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Q&A WITH THE CANDIDATES

Get to know those running for Ennis School Board

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On May 3, 2016, school boards around Madison County will get a few new faces – however, only one seat is contested.

In Ennis, a two-year term is up for election and four people have filed to run. Those candidates are Steven Badura, Julie Funston, Drew Henrich and Karen Ketchu. Read on to learn about the candidates through their answers to our questions.

Steven Badura

Q: Take a minute to introduce yourself. When did you come to the Madison Valley and why?

A: My parents moved here in 1979 and I entered fourth grade at Ennis Elementary School. I graduated Ennis High School in 1988. I served in the U.S. Army for three years. I attended the University of Montana for three years. Over the past 25 years I have owned and operated my own construction, lawn care and furniture businesses.

Q: Why are you running for the Ennis School Board?

A: I am running for school board because I would like a chance to participate in the governmental process of keeping our school and all of its members, students and staff to a high standard of ethics and fiscal responsibility.

Q: What qualifications do you have?

A: I believe my largest qualification right now is my eagerness and willingness to dedicate my time to the school and school board. Also, being a long time resident and business owner, I understand the geographical and economic struggles and rewards many of us share.

Q: What are the most important issues facing Ennis Schools and what do you hope to accomplish?

A: I have only sat in on the last two board meetings, so I do not know all of the issues of concern at present. I am very interested in making sure the new vo-tech building is done properly and within budget.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?



Steven Badura



Drew Henrich

A: My son and I enjoy mountain bike riding, target shooting and Lego building. This summer, we will be busy on our property building a house and putting up a fence for a possible baby goat. And on those 90 degree Fahrenheit days, you can usually find us at Ennis Lake.

Julie Funston

Q: Take a minute to introduce yourself. When did you come to the Madison Valley and why?

A: I am Julie Funston, married to Leif Funston, and have two boys, Chris and Kurt. We moved to the Madison Valley 10 years ago because we felt it would be a good place to raise a family. I am a graduate of Fresno State with two bachelor degrees. One in animal science, the other in ag business. I have been a commodity trader for 24 years. For the last 10 years I have been a trader and the manager of the United States division of Shafer Commodities, a Canadian owned trading company. I have an office in town with two full time local employees. I also



Julie Funston



Karen Ketchu

have two full time salesmen that I manage, one in Idaho and one in California. Our family has a small Angus cow/calf program that our boys both help with. I have been active in our 4-H club with the boys and have been the acting swine leader for the past six years.

Q: Why are you running for the Ennis School Board?

A: I decided to run for the school board for two reasons: First, I have had many members of the community approach me to do so. Second, it does not seem like many people want to step up and do. It must be a terrible, thankless job. But ... really it is for two other reasons: I like kids. I like to see them learn, grow and succeed to the best of their ability. And, because I am a business woman, I want to see the public get the most out of the dollars they invest in our kids.

Q: What qualifications do you have?

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Dissolution of Harrison QRU

Ambulance service still to be provided out of Ennis

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As of May 1, 2016, the Harrison, Pony, Norris Quick Response Unit will be dissolved due to insufficient membership, according to a release from Joe Husar, QRU member and Harrison fire chief.

"It's because of how big our district is and how few members we have," Husar said.

Currently, the unit is operating with only two EMTs and two drivers, which is insufficient, Husar added.

Trent Biggers, HPNQRU service manager, said the group did not feel they were able to meet the communities' expectations medically.

"They expect us to come when we're called and if there's only one of us licensed, we can't meet that need and expectation," Biggers said. "We just do not have the volunteer base."

That volunteer base has decreased over time since the unit was formed.

"HPNQRU was started March of 1994 by several community members that recognized the need for faster initial care in an emergency situation," Husar's release states. "Originally, there were about 20 people who became trained as first responders and who would respond by private vehicle when paged out."

In the following years, the unit developed – the Ruby Valley Ambulance donated a used ambulance to HPNQRU. In the 22 years HPNQRU has operated, the demographics in the area have changed, which contributed to the upcoming dissolution.

According to Husar's release, 22 years ago the Harrison School had 160 students and the surrounding communities were home to more people than they are now.

"Now, the enrollment at Harrison School has dropped to 75 students," the release continues. "The populace is either retired or most commute out of the community for employment."

Where are the volunteers?

It has become more and more difficult to recruit volunteers for first response units, Husar said.

"Times have changed," he added. "The economy is the way it is and our younger people need to work – both husband and wife – just to make ends meet. And when they get home they are tired and they don't feel like they have extra time."

Husar said other factors have contributed to the decline in volunteer numbers.

"There are getting to be more and more requirements in how we are trained and the training hours we have to put in," Husar said. "It's more and more demanding. We aren't just fighting our neighbor's fire or responding to our neighbor whose kid fell out of a tree and broke their arm. There are a whole lot of eyes watching us through social media and more. And our society has become lawsuit happy."

Biggers said the issue is nationwide, and very prevalent in Madison County.

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LEAVITT JOINS COUNCIL

Ennis town council appoints new commissioner; begins search for another following resignation from Bourk

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Blake Leavitt was sworn in as the newest councilmember during the April 13 Ennis Town Council meeting.

Leavitt took Larry Pine's seat after Pine was appointed as mayor on March 10 and sworn in the following day.

Leavitt has been in Ennis for six years and wanted to get more involved in the community.

"I want to help try and fix things," he said as his reasoning for applying for the open council seat. "If you aren't part of the solution, you are just part of the problem."

Leavitt said he hopes to get more young people involved in the matters of the town.

"I'm passionate about getting younger members involved in this stuff and I think the town would thrive more if we could get some of the younger people to get involved," he said.

Leavitt hopes by being more modern and technology savvy, the council will be able to attract younger volunteers.

"Reaching out on social media is a big deal that we don't use now," Leavitt said. "Unfortunately, a lot of young people don't read the newspaper and I'd really like to attack the social media aspect of it."

Leavitt has spent the last

year attending city council meetings and learning the ropes behind city government.

"That's what really got me interested," Leavitt said.

Councilmember resigns

The April 13 meeting was the last council meeting for commissioner Audra Bourk, meaning the council will yet again be searching for a new councilmember.

Bourk is moving out of state and said that is the only reason she is resigning.

"It was an adventure," Bourk said of her time serving on the council. "Luckily for me, I only had one issue that got a little hairy, but I've enjoyed getting


to be involved."

Bourk has been a councilmember since January 2011, after being convinced by past mayor John Clark to "stick her foot in the water."

"There's a lot of issues out there that I think a lot of people are passionate about and I know that people are busy but this is a good cause," said Bourk, adding she was disappointed in the lack of applicants for Pine's open seat. "Just coming (to a meeting) long enough to complain doesn't make things work – there are a lot of good things people aren't aware about."

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Blake Leavitt is sworn in as a councilmember.




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"It's partly because of increased regulatory requirements, insurance and liability issues," Biggers said. "And people are just different now and choose to spend their time differently. Twenty years ago, a lot of our younger generation stayed around the area and made up the volunteer base. They stayed home and worked the farms and ranches and were available. We're just not seeing that anymore. The younger

generation is going off to school and finding jobs outside of where they live."

The future

The Ennis Ambulance will continue to cover the area where HPNQURU has historically operated.

According to Nici Haas, Ennis Ambulance captain, the rural areas where HPNQURU has operated are geographically difficult for the Ennis Ambulance to reach quickly.

"They can be 20 or 30 min-

utes away," Haas said. "That's a long time without patient care. We really relied on the QRU because they would get there first, stabilize the patient and let us know the situation."

Haas pointed out that even if the Ennis Ambulance was run by a paid staff person instead of a group of volunteers, the rural areas are still far away.

Next fall, the Ennis Ambulance is hosting EMT training, and Haas said she wants to target people in the Harrison, Pony and Norris area with the

hope of restarting the QRU if more volunteers can be found.

"The goal would be to get restarted," she said. "But it all depends on volunteers."

In addition, the Harrison Fire Department will not be impacted by the quick response unit's dissolution.

"The fire department is a separate entity from (HPNQURU)," Husar said. "On the fire department, we have 11 or 12 volunteers on the roster."

Q&A from pg. 1

A: I am an involved parent. I am a business owner. I believe that we should all volunteer and give back to the community. I am a taxpayer.

Q: What are the most important issues facing Ennis Schools and what do you hope to accomplish?

A: My understanding is that the T.E.D.D. is an upcoming issue that could have great financial consequences for our school and our local community. If passed, it will have a negative financial impact on Ennis Schools. My goal is to learn and understand more about the initiative and work on Ennis Schools' behalf. I think there are issues with grade policies, attendance and behavior policies that need some fine-tuning. We do have a new superintendent, so the board will have to see how he handles some of these issues, and address things accordingly.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: My spare time is consumed with the kids, their sports and 4-H activities. We run a small cow/calf program that I like to tinker with and it helps keep me on horseback almost year round, which I enjoy.

Drew Henrich

Q: Take a minute to introduce yourself. When did you come to the Madison Valley and why?

A: My name is Drew Henrich and I have lived in Madison County since 1999 and specifically the Madison Valley since 2012. My family and I love living here because it is beautiful and there are so many great outdoor activities that this part of the country has to offer. We love the small towns and the great people that make up the Madison Valley.

Q: Why are you running for the Ennis School Board?

A: I am running for the Ennis School Board because I have two kids and I really love the Ennis community. Our kids' education and the school is one of the most important aspects of a town. Helping to make sure that the school is functioning as well as it can is a great responsibility and I would be honored to be a part of making sure that this happens.

Q: What qualifications do you have?

A: My wife and I have run our own business since 2005, giving me a variety of skills that will help me at this position. I have a college degree and good people skills. This will help to find consensus and solve problems with a variety of groups and people.

Q: What are the most important issues facing Ennis Schools and what do you hope to accomplish?

A: There are several important issues facing the Ennis Schools. The technology levy, the proposed T.E.D.D. and refining the adult education program are some important ones. Making the school work as best as it can for the students, teachers and community will be my constant goal. I hope you will entrust me with this responsibility.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: In my spare time I like to sit in a boat and stand in a river and maybe even catch a fish. In the fall I love to hunt. I really like to spend time with my beautiful wife and two kids. Watching my kids grow up and getting to enjoy the outdoors with them is a real joy.

Karen Ketchu

Q: Take a minute to introduce yourself. When did you come to the Madison Valley and why?

A: It has been two years since my family and I moved to Ennis. Thinking this was a small, quiet-ish town, we arrived just in time to witness the busyness of Fourth of July festivities! We were fortunate enough to land in Ennis due to my husband's job with the Forest Service. My mom grew up in the Boulder Valley, so Ennis felt a bit like home.

Q: Why are you running for the Ennis School Board?

A: I actually lost sleep over this question because it is not something I take lightly. Two very personal reasons led me to run. I have a 12 and 10 year old, and like all families in this valley, I would like them and their classmates to have the best possible experience and opportunity a school district can provide. My running is a way to support both the kids, school district and community in this effort.

Q: What qualifications do you have?

A: I have never held a school board position, which technically makes me very unqualified. However, I have worked for government agencies and a school district, which both required interpreting policy in order to deliver an applicable, approachable, common sense delivery to the people who use policy on a daily basis. I think this skill could be valuable in helping teachers and administrators to do their job well. That, coupled with an interest in improving things wherever I can, are my best qualifications.

Q: What are the most important issues facing Ennis Schools and what do you hope to

accomplish?

A: I think budget will always be a challenge, but how the proposed T.E.D.D. and the technology levy could affect the district is definitely timely. The balance and alignment of maintaining fiscal responsibility while continuing to improve educational potential for students is a real challenge. I have a lot to learn, so my personal goals attached to this term are to learn as much as I can about school board activity, policy and role within a school district and apply these things as best I can to benefit our kids and community.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: Spare what? You asked that question right in the middle of baseball and softball season. I work at the library, so most of my work week is spent inside. I try to dedicate spare time to being outdoors. You will usually find me and my family out at a unit in the garden, or going for a ski, bike, hike or float.

Uncontested races

In Alder, Ryan Ellis was the only person to file for the one open trustee seat. The same was true for Ennis' other seat - Maria Lake filed for a one year term. Harrison has one trustee seat up for election but nobody filed to run, according to school clerk Judi Ward.

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

Sheridan has two seats up for election and two people interested in them - Bill Wood and Kendra Horn. And finally, the Twin Bridges School Board seat up for election is that of board chair Allison Wentzel, who is running unopposed.

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Interested parties host interagency meeting to discuss what is happening around Madison County

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Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Wildlife Conservation Society and conservation districts meet quarterly with Madison County government officials for an interagency meeting.

"We're here to share information," said Madison County commissioner Jim Hart at the start of the April 14 interagency meeting at the Madison Ranger District office in Ennis. "We end up finding out we can help each other."

Here is a list of highlights from the meeting:

BLM

BLM Dillon field manager Cornie Hudson said the Spanish Q long term holding facility for wild horses, which is located in Madison County, added 35 horses, which brings their total to around 1,000 animals.

Some of the horses escaped the Spanish Q last year and were living in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

"When I did my goat survey last fall, I saw 15 or 20," said Dean Waltee, FWP wildlife biologist.

Hudson said most of the horses were gathered and returned to the Spanish Q during the fall, and the remainder were gathered as soon as snow started to accumulate in the mountains.

"As far as I know, they are all in now," Hudson said. "If you hear of more, please let us know."

Hudson also brought up the question of public access at the Ruby Reservoir – part of the BLM campground located at the reservoir is actually on private land.

"We know there is interest to keep that in the public hands," Hudson said. "Our next step is to have an appraisal done."

The Revenue Flats, located west of Nor-

ris, was also discussed. More than a year ago, a proposal to create a bike trail in the area was brought up for consideration.

"We are still gathering information," Hudson said. "We had traffic counters out there last year. I am shocked at how many people use that road."

Hudson said the BLM will continue to monitor use of the Revenue Flats throughout this summer before making a decision whether or not they will pursue a proposal for a bike trail.

FWP Wildlife

Waltee recently completed spring mule deer surveys and said the population counts were "comparable" to last year.

As for moose, Waltee said there are healthy numbers, but low calf production.

"Last year was high (for calf production), which suggests there is a large yearling population that wouldn't have calves this year," he said.

Waltee also informed the group that 17 wolves were harvested in his area of responsibility, which was up from 13 last year.

In a few weeks, Waltee will begin surveying whitetail deer. In the meantime, he has been working on spring elk surveys in the Tobacco Root Mountains and Gravelly Mountains. He counted 1,183 elk in the Tobacco Root Mountains, which puts the population into objective. Though his numbers for the Gravelly Mountains are not finalized, he said they should be around 8,600, which is down from more than 10,000 the last two years.

"That would bring (the Gravelly Mountain elk) into population objective for the first time in four years," he said. "We can attribute that to tremendous elk harvest."

Waltee said early snow last hunting season helped hunters harvest more elk than usual, though formal figures of how many were harvested are not yet available.

As for sage grouse, Waltee is in the middle of

counting the bird.

"As of now, numbers look good," he said. "They are up. If that holds true, it will mean they have been up for five consecutive years."

Waltee said he has observed sage grouse on leks, or breeding grounds, where they have not been seen in years.

"It's pretty exciting from a sage grouse perspective," he said.

Though no reports of bear conflicts for this year have crossed Waltee's desk, he did remind the group that bears are out and about. Turkey population in the area is also on the rise – Waltee said birds have been observed farther south in the Madison and Ruby valleys than ever before.

"Flocks that were at 20 or 30 birds are now at 100 or 150," he said. "That's probably because of two good winters."

Forest Service

Madison District Ranger Dale Olson said the BDNF is going to start prescribed burning up the West Fork and Standard Creek in the south Madison Valley in the next few weeks as weather permits.

"We will also probably see some logging up Standard Creek," he said. "I expect that will happen this summer."

Olson also reported the Forest Service has rented office space in Sheridan, and will have two employees based out of that office to service the Ruby Valley.

FWP Fisheries

Travis Horton, FWP region three fisheries manager, reported the work on Hebgren Dam's intake is complete, but that NorthWestern Energy has demolished the dam's spillway, so the water for the Madison River will be run through the dam.

"When the spillway is done, they need to

replace the outlet pipe," Horton said. "Their plan for that is 2017 and their idea was to use the spillway for that summer."

Horton said FWP is working with NWE to "push" them to do that construction in the spring or fall of 2017, because releasing water from the top of the dam means the water is most likely warmer.

"Last summer (2015) we were close to closing the Upper Madison (River)," Horton said, explaining the river has to be closed if it reaches a specific temperature for a set number of days.

FWP is also working to reestablish Arctic grayling in the Madison River – Horton said he expects to see more grayling in the system, because this is the third year FWP has used incubators to introduce eggs into some tributaries to the river.

"It's hard to monitor for (grayling) because there are so few," Horton said. "We really rely on angler reports."

If you catch a grayling in the Madison River, report it here: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/angling-Data/arcticGrayling.html>.

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Commissioner Ron Nye informed the group the senior center in Twin Bridges is almost complete. He also brought up the children's center, and said he is optimistic things will start to happen with that facility.

"We applied for a (Treasure State Endowment Program) grant to formulate a plan to get water and sewer over there," he said. "It would be a huge economic boost to the area and the whole county if we could do that."

In Hart's district, one of the biggest upcoming projects is the replacement of Blaine Spring Bridge, 10 miles south of Ennis.

"It's actually going to be done this summer," Hart said. "Between July and September."

MOVING IN

Ruby Valley SAR purchases new building in Sheridan

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"Last Monday we signed papers and it's a done deal," said Bill Sinclair, president of the Ruby Valley Search and Rescue about the organization's purchase of a building in Sheridan. "We're about 90 percent moved in."

Ruby Valley SAR has been interested in purchasing a building to make their home base for nearly a year, since their former building in Alder is in disrepair.

"It is basically an abandoned building," Sinclair said. "Every time it rained, it flooded. It was not a nice building."

The new SAR building is located on the south end of Sheridan's Main Street, and currently houses a Natural Resources Conservation Service office and the Ruby Valley Conservation District. Sinclair said the renters will be able to stay, and that the Forest Service intends to rent office space as well to maintain a presence in the Ruby Valley.

"We have the bay area for all our equipment and a small meeting room," Sinclair said. "And we're talking about setting up another room as an operation center that could be a substation for the (Madison County Sheriff's Office). But that's still just a discussion."

Sinclair said Ruby Valley SAR generally works with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land

Management and the sheriff's office anytime there is an incident, which is why an operation center would be useful.

"The building is centrally located," he added. "Our area of responsibility goes all the way into the Upper Ruby and all the way to nearly Whitehall along the Madison County line."

Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz said he believes Ruby Valley SAR is an important volunteer organization.

"First and foremost, the membership is made up of a lot of very dedicated people, young and old," he said. "Their dedication to training and being very good at what they do makes them very responsive and capable when there is an incident."

For example, SAR members spent a weekend in early April in the Jefferson River near Silver Star as they trained in swift water rescue, Sinclair said.

"Next month, we are training for rappelling," he said. "And in June, we hold a big training."

Sinclair added Ruby Valley SAR has "good volunteer numbers."

"It's because we challenge (our members)," he said. "We train them. We lead them. We know how to work as a team."

The money

Sinclair and the commissioners explored a number of loan options for purchasing the

building, but the commissioners ultimately decided to support the purchase by loaning Ruby Valley SAR the money.

"It just made sense," Schulz said. "They expect to have (the loan) fully paid off in five to six years."

The loan was for \$314,000, Schulz added. Sinclair said Ruby Valley SAR received a private donation of \$30,000 that also helped them purchase the building.

"The building should be self-sufficient," Sinclair said. "I don't foresee any problem paying back the loan. The rent from the other offices will take care of the minimum payment."

Schulz said he is "encouraged" the Forest Service plans to keep a presence in Sheridan, even though they are in the process of selling their office on Mill Creek.

"The Ruby Valley has a significant number of national forest resources around the area," Schulz said. "A lot of folks come into the Ruby Valley, whether they want to visit the forest, learn more, cut firewood or get a Christmas tree permit – they need a place to go to get information."

Schulz said it is also important for the Forest Service to have a representative in Sheridan because many Ruby Valley livestock producers run cattle on Forest Service allotments in the summer.



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The new Ruby Valley Search and Rescue building also houses a Natural Resources and Conservation Service office, the Ruby Valley Conservation District and a Forest Service outpost.



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Ruby Valley Search and Rescue members practice swift water rescue techniques in the Jefferson River near Silver Star.

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5 p.m. - Friday

Socialism has been here for a long time

Dear Editor,

You have heard the cry, "We do not want any socialism in this country." But hold onto your hat. We already have over 75 programs in the United States that are socialism. Socialism is just a system in which taxpayer money is distributed for the benefit of the population. And that is what we do.

All our paid elected government officials are part of the socialist program.

The military, military benefits, veteran benefits and military health care. These are socialist programs.

Social security, Medicare, disability insurance, food stamps, welfare, corporate bailouts, teachers, police officers, public housing, pell grants ... all part of a socialism program.

Senators and Representatives receive a health care program that is socialism. But many of these members of Congress do not wish good health care insurance for others

than themselves.

The CIA, FBI, department of justice, department of education, department of agriculture. All socialism programs.

The highways, roads, bridges, built and maintained by a socialism program. Farm and ranch subsidies, all a socialism program.

So next time someone tells you they do not want socialism in the U.S., tell them we have socialism now. If we get rid of socialism in this country, not much would be left.

You hear people say, "President Obama is a socialist." All of these programs were put in place many years before Obama took office.

So it seems that socialism is a part of America now. It seems that socialism is working for America. It seems that the U.S. cannot survive without socialism. So why are you so scared? Socialism has been here for a long time.

LaVon D. Brillhart
Dillon

OBITUARIES

Ben Tone

April 18, 1921 - April 13, 2016



Actor, director and retired Montana State University instructor, Ben Tone, passed away on April 13, 2016, surrounded by his two children, three of his grandchildren and loving family friends. Ben was born in Prineville, Ore., on April 18, 1921, to Bernard Leslie Tone and Helen Elizabeth (Summers) Tone. The family eventually moved to Portland where Ben grew up along with one older brother, Wolfe Tone.

Ben's theatre career began when he was accepted into the drama program at Bennington College in Vermont. At the time an all-women school, it admitted a limited number of men into the theatre department. Ben's studies were interrupted when he answered the call to serve his country during World War II. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in 1942 and served till the end of the war as a tech

sergeant in Norwich, England.

In the post-war years, the GI Bill helped Ben finish his degree at Portland University. A local friend introduced him to Larry Barsness, who had a connection to Virginia City. Larry, Ben and another friend, Harry Smith, launched the Virginia City Players in the summer of 1949. Ben spent the 1950s and 60s acting with the VCP, where he became known for his classic theatre, ranging from "Sweeney Todd" to "She Stoops to Conquer," as well as lighter olios and monologues such as "Casey at the Bat" and "The Cremation of Sam McGee." In the off-seasons, he toured with VCP traveling shows or went to New York for other acting work.

During his VCP summers, Ben met Nina Miller, and the two married in 1958. By the early 1960s, Ben and Nina had a young daughter and son, Kathy and Jeff. The family moved to Bozeman when Ben was offered a full-time position in MSU's new theatre department and summer work at The Loft Theatre downtown. Ben and Nina helped cultivate a tiny community of artists that is credited with establishing the art scene that flourishes in Bozeman today. Actors, paint-

ers, sculptors and musicians, the group included Bobby and Gennie DeWeese, Ken and Mary (Tada) Bryson, pianist Charles Payne and others who became like extended family. They often got together for holidays and outdoor adventures, with the whole group gathering for at least one major campout each year. The children grew up more like cousins than family friends.

A generous mentor and quick to identify talent, Ben influenced many young actors including Bill Pullman, Tom Morris, Joel Jahnke, John Pribble and countless others who went on to have award-winning careers in acting, make-up, lighting and set design. He developed close mentoring relationships with John Hosking and Rhonda Smith, the co-founders of the Bozeman-based Vigilante Theatre Company. They all knew Ben for his intensity and versatility on stage, his expressive hands and his praise when a student got it right: Brilliant!

When Ben retired in 1985, he did not quit working. He continued appearing in T.V. and movie roles and on stage. Locally, he is remembered for his portrayal of Lear at MSU and his regular holiday appear-

ance as Drosselmeyer in "The Nutcracker." Ben's many other passions included tennis, bowling, gardening, wood-working, playing guitar and camping. He was still bowling and entertaining guests in his home just days before he passed. Most of all, Ben loved spending time with family. He generously shared his home and wisdom with several grandchildren.

Ben was preceded in death by his wife Nina, brother Wolfe and his parents. Survivors include his son Jeff Tone (Ennis); daughter Kathy Tone and son-in-law Glen Bos (Tucson, Ariz.); five grandchildren Jade, Jacoben, Bridger, Rikki and Alyse; two great-grandchildren Benjamin and Weston; and dear family friend Dawna Brinkel.

His family thanks the community for the outpouring of support and the flowers by Ben's star outside the Ellen Theatre. They ask that memorial gifts be made to the Virginia City Players, Shakespeare in the Parks, The Ellen Theatre or any other local theatre group or favorite charity. A memorial service is being planned for summer 2016. If you wish to be notified about details, please email BenToneCelebration@gmail.com.

CANDIDATE FORUM

MAY 4, 2016 • 5-? P.M.

The Madisonian is hosting a candidate forum with those running for county and state elected seats - we want to help all of you be informed voters. Will take place at the Madison County Administrative Building. First floor conference room.

5 - 6 P.M. MEET AND GREET

with refreshments and opportunity to fill out questions cards to be addressed to candidates

* NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. We have moved the forum up one hour since we first announced it. Mark your calendars accordingly!

6 P.M. FORUM BEGINS

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).

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

Althea G. Hancock

Immediately following, a service will be held at the Sheridan Cemetery.

Luncheon after service at Bethany Hall in Sheridan.

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THE COURT SYSTEM

Understanding the similarities, differences between district, justice courts

BY THE NUMBERS

2015 district and justice court cases in Madison County

* Statistics courtesy of the Montana Supreme Court

Madison County District Court (Not including Beaverhead County and Jefferson County, which are also part of the fifth judicial district)

Abuse and neglect – 4
Adoption – 5
Civil – 125
Commitment – 1
Criminal – 21
Developmental Disability – 0
Domestic Relations – 53
Guardian Conservator – 4
Investigative Subpoena/Search Warrant – 11
Juvenile – 1
Paternity – 0
Probate – 36

Grand total – 261
2014 grand total – 254

Madison County Justice Court

Civil
Civil – 93
Order of Protection – 7
Small Claims – 7
Grand total – 107
2014 grand total – 119
Criminal
Criminal – 278
Local ordinances – 4
Search warrants – 0
Traffic – 969

Grand total – 1,251
2014 grand total – 1,474

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Editor's note: Without a law degree or experience with the legal system, understanding legal procedures and jurisdiction of certain courts can be confusing. This week, we talked to Judge Suzanne Nellen, Madison County Justice of the Peace, and Judge Loren Tucker, Fifth Judicial District Court Judge, to hear what they had to say about the delineation between the two courts.

Judge Suzanne Nellen's justice court is where most people who get in legal trouble in Madison County will end up ... at least, at first.

"Justice court is the people's court," Judge Nellen said. "I hear all misdemeanors and all civil cases up to \$12,000. If the request is greater than \$12,000, it goes to district court."

Both justice court and district court share jurisdiction over many civil matters, like landlord/tenant issues, Judge Nellen said. However, most get brought before justice court because it costs less money to file, she added.

Felonies, however, are under Judge Tucker's jurisdiction, along with civil cases where more than \$12,000 is in question. Though that does not mean someone charged with a felony crime will not see Judge Nellen.

"When someone is snatched up and taken in, they can see a judge without delay," Judge Tucker explained.

"You have a right to see a judge and be told why you're there and what it's going to take to get out," Judge Nellen added.

Because of that, Judge Nellen handles many first appearances for those charged with a felony crime, and in doing that she informs them what they are charged with and then sets their bail

before the case is sent up to Judge Tucker in district court.

Both courts follow the same general procedures – first, someone is charged, either through a complaint in justice court or a filed Information in district court. To file an Information, the prosecutor, or county attorney, must first file an affidavit of probable cause, Judge Tucker explained. That, essentially, is a document showing probable cause and requesting permission to file a charging document. After a person is charged, they will have an initial appearance. At that point, the case progresses to an arraignment, or hearing, before moving onto adjudication, or a trial.

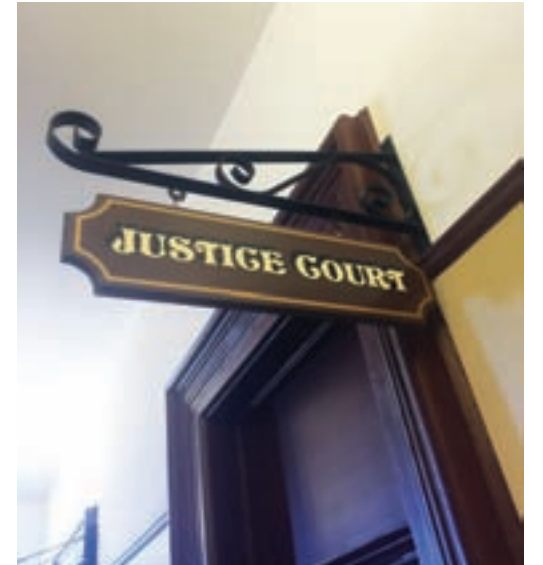
Most cases in Madison County, and nationwide, do not go to trial, Judge Tucker said. Instead, the defendant and the prosecutor "settle," or come to an agreement about pleas, charges and more. If that happens, it is up to the judge to sentence the defendant, instead of a jury.

Sentencing, or disposition, is the final step in resolving a case, Judge Tucker explained.

Common violations, like speeding tickets or tickets from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, are adjudicated through justice court.

"The majority of people who violate the law do it through a misdemeanor," Judge Nellen said. "We handle everything from little speeding tickets and traffic tickets all the way up through misdemeanors."

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Madison County's justice court and district court are located in the historic courthouse in Virginia City.



Making the public aware

Madison County using new community notification system for emergencies, general information

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Earlier this month, the Madison County Sheriff's Office and Madison County Department of Emergency Management launched a new community notification system that can send important alerts, emergency information and general notifications to Madison County residents and those visiting the area.

"It was important to put in place because it gives us a way to notify the majority of the people who live here if there is an emergency," said Lynda Holt, deputy director of emergency management for the county. "This system allows us to put out information about emergencies, but also allows other notifications about road

closures and things like that."

The system, called CodeRED, uses a nationwide emergency warning system to alert people using specific cell phone towers in case of an emergency.

"You get that notification based on if you are using a cell tower in the area," Holt explained. "But if you want information about road closures, snow plow schedules or that type of thing, you need to sign up for it."

Previously, the county has used a reverse 911 system to notify residents of emergencies. Those notifications, however, only go out to people with landlines, Holt explained.

"This is a step up," she said about the new system. "It allows us to say if there is something

going on, whether it is a fire or flood or what have you – we will reach more people."

Holt gave the example of a possible need to evacuate a campground because of a natural disaster.

"Data travels faster than voice now," she said. "We can send a text or an email through this system and reach people who are just visiting the area."

In the past, Madison County has used the reverse 911 system to alert residents about fires in their area, wildlife threats and more.

"When there was a problem at Hebgen Dam and a large boulder came down on the dam, we had to use it," Holt said.

According to Madison County Sheriff Roger

Thompson, the new program is a great improvement over past technology.

"The reverse 911 system was attached to our phone system, and we were looking at upgrading that, so then we would need to upgrade the (notification system)," Thompson said. "The abilities of the new system are far and wide much better than what we had before."

To sign up to receive general notifications, visit <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BF6BD4530FB2> or call Lynda Holt at 843-5301.

PET SUCCESS

Cool cat Sophia



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Shelia Lane adopted her cat Sophia in 2015 after losing her previous feline companion, who died at 21 years old.

"I'm by myself and I thought I wouldn't get any more (cats) because sometimes they keep you from doing things, but when I heard about her I thought 'oh gee, I'll just go look at her' and the moment I saw her, I just fell in love with her," said Lane.

Sophia is longhaired and

resembles a Himalayan, but Lane and her vet are not 100 percent positive on her breed, nor are they exact on her age.

"She's pretty playful, which leads me to think that she's a younger cat," said Lane.

Though Sophia was spooked on arriving at her new home, Lane said she warmed right up to her.

"She really settled in and she's very playful – she loves people," Lane said.

While people are okay in Sophia's book, other animal she does not really care for, which makes

her a perfect fit in Lane's life.

"I love animals and I think it's important to adopt," said Lane, adding Sophia was her first adopted pet. "I just think it's really important – when you see them in those cages, that's not where they belong."

* Editor's note: If you have a pet success story, let us know! We want to share your tale with our readers. Email Caitlin at news@madisoniannews.com or call the office at 682-7755.



A LEADERSHIP ROLE

Ennis junior earns state officer title for FCCLA

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Ennis junior Baylee Sciuchetti was recently elected as a state officer for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and will take on numerous responsibilities for the organization.

"I feel honored that the other members in my district felt I was capable and had the leadership skills to hold this position," Sciuchetti said about her new position.

FCCLA is a national student organization that helps young people become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues.

Sciuchetti has been involved with FCCLA for three years and said she decided to run for a state officer position

because of the leadership opportunity.

"I wanted to have a leadership opportunity that could impact others in a positive way," she said. "A state officer position gives myself, along with nine others, responsibilities to our organization."

Sciuchetti plans to study nursing at Carroll College after high school and said FCCLA has benefited her life greatly.

"I am a more confident person, and am more comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people," she said. "I think FCCLA benefits the other students in the same way and also that they must be responsible for something other than schoolwork."

Sciuchetti assumed her new role in March and will be given an official title in June.

"I am so proud of (Sciuchetti's) ambition and achievement," said Jamie Diehl, who has been teaching in Ennis and advising FCCLA for four years. "She and the chapter were unhappy with how our district was being represented and wanted to see change ... (Sciuchetti) chose to make a difference and run on her own. After being elected district president it was a great accomplishment for her to be installed as a state officer. I look forward to seeing her growth in the next year."

Aside from FCCLA, Sciuchetti participates on the golf team where she recently qualified for state. She is on student council and involved in National Honor Society, MedStart and Big Brothers, Big Sisters. In her free time, she enjoys getting outside with her family and friends to either camp or paddle board.



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Baylee Sciuchetti, Jamie Diehl and Stephanie Weddle attend an FCCLA event.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Petition to revoke vacated

On April 18, 2016, Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen requested to vacate a hearing for William Jeffery Rice, saying he has started to pay the restitution he owes.

Rice was in Madison County district court before Judge Loren Tucker because of a petition to revoke suspended sentence, according to court documents.

Rice was initially charged with vehicular homicide while under the influence and driving

under the influence of alcohol in 2009 – the second charge was eventually dropped and the first charge was amended to criminal endangerment, which Rice pleaded guilty to.

Rice was sentenced in 2011 and received a 10 year sentence, all but three years suspended. However, the state, represented by Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen alleged that Rice did not make payments to his restitution requirements and filed the petition to revoke his sentence. However, since that petition was filed, Christensen said Rice has begun paying his restitution, and said the case should be vacated and only rescheduled if necessary.

Petition to revoke suspended sentence

On Feb. 1, Christopher Fredrick McCann appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker and pleaded true to some charges in a petition to revoke suspended sentence.

McCann was previously sentenced to the Department of Corrections for a term of 13 months for driving under the influence, fourth offense. McCann also received a five year suspended sentence to the DoC. The state filed a petition to revoke his suspended sentence alleging McCann violated the rules of that sus-

pended sentence in a variety of ways, including failing to maintain full time employment, failing to report to his probation/parole officer and more, according to court documents.

McCann pleaded true to the charges that he did not report to his probation officer when he was required to, that he tested positive for marijuana use though he was ordered not to use drugs or alcohol and that he failed to complete chemical dependency counseling.

Judge Tucker released McCann, continuing a \$20,000 bond that was posted previously, and scheduled a sentencing hearing for May 9.

Sheridan council moves forward with water, sewer project

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During the April 11 town council meeting, Sheridan councilmembers unanimously passed a resolution to move forward with the water system project the town has been considering since January.

After a preliminary engineering report conducted by Great West Engineering showed some discrepancies in the current system, council members have gone back and forth with engineer Fred Phillips to discuss different scenarios and options available to the town, as well as funding possibilities.

In their first PER, Great West Engineering suggested the town look at implementing an additional water tank to up storage capacity, looping the water system on Bieler Lane, replacing the water main on

Water Street, back up generators for the well pumps and a new chlorination system.

"We accepted the PER as presented to us and agreed to start the process in applying for grant funding," said mayor Tom Shaffer. "We've just got to keep moving forward."

The projected timeline for the water system update is closer to spring of 2018, according to public works director Curtis Green, as the town will not know until next fall whether or not they will be awarded a grant to help with funding.

Budget

While the entire project is based off the approval of the grants, should the town be awarded the money for funding, they will not have to raise water rates for town residents – something the council was careful to be aware of.

"We have been really suc-

cessful with these grants in the past," said Phillips, adding that he is expecting approval of the funding.

Should the town not receive funding, the town will have to "simply readjust," according to Shaffer.

What it means

Despite another construction season in the midst, the Sheridan water system will be more up-to-date and viable for the town after the project is completed.

"We need to continue to upgrade our current infrastructure and make sure it remains a viable system for the town," said Shaffer. "It's just another step along the way."

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The Sheridan Town Council voted to move forward with water, sewer system project.



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SERVSAFE TRAINING

The Madison County Sanitarian's Office will be holding a series of ServSafe trainings. A successful passing grade will satisfy the Montana Food Code, which requires all licensed food establishments to have a Certified Food Manager on staff.

The dates and locations are listed below:

DATE: April 4th, Monday, 8:00am-5:00pm held in Virginia City
May 6th Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm held in Virginia City

Fee: \$75.00

Registration Deadline: One week prior to the class

Registration forms can be found on the Sanitarian's page of the Madison County website at madison.mt.gov, or the Sanitarian's Office, located at 103 W. Wallace Street in Virginia City.

Textbooks will be available for pick up at the Madison County Sanitarian's Office. Applicants must be registered and fees paid in advance of receiving textbooks and exam materials. Lunch will be provided at no cost.

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REAL ESTATE CORNER

Dive into the area's real estate options!

Submitted by Toni Bowen,
ERA Landmark Arrow Real Estate

The famous western writer, Zane Grey, first chronicled the Code of the West. The men and women who came to this part of the country during the westward expansion of the United States were bound by an unwritten code of conduct.

Old West values like integrity, self-reliance and accountability guided their decisions, actions and interactions. Their survival depended upon their ability to cooperate with their neighbors—an attitude of collective responsibility to society and finding non-partisan solutions to environmental problems and other important issues. In keeping with that spirit, Madison County hopes to educate newcomers and citizens of Madison County who wish to follow in the footsteps of those rugged individualists by living in the rural area of Madison County.

Images of the Old West draw people to an area once filled with miners, farmers, ranchers, loggers and other agricultural workers. Often newcomers are much more romantic about the West than the old-timers and have false hopes about bringing their urban

lifestyles into the great outdoors. They come with false expectations. They believe they can fax and e-mail from the mountaintop. They then realize that up here the information superhighway could be a dirt road.

It is important to become aware of the realities of living in rural Montana. It is also important for newcomers to know that life in the country is different from life in the city. As you look for a place to make your home, look at the community and its people. County and small town governments are not able to provide the same level of service that large city governments provide. You should think about transportation, communication, education, health care, employment and public services that are so essential to our modern way of life. To that end, the county created The Code of the New West which provides information to help you make an educated and informed decision before you purchase property or build a home in our county. The following subjects are covered in depth in this booklet; Roads & Access: Utility Services: Property Features: Mother Nature: Agriculture: Public Lands: Water and Water Rights. You can find this booklet at; http://madison.mt.gov/departments/plan/publications/Code_west1.pdf.

Madison County is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. We hope this information will help enhance the quality of your life here. You can find out most everything you need to know at <http://madison.mt.gov/>. Welcome!



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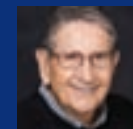


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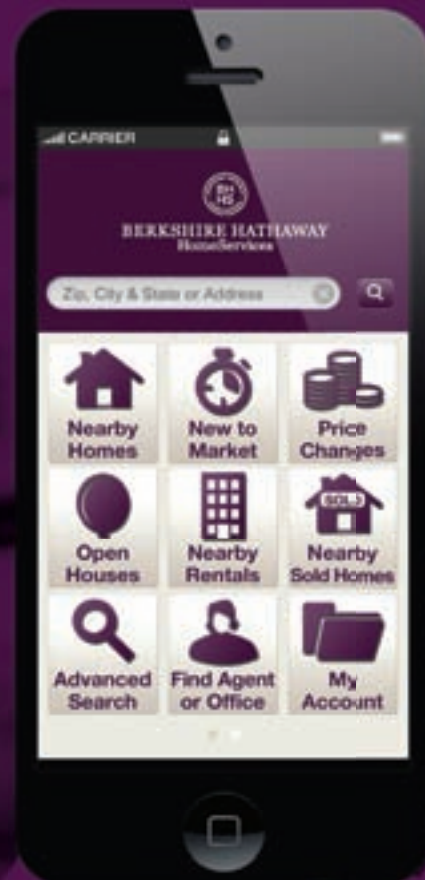


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Ennis Lions Club Poker Tournament benefits local charities and non-profits

SUBMITTED BY RUSS WHITACRE
Ennis Lions Club

It was a full house for the Ennis Lions Club Poker Tournament on Saturday, April 16 at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Ennis. Proceeds from the tournament will be distributed among local charities, non-profit organizations and scholarships for local high school graduates

to pursue four year degrees and vocational education.

Here are the winners of the Ennis Lions Poker Tournament.
First place \$1000 Tyler Cotterell, Bozeman
Second place \$550 Peter Fitzgerald, Ennis
Third place \$350 Kevin Hokanson, Ennis
Fourth place \$200 Mike Sauvageau, Three Forks

AROUND THE COUNTY

Brunch for seniors in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY ROXANE SHAMMEL
Sheridan Schools

Administration, staff and students of Sheridan Schools will be hosting their annual senior citizens brunch on Wednesday, April 27 at 10 a.m. in the elementary school gym. We would like to invite all

senior citizens to come enjoy a great meal, entertainment and the company of each other. Please call the grade school office at 842-5302 to make your reservations or to request a ride or home delivery. Hope to see you all there.

Candidate Forum in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY PAT BRADLEY
Twin Bridges Rotary Club

The Twin Bridges Rotary Club will host a forum on May 19 at the Twin Bridges School Monana Room at 7 p.m. for county residents to meet with candidates who will be on the June 7 primary election ballots. The contested races are for commission district one, David Schulz, Dan Allhands, Ellis Thompson; Senate District 36, Jeff Welborn, Dale Stewart; House District 71, Ray Shaw, Robert Wagner.

This forum is in addition to the forum being held in Vir-

ginia City on May 4 hosted by *The Madisonian*. All citizens are urged to attend either or both forums.

Contact Krista Beal at 842-5441.

Family fun shoot for Boy Scout Troop 1685

SUBMITTED BY SAM STOCKETT
Boy Scout Troop 1685

On May 7, 2016, Boy Scout Troop 1685 is hosting their third annual family fun shoot. The event is hosted by the Tobacco Root Archery Club in Sheridan. Everyone is invited to come shoot one of the best 3D archery ranges in Montana to support the boy scouts. The range is located less than one mile north of Sheridan on Wisconsin Creek Road - follow signs from Sheridan on May 7.

Pay a fee to shoot the course, and also receive a free pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and a free barbecue lunch. For information on fees and specifics about the course and the day, contact scout master Sam Stockett at sstockett@mt.gov or call 925-9668.

Open mic in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY JANET MARSH

The Shovel and Spoon

The Shovel and Spoon in downtown Sheridan will host an open mic Friday, April 29. All local performers are invited to share their talents. Performances will begin at 6:30 p.m. Supper will be available after 5 p.m. There is no charge to enjoy the performances. For more information call 842-7999.

Friday Night Live in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY KJERSTEN SANDRU
Twin Bridges Business Professionals of America

Twin Bridges Business Professionals of America is on its third year as a chapter while the national organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The National Leadership Conference is in Boston, May 5 through 9. There are eight participants from TB BPA traveling to the conference to either receive BPA's most prestigious Ambassador Torch Award or compete in events. The number of NLC participants has tripled each year we have been a chapter. This Friday, April 22, TB BPA is hosting its first ever Friday Night Live. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Twin Bridges Multipurpose Gym. The evening will feature comedy skits, a classic s'mores bar with decadent cupcakes and

local musicians including Mining City Star, Melissa Hutchinson. All proceeds go directly to the eight nationals participants: Brooke Smith, Ruth Redfield, Jovi Rosselot, Andi Pollerena, Megan Martin, Mariah Mays and Kjersten Sandru.

Rock slide limits access to Madison Hydro Plant

SUBMITTED BY BUTCH LARCOMBE
NorthWestern Energy

On Sunday, a rock fall damaged a road used to access the Madison Hydroelectric Plant, temporarily limiting public access to the area near Ennis. The rock fall punctured a flow line that serves the hydroelectric dam. A leak in the flow line caused by the rock damage washed out the road below the line, causing the road to be closed out of concern for public safety.

As Tuesday, April 19, road repairs were underway and expected to be completed later that day.

Beyond that, intermittent road closures may be needed in the next few weeks to safely repair the damaged flow line.

There were no injuries to the public or NorthWestern employees as a result of the rock fall.

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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 | \$10

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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Saturday	Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 50 to 60.
Sunday	Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain showers. High 55.
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Quote of the Week:

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MOCK ACCIDENT

Madison County first responders simulate DUI incident at Ennis Schools

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Madison County first responders simulated a DUI crash.

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“One, two, three, LIFT!”

Six volunteer emergency responders moved in sync as they lifted an unconscious teenage girl onto a stretcher and wheeled her into an ambulance. With three other victims to care for, emergency responders still had a lot of work ahead of them.

On April 15, volunteers from the Ennis Ambulance, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, Madison Valley Search and Rescue and law enforcement from both Madison County Sheriff’s Office and the Montana Highway Patrol spent the morning simulating the effects driving under the influence has on both the victims and the responders with a mock accident at the Ennis athletic field for the high school students.

Thirty volunteers demonstrated the duties each department has when responding to a crash scene and what goes into caring for victims of drunk driving accident. With 49 Montana highway fatalities already this year due to driving under the influence, distracted driving and driving without a seatbelt, young people are the definitely at risk.

“We don’t want to mop you off the road,” Greg Haas told students after the mock accident. “It’s not an if, it’s a when.”

Haas has been with the Ennis ambulance for nine years and the fire department for 11 and said his main goal with the mock accident was to make students aware of the responsibility of operating a vehicle.

“Be aware of how dangerous being in a car is and the responsibilities you have,” he said.

Haas’ wife, Nici, also participated in the mock accident and said she hoped the students were seeing the repercussions of their actions.

“One bad decision can lead to a lifetime of limitations, be it physical, mental or limitations in your future career,” she said.

Sheriff Roger Thompson also spoke to the students, not just as police enforcement, but also as the county coroner.

“It’s not a pleasant job to notify families and deliver bad news,” Thompson said. “You are the people that have to make the difference when it comes to driving under the influence – don’t let your friends drink and drive.”

After the mock accident, students were allowed on the field to chat with volunteers, check out the emergency response vehicles and survey the wrecked cars used in the simulation.

“I learned a lot of information from speaking with (emergency responders) and it was interesting to see how they operate on a crash scene,” said senior Carina Garcia, who volunteered to help with the mock accident as an ejected passenger.

Garcia, who is planning to study pre-med at Gonzaga University this fall, hopes to become a trauma doctor and said she felt the experience helped prepare her for the future.

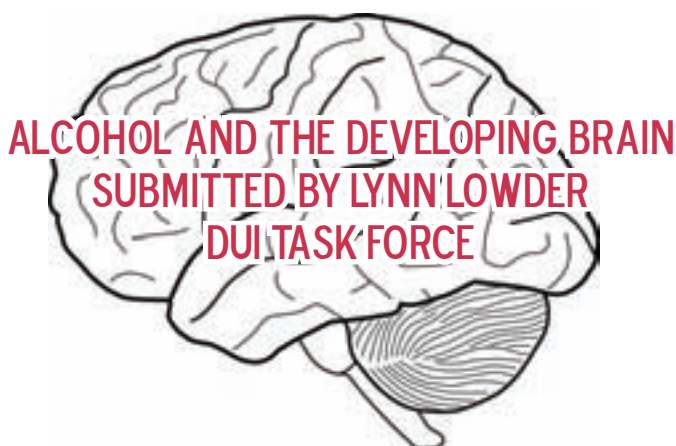
“It was a surreal experience to be a part of,” she said.



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Emergency first responders from around Madison County demonstrate the different duties and tasks caring for DUI crash victims entails. Representatives from Madison County SAR, Ennis Ambulance, Madison County Rural Fire Dept., Madison County law enforcement and the Montana Highway Patrol were all on scene during the mock accident to speak with Ennis High School students about the danger of drunk driving.



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Students from Ennis High School volunteer to be the victims during the mock accident - two students played injured teens who passed away on scene, two students played injured teens taken away by ambulance, with one victim that was ejected from the car, and one student played the drunk driver, arrested by law enforcement. This was the second annual mock accident put on by Madison County emergency responders.



Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant that has many affects on a developing brain and result in long lasting consequences. Here are some of the ways alcohol affects different parts of the brain:

Cerebral Cortex & Central Nervous System:

Alcohol slows down your cerebral cortex and the central nervous system, which sends signals from your brain to your body, causing you to think, move and speak slower.

Frontal Lobes:

The brain’s frontal lobes are important for planning, forming ideas and making decisions and when alcohol affects the frontal

lobes, a person may lose control of their emotions and urges.

Hippocampus:

If alcohol damages the hippocampus, the memory part of the brain, a person may find it hard to learn and hold onto knowledge.

Cerebellum:

Important for coordination and awareness, when alcohol affects the cerebellum a person may become unstable or lose balance.

Hypothalamus:

Known as the housekeeping part of the brain, when the hypothalamus is affected by alcohol a person’s blood pressure increases while body temperature and heart rate decreases.

Medulla:

The medulla controls body temperature and automatic actions, such as a heartbeat. Alcohol chills the body, which can cause body temperatures to fall.

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A bump in the road

BY ABIGAIL DENNIS

My quest to save money while bettering my overall health was thrown off track by my frenemy (friend+enemy) ... spring weather.

I realize blaming nice weather might seem a bit contradictory, as sunshine and blue skies should encourage me to get outdoors and be active. However, last week, it seemed to have the opposite effect. It made me want to scoot downtown with my friends and have a cocktail on the porch of a local watering hole.

And we did. One day after work my coworkers and I packed up and made our way downtown to lounge, sip cold drinks and enjoy the sun. As

I was sipping on my second (oops!) cocktail, a little guilt started creeping in. I began feeling guilty for relaxing instead of going to the gym or exercising my dog. But on the other hand, I'm a big proponent of enjoying life, and that includes making time to bask in the company of good friends. I think balance in life is necessary, and while health and financial wellness is still important, I plan to find time to relax.

When we all parted ways later that afternoon, I had an epiphany! I don't have to chose enjoying my friends or taking the healthy road. Now that the days are longer and light is sticking around until 8 p.m. With that in mind, I grabbed Calamity Jane, my


chocolate lab, and we headed to the Madison River and spent an hour exercising and enjoying each other.

Madison County winters are long and sometimes lonely. When my seasonal friends start returning in the late spring, I already know I'll be tempted to abandon the progress I've made toward a healthier lifestyle in favor of renewing friendships and building new ones. I'm looking forward to meeting for happy hour, having dinner and socializing.

I'm not quite sure how my lifestyle will look as spring melts into summer, but I know one thing I will continually remind myself: Balance is good.




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WEED WRESTLING

Reflections on an arduous spring task

This week, I began pulling the weeds from the flower beds around my property. I have to admit, it is one of my least favorite tasks. After all, I didn't plant the flowers; they came with the house. Still, I'm pretty sure my neighbors would take offense to having what appeared to be a tumbleweed patch in their midst. With that thought in mind, I gathered up a set of leather gloves, a denim jacket, a hard hat, a rake, a branch cutter and two garbage cans.

Things got off to an ominous start when, while on my hands and knees, I stuck my hand into the leaves covering the shadowy ground beneath a rose bush. Intent on pulling the first fistful of weeds, I didn't notice that a dog had recently left its calling card at that very spot. Aghast at the unsavory substance oozing from between the fingers of my gloves, I abruptly stood up. In the process, I almost ripped an ear off on the rose bush's thorns. Then, while clutching my hemorrhaging cartilage, I blindly backed up onto the rake, which caused the handle to fly up and whack me in the back of the head. Quick learner that I am, I decided it would be wise to rake the flower patch clean of leaves before pulling any more weeds.

Subsequently, I nearly suffered a hernia before discovering that a sprout from a nearby apple tree was concealed among some weeds I was trying to uproot. Likewise, after another session of purple-faced wrenching, I learned that getting rid of a lilac sprout also requires ripping up the entire bush. Hence, I shrewdly surmised that if pulling a handful of weeds devolved into weed wrestling (complete with take downs and reversals)

chances were not everything I had a hold of was a weed.

In the process of raking leaves, pulling weeds and weed wrestling, I managed to fill both garbage cans. At the same time, I also did a lot of yanking and bending. As a result, my aged back began to send me some not-so-subtle signals that it was time to quit, but – NOOOO! Convinced I could tough it out for another half hour, I soldiered on until the garbage cans fairly overflowed. When at last the sun set, I was obliged to use the rake as a crutch while hobbling toward my house. In a fitting finale, I tripped over the limb cutter and did a face-plant on the lawn. That night, in bed, I felt as though my toes were welded to my neck. Even my eyelashes ached.

In the final analysis, weed wrestling made an already undesirable undertaking even more so. Worse yet, I knew that, as is the case every year, by mid-summer, my lawn would resemble a dwarf lilac bush and apple tree forest, interspersed with a spattering of feebly flowering flora. In other words, all my mishap-laden efforts will have been for naught.

Finally, I experienced a revelation of sorts. I recalled that flowers grew wild in the mountains every summer. Better yet, Mother Nature did all the work! All I had to do to was to drive to the forests and savor the fruit of her labors. Consequently, I decided to forsake the remainder of my arduous spring task and wait for the snow to melt in the mountains. Hopefully, by then I'll be healed up enough to make the trip.

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Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines and online magazines.



CELEBRATING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The second half of April is a great time to celebrate the natural world around us! April 21 is John Muir's birthday, April 22 is Earth Day and April 29 is Arbor Day. This beautiful season of spring is the perfect time to reflect on our appreciation of the environment, plant a tree and get our families outside!

John Muir
(April 21, 1838 – Dec. 24, 1914)

John Muir was a Scottish-American naturalist, author, environmental philosopher and early advocate of preservation of wilderness in the United States. Muir's family arrived in the U.S. in



Rebecca Ramsey

1849 and started farming near Portage, Wis., fueling Muir's appreciation of the outdoors. He entered college at age 22 and began studying science, and while never completing his degree, was highly educated and especially interested in the areas of geology and botany. He spent his early years walking, exploring and living in nature, collecting plants, studying and documenting ecosystems and geology.

His letters, essays and books telling of his adventures in nature and scientific findings, especially in the Sierra Nevada of California, have been read by millions. He developed the theory of glacial formation on the geology of the Sierra Mountains. He founded the Sierra Club, and brought attention to sensitive environments that are protected today.

In his later life, Muir devoted most of his time to the preservation of the Western forests. He petitioned the U.S. Congress for the National Park bill that was passed in 1890, establishing Yosemite National Park. The spiritual qual-

ity and enthusiasm toward nature expressed in his writings inspired readers, including presidents and congressmen, to take action to help preserve some very special places. He is today referred to as the "Father of the National Parks," and the National Park Service has produced a short documentary about his life.

Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual secular holiday where events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was founded in 1970, and now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 193 countries annually. This is the 46th year of a movement that continues to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion and motivate people to action. This year's theme is "Trees for the Earth."

In 1969 at a UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honor the Earth and the concept of peace, to first be celebrated on March 21, 1970, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. This day was later sanctioned in a proclamation signed at the United Nations, and month later a separate Earth Day was founded in the U.S. as an environmental day of education.

The first Earth Day had participants in 2000 colleges and universities, roughly 10,000 primary and secondary schools, as well as hundreds of communities across the U.S.

In 1970 the movement gave voice to an emerging consciousness, channeling human energy toward environmental issues. On Earth Day 2016, the landmark Paris Agreement is scheduled to be signed by the U.S., China, and some 120 other countries. This signing is a requirement of the historic draft climate protection

treaty adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris.

Arbor Day

Trees play a significant role in reducing erosion and moderating the climate. They remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, store large quantities of carbon in their tissues and expel oxygen. Trees and forests provide habitat for many species of animals and plants. Trees provide shade, timber for construction, fuel for cooking and heating and fruit for food. Because of their longevity and usefulness, trees have always been revered and play a role in many of the world's mythologies. It is fitting that Earth Day 2016, with the draft climate treaty and the theme of "Trees for the Earth" comes the week before Arbor Day, as a reminder of their importance to our existence.

The Spanish village of Mondoñedo held the first documented arbor plantation festival in 1594. The place still remains, planted with lime and horse-chestnut trees. Additionally, the small Spanish village of Villanueva de la Sierra held the first modern Arbor Day in 1805. The first American Arbor Day originated in Nebraska City, Neb., on April 10, 1872, when an estimated one million trees were planted there.

In 1906, Pennsylvania conservationist Major Israel McCreight argued that Pres-

ident Theodore Roosevelt's conservation speeches were limited to businessmen in the lumber industry and recommended a campaign of youth education and a national policy on conservation education. On April 15, 1907, Roosevelt issued an "Arbor Day Proclamation to the School Children of the United States" about the importance of trees and teaching forestry in schools.

Arbor Day is now typically celebrated on the last Friday of April, though events and celebrations vary depending on the planting season. There are 40 Tree City USA communities in Montana, a designation given to cities and towns since 1976 that meet the four core standards of urban forestry management including: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day. Ennis and Sheridan are both included in that designation!

As April comes to a close, take some time to read the works of John Muir, or those of his inspirations: Ralph Waldo Emerson or Henry David Thoreau; get outside with your family on Earth Day to educate yourselves and take some action by doing a trash or weed cleanup; or planting (or hugging) a tree on Arbor Day. And remember every day to celebrate this amazing place we call home, the "last best place" on earth.



Commodity Insite! Arcane economic indicators II

by Jerry Welch

We know that the Bacon Cheeseburger Index and the "death cross" for stocks or shares suggest further deflation with commodities and big trouble is ahead for the Dow Jones, S&P and so on. But we also know those are arcane economic indicators shunned by economists. In fact, in most cases, such indicators are scoffed at by the ivory towered, highly educated economists who prefer to follow such things as employment, inflation trends, consumer spending patterns or money supply to predict which way the economy is headed.

Nonetheless, here are some little known, arcane indicators and the reason why such indexes are followed closely. In no particular order and from businessinsider.com where I

found most of the information below:

Men's Underwear Index – This index bulges with the theory that men's underwear is a stable not a luxury. In times of financial stress, men hang onto their underwear longer before buying new pairs which in turn causes underwear sales to soften.

Hemline Index – This index perhaps is the most famous of all arcane indexes. Simply put, when the economy is good, hemlines are higher to show off expensive hosiery.

Lipstick Index – When times are tough, women tend to spend a bit more on luxury items.

Haircut Index – A study shows that customers visit salons every six weeks for a haircut but in bad times, every

eight weeks.

Dry Cleaning Index – Alan Greenspan, former Fed chairman, stated he looked at dry cleaning sales often. In bad times, he said, people only dry cleaned items that absolutely had to be done.

Cardboard Box Index – This indicator is considered a relatively good measure of economic activity because most all non-durable goods are shipped in corrugated containers.

Aspirin Count Theory Index – Theoretically, aspirin production and stock prices are inversely related.

Waffle House Index – From Wikipedia: "The Waffle House Index is an informal metric used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to determine the impact of a storm and the likely scale of

assistance required for disaster recovery. The measure is based on the reputation of the Waffle House restaurant chain for staying open during extreme weather and for reopening quickly, albeit sometimes with a limited menu, after very severe weather events such as tornadoes or hurricanes."

And from list25.com, here are extremely bizarre-economic indicators:

"Skinny Tie Width Indicator, Japanese Haircut Indicator, Buttered Popcorn Index, Happy Meal Indicator, Alligator Population Index, Marine Advertisement Intensity Index, Unclaimed Corpse Indicator, Mosquito Bite Indicator, First Date Indicator, Plastic Surgery Indicator, Baked Bean Sales Indicator, Bike Fatality Rates, Car Salesman Closing Time

Indicator, Coupon Redemption Index, Baby Diaper Rash Indicator, Skyscraper Boom Indicator, Speed Contractors Return Calls, New Head Quarters Indicator, Year Of The Dragon Indicator, The R-Word Index."

In the 19th century, Victorian historian Thomas Carlyle coined the phrase, "the dismal science" as a derogatory alternative name for the discipline or the study of economics. Looking closely at the list of arcane leading indicators in the paragraph above, is the study of economics really that dismal? It may have been in the 19th century but in today's modern world with such off-the-wall indexes gauging economic activity, it sounds to be more fun and interesting than dreary and dark.

However, a new arcane index may have surfaced this week thanks to the Republican presidential primary election that is hotly contested. Senator Ted Cruz stated, according to CNBC, "The Federal Reserve's excessively easy monetary policies are 'playing games with money' and are an ineffective way to 'juice the system.' Such actions 'create bubbles,' he said."

Going further, "That's just playing games with money, which means a (stock market) crash will be coming."

How about the "Desperate Candidate Index"? Or, "Making Outrageous Claims Index"? Maybe "Scare Investors Silly Indicator." But just maybe, the world does not need or desire another arcane economic indicator.

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- 1 Frosty's "eyes"
- 5 Family member
- 8 Burden
- 12 Earthen pot
- 13 Alias abbr.
- 14 Crooner Jerry
- 15 Uncategorized (Abbr.)
- 16 Journey segment
- 17 Sicilian spouter
- 18 Bet collector
- 20 Of a heart chamber
- 22 Mag. staffers
- 23 Big bother
- 24 Channel marker
- 27 Re movement
- 32 Cleo's slayer
- 33 "Hail!"
- 34 Life time?
- 35 Sane
- 38 Trudge
- 39 Charged bit
- 40 Eco-friendly org.
- 42 Homes
- 45 Froot Loops spokesbird Sam
- 49 Hindu princess
- 50 Blond shade

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- 52 Appellation
- 53 Country that's an anagram of 49-Across
- 54 Carnival city
- 55 Cornfield intruder
- 56 Skilled
- 57 B&B
- 58 Pianist Dame Myrat
- 59 servant
- 60 Willy Loman, e.g.
- 61 A Turner
- 62 Long story
- 63 Exaggerate
- 64 Countrywide
- 65 Arm bone
- 66 Close tightly
- 67 Freudian concept
- 68 Skater Babilonia
- 69 Prohibit
- 70 Oft-chanted initials
- 71 Not necessary
- 72 Eggs
- 73 On-air fund
- 74 raiser
- 75 Way back when
- 76 Started
- 77 Cut remedy
- 78 Indivisible
- 79 Beer belly, maybe
- 80 Italian river
- 81 Met melody
- 82 Zinger
- 83 Garment for 49-Across
- 84 Give a darn
- 85 Old Testament book
- 86 Information
- 87 Sermon subject

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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Addictive Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Brownies

"These are a favorite in my family!"



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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JOB NOTICE:
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Alton Ranch has opening for general ranch hand. Livestock handling and care, hay production, weed control, irrigation, fencing, maintain and operate ranch vehicles and equipment, horsemanship, roping and doctoring, maintain buildings and corrals. Send resume to Alton Ranch, 513 Varney Road, Ennis, MT 59729, or email tokevinc@altonranch.com. Contact Kevin at 682-4832 or 599-2914. 25-2-b

Housekeeping staff wanted year-round, part-time. Pay DOE. Start at \$12 per hour. 682-7000

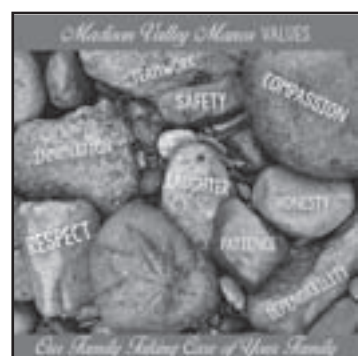
Help Wanted. Fan Mountain Inn. Apply in person. 204 N. Main St, Ennis 24-4-b

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

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

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New Senior & Community Center in Twin Bridges is seeking a part-time Cook Coordinator to perform all kitchen duties with ordering, stocking, cooking, cleaning, training, budgeting and working closely with Board of Directors. Cooking experience & HS Diploma/Equivalent required. Days/hours to be determined. Wage DOE. To apply, submit resume & references to: TBS&CC, PO BOX 7, Twin Bridges, MT 59754. 26-2-b

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Registered Nurse- Day Shift
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MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETENTION OFFICER
The Madison County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a full-time detention officer position. The salary for this position is \$14.76 per hour with county medical benefits. Duties and responsibilities include performing the duties of a detention officer at the Madison County Holding Facility in Virginia City. The position is responsible to the public as well as for the inmates. Detention officers perform all aspects of inmate supervision, ensuring all inmate basic needs are met. This position requires the applicant to be able to obey rules, regulations and follow instruction from superiors. They must show a desire to work with the public, show self-initiative, demonstrate a high degree of integrity, maturity and confidentiality. The work week is 40 hours and includes weekends. Due to the nature of the job, work hour flexibility and some on-call work is possible. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and of good moral character; successfully pass an oral interview, background investigation plus any other requirements which may be deemed necessary to perform the duties of a detention officer, including successful completion of the Montana Basic Detention Officer Academy. Applicants for this position must have the knowledge and ability to maintain accurate record keeping systems and possess basic computer knowledge. Applicants must be a resident of Madison County. Applications can be found at www.madison.mt.gov. The application and a complete resume should be sent to the Dillon Job Service, 730 N. Montana Ste. #4, Dillon, MT 59725 (DillonJSC@mt.gov) or to the Madison County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 276, Virginia City, MT 59755. Please contact Sheriff Roger Thompson or Undersheriff Phil Fortner at (406) 843-5301 with any questions about the position. Closing date is May 10, 2016. Madison County is an EE/AA employer. 26-2-b

MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTY SHERIFF
The Madison County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a full-time deputy sheriff position. The salary for this position is \$21.32 per hour with county medical benefits. Duties and responsibilities include performing the duties of a deputy sheriff as prescribed by Montana State Statute. This includes responding to calls from citizens for service in a variety of law enforcement assignments, being able to deal with stressful situations in all types of weather and work hours, perform quality and detailed work products, communicate effectively with others and be physically fit in order to deal with the hazards of the job which includes the apprehension of suspects in crimes. This position requires the applicant to be able to obey rules, regulations and follow instruction from superiors. They must show a desire to work with the public to solve problems, show self-initiative, and demonstrate a high degree of integrity, maturity and confidentiality. A long term commitment to living and working in Madison County is desired. Applications can be found at www.madison.mt.gov. The application and a complete resume should be sent to the Dillon Job Service, 730 N. Montana Ste. #4, Dillon, MT 59725 (DillonJSC@mt.gov) or to the Madison County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 276, Virginia City, MT 59755. Please contact Sheriff Roger Thompson or Undersheriff Phil Fortner at (406) 843-5301 with any questions. Closing date is May 10, 2016. Madison County is an EE/AA employer. 26-2-b

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The Town of Ennis is looking for an interested person to serve on the Ennis Town Commission. The position requires the applicant to be a resident within the incorporated limits of the Town of Ennis. (The term being filled will go up for election at the next Municipal Election for the Town of Ennis.) If you are interested in this position, send a letter of interest to: Town of Ennis, 328 W. Main St., Ennis, MT. 59729, or drop off at Ennis Town Hall. Deadline for application is May 3, 2016. If you have any question regarding this position, call Ennis Town Hall at 682-4287 or come in to Town Hall during normal business hours. 26-2-b

FULL-TIME LEAD CUSTODIAN POSITION
ENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
The Ennis School is looking for an individual to work in our custodial department. The position will require the ability to help supervise and train custodial staff, the knowledge or willingness to learn to work with various pieces of equipment, such as, floor machines, buffers, scrubbers, etc. Hourly rate will start at no less than \$12.75 per hour, D.O.E. Benefits and retirement are available. Work hours from 1 pm. to 9 pm. and may vary depending on need. Deadline: Until Filled. For further information and a district application call Jon Wrzesinski at 682-4258. 26-4-b

Summer "nanny" needed for 2 fun kids, one eight yo., one 5 yo. Looking for someone with high energy, reliability and creativity who will keep the kids active and entertained throughout the summer months. Must have driver's license/car. Hours would typically be 7:30 am to 5:30 pm during weekdays. Definite chance for extra hours on occasion on weekends. Call 570-0254 if interested. Pay DOE.

Two Route Bus Drivers
Ennis School
School bus route driver needed for the 2016-2017 school year. Must have, or be qualified to obtain, a commercial driver's license. All bus drivers are subject to pre-employment drug testing and must be part of our random testing program as required by DOT. The routes will be 3 1/2 - 4 hours per day with starting salary at \$13.75. Partial benefits may be available. Job sharing is also a possibility. For further information, call Superintendent, Jon Wrzesinski at 682-4258. 26-4-b

Western MT Mental Health Care Center is currently hiring a nursing position for 20 hours per week. This position will be one (10 hour day) in Ennis, MT and one (10 hour day) in Dillon, MT working with a Psychiatric APRN to serve clients with severe and disabling mental illness. The successful candidate is required to have a nursing degree (LPN or RN) and current license in the State of MT. Experience with Electronic Medical Records preferred, wages DOE. Please send a letter of interest, resume and a copy of your current license to: Kathy Dunks, Director of Operations Butte offices of WMMHC, 81 West Park St., Butte, MT 59701. WMMHC is an equal opportunity employer. 26-2-b

The Town of Sheridan seeks an individual to fill a full time Clerk/Treasurer position. Preferred qualifications include previous job experience in municipal services and knowledge in governmental bookkeeping, payroll, payables, utility billing, etc. This position requires you to be a motivated self starter who can work independently and who comes in contact daily with the public. Knowledge of Black Mountain Software, Excel, Word Press is a plus. Must be willing to acquire certification. Wage DOE \$16.00-\$17.00 This position includes a full government benefit package. Please send resume or pick up application at Sheridan Town Hall, PO Box 78, 103 E Hamilton Street, Sheridan, Mt. 59749. Deadline: May 2, 2016 3:30 p.m. Contact: 406-842-5431 or sheridan@3rivers.net 25-3-b

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

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Ennis students compete in BPA, FCCLA, SkillsUSA

SUBMITTED BY JAMIE DIEHL
Ennis Schools

Over the past month, Ennis High School was represented at three career and technical state organizations' Montana competitions. Students in the Ennis chapters of Business Professionals of America, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America and SkillsUSA attended and competed at their respective state leadership conferences. BPA held the early conference, in which 25 students from Ennis were in attendance participating in competitions and workshops focused on business management, employee and workplace skills and entrepreneurship. The students did an exceptional job, three teams placing in the top 10 in their events, and the broadcast news production team made up of Carina Garcia, Race Owens, Madisen Diebert, and Samantha Kimmey, scored first place, qualifying them to compete at the National Conference in Boston, Mass.

Following BPA, FCCLA

attended their state conference also in Billings. Fifteen students traveled to compete in a variety of events, and attend workshops highlighting career and college opportunities, healthy relationships and lifestyles, and traffic and community safety. Ennis was represented well again, receiving a silver medal in every event entered, with the exception of a first place gold medal received by Stephanie Weddle in the event advocacy, with her project on the Big Sky TEDD. Baylee Sciuchetti of the Ennis chapter was awarded with a nomination to the FCCLA 2016-2017 state officer team. Weddle and Sciuchetti will attend the FCCLA

National Leadership Conference in San Diego, Calif., in July.

Finally, SkillsUSA travelled to Havre to compete at their state conference on the Montana State University Northern campus. Eleven students from Ennis represented the school competing in trades-based contests and participating in skills demonstrations and exhibitions. Students prepared skills during the year in their industrial arts courses, and were required to perform tasks during the timed competition. Three of the competitors scored in the top 10 of the state, with Owens receiving a third place medal in drafting.



SKILLSUSA



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Sunday School 11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.

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

ENNIS MEALS ON WHEELS, ENNIS
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Reservations 682-4422

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Friday, April 22: TUNA CASSEROLE, VEGGIES, DESSERT
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Weds, April 27: BLT, 4 BEAN SALAD, APPLESAUCE, DESSERT
Thurs, April 28: CHICKEN STIR FRY, RICE, DESSERT
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King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

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Photo shows Jerry Keough (vice president) and Keith Pietsch (secretary) of Jefferson Valley Sportsmen Association present the donation to Ron Spoon, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks fish biologist.

Jefferson Valley Sportsmen's Association donate to Jefferson River improvement

SUBMITTED BY GRANT GODBOLT
Jefferson Valley Sportsmen's Association

At their April 6 meeting, Jefferson Valley Sportsmen's Association donated \$3,000 to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for a Jefferson River fisheries improvement project. The \$3,000 in combination with other funds will be spent to acquire a water lease from landowners near the mouth of Hells Canyon Creek. The funding will also be used to install some structural improvements in Hells Canyon Creek.

This project will maintain spawning runs in Hells Canyon Creek and maintain recruitment of young fish into the Jefferson River. According to Ron Spoon, area fish biologist with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Hells Canyon Creek is one of the best spawning runs for trout in the Jefferson River between Whitehall and Twin Bridges. Many of the creeks in this reach of the river do not naturally flow above ground all the way from the mountains to the river and hence do not provide spawning habitat for fish.

The \$3,000 came to the Jefferson Valley Sportsmen from Barrick's Golden Sunlight Mine.

Ennis track results from the Manhattan Invitational Track meet on April 16

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE
WRZESINSKI
Ennis Schools

4 X 100 relay
First place Whitney McKittrick,
Josie Jenkins, Wrenzi Wrzesinski
and Danika Philpott 52.68

Boy's team
The Ennis boys team took
third place with 77.5 points.

4 X 100 relay
First place Corbin Wood, Tanner
Wood, Austin Baum and
Cleet Wrzesinski 43.76

Girl's team
The Ennis girl's team took
second place with 75.5 points
at the Manhattan Invitational
Track meet on April 16.

4 X 400 relay
First place Whitney McKittrick,
Danika Philpott, Wrenzi
Wrzesinski and Josie Jenkins
4:25

100 meter dash
Sixth place Corbin Wood
11.83
10th Tanner Wood 12.0

High Jump
Fourth place Corbin Wood
5'10"

200 meter dash
First place Wrenzi Wrzesinski
26.66.
Seventh place Krysta Saunders
28.82

High Jump
Second place Jourdain Klein
5'0"

200 meter dash
First place Cleet Wrzesinski
23.03
Fourth place Tanner Wood
23.85
Fifth place Wade Luly 24.42
Ninth place Austin Baum
24.97

Pole Vault
Sixth place Race Owens 9'1"

800 meter run
Fifth place Josie Jenkins 2:42

Pole Vault
Fifth place Danika Philpott 7'1"
Seventh place Ravyn Boyd
6'6"

400 meter dash
First Cleet Wrzesinski 50.94
Seventh Wade Luly 54.64

Long Jump
Second place Corbin Wood 21'
.25"

1600 meter run
Fifth place Josie Jenkins 6:02

Triple Jump
First place Jourdain Klein 31'1"
Second place Krysta Saunders
31'1"

800 meter run
Seventh place Race Owens 2:18

Triple Jump
Fourth place Tanner Wood
37'11"

Shot Put
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Lee Sprout and Melody Clark.

News from the Madison Valley Manor

SUBMITTED BY MELODY CLARK
Madison Valley Manor

The Madison Valley Manor had a great week. They started off with an omelet breakfast and had a very informative resident council meeting with 17 of 21 residents present. Plans were made for the upcoming month – it looks like the group will be traveling to Bozeman and Butte as well as trips within the county. The MVM Auxiliary hosted the monthly birthday party – Lee Sprout celebrated his birthday this month and Doc Losee sang the traditional birthday song.

Ennis Junior High third quarter honor roll

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN HILTON
Ennis Schools

Sixth grade:

Taylor Barney
Lucas Belding
Jacob Berg
Cassidy Carruthers
Blayze Choquette
Lillian Connor
Joselyn Evans
Jenika Finks
Paxton Fortner
Trinity Fugal
Cassie Hilton
Hannah Hunsaker
Jacob Johnson
Bowen Kelley
Shelbey Klein
Jaxson Kloote
Shae Lovett
Henry Lukas
Ellawynn Morrison

Alana Nelsen

Tait Olson
Addison Retherford
Kevin Rockwood
Aidan Terrell
Rebecca Tichenor
Shallynne Von Bergen

Seventh grade:

James Cody Borhman
Rebekah Cook
Elina Dilschneider
Ryan Frank
Jarrett Jenkins
Katelin Klaumann
Samantha Lake
Olivia Lohrenz
Avery Oliver
Tyler Rolfe
Elijah Rosenlund
Tyler Sciuchetti
Cordell Severeid
Jenna Lee Snider

Chance Story

McKenzie Taylor-Casey
Benjamin Trapp

Eighth grade:

Madelyn Barsness
Kennedy Davies
Paige Dickinson
Kara Elliott
Talon Fortner
Wyatt Fredson
Kaleb Fugal
Kurt Funston
Edgar Garcia
Michael Green
Daniel Johnson
Maida Knapton
Eythan McGauley
Izabella Roberts
Riley Robinson
Zachary Rogers
Zayne Sanborn
Gavin Terrell

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- Infrastructure Replacement: Maintain a stable and reliable technology infrastructure appropriate to support the core instructional mission of the Ennis School District.
- Classroom Presentation Stations: Provide students and teachers access to classroom presentation stations and interactive technology utilizing the latest SMART technology.
- Student & Teacher Devices and Professional Development: Provide students & teachers with updated computers during the life of the tech levy and provide support and professional development to aid in student & teacher education.
- Classroom Work Stations: Increase students' access and knowledge to technology career pathways while providing additional digital tools and resources.
- Increase teacher knowledge and capacity related to best practice and technology integration and 21st Century teaching and learning through annual professional development.

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- Expanded access to technology for all students at a 1:1 ratio.
- Laptop deployment for upper high school grades.
- Mac & PC labs so our students are educated on both operating systems
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- Up to date teacher workstations.
- Enhanced infrastructure and wireless network.
- Presentation stations in classrooms with the latest interactive SMART technology.

*For any questions or comments please contact:
Jon Wrzesinski Superintendent Ennis Schools
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**THURSDAY
APRIL 21**

Nonprofit management series, Dillon

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MVHA presentation, Ennis

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

Paint party, Ennis

Enjoy and evening of snacks and painting at

the Muddled Moose Gallery in the Valley Trade Center, unit #36 from 6-8 p.m. Call 682-7857 to reserve a spot, no experience required!

**FRIDAY
APRIL 22**

Friday night live, Twin Bridges

Enjoy music, comedy and live music from local talent to help support the Twin Bridges BPA at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 23**

Book signing, Twin Bridges

Book signing of "Centennial Valley: A Journey through time, Vol. 2" at the Twin Bridges library at 2 p.m.

Workshop, Ennis

Introduction to permaculture design

hosted by the Ennis Continuing Education begins at 10 a.m. Call Cori at 682-4258.

**MONDAY
APRIL 25**

Presentation, Sheridan

Join Buds and Blooms Garden Club and Jackson's Garden for fun and education about soil composition and composting at the Christ Episcopal Church at 7 p.m.

Workshop, Ennis

A history of Ireland and the Easter Rebellion will be held at the high school at 6 p.m. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 27**

Meeting, Ennis

You're invited to a healing meeting of fellowship and comfort; all faiths and backgrounds welcome. Hear an uplifting message followed by a sharing of healings and inspiring insights into the adventures of the divine Spirit in our lives. Will

be held monthly, the last Wednesday of the month.

**THURSDAY
APRIL 28**

Poetry reading, Ennis
Poet Roger Dunmore will be speaking and reciting poems at the Madison Valley Public Library at 10 a.m.

Mad Gals, Ennis

Mad Gals monthly luncheon and meeting. Shop the Nearly New at 10 a.m. then come to Banditos for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY
APRIL 29**

Open mic, Sheridan
Open mic at the Shovel and Spoon. Supper available after 5 p.m. and performances start at 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 30**

Lions Club auction, Ennis

Big annual auction featuring tools, furniture, appliances, art work, oriental rugs, cabinets,

Montana saddle and saddle bags and much, much more. Begins at 9 a.m. at the rodeo grounds.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 4**

Intro to Google, Ennis
A workshop to guide you through the tools of Google begins at 4 p.m. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

**TUESDAY
MAY 3**

Workshop, Ennis
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MAY 4**

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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

TUESDAYS

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

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis
Meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. ennisartsassociation.org

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City
Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School Info @ 685-3481

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 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 Auxillary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

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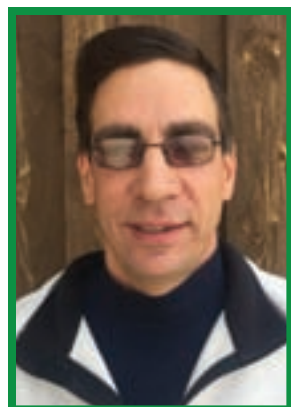
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I believe the school is a large part of our community. I would like a chance to participate in continuing the excellent operations and decisions of the current school board. I would adhere to a solid policy of transparency and communication between 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