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MONTANA WOLVES

FWP releases 2015 population information; numbers remain above objective, stable

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On the first of May, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks released their annual wolf report and stated wolf numbers in the state for 2015 are "healthy and well above federally-mandated minimums."

"Montana's annual wolf report shows a minimum wolf count of 536 wolves in 2015, which is down from 554 in 2014," according to the release. "Included in this number is a minimum number of breeding pairs of 32, which is down

from 34 in 2014."

The difference between the two years is within normal variability since the species is difficult to count considering wolves often occupy rough, timbered country, the release continues.

"It is important to remember that these are minimum counts, meaning that only wolves FWP could actually document as being on the landscape were included," said John Vore, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Game Management Bureau Chief. "As wolf numbers have increased there is just no way we can physically count them all. We know there are more wolves out

there. According to our best estimates the actual number of wolves is at least 30 percent more than the minimum count."

Management requirements

When the wolf was delisted from the Endangered Species Act in Montana in 2011, the rule and the state plan both mandated Montana is required to maintain at least 150 wolves, including 15 breeding pairs, according to the FWP release.

"The delisting required oversight by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for five years to ensure wolves in Montana stayed above population

minimums," the release continues. "That oversight period ends in May."

According to Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Bureau Chief, though this May marks the end of the five-year required oversight, wolf management will continue as it has.

"In future years, FWP may be adjusting how it monitors and reports on wolf numbers, but doesn't anticipate any significant changes in how wolves are managed," McDonald stated in the release.

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UPDATES at VARNEY

FWP prepares to replace Varney Bridge FAS boat ramp this spring

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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is gearing up to replace the Varney Bridge fishing access site boat ramp this spring, according to Cheryl Morris, FWP region three river recreation manager.

"Why? Because I've had complaints from the folks using it and I've tried to use it myself," Morris said. "At the bottom of the boat ramp is a pit where sediment has been washed out."

Morris said the boat ramp itself is crumbling and a hazard.

"People could potentially get their trailers torn up because when they get to the bottom to put boats in, their wheels can get stuck," she said. "It's very narrow and it's terrible to try to back a boat and trailer down there."

The ramp currently has concrete

sides, which Morris said will be torn out with the ramp.

"Our design and construction crew drew up a plan to widen it, take the concrete out and re-vegetate the sides and then have it extend farther out so it's not such a hazard," she said.

In addition to replacing the boat ramp, FWP is going to redo the culvert that passes underneath the cattle guard at the entrance to the FAS.

"The original culvert is very small and plugs because of beaver activity," she said. "We are building a much bigger culvert."

Morris said she does not have a set schedule yet, but FWP's design and construction team assured her the work will happen this spring.

"I'm pushing for them to do it sooner rather than later because (that FAS) just gets busier and busier," she said. "It's out

for bid so we will know shortly."

Initially, the project was going to be completed last fall, but Morris pushed for it to be held back because more recreators than usual were using the Varney Bridge FAS since Ruby Creek FAS farther upstream was under construction through the Bureau of Land Management.

Morris was informed the construction at Varney Bridge would be an "easy fix" and the FAS will not be shut down long.

John Way, Ennis-based guide and outfitter, said he wishes the construction could be done when river use would not be severely impacted by it.

"Does the ramp itself need replacing? Yes," Way said. "For the guides running out of Ennis, Varney is such a key, key access point. If that ramp is closed during our busy season - spring and summer - it's really going to affect what we can do and probably increase crowding at places like Lyon's Bridge. Ennis guides will be forced upstream while it's closed, which will funnel more traffic to already

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ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Construction to replace the Varney Bridge fishing access site boat ramp is slated for later this spring.

A NEW FACE AT THE MADISONIAN



Amber Greiff

Meet Amber Greiff, our new sales representative

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Amber Greiff from Pony joined *The Madisonian's* team two weeks ago as a sales and marketing representative.

Greiff is a Montanan, born and raised. She has called the Mission Mountains and the eastern part of the state home, but fell in love with Southwest Montana when she was a teenager - she graduated from Willow Creek High School.

Though she relocated to Indiana in the mid-90s where she raised her two boys, she moved back to Montana in 2009 to help care for her mother.

"I was living in Manhattan for four years and then moved to Pony," Greiff said. "Basically, my son went into the Army and my boyfriend and I moved to Pony to recreate. We love Pony."

Greiff and her boyfriend spend their free time looking for natural hot springs and ghost towns, so Pony life is perfect for them.

"I love to go to ghost towns when nobody else is there," Greiff said. "The quest for gold was fascinating - I love learning what Montana is all about."

Current mining operations also fascinate Greiff. "Being able to go to the Ruby Reservoir and grab a handful of sand and find garnets in it every time is amazing," she said. "I grew up knowing Montana was called the gem state, but never knowing why. Now I do."


At *The Madisonian*, Greiff will handle all sales and marketing campaigns. Her previous job history includes office work, managing a call center, working as a machinist, being a robotics operator for Honda and more - as she says, her work history is "all over the place."

"My dream coming out of high school was to be a journalist," she said, explaining why she applied for the job at *The Madisonian*. "I was really drawn to the atmosphere ... I'm excited to meet the businesses in the area and see what they do and get to know people. I want to make friends and build relationships."

Greiff said her time in Indiana has made her appreciate Montana.

"I have a renewed love of Montana," she said simply.


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On the ground in Madison County

McAllister rancher John Crumley was part of the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group when the wolf was reintroduced to Montana in the 90s. Shortly after the reintroduction, the MVRG hired a rider to stay with cattle 24/7 while they were out to summer pasture on Forest Service allotments in the mountains.

"We wanted to be proactive and try to get ahead of the curve before a lot of livestock died," Crumley said. "We just made a presence out there with our cattle all the time. Leaving sign so the wolves would know there were humans in the area."

Crumley said there was no depredation during the months the riders were with the cattle, but when the riders left later in the fall, they would lose a couple calves.

"We (had riders) for about six years," Crumley said. "After a few years they knew where the wolf den was so they could keep the cattle away from that area."

When the wolves would start to mix with the cows, Crumley said they would haze them away.

"We put pressure on them," he said. "We chased them or scared them. After a period of time, they moved from that area."

Unfortunately, Crumley said the wolves just moved to a different Forest Service allotment and started causing problems with the cows there.

Crumley said he is not sure why, but that there have not been "big problems" on his

ranch in recent years.

"It fluctuates," he said about where livestock depredation because of wolves occurs.

"They come in and we'll have a big problem some place. If Wildlife Services confirms a kill we can get permission to remove some wolves and then we won't have a problem for awhile in that spot, but it will pop up somewhere else in the valley."

In the past, producers have tried to haze wolves away from livestock with flags, but that only works for awhile, Crumley said.

"It's too bad you have to kill them, but it's about the only thing that works," he said. "The wolves get smart enough to realize that something flapping in the wind isn't going to hurt them."

Livestock depredation

In 2015, the number of confirmed wolf depredations on livestock was 64, according to the FWP release – that included 41 cattle, 21 sheep and two horses.

When a livestock producer suspects they have lost a cow or sheep to a predator,

Wildlife Services gets involved. Once Wildlife Services decides if the animal in question was killed by a predator, they go one step further and determine what kind of predator it was, according to John Steuber, Montana state director of Wildlife Services.

"We look at how (the animal) was killed, the feeding pattern, the distance between canines and the size of the canines," Steuber said. "When we are determining if the animal was killed or if it was scavenged, we look for hemorrhaging. If the animal was alive when it was bitten, it bruises or hemorrhages."

Wildlife Services reimburses livestock producers for wolf and grizzly depredation.

According to Steuber, each incident is either reported as "confirmed," "probable," "possible," "unknown" or "other," and producers are only reimbursed if the finding is either confirmed or probable.

"(The reimbursement) comes through the Montana Livestock Loss Board and is based on the (United States Department of Agriculture) market value on the day of the investigation," Steuber said. "They get the market price of the calf or the sheep and that's what they are reimbursed for, unless they can show that the particular animal was of a higher value and have a receipt."



Wolves IN MONTANA

Minimum population count
 2014: 554, 34 BREEDING PAIRS
 2015: 536, 32 BREEDING PAIRS

Required population minimum
 150 WOLVES AND
 15 BREEDING PAIRS

Livestock depredation
 64 CONFIRMED KILLS
 - 41 CATTLE
 - 21 SHEEP
 - 2 HORSES

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congested areas."

Way said closing the Varney boat ramp sections the Madison River from Storey Ditch FAS to Eight Mile FAS and makes it inaccessible for boat traffic.

"I wish they could plan (the

ramp replacement) for October or November when river use isn't so high," Way said.

The estimated project cost is \$41,000, and is funded through FWP, NorthWestern Energy and the Missouri Madison River Fund, Morris said.

Other updates

The next Madison River FAS on Morris' list is McAtee, located upstream from Varney Bridge.

"I want to submit a proposal to redo McAtee boat ramp," she said. "Just this last season it crumbled and had rebar sticking out of it."

Though maintenance cut the rebar so people could not get hurt on it, Morris said more work needs to be done.


"We want to go after the ones that are not safe for public use," she said. "We want to make it as safe as possible for everyone."



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
McAtee boat ramp needs to be replaced.

How well do YOU know Madison County?

Thanks for playing by the rules last week! To even the playing field, we asked you call after 9 a.m. on Friday the week the paper comes out. We're continuing that this week, so if you know where the photo was taken, be sure to call after 9 a.m. on April 15! Thanks!




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ENNIS SCHOOL

Board hires new superintendent, rehires principals, teachers, staff

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On Wednesday, April 6, 2016, the Ennis School Board formally approved a superintendent contract for Casey Klasna, who will take over as superintendent of Ennis Schools this summer.

Board chair John Scully explained Klasna, who is currently superintendent at Terry, had one year remaining from a three year contract, but that he had been released from that contract.

"We have the contract signed by him and back in our hands?" asked trustee Maria Lake.

Scully answered in the affirmative, and trustee Chad Coffman moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Lake and all the trustees – Scully, Lake, Coffman, Craig George and Kris Inman – voted in favor of the motion to formally hire Klasna as the new superintendent.

Hiring principals, teachers, staff

Also during the board meeting, the trustees heard recommendations from high school principal Rich Borden, elementary school principal Brian Hilton and Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski to rehire all tenured and non tenured

teachers.

The board unanimously followed the recommendations and all tenured and non tenured teachers in both the elementary school and high school were rehired.

Wrzesinski also recommended hiring all coaches except those for C squads.

"I wouldn't hire C squad coaches yet until we know if we'll need them because of numbers," Wrzesinski said. "But I recommend to hire the rest."

The board unanimously followed Wrzesinski's recommendation and hired all coaches except those for C squads, which will only be hired based on student athlete numbers

Wrzesinski also recommended rehiring all classified staff – board representatives met with the leadership of the classified staff to discuss a pay matrix, Scully explained. The board unanimously voted in favor of rehiring the school's classified staff.

Ennis Schools currently employs three aides through Title I money. According to Montana's Office of Public Instruction, "Title I funds provide additional academic support and learning opportunities to help low-achieving children master challenging curricula and meet state standards in core academic subjects. For example,

funds support extra instruction in reading and mathematics, as well as special preschool, after-school and summer programs to extend and reinforce the regular school curriculum."

Since the school has not heard from the state how much Title I money they will receive for the next school year, Scully recommended holding off rehiring those aides.

"So our Title I staff will not know if they are employed until when?" Inman asked.

Wrzesinski said they hope for a figure from the state sooner rather than later, but that last year they handled it over the summer months. Wrzesinski said he anticipated the Title I funding would not change much from last year.

Wrzesinski recommended the board rehire both Borden and Hilton.

Inman made a motion in favor of that recommendation that Lake seconded, and all the trustees voted in favor of rehiring the principals.

Clerk evaluation

Prior to the meeting, each trustee filled out an evaluation form for clerk Ginger Martello – Martello had the option to have her evaluation conducted in executive session, but chose to stay in an open meeting.

The trustees rated Martello in multiple categories and read

their comments about her performance.

"(Martello) is very good at looking ahead," Inman said. "She knows budgets inside and out."

Lake referred to Martello as a "miracle worker."

"You are very professional at all times," Scully added.

The board then unanimously voted to rehire Martello as school clerk.

Vo-tech building

Lake and George met with architect Dave Grigsby to discuss options for proceeding with updating the school's vo-tech building and reported the information they gathered to the board.

"If we're going to do this, we need to do it right," George said. "We got one comment that at some point in time, we might want to think about starting from scratch."

The current vo-tech building was constructed in the early 1970s and renovating it presents a few challenges. However, George said the building referred to as the "bus barn," which is located right behind the vo-tech building might be a better alternative for a shop.

"The bus barn would accommodate 75 percent of the space needed for the shop," Lake added. "Then we could put an addition on the south-

west corner for the other space and another addition for the classroom space, which would be more than enough."

George said he believed turning the bus barn into the shop would allow for a modernized facility as opposed to fixing up the current shop and finding out it needs more work in the near future.

"We don't know the costs involved yet, but we need direction from the board so we can tell the architect what to do," Lake said.

Coffman moved to instruct the architect to create a comparison of plan A – renovating the current shop – and plan B – fixing up the bus barn, and Inman seconded the motion.

The entire board voted in favor of it, and George agreed to instruct Grigsby to continue with creating plans for turning the bus barn into the vo-tech building.

Retirees and new hires

The board accepted two resignation letters from long-time Ennis School teachers – Joan Schilling and Marilyn Jenkins.

"I met with them (earlier this week) to express our thanks," Scully told the trustees.

The board also accepted a resignation from Jo Forsberg, who is retiring this year after 29 years on the school's janito-

rial staff.

"I have tremendously enjoyed working alongside other staff members and Ennis students," Forsberg's letter read.

Wrzesinski recommended the board hire Ennis resident Dahlia Rolfe for Jenkins' vacated position, saying she was not only the only qualified applicant, but a good one at that.

The board unanimously approved hiring Rolfe.

Wrzesinski also asked the board approve a contract he offered to a recent University of Montana graduate for the position of part time art teacher.

"It's hard to get someone to come here for a part time job," Wrzesinski said.

The board unanimously voted to approve the offered contract, and Wrzesinski said he asked to hear back from the applicant by next week.

Thanking trustees

Before closing the meeting, Wrzesinski took a moment to present both Scully and George with plaques thanking them for their service to the board.

"Thank you," Wrzesinski said. "You took the school through tough times."

Scully's and George's terms are up for election on May 3, and neither filed to run, which made the April 6 meeting their last on the board.

ROAD WORK IN PONY, HARRISON

MDT project scheduled to begin mid-April to improve safety on curves

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Later this month, the Montana Department of Transportation will commence a project in the Pony/Harrison area to improve safety on two curves in the road, according to Kevin Allen, project manager with Helena Sand & Gravel.

Helena Sand & Gravel is completing the work, which will consist of installing new drainage pipes for Willow

Creek to pass underneath MT Highway 283 – the road between Harrison and Pony, in addition to curve reconstruction.

"We're going to take a bit of the big curve out and then build a super to keep you on the road," Allen said.

A super is a slope in the road to help motorists stay on the roadway when going around a curve, he explained.

"Since it will be torn up, we are putting in new culverts

because there is a tributary to Willow Creek that runs alongside the road and drops into a pipe," Allen said. "We're going to take that tributary and put it in a new culvert and then put a new one in for the creek."

As part of the same project, Helena Sand & Gravel is also widening MT Highway 359 at the curve near the railroad track – the highway runs between Harrison and Cardwell.

"We're widening it out and flattening the slopes," Al-

len said. "The curve will stay where it is. The other portion of that is to do the signage – yellow and black signs with arrows that will be lit up to warn people driving at night."

The schedule

Construction crews are mobilizing on April 18, Allen said.

"My drop dead date is July 11," he added. "Pony is going to be first and we're going to mill the asphalt and put in the

culverts. Then we're going to move to Harrison and do the excavation there and use some of the materials to finish up Pony."

Then the crews will complete the Pony portion of the project and then return to finish and pave the Harrison part.

"We'll have it to one lane during work hours and then put it back to two lanes on the evenings and weekends when we can," Allen said. "But that depends where we are with

our work ... We may not be able to put it back to two lanes in Pony when we're putting the pipe in the ground."

The project, which is being funded by MDT has a budget of \$836,000, Allen said.

Madison County commissioner Ron Nye said he thinks the project will make the road "better."

"Some of (MT Highway 259) is really narrow, so I think widening that part will be a good thing," Nye said.

RANCH HAND IN TRAINING

Hi readers,

When I moved to Montana, I knew next to nothing about cattle. I thought they were tasty, but that's about it. I've learned a lot since I've called Madison County home, especially this year.

Mike works on a ranch outside of Ennis as a night calver, and many nights I was fortunate enough to tag along. Though I'm not the most helpful ranch hand, I'm getting better at opening and closing gates. And whenever there was a babe that needed to be bottle-fed, I was more than happy to lend a hand.

Then I bought Eddie, a friendly little quarter horse, right around the end of calving season. Since then, I've had more lessons in cow work and horsemanship than I can count. Fortunately, the ranch where Mike works is run by very patient, understanding, knowledgeable folks, and they're willing to let me join in whenever I can.

During my prior branding experiences, my job was vaccinating the calves. But during the most recent branding, I got to run the iron! It was a really cool experience for a couple of reasons. One was simply learning something new! By the time we got to the last few calves, I knew how hot the iron needed to be, how much pressure I should apply and how long I should hold the iron to the calf. I also loved running the iron because I can see my handiwork every time I go to the ranch now!

The calves will grow with a brand on their hip that I put there!

The first few brands I put on were not the clearest – I was timid and didn't apply the right amount of pressure. Plus, the iron slips around on the calf's hide, which can blur the brand. Fortunately, the folks with experience gave me a hand, and the ranch manager was understanding about a few sloppy brands.

Most importantly, I didn't brand any upside down!

Last week, I featured the conservation districts' selections for the stewards of the land awards – the Woodsons from the Ruby Valley and the Crumleys from the Madison side of the county. I love interviewing the stewardship award winners because they all share something in common: A deep appreciation for the land and its natural resources.

One thing John Crumley said during our interview has really stuck with me. He said he believes Madison County residents, even if they are not ranchers, have an understanding about the ranching lifestyle that many people don't grasp.

I agree with that, and I'll take it a step further. For those of us who didn't grow up around livestock, ranching would be a question mark without people willing to let us learn. And that's something special about Madison County producers – the majority I've met are willing to chat, share their knowledge and invite you to the ranch to see it firsthand. Especially during branding season. It's amazing how many people from all different walks of life show up at a branding either ready to work or ready to learn.

Abigail

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That's me! I'm getting a trial by fire (literally) lesson in branding calves at the ranch.



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Since Virginia City is our county seat and the town is centrally located for those traveling from the Madison and Ruby valleys, we are holding the event there. So join us at 6 p.m. on May 4 at the meeting room in the Madison

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To keep things fair, we have invited the candidates running for Senate District 36 – Jeff Welborn and Dale Stewart; House District 71 – Ray Shaw and Robert Wagner; and Madison County commission district number one – Dave Schulz, Dan Allhands and Ellis Thompson.

We will go office by office, so the commissioner candidates will all be asked the same questions, but those questions will be different than those asked to the Senate candidates and House candidates.

Each candidate will get three minutes to introduce himself before we enter the question portion of the forum. Abigail Dennis, our editor, will moderate. We will spend 15 minutes on questions – Abigail will ask a question and rotate through which candidate answers

first. Each candidate gets one minute to respond to the question. Before moving onto the next office, each candidate gets two minutes for a closing statement.

As a reminder: this is a forum, not a debate. If you want to submit questions in advance, please email them to Abigail Dennis (editor@madisoniannews.com).

Check the next few issues of *The Madisonian* for more event details.

We hope to see you there!

Thanking the kind community

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all the nice people who visited Bud at home. Honored him at the funeral and luncheon. All the cards, phone calls and food. A special thanks to Debbie Paige, Keith and Gary. God Bless each of you.

The family of Bud Davis

OBITUARIES

Nancy Stahr Beardsley Leadbeater March 22, 1931 - 2016



Nancy Stahr Beardsley Leadbeater passed away with her children by her side unexpectedly after a brief illness in Billings.

The second of three children, she was born Nancy Jean Stahr in Cincin-

nati, Ohio, on March 22, 1931, to Robert and Mildred Stahr. She married her lifelong friend, David Edward Beardsley, whose parents owned a cabin up Jack Creek Canyon. After a brief assignment in the Navy in Hawaii, they moved to the Madison Valley in 1954 where David and Nancy ran the Beardsley Stock Ranch on Varney Road. Five sons were born in the Ennis Hospital before moving to Bozeman in 1964 when they had a baby girl and Nancy became a stay at home mom caring for the family.

In 1982, she married Alfred A. Leadbeater. For the majority of her years with "Bud," they shared their time in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Ennis until Bud's passing in

2002. She then kept close to her beloved home in Ennis.

Her hobbies included gardening, volunteering as "a purple lady" at Madison Valley Medical Center, working and sharing her time at the Trinity Episcopal Church. Her greatest joy was watching her children and grandchildren in all their activities.

She was preceded by her parents and eldest brother David, first husband David, her second husband Bud and two sons, Andrew and David.

She is survived by her family: brother Jonathan Stahr of Elkhart, Ind.; son Robert and grandsons Landon and Cameron of Scottsdale; son Tim and Jane and grandsons Andrew and Eli of Ennis; son Matthew and

granddaughter Zoe of Bozeman; daughter Jennifer and Cory and grandsons Daniel, Jacob and Nicholas of Ennis; and her late son David's children, grandsons Nicholas and Matthew and granddaughter Victoria, residing in Colorado and North Carolina.

She was a perfect example of strength and dignity for her family and a pillar of kindness and warmth in the community. She is and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service is scheduled for April 23 at 11 a.m. at her beloved Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers.

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& MORE NEWS:

Up for improvements

Ennis Airport scheduled for construction this spring, summer



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
The Ennis Airport is about to get a \$2.25 million upgrade.

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On Monday, April 4, the Madison County commissioners opened bids for a project at the Ennis Airport that will take place this year.

"A M Welles was the low bidder and will likely receive the project," said commissioner Jim Hart. "The Ennis Airport is in a transition time between what the (Federal Aviation Administration) refers to as a class B airport to a class C airport, which has to do with the amount of jet traffic."

The aprons and taxiways at the Ennis-Big Sky Airport were constructed 24 to 26 years ago, which means they are well-past their useful life, according to Lance Bowser, engineer with Robert Peccia & Associates, the firm that handles engineering and construction on Madison County's airports.

"[The aprons and taxiways have] extensive cracking and rutting resulting from load related pavement failures," Bowser said. "The project will reconstruct the pavements in accordance with current standards for the existing air traffic utilizing the airport."

The commissioners first requested bids on the project last fall, but the FAA declined award of the project, stating, "After the grants were issued, it was realized that the larger, heavier and faster aircraft that the airport is experiencing may result in an unexpected need to re-designate the airport from Airport Reference Code (ARC)

B-II to ARC C-II."

According to Hart, that means the FAA did not want to fund a project that would have to be torn out and redone in the near future because of increasing jet traffic.

"The question the Airport Board had to ask was 'do we deny future traffic and keep ourselves at class B or do we go for it?'" Hart said. "Their recommendation to us was to plan for more traffic."

Bowser revised the scope of work to alleviate the FAA's concerns about accommodating the volume and type of traffic that projected at Ennis in the future, and that project was approved.

"The construction project is \$2.25 million total," Bowser said. "Federal FAA grants will contribute 90 percent reimbursement, Montana Aeronautics Grants will contribute approximately 1.3 percent, with Madison County funding the remaining approximate 8.7 percent."

As for construction, Bowser said it is anticipated to begin on May 2, 2016, with a two-month long construction duration.

"Airport closures will be limited in duration," Bowser said. "However, access to the main apron and hangar access taxiway will be removed."

Up next

The upgraded taxiway and aprons are most likely just the beginning of updates at the Ennis Airport.

"It's just going to keep growing," Hart said about the Ennis Airport.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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McAllister youth enters true, no contest pleas

A 17-year-old McAllister youth appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker and pleaded true or no contest to numerous charges relating to an incident that occurred in and around Ennis on Jan. 29 and 30, 2016.

The state initially charged the youth in two separate cases, but Deputy Madison County Attorney Justin Ekwall requested the court consolidate them into one case since the charges all stem from the same events.

Judge Tucker granted Ekwall's request, and the hearing continued as one case.

The youth pleaded true to the charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs, criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, minor in possession of alcohol, two instances of theft, criminal mischief and burglary. He pleaded no contest to accountability to criminal mischief.

The charges stem from circumstances that occurred at the end of January 2016 when two Ennis Main Street businesses were broken into; the Ennis Town Pump was deprived of merchandise; and tires were slashed on multiple vehicles on the Ennis golf course.

Ekwall requested the court schedule a dispositional, or sentencing, hearing in 30 to 60 days, which would allow the state to formalize the

restitution amount, inform any defendants who may want to attend and get a recommendation from the youth probation officer.

Judge Tucker also expressed his interest in being kept "in the know" about a person who was also involved in the incidents - that is still under investigation.

The youth was released on his own recognition pending the dispositional hearing, which will be set at a later date.

Change of plea

Sarah Noelene Schwab appeared before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on April 11 for a change of plea hearing on charges she violated the terms of a suspended sentence.

Schwab was previously given a five year suspended sentence to the Department of Corrections for issuing a bad check, common scheme, a felony, according to court documents.

Her appearance on April 11 was for a second petition that she violated her suspended sentence - two more petitions regarding further violations have also been filed.

Schwab's probation and parole officer, Jared Poole, was called to the stand by County Attorney Chris Christensen.

Poole said Schwab's recent history on probation has been a "rollercoaster," and that she was in a recovery house but was terminated from it. Because of that, Poole recommended Schwab be

sent to the Department of Corrections for five years, three suspended.

Schwab's attorney, Stephanie Kruer, requested time to gather evidence and present Schwab's case to the court before sentencing, and Judge Tucker agreed.

The court will be in recess on the matter until April 25, when Kruer and Schwab will give their perspective.

Felony DUI

An Anaconda man appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Tucker on April 11 for a sentencing hearing.

Christian Allen Sletten previously pleaded guilty to the charge of driving under the influence of alcohol, fourth offense, according to court documents.

Jared Poole, probation and parole officer for the Department of Corrections, was called to the stand. He recommended Sletten to the DoC for 13 months and a placement in the WATCH program, and an additional three year suspended sentence. Poole confirmed Sletten has been tested daily for alcohol use since July 2014 and has tested negative every time.

County Attorney Chris Christensen recommended Sletten be sentenced to the DoC for a term of 13 months and a recommendation for the WATCH program. After completion of the program, Sletten could be released and the remainder of the 13 months would be sus-

pending. Christensen also recommended the court sentence Sletten to an additional five year suspended sentence, and impose a \$10,000 fine with \$9,000 suspended.

Stephanie Kruer, Sletten's attorney, requested the court look at sentencing "differently."

She recommended a five year suspended sentence to the DoC and that the additional 13 month sentence also be suspended, with the requirement that Sletten completed an inpatient, private treatment program at his own expense. Kruer also recommended a fine of \$5,000, and that Sletten serve six months of jail time on his weekends or days off of work. During Sletten's suspended sentence, Kruer recommended he still be tested for alcohol use.

"If he is forced to go to (the WATCH program) he will lose his job, lose his home, lose, lose, lose," Kruer said.

Judge Tucker said Kruer and Christensen brought up a "pivotal issue" - whether it is permissible by state statute for the court to suspend part of the 13 month mandatory sentence for a felony DUI.

"There's no point talking about it if it's not allowed," Judge Tucker said. "It is an interesting legal question to which there is no immediate answer."

Judge Tucker continued Sletten's bail and requested both attorneys file briefs arguing their individual points by May 13.



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Relay for Life has been near and dear to Meg Sammons' heart since 2004, when she was first approached about joining the movement. Now, 14 years later, Sammons has continued to volunteer and show her support by serving as the chair for the event in Ennis.

"It's my passion and is very close to my

heart," said Sammons, who lost both her parents to cancer and is a survivor herself. "Just being able to support other survivors and celebrate those we have lost is incredible."

Sammons was approached about the event shortly after her battle with cancer and served as a team captain before taking over as team developer and ultimately as event chair, a position she has held for the past three years.

She is already busy fundraising for the Relay for Life main event, which will take place June 17, by organizing team signups and various

other fundraising events.

"The money raised always goes toward cancer research and support for survivors," said Sammons, adding that raising awareness is just as important. "That's all that we want."

Though the Relay for Life movement holds a special place in her heart, Sammons said just volunteering and giving back to a cause or the community is something everyone should consider.

"Just being a part of giving back is important," she said. "We're so disconnected sometimes and (volunteering) connects people. And if you have the resources and the wherewithal to do so, why not?"

While preparing and organizing the Relay for Life event in the valley takes most of her time, Sammons also makes time to volunteer at her church as well as run a business. She also spent time volunteering for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in the early 90s on a project to secure land for wildlife conservation in the Taylor Fork.

When she does get some free time, she

enjoys gardening and has a greenhouse that she says will keep her busy from now until October.

"Anything out in nature I enjoy," she said.



Meg Sammons

Thank you for your dedication!

Keep up the good work!

~ The Madisonian

& MORE NEWS:

VIRGINIA CITY

Town council tables sign ordinance project until next fall

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During the Virginia City town council's April meeting, the councilmembers unanimously agreed to table the Virginia City winter business sign permit question, which has been a frequent agenda item since January.

"I brought this up to help with commercial practice for this winter and there's been quite a bit of discussion about size and colors and whether it's a flag," said Virginia City mayor

Scott Petersen. "At this point I think we should just table it and send it back to (the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee) for the summer and they can come up with a plan for next winter."

The council has been discussing a flag concept and design that could be used by winter businesses that also meets town ordinances.

Petersen added that by the time the city would receive the flags, businesses would only be allowed to fly them until May 1, or before the resort tax applies.

"To have them up for maybe 10 days this year just doesn't seem reasonable at this point," he said.

The sign permit first came about after a Virginia City business tried to attract customers by flying a flag not in compliance with the city ordinance. It has since been a heavily debated subject for the council and businesses as the two have tried to find a compromise. The council agreed to work to create a flag that met the town code and the requirements set forth by the HPAC during their February meeting and have since had

a design approved by HPAC – the town must approve the design before moving forward with permitting the flags.

The town chose to table the discussion until the fall and send the permit application back to HPAC for design refining.

"There are questions about the colors and materials and sizes," said Petersen. "At this point, it doesn't matter if we pass it because it is not going to take effect this year."

"In spirit, the idea is good, just the details need to be refined," added councilman David Bacon.

A GREAT DEBATE: LEAD OR NON-LEAD

Ruby Habitat Foundation hosts presentation about lead ammunition

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On April 7, the Ruby Habitat Foundation hosted Chris Parish, condor field project supervisor for the Peregrine Fund, a nonprofit organization, to speak about the impacts lead ammunition has on raptors and other carcass feeding species, as well as possible alternatives to lead ammunition.

Because lead fired from high powered rifles shatters, those fragments can be left behind in carcass and gut piles, which can cause elevated blood levels in species that feed on the gut piles, according to Parish. The studies have even shown that lead fragments can make their way in processed meats consumed

by humans, he added.

"The main thing we have found is the number one cause of deaths (in condors) is lead poisoning," Parish said of the studies he has conducted through the Peregrine Fund, as well as the northern Arizona Condor Reintroduction Project. "The majority of the exposures also appear in the fall months, during hunting seasons."

Parish said other studies have found lead has not only been identified in condors but in other various raptors and any other creature that may feed on a deer or elk carcass.

"The common misconception is that this is some screwball approach to attacking our rights as hunters," Parish said. "That's not the case. We hunt and fish too

and we thought it worthy to share information with others by publishing those papers."

During his talk last Thursday at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Parish spoke about the lead vs. non-lead controversy and addressed questions such as accuracy and price differences in using non-lead ammunition.

"Accuracy isn't a problem," Parish said. "And price is a personal assessment. It's a game of making a case and the ultimate question is, are hunters willing to make the game meat as clean as possible for both themselves and other scavengers? What's that cost and is it worth it to them?"

Dave Delisi, outreach coordinator for RHF, calls the lead vs. non-lead question a

"sleeper issue."

"It doesn't impede anyone to hunt and use their guns," he said. "It's a public health issue that needs to be broadcast to help make people more aware."

Food for thought

For Parish, the idea of switching to non-lead ammunition is not only a public health concern but "a testament that the conservation ethic is alive and well within the hunting world."

"I think the main thing is (hunters) don't just care about the animals we take, we care about the ecosystem in which they live and the future of hunting," Parish said. "We can still practice one shot one kill and but leave things better."



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TOP
In order to collect shattered lead fragments as part of a research project, a bullet was shot through a water barrel. The photo shows the bullet before and after being fired.

LEFT
Chris Parish said the event went well but he had hoped more people would have attended, adding only around 27 people gathered for the discussion.



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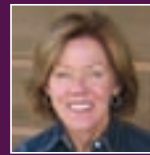
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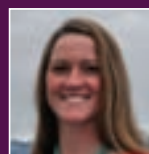
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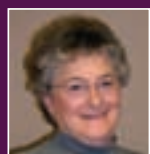
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SHERIDAN CARNIVAL

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The Sheridan Community Carnival was a great success! The Sheridan Carnival is a community outreach and also raises money for classes and clubs. Freshman Katie Fritts helped to sell cotton candy.

The freshmen class sold cotton candy and Brayt Wood enjoyed.



Donation given to raise funds for Twin Bridges Eagle Scout project

SUBMITTED BY DOUG MARTIN
American Legion Post 31

On March 31, Paul Babb from Northwestern Energy presented a check for \$500 to Bill Gibson, commander of American Legion Post 31. This marks the beginning of raising funds for the next Twin Bridges Eagle Scout project.

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A Brief History of Ireland and the Easter Rebellion of 1916
Gary Forney | Monday, April 25th | 6-8pm | RM. 19 Jr. High

The history of Ireland and its people is very deep, filled with struggle, tragic events, and stories of incredibly brave men and women who risked all for their beautiful homeland. This workshop will provide a look at a wee bit of Ireland's history and the events leading to the landmark event which occurred 100 years ago; the Easter Rebellion. No matter whether you have Irish in your blood or Irish in your heart, this workshop will offer you an opportunity to better understand the passion and pride behind the greeting, "Erin go Braugh!"

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(R) Attendees enjoy a colorful Mad Hatter tea party on March 18. (Center) Dave Walker performs and entertains library goers both for the Mad Hatter tea party in March and for the Library Soirée on April 2. (L) The Thompson-Hickman Library received a check from 3 Rivers Communications.

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Thompson-Hickman Library hosts various events

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA KOCH
Thompson-Hickman Library

On Friday, March 18, the Friends of the Library hosted Thompson-Hickman County Library's second annual Mad Hatter Tea Party. Dave Walker provided music for the event. On Saturday, April 2, the library hosted the first annual Library Soirée, a gathering for all the 3 Rivers Partnership libraries: Boulder, Clancy, Dillon, Ennis, Sheridan, Three Forks, Twin Bridges, Virginia City and Whitehall. There were donated books available for library staff to browse through and take back to their respective libraries. Dave Walker also provided music for this event. On Tuesday, April 5, Susan Wilson and Kevin McWilliams from 3 Rivers presented a \$500 check to the library. Library Director Jack Albrecht accepted the check on behalf of Christina Koch, Assistant Librarian.

ONE STEP CLOSER



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VIRGINIA CITY ICE

On March 21, the Virginia City Elks Lodge presented Virginia City Ice with a check for \$1,000. The donation will go toward VC Ice's campaign to design and build a new warming hut.

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Ennis golf results

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS MCCOWN
Ennis Schools

Baylee Sciuchetti- 116
Charlie Gilmore- 103
Chris Funston- 121
Cole Crowley- 102

The Ennis golf team traveled to Helena on April 7 and played the Bill Roberts golf course. Here's how the team fared.

Baylee Sciuchetti and Bryson Glines both qualified for class C State golf tournament in Hamilton in May.

Bryson Glines- 98



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Harrison sophomores Derik DeFrance and Josie Hokanson pose with their medals from the SkillsUSA technical drafting contest.

SkillsUSA state leadership and skills conference 2016

SUBMITTED BY EMMA STEFFEN
Harrison Schools

signs and builds a promotional exhibit; technical drafting, woodworking, and automotive service technology.

On April 4-6, several students from Harrison School attended the SkillsUSA competition at MSU-Northern in Havre. It was a statewide contest, drawing over 350 students from 33 schools.

Although the entire list of results have not been tabulated, some students were able to walk away with medals on the day of competition. In the technical drafting contest, which requires using computer-aided drafting and other tools to solve industry-developed problems, Harrison sophomores Josie Hokanson and Derik DeFrance placed first and second, respectively.

SkillsUSA is an organization that supports and promotes career and technical education for high school students. Harrison students participated in such competitions as chapter display, in which each team de-

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK
HARRISON


Doug Christensen is Harrison High School's Student of the Week. Doug, a junior, is a dedicated student with outstanding grades, is a positive role model and has a great sense of humor. Doug is kind to his schoolmates and a great friend. He is a conscientious, hard-working young man who volunteers readily for anything that needs to be done. He is an active leader in Honor Society, Boy Scouts, student council, cross country, basketball, and track. Way to be Wild, Doug!




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PET OF THE WEEK

STORM
Okaaaayyyy! Gary Moore was adopted and that's just not fair. I was here first and, and it's just not fair! I sing, I talk, I purr and what did it get me? Ignored! Humpf! Guess I'll have to run an ad in the Lonely Heart Mews. Heard that works. But, before I try that, I'll try the local newspaper. I heard they help too, altho I haven't seen any singles ads in there. Please call on me soon, I'd purrry love to have a family. Call Misty at 439-1405 and ask for Storm (that's me). See ya soon, Storm



MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday	Rain and snow. Moderate snow accumulations. Snow level 7000 feet. Highs 40 to 50. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. Chance of precipitation near 100 percent.
Friday	Snow and rain. Heavy snow accumulations. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 35 to 45. Chance of precipitation near 100 percent.
Saturday	Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 40 to 50.
Sunday	Mostly clear. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 50 to 60.
Monday	Sunny. Highs 55 to 65.

Quote of the Week:

"All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking."

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"The View of Pony" when Pony was in its prime.

The small mining town's not so small history

CAITLIN AVEY
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"Pony is a very small town, but we still say it is alive and will continue to be so," reads the first sentence of the Pony Gold Dust (school annual) from 1938/39, which published a copy of the letter 1916 graduate Donald Stevens wrote to the *Montana Standard* in regards to an article published in 1927 in the *Anaconda Standard* about Pony joining the ranks as a ghost town.

"So far as statistics on the town are concerned, here are some of the highlights on what Pony has today to place it far from the class of ghost cities: 51 occupied residents within the city limits, a four year accredited high school house in a large, modern brick building with a new concrete gymnasium-auditorium beside it, regular Northern Pacific train service, a hydroelectric plant which furnishes Pony, Harrison and neighboring ranches with plenty of light and power, a fraternal hall in which four organizations hold regular, weekly, well-attended meetings and an ever flourishing woman's club, housed in a well-appointed clubhouse."

Donald Stevens, 1927

Glory days

Much like the Gold Rush of the 1860s brought occupants to Virginia City, many settlers who were headed out west came across the tiny town at the base of Hollowtop Mountain and called it home, sending the town's population soaring. While maybe 100 residents today care for Pony and call it home, during the mining boom nearly 5,000 people resided in the town.

According to the town website, Pony once boasted "a creamery,

two Chinese laundries, a Chinese restaurant, real estate offices, hat and tailor shops, a blacksmith shop, rooming houses, a movie house and an electric power plant ... there were 12 saloons, a slaughter house on the outskirts of town, a music band and baseball team."

Life in Pony has since quieted down as buildings and people have come and gone, leaving the task of keeping its history alive to a small few.

Anne Phillips Reynolds is one of those few occupants still residing in the town.

Family history

Born in 1944 just over the hill in Whitehall, Reynolds has called Pony her home off and on her whole life – her family background is steeped rich in Pony history.

In the late 1890s, Reynolds great-grandparents, the Drakes, homesteaded near Pony, creating a life where part of the Sitz Angus Ranch currently sits. Her great-grandfather was a surveyor, among many things, and developed a sacred hot springs many Madison County locals have come to know and love – Potosi Hot Springs.

Reynolds' father came to Pony on a whim in 1937 on his way to Alaska from his home state of Wisconsin.

"His sister had (tuberculosis) and he was on the run," said Reynolds. "He worked at the Fort Peck Dam for awhile and for the Buttelmans and Coopers – he never made it to Alaska."

Childhood

Reynolds had a good life growing up in Pony and remembers her childhood fondly.

"We didn't have much, no modern facilities," she said. "We didn't realize we were poor, but we knew no different."

Reynolds spent her early days hunting and fishing, robbing magpie nests, learning to sew and knit and playing lots of cards.

"There wasn't a card game we didn't know how to play," she said.

To earn money for her school clothes, Reynolds worked as a cook during hay season for a local family.

"I earned \$100 for school clothes," she said, adding that women had to wear dresses to school, with the exception of Fridays. "On Fridays, we could wear saddle pants!"

Reynolds was one of the last students to graduate from the eighth grade in 1958; the grade school closed down that same year and the high school had already closed in 1943.

After high school, Reynolds moved to Butte where she attended business school and worked at Safeway for a few years. After Butte, she headed east to Billings for nearly 10 years before moving to Dillon where she raised her children and worked for 40 years.

Now Reynolds and her husband split their time between Dillon and Pony.

"I just love it here," Reynolds said.

Long live Pony

While Pony may have since joined the ranks as a Montana "ghost town" that tourists stop to explore on their way through to Virginia City or who love and adore the tiny, historic town and have rallied together to keep the history of Pony alive and known.

Though many buildings have closed or been torn down, remnants of the historic mining town still stand. From the endless stories you can hear during an evening at the Pony Bar to the history maintained in the museum by the Pony Homecoming Club, the town of Pony is certainly alive and well.



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The old stamp processing mill was built during the mining boom when the grade of ore was determined to be high. The ore body turned out to be of low grade and the mill never actually ran.



PHOTO COURTESY ANNE PHILLIPS REYNOLDS
Anne's current house in Pony sits just below the home she grew up in, shown in the photo to the left.



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Anne Phillips Reynolds holds a photo of her taken on the first day of seventh grade in 1957. Anne was one of the last students to attend grade school in Pony before it official closed in 1958.

"Nowhere in the great empire of the West has nature been more lavish in her display of beauty, grandeur and sublimity than in the quaint, picturesque, little city of Pony."

From the Pony School Record, 1907



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Adulting 101

BY CAITLIN AVEY

I recently registered myself in an early bird yoga class to help aide in my attempt to run a half marathon in September. I chose the early class, which meets at 6 a.m. twice a week, for two reasons: one, to help establish a better and healthier morning routine and two, to test my ability as a fulltime adult. I don't know why I seem to think being up before the sun makes you more of an adult ... probably because my dad was always the first one up and finished

three or more adult-like tasks before 7 a.m., i.e.; making coffee, eating breakfast, exercising and whatever else my 13-year-old brain believed adults did. However, as I have grown up I have learned that I inherited my father's early rising abilities – between my sister and I, I'm much more pleasant to be around in the morning.

My yoga class started this week and so to prepare myself, I spent last week training my mind and body to be awake before 6 a.m., and it was much harder than I

anticipated.

Last Tuesday, I set my alarm for 5:45 a.m. and nearly rolled off my bed when the bell sounded. After hitting snooze maybe four times, I was up and dressed for a morning run by 6:15 a.m. I chugged a cold glass of water, something I later regretted, and stepped out into the cold morning air.

The Madison Valley is an interesting place at 6:15 in the morning. To my surprise, I wasn't the only body out amidst the morning chill. As I ran toward Lions Park

I passed several walkers and other runners, said hello to the First Street pig and startled a family of town deer. I'm not sure who was more startled, actually. While I may have spooked the furry family, they turned right back around and stalked me half-way around the block. The whole encounter made me feel as if I was in a Disney movie as the character that befriends all the woodland creatures.

After making it to my destination with a wicked side ache, I took a break and

sat on a bench overlooking the river. As I watched the sun lift over the mountains, I took a quick moment to reflect on the progress I have made since I started this journey in February. Up until this point in my life, I never would have thought that I would enjoy running and the peace it brings me. I also never thought waking up before 6 a.m. was something I would voluntarily choose to do – same with the whole agreeing to run 13 miles thing. That one really came out of left field.

The following morning I attempted the same routine; I woke up a 5:45 a.m., hit the snooze a couple of times and dressed for a run. Feeling a little more sluggish than usual, I told myself I would take 15 minutes to "wake up" before leaving my apartment. Fifteen minutes turned into 45 minutes, a pot of coffee and an episode of "Murder, She Wrote."

Check back next time to see how my early morning battle with yoga, town deer and the open road has progressed!

DPHHS urging Montanans over age 50 to get screened for colorectal cancer

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

The Department of Public Health and Human Services reports that approximately 315,000 Montanans age 50-75 should be screened for colorectal cancer.

However, about 40 percent are not currently meeting the screening recommendations.

DPHHS Director Richard Opper is urging Montanans to

take action.

"If you're 50 years old or older, you need to get screened for colorectal cancer," he said. "This is too important to ignore, and it could save your life."

From 2009-2013, an average of 490 Montanans were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 172 died of the disease each year.

According to DPHHS officials, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of

cancer death in Montana and the United States. Yet, it is one of the most preventable.

DPHHS is raising awareness about the importance of screening and is partnering with organizations such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana to set a goal of an 80 percent screening rate by 2018.

"We need to boost colorectal cancer screening rates in Montana, and by working together and educating the

public about this important issue, I believe our 80 percent goal is attainable," said Dr. Jonathan Griffin of BCBSMT.

DPHHS Cancer Control Section Supervisor Lisa Troyer said that many people who have not gotten screened may not understand the significance of the disease or believe they are not at risk. Troyer said that screening can detect cancer or pre-cancerous polyps before symptoms are present.

"Someone could have polyps or colorectal cancer and not know it," Troyer said. "That is why getting screened regularly for colorectal cancer is so important."

She said that screening and early detection can reduce the mortality from colorectal cancer by as much as 60 percent. A screening test is used to look for a disease when a person does not have symptoms. When a person has symptoms, diagnostic tests are used to

find out the cause.

Colorectal cancer screening tests are covered as a preventive service under Medicare/Medicaid or private insurance benefits.

If symptoms are present, they might include:

- Blood in or on your stool (bowel movement).
- Stomach pain, aches or cramps that do not go away.
- Losing weight and you do not know why.

DPHHS is raising awareness about STDs; urging Montanans to get screened regularly

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

April is National Sexually

Transmitted Diseases Awareness Month, and the Department of Public Health and Human Services is raising awareness about those who may be at risk.

Judy Nielsen of the DPHHS STD-HIV Prevention Section said there are many steps people can take to prevent STDs.

"It's important for Montan-

ans to know that that STDs are all preventable," said Nielsen. "However, in order to prevent STDs, people need to be informed and take steps to protect themselves. We especially encourage people who are sexually active to get screened regularly since early diagnosis is essential in preventing transmission and the long term health consequences associated

with STDs."

To lower your risk, you can do the following:

- Reduce your number of sexual partners or remain in a long-term monogamous relationship.
- Talk to your partner about STDs and staying safe.
- Use latex condoms every time you have sex.
- Get the vaccine for

human papillomavirus, or HPV, which can protect you against diseases (including cancers) caused by the virus.

• Get tested.
• Talk with your health care provider about your sexual history so that he or she can provide you with the appropriate STD testing and prevention guidance. If you are not comfortable talking with your regular health care provider, contact one of the clinics listed on the DPHHS website about confidential and free or low-cost testing.

State and local public health officials are also concerned about the rising number of cases of sexually transmitted diseases, or STDs, mirroring a trend seen at the national level.

Of most concern is the continued increase in gonorrhea, which has doubled each of the past two years to more than 800 in 2015. In 2014, Montana had 433 cases reported and in 2013 there were 224.

The number of chlamydia cases reported in 2015 was

similar to the prior year, but the general trend continues to show a gradual increase with more than 4,100 cases reported.

HIV numbers have been fairly stable. However, given the increase in other STDs, officials are concerned that we could see additional HIV infections in the next few years. Individuals with untreated ulcers from other STDs increase their susceptibility to the HIV virus.

For more information on STDs, testing and how to protect yourself and your partners, contact your local health department or visit www.dphhs.gov

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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

The big hairy

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"
- Abraham Lincoln

One morning I was in the churchyard glancing up at Fan Mountain. She was certainly out in all her glory. The peak was capped in fresh snow, glistening in the sunlight. The sky

behind her was so clear and blue you could almost see the stars beyond.



Rev. Keith Axberg

I stood staring, but the reverie of the moment was

broken when a big hairy scary dude wandered across the lawn toward me. He was gargantuan and was covered in long, ginger hair (not unlike that of those Highland cows you see periodically). He looked like Cousin It – only from the uglier, seamier side of the It clan.

I was fairly alarmed, and must have said so as the stranger replied, "You're skeered, eh?" ("Skeered" – that's how he pronounced it). "You have reason to be skeered," he continued. "The question is, what are you going to do about it?"

He appeared to be sneering at me from behind the hairy haystack that hung where his head should be. My knees were shaking, but I knew I dared to show no fear to this hombre, so I gritted my teeth with grim determination and stood tall and brave like Marshall Dillon on the outside, while feeling more like Barney Fife on the inside.

"I suggest you build yourself a fortification," said the stranger, most reasonably.

I looked around, but I had nothing I could use to build a fort or shelter, or even that I could use as a weapon against this fearsome Hairy Scary Dude.

He perceived my consternation, disappeared for a few moments and then returned with some lumber and tools. Before I could say, "One, two, buckle my shoe," the two of us began to build a beautiful fence of immense proportions. His carpentry skills were marvelous (against which mine paled in comparison).

"Nothing will get over or around that," I said with some pride when we had finished.

Big Hairy Scary Dude simply nodded in agreement, adding, "It appears you now have a wall sufficient to keep out what skeers you."

But then I stepped back and looked at the great fence and noticed how it now blocked my view of both the mountains and valley. It was gorgeous and effective as a barrier, but it fenced me in every bit as much as it fenced out the world!

I didn't know what to do, but unbeknownst to me, the Big Hairy Scary Dude had a plan. "Give me a hand," he said, and we picked up the fence and set it down face-up on a series of sawhorses.

As soon as we had done that, people began to gather from every direction. Each brought a dish to share and began setting the table, which soon groaned under the weight of the bounty that was brought. The fence-cum-table was covered with a beautiful linen cloth and adorned with yellow beeswax candles (which flickered under the evening stars) and bouquets of the most fragrant lilacs, blue-bells and baby's breath flowers.

People sat down and as I looked around, I saw the Big Hairy Scary Dude sitting with folks from every community of faith and civic organization; and he was sitting with the morally upright and the ethically suspect; and he was sitting with both family and friends on the one side and with strangers and n'er-do-wells on the other. He was sitting with children and elders and with newborns and the dying – and he was seated with everyone simultaneously!

I wondered aloud how he could do that, and asked him his name.

He smiled, and as he did, his hairy coat began to fall away and he began to shine more brightly than the noon day sun and with the effervescent smile of the Wonderland's Cheshire cat he said, "I AM Yeshua ben Nazareth."

With that, he disappeared and I awakened.

I came to believe in my heart what I had long suspected: this world doesn't need bigger and better fences or walls, but a people willing to extend their tables to make room for all who hunger and thirst; for when all is said and done, the ultimate reality is that a Big Hairy Scary Dude called God has made and set a splendid table for ALL in this, our valley (and beyond).

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

NATURAL Resource News

By Melissa Griffiths
MADISON VALLEY RANCLANDS GROUP

EFFECTIVE HERBICIDE APPLICATION

We can probably all agree that noxious weeds are a nuisance and an issue that we wish we didn't have to deal with.

Fortunately, there are several different methods of attacking these pests – mechanical, biological, chemical and more. For many of us, chemical treatment is the preferred choice whether we hire a licensed commercial applicator or spray the herbicide ourselves. No matter who applies the herbicide, they have

a great responsibility to apply it effectively and can optimize results by following some simple steps.

Let's start with the difference between effective, ineffective and excessive herbicide application. This is a situation where more is NOT better and can ultimately set back desirable vegetation in the area where application occurs. Likewise, less than the recommended amount can result in poor control

(noxious weeds that survive the treatment) and ultimately be a waste of both time and money.

There are several steps that will help ensure an effective treatment – first, selecting the right herbicide for the job is important. Not all herbicides are effective on all weeds, so it's important to do a little homework before shopping. Second, the rate at which the herbicide is applied is critical to ensuring the best results. And, as is often the case, timing is important. There are times during the growing season when plants are most susceptible and if you're striving to reduce seed production then that's a consideration as well.

Additionally, what you apply is just as important as how much and when you apply it! There are several herbicides that can be purchased without restriction, or over the counter as some might say. However, many are more strictly regulated and require purchasers to have a private applicator certification. This certification can be gained

by attending an initial training or taking an exam.

Early next month, on May 3, a private applicator training will be offered in Ennis. Attendees can come and learn about noxious weeds and the best way to treat them. If interested, at the conclusion of the training, you can take an exam in order to become certified to purchase and apply restricted use pesticides. If you already are certified, you can earn continuing education credits that will go towards your recertification.

This is shaping up to be an extremely informative day with many great speakers from Montana State University, local weed experts and industry representatives. We will learn about weed identification and seed viability, management of annual grasses, herbicide labels, calibration and effective herbicide application. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the MVRG Weed Committee at 682-3731 or weedcommittee@madisonvalleyranchlands.org.

John Mathieson

By Charlie Rossiter

This story was written by Howard Lemm, who had the pleasure, as I did, of working with John Mathieson at the historical round barn located north of Twin Bridges.

The barn was built in the 1880s and had a Kentucky Derby winner foaled and raised there, prior to the ranch becoming a registered Herford operation as owned and managed by the Bayers family. We look back with fond memories at the wonderful summers spent working there. Our uncle Byron Bayers (another story) was the owner and proprietor. John was the herdsman, who was in charge of managing the bull herd, which was utilized for the sale of breeding stock. At this point I'll let Howie's story take over.

John was of Scottish descent, and he spent his entire life around cattle and more specifically registered cattle. His "title" was herdsman, and he also was definitely in charge of all things in and around the round barn itself. From my first summer all through the years I worked there I was John's right hand man. That sure wasn't because I had some special talents or knowledge of cattle, I suspect it mainly had to do with me growing during those summers to about 6 foot 3 inches and 200 pounds. I was the muscle for John's brains and knowledge.

John was a god to all of us young guys. No matter what you did at the ranch as summer help, everyone had a morning and evening chore to help with, so you were going to be around John one way or the other. I think he loved us young guys; at least he saw tons of humor in us trying to move from awkward, still growing boys into something nearing a man. His sense of humor was legendary and any of us could fall victim to his wit and pranks. Somehow he

commanded our complete respect and we would do anything to please him.

I've never had trouble getting up in the morning, and that was good because chores started about 5:30 a.m., but if you weren't there before then, you were going to be the recipient of the first round of jokes at your expense about being late(r) than the rest of the crew. Or as sung by John: "Oh it's nice to get up in the morning, but it's nicer to lie in your bed!!!" He sang that line a lot and we all mimicked it too at each other. Still do in fact.

So I would leave Twin Bridges at just after 5 a.m. so I could pull into the barn by no later than 5:20 a.m. and preferably a little earlier. If I did, I had a chance of beating John to the barn and turning on the lights, which was a major victory in the daily race between him we waged. He lived maybe a 150 yards from the barn and walked from his ranch house to the barn every morning. His path and direction gave him a clear view of me on the last stretch of that dirt road from town to the barn. I would be hauling as fast as I could get my '52 Studebaker to go and still stay on the road itself. That little truck would bounce and have a tough time holding the road when it hit the inevitable patches of potholes, loose gravel and washboard stretches. Summers were generally dry and I would have a dust cloud billowing behind me and two faint headlights to tip John off as well.

I don't know exactly how I eventually figured this out, but John was known to go into a sprint to get to that barn and turn the lights on to beat me to that prize. He was in his 60s by then but that didn't keep him from running to beat me. No matter which of us won that race, once in the barn with the lights on, you had to act as though it was no big deal and

that you had been there for some considerable time waiting on the other guy and then the rest of the crew. I would see the lights go on most mornings that I wasn't there first, so I knew he had only just gotten there himself, but it was all part of the game to act nonchalant about the whole deal. One of the best parts of the day was after morning and evening chores where we would gather for a few minutes with all present sitting on the three sides of the well house with the fourth side tying into the interior wall of the barn. All special events of the day were reshaped here, along with anyone's best jokes, fishing yarns and plans for the following day. I think all of us young guys were forever influenced by the way the older guys joked and laughed. By their actions they demonstrated that they had decided to enjoy this life, no matter what might happen on any particular day.

A lot of the old timers we grew up around and even worked with have passed on. John the herdsman who is front and center in this story died a number of years ago, and preceding him was his beloved wife Dorothy. John's funeral was highlighted by stories, many of them humorous, especially from my cousin as he related to the crowd how much John meant to so many people and backed by stories from those earlier days on the ranch.

I feel as though it was beyond my good fortune and that it was truly a blessing to have gotten that first summer job and then working those following years as I first graduated from high school, and then on into college. Each day, I would go down into that barn with those people as described in these stories, and I know that a part of them will always be a part of me.

Howie also wrote this poem

about John, which I would like to share as well.

John and Tippy

Have you ever thought about those people in life that helped give you a start?

I mean by those that influenced you, or helped play a part. This here is about one of those men, And I know with what he gave me, I'll never forget him.

Such a man was John the Scott, The herdsman on my first job, and from whom I learned a lot. With him, many a summer day on that ranch was spent, And much fun and wisdom he did lent.

There wasn't much about cattle that John didn't know, In my first job was to do whatever he said, and when he said so! And it started with chores, before daylight, On early fall days, it seemed like, the middle of night!

I drive out from town about 3 miles away, And that was the setting for a contest we play. Being first to the barn gave you bragging rights, Hurrying on in and flippin' on the lights.

And if he heading down the road those barn lights I didn't yet see, It'd spur us on, that old truck and me. The dust would be boiling heading for the barnyard gate, Hoping to catch John being a little bit late.

John, he only lived a quarter mile away, And had a clear view of me, headin' his way. Even though back then he was more than 60 or so, During those races he sure wasn't slow! He'd jog or run to get the win, And when I arrived he'd break into a grin. "Where the hell you been?" He'd holler, Even though I'd see the fresh sweat, still on his collar.

Commodity Insite! Arcane economic indicators

by Jerry Welch

Market Watch recently posted an article by Rachel Koning Beals entitled, "Slumping Bacon Cheeseburger Index Gives Fed Leeway to Move Slowly." The ups and down of the Bacon Cheeseburger Index and the readings of other arcane measures of economic growth or contraction are from the creative mind of Nicholas Colas, chief market strategist Convergenx, based in New York. Colas argues there are a host of "off the grid indicators" that can be just as reliable as job creation, inflation and so on in determining the health and well-being of the United States economy.

Convergenx has enough confidence in its Bacon Cheeseburger Index that they had it trademarked because it is a reliable gauge of inflation. The index is split evenly into a mini-basket

of beef, bacon and cheese. The article by Beals states, "As of the first quarter, thanks to price declines in all three of these cholesterol commodities, a bacon cheeseburger now costs 5.1 percent less than a year ago, the Convergenx report shows."

But the paragraph by Beals that really caught my attention was the following: "A look back at the Bacon Cheeseburger Index to 1990 finds that it is actually a decent indicator of deflation risk. Prior periods when the BCI turned resoundingly negative (3 percent or more) since 1990 include: 2009 (financial crisis); 1998 (emerging market and Long Term Capital collapse); and 1992 (the lead up to the Iraq invasion). In each case, the Fed was cutting interest rates, not raising them.

If the Bacon Cheeseburger Index is truly a "decent indica-

tor of deflation risk," it certainly explains or helps justify why the Federal Reserve is more than content to hold off on another hike in interest rates. Based on the BCI costing 5.1 percent less than a year ago, the U.S. economy is in the grips of further deflation rather than inflation. And if that is so, there is no way the Fed will hurry to hike rates.

On March 24, in my weekly column entitled, "Unsustainable rally," I stated clearly: "Moving forward, for the Fed and yours truly to be correct about the current rally with stocks and commodities being 'unsustainable' will come down to the dollar and crude oil. If the dollar stabilizes while crude oil prices move south once more, the torrid rally with the Dow and the CRB will end quickly. If you doubt that for

one moment do some research and read carefully what the Janet Yellen stated a short time ago. To reiterate. She said the current strength with inflation, (commodities and stocks) was 'unsustainable' and the Fed fully expects both markets to head south sooner than later."

Since I wrote that column, commodities per se have retreated sharply. The CRB Index, which is to commodities as the Dow Jones Industrial Averages are to stocks, is within striking distance of the low point posted in March. If that level is violated to the downside only the Feb. 11, low will provide support. And if the Feb. 11 low is taken out, commodities per se will be into a new, 13 year low.

My point is this: When it comes to commodities (and possibly stocks and shares as

well) there are no inflationary pressure pushing prices higher. If anything, there remain signs of deflation in the economy. The signs of deflation are strong and robust enough to suggest there are valid reasons as to why the Bacon Cheeseburger Index is slumping so badly.

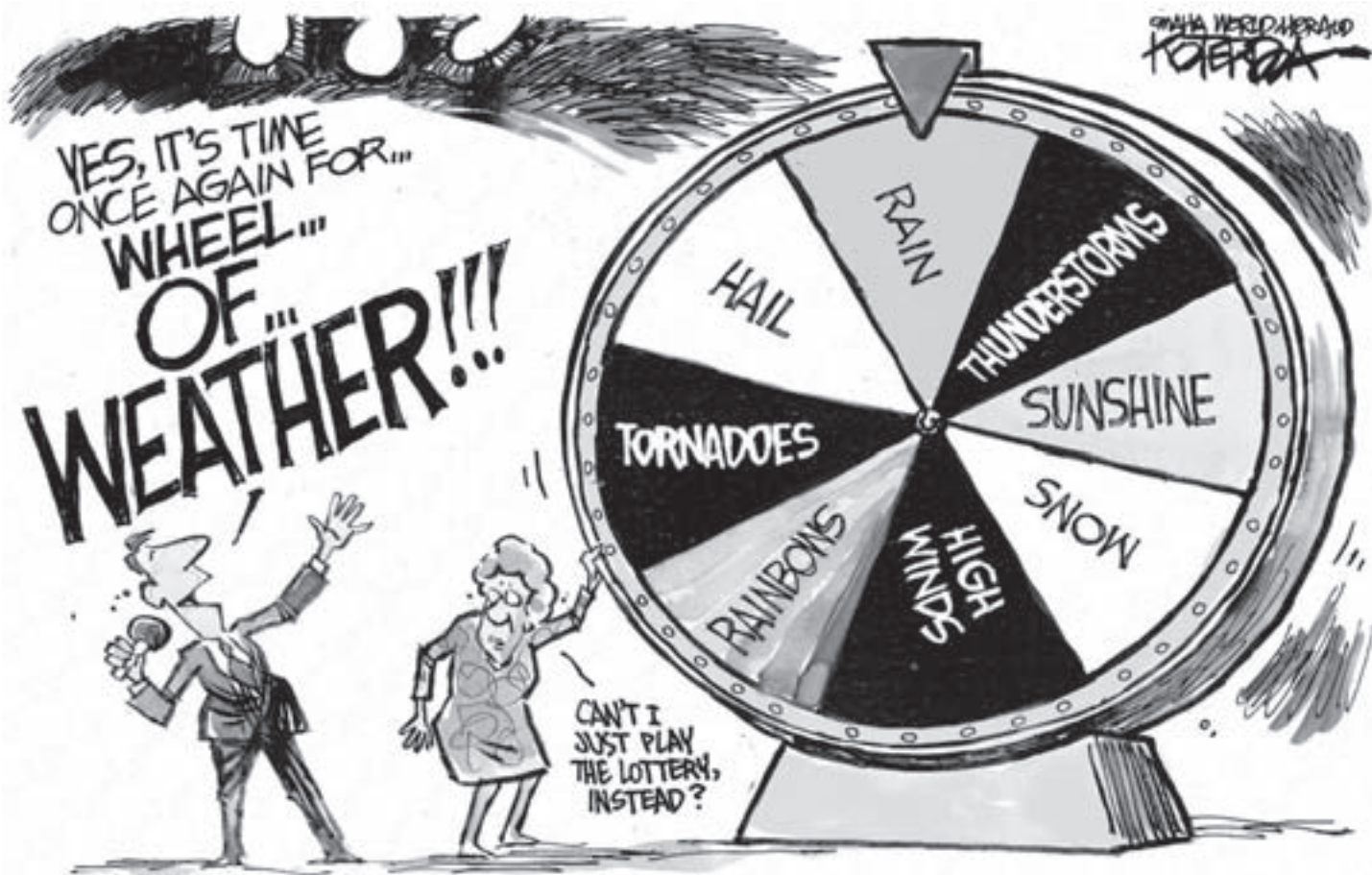
Also found on Market Watch dated March 30, was an opinion piece written by Brett Arends entitled, "The 'death cross' is saying to stay away from U.S. stocks." Mr. Arends stated, "The 'death cross' technical indicator is still flashing red on the stock market, and those who respect it should stay on the sidelines or at least keep plenty of money in cash." He goes on to state, "Although Wall Street has bounced sharply in the past five weeks, the 50-day moving average of the benchmark S&P 500 Index remains

below the 200-day moving average. And history suggests this is a warning sign for stocks."

Moving forward, I will remain firmly entrenched in the camp that believes rallies with stocks and commodities are little more than a FOBO, a "fake out, break out." The Fed may not hike rates over the near term but the worrisome signs with China and other major nations suggest global economic weakness is close at hand.

For all intents, I embrace the conclusions drawn from the Bacon Cheeseburger Index and the "death cross." But I also need to do some research on other arcane economic indicators such as the Lipstick Index, the Men's Underwear Index, the Hemline Index, Cardboard Box Shipment Index and the Waffle House Index. So many indices and so many mysteries.

COMICS & PUZZLES



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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Medicos
- 5 Performance
- 8 "Oh, woe!"
- 12 Acknowledge
- 13 Greek consonant
- 14 Domesticate
- 15 Nonsense
- 17 Pack away
- 18 Gray, in a way
- 19 Motes
- 21 Aid
- 24 "Go, team!"
- 25 Rickey flavor
- 28 "The Music Man" locale
- 30 See 9-Down
- 33 Emulate Lindsey Vonn
- 34 With 23-Down, what "it's all about"?
- 35 Historic time
- 36 Lair
- 37 Humdinger
- 38 Blue hue
- 39 Have bills
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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Addictive Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Brownies

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Ania Rebeil's Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Brownies taste just as great as you'd imagine... and then some! Recently I made a batch for a neighbor, then promptly had to make another one for my family—they were gone in a flash. Great to bring to a potluck, for a lunchbox treat or to make just because it's Tuesday.



Ania Rebeil
Cedar Lake, IN
(pop. 11,560)

See step-by-step photos of Ania's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/chocolatechipbrownies You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

- Janet

Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Brownies

What You Need

- CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DOUGH:**
- 1 1/4 c brown sugar, light
 - 3/4 c shortening
 - 2 tbsp milk
 - 1 tsp vanilla extract
 - 1 egg
 - 1 3/4 c all-purpose flour
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 3/4 tsp baking soda
 - 1 c chocolate chips
 - 1 c chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts), optional

CREAM CHEESE FILLING:

- 16 oz. cream cheese
- 1 c sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 eggs

Directions

- In a large bowl mix all ingredients for chocolate chip cookies in the order listed above. Divide into two parts and set aside.
- In a second bowl, mix all cream cheese filling ingredients until smooth.
- Spread one part of cookie dough on the bottom of greased 9x13 pan. It will help if your hands are wet, otherwise, the dough will stick to your fingers.
- Pour the cream cheese filling over the cookie dough.
- Top the filling with remaining dough by creating dabs of dough (or little pancakes of dough). Once again, it will help if your fingers are wet.
- Bake at 350 F for about 50 minutes, or until cake tester comes out clean.
- Cool and divide into bite-size pieces (about 40 or so).

Submitted by: Ania Rebeil, Cedar Lake, IN (pop. 11,560)

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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: 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 Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Web Site, Design & Construction Upcoming Bid Openings at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/doingBusiness/designAndConstruction/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 SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MEET AT VARNEY 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 and 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
(Pub. March 31, April 7, 14, 2016) mwpf
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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 Smotherman, 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; 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 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.
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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 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) bit
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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
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. April 7, 14, 21, 2016) km
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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 \$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 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 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 P1M1.
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. 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
(Pub. April 7, 14, 2016) mcpb
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AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of Madison County has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, CPAs, P.C. The audit covered the fiscal year(s) ended June 30, 2015, Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires the publication of the following summary of significant findings.
Summary of Significant findings:
The audit report for Madison County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, were unmodified.
The audit report also contained several other

auditor's reports. Following is a list of the reports and a summary of the findings included in each. This is only a summary and is not intended to be used as an audit report.
1. Report on Compliance adn on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. This report contained findings in the following matters:
a. Ennis Nursing Home Receivables
b. Segregation of Duties
c. Improper Transfers
2. Report on Other Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with Circular A-133. This report contained findings in the following matter:
a. There were no federal award findings or questioned costs reported.
3. Report on Other Compliance, Financial and Internal Accounting Control Matters. This report contained no findings.
4. Report on Audit Report Recommendations. This report summarized the findings from the prior audit report, and noted the action taken on them.
(Pub. April 14, 2016) mcc
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning March 1, 2016, and ending on March 31, 2016, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madison.mt.gov. Signed this 8th day of April, 2016.
Kathleen Mumme
Madison County Clerk and Recorder
(Pub. April 14, 2016) mcc
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved payroll for payment in the amount of \$797,064.14 and claims for all funds in the amount of \$1,096,732.26 with a total of \$1,893,796.40 for the period beginning March 1, 2016, and ending on March 31, 2016. The full and complete claims and payroll lists are available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for personal copies of these lists will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office and can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madison.mt.gov. Signed this 8th day of April, 2016.
Kathleen Mumme
Madison County Clerk and Recorder
(Pub. April 14, 2016) mcc
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Madison County Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining views from the residents of the County regarding the Preliminary Engineering Report and the submittal of a Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) application for the replacement of the Laurin Bridge over the Ruby River. The bridge is located in Laurin, approximately 2 miles north of Alder. The Public Hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m. local time on Monday, April 25th, 2016, at the Madison County Commissioner's Office, 103 West Wallace Street, Virginia City, Montana. The County is considering submitting an application to the Montana Department of Commerce for a TSEP Grant and wants to obtain public comment on the proposal. The Commissioners will discuss the purpose of the TSEP Program, the key components and costs of the proposal, and the estimated replacement costs. At the public hearing everyone will be given the opportunity to express his or her opinion regarding the County's proposal. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22nd, 2016. Written comments and request for further information should be sent to: Jeremiah Theys, Great West Engineering, 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, MT 59601 (406) 495-6193, email: jtheys@greatwesteng.com. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commissioners will make decisions relative to the proposal. A copy of the TSEP Grant Application Guidelines & draft PER is available for review at the Madison County website (<http://madison.mt.gov>) and at the Madison County Board of Commissioners office, 103 West Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT during regular office hours.
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NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

Helena Sand & Gravel will start the Pony curve reconstruction and channel change on April 18, 2016. The work will consist of installing new drainage pipes and curve reconstruction. The road widening and slope flattening project north of Harrison will begin around the first week of May.
Construction is scheduled to begin April 18, 2016
We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. There will be flaggers at times to help direct traffic in and out of the project. For your safety and the safety of our crews, we ask you to use extreme care when in or around the work area.
If you have any questions or concerns please contact us between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 360-6380.
Thank you
Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc.
(Pub. April 14, 2016) hsg
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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the Primary Election(s) to be held on June 7, 2016 will close at 5:00 p.m., May 9, 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 may 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 Madison County, 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.

DATED this 8th day of April, 2016
Madison County
/s/ Kathleen D. Mumme,
Election Administrator
(Pub. April 13, 20 and 27, 2016) mccr
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Clerk of Ennis School District No.52, Madison County, State of Montana that the Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016, at the following polling place(s): Ennis High School Lobby, Ennis, MT
Virginia City Rehearsal Hall, Virginia City, MT
Electors will consider the following issues at the election:
Two trustees to be elected for three-year terms:
Four candidates are running for these positions and will be listed on the ballot. They are as follows: Steven Badura, Julie Funston, Andrew Henrich, and Karen Ketchu.
One trustee to be elected for a one-year term: One candidat is running for this position and will be listed on the ballot. The candidate is Maria Lake.
Technology levy proposition to finance the school's technology fund.
Shall the district be authorized to levy an additional \$186,133.00 dollars per year for 7 years and being approximately 2.69 mills for the purpose of purchasing, renting, repairing and maintaining technological equipment, including computers and computer network access, cloud computing services, platform, software, network, storage, security, data, database, test environment, curriculum, or desktop virtualization purposes, including subscription or any license-based or pay-per-use services accessed over the internet or other remote network, and the associated technical training for school district personnel. Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$3.63 and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$7.26. This request is in addition to \$36,000.00 dollars previously authorized as a perpetual levy and, if this proposition is approved, will hereby be limited to 7 years.
The polls will be open between the hours of noon and 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election. A qualified registered elector who will be unable to go to the polls on the day of election may request an "Application for Absentee Voter's Ballot" from the school district clerk/ election administrator's office by noon on May 2, 2016 located at:
Ennis High School District Office, 223 Charles Ave, Ennis, MT
DATED this 5th day of April, 2016
/s/ Ginger Martello
(Pub. April 14, 21, 2016) es
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INVITATION TO BID ENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 52 PROPANE

Notice is hereby given that the Ennis School District will receive bids until noon on May 9, 2016 in the clerk's office at the Ennis High School, Ennis, Montana. The bid will include delivery of propane (including all hazardous, safety and fuel recovery fees) and service to all district owned facilities beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The bid must be one price for the entire year and delivered in a sealed envelope. For details and specifications on this project or to schedule a walk through, contact Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski at 682-4258. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, and waive any irregularities or informalities.
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Vigilante Electric Cooperative, Inc., Dillon, Montana, is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington,

D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.
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SUBMITTED BY BRIAN HILTON
Ennis Elementary School

If your child will be five on or before Sept. 10, 2016, and you plan to have them attend Ennis Elementary School, make sure to schedule an appointment for kindergarten round up, which takes place April 22.

Call Stephanie at the school at 682-4237.

Your child's birth certificate and immunization record are required.

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SUBMITTED BY CARLA MARSH
Jackson's Garden

Buds and Blooms Garden Club and Jackson's Garden are hosting a fun and educational evening with a guest speaker, the always funny and entertaining Toby Day, Montana State University extension horticulture specialist. Day will give us "the dirt" on healthy soil and composting. Join us Monday April 25 at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 304 South Main Street in Sheridan. Refreshments will be served.

If you have ever wondered how you can be involved at Jackson's Garden, information will be available about membership and involvement opportunities at all levels of participation. Ev-

eryone interested is encouraged to attend this event for more information, or contact Linda at 842-5678 or Carla at 842-7956.

Upcoming medical fair at MVMC

SUBMITTED BY DOTTIE FOSSEL
Madison Valley Medical Center

From May 9 through 13, the Madison Valley Medical Center will be celebrating hospital week.

Today, every state celebrates National Hospital Week, which is sponsored by the National Hospital Association. It not only creates community awareness, but also honors every department and person in our medical center.

Monday through Friday different departments will be honored and each department will have the privilege of making breakfast for all employees. Monday, May 9, laboratory and imaging will start the celebration off. They will be followed on Tuesday by the business office. On Wednesday, central supply, physical therapy and maintenance team up to present the breakfast. Lastly, on Thursday, the nursing staff makes breakfast, as on Friday lunch is prepared by the clinic staff.

Susan Miller of the laboratory team has planned a fun week of activities to increase camaraderie and team spirit. In addition to the breakfasts and lunch planned there will be games at breakfast, 15 minute massages and a challenge to match staff from a baby picture submitted. Lastly, there will be a contest tracking employees' steps throughout the week using a device that was presented to all employees by John Bishop, CEO, "in appreciation of their commitment to high quality medical care to our community."

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April 14: Beef stroganoff over noodles, broccoli, roll, cookie
April 19: Creamed chicken on biscuit, green beans, cookie
April 21: Sweet & sour pork over rice, apple cake
April 26: Goulash, peas, roll, chocolate cake
April 28: Hamburger with french fries, brownie

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

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

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APRIL 14 - APRIL 21 MENU:
Thurs, April 14: GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH, FRENCH FRIES, DESSERT
Friday, April 15 : MEAT LOAF, GRAVY, BAKED POTATO, VEGGIES, DESSERT
Tuesday, April 19: BEEF STEW OVER MASHERS, CROISSANT, DESSERT
Weds, April 20: BBQ CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, DESSERT
Thurs, April 21: SHEPHERDS PIE, SALAD, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT

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Dog show at the Manor

SUBMITTED BY MELODY CLARK
Madison Valley Manor

The Madison Valley Manor held their first dog show April 1. Twelve dogs of various sizes and breeds participated and there were three classes judged by the residents.

Winners in the category for cutest dogs were Mickie, Minnie and Spike taking the top three spots. Mickie and Minnie are owned by Melody Clark and Spike is owned by Tina Walsh.

The grooming class was won by Kaya, owned by Chris-

tine Despres, second place went to Madchen, owned by Darcel Cook, and third place honors went to Pluto, owned by Kaycee Hanson.

Obedience was the last category and the winner was Dee, shown by Oakley Clark and owned by Kaycee Hanson. Sec-

ond place in obedience went to Minnie owned by M. Clark and third was taken by Pookie owned by Moree Kimmel.

Residents and staff had a good time and plans are already under way for another dog show.

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SUBMITTED BY LIZ DAVIS
Madison River Foundation

The Madison River Foundation is fortunate to have such a great, hardworking group of volunteers who are willing to

work. Last week, twelve volunteers helped to cut, tie and bundle thousands of willows for a bank stabilization project along Jack Creek. Since the gabion structures are failing, a newer bioengineering technique will

be used to slow the flow of water so that the bank will not erode and fill Jack Creek with sediment.

Our volunteers began work at 9 a.m. at the West Fork of the Madison and worked until 4

p.m. with only 20 minutes for lunch. Most of the group had worked weeks before in building fascine for this same project. The group worked along with Forest Service employees and Madison Conservation District employees to complete the task.

The work last week was very physical but much was accomplished. Volunteer efforts will help ensure the water from the Jack Creek tributary will be clean for our fish and wildlife for years to come.

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Harrison track team travels to Livingston

SUBMITTED BY KAYSHA YOUNG
Harrison track coach

Harrison track athletes traveled to Livingston last week with four Wildcats earning points.

Taya DeFrance
First: 100 hurdles 16.81
First: 300 hurdles 49.07
First: long jump 15' 3"

Second: high jump 4' 10"

Josie Hokanson
Fourth: 800 meter run 2:53

Stephanie Strong
Sixth: javelin 68' 09"

Lane Buus
First: long jump 19' 1"
Third: triple jump 38' 3.75"

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Senior Taya DeFrance flies into the sand pit, taking first place in the long jump.

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Harrison after prom party

SUBMITTED BY ANDI CHRISTENSEN
Harrison school

On April 2, Harrison students attended prom in Whitehall. At midnight, when prom was over, they traveled

back to Harrison School for an after prom party sponsored by the Harrison School Student Council. Student council representatives helped collect prizes and donations from local businesses. Junior repre-

sentative, Doug Christensen, called the National Guard to bring out one of their inflatables. The party was chaperoned by parents, Harrison staff members and their spouses. Throughout the night,

Harrison students played in the National Guard jousting inflatable, in a Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament, and other games like mini-golf, Fibbage, Tenzi, Bounce Off and Black Jack.

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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.

Shooting class, Ennis
Handgun 1 is an introduction to firearms nomenclature, operation, and live fire drills. Call 682-4540 for information.

Game night, Sheridan
Fun, causal date night game night at 6 p.m. at Battle Valley Ministries.

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.

Candidate forum, Ennis
School board candidate forum at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

THURSDAY APRIL 21

Madison Conservation District Meeting
Mon., April 18
Lone Elk Mall
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STEVEN BADURA

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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**

Paid for by Steve Badura, PO BOX 893, Ennis MT 59729

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MVHA presentation, Ennis
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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.

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Tennis, Ennis
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Open Sew, Ennis
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