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TAKING CARE OF MOTHER EARTH

Noni Dilschneider and Carmen Montaño, Ennis Elementary School students, pick up trash at the Lions Club Park in Ennis on Earth Day.

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NEW BRIDGE, SAME LOOK

Blaine Spring Creek Bridge will be replaced this summer

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Last week, the Montana Department of Transportation awarded a contract to Knife River Corporation out of Billings to replace the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge later this summer.

"It's designed to look like the current bridge," said Madison County commissioner Jim Hart. "One of the reasons people come to fish in the area is for the atmosphere – what that bridge looks like contributes to that."

According to Lori Ryan, MDT public information officer, the contractor has not set a schedule yet.

"Notice to proceed with the project is June 6 and they have a completion date of Nov. 15," Ryan said. "But at this point in time there is no schedule yet."

The county received \$700,000 in 2010 from a TSEP grant to replace the bridge, which is located just west of Varney Bridge near the Madison River south of Ennis. Though the project was bid at \$2.4 million, the county is only responsible for around

\$250,000, per an agreement with MDT. The MDT will cover all expenses except for the \$700,000 from the TSEP and the county's contribution, Hart said.

"We set aside \$200,000 over the years, and we got \$65,000 from private donations, to ensure the new bridge will look like the old one," Hart said.

Project history

Though MDT and the county have worked "extremely well" on the project, it took some "fence mending" to get there, Hart said.

"Back in 1995, MDT was going to create what was referred to as a 'truck route' through there," Hart said. "It was (former commissioner Ted) Coffman's first week on the job, and he just told them no."

After discussion back and forth and quite a bit of compromise, MDT shifted gears and realized the condition of the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge and the Varney Bridge.

Though the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge is in better shape than Varney Bridge, it must be replaced first, Hart explained.

"Varney (Bridge) is twice the size," he said. "It needs to be worked on from both sides of the Madison River, so it makes sense to do the (Blaine Spring Creek Bridge) first so equipment can get to the west side of Varney Bridge."

Hart said having the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge replaced first will comfort the public and show them the new bridges will resemble the originals.

Fishing during construction

Recreationists trying to access the Varney Bridge fishing access site during construction next summer will have to approach from the east – through the road that connects to Varney Bridge from U.S. Highway 287 near Cameron.

Hart said the county and MDT have worked with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks throughout the engineering process to get permits so the work will not impact the fishery.

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
The new Blaine Spring Creek Bridge is designed to look like the current structure.

Meet the candidates

Madison Valley Education Association hosts forum with school board candidates



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From L: Maria Lake, Karen Ketchu, Ross Lingle, Steven Badura, Julie Funston and Drew Henrich.

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On April 19, the Madison Valley Education association invited the five candidates running for school board seats to a candidate forum at Ennis Schools.

The Ennis School Board has three trustee seats up for election. One is for a one year term, and Maria Lake is the only candidate who filed for the seat. According to school clerk Ginger Martello, two other three year terms are up for election and four people have filed to run: Steven Badura, Julie Funston, Drew Henrich and Karen Ketchu.

Ross Lingle, teacher and school counselor, moderated the forum.

"I think we have a really good pool of candidates," he said to the nearly 50 community members who attended the event. "We're going to ask 10 questions, then open it up to questions from the public and allow each candidate a closing statement ... we want to be fair and get to know these individuals."

For the first question, Lingle asked each candidate to introduce themselves and tell how long they have been a member of the Madison Valley community.

Henrich explained he has lived in the valley for 17 years, but first lived in Big Sky.

"We moved to Reynolds Pass, but our kids are getting older," Henrich said. "We've been in Ennis for the last year and a half."

Henrich formerly worked at the Jack Creek Preserve Foundation, and he and his wife have two children.

"I really love the Madison Valley and this community," he said.


Up next, Funston told those in attendance that she has called Ennis home for 10 years. She and her husband, Leif, have two sons in the school system, and they are involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities, including 4H.

"I love living in Ennis, raising kids and cattle," she said.

Badura's family moved to Ennis in 1979 and he entered the

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Ennis School system as a fourth-grader. He also has a son currently in the fifth-grade. Badura also said he is active in the Ennis Veterans of Foreign Wars post and a study commission that is taking a look at the effectiveness of Ennis government.

Though Ketchu acknowledged that she and her husband are new to the community, she said she feels "lucky" to have landed in Ennis.

"It will be two years this summer," she said.

Ketchu has two children and works at the Madison Valley Public Library, which has allowed her to get involved in the community.

Finally, Lake, who has been on the school board for the last three years, said she has lived in the Madison Valley since 2001 and is "blessed with a blended family."

She has grandkids currently attending Ennis Schools and she is involved in multiple organizations, including the Madison Valley Baptist Church, the booster club, school garden, science fair and more.

As Lingle's questions wound on – the four new candidates

admitted they will have a lot to learn if they are elected, but all of them expressed a willingness to put in the time and effort to be informed trustees.

Near the end of the forum, Lingle asked each candidate to outline their financial priority.

"The budget is a daunting subject," Ketchu said. "I'm nowhere near knowledgeable enough to speak specifically. Generally, my priority is student success and achievement and getting teachers the tools to make that happen."

Lake agreed with Ketchu, saying the kids should always be the financial priority.

"Making best use of the finances you already have," Henrich said. "And this (Targeted Economic Development District) is huge – we need to be aware of what is happening."

The T.E.D.D. question refers to the fact that the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is exploring how one may be implemented in Big Sky, though there is no formal proposal to do so before the Madison County commissioners.

Funston said she would prioritize teacher salary and benefits, and also mentioned the T.E.D.D. and the upcoming technology mill levy.

"The technology levy," Badura added. "And all employee salaries and benefits."

Closing statements

"I hope you all have learned a little more about me," Henrich said. "I love Madison Valley and I love this part of the state. I will give everything I can with every decision to better this community and school."

Funston told those in attendance that if they feel she is qualified, she is willing to donate her time and energy to

the board.

"I love this town," Badura said. "I have lived here most of my life."

Ketchu thanked everyone for attending, and also thanked the other candidates.

"As far as the elections turn out, I am confident any member of this group can contribute," she said.

Finally, Lake thanked the community for attending.

"We don't always have a big pool," she said to the other four candidates. "Thank you for doing this."



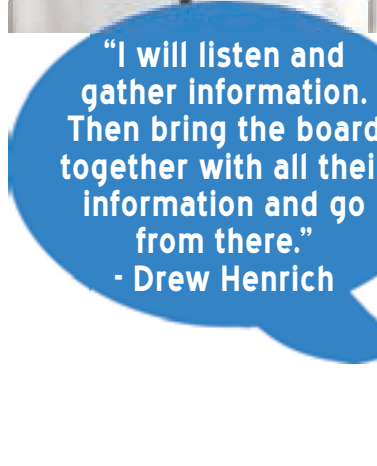
"I am a researcher. I dig into facts and ask questions. I do my homework."
 - Maria Lake



"I love this town. I love this school. I have lived here most of my life."
 - Steven Badura



"I will listen and learn. I want to learn how the new superintendent does things."
 - Julie Funston




"I will listen and gather information. Then bring the board together with all their information and go from there."
 - Drew Henrich



"I will learn as much as I possibly can about policy and budget allocation."
 - Karen Ketchu

How well do YOU know Madison County?

Thanks for playing by the rules last week! To even the playing field, we asked you call after 9 a.m. on Friday the week the paper comes out. We're continuing that this week, so if you know where the photo was taken, be sure to call after 9 a.m. on April 29! Thanks!




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MORE NEWS:

MULEY in MONTANA

FWP biologists survey mule deer around Madison County, Southwest Montana

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This spring, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologists from both the Ruby and Madison valleys committed time to survey the mountains for mule deer. According to Dean Waltee, FWP wildlife biologist in the Ruby Valley, the spring surveys are completed at green-up, which facilitates high deer observability.

"(It is) to document population trend and post winter fawn to adult ratios, or fawn recruitment to yearling age," Waltee explained.

Species history

If you look at mule deer populations as far back as post-European settlement, numbers were very, very low. Records suggest finding a deer or even a track could take days, if at all. Following the implementation of regulated hunting and land management practices that benefited mule deer in the early 1900s, mule deer populations began growing and continued to do so until the middle of the century, when populations reached numbers were at historic highs, Waltee explained.

"In Southwest Montana, historic highs occurred in the 1950s and 1960s. There was a

Southwest Montana, curl leaf mountain mahogany, mule deer's preferred winter browse, has been retrogressed from tree-like shrubs to plants that do not reach above the typical snowline because of decades of over use, Waltee added.

"A lot of species prefer forbs and shrubs like mountain mahogany, so they get eaten down pretty quickly," Waltee said. "Especially during dry years when little is produced to begin with or during deep snow winters when much vegetation is buried. "Once those are gone, mule deer rely on body fat reserves and less desirable browse such as juniper to sustain them to the next annual plant growth cycle. These late winter or early spring browse limitations can facilitate direct mortality or reduced fawn production the following spring."

Waltee believes that shrinking browse availability and increased competition for those resources from other ungulate species have contributed to the declining mule deer population.

"Evergreen forests have expanded across Southwest Montana," he said. "That has substantially reduced the browse available and increased browsing pressure on remaining plants, which has reduced the capacity to sustain mule deer populations through winter seasons. While that has occurred, Southwest Montana elk populations have increased fivefold, white-tailed deer have expanded through the valleys and mountain goats and bighorn sheep have been introduced to many of the upland habitats. Pronghorn and moose populations have sustained. All of these species are trying to make a living from the same resources, and under certain conditions become direct competitors. Mule deer are generally the losers because of how selective they are."

As mule deer populations have declined, so has the number of fawns recruited per adult, said Waltee.

"This is an indicator that the population is bumping up against a biological capacity," he said. "If habitat was not a limiting factor, this relationship should be inverse. In most cases, I believe the fawn recruitment ratios tell us more about the health of the deer

herd than the population does."

In addition to shrinking browse limitations and healthy coyote, bobcat and black bear populations, mountain lions, wolves and grizzly bear populations have increased measurably over the past 30 years, Waltee pointed out. Although each species facilitates direct mortality of mule deer, research has shown their impact on mule deer populations varies depending on conditions.

"If mule deer populations and fawn production is healthy, predation impacts are negligible," he said. "If mule deer populations and fawn production have been suppressed by browse limitations, harsh winters, drought or disease, predation mortality can become impactful. In spite of these predation factors, moose, pronghorn, bighorn sheep and mountain goat populations have sustained, while elk and white-tailed deer populations have grown."

In addition, Waltee said rural housing and its associated forms of habitat fragmentation such as roads and fences have and continue to expand across mule deer winter habitats in Southwest

Montana. As has motorized trails and associated noxious weed infestations. These facilitate direct and indirect mortality of mule deer.

"The combination of factors over the past several decades simply have not favored sustaining high mule deer populations across Southwest Montana," said Waltee. "The future of mule deer populations across Southwest Montana will be influenced most by future habitat management. If we provide mule deer with the resources they need to thrive, they will do so. If those needed resources continue to erode, so will populations."

Red Rocks

Waltee and Trevor Throop, FWP pilot, completed the Red Rocks mule deer trend survey on April 2, and observed 513 mule deer. The trend area is located southeast of Clark Canyon Reservoir.

The count of 513 was 16 percent lower than what Waltee counted last year, but 31 percent above the trend average of 391.

"Of the 513 observed deer, 375 were adults and 138 were fawns," Waltee said. "This equals a fawn to adult ratio of 37 to 100 – 38 percent lower than last year and 18 percent below the trend area average."

That ratio suggests measurable fawn mortality through the winter, Waltee explained.

"Given that no antlerless harvest was permitted across this population last hunting season and the healthy fawn recruitment in 2015, the minimal growth in adult deer relative to last year suggests measurable adult mortality through the winter as well," he said. "Mule deer endured winter conditions a full two months longer this year than last. Additionally, those winter conditions facilitated greater numbers of elk and pronghorn using this specific winter range ... this facilitates more animals competing for less resources, and therefore increased winter mortality."

South Tobacco Roots

On April 3, Waltee took to the skies in a helicopter with FWP pilot Rob Cherot to look for mule deer in the Tobacco Root Mountains.

"We observed 325 mule deer," Waltee wrote in a release. "Sixteen percent higher than last year, but 15 percent below the trend average."

Of the deer observed, 237 were adults and 88 were fawns, which equals a fawn to adult ratio of 37 to 100, which was 18 percent lower than the 2015 ratio, which had 45 fawns to 100 adults.

That, combined with the fact that the ratio was 49 fawns to 100 adults post hunting season suggests "measurable" fawn mortality through the winter, Waltee explained.

"Given that no antlerless harvest was permitted across this population during the last two hunting seasons and the healthy fawn recruitment in 2014 and 2015, the minimal growth in adult deer over the last two years suggests measurable adult mortality as well," he added. "This mortality is likely being facilitated by a combination of starvation and predation."

Sweetwater Hills

The Sweetwater Hills are located east of Dillon, and Waltee and Cherot also surveyed the area for mule deer on April 3.

"We observed 733 mule deer," Waltee reported. "(That is) 1 percent lower than last year and 27 percent below the trend average."

Waltee also noted that the "trend average" is influenced by very high deer years in the early 1990s, and that the average count over the last 20

years is 795.

Though Waltee observed 733 deer, he only classified 473 – it would have caused stress to the animals he did not classify had he done it.

"Of the 473 classified deer, 362 were adults and 111 were fawns," he said. "That equals a fawn to adult ratio of 31 to 100, which is 40 percent lower than last year's ratio of 56 fawns to 100 adults."

The 2016 ratio was the lowest fawn to adult

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– Dean Waltee, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologist**

ratio document since 1996, when only 30 fawns to 100 adults were observed.

"I suspect this low recruitment was the product of measurable fawn mortality through last winter," Waltee explained. "I began receiving reports of dead fawns in this area as early as late January last winter. These were starvation mortalities in the valley to the east of Dillon."

Snowcrest Mountains

A few days later on April 7, Waltee and pilot Jim Ortman took an airplane over the west side of the Snowcrest Mountains, located 20 miles south of the Ruby Reservoir.

"We observed 132 mule deer," Waltee said. "Eighteen percent higher than last year, but 65 percent below the trend average."

Mule deer population trends in the Snowcrest Mountains have shown a decrease since the mid 1990s, even though the area is very restrictive in terms of hunter harvest opportunity.

"(This suggests) non-hunting processes are the primary driver of this decline," Waltee added.

Of the 132 deer, 109 were adults and 23 were fawns, which equals a fawn to adult ratio of 21 to 100 – 52 percent lower than last year's 44 fawns to 100 adult ratio.

"This was the lowest fawn to adult ratio document since 17 to 100 were observed in 1996," Waltee said. "I suspect this low recruitment was the product of measurable fawn mortality through last winter."

Madison Mountain Range

Julie Cunningham, FWP wildlife biologist for the Madison Valley, also completed mule deer surveys this spring – on April 11, she flew with pilot Joe Rahn from Jourdain Creek, which is east of Ennis Lake, down to Quake Lake.

"We then flew the flats between the highway and the river back to Ennis," Cunningham reported. "We counted 924 mule deer in 58 groups."

Though Cunningham said the count was lower than the last three, and still below the long term average, it is well-above the "low points" observed from 2008 to 2012.

"The overall population appears mostly stable," she said.



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Mule deer in the Gravelly Mountain Range.

noticeable population decline during the second half of the 1970s, followed by another period of very high populations during the first half of the 1980s. Since the mid 1980s, Southwest Montana mule deer populations have fluctuated up and down, but the long-term trend has been a steady decline," Waltee said. "Population spikes occurred in the early 1990s and early 2000s. However, each subsequent spike becomes less than the previous. There's not an exact science why, but I have my take."

Waltee said mule deer are highly selective browsers when it comes to foraging. In Montana, grass makes up about 25 percent of their annual diet, and most of that limited consumption occurs during spring green-up. After green grass cures, it does not have much nutritional value to mule deer, so they turn to foraging browsing forbs; the current year's growth of deciduous plants such as aspen, choke-cherry and willow; and shrubs such as curl leaf mountain mahogany, bitterbrush and sagebrush.

On most mule deer winter ranges across

LEARNING FROM THE COMMUNITY

Hi readers,

I first met Doug Stonebreaker, a Twin Bridges resident, in February 2014. It was a few months after I moved to Madison County, and I was still woefully ignorant about many things that make Montana special. One of those being bowhunting.

I remember driving to Twin Bridges on one of my first feature assignments for *The Madisonian* because I'd heard from a friend of a friend that Doug could tell great stories about bowhunting across the United States. I thought I would be in and out of Doug's shop and quickly on my way. Instead, we ended up talking for most of the morning, finally finishing our conversation outside where Doug gave me a quick lesson in archery and allowed me my first taste of shooting a bow.

I mentioned an interest in getting certified for bowhunting in Montana, and Doug emphatically told me I should NOT take the online certification class, but attend one taught by him and a handful of other fervent bow hunters. I looked up the class time – 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and an all-day field day on Saturday – and saw it was scheduled for the middle of April. That year, I was too busy to enroll.

I briefly considered getting certified online, but kept hearing Doug's voice in my head:

"Education helps shape behavior. Young hunters should learn ethics from their parents, but if that does not happen it is important to teach (hunters) to treat animals with respect and obey the laws out there."

So I waited. I tried to fit the class into my schedule in 2015 and it was still a no-go. But as I was waiting, I began learning about

bow hunting from listening to the discussions and adventures of the Madison County residents I was beginning to know. It became obvious that bowhunting differs from hunting with a firearm. Running consistently through all the conversations I heard, was a sense of responsibility – to other hunters, to landowners, to wildlife and the environment. Those values seem to be instilled from a very young age. My interest in bowhunting continued to increase.

And then, miraculously, this April, Caitlin agreed to cover my night meetings for a week so I could attend bowhunter education in Twin Bridges.

I'm glad I waited to take the class in person. It offered me the opportunity to meet passionate bowhunters and hear tales about their successes ... and some of their not so great hunts. It was a week full of information and conversation that culminated in a really fun field day. Fun and educational. We met at the Tobacco Root Archers' 3D shooting range outside of Sheridan and spent the morning honing our skills (or simply trying to gain skills, in my case). We also learned about tree-stand safety, traditional archery, following a blood trail and more.

The class ended with a test. Though the instructors told us not to worry, like a true overachiever, I did. Despite not seriously studying my handbook, I was able to pass the test with ease because of the lessons and experiences we had throughout the week.

If you have any interest in bowhunting – or archery – I suggest you take the hunter education class or look up the Tobacco Root Archers. In fact, bowhunters can get certified through a class in Ennis in May! Talk to Al Noack for information. Their experience and enthusiasm is contagious and I left on Saturday feeling I had a solid background of knowledge I can use and share.

And, by the way, one of my favorite parts of the whole week was seeing how many kids took the class. It was also humbling – the three preteens in my group were much better archers than I! They knew a lot more about hunting too ...

Abigail



I spent time studying for my test between writing articles for the paper!

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What is the purpose of government anyway?

Dear Editor,

This is the fundamental question that we as citizens need to ask and know the answer to. If we don't know the answer to the question, "What is the purpose of government?" then we will believe anything that is spoon fed to us. What is the old saying? "If you don't stand for anything, you will fall for everything." When it comes to our governmental process it is critical to have a clear understanding of its purpose so that we can

make accurate judgments as to how well the government is doing.

So, what is the purpose of government anyway?

The Declaration of Independence, one of our country's founding documents, lays out the purpose pretty clearly for us in the second paragraph: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit

of Happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Government first of all is us – we the people – and we give the government certain power over us to help all of us live in a workable society. The main purpose of government is to understand that all of us are given unalienable rights; these are rights given to us by God and not by any governmental power. Once the government understands

that everyone possesses these rights, it is the purpose of the government to create a workable system that gives these rights to everyone without the rights of one person invading on the rights of another. The easy answer to this question can be summed up with the slogan the law enforcement world has used for a long time – To protect and serve.

Dale Stewart
Dillon

Thank you to our generous friends

Dear Editor,

Becky and Norman Flamm would like to thank our friends in the Madison and Ruby valleys for their generosity and help. Becky's emergency operation was a success and she is now recovering.

Thanks again,
Becky and Norman Flamm

OBITUARIES

Terence A. McDonnell
November 19, 1931 – April 20, 2016



Terence (Ted) McDonnell passed away on April 20, 2016. He was born on Nov. 19, 1931, to Terence J. and Gladys (McAtee) McDonnell and spent his early years on the family's Cedar Creek, Hyde Creek and

Wall Creek ranches south of Ennis. Ted attended school in Ennis until 1942 when the family moved to Bozeman.

From 1946 to 1950, Ted worked summer employment for the United States Forest Service and wintered as a cowboy for various ranches in Madison and Gallatin counties. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1950, first serving on a flat top carrier delivering Bearcat fighter planes to French forces in Vietnam. He was then assigned to the U.S.S. Quincy, a heavy cruiser that earned a battle star in Korea and served as the admiral's flagship of the Sixth Fleet in the Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea.

In 1955, Ted returned to

Montana and went to work as a lineman for Mountain Bell Telephone. During his 45 years of working he saw telephone technology evolve from hand digging and setting telephone poles, to using a Willy's jeep with a mounted trencher burying telephone cable, to underground fiber optics. By the time Ted retired from CenturyLink (formerly Mountain Bell) in 2001 he had worked in almost every corner of Montana and in states including Washington, Colorado and California.

In June of 1955, Ted married Cora Lee Richardson in Livingston. Together they raised three children: Tom, Terrie and Tim. In 2002, Ted purchased a home in Alder where he could hunt and fish in his beloved mountains and streams of Madison County. Throughout his retirement, Ted remained devoted to his Lord, family and numerous friends. He always found time to lend a

hand to a neighbor or friend in need, lend his carpenter skills to his church in Laurin, help his son calve heifers or assist his other son's concrete business. Ted traveled countless miles watching his grandchildren play softball, basketball, volleyball or rodeo at the high school and intercollegiate level.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Walt and Ozzie; and two sisters, Pat and Ellen. He is survived by his son Tim (Cindy) McDonnell of Roberts, daughter Terrie (Ernie) Kenison of Tucson, Ariz., and son Tom of Chugwater, Wyo. He is also survived by five granddaughters, Britni, Stephani, Kylee and Annie; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ted was a member of the American Legion, National Rifle Association and the Grace Community Fellowship Church of Laurin.

A celebration of Ted's life will be held in Laurin at a later date.

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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).

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EARTH DAY

Madison County students do their part for the environment

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Founded in 1970, Earth Day has become a tradition worldwide to help demonstrate support for the environment. Madison County got in on the action as students from Ennis Schools participated in the event by picking up trash around the county on April 22. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade all participated by picking up areas such as the school playground, Lions Club Park and several town streets. High school students took buses to pick up trash along the highway.

Harrison Schools celebrated Earth Day with a cleanup day on April 27 throughout the Harrison, Pony and Norris area. The school sent out mailings and hung posters asking senior citizens to respond and spent half the day providing yard work to residents. Students also spent the afternoon picking up trash along the highway and ended the day with ice cream treats.

"Earth Day is an opportunity to remind our students that we can all do our part to help take care of our environment, even if it is just in our own surroundings," said Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman. "Our cleanup day is a nice way to underscore that point as well as do something for our community."

Earth Day turned into earth week at Alder Schools. According to teacher Jamie Janosko, the school celebrated by winning a 2015-16 SMART (Saving Money and Resources Today) school challenge. The award was given to Alder for the students' work with a school greenhouse.

"We didn't have school (on Earth Day), so we did a week-long tribute," Janosko said. "We planted new plants in our greenhouse."

Due to Sheridan Schools four day school week, students did not formally celebrate Earth Day. However, Ruby Valley FFA members picked up trash along a section of highway.

"We have an Adopt A Highway section on the edge of town," explained Ruby Valley FFA advisor Rodney Braaten. "We get out there twice a year. This spring, it just happened that Earth Day was the day we were all available to get it done."

In Twin Bridges, science teacher Nancy Males spent the week emphasizing Earth Day.

"My environmental science class made bookmarks and took them down to the elementary school," Males said. "Wednesday and Thursday we made Earth Day cookies and delivered them to all the classes to remind everyone of Earth Day. On Friday, a couple classes went out to the fairgrounds and walked along the trail by the river to pick up trash."

Brief history

Ruby Valley watershed coordinator Rebecca Ramsey wrote a column in the April 14 edition of *The Madisonian* detailing a little bit of the history behind Earth Day. Here is a quick run down and some fun facts:

- Founded in 1970 after activist John McConnell proposed a day to honor the earth at a UNESCO conference in 1969; now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.
- Celebrated in nearly 193 countries.
- The first Earth Day participants included nearly 2,000 colleges and 10,000 primary and secondary schools.
- The landmark Paris Agreement, a climate protection treaty, was signed on April 22, 2016, and 175 countries signed the agreement.

So whether you contribute by picking up a piece of trash in your backyard, to leading a group highway cleanup, according to Ramsey, it is the awareness of Earth Day that matters most.

"Earth Day is important to bring awareness and to take a look at your surroundings and be involved," Ramsey said. "It's a great opportunity to remember that we are all in this together."



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Twin Bridges freshmen pick up trash at the Madison County Fairgrounds.

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A Twin Bridges first-grader colors an Earth Day themed book mark.

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN

Ennis fourth-grade students collect trash at Lions Club Park to celebrate Earth Day.

RIGHT

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN

Fourth-grade teacher Jordan Overstreet and his students head to Lions Club Park with trash bags in hand.

PET SUCCESS - A triumphant trio



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"They have a way finding you," said Angie Henry, who adopted all three of her current dogs from shelters in Montana and California.

Henry adopted Dixie, an 8-year-old border collie from 4 Paws Rescue when she was just a 6-month-old puppy.

"(Dixie) had a rough start in life so she can be a little timid," said Henry. "But she lives for frisbee."

Henry adopted Sunnie, a Jack Russell/toy fox terrier mix from a shelter in California after coming across her on the Internet.

"She had two days to go before she was going to be euthanized," Henry said, adding that because of capacity, close to

45 percent of animals at large shelters will be euthanized.

Sunnie has been a part of Henry's family for three years and she is "just a happy little dog."

"Her name describes her perfectly," she said.

Henry's most recent rescue dog came from the Humane Society of Beaverhead County - at just two and half years old, Bea, a St. Bernard/boxer mix weighs close to 70 pounds.

"She's a gentle bundle of love for a big dog," Henry said. "She looks after the little dog ... any sound (Sunnie) makes, (Bea) goes and checks on her."

Henry has a small parcel of land with some horses and goats and chickens and said the trio loves to run around and help with the daily chores.

"They come do chores with me every morning and evening - they get along great and just love it," she said. "Wherever I go, they go."

Finding a furry companion has never been hard for Henry, who believes wholeheartedly in adopting rescue pets.

"Like I said, they just have a way of picking you - they just know," Henry said. "The bond you build with a puppy is strong but it's nothing like the bond you build with a rescue dog. They're just so grateful."

* 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.



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Carol South
January 22, 1936 – April 16, 2016



Carol South of Sheridan passed away at home on Saturday, April 16, 2016, after a long illness. Carol was born on Jan. 22, 1936, in Dillon to William D. Tovey and Lorene Stone. Carol's mother died shortly after her birth. Carol was raised by her father and stepmother, Anna Tovey, and sister Virginia.

In 1953, she met Philip (Phil) South, who was working for Montana Fish and Game and chased him until

he caught her. They were married in Dillon on Aug. 29, 1954.

On Aug. 17, 1955, their first son, William Tovey South, was born in Dillon. On Aug. 3, 1957, a second son, Richard David South, was born in Bozeman.

Phil's work with the Montana Fish and Game and later with the United States Forest Service required frequent moves. Carol made new homes for her family many

times over the years in Dillon, Bozeman, Wise River, Wisdom, St. Regis, Missoula and finally, Billings.

In August 1980, Phil retired from the Forest Service. The final journey took them to Sheridan, where they began the huge job of building their retirement dream home. Carol kept order among the three people and cats and dogs while the construction took place and finally in the completed home.

Carol took great joy in watching all the wildlife passing by the house overlooking the Ruby River. Carol loved her pets, especially her cats.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother, Lorene Tovey; her father, William Tovey; and stepmother, Anna Tovey. Carol's sister, Virginia Patton, passed away on April 20, 2016. Carol is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Phil; son Bill (Louise) South of Kaneohe, Hawaii,

and son Rick of Sheridan; nieces Virginia (Brad) Stratton of Bozeman and Susan Spaulding of Lake Havasu, Ariz; nephews Bill (Kathy) Patton of Sheridan, Wyo., Jack (Debbie) Patton of Cheyenne, Wyo., James Patton of St. Cloud, Fla., and Mar Seeman of Billings.

Services for Carol will be held in Dillon on May 5, 2016, at Saint James Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. Reception will follow.

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DATE: April 4th, Monday, 8:00am-5:00pm held in Virginia City
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Fee: \$75.00

Registration Deadline: One week prior to the class

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

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

Please call the Sanitarian's Office at 843-4275 to register for this training. Seating is limited, so please register early.

John Byron Joseph Sullivan
May 11, 1931 – April 17, 2016



On April 17, 2016, John "Jack" Sullivan went to his heavenly home. Jack was born on May 11, 1931, the youngest of five to William Sullivan and Elizabeth "Libby" Marceau Sullivan in Butte. He lived his younger years in Butte attending St. Lawrence, playing on the football team and enjoying his dogs and rabbits. When he was 11, his father passed away. His mother later remarried John "Jack" Schmidt in 1945 and they moved to Silver Star to live on Cherry Creek. Jack continued his high school education at Twin Bridges High School and graduated in 1949. Jack lettered in football, basketball and track and also rode bulls at local rodeos.

Following graduation he

served in the Marines and was stationed in Korea. Jack saw combat at the Chosen Reservoir known as the Frozen Chosen. After finishing his tour he married Mabel Lynn Christensen on March 14, 1954, and settled in Butte to work in the mines. They then built and owned the Silver Star Bar and Cafe until finally pursuing his dream of ranching until his retirement in 2001. There were many adventures during these years including trying to rescue cows off the island by sending Jack down the Jefferson on a raft with too short of a pole to steer. In semi-retirement, Jack managed a ranch in Silver Star until moving to his son's property at Beavertail, near Missoula, in 2011.

Jack's love for horses led him to spend many years riding with the Three Rivers Back Country Horseman. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing as well as rock hunting. He loved to take anyone trail riding so they could share the joy he experienced while riding. Jack was a rock hound and spent many hours searching the ground looking for that special piece. On any given day you could hear the rock tumbler running on the

porch.

Jack followed sports all of his life and was a lifelong fan of Notre Dame and the Green Bay Packers, which was shared by his children. He went to watch the Falcons play at every opportunity.

Jack was preceded in death by his father and mother as well as his stepfather; siblings William (Kay) Sullivan, Joseph (Eileen) Sullivan, Alice (Leonard) Johnson, Shirley (Harry) Harrison; children Kelly Wade and Laurie Lynn; and granddaughter Angela Marie.

He is survived by his loving wife Mabel of 62 years; children Gayle (David) Jourdan, Cynthia Hinricher and Dan (Kelly) Sullivan; grandchildren Melissa Bates, Katie Jourdan, Christopher Ness, Brady (Miranda) Sullivan, Daniel Jourdan, Bethany Hinricher, Nicholas Hinricher and seven great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held in Sheridan at Day Spring Mission on Saturday, April 30 at 1 p.m.

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MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

3/27/16 – 4/23/16

<p>3/27/16 Fire – 200 Blk W Armitage St Ennis Medical aid on Haypress Lake Trail Ennis Missing person in 300 Blk Ennis Lake Road McAllister Suspicious circumstances in 200 Blk S. Main St Sheridan Medical aid on Main St Ennis</p>	<p>Accident in Bear Creek Loop area Cameron Vandalism/criminal mischief in 1100 Blk Point of Rocks Road Whitehall Coroner call in Sheridan Abandoned vehicle in 5000 Blk US Hwy 287 N Ennis Wildlife complaint on Bear Creek Loop Road Cameron</p>	<p>Medical aid in 300 Blk Ruby St Sheridan Welfare check in 200 Blk S Main St Twin Bridges Welfare check in 200 Blk Ruby St Sheridan Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 60 McAllister Suspicious circumstances on Point of Rocks Road Silver Star</p>	<p>Medical aid in 100 Blk Ann St Pony Medical aid in 600 Blk Comley Way Ennis Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 11 Virginia City Accident in Big Sky</p>	<p>Road Ennis Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 N Twin Bridges</p> <p>4/1/16 Dog complaint on Antler Trail Ennis Suspicious circumstances Laurin Loop Sheridan Citizen assist on Jackson Ln Harrison Threats/harassment in 100 Blk N</p>	<p>Main St Sheridan</p> <p>4/2/16 Disturbance at Hot Pots Silver Star Dog complaint on Redtail Hawk Road McAllister Citizen assist on Jackson Lane Harrison</p> <p><i>The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 75 calls for service from March 27-April 2, 2016.</i></p>
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<p>4/3/16 Fire on Gravelly Range Road Ennis Medical aid in 2900 Blk MT Hwy 287 Alder Suspicious circumstances in 300 Blk Madison St Sheridan Missing person out of Madison County Animal complaint in 400 Blk N Meadow Creek Road McAllister Suspicious circumstances in 400 Blk South St Virginia City Coroner call out of Madison County Vandalism/criminal Mischief on Primrose Lane Silver Star</p>	<p>3/29/16 Theft complaint in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis Welfare check in 200 Blk E Armitage St Ennis</p> <p>4/4/16 Assault in 100 Blk Steffens St Ennis Abandoned vehicle on US Hwy 287 MM 3 Cameron Suspicious circumstances on Duke Dr Harrison Wildlife complaint in Ennis Wildlife complaint on Upper Ruby Rd MM 7 Alder Suspicious circumstances on Sterling Road Norris Dog complaint in 400 Blk S</p>	<p>3/30/16 Madison St Twin Bridges Medical aid in 5300 Blk MT Hwy 41 N Silver Star Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 N MM 9 Cameron Privacy in communications in Barker Village Apartments Ennis Alarm on Stubborn Ox Road Ennis</p> <p>4/5/16 Suspicious circumstances in Rochester Trespass complaint on S Jefferson St Pony Animal complaint in 300 Blk N Meadow Creek Road McAl-</p>	<p>lister Welfare check in 5500 Blk US Hwy 287 N McAllister Suspicious Circumstances on Galiger Lane Sheridan</p> <p>4/6/16 Animal complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 35 Sheridan Fire on Wet Georgia Road Sheridan</p> <p>4/7/16 Suspicious circumstances in 100 Blk Redfield Lane Twin Bridges Threats on Red Rock Trail Ennis</p>	<p>Fire on Tobacco Root Dr Ennis</p> <p>4/8/16 Wildlife complaint on Varney Rd Ennis Suspicious circumstances on Lewis Lane Twin Bridges Dog complaint on Prospect Mine Road Virginia City Vandalism/criminal mischief at Ennis Fishing Access Ennis Suspicious circumstances on MT Hwy 287 MM 15 Virginia City Medical aid in 400 Blk Varney Road Ennis Disturbance/suspicious Circumstances on Revenue Flats</p>	<p>McAllister</p> <p>4/9/16 Wildlife complaint on Bear Creek Road Cameron Animal complaint in 3700 Blk MT Hwy 287 Sheridan Alarm in 200 Blk N Sun West Road Cameron Suspicious circumstance on Point of Rocks Road/Hot Pots Whitehall</p> <p><i>The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 80 calls for service from April 3-9, 2016.</i></p>
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<p>4/10/16 Alarm on Airport Road Twin Bridges Fire call on MT Hwy 41 at Jensen Park Twin Bridges Medical aid in 100 Blk LM Ranch Road Ennis Citizen assist at Clutes Landing McAllister Citizen assist on MT Hwy 287 MM 28 Sheridan Dog complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 19 Cameron Wildlife complaint in 500 Blk E Poppleton St Sheridan Suspicious circumstances on Kearney Lane Sheridan Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 41 Twin Bridges</p> <p>4/11/16 Missing person on Kearney Lane Sheridan Suspicious circumstances on Bluff View Lane Ennis</p>	<p>Wildlife complaint in 100 Blk Main St Sheridan Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis Animal complaint at Middle Road and MT Hwy 287 Sheridan Fire call in 100 Blk Meadowlark Lane McAllister Animal complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 31 Sheridan Trespass complaint outside of Virginia City</p> <p>4/12/16 Medical aid in 200 Blk Ruby St Sheridan Alarm in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis</p> <p>4/13/16 Animal complaint on MT Hwy 41 N MM 21 Twin Bridges Accident on MT Hwy 84 MM 1 Norris</p>	<p>Citizen assist on Laurin Loop Sheridan Suspicious circumstances in 800 Blk Bayers Lane Twin Bridges Accident on MT Hwy 287 Ennis Citizen assist on Bayers Lane Twin Bridges Traffic complaint on North Meadow Creek Road McAllister</p> <p>4/14/16 Medical aid at Ruby Valley Hospital Sheridan Animal complaint at MT Hwy 287 and Depot Road Ennis Medical aid in 100 Blk Antelope Meadows Road Ennis</p> <p>4/15/16 Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 35 Sheridan Fire call/cas Odor in 200 Blk S Main St Twin Bridges Agency assist in 300 Blk W Fagin St Ennis</p>	<p>Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 52 Ennis Theft on Pond Road Cameron Scam attempt on Tobacco Root Dr Ennis Wildlife complaint in 700 Blk S First St Ennis Suspicious circumstances in 100 Blk Bald Eagle Dr McAllister Suspicious circumstances on Placer Loop Virginia City Accident in 700 Blk Jack Creek Rd Ennis Suspicious circumstances on Point of Rocks Road Whitehall</p> <p>4/16/16 Alarm in 100 Blk W Wallace St Virginia City Coroner call on Silver Springs Road Sheridan Citizen assist in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis Citizen assist on MT Hwy 287 MM 27 Laurin</p>	<p>Animal complaint on Halo Loop Trail Ennis Accident on Point of Rocks Road Whitehall Citizen assist on MT Hwy 287 Ennis Trespass complaint in 400 Blk E South St Virginia City</p> <p>4/17/16 DUI in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis Fire call on MT Hwy 41 N MM 53 Silver Star DUI in 2300 Blk MT Hwy 287 Alder</p> <p>4/18/16 Vandalism complaint in 200 Blk Ruby St Sheridan Fire call in 100 Blk S Main St Sheridan Medical aid on Wisconsin Creek Road Sheridan Fire call on Primrose Lane Twin</p>	<p>Bridges Animal complaint on Tuke Lane Twin Bridges Medical aid on W Palisades Dr Cameron</p> <p>4/19/16 Theft on Upper Ruby Road Alder Bad check complaint in 100 Blk W Wallace St Virginia City Welfare check in 100 Blk Bald Eagle Dr McAllister Accident in 100 Blk Wallace St Virginia City Fraud complaint on Tuke Lane Sheridan</p> <p>4/20/16 Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 70 Norris Animal complaint in 200 Blk N Ennis Lake Road McAllister</p> <p>4/21/16 Disturbance on Cookhouse Trail Ennis Alcohol/drugs on Mill St Sheridan Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 43.5 Ennis</p> <p>4/22/16 Dog complaint in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis Alarm in 300 Blk Duncan District Road Sheridan Suspicious circumstances in 100 Blk Steffens St Ennis Fire call in Harrison Fire call in 800 Blk Middle Road Twin Bridges Animal complaint on MT Hwy 41 N MM 58 Silver Star Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 57.5 McAllister</p> <p>4/23/16 Citizen assist in Revenue Flats area McAllister Domestic disturbance in 100 Blk E Steffens St Ennis Disturbance in Revenue Flats area McAllister Citizen assist in 100 Blk E Steffens St Ennis Fire call-controlled Burn on Wisconsin Creek Road Sheridan Traffic complaint on N Ennis Lake Road McAllister Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 41 Twin Bridges Coroner call outside of Cameron</p> <p><i>The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 153 calls for service from April 10-23, 2016.</i></p>
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Boys

100 meter dash
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Ninth place Austin Baum 11.97

200 meter dash
First place Cleet Wrzesinski 22.80
Seventh place Austin Baum 24.37
Eighth place Wade July 24.60

400 meter dash
Second place Tanner Wood 53.30
Third place Wade July 53.43

800 meter run

10th place Dillon Williams 2:23
110 hurdles
First place Cleet Wrzesinski 15.01

4 x 100 relay
First place Corbin Wood, Tanner Wood, Austin Baum, Cleet Wrzesinski. 44.35

Shot put
First place Ty Morgan 45'5"

Discus
Second place Ty Morgan 143'2"

High jump
First place Corbin Wood 5'9"
Third place Cleet Wrzesinski 5'8"

Girls

200 meter dash
First place Wrenzi Wrzesinski 26.77
Third place Krysta Saunders 27.99

400 meter dash
First place Josie Jenkins 1:05
Seventh place Madi Goettle 1:12

800 meter run
Fourth place Josie Jenkins 2:38

100 hurdles
First place Wrenzi Wrzesinski 16.02

Discus
Third place Caitlin Klatt 100'5"

High jump
First place Jourdain Klein 5'1"

Pole vault
Sixth place Danika Philpott 7'6"
Seventh place Ravyn Boyd 7'0"
Eighth place Madi Goettle 6'0"

Triple Jump
First place Jourdain Klein 35'2"
Ninth place Krysta Saunders 30'7"

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Harrison track results from Seely Swan track meet

SUBMITTED BY KAYSHA YOUNG Harrison Schools

The Harrison Wildcats traveled to Missoula on April 23 for the Seeley Swan meet. Two athletes helped put the Wildcats on the board.

Taya DeFrance:

First place : 300 hurdles
Second place: 100 hurdles
Fourth place: high jump
Fifth place: long jump

Lane Buus:
Second place: long jump
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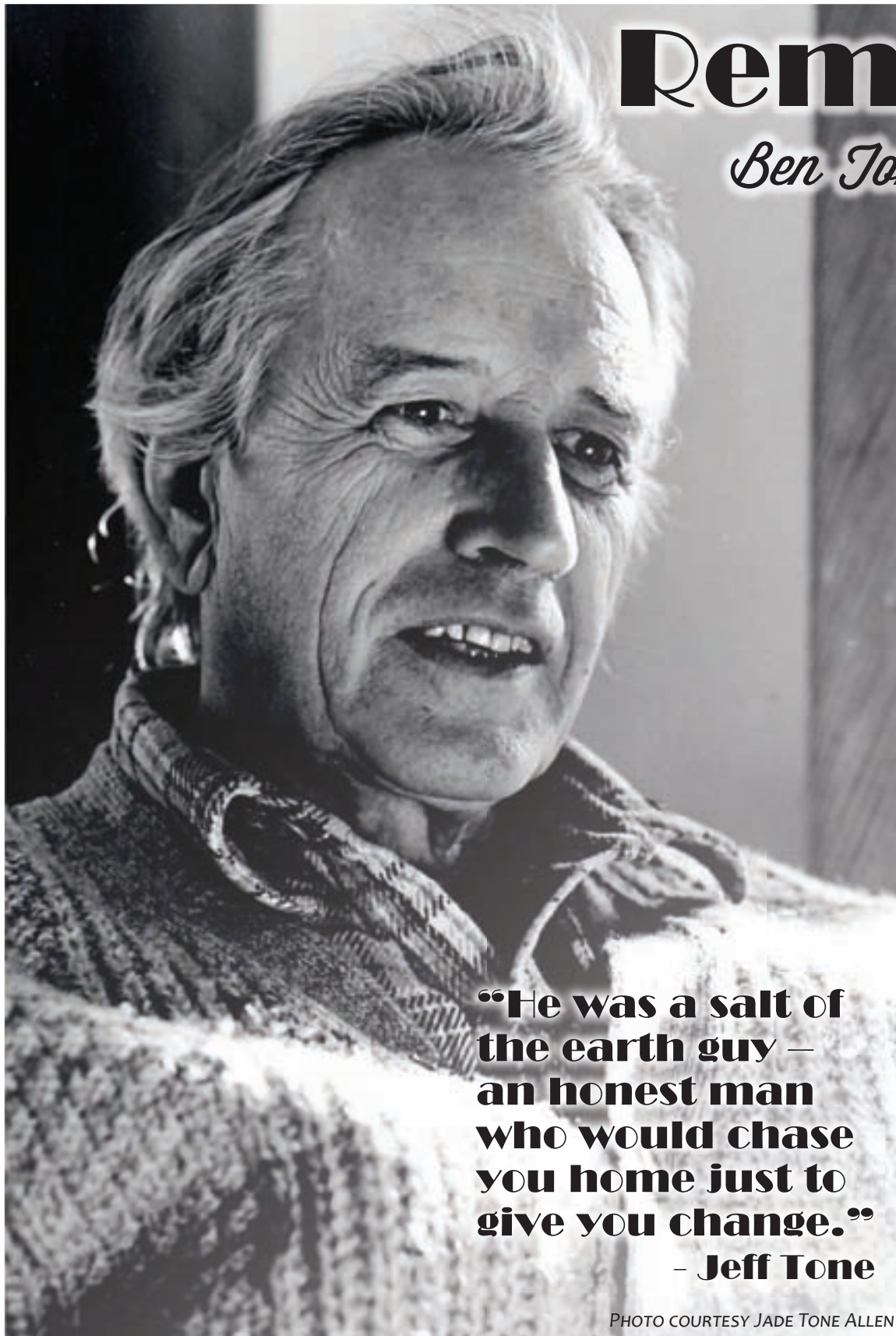
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Remembering Tone

Ben Tone leaves a legacy of art, inspiration

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"For a while, he was the best known actor in Montana," said BJ Douglas, referring to Ben Tone. Douglas, whose father was Larry Barsness, founder of the Virginia City Players and good friend of Ben's, remembers watching her "Uncle Ben" in plays growing up — later, she shared the stage with the actor.

"He was what you call a very generous actor — not a scene stealer," she said. "He was totally engaged in his characters and was a major, major draw for the VC Players in its first 20 years."

It was Ben's commitment to the art that created a life and love for the theater — he was instrumental in the success of not just the VC Players, but many young actors whose lives he touched and inspired.

Ben Tone passed away on April 13, 2016, just five days short of his 95th birthday.

Early life

Ben was born in Prineville, Ore., and lived most of his young life in Portland with his family of four — his mother and father, Bernard and Helen, and his older brother Wolfe. It was not until his college years that theater really came into his life when he was accepted into the drama program at Bennington College, an all girls' school in Vermont at the time. The theater department allowed a few male students into the program and it was there that Ben began a long career on both stage and screen.

Ben took a small hiatus from school when he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in 1942, where he was a tech sergeant and repaired B-24 engines in Norwich, England.

"He couldn't tell you what he had for breakfast that morning but he could still remember how to build an engine for a B-24," said Jeff Tone, Ben's son.

After his hiatus, Ben returned to school, finishing his degree at Portland University.

Establishing the VC Players

Portland was the connection between Ben and Virginia City. Douglas' mother, who was also living in Portland in the late 1940s, had a tie to the area and convinced Ben to help start the theater with Barsness and Harry Smith.

"It was just around the time that Charles Bovey was starting to restore the town and he convinced (Barsness, Smith and Ben) to start a summer theater," said Douglas.

And in 1948, the Virginia City Players came to life.

From hand digging the opera pit, to helping with lighting and props, to taking center stage, Ben played every role with purpose and ease.

"He was always very captivating," remembers his granddaughter Jade Tone Allen. "He was never really subtle — always very exaggerated and his facial expressions were amazing. He was very boisterous in person and everything he did and said had a sense of purpose."

Ben was known for his ability to play the "character guy," according to Douglas.

"He was either the comedic character or sometimes the villain, he was a wonderful character actor," she said.

With the VC Players, he became known for his roles as "Sweeney Todd" and also for his monologues such as "Casey at the Bat" and "The Cremation of Sam McGee."

"He had a wonderful sense of humor and always had a twinkle in his eye," remembers Douglas.

"He was very down to earth and just went out there and did it, and I'm sure that's exactly what he would tell you, 'I just go out and act'."

During the winter season when the VC Players were not touring, Ben and Smith would travel to New York and audition for off Broadway plays, but always made the cross-country return to the opera house for the summer season.

"He was a salt of the earth guy — an honest man who would chase you home just to give you change."

— Jeff Tone

PHOTO COURTESY JADE TONE ALLEN

Family and fatherhood

While lots of girls were always "chasin' Tone" as Jeff would say, it was the young Nina Miller who stole the prominent actor's heart.

He met Nina one summer in Virginia City when she was working at the Wells Fargo Steak House. Originally from Laurin, Nina married Ben at her grandparents' house in Alder in 1958. They had two children, Jeff and his older sister Kathy, both of whom were born in the Ruby Valley Hospital in Sheridan.

Shortly after Jeff was born, the family moved to West Yellowstone for a short period before eventually settling in Bozeman where Ben was offered a full-time position with Montana State University in the theater department. It was there that he influenced and inspired a sea of young, talented actors.

Not to be without the stage, Ben continued to act with The Loft Theatre and helped in the cultivation of Bozeman's now prosperous art scene. He is most known for his portrayal of Shakespeare's King Lear and his reoccurring appearance as Drosselmeyer in "The Nutcracker."

The Tone acting bug seemed to rub off as both Ben's children participated in a few plays growing up — his grandchildren did as well.

"I caught the entertainment bug," said Jade, who went on to study theater for a year at the University of Montana before transferring to MSU to pursue a degree in film. "I was privileged enough to direct him in two of my student films ... the fact that he just acted the socks off of whatever material I gave him was just him being who he always was to me."

More than a great act

Theater and acting might have been his first love, but Ben was known for more than just that. He was a talented woodworker, gardener, home brewer, musician, father and friend.

"He was an awesome father," said Jeff. "He was a salt of the earth guy — an honest man who would chase you home just to give you change."

A gardening fiend and tinker, Jeff remembers 15 foot high sunflowers his father grew in the garden every year, along with vegetables and an impressive raspberry patch.

"He was an incredible home brewer too," Jeff said, referring to the lager he and his friends used to steal from his dad in high school. "We called it Tone Brew."

Ben enjoyed camping and fishing and loved spending time at Cliff Lake. He was a builder and woodworker, building most of the furniture in his home and helping his children and grandchildren with special projects.

"I had two younger brothers that liked to steal my change, so Grandpa helped me build a safe," said Jade.

He enjoyed tennis, bowling and music, as he studied classical guitar and bowled a 112 just a couple weeks before he passed.

Remembering Tone

"Tone" or "Old Ben Tone" as he was often called, will be remembered not just as a talented actor, but as a caring friend and loving father who always inspired his children, grandchildren, students and fellow actors to keep dreaming.

"Ben was the most positive creative influence I've had in my life," said Jade. "He always encouraged me to write, act, make films or do whatever else it was that I dreamed of doing."

"He was the most kind, gentle man and he instilled that in us," said Jeff. "He lived a full life and was always willing to help anyone who needed it."

The 2016 season of the illustrious Virginia City Players has been dedicated to Ben Tone and seems appropriate for a final act — Ben will always have a home, center stage.



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Ben Tone will be remembered as one of the "Founding Fathers" of the VC Players.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

DPHHS offers advice to prevent tick bites

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

As Montanans look to enjoy the great outdoors this spring and summer, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and local public health officials urge everyone to follow a few simple steps to prevent tick bites and their illnesses: Limit, repel and inspect.

State public health officials receive an average of eight tick-borne illness reports every year, the most common being Rocky Mountain

Spotted Fever, Tularemia and Colorado Tick Fever.

"The best defense against tick-borne illnesses is by spraying your legs, ankles, pants, socks and shoes with insect repellent," said DPHHS epidemiologist Christine Mulgrew.

Public health experts emphasize a three-step approach to prevent tick bites:

LIMIT: Ticks live in wooded, brushy or grassy areas so walk in the center of trails and mow your property where you and your pets spend time.

REPEL: Wear long, light-colored pants and socks to

spot ticks more easily and use insect repellents. Repellents containing up to 30 percent DEET can be used on the skin or clothing. Repellents with lower DEET concentrations might need to be applied more frequently. Repellents containing permethrin can be used on clothing, but not on skin. One application to pants, socks and shoes may be effective through several washings.

INSPECT: Check your skin carefully for ticks after returning from outdoor activities especially if you were in wooded, brushy or grassy

areas. De-ticking clothing is best done by throwing clothes into a drier on high for 10 minutes, even before washing. Remember to inspect children and animals after an outing.

The most common symptoms of tick-borne infections include fever and chills, aches and pains, rash and fever of varying degrees. Although easily treated with antibiotics, these diseases can be difficult for physicians to diagnose. Early recognition and treatment of the infection decreases the risk of serious complications.

"See your doctor immediately if you have been bitten by a tick and experience symptoms," Mulgrew said.

If a tick is found and is attached, follow these steps to safely remove the tick:

1. Use fine-tipped, "pointy" tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.

2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this

happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.

3. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub or soap and water.

Do not use folklore remedies such as "painting" the

tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly, or using heat to make the tick detach from the skin. These methods are not recommended and may cause the tick to burrow deeper into the skin.

For more information about tick-borne illnesses, protection and detection efforts, visit the DPHHS website at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov>.





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What more delicious way to enjoy the month of May than by celebrating National Strawberry Month?

From family outings to strawberry-inspired gifts, here are some great ideas for kicking off summer.

Find a local strawberry farm

Plan a family outing by finding a local strawberry farm and spending the afternoon picking fresh strawberries. Make it a fun-filled day by packing a picnic lunch with some of your favorite

snacks. Add your newly-picked strawberries to yogurt for a sweet dessert or toss some into a salad for a farm-fresh, delicious meal.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Celebrate an entire day cooking meals using strawberries as the key ingredient in every recipe. Prepare strawberry pancakes for breakfast, make strawberry milkshakes as a delicious (and even healthful) snack and brew a batch of strawberry lemonade.

Strawberry gifts

Not only do strawberries taste great, but they smell great too. You can show someone you care by creating a gift basket of strawberry-themed goodies. Search for strawberry-scented shampoo and conditioner, air fresheners and strawberry flavored candy and snacks at your local retail store. Decorate the basket with pink and red tissue paper and ribbon as a simple, final touch.

Do not miss out on National Strawberry Month, which is the perfect excuse for incorporating the yummy, nutritious fruit into every meal.



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COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Muddy waters in the valley

Help me learn the art of waiting until the time is right. - Melody Beattie

News flash: I'm outside the communications mainstream. I'm too much a bird-brain to fit into the Twitter-verse, and for a long time I thought Instagram



Rev. Keith Axberg

referred to the moment a grandmother dropped in to visit her grandchildren. I am aware of that thing online that is called Facebook, but back in the day, if I used the term, it usually meant I fell asleep at the library while studying, and that was the volume that separated my face from the table.

Life changes though – sometimes quickly and sometimes slowly. I think I prefer a quick pace. I know I don't like to wait, and I certainly don't like to dawdle.

When I am on my way somewhere, the people driving in front of me are always going about one mile per hour slower than I want to. It's not so much that I am in a hurry, but our car is small, and it is hard to see around those rigs against which the big sky seems to shrink a little in comparison.

I hope you realize that when I go around you on the road it isn't because you are too slow; I just want to see what's holding you up!

But getting back to patience – if you're still with me, I'm glad you tarried – I've found that if the time isn't right for something to happen, nothing I do will make it right and, in fact, may make it worse or delay it more.

When I was called to serve as the pastor for a couple of congregations here in Madison County I couldn't wait to get out here and get started.

I packed up the truck with all my essentials and tore across the 700-plus miles from Tacoma. As I was approaching Missoula I received a text message from my wife (and yes, I violated safety protocols by taking a quick glance at the phone while driving – a practice I strongly discourage; please do as I say and not as I do). She suggested I may have left a tad too quickly; I'd left for Montana without my bag of

unmentionables!

You could say I was "SOL" (Sorta Outa Luck); I know I did! Fortunately, I had planned on stopping in Missoula for fuel, so I added a nearby clothing outlet to my itinerary and all was well in the end, so to speak.

But that's what can happen when one is in a hurry. Beattie (quoting from her book, "The Language of Letting Go") says, "If the time is not right, wait. If the way is not clear, do not plunge forward. If the answer or decision feels muddy, wait."

Speaking of mud, nothing illustrates the art of waiting like making a pot of coffee.

We have a drip coffee maker that is quite the kiddier. If you don't seat the basket properly, the grounds and water will back up like in the times of Noah and the flood. You'll end up with sludge in the carafe and throughout the coffee maker.

There's a signal to let you know the coffee's ready, but when you get there the steam rising from the burner beneath the pot of chewy water almost sounds like it's laughing with an asthmatic hhhheeeeee.

So I've found it is very important to seat the basket securely and snugly into its slot. That's not easy to do when one needs that first cup of coffee to function properly.

Speaking of mud, water and proper functioning, I must also admit to being a grammar-fiend.

The other day my wife and I were out for a walk; she looked at our yard and said, "We're going to need to start watering the lawn. It looks thirsty."

Now, when she says "we" need to do something, I've generally found that the "we" in her case is intended to be singular and not plural, and that about half of the parties under consideration are not being considered at all, but that's okay.

Some people see what needs to be done, and others need help to see what needs to be done. Better to water the lawn than correct the grammar, eh?

Now I can't hardly wait to see what WILL be done here in this, our valley.

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

NATURAL Resource News

By Ethan Kunard
MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

A CREEK RUNS THROUGH IT

In Montana, we don't typically think about our streams and rivers as being urban waterways. After all, the basic definition of an urban waterway is, "a body of water that flows through a heavily populated area."



Ethan Kunard

Considering that 46 out of the 56 counties in Montana are "frontier" counties, it goes without saying that our population has a slightly less significant impact on waterways than elsewhere in the country. In the Madison Valley, however, the

waterbody with the poorest water quality also happens to be the stream that flows directly through Ennis. The stream I'm referring to is Moores Creek.

Moores Creek has been assessed by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality for various water quality indicators for a number of years now. Additionally, the Madison Stream Team has also been monitoring Moores Creek since 2010. All of this information has been compiled and assessed by the DEQ to make their most recent impairment determinations for the stream. These results show that Moores Creek currently has an excess of fine sediment, high levels of nutrients, high heavy metals

concentrations, high levels of E. coli and elevated temperatures. Each of these impairments have potentially negative implications for aquatic life and/or human health

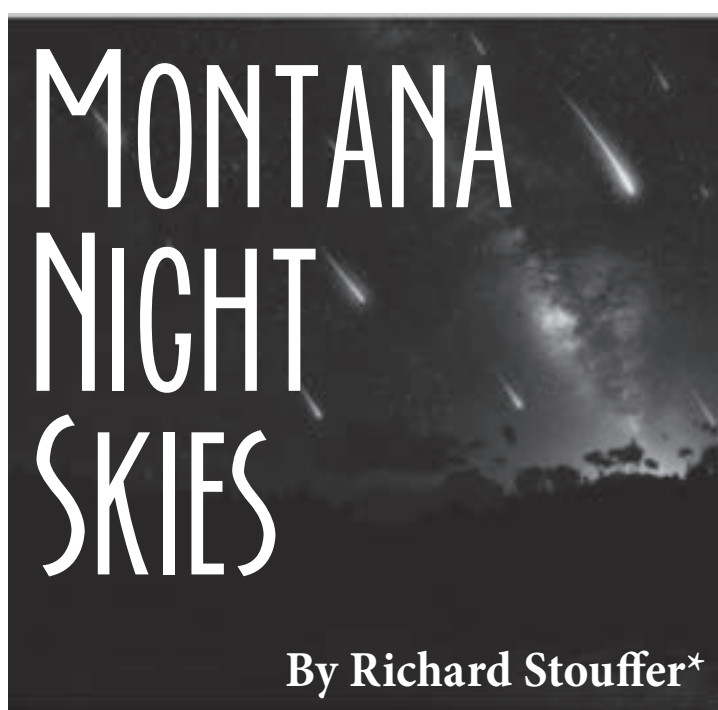
It probably isn't a coincidence that the stream in the Madison Watershed with some of the worst water quality conditions also happens to flow through the most densely populated area in the county. The challenge, however, is understanding with greater precision at what point these pollutants enter the stream. In the Madison Watershed, like nearly all of Montana, the most common type of pollution to enter our surface waters is "nonpoint source" pollution. This means that the contaminants are produced and transported from all across the landscape and enter the stream via rainfall or snowmelt. On their own, each individual city lot or subdivided ranchette might not have a large impact, but the cumulative effect of hundreds of developed lots can result in some potential problems.

We still aren't certain what specific sources might be contributing to some of Moores Creek water quality problems. Through our ongoing monitoring efforts, however, we can begin to narrow down specific portions of the stream that are in greatest need of attention.

We can then use this information to determine if there are opportunities to make improvements on the ground that result in better water quality over time.

In the end, however, these kinds of improvement efforts are in the hands of the community because any actions taken are completely voluntary. There are no regulations for controlling nonpoint source water pollution. Rather, these issues are addressed at the community level with willing and interested stakeholders. Over the next year, the Madison Conservation District will be hosting a series of public meetings to discuss the various water quality concerns in the valley, and will take feedback from the community on potential opportunities for making improvements.

If you would like to learn more about Moores Creek, and the other impaired waterways in the watershed, we would like to invite you to follow us on our website (madisoncd.org), through Facebook or sign up for our regular newsletters. Additionally, we invite you to come to our annual state of the water meeting on May 26 to learn more about the ongoing efforts by community organizations to better understand water quality conditions in the Madison Valley.



By Richard Stouffer*

May includes two noteworthy planetary highlights that haven't happened in about a decade. The first highlight is Mars approaching closer to the Earth than it has since 2005 when it will become as bright as Jupiter. The second highlight finds Mercury crossing the face of the Sun in a solar transit, which hasn't happened since 2006.

As the month begins and darkness falls, look for brilliant Jupiter almost halfway up the southern sky. Jupiter

shines brightly below the hindquarters of the constellation Leo, the lion. Jupiter sets a little after 4 a.m. as the month begins and about 2:30 a.m. as the month comes to a close. Jupiter is soon joined in the night sky by an increasingly brightening Mars. Mars rises about two hours after sunset as the month begins, but by the end of May, Mars is already several degrees above the eastern horizon by the time the sun sets. On May 22, when Mars is closest to Earth, it will equal Jupiter in bright-

ness and will remain that bright for several days. Although Mars approaches close to Earth every two years, on this particular approach, Mars will be closer to Earth than it has been since 2005. Mars is soon joined by the ringed planet Saturn, which rises about a half hour after Mars as the month begins, but about an hour after Mars as the month comes to a close. Throughout the month, Mars and Jupiter make a spectacular grouping with the stars of the constellation Scorpius and its brightest star Antares. The next rare planetary event to occur in May happens on May 9 when the planet Mercury passes across the face of the sun. The last transit of Mercury occurred in 2006 and the next one won't happen until 2019. Planetary transits can only occur for Mercury and Venus and happen about 14 times a century for Mercury, but only twice per approximately every 100 years for Venus. Because Mercury is so small, it will not be visible to the naked eye using a pinhole camera or solar viewer spectacles or welder's goggles. The transit may be observed, however, using a telescope (a magnification of 50x or more is recommended) and projecting the image of the sun onto a white card.

Binoculars may also be used to observe the transit using the same projecting technique onto a white card with one side of the binoculars capped. With binoculars, however, the image of Mercury will be much more difficult to see. The transit will be in progress when the Sun rises on May 9, but will last until 12:42 p.m.

As for the moon, the thin crescent moon passes below Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, on May 7 and may be found a little above Aldebaran the next evening. The moon passes just below Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on May 13 and passes below Jupiter the next evening. The full moon makes a spectacular grouping with Mars, Saturn and Antares, the brightest star in the constellation Scorpius, on May 21.

For meteor shower watchers, the Eta Aquarid meteor shower peaks on the mornings of May 5 and 6. This shower is formed from dust ejected from the famous Halley's Comet over eons of time. With the new moon providing no interference, you may be able to see between 10 and 20 meteors per hour with this shower. The Eta Aquarid will radiate from the southern part of the sky.

I have a medical degree but can't count to 10 – Part I

By Charlie Rossiter

My father was a self-proclaimed local legend when it came to fly fishing and people in the "know" would often come from far and near to fish a stretch of water with him. He had uncountable favorite places, but his preferred spots were all on the Ruby River, both upper and lower. My father would lead his fans to the water and dazzle



Charlie Rossiter

them with his uncanny ability to conjure up fish in the most unlikely spots. He could throw a fly as if he were casting it with his mind. The fly would act alive and drop out of the sky at the perfect time, which was sure to seize the eye of any lurking brown or rainbow trout, and after it they'd go. My father would let his guests start fishing a hole of their own choosing, and after they finished the hole,

he would re-fish that same spot again and hook another fish.

On one such outing, Dad took a dear friend of his from Great Falls and his son (who just happened to be my age) to the Upper Ruby and a section of river which the old man referred to as heaven on earth. It is a remarkably untouched piece of water where the fisherman has no human competition. At present, it's locked up tighter than Fort Knox, but at that time it was open to anyone who owned a pair of waders and a flyrod and could climb over a barb wire fence.

After we arrived on site around noon, we separated in different directions for the afternoon's fishing experience. My father and friend, Dr. Long, headed up river leaving Long's son with me at the bridge, heading downstream. The day started as a semi-rainy day, with a cold light breeze out of the north, and within minutes we were

wet. We'd neglected to bring any of our rain gear from the car with us, being young and bullet proof, but we made the most of it, and caught a few fish. The longer we fished, the worse the weather became and so did our spirits. My father had locked the Jeep, leaving us stranded, cold, wet and miserable. We even tried crawling under the car to get out of the now incessant rain.

After what seemed like a couple of hours, Dr. Long came back to the Wagoneer, grinning from ear to ear, as he had caught a copious amount of fish. He said he'd never been to a spot like this before and was thinking of going back out shortly. Our immediate problem was the fact that he was not in possession of the car keys, and his son and I were borderline hypothermic. My father and he had had the foresight to take their rain gear with them, so they were warm and dry.



Photo courtesy Mike Elliott

COMICS & PUZZLES



"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUPERMAN AND SUPERWOMAN?"

Editor's Note: Any editorial cartoons printed in our paper do not reflect the opinion of the staff of The Madisonian.

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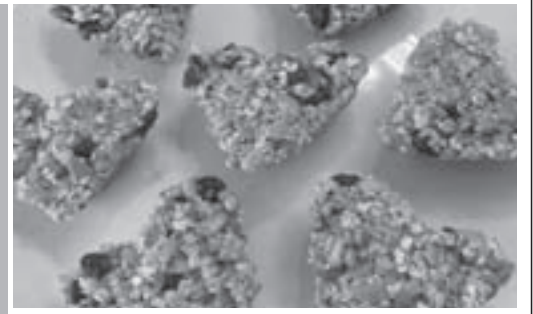
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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Tharpe

Easy Homemade Hearty Granola Bars

"My children love these!"



Snack time just got tastier thanks to Cheryl Lundquist's Hearty Granola Bars! I loved the flavor and versatility of these hearty bars. With dried cranberries, raisins, and other goodies, they're a terrific choice for an on-the-go snack or after-school treat. Even the pickiest of eaters will love these.



Cheryl Lundquist
Wake Forest, NC
(pop. 30,117)

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

- Janet

Hearty Granola Bars

What You Need

- 1/2 c dried cranberries
- 1/4 c raisins
- 1 c roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1 1/2 c crispy rice cereal
- 2/3 c light corn syrup
- 2 1/2 c quick cooking oats
- 3/4 c packed brown sugar
- 3/4 c crunchy peanut butter
- 1 tsp vanilla

Directions

- Mix cereal, oats, cranberries, raisins and pumpkin seeds in a large bowl.
- Grease a 9x13 pan with cooking spray.
- Combine brown sugar and corn syrup in a small saucepan over medium heat.
- Heat just until boiling then remove from the heat and stir in peanut butter and vanilla.
- Pour mixture over cereal mix and stir until well combined.
- Press into the pan using the back of a spoon.
- Allow to cool and cut with a heart shaped cookie cutter.

Submitted by: Cheryl Lundquist, Wake Forest, NC (pop. 30,117)
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Looking for a laborer. Wages start at \$15/hr. Call 682-7103. Ask for Eric. 27-tfc-b

JOB NOTICE: PART-TIME FILL IN POSITION
The Board of Madison County Commissioners will be accepting applications until filled for the position or positions of part time/fill in clerical help at various County offices in Virginia City, Montana. This position will begin with an hourly wage of \$14.76 with no guarantee on the number of hours per month. Applicants must be flexible and available to work with very little notice. Benefits will accumulate according to the Madison County Personnel Policy based on eligibility. Please contact the Commissioners' Office at (406) 843-4277, email to madco@madison.mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madison.mt.gov for an application and job description. Madison County is an equal opportunity employer. 27-2-b

JOB NOTICE: Madison County is accepting applications until filled for one short term custodial employee to work evenings at the Courthouse and other county offices in Virginia City, Montana. Typical work days are Monday through Friday; 4-6 hours per day (may vary). Additional hours may be worked as requested. The hourly wage will begin at \$13.78. Interested persons may request a job description and employment application by contacting the Madison County Commissioners' office at 406-843-4277, e-mail at madco@madison.mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madison.mt.gov. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 27-2-b

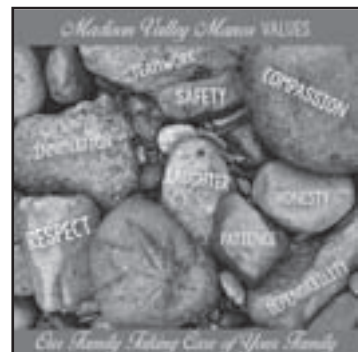
Housekeeping staff wanted year-round, part-time. Pay DOE. Start at \$12 per hour. 682-7000 27-1-b)

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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 Kitchen Manager 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
MVMC has a current opening for a day shift Registered Nurse. Under general supervision, plans and implements the nursing process of assessment, evaluation, and clinical skills in the promotion of health. Incorporates evidence-based nursing practices consistent with national standards. Assumes great responsibility and accountability for the quality of nursing care rendered. Directs the activities of nursing and ancillary caregivers while maintaining standards of professional care. Full-Time **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS** • Graduate of an accredited school of nursing. Current Montana state license as an RN, ACLS, and BLS Required. To apply for this position, submit an Employment Application found on www.mvmedcenter.org/careers and your resume to email address: careers@mvmedcenter.org 22-tfc-b

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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

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

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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) day in Ennis, MT and one (10 hour day) 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

Local manufacturing company has an immediate job opening for a Quality Control/ Shipping/ Receiving position. The position includes performing inspection on product using Micrometers, calipers and other gages and measurement tools. It also entails shipping and receiving of incoming and outgoing product. Experience with Microsoft Office software, composition of clear internal and external communication as well attention to detail is a must. The desire and the willingness to learn is a must. If interested please email your resume to mtikj@3rivers.net 27-2-b

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Help Wanted:
Part time bartender wanted. Apply at the Silver Dollar Saloon Tues. thru Friday 11 to 4. 27-2-b

MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
The Madison County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a full-time Communications Officer position. The salary for this position is 14.67 per hour with county medical benefits. Duties and responsibilities include performing the duties of a Communications officer at the Madison County PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) in Virginia City. The position is responsible to the public, law enforcement and first responders. Must have good phone and communication skills. Must be able to type at least 40 wpm. This position requires the applicant to be able to obey rules, regulations and follow instruction from superiors. Applicant 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 a minimum of 30 hours and includes weekends and holidays. Due to the nature of the job, work hour flexibility with ability to work any shift (late shift, swing shift or day shift) is necessary. Applicants must be at least 18 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 Communications officer, including successful completion of the Montana Basic Communication 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 Lynda Holt at (406) 843-5301 with any questions about the position. Closing date is May 15, 2016. Madison County is an EE/AA employer. 27-1-b



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION Notice is hereby given that regular* registration for the Primary Election(s) to be held on June 7, 2016 will close at 5:00 p.m., May 9, 2016. *NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. Between noon and the close of business on the day before Election Day, you may complete and submit a voter registration card, but you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot. All active and inactive**electors of Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. **Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county.

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office. DATED this 8th day of April, 2016 Madison County /s/ Kathleen D. Mumme, Election Administrator (Pub. April 13, 20 and 28, 2016) mccr MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Montana Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Gallatin County, In the Matter of the Estate of Kathleen Wilson, Deceased. Probate No. DP-29-2016-7. Notice to Creditors. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Cherie Wilson Ferguson a/k/a Cherie D. Ferguson, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested c/o Braakma & Miller, PLLC, 1227 North 14th Avenue, Suite 3, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 14th day of April, 2016. /s/ Cherie D. Ferguson Cherie Wilson Ferguson a/k/a Cherie D. Ferguson Personal Representative (Pub. April 21, 28, May 5, 2016) bm MNAXLP

PUBLIC MEETING The Madison County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 1:15 pm in the Commissioners Conference Room, Madison County Administrative Building, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on Resolution 22-2016, a resolution adopting the Madison County Capital Improvements Plan Update 2016. A copy of the Madison County Capital Improvement Plan Update 2016 is available for review at the Madison County Commissioner Office and the Planning Department, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. Comments may be sent to the Madison County Commissioners at P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana 59755 (mail); (406) 843-5517 (fax); or madco@madison.mt.gov (email). Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. (Pub. April 21, 28, 2016) mcc MNAXLP

on May 12, 2016 at 6:50 p.m., at Ennis Town Hall located at 328 W. Main St., Ennis, MT, for the purpose of obtaining public comments on the proposed amendments and additions to the "Fireworks" and "Parking" Ordinances for the Town of Ennis. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express their opinion regarding the proposed ordinance changes at the Public Hearing. Written comments will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on May 12, 2016. Written comments can be mailed to: Town of Ennis Ordinances, 328 W. Main St., Ennis, MT. 59729. Copies of the proposed ordinances can be picked up for review at Ennis Town Hall or viewed on the Town website: www.ennismontana.org. Questions can be directed to John Moore or Ginger Guinn at Ennis Town Hall or by calling 406 682-4287 during normal business hours. (Pub. April 28, May 5, 2016) toe MNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: SETBACK VARIANCE REQUEST On May 12, 2016, 6:40 p.m., at Ennis Town Hall the Zoning Board of Adjustment will review, take comments and make a decision on a variance request. The request is for a five (5) foot setback adjustment to the setback requirements for construction of a garage on property located at 765 S. Second Street. Information, including site plans, related to this variance request may be viewed at Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, during normal business hours. Public comment may be given at the public hearing. Written comments can be sent to Town of Ennis Variance, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 59729 and must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., May 12, 2016. (Pub. April 28, 2016) toe MNAXLP

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On the 11th, we fired up the bus, boarded it and took a leisurely ride to Whitehall for root beer swirls.

For St. Patrick's Day, our dietary department provided a delicious traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with green frosted brownies for dessert. The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb played traditional Irish tunes and country western music – everyone had fun listening and dancing.

Easter eggs were colored and made for the big day. On Easter Sunday the dietary

department served a well-cooked traditional Easter dinner with all the trimmings. Volunteers hid eggs and took bunny pictures with the residents.

Two residents had birthdays in March, Bette Lyon and Catherine Dornbos. A party

was held on the 30th and two kinds of cake were served. The residents were very happy and thanked everyone for the lovely party.

The last day of the month we had our happy hour and enjoyed a black and white western in the activity room.



Mickey Brunzell has fun on Easter making bunny faces.

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April 19: Creamed chicken on biscuit, green beans, cookie
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April 28: Hamburger with french fries, brownie

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SUBMITTED BY MATT MONTGOMERY, SHINE DANCE STUDIO

GIVING BACK



Twin Bridges athletes and football coaches jumped at an opportunity to help a local family, Jim and Connie Bullock, refinish their driveway. Twelve student-athletes garnished with shovels and rakes made short work of the project with a great team effort. The project is just the beginning as the Twin Bridges Falcons football team is looking to reach out to the community and engage in community service projects. Twin Bridges Schools looks forward to giving back to the community.

SUBMITTED BY BRETT NORDAHL, TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS

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Ennis golf results

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Ennis Schools

The Ennis golf team traveled to Livingston on April, 21. Check out how the team fared.

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Twin Bridges students contribute to Veterans Memorial

SUBMITTED BY ARWEN COCHRAN
American Legion Public Relations Officer Post 31

The shop students of Twin Bridges High School have created metal silhouettes for the Veterans Memorial in downtown Twin Bridges and made red and white cross markers dedicated to those who died in local highway fatalities.

On Saturday, April 16, the American Legion volunteers of Post 31 put up the student's silhouettes on either side of the memorial's front gate and installed the new fatality markers. Two new World War I plaques were hung on the wooden wall and veteran name plates were also installed and dedicated that day at the memorial.



Alder school receives SMART award, promotes environmental responsibility

SUBMITTED JAMIE JANOSKO
Alder School



The Alder School was recognized among 12 other Montana public schools as the winners of the 2015-16 Saving Money and Resources Today School Challenges. Through these challenges, schools found ways to improve energy efficiency, promote healthy and environmentally sound practices and reduce waste by implementing or expanding recycling and composting programs. Each school received a \$1,000 award to support their ongoing efforts.

The Alder School challenged themselves to develop a better understanding and

appreciation of where their food comes from. In December, the school added a greenhouse to their learning resources. Students reused over 300 milk cartons for seed germination and researched how plant life affects our world.

In participating in the SMART Schools Challenge, the Alder School saved money and resources by promoting a healthy learning environment and encouraging conservation, waste reduction and green practices. Teaching our children about environmental responsibility is one of the greatest things we can instill in them. The Alder School is honored to receive this award and assistance.

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APRIL 27**

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**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.

**TUESDAY
MAY 3**

Workshop, Ennis
Consulting vs. confronting workshop hosted by the Ennis Continuing Education begins at 6 p.m. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 4**

Candidate forum
The Madisonian is

hosting a candidate forum at the Madison County Administrative Building. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with food and drink provided and the forum will begin at 6 p.m. Candidates from HD 71, SD 36 and commission district one will all be in attendance.

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.

**THURSDAY
MAY 5**

Business after hours, Ennis
BAH will be hosted by RE/MAX Mountain Property from 5-7 p.m.

**SATURDAY
MAY 7**

Buy local expo, Twin Bridges
Local Ruby Valley vendors will be on hand

to showcase products and services from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Madison County Fairgrounds.

Garage sale, Jeffers
Garage sale at the Trinity Episcopal Church starting at 9 a.m.

Mental health discussion, Ennis
Lisa Brubaker, local mental health counselor, will lead a discussion about mental health and wellness at the Madison Valley Public Library at 11 a.m.

Workshop, Ennis
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Archery shoot, Sheridan
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**SUNDAY
MAY 8**

Brunch, Virginia City
Mother's Day brunch at the Elks Lodge from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MAY 11

School board, Ennis
School board meeting at 5 p.m. in room #3.

**THURSDAY
MAY 12**

Book club, Ennis
Library book club will be discussing "A Novel of Fame, Honor, and Really Bad Weather" by Jincy Willet at 1 p.m.

**SATURDAY
MAY 14**

Music, Virginia City
Dave Walker will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 8 p.m.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 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.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
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