and the rain and sleet had passed on by. I led Eddie outside, hopped on and we were off.

Though we only rode for a little more than an hour, it was one of the most beautiful rides ever. There was a fresh crust of white on the ground and blue skies above. The wind had calmed, the temperature began rising and the sun warmed my shoulders. It was near perfect. And, needless to say, my attitude improved.

I must keep reminding myself that Montana's fickle spring weather sometimes surprises us all.

While I've been complaining about rain and snow, it's been working wonders in our county. Compared to last year, our snowpack percentage is up, which means we can look forward to a good runoff and productive growing season!

In the meantime, I plan to take advantage of my free time and head outdoors. We never know when the weather will cooperate and the sun will break through just in time.

*Abigail*





# PART OF THE PANEL

## Chance Storey speaks at the High Divide Collaborative workshop

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Chance Storey, a seventh grade student at Ennis Elementary School spent the latter part of his school day on March 16 out of class, as he participated in the High Divide Collaborative workshop in Dillon.

The High Divide Collaborative is a partnership of public land managers, state agencies, landowners, conservationists and scientists working cohesively on the conservation and restoration of public and private land.

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the ongoing efforts of the Heart of the Rockies Initiative, which coordinates the collaborative, to secure Land Water Conservation Funds for Southwest Montana and southeast Idaho, ac-

ording to Kris Inman, community partnerships representative for the Wildlife Conservation Society.

"Funds have been secured to help conserve lands for future generations and the point of this (workshop) was to demonstrate relations and why this landscape is important," said Inman. "To think about the different conservation issues that we face here."

Such issues the workshop focused on ranged from fire prevention to wildlife expansion - which is why Storey was in attendance.

Storey participated in the human wildlife conflicts resolution panel that focused on expanding wildlife populations and how to better manage them. He spoke about his science fair project in which he focused on different types of wildlife friendly fences through testing different

fence materials and how wildlife responded.

"(The project) started out as a 4H project and then I changed it a little bit to make it a science fair project," said Storey, who has been working on his wildlife fencing project for three years.

He found hobbling wires, placing piping around wires or raising wires where wildlife cross constantly had the best results both for wildlife and ranchers.

"I feel like it helps to keep animals from getting tangled and injured and it helps ranchers from having to replace fence," he said about why he chose this project.

The young rodeoer said it takes a lot for him to get nervous, but speaking on the panel was a little nerve-wracking.

"There were a lot of people but 4H has

helped me prepare a lot with public speaking," Storey said.

Also on the panel with Storey were representatives from Idaho Fish and Game, Ruby Valley Conservation District, Madison Valley Ranchlands Group and Montana State University.

According to Inman, workshop attendees were impressed with Storey and "impressed with his local efforts to make a difference."

"I am very proud of (Storey)," said Inman, who helped with him with his science project and asked him to participate on the panel. "Because of his success and interest as a young student and community member and making a difference with wildlife friendly fencing, he helped secure a small grant to help cost share changing fences. It really shows how small actions at a young age can have a very real impact."



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Storey spoke on the human wildlife conflicts resolution panel during the High Divide Collaborative workshop in Dillon on March 16.



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Storey, pictured with Inman (left) and legislative candidate Brooke Erb. Erb and over 100 attendees at the workshop were impressed with Storey's local efforts.



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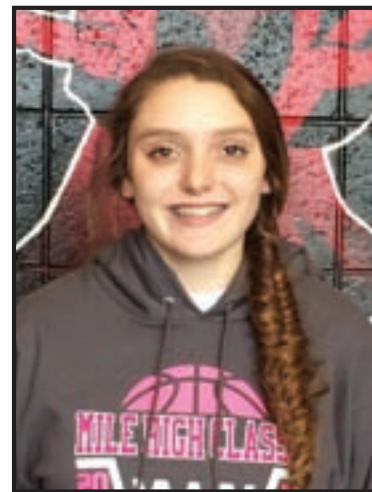
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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK TWIN BRIDGES

**Ashleigh Guinnane**, daughter of Greg and Brenda Guinnane of Alder, has been chosen as the Student of the Month for the junior high at Twin Bridges Schools. She had a busy month as she was a Madison County Spelling Bee participant after placing 2nd at the school spelling bee. She was a participant on the Junior High Academic Olympic that competed at MSU in Bozeman. And to round out her month, she also placed for the Veteran's Essay contest and won a cash award. Ashleigh is a hard-working student/athlete in Twin Bridges, and we would like to congratulate her on her accomplishments and celebrate her efforts.



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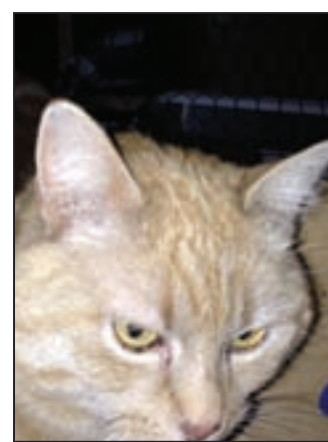


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### Saturday



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers with isolated thunderstorms. Highs 55 to 65. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

### Sunday



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers...snow showers with isolated thunderstorms. Highs 45 to 55. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

### Monday



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 50 to 60.

## Quote of the Week:

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## Early Education: part 4

A glimpse at some of Madison County's historic schoolhouses

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

This time we focused on the Alder schoolhouse, the last

rural school in Madison County that has been educating students since 1901, and the Upper Wisconsin Creek school which closed its doors in 1918.

*\*\*Editors note: All information has been taken from various reading materials including "The Progressive Years" and "Pioneers Trails and Trials", both of which were comprised by residents of the county.*



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A drawing made by W.S. Hall who attended the Upper Wisconsin Creek schoolhouse. His drawing reflects how he remembers the school.

### Upper Wisconsin Creek

Just four miles northeast of Sheridan at the base of Wisconsin Creek canyon once sat the Upper Wisconsin Creek schoolhouse. Designated as School District No. 26, the schoolhouse was another "frame building made of native lumber and painted white."

While *The Madisonian* was unable to find the date the school opened, according to "The Progressive Years", the school closed in 1918 under the jurisdiction of Sheridan District No. 5. Miss Mary Funk was the schoolteacher.

With the development of a larger school system in

Sheridan, the Upper Wisconsin Creek schoolhouse closed in 1918 and was later torn down. The lumber from the school was used to build the kitchen onto the back of Bethany Hall in Sheridan.

Alfred Talbott attended the schoolhouse and has memories of school gatherings and community parties.

"There were plays, games, dancing and sleigh riding on a hill across the road," writes Talbott in "The Progressive Years." I can remember the good lunches of roast potatoes, ham, home-made bread and butter and pickles and jelly."



### Alder

The Alder schoolhouse has a unique history. According to the book "The Progressive Years," Alder did not have a school until the coming of the railroad in 1901.

"Previously to that time the children from all over the area walked to the Taylor School. This school was located at the corner south of the Taylor cemetery or often referred to as 'where the old Salmonsens place used to be,'" according to a passage on the Alder school in "The Progressive Years" written by Dorothy Carey.

With the railroad and growing population members around, community members decided to divide the district and build a school in Alder as "the distance through the fields of wild cattle was too dangerous and the distance was too great for the smaller children."

John Goetschius donated two acres of land and a frame

building was built and a well was dug. Students in the Alder are attended school in the frame building until 1914 when class sizes outgrew the square footage of the school.

"Leonard Moran recalls that when he was in the first grade, Rena Kelly was teaching 82 pupils and all eight grades in one room!" writes Carey.

In 1915, a brick, two-room schoolhouse was built south of the frame school and still serves as the current school, educating 19 students kindergarten through fourth grade.

The current building has since been modernized but in 1931, the Ruby School District consolidated with Alder, bringing along with the consolidation the two-room frame Ruby school building. That building had also since been modernized but still serves a purpose for the Alder school system and community.

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN

The current Alder school. The building was originally built in 1915 but has since been modernized to accommodate current students and staff.

TOP: PHOTO COURTESY "THE PROGRESSIVE YEARS"

The original frame Alder schoolhouse that was built in 1901 was remodeled and made into a home after the two-room brick building was constructed.

MIDDLE: PHOTO COURTESY "THE PROGRESSIVE YEARS"

The original brick building which was built in 1915, still serves as the schoolhouse today.

BOTTOM: PHOTO COURTESY "THE PROGRESSIVE YEARS"

The Ruby schoolhouse was brought down to Alder after the two consolidated into one.



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The original building which was moved to Sheridan in later years.

Check back in the next few weeks as we uncover the history of other schoolhouses around the county. If you know of any historical schools in Madison County – or have information and stories you want to share – please contact Abigail at editor@madisoniannews.com or Caitlin at news@madisoniannews.com or call the office at 682-7755. We can't wait to hear from you!



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## HEALTHY = HAPPY

### Derailed by sickness

BY ERIN LEONARD

Well, I had grand intentions in my last entry about sticking to the running and exercise routine that I created

for the Run to the Pub. Then I got sick. Then my daughter got sick. As soon as she was feeling better (NASTY VIRUSES!), I got an ear infection. Then my son and

husband got sick. I am not kidding. Basically, I made it to work two days out of two weeks. Lucky my boss is flexible with me (wink, wink).

It made for a bum of an Easter and really interrupted our weekend plans. It hugely interrupted my exercise plans. So, for about two weeks I bailed on exercise. I am sure I could have squeezed it in somewhere, but when you're not feeling well and trying to work at home ... it's just not a priority. And my kids needed me. I was glad I could be there for them, but I tell you what, I missed work. And I missed my routine. I missed maintaining being in shape.

We're all better since last Friday (knock on wood! It's been a doozy of a year illness-wise). We made it to ski lessons on Sunday and I

think we're still in the clear. It was so nice to be out in the sun skiing as a family. I felt like I was using my body again, which was awesome. But it also alerted me to HOW QUICKLY you can get out of shape. I am still sore from skiing! It was good though, as I made some progress in my own skiing. But not without a price! My body is hurting. It amazes me how easily you can get out of shape and how hard it is to get back into it!

That said, I am hitting it hard this week. I have been doing yoga the last couple days and have a date with the dirt road tomorrow for a nice long run. I am not going to let the sickness keep me from being ... er, healthy. Hopefully in two weeks I can report that I am getting back into the groove and loving it. I can't believe I am actually excited.



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### Health officials say tooth decay prevention starts early

SUBMITTED BY JON EBELT  
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number one chronic disease among children is tooth decay, Montana state health officials said.

In fact, two out of three children, which is 62 percent, in

Montana have at least one cavity by third grade, compared to the national rate of 52 percent.

"The good news is that tooth decay is preventable," said Tonette Hollingsworth, oral health program coordinator for the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Hollingsworth said the key is early prevention, even before a baby is born. Despite what some believe,

evidence shows that oral health care during pregnancy for women is safe and recommended to reduce the bad bacteria that can be passed from the mother to child, improving dental and overall health.

"Prevention starts during pregnancy, and then just continues from there," Hollingsworth said. "During pregnancy, mothers should seek regular preventive dental care to reduce the risk of infecting their baby with decay-causing germs."

Hollingsworth suggests that after a baby is born, parents begin wiping gums with a cloth and brushing teeth to establish good habits. Also, children should see a dentist by age one to assess risk and prevent decay.

Parent's dental health is a good predictor of a child's future dental health. Hollingsworth adds that parents should also avoid sharing utensils or putting a baby's pacifier in their mouth. These sharing behaviors can pass decay-causing germs from parents to children. Hollingsworth also notes that baby teeth are important in self-esteem, nutrition and speech development for young children, so it is important to keep them as healthy as possible.

According to pediatric dentist Dr. Kevin Rencher, parents are encouraged to play an active role helping their child establish healthy habits right from the start that will carry through their lifetime.

"It is so important that we instill in our children good oral habits right away to avoid problems down the road," he said.

Another key is making sure a child receives adequate fluoride during early childhood to prevent tooth decay by using a smear of fluoride toothpaste during brushing, drinking tap water and asking about fluoride during medical and dental visits. Fluoride helps protect teeth from tooth decay and can be applied by dental or medical providers during early childhood to promote prevention.

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# COLUMNS



## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

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# SITTING ON THE BENCH

A lesson learned through observation.

For many years, I observed old people sitting on benches feeding the pigeons. Never did it occur to me that one day, I would join their ranks. Nonetheless, last spring, I began to sit on a sidewalk bench on the main street of Harrison periodically. I did so to relax while watching the sun set. Regrettably, the town's few, unrefined pigeons weren't savvy enough to know that bench sitters are supposed to feed them.

Sure enough, as in any small town, such a major happening did not go unnoticed for long. Because of my customary appearance on the bench, I was quickly anointed as Harrison's own Kaw Liga the wooden Indian. Hence, I decided it would be prudent to wave at the passing drivers to avoid the possibility of pedestrians trying to snuff their cigarettes out on my forehead. Lamentably, before long I developed carpal tunnel nerve restrictions in both wrists. So, I began nodding my head in the direction of passing motorists instead. Unsurprisingly, that adjustment resulted in my being likened to a life-size, bobble-head toy. Despite such indignities, I stayed the course.

To their credit, unlike the pigeons, the village's dogs stopped by fully expecting to be fed. Observing law-abiding citizens executing convenient, but unlawful, U-turns when driving away from the post office was always entertaining. Once, the local school's cross-country team trotted past me on their way out of town. Like any concerned older (wiser) citizen would, I warned them that if they insisted on running around as they were, they were going to get tired. Surprisingly, everyone agreed but the coach.

However, the most upsetting observation I made concerned the amount of traffic that journeyed through our isolated outpost on any given day. When one considers that from my centrally-located bench, I could see both the northern and

southern boundaries of Harrison, the number of drivers seemed excessive. After all, it's not like the town is a suburb of a megametropolis.

Then again, it is also a fact that Harrison is located on U.S. Highway 287, a major interstate travel route. With that in mind, I found it harder to fault travelers for where our founding fathers situated the town. Still, the traffic was always "there," which made it difficult for me to relax.

Especially anti-relaxing were the tractor-trailer operators who applied their Jake-brakes in order to slow down when entering the town. Suffice it to say, many a glorious sunset was dimmed by the sudden eruption of their thunderous, flatulation-like rumbles. Likewise, car drivers who graciously rolled down their windows, so I too could savor their raucous noise (rap), overwhelmed any semblance of tranquility.

During April, I decided to conduct an experiment. From my perch on the bench, whenever the visible north and south portions of the road were empty of motorists, I tried counting 30 seconds to see if they would remain so during that span. Sad to say, after numerous attempts, it never happened. Within that one-half minute period, invariably, vehicles could be seen approaching from one or both directions.

At that point, I decided to stop swimming against the inevitable current. Instead of complaining about the traffic, I began to wish the individual drivers well. Subsequently, I began to envision them as people, not vehicles. Strangely enough, more and more folks began waving at me. Who knows, with so many people witnessing me sitting on the bench, the Harrison bobble-head toy might soon be the subject of a country-western song.

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# NATURAL

## Resource News

By Rebecca Ramsey  
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

# BRANDING TIME

Throughout the year, we count the days on a calendar and refer to the seasons of the earth: winter, spring, summer

and autumn. But on a cattle ranch, within the seasons of the earth are the seasons of a ranch ... and right now, it's branding time.

The act of marking livestock with fire-heated marks to identify ownership has origins in ancient times, with use dating back to the ancient Egyptians. Reportedly, ancient Romans used symbols believed to be magical, protecting animals from harm.

The practice became widespread on the large cattle ranches of Spain and all across Europe. These customs were then imported to the Americas, and were further refined. In the American West, this included creating a "branding iron," which consisted of an iron rod attached to a simple symbol made of iron, which cowboys heated in a fire. Once the iron turned red hot, the cowboy pressed the branding iron against the hide of the cow. The unique brand meant that cattle could then graze freely together on the open range. Cowboys would separate the cattle at "roundup" time for driving to market.

Cattle rustlers became ingenious in changing brands, and brands became so numerous that it was necessary to record them in books that the ranchers could carry in their pockets. Laws were passed requiring the registration of brands, and the inspection of cattle crossing county and state lines. Branding still has its uses. The main purpose is in proving ownership of lost or stolen animals. You

can look at the whole book of brands in Montana at the state capital.

Traditionally, the calf is secured for branding by roping it, laying it over on the ground, with someone on the head and back legs. Many folks have now moved toward use of chutes and tables where animals can be run into a confined area and calves are caught in a cradle, which is rotated so that the animal is lying on its side.

Friends and families come together to help each other band this year's calves. It's typically an all day event that requires reasonably good weather. There is always an abundance of food,

drinks and people of all ages. It is a lot of work, but a fun gathering, and a great way to help your neighbors.

Most brands in the United States include capital letters or numerals, often combined with other symbols such as a circle, half circle or bar. Reading this type of brand is referred to as "calling the brand." Some brands are called using a short description of the picture (e.g., "rising sun"). Other brands are called from left to right, top to bottom and when one character encloses another, from outside to inside.

Some of the terms used include:

Lazy: Symbols turned 90 degrees.

Fling: a symbol that starts and ends with a short serif or short horizontal line attached before the left side of the top of the symbol and attached to the right side of the symbol, extending to the right of the symbol.

Walking: a symbol with a short horizontal line attached to the bottom of the symbol, extending to the right of the symbol.

Bar: a short horizontal line. For example, a short horizontal line over an M or before an M would be read as "Bar M." Similarly, a short horizontal line under an M or after an M would be read as "M Bar." The bar can also be through the middle of the symbol and would be read as "Bar M."

Diamond: a symbol within a four sided box, the box tilted 45 degrees or a four sided box tilted 45 degrees by itself. The box sides are of equal length, and the box can be square or taller in height than in width, or greater in width than in height.

Circle: a symbol within a circle, or a circle by itself. A circle with a C inside of it would be read as "Circle C."

Rocking: a symbol above a quarter circle, the open side of the quarter circle facing the symbol, with the bottom of the symbol touching the quarter circle. For example, a H with a quarter circle under it, with the bottom of the H touching the quarter circle, is read as "Rocking H."



# Commodity Insite! News and views

by Jerry Welch

\*\* "I predicted in January, the year 2016 would be called the Year of the Dollar. But thus far, the dollar is having its worst quarter since 2010 and is resting at a six month low vs. the euro. So much for my forecasts!" Commodity Insite!, Jerry Welch, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "Gold prices are off to the best start to a New Year since 1980. But the best performing commodity this year and doing better than gold is lumber with prices up 22 percent." Commodity Insite! Jerry Welch 3/30/16

\*\* "Treasury bond prices are off to the best start to a New Year since 1996." Commodity Insite!, Jerry Welch, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "In the first three weeks of the New Year, stocks as measured by Dow Jones Industrials were off to the worst start to a New Year in history. But since carving out a low in January, the market is now in

the midst of one of the most bullish 'come back rallies' since the Great Depression in 1933, 83 years ago." Commodity Insite!, Jerry Welch, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "The ratio of new crop corn to new crop soybean prices expanded to well past 2.50 this week. History shows that when such an event unfolds, American farmers will switch corn acres to soybean acres which, in theory, lends support to corn prices at the expense of soybean prices." Commodity Insite!, Jerry Welch, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "For the overall commodity sector, the Bloomberg Commodity index - which was dragged down by crude oil's continued spiral downward in late January to its lowest level since at least 1991 - is poised to finish the quarter slightly higher, up about 0.6 percent." Financial Times, March 31, 2016

\*\* "Standard & Poor's has cut the outlook for China's credit rating to negative from stable, saying the nation's economic rebalancing is likely to proceed more slowly than the ratings firm had expected. China's AA-long-term credit rating now has a negative outlook, S&P said in a statement. Earlier in March, Moody's Investors Service made a similar revision, highlighting surging debt and questioning the government's ability to enact reforms." Bloomberg News, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "Natural-gas futures look set to end March with a roughly 14 percent climb - the best monthly performance in more than two years - but the commodity won't likely enjoy its newfound gains for very long. On March 3, futures prices settled at \$1.639, the lowest level in 17 years." Market Watch, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "... the USDA sowings

report indicated that the biggest loser of the area to corn would be wheat, for which U.S. farmers' seedings intentions were pegged at 11.3 million acres, a drop of more than 2 million acres year on year, and the lowest figure since 1972." Agrimony, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "U.S. farmers will plant huge amounts of corn in 2016, according to the USDA Thursday. Meanwhile, the soybean acreage is no surprise, according to trade reaction. As a result, the CME Group's corn futures closed double-digits lower." Agriculture.com, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "Chicago Board of Trade corn futures plunged more than 4 percent to life-of-contract lows on Thursday after the U.S. Department of Agriculture surprised investors in its prediction for sharply higher U.S. corn sowings, traders said. All corn contracts

through May 2017 hit lifetime lows before trimming losses slightly, with front-month May reaching a low of \$3.47 1/2 per bushel, lowest point on a continuous chart since Sept. 4, 2015." Reuters, March 31, 2016.

\*\* "The factors of expansion have finally all aligned. Just as the severe drought from 2010 to 2012 reduced total (cattle) herd numbers to 60-year lows, record-high prices in 2014 and abundant moisture have encouraged ranchers to rebuild herds at an unprecedented pace.

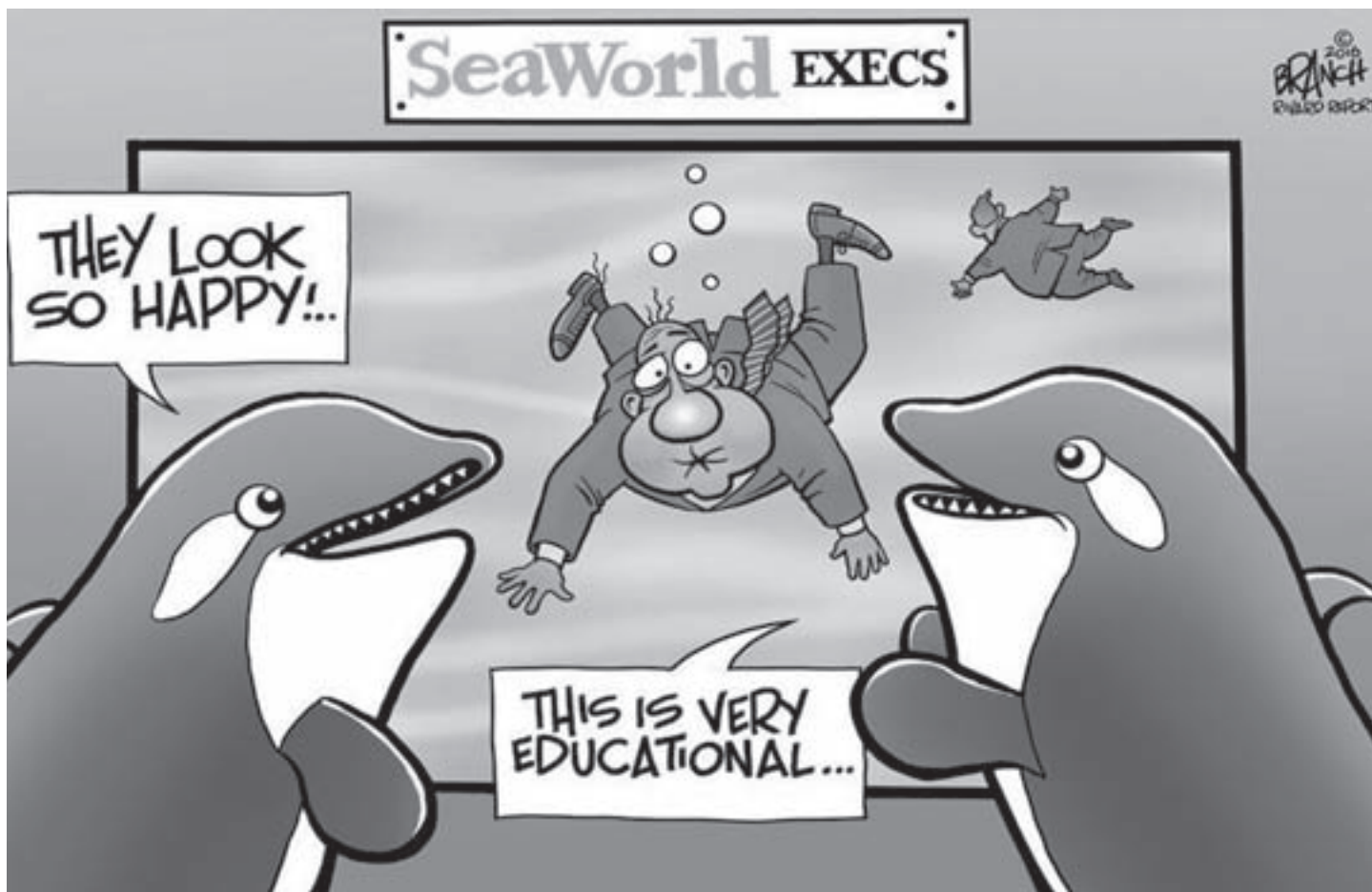
The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reports U.S. cattle inventory stood at 92 million head on Jan. 1 - the first total inventory of more than 90 million since 2012 and the biggest year-over-year increase since 1981. That's also a 3.5 million-head increase in two years, and the largest total

herd since the 92.9 million reported in 2011. Increases in the 2015 and 2016 inventories followed seven consecutive years of decline." Cattle Network.com, March 30, 2016.

Here it is April Fool's Day and what news do I read coming out of China? From the Washington Post in a section entitled World Views: 'No joke. April Fool's Day has been banned in China. The ancient tradition of hoaxing and playing practical jokes on the first day of April has fallen victim to China's crackdown. Like democracy and free speech, it is a Western concept that simply isn't welcome here.' If the Chinese government wants to do something productive they should try to keep their economy from experiencing a hard landing to help commodity prices. Banning April Fool's day is a joke. A bad one at that.



# COMICS & PUZZLES



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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Not as much
- 5 Ump
- 8 "The Da Vinci —"
- 12 Send forth
- 13 Hosp. section
- 14 From the start
- 15 Turkish city
- 17 Pleasant
- 18 Urban carrier
- 19 "Fear —"
- 21 Grown-up
- 24 Verdi opera
- 25 Zilch
- 26 Crusoe or Gilligan
- 30 Actor Danson
- 31 Suggest
- 32 First lady
- 33 U-235 and U-238
- 35 Actress Barbara
- 36 John Irving's "A Prayer for — Meany"
- 37 Part of WWW
- 38 Panhandler
- 41 London's — Gardens
- 42 Breather?
- 43 Columbus' benefactor
- 48 Exam type
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- 50 Rod partner
- 51 Carry
- 52 Deposit
- 53 Bigfoot's cousin
- 9 Taking care of business
- 10 Arp's art
- 11 Basin accessory
- 16 Wacko
- 20 "An apple — ..."
- 21 Opposed
- 22 Accomplishes
- 23 Loosen
- 24 Colorado ski mecca
- 26 Regal
- 27 Cherished
- 28 Satan's specialty
- 29 Tear
- 31 Midwestern
- 34 Two-position switch
- 35 NYC area, with "the"
- 37 Charlotte's creation
- 38 Rorschach picture
- 39 Modern-day coin
- 40 Summertime pest
- 41 Perry of pop
- 44 Hot tub
- 45 Director Spike
- 46 Allow
- 47 — Baba

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### Fried Wonton Tacos

#### What You Need

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 pkg taco seasoning mix
- 16 wonton wrappers
- 1 c Mexican blend shredded cheese
- 1 large chopped tomato
- 1/2 c shredded lettuce
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 can black olives, sliced
- 1/2 c water
- 3/4 c canola oil

#### Directions

- In a skillet, brown hamburger until no longer pink, drain.
- Add taco seasoning and 1/4 cup water. Let simmer.

- Chop all veggies, set aside.
- Fill wonton wrappers with 1 Tbsp hamburger, sprinkle with cheese, fold in a triangle.
- Brush edges of wontons with remaining water (or egg wash) to seal the seams.
- In a medium skillet, warm oil over medium-high heat.
- Add wontons. Brown on each side, about 2 minutes.
- Remove from skillet once golden and crispy. Place on paper towels to absorb any grease.
- Add veggie toppings, as you would a taco.
- Serve with refried beans, rice or as an appetizer.

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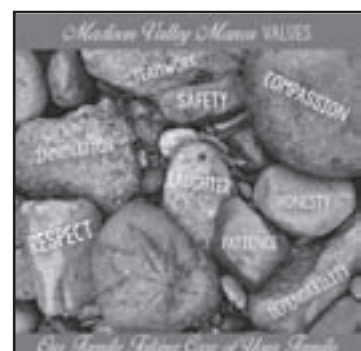
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**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 undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.  
 Claims must be either mailed to John Joshua Hanley, the Personal Representative, c/o Krueger 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 Krueger  
**STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUEGER**  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 (Pub. March 24, 31, April 7, 2016) sk  
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Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot. All active and inactive electors of Sheridan School District, No.5 are entitled to vote at said election.  
 Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the county election administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county.  
 Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing 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  
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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 SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MEET AT VARNNEY BRIDGE FAS. ATTENDANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.  
 All bids over \$25,000.00 must be accompanied by a bid security meeting the requirements 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 & Material 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 process. 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 PARKS STATE OF MONTANA**  
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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 qualifications 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 protestor's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor'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.  
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be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 You also must file your answer or motion with the Court.  
 Dated this 21st day of March, 2016.  
 /s/ KAREN J. MILLER, Clerk of District Court (Pub. March 31, April 7, 14, 2016) blt  
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**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**  
 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON  
**PAUL MCMULLIN**, Trustee of Paul and Karen McMullin Living Trust, UTD 3/21/2011, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
**GREG PANIS, dba BIG SKY CLASSICS**  
 Defendant.  
 Cause No. CV-2016-14  
**GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF MONTANA TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 This action is brought for the purpose of obtaining an order for Unlawful Detainer Judgment for unpaid rent and treble damages against you, and for your surrender of the Premises described as follows:  
 Unit 2 Ennis Trade Center as specified in said Complaint.  
**WITNESS** my hand and seal of this Court this 30th day of March, 2016.  
 /s/ A. Russ  
 Abbi Russ  
 Clerk of Court  
 Karen McMullin  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 Post Office Box 55  
 Ennis, Montana 59729  
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to go to the polls on the day of election may request an application for an absentee ballot up until noon the day before the election from the School District Clerk's office located at Twin Bridges School, 216 West 6th Avenue, Twin Bridges, MT., 59754. In the case of a sudden health emergency, he/she may request the absentee ballot up until noon on Election Day.  
 If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please call the District Office at 684-5656.  
 Respectfully,  
 Eldon C. Johnson  
 Twin Bridges School District #7  
 (Pub. April 7, 14, 21, 2016) tbs  
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**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION**

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

**INVITATION TO BID**  
 Sealed bids will be received up to and including 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 Avenue, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, for: Varnney 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 Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Web Site, Design & Construction Upcoming Bid Openings at: <http://fwip.mt.gov/doingBusiness/designAndConstruction/upcomingBidOpenings.html>  
 For more information contact the following:  
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**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST ONE NEW ORIGINAL MONTANA RETAIL ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER AND WINE LICENSE**

Poor Orphan Creamery, LLC (Lark Gilmer-Smothermon, Owner) has applied for one new original Montana Retail On-Premises 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;

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

Cause No. DV-29-2015-53  
 Honorable Loren Tucker  
**SHINING MOUNTAINS OWNERS ASSOCIATION**,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
**MICHAEL GRAHAM, SHARI GRAHAM, 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 Covenants 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.  
 If you fail to respond, judgment by default will

**TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL ELECTION**  
 The REGULAR school election is scheduled for May 3rd, 2016 in the Montana Room of Twin Bridges Public Schools.  
 The purpose of the election is to ask the voters to approve a BUILDING RESERVE levy in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for ONE YEAR and being approximately 5.91 mills for the purpose of carpet replacement in the high school AND cabinet replacement in the elementary. Passage of this proposal will result in an annual tax of approximately \$7.98 on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 and approximately \$15.96 on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000. The trustees will also be asking for voters to approve a GENERAL FUND levy in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) which is approximately 4.72 mills for the purpose of instruction, maintenance, and operation of Twin Bridges Public Schools for the 2016-17 school year. Passage of this proposal will result in an annual tax of approximately \$6.37 on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 and approximately \$12.74 on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000. The polls will be open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 P.M. on Election Day.  
 A qualified registered voter who will be unable

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
 WHEREAS, the number of candidates for the position(s) on the Alder School Board of Trustees, District No. 2 is equal to the number of positions to be elected.  
 THEREFORE, the Alder School Trustees Election originally scheduled for May 3, 2016 is hereby cancelled.  
 Dated this 29th day of March, 2016.  
 Kaycee Gilman, Chairman of the Board  
 Kathleen F. Wuelfing, District Clerk  
 (Pub. April 7, 14, 21, 28 2016) as  
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**MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.  
 The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Big Springs Village Phase 3 Planned Unit Development and Overall Development Plan update. Big Springs Village 3 PUD subdivision would create 1 condominium lot of 1.75 acres for 6 condominiums in 3 buildings. It is located on the east side of Yellowstone Mountain Club Trail northeast of the existing pond in the NW 1/4, Section 7, T7S R3E PMM.  
 Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on April 25, 2016, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to [drobison@madison.mt.gov](mailto:drobison@madison.mt.gov). Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.  
 The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: Madison County Planning Office, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City; Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis; and Yellowstone Mountain Club, One Yellowstone Club Trail, Big Sky.  
 Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.  
 John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board  
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**SERVS SAFE 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](http://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.**



# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Scholarships in the Ruby Valley

SUBMITTED BY KAREN TOWN  
Ruby Valley National Bank

The Ruby Valley National Bank of Twin Bridges and Sheridan is accepting applications for \$750 scholarship awards for 2016 graduating high school seniors that meet the following eligibility: The graduating high school senior has applied or been accepted at an accredited two or four year college, university of vocational school or specialized program studies in Montana; the parents or the student is a customer in good standing at the bank for two years prior to applying; the student has demonstrated good citizenship by participating in school and/or community organizations; and the student has maintained a 2.5 GPA.

Applications are available at the banks in Sheridan and Twin Bridges or online at [www.rubyvalleybank.com](http://www.rubyvalleybank.com).

Applications must be delivered or mailed to the bank by May 4, 2016.

## Twin Bridges baseball

SUBMITTED BY KARI MONTGOMERY  
Little League Baseball

Spring is hopefully just around the corner and that means baseball time. Little League Baseball teams are forming in Twin Bridges for the 2016 season. Participation is open to all children five to 12 years of age. The divisions are: t-ball for those who are five to six years of age; ponies, which is machine pitch, is for seven to eight year olds; minors for nine to 10 years of age; and majors are for students 11 to 12 years of age. Of course skill level also determines the division of play.

The season begins in late April and runs through mid-June. Kari Montgomery (570-5686) is heading up the Twin Bridges teams. Registration forms are available in the school and at the Ruby Valley National Bank. The registration forms need to be turned in no later

than April 10.

## New library director in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY KERSTIN CLARK  
Twin Bridges Library

Brenda Pollorena was hired as the new director of the Twin Bridges Library. Pollorena grew up in Twin Bridges and graduated from Twin Bridges High School. After moving away from Montana for a few years, Pollorena moved back to Twin Bridges with her husband, John, and two daughters.

Pollorena began volunteering at the library in 2012 and shortly after was hired as a substitute librarian. She is currently working on the Montana State Library Certification Program.

## Health fair in the Ruby Valley

SUBMITTED BY DEBRA MCNEILL  
The Ruby Valley Hospital

The Ruby Valley Hospital is adding two blood tests to the offerings at the annual Health Fair, April 12 - 13 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tests for Hepatitis C and vitamin B12 deficiency will be available, along with the chemistry and CBC panel, Prostate Specific Antigens, vitamin D deficiency and hemoglobin A1C. The hospital's health fair offers blood testing to the Ruby Valley community at significantly reduced prices.

Hepatitis C (Hep C) is a serious, life-threatening liver disease that can result in cirrhosis and liver cancer. The Center for Disease Control is encouraging all baby boomers (born between 1945-1965) to be tested for Hep C as this age group comprises more than 75 percent of those infected in the United States.

Vitamin B12 is only available in its natural form from animal products such as eggs, dairy, fish and red meat. It's used to produce and maintain nerves, red blood cells and DNA. Deficiencies of B12 can cause an array of problems including diminished memory and

balance, tingling of extremities, weakness and loss of appetite.

For information on the other tests offered at the Ruby Valley Health Fair, please visit our website at [www.RubyValleyHospital.com](http://www.RubyValleyHospital.com).

## Activity assistant at the manor

SUBMITTED BY MELODY CLARK  
Madison Valley Manor

Madison Valley Manor welcomes the new activity assistant and the new therapy dog.

Oakley Clark was hired as the activity assistant. Clark started at the manor as a volunteer. She recently received her CNA license. She enjoys working with the residents and spending time with them. Minnie remains our therapy dog at the manor. Mickie, our therapy dog in training, came to us at four months old and is in training and doing very well. Minnie is teaching her all she can. Mickie was rescued from the Dillon animal shelter.

## Vote for the Ennis School Garden

SUBMITTED BY NICHOLE BAILEY  
GROWW Program coordinator

The Ennis School Garden and the GROWW Program has entered the Seeds of Change Grant Program for an opportunity to win either a \$20,000 or \$10,000 grant and is asking the community to get out and vote for their application.

The grants will be awarded to organizations that help support sustainable, community-based gardening and farming programs that focus on teaching people about the food they eat and how it is grown.

From now through April 18, the community can get out the vote and support local gardening and farming programs by visiting [www.seedsofchangegrant.com](http://www.seedsofchangegrant.com) and voting once per day. Around May 3, the grant recipients will be announced.

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**Mar. 10:** Fried Chicken & Mashers, gravy, corn, roll, cookie  
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**Friday, April 8:** CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, MASHERS, VEGGIES, DESSERT  
**Tuesday, April 12:** BISCUITS & GRAVY, VEGGIES, DESSERT  
**Weds, April 13:** BEEF TACOS, REFRIED BEANS, CORN SALAD, DESSERT  
**Thurs, April 14:** GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH, FRENCH FRIES, DESSERT

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**LIBRARY EARNS SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRANT**



SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA KOCH, THOMPSON-HICKMAN LIBRARY  
On March 29, Paul Babb of NorthWestern Energy presented a grant to the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library for the 2016 Children's Summer Reading Program. Pictured from left to right: Jack Albrecht and Paul Babb.

**Sheridan March students of the month**

SUBMITTED BY EMILY MCPARLAND Sheridan Schools

Sheridan Schools is very pleased to announce the students of the month for March. Students are chosen by faculty and staff members based on the following criteria: citizenship, leadership and academic attitude.

<b>Kindergarten</b> Brody Decker	Abram Miller	<b>Ninth grade</b> Jack Gilman
<b>First grade</b> Abbigail Melvin	<b>Fifth grade</b> Ethan Smail	<b>10th grade</b> Moritz Remmert
<b>Second grade</b> Brandin Crismore	<b>Sixth grade</b> Faith Larsen	<b>11th grade</b> Cynthia Dominguez
<b>Third grade</b> Tristan Stout	<b>Seventh grade</b> Jenna Driscoll	<b>12th grade</b> Christopher Hamilton
<b>Fourth grade</b>	<b>Eighth grade</b> Zoe Lee	

**Sheridan invitational track meet results**

SUBMITTED BY KAYSHA YOUNG AND SHAWN REGNERUS Harrison Schools and Sheridan Schools

Sheridan hosted their invitational track meet in Dillon on April 2.

<b>Harrison results</b>	11.5"	Janie Smart Fourth place in shotput: 30' 7.5" Third place in discus: 91' 5"
Taya DeFrance Fifth place in the 100 meter hurdles: 16.89 Second place in high jump: 4' 10" Third place in long jump: 15'	Lane Buus Sixth place in long jump: 18' 9.75" Fifth place in triple jump: 37' .5"	Tionna Schwend Fourth place in discus: 89' 2.5"

MADISON & RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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SATURDAY APRIL 16 2016  
Elks Lodge | Virginia City  
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\$25 at the door | \$10 after 8:00 pm for dancing only  
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**Twin Bridges results**

**Girls**  
The girls' team placed fourth overall with 52 points  
The 4x400 relay took first with an overall time of 4:30:30  
The 4x100 relay took second with an overall time of 54:19

Kailee Oliverson  
Fourth in the 100 meter hurdles: 16:87  
Second in the 200 meter dash: 27:83  
Second in the 400 meter dash: 1:04:51

Clancy Phillips  
Fifth in the 200 meter dash: 29:83

Nora Humbert  
Sixth in the 200 meter dash: 30:98

Savanna Stewart  
Fourth in the 800 meter run: 2:44:21

Jessica George  
Second in the 800 meter run 2:33:84

Megan Bausch  
Sixth in triple jump: 27' 1 1/4"

**Boys**  
The 4x100 relay took fifth with an overall time of 48:68

Ethan Kneeland  
Third in the 100 meter hurdles: 21:31  
Fourth in the 300 meter hurdles: 49:17

Chase Kneeland  
Fourth in the 100 meter hurdles: 21:43  
Sixth in the 300 meter hurdles: 52:72

Bill Yeager  
Third in the 400 meter dash: 53:35

James Bendon  
Sixth in triple jump: 36' 8"

Kaleb Rosselott  
Third in javelin: 143' 4"



## Madison Valley History Association receives grant from Humanities Montana

SUBMITTED BY LEE ROBINSON  
Madison Valley History Association

The Madison Valley History Association in Ennis has been awarded a \$3,000 grant by National Endowment for the Humanities Montana. This grant has made it possible to hire a summer intern to help the MVHA get started developing a digital index and catalogue of the artifacts and items in the Madison Valley History Museum. To make the grant possible the Madison Valley History Association will be matching

the amount of the grant with in-kind services and cash.

The MVHA has hired Mary Biehl, a doctoral candidate in American Studies at Montana State University, as a summer intern. Ms. Biehl was selected from among several candidates who responded to the MVHA announcement of its need for an intern. Ms. Biehl has museum experience having worked in a museum where she researched exhibits and assisted with cataloging newly acquired artifacts. She also lectured and participated in conferences and presentations related to history,

including preparing and presenting two lectures on the "Mary Meigs Atwater: Success and Failures of a Montana Businesswoman."

Part of our cataloguer's job will be to try to fill out some of the details on some artifacts. An indexed catalogue will help the MVHA answer questions about artifact availability. An indexed catalogue will also be able to assist members of the community in answering questions by identifying artifacts or pictures or even filed news articles that might relate to their questions.



COURTESY OF COREE MARTIN

President of the auxiliary, Harriet Fournier, presents Cassie Williams with a scholarship check.

## Williams to attend Girls State in summer

SUBMITTED BY COREE MARTIN  
American Legion Auxiliary

Cassie Williams, a junior at Twin Bridges High School, was selected to receive the Women for Veterans and Auxiliary Scholarship to the American Legion Girls State

program this summer in Helena.

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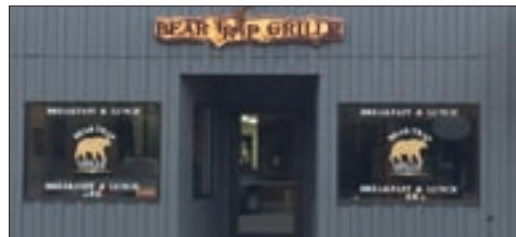
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## THURSDAY APRIL 7

### Business after hours, Ennis

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

### Hunting presentation, Twin Bridges

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

## TUESDAY APRIL 12

**Meeting, Sheridan**  
Anderson-Simpson Post 89 of the American Legion in Sheridan will hold its April meeting at 6 p.m. at Bethany Hall. Post meetings are held every other month.

## THURSDAY APRIL 14

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

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

## FRIDAY APRIL 15

**Presentation, Ennis**  
The second annual mock emergency scenario will take

place at the Ennis High School field at 9:15 a.m. where local emergency responders will highlight the dangers of drinking and driving.

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

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

## SATURDAY APRIL 16

**Chautauqua, Virginia City**  
The Elling House Arts and Humanities center in Virginia City will be hosting a Chautauqua program beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be a potluck prior to the program, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Those interested in performing should call 843-5454.

**Gardening class, Alder**  
Join us for a discussion on how to deal with common garden and lawn pests. Begins at 10:30 a.m. at High Country Nursery.

**Banquet, Virginia City**  
Madison and Ruby Valley Conservation District banquet at 5 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

Contact Sunni at 682-3181 for tickets.

### Poker tournament, Ennis

Ennis Lions Club poker tournament at 1 p.m. at the Silver Dollar Saloon. Call Bernie at 682-3560 to register.

## MONDAY APRIL 18

**KnitNite, Ennis**  
KnitNite at The Gallery from 5-7 p.m. Call Kitty at 682-7291 for more information. KnitNite will be held the first and third Monday of each month at Right Angles Framing and Gallery.

## TUESDAY APRIL 19

**Meeting, Harrison**  
Madison County Republican Central Committee meeting at 7 p.m. at Harrison School. We will be voting to elect a delegate for national convention.

## THURSDAY APRIL 21

### Nonprofit management series, Dillon

Join the Montana Nonprofit Association's four-part nonprofit management series. These day-long workshops in Missoula and Dillon will give you the tools and templates you need to develop your organization into a stronger, more effective nonprofit. Please contact the University of Montana - Western campus for more

information.

### MVHA presentation, Ennis

Author Ken Robison will be talking about how the Civil War affected early settlement at 4 p.m. at the First Madison Valley Bank basement.

**Presentation, Sheridan**  
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### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

**Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City**  
Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in County Commissioner's conference room in Broadway Annex.

### Ennis Arts Association, Ennis

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

### Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

### Movie Night, Virginia City

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

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

**Open Table Tennis, Pony** 7 - 9 p.m.  
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**TOPS, Ennis**  
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 am Meetings at 9:00 am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

**Books and Babies, Ennis**  
Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

**Grief Support Group, Ennis**  
Everyone welcome. Meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church

### THURSDAYS

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

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

### FRIDAYS

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

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

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

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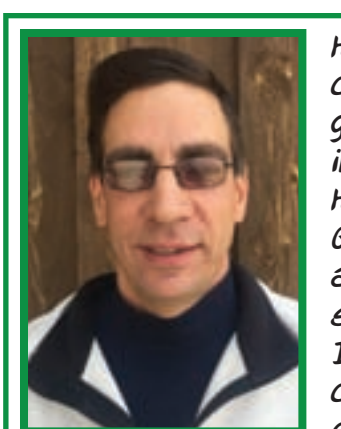
FRIDAY APRIL 8TH: WILLIE JAMES  
FRIDAY APRIL 15TH: STEVE INGRAM  
FRIDAY APRIL 22ND: ED COYLE  
FRIDAY APRIL 29TH: LEFT FOR DEAD

ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY BOTTLING PARTIES!!

**NORRIS HOT SPRINGS**

**MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:**  
Fri 4/8 - Shea Stewart  
Hill Country Blues/Americana  
Sat 4/9 - Steve Squared  
Acoustic/Electric  
Sun 4/10 - Dangling Chads  
Modern Folk

**HOURS:**  
**Pool & Cafe (Sept - May)**  
Thurs-Fri-Mon: 4:10 pm  
Sat-Sun: 12 noon-10 pm  
Closed Tues & Weds  
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Hello, my name is Steven Badura, I am currently a candidate for Ennis School Trustee. I entered 4th grade at Ennis Elementary in 1979 and graduated EHS in 1988. I served in the US Army for 3 years out of High School. Except for a few years in Texas and Georgia, I have spent 37 years in the Madison Valley and hope to spend as many more with my 11 year old son who attends Ennis Elementary. I believe the school is a large part of our community. I would like a chance to participate in continuing the excellent operations and decisions of the current school board. I would adhere to a solid policy of transparency and communication between all community members and organizations. I will always take into consideration what is best for the kids and the community. I will try to make informed, smart and calculated decisions for the future of our students.

VOTE **STEVEN BADURA ON MAY 3**

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