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JOINT MEETING

Madison, Gallatin county commissioners meet in Big Sky



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From L: Don Seifert, Steve White and Joe Skinner, Gallatin County commissioners, meet with Madison County commissioners Dave Schulz, Jim Hart and Ron Nye in Big Sky.

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On April 28, Madison County's commissioners – Dave Schulz, Jim Hart and Ron Nye – made the trek from Virginia City to Big Sky to meet with the Gallatin County commissioners to discuss issues pertinent to Big Sky.

More than 50 people packed into the conference room at the Big Sky Water and Sewer District building to hear discussion about public transportation, sustainable water, law enforcement and a Targeted Economic Development District.

Big Sky transportation

David Kack with Skyline Bus, the transportation service that runs buses from

Bozeman to Big Sky said the service has grown 7 percent compared to this time last year.

"We are on track to provide 180,000 rides, which would be our highest," Kack said.

Kack said 40 percent of bus riders reported they own their own vehicles but choose to use public transportation.

"That shows we are taking cars off (Highway) 191," he pointed out.

Due to current growth in Big Sky, and future expansion on the horizon, Kack said he expects the demand for public transportation will only grow.

Because of that, he said he is going to request \$200,000 from each county to support the service.

"Our overall budget is increasing," he said. "We will visit with both commissions further with our

financial request.

Once Kack concluded his update, Kitty Clemens, executive director of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, requested both commissions support the creation of a Big Sky Transportation Plan.

"We held three (public) listening sessions about transportation," Clemens said. "Our growth is causing us to look at what we're going to look like when we grow up ... Involving roads, intersections, school bus stops, left turns."

Clemens said Big Sky is in need of a comprehensive plan to guide future improvements that may happen in conjunction with the Montana Department of Transportation.

"We need a road map in hand," she said. "When MDT considers projects, we would have a map and a plan and be able to ask to be included."

Gallatin County commissioner Steve White said MDT likes doing work with communities where the local public has been involved and where there is a plan.

"We're asking you to jointly fund (a plan) and ask MDT to be a partner and be at the table," Clemens said.

Schulz pointed out that if MDT has certain requirements for transportation plans, they should help create one for Big Sky.

"Here's the bottom line," Hart added. "How much will this cost?"

Clemens said she was unsure how much it would cost to create a Big Sky Transportation Plan. Kack said he heard from MDT that Laurel recently com-

BUTTE MAN MISSING

Search persists for man missing along Jefferson

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A 60-year-old Butte man was reported missing at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 after camping along the Jefferson River with friends, according to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson. "He was last seen Saturday morning around 1:30 a.m.," Thompson said.

In addition to the sheriff's office, Ruby Valley Search and Rescue responded to the incident with foot teams and boats, Thompson said.

"We are deeply involved in a search on the Jefferson River for a Butte man who presumably drowned," said Bill Sinclair, president of Ruby Valley SAR. "Numerous members spent (last weekend) near Hell's Canyon scouring the Jefferson River from about 2 miles south of the Iron Rod Bridge to Silver Star for a possible drowning victim."

Though Ruby Valley SAR pared back their search efforts on Monday, May 2, they continued to travel the river by jet boat in an effort to locate the missing individual, Sinclair said.

"Several miles downstream have been checked and will periodically be checked throughout the week," Thompson added.

Sinclair said if they do not find the man this week, there will be a big "push" over the weekend with mutual aid coming to help from Bozeman and Butte.

As of *The Madisonian's* press time on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, the man had not yet been found.

RUMBLE STRIPS

MDT continues 625 mile project

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If you were stopped in road construction driving in Madison County last week, it was because the Montana Department of Transportation is in the middle of a multi-phase project to add center rumble strips to 625 miles of two-lane highways and secondary roads in Southwest Montana.

"There are 41 segments getting centerline rumble strips ground into them," said Bill Fogarty, Butte district construction supervisor. "In a nutshell, there are a few phases to the process."

First, crews grind the rumble strips into the roadway, which is a slow process where traffic is diverted around the work via a pilot car, Fogarty said.

"The contract allows for up to 14 days for the seal to be applied (after the roadway is ground)," Fogarty said. "Within 24 hours of that, we put a centerline back on the highway. Then 30 to 45 days later, we paint on the permanent markings."

On Saturday, April 30, rumble strips were ground into the centerline of MT Highway 287 from Ennis to Twin Bridges. Then on Monday, May 2, Fogarty said the contractor completed the work on Fish Hatchery Road south of Ennis and MT Highway 283 from Harrison to Pony.

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COUNTY FOCUSES ON LAURIN BRIDGE

Commissioners approve resolution for matching funds in grant application

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On Monday, April 25, the Madison County commissioners decided to move forward with a grant application to replace the Laurin Bridge, and also approved a resolution for matching funds if the grant is awarded.

"It will go through the (Treasure State Endowment Program), which is through the Department of Commerce," explained commissioner Dave Schulz. "They will review the grants and consider them against all others that come in."

Once TSEP prioritizes the grant applications, the state legislature outlines what projects they want to fund, Schulz said.

The county's on-call engineers, Great West Engineering, is moving forward with submitting the grant proposal to TSEP. The entire project to replace the bridge is estimated to cost \$450,000, so with the county's promised matching funds, they hope to receive \$225,000 from TSEP and contribute \$225,000 of their own, Schulz said.

"Some of that would be in-kind contributions," he added. "The Laurin Bridge is on a lot of people's minds."

The bridge takes Ruby River Drive over the

Ruby River in the town of Laurin, and is classified as a "single-lane, two-span, two steel-girder bridge with a timber deck," according to Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering.

"The bridge was originally constructed in 1945, with numerous repairs since original construction," he said. "In 2015, an emergency repair was completed to the upstream timber pier cap and resulted in the county posting the bridge at three tons due to safety concerns."

The bridge's sufficiency rating is a 36.6 out of 100 possible points, so it is a priority for the county.

"We just don't have \$450,000 to spend on one bridge right now if we don't get the grant," Schulz said. "Not with replacing the Blaine Spring (Creek) Bridge this summer and replacing Varney Bridge coming up."


After the Blaine Spring Creek and Varney bridges are replaced, and with the Laurin Bridge

prioritized next, the rest of Madison County's bridges are in good shape. The Geim Bridge, which crosses the Beaverhead River southwest

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of Twin Bridges, has a sufficiency rating of 44.3, according to Theys, so the commission will need

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pleted a plan that would be comparable to one for Big Sky and it cost around \$90,000. "We're thinking three partners in at \$30,000 each," he said. Joe Skinner, Gallatin County commissioner, volunteered to organize a meeting with MDT and invite the Madison County commissioners to plan how to proceed.

Sustainable water

Kristin Gardner, executive director of the Gallatin River Task Force, addressed the commissioners about an ongoing project to identify and mitigate water issues in Big Sky – the Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum.

"There is an incredibly fragmented oversight of water management (in Big Sky)," Gardner said. "We are in two watersheds. Two counties. We are unincorporated."

In January, the Gallatin River Task Force hired a team of people to work on the sustainable water project. Following extensive stakeholder interviews, Gardner said three resource issues were identified as the most important to address: wastewater treatment and disposal; water supply and

availability; and overall ecological health of the watershed.

"Now we're moving into phase two," Gardner said. "We need to get the stakeholders together and make a plan ... Get the information to the stakeholders."

For this fiscal year, Gardner requested \$49,000 from each county commission to continue the project.

Schulz said Madison County is just starting their budgeting process – first, they will handle department budgets and then they will consider requests from non-departments.

Gallatin County, however, needs to have formal requests in hand immediately, so they told Gardner how to go about submitting one.

"There is competition for the money," White said.

Law enforcement

The commissioners from both counties are currently in year two of a three year contract to jointly provide law enforcement in Big Sky.

According to Brandon Kelly, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office sergeant, Madison County deputies work in Big Sky during special events when more law enforcement is needed, and the Gallatin County Sheriff's

Office covers Big Sky areas located in Madison County the rest of the time.

"We work well with Madison County," Kelly said.

Skinner said there are six Gallatin County deputies stationed in Big Sky. The resorts pay for two, Madison County pays for two and Gallatin County pays for the final two.

TEDD

Kevin Germain, a member of the Big Sky TEDD committee, said the group does not have "much of an update" for the commissioners.

A TEDD is a district that takes property taxes from new developments within the district and uses that money for infrastructure needs.

"We started the tax impact analysis that was requested," Germain said. "The next step was to model projections for what it would look like if a TEDD was formed so we could go back and look at how we might mitigate impacts."

The reason that has not happened yet is because the group's lead consultant became too busy with other projects and resigned from the role.

"We need to move another consultant into the main role," Germain said. "We want to get this thing to a point where we

have a substantial update."

Schulz asked when Germain thinks that will happen, and Germain predicted the group will have an update for both county's commissioners in July.

"I hesitate to say this, but before you put in more time and effort I think we should all sit down and talk about if this is something worth pursuing," Skinner said. "I'm not saying it's a dead end, but we should talk."

Skinner brought up the possibility of pursuing a 1 percent increase to the resort tax during the next state legislative session as an alternative.

Germain said, while helpful, a 1 percent increase to the resort tax would bring in around \$1 million more to Big Sky every year.

"The whole purpose of a TEDD is to bring in value adding industries to the area," he said "If we do a TEDD for 15 years, we could get \$70 or \$80 million ... I'm still optimistic about a TEDD. I'm not ready to give up."

Germain said he would, however, love to brainstorm other alternatives to Big Sky's infrastructure needs in the future.

"There are a lot of challenges, but a lot of opportunity," he said. "We want to thank you guys for coming up. It's good to get both our parents in the same room."

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to address it after the Laurin Bridge is complete.

Other than that, commissioner Jim Hart said the county is not too worried about other bridges, from a structurally-sound standpoint.

"There are a couple in the Jack Creek area I'm a little worried about, but that's because they are narrow," Hart said. "Other than that, there aren't any we're deficiently worried about."

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Once Blaine Spring Creek and Varney bridges are replaced, the county has prioritized Laurin Bridge as next on the list.



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At the end of April, the segment of highway from Twin Bridges to Whitehall was also

completed.

Fogarty said the final piece of the project that impacts Madison County is MT Highway 41 from Twin Bridges to

Dillon – a date for that rumble strip work has not been scheduled yet, but Fogarty said the contractor expects to be done with all 625 miles of road by

the first week of July.

"It's a safety project," he added. "It's to reduce the number of cross-over head on collisions."

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 May 6! Thanks!



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MORE NEWS:

Elk numbers in Madison Valley, Gravelly EMU

Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologists survey elk after 'robust' harvest last fall

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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologists Dean Waltee and Julie Cunningham completed their post-hunting season winter elk surveys earlier this year, and recently released the data they compiled.

In years past, Cunningham said some folks mistook Waltee's Gravelly Mountains elk count as the entire number of elk wintering in the Madison Valley, which is untrue. With that in mind, Cunningham and Waltee surveyed the east and west sides of the valley on the same days – Feb. 21 and March 4.

In addition, Waltee did aerial surveys of the Gravelly Elk Management Unit between Jan. 27 and Feb. 21. The Gravelly EMU runs from Ennis along MT Highway 287 over the Virginia City Hill and along the highway to Twin Bridges. From there, the boundary line of the EMU follows the highway to Dillon and all the way to the Monida Pass. Then, the boundary follows the state line until it is intercepted by MT Highway 87 and works its way back to Ennis along the west side of the Madison River.

"It's a lot of ground," Waltee said. "We manage it as one unit because of what we've learned from radio collared elk – there are elk who use all of it throughout their annual cycle."

Madison Valley

For the two survey days, Cunningham took to the skies over the east side of the Madison Valley in search of elk with pilot Steve Ard.

According to Cunningham's summary report, both flights occurred under good weather conditions, light winds and sunshine. Cunningham's survey area encompassed hunting district 360 and hunting district 362, essentially, it goes from Jourdain Creek at Ennis Lake south to Indian Creek, then from Indian Creek south to Quake Lake, covering everything between U.S. Highway 287 and the mountain foothills.

The total elk count for the Madison Valley came to 7,604, according to Waltee.

"Compared to 8,284 last year," he added. "This is a 680 elk reduction, which can be attributed to a robust harvest during the 2015 hunting seasons."

"The (Feb. 21) flight produced an unexpectedly high number of elk in HD 362 and an unexpectedly low number of elk across the highway and river in HD 323," Cunningham's report states – Waltee surveyed HD 323 on the same day. "We flew again on (March 4) and noted the same result ... After the flights, (Waltee) performed a series of ground counts on and around the Wall Creek Wildlife Management Area."

Waltee's counts fluctuated between 887 to 1,460 elk depending on the day.

"Snow conditions are a primary influence to elk distribution," Cunningham said. "Fluctuating elk numbers, tracks, occasional vehicle-elk collisions, past radio-collar data and information from our game damage herders have all indicated elk to move across U.S. Highway 287 in winter."

On Feb. 21, Cunningham counted 6,137 elk east of the highway, compared to the 1,209 elk Waltee counted along the west side of the valley.

"Of the (6,137 I counted), 3,942 were counted

in HD 362 and 2,195 were counted in HD 360," Cunningham reported. "The March 4 counts enumerated 1,419 elk west of U.S. Highway 287 and 5,927 counted east of (the) highway. Of these, 4,206 were counted in HD 362 and 1,721 were counted in HD 360."

Ground counts, flight data and radio collar work has shown movement between Wall Creek WMA along the west side of the Madison Valley and the east side of the valley is a "real and possibly increasing phenomenon," according to Cunningham.

"During the winter, the elk on the east side of the valley and those from the Gravelly complex do a lot of mixing in the valley," Waltee explained. "But radio collar data shows us that when things melt, the elk go back the way they came."

After four months of additional work, Cunningham decided to focus on the numbers from her February count, since the March elk distribution was likely due to game damage herding activity.

"Both counts were very close, but the February count was a little higher," she said. "Distribution of elk changed in March on my side because there was a game damage herder pushing elk south out of (HD) 360. It wouldn't be fair to use that March count because that would suggest HD 360 was below objective."

Because of the fluidity of elk movement across the highway in the Madison Valley, some of the elk Cunningham counted in HD 362 on Feb. 21 were applied to the Wall Creek WMA count.

"As 2,240 elk were counted on Wall Creek (WMA) and surrounding area January 2016," Cunningham reported. "And 1,209 elk were counted on Wall Creek (WMA) and surrounding area on this day – 1,031 is the different in these values. The 1,031 elk will be taken from the east side total and applied to the west side total."

"During our simultaneous aerial surveys of the Madison Valley, (Cunningham) and I discovered that a measurable shift of Gravelly EMU elk to the east side of the valley had occurred during the month of February," Waltee added. "Past radio collar and survey data indicate elk maintaining west of U.S. Highway 287 come from and return to summer/fall ranges in the Gravelly EMU ... These types of movements across the Madison Valley are relatively common, which is why (Cunningham) and I complete these flights simultaneously."

Though elk population objectives influence how Waltee and Cunningham establish harvest quotas for hunting season, Cunningham said she still recognizes landowners on the east side of the Madison Valley dealt with a lot of elk on their property last winter.

"I recognize they had significant damage," she said, referring to how wildlife impact private land.

Gravelly EMU

It took Waltee five flights to complete the

survey on the Gravelly EMU – Ruby Mountains, west Snowcrest Mountains and Sweetwater Hills, Blacktail Mountains and Sage Creek Watershed, west Greenhorn Mountains, and finally, the west side of the Madison Mountain Range.

"Although overall survey conditions were fair, the deep and complete snow cover facilitated elk being distributed in large groups across open

EMU showed that annual hunter wounding loss of antlerless elk was 22 percent."

That percentage yields an average of 218 annually across the EMU over the last 20 years.

"I encourage you to think about these numbers as you consider shot selection and follow-up," he said. "The number of complaint calls to my desk from disgruntled hunters and landown-



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 Elk winter in the Madison Valley.

habitats, which made them easy to find," Waltee said. "Because of this, I believe we got a good look at the post season elk population."

Waltee emphasized the fact that the counts represent the minimum known population.

"We observed 8,663 elk," he said. "19 percent lower than last year's 10,643, 3 percent below the 10-year average of 8,934 and 3 percent above the 20-year average of 8,386."

Waltee said the reduction in elk is "undoubtedly" the product of a robust harvest across the entire management until last fall.

"When hunter harvest survey reports are completed (in May), I will compile the data for the Gravelly EMU and share it," he said. "This reduction of elk also returned the Gravelly EMU to within population objective for the first time in several years."

The population objective for the EMU is 6,400 to 9,600.

Of the 8,663 elk counted, Waltee classified 58 percent, or 5,032 elk.

"Those included 2,987 cows, 1,220 calves, 287 brow-tine bulls and 530 yearling bulls," he said.

On what Waltee calls an "unfortunate note," he also observed 13 elk during his flights that were enduring shot legs.

"I suspect this was the product of elk distribution across open habitats, where hunters often miss-judge distances or take long shots at moving elk," he said. "Research from the Gravelly

ers that witnessed these types of events have been measurable this winter and continue to come. Please practice ethical hunting practices during all trips to the field."

Next hunting season

"HD 360 is within objective, so we have a standard regulation that allows for moderate antlerless harvest through B licenses," Cunningham said about hunting season. "(HD) 362, which is on the high end of objective, has a liberal harvest regulation which allows antlerless harvest on the general license and additional B licenses for antlerless harvest. We currently have 500 B licenses valid in both hunting districts."

Once hunter harvest surveys are returned next month, Cunningham said she and Waltee will have even more information.

"Once statewide hunter harvest surveys are returned next month, I will have the opportunity to change the number of B licenses within established quota ranges," she said.

In the Gravelly EMU, Waltee said the general license harvest structure will remain brow-tine bull or antlerless elk for the archery and rifle seasons next fall.

"There will also be 500 antlerless B-licenses available," he said. "These will be valid for the Tendoy (HDs 300, 320 and 328) Tobacco Root (HDs 320 and 333), and Gravelly (HDs 322, 323 – except the Wall Creek WMA, 324, 325, 326, 327 and 330) EMUs."

HOORAY FOR EARTH DAY!

Hi readers,

I was out on a fun assignment last Friday. To celebrate Earth Day, I tagged along with Ennis Elementary School students as they conquered the town of Ennis and surrounding areas with trash bags in hand.

Specifically, I followed the fourth graders around Lions Club Park with my camera, hoping to capture a perfect picture of kids working together to improve the environment. It turned out to be an easy photo shoot – all the students were enthusiastic about spending the afternoon outdoors, even if it involved picking up trash.

And pick up trash they did! The group moved through the park like a tidal wave, sweeping up every plastic and paper scrap in their wake.

The following Monday I got on the phone and called folks in Alder, Sheridan and Twin Bridges, while Caitlin talked to Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman, to hear how other Madison County students celebrated Earth Day. It is significant that every school recognized the holiday.

In Montana we have an interconnected relationship with the earth. Unlike people who hail from large cities and urban areas, we don't need to plan a vacation to get close to nature. Since it's part of our daily lives, we sometimes forget to appreciate how fortunate we are.

When I write articles and take photos for *The Madisonian*, it strengthens my appreciation for our earth – especially this time of year when our stomping-grounds are turning green and bursting with renewed life after a long winter. Twice a year, when we're

gearing up to publish *The Loop* magazine, we spend extra time exploring the county and its residents. We are now in the process of producing the summer edition. The additional work, along with our weekly newspaper routine, is stressful for everyone in the office. But when you see the finished product, we hope you'll find it well worth our efforts.

In this edition of *The Loop*, we'll take you to many places of interest including Hell's Canyon and Quake Lake. In visiting, writing about and photographing all these places, I get to explore them firsthand.

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In the edition immediately preceding the election, which is the June 2, 2016, paper for the upcoming primary, we will only permit very generic advertisements. As for letters, they will not be published in that edition because they do not allow candidates time for rebuttals. Consequentially, the May 26, 2016, edition will be the final opportunity to place letters or detailed advertisements pertaining to the June 7 election.

There is one exception to the no letters policy the week before the election. If a letter

runs on May 26 and specifically challenges a candidate, that candidate is allowed to run a rebuttal letter, addressing only that specific issue, in the June 2 edition of the paper. We understand the technicalities and the dates are a little difficult to understand, so anyone with questions should call the paper at 682-7755 and we can talk you through it.

As always, letters may be edited by *The Madisonian* staff for length and content. We reserve final decision on what runs - this applies to advertisements and letters. We are more than happy to work with those placing advertisements or writing letters to ensure submis-

sions adhere to our policy.

All that being said, we do encourage discussion on this page of the paper - that is why it is here! We want our readers to use this page to discuss important issues and engage one another. So, please interact!

A general reminder: Letters to the editor must be kept to 350 words. A verifiable author's name, address and phone number must accompany the letter - though only the name and resident's town name will be printed. Citizens can have their letters published twice per month.

Thank you,
The Madisonian

OBITUARIES

John Allhands
 December 2, 1933 - April 24, 2016



John D. Allhands died Sunday April 24, 2016, at his home south of Sheridan. He was born Dec. 2, 1933, in Salmon, Idaho, to parents G. Dewey Allhands and Delaphine Smith Allhands. He joined his sister Barbara. The family moved from Leadore, Idaho, to Laurin in November of 1937.

John attended a one room schoolhouse in Laurin until the eighth grade when he went to Sheridan to attend school. He graduated from Sheridan High School in 1952. He attended Montana State College in Bozeman for a year and a half until he was drafted into the Army in 1954. He was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., and Fort Lewis, Wash.

He and his wife of 60 years, Gayla (Beardsley) Allhands, were married in June of 1955 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Laurin.

John served on the Alder School Board for many years and was a member of the Alder Fire Department as well as a longtime member of the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department. He was a fire investigator and taught classes in wildland fire

fighting in the state of Montana. He served on the Board of Madison County Commissioners from 1983 to 1996. John was also the DES Coordinator for Madison County. John served on the Human Resource Council, District 12 for 19 years and was also a member of the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group.

He enjoyed working with cattle and was very involved in the creation of the Robb Creek Cattle Association. His main love was his family. Susan was born in 1957 followed by Dan in 1959 and Andy in 1962. He had many good times going to his children's and grandchildren's school events and really enjoyed their sports games. In later years he would take his dog "Annie" for rides in his truck.

John is survived by his wife, Gayla Allhands; children, Susan (Mike) Hawkins, Dan (Jody) Allhands and Andy (Charlotte) Allhands; grandchildren, Robert (Jordan) Allhands, Brad Allhands (Nina Viviers), Pete Allhands (Suzanne Powers), Brian (Mimi) Allhands, Jerraca Allhands and Nathan Allhands (Britani Mag-er); and his five great grandchildren, Tanner, Kelsey, Jace Cooper, Riley and Sawyer. He is also survived by his longtime good friend Frank Claypool.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 7 at the K & L Mortuary in Sheridan at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Laurin. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sheridan or Alder volunteer fire departments.

Donna Elayne Dolph
 July 13, 1947 - April 30, 2016

Donna Elayne Dolph, age 68, of Alder left this life on April 30, 2016, at her home in Alder.

Donna was born July 13, 1947, at Westminster, Colo. She was brought into this life by Shirley and John Dolph. She shared this life with brothers:

John, Rick, Dennis, James and sister Kathy.

She is the mother of four children: Doug, Barbara, Harold and Shirley. The grandmother of many grandchildren: Ciara, Crystal, Tera, Tara, Harley, Dustin, Erica, Michael, Desiree, Dennis, Tabitha, Brit-

tany, Brandi, Jonnie, Lilly and Jacob. She also has many great grandchildren: 14 in total.

She once said, "Do you know what I collect?" We said, "no, Mom, what?" Her response was "Grandchildren." She loved them all.

Remember this saying when

thinking of her, "Live well, Laugh often and Love much!" You will be greatly missed by all.

Rest in peace Donna Dolph. Mother and friend of many.

K&L Mortuaries and Crematory of Sheridan is assisting with arrangements.

Jean Marie Love Marshall
 1922 - November 22, 2015



She never spoke ill or found fault in anyone and was always supportive. The welfare of her family came first. She rejoiced in the success of others. She was truly a lady.

Jean was born in 1922 and was raised in Preston, Minn. Her father, Elwyn Kingston Love, was a dentist and later a postal clerk. Her mother, Ella Myrtle Berning Love, was a country school teacher before marriage. Jean was an only child. Jean earned a letter playing the alto sax in high school and played with the town band for the summer concerts around the courthouse. After graduating from St. Olaf College in 1939, she attended the University of Minnesota and received a degree in nursing education in 1944. At the time of her marriage to Rodney Albert Marshall, in 1946 in Preston, she was the Obstetrical Supervisor for Minneapolis General Hospital.

During their marriage they traveled all of the United States, Canada, Central and South America, China, South Pacific, Great Britain, Europe, Africa, Greenland, Iceland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the Mediterranean. They were in Cuba when Castro took over.

Jean was a full-time housewife until the family opened Cousin's Candy Shop in Virginia City. She loved her summers there. She sustained Rod during his working career and served as a Montana State Legislature Representative's wife for two terms from 1994-98. She was a breast cancer survivor. Jean was a 65 year member of P.E.O.

Jean's favorite things were family, friends, old family photos, country rides, picnics,

thunderstorms, rainbows, snowstorms and brownies.

Survivors are son Jon and wife Jean of Bigfork; daughter Ann and husband John White of McAllister; grandchildren Jennifer (Marshall) Balappa of Bigfork; Robert and wife Jamie of Great Falls; Shawna (Marshall) and husband Jacob Smith of Madison N.J.; and seven great grandchildren.

Suggested memorials in lieu of flowers can be sent to: Gallatin History Museum, Bozeman MT; J Spencer Watkins Memorial Museum, Virginia City MT; Cot- tery College Nevada, Missouri. Condolences may be emailed to jeansmemorial@gmail.com

Memorial services will be held in Christ Church, 1935 Nelson Rd., Bozeman on May 28 at 10 a.m.

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& MORE NEWS:

TREE CITY, USA

Students from Madison County focus on trees to celebrate Arbor Day

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“What do trees need to survive?” asked Ennis Tree Board member Melinda Merrill.

“WORMS!” replied the Ennis kindergarten class.

Students from kindergarten through fifth grade took 30 minutes out of their class day to learn about the importance of trees and get their hands in the dirt in honor of Arbor Day on April 29.

In its sixth year as a Tree City, the Ennis Tree Board, with the help of elementary students, celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees around school property and sending dormant seedlings home with students to plant with their families.

To be considered a Tree City, communities have to meet certain standards set by The Arbor Foundation including: establishing a tree board, creating an ordinance, spending \$2 per year per person within city limits for planting, care and maintenance of trees on public right of ways or public owned land and lastly by recognizing and observing Arbor Day. Today, there are only 3,400 communities in the nation recognized as a Tree City and Ennis is proud to be one of them. Sheridan is also a proud member of Tree City, USA.

“We just want the kids to see how valuable they are,” said DJ Dedman, chairman of the Ennis Tree Board. “We want them to learn to properly plant trees and how to care for them – and for them to know how important they are to the environment.”

Aside from Dedman and Merrill, the board is made up of three other members: Robert Frey, Stephanie Miller and town councilman Blake Leavitt.

Students were gifted either Thornless Honeylocust, Bur Oak, Red Maple, White Dogwood or Northern Red Oak seedlings in plastic baggies, then wound their way around to the wheelbarrow where they were supplied with dirt and a pot.

“I’m going to plant mine on the roof!” said kindergartner Nicholas Dulinsky, referring to his plans for his new tree.

Aside from giving students seedlings, they were given information to take home on how to care for their trees and who to call before digging, and Arbor Day bracelets to remind them to stay green.

The Tree Board also helped to recognize the holiday by planting crabapple trees and Canadian red chokecherry trees around the school property, as well as decorating a storefront window



downtown with information about The Arbor Foundation and how the community can help keep their Tree City, USA status.

“A community is only as strong as its active participants ... thank you for helping us stay green!” said Miller.

To end the celebration, the board presented a flag, hat and pin to elementary principal Brian Hilton for the school’s cooperation in recognizing Arbor Day and helping to “beautify Ennis.”

Ennis was not the only school celebrating – students in Alder worked in their new greenhouse, watering and planting in honor

of the day. In Twin Bridges, junior high students planted trees at their new school farm.

“We planted pine trees around the school farm for a wind-break and we also planted different varieties of apple trees,” said ag teacher Colton Hellwinkel. “We were just wanting to work on sustainable practices that will give back.”

The school farm is a fairly new project to hit Twin Bridges and Hellwinkel said they hope to get the project rolling and start getting things planted this summer.



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TOP
DJ Dedman, chairman of the tree board, asks the kindergarten class what they plan to do with their tree seedlings. “Plant them!”

LEFT
The Ennis Tree Board educates the fourth grade Ennis students about the importance of trees.

Bighorn update

Taylor-Hilgard sheep herd sees success after 2016 transplant

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The transplant of 21 Madison Valley bighorn sheep in February 2016 has seen success and continues to receive increased survey attention, according to Julie Cunningham, wildlife biologist with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

“The 2016 transplant appears to be more successful thus far,” said Cunningham in her classification report. “We have only seen one transplanted bighorn return to Quake Lake ... we have seen no other marked animals return.”

Cunningham, in conjunction with Montana State University, has been following the Taylor-Hilgard herd since 2011 with the hope of restoring historic winter ranges in the Madison Valley, as well as creating better genetics within varying

herds to help fight off disease.

Cunningham and her team used “lifecycle” satellite GPS collars in both the 2015 and 2016 transplants, which transmit daily location data to a server via satellite. In the 2016 transplant, the team used rectangular orange hang-tags to help evaluate how many non-collared bighorns returned to the Quake Lake site.

Background

In 2011, FWP and MSU started the conservation process of the Taylor-Hilgard herd by assessing disease outbreak within the herd and the influence it has on their population, and found that this particular herd was able to fight off and overcome pneumonia, a major threat to wildlife.

Because of their ability to overcome disease, Cunningham said she hoped the transplants

would help colonize sheep and create “better genetics and disease resistance.”

“We’re not improving upon genetics, we’re more preventing the problems that might inherit smaller herds,” she said.

“We really don’t know what triggers disease,” added MSU professor of ecology Bob Garrott, who has been a part of the statewide study in Montana for three years. “What we do know is when there is an outbreak, if an entire herd is exposed, there’s a good chance that the vast majority of sheep are going to be involved and die. The goal of a transplant is the idea that if you have sheep spread out over a large distribution, you don’t have the sheep in the herd all contracting the disease.”

“Basically, not having all your eggs in one basket,” added Cunningham.

In 2015, 52 bighorn sheep were trapped, tested and transplanted into Wolf Creek, 20 miles north of the Quake Lake site the sheep formerly called home. Through an amalgamation of data collected from Cunningham and her MSU counterparts, they discovered eight bighorns returned to Quake Lake throughout the summer, while five collared sheep “explored Indian Creek and other novel summer habitat through the Madison Range before returning,” according to reports.

Cunningham reported that one bighorn remained in the new range but died, likely due to predation from an unknown predator.

“Approximately 10-15 bighorn remained at the transplant site through hunting season into early winter,” her report states, adding that the 2015 transplant success rate was approximately 20 percent.

Current data

So far this year, Cunningham said they have only seen one of the 2016 transplanted bighorn return to the site just south of Reynolds Pass – an older ewe that was most likely highly habituated to the site.

Of those transplanted to Wolf Creek in February, six of the GPS collared sheep explored Indian Creek, Wolf Creek and Bad Luck Creek.

Cunningham also stated in her report that during a mule deer survey flight, she observed 24 bighorns, three more than were transplanted.

“Given unknown numbers of un-observed bighorn and evidence of ewes beginning to separate from the herds to move to lambing terrain, it is clear that some number of the 2015 transplanted bighorn have indeed established in their new winter range,” Cunningham said.

While these counts are up from previous years, Cunningham reported the lamb to ewe ratio was “well below long term average” with just 21 lambs per 100 ewes. Because of the low lamb ratio, FWP reduced ewe licenses to a within-quota-range adjustment from 20 ewes to five ewes.

This means the quota changes happen based on biology of the sheep.

“Had the sheep been more productive, I could have higher licenses,” said Cunningham, referring to harvest and ewe licenses.

Better outcome

Cunningham attributes snow conditions and the 2015 transplant to the current success of the sheep and said the success of the 2016 transplant will continue to be evaluated.

“The sheep that remained in the area in 2015 were able to make a living and I think the 2016 transplants were able to sync up with those sheep,” she said. “Things are trending in a positively good direction.”

If this success continues, Cunningham said there could be more sheep licenses, which help bring capital to the county.

“I’m really excited,” she said. “Having more sheep across the mountain should be a source of great pride – so many local residents were involved (in the process) from the political inception to the actual execution.”



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The Taylor-Hilgard bighorn sheep herd. Biologists and researchers have seen success in the 2016 transplant, including new, established ranges..

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Jonnie N. Bigelow, loving wife, mother, nanny, sister and friend to many, slipped into the arms of Jesus on Monday, April 18, 2016, at her home in Apache Junction, Ariz.

She was born Feb. 15, 1937, in Ennis to Jacqueline

and Roy Wiedenmeyer.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Roy and Jacqueline Wiedenmeyer, and sibling Roy Lynn Wiedenmeyer.

She moved from Montana to Arizona in 1989 to be closer to family. Jonnie

Jonnie N. Bigelow

February 15, 1937 – April 18, 2016

worked in the retail industry most of her life.

Jonnie is survived by her husband of 59 years Clifford Bigelow; daughters Kathy (Dan) Ernst, Tammie (John) Boule, Chip (Missi) Bigelow; grandchildren Nick, Dylan, Tyler, Katey, Connor and

Zac; sister LaDon Nelson and brother Roy Wiedenmeyer; brother-in-law Clyde (Roberta) Bigelow; and Patsy (Tom) Savage; and many much loved nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of Jonnie's life will be held in Apache

Junction on May 15, 2016, at 10 a.m. followed by a lunch at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Cliff Bigelow at 301 S. Signal Butte #915, Apache Junction, Arizona 85120 to help with memorial expenses.



Donald LeRoy Mantha (Curly), age 92, born May 11, 1923, to Alphonse and Amelia Pauline (Fischer) Mantha passed away April 26, 2016. Don was born in Laurin, going to school there and Virginia City. While in high school he loved participating in sports – basketball, football and track – and was quite good at them. He followed sports the rest of his life. Even toward the end he remembered his Yankees and

shouted out when they won.

Just shy of graduating, Don joined the Army and became a World War II veteran after serving in the Pacific Theater from April 1943 to November 1945. He survived serious conflicts never bringing them to light until very late in life.

Don married Florence Jane Nolte (Bebe) June 19, 1950, in Twin Bridges and made his home there for the rest of his life.

Don worked on the Northern Pacific Railroad for 20 years and 20 more at Montana State Children's Center. He lived to hunt each fall of every year going with family members or by himself. He was a master carpenter throughout his life. He will be remembered as a regular face having coffee at the Blue Anchor and Wagon Wheel, also for walking miles and miles to and from the Big Hole River after his retire-

ment.

Surviving are his wife, Bebe; three daughters: Paulette Jane (Mike) Stanphill of Malad, Idaho, Donna Lee Mantha of Augusta, and Kristy Lynn Sewell of Eugene, Ore. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Also surviving are his two sister-in-laws: Gloria Mantha and Inez Mantha, and a brother-in-law, Ed McRea.

Don was preceded in death

by his parents; brothers: William (Bill), Emory (Mick) and Paul Mantha; and sisters Norma Jean (infant), Lois Grose and Ruth McRea. Under direction of K&L Mortuary, cremation has taken place and memorial services to be at a later date. Special thanks to all those who took such good care of Dad at Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Dr. Molly Biehl and our Aunt Gloria. As Dad would say, "TM OKAY!"

Donald LeRoy Mantha

May 11, 1923 – April 26, 2016

Claire Lucie Wachtler

July 28, 1979 – April 11, 2016



Claire Lucie Wachtler passed away at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City on April 11, 2016.

Claire was the granddaughter of Chester and Joan Lloyd Jones. She visited them in the Madison Valley from the time she was a small child and loved the house in south Jeffers where they lived. She traveled and

lived around the world and thought of their place as her home. More recently she lived in Bozeman and continued to visit Ennis frequently.

Claire was truly sui generis; she had her own way of looking at the world. She always dressed in her own style and was loving and generous to others. She was a fine cook and trained at the

California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. She worked for several years as a personal chef before coming to Montana.

Claire was preceded in death by her grandparents, Chet and Joan, and George and Viola Wachtler (Minnesota). Her aunts, Jane Wachtler Becker and Amy Wachtler, also passed away before her. Her uncle Chris-

topher (Kit) Lloyd Jones died before she was born.

She has left behind two sisters; Caroline Wachtler (Benny Liberg) of Stockholm, Sweden and Elizabeth Wachtler Marshall (Callum) of London, England. She is also survived by nieces, Agnes and Edith, and nephew, Dag who live in Stockholm. Her aunt Lucie (Lloyd Jones) Murphy from

Deer Lodge and uncle Tikker Lloyd Jones were beloved Montana connections. Her parents are Margaret (Lloyd Jones) and Joel Wachtler who make their home in the same house in south Jeffers.

Memorial donations can be made to the Gallatin Mental Health Center in Bozeman. A memorial service for Claire will be held in the summer.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Wesley Shirley

1923 – April 27, 2016

Elizabeth (Betsy) Wesley Shirley, 93, passed away at her home, on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

She was born in 1923 and grew up in Monroe, Mich. After graduating from high school she went to Arizona in 1942. There

she met and married Forrest Shirley, who soon went into the Army and served his country in Europe for three years during World War II.

In the summer of 1948 they moved to Montana and settled

on Cold Springs Creek near the Madison River. Their four children attended Cherry Creek School and later Harrison School. Boys who needed a home were welcomed into the family, and on weekends, many dear friends

would gather to share good times. Forrest died in 1985 and her only daughter, Elaine, died in 1999.

She is survived by three sons, Ken (Jackie) of Ennis, Stuart (Annie) of Melstone, and Forrest of Idaho; son-in-law Roland Moore

of Norris; special sons Johnny France of Ennis, Buck and Smokie Brannaman of Wyoming, Carl Tallman of Washington, Joe Ray of Belgrade and Royce Sene of Emigrant; and many grandchildren. She loved her Lord and her

church family at Assembly of God in Ennis.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokken-nelson.com

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REPUBLICAN VOTERS

RESOLUTION CENSURING REPRESENTATIVE RAY SHAW (HOUSE DISTRICT 71) MADISON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE April 19, 2016

WHEREAS, the Democrat Party and the MEA-MFT successfully persuaded their members to cast ballots in Republican primaries held in June 2014 for candidates they deemed to be least likely to follow Republican principles;

WHEREAS, Democrat crossover voting provided the margin of victory in multiple legislative primary races in June 2014 and diluted the votes cast by Republican voters – this included, in all likelihood, House District 71, where crossover voting likely provided the margin of victory for Ray Shaw during the 2014 primary election;

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2014, the State GOP Central Committee voted to amend the bylaws of the Montana Republican Party to assert the party's desire to select its own candidates by closed primary elections;

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2015, the State GOP Central Committee at convention in Helena, Montana voted to join the lawsuit challenging Montana's open primary law;

WHEREAS, Rep. Shaw voted in favor of HB 454, a bill intended to (1) undermine the State GOP's lawsuit to close primary elections and (2) remove from County Central Committees the authority to select their Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen and placed that authority in the hands of the State Chair and State Central Committee

WHEREAS, the Madison County Republican Central Committee and seven other County Republican Central Committees are continuing to pursue the open primary lawsuit to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The Democrat Party of Hawaii is likewise pursuing an open primary appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Rep. Shaw's vote in favor of HB 454 was in direct conflict with the Madison County Republican Central Committee and our 1st amendment "right of association."

WHEREAS, other votes by Rep. Shaw during the 64th Montana Legislative session were in direct conflict with the Montana Republican Party platform:

1.) HB 2 Appropriations bill. Rep. Shaw's YES vote increased state spending over 20 percent for the biennium.
2.) HB 99 Revise fuel tax laws. Rep. Shaw's

YES vote would increase fuel taxes and also allows for a local option fuel tax.

3.) HB 496 Establish public lands task force. Rep. Shaw voted NO to improving management.

4.) HB 587 Ban medication abortions by video conferencing. Rep. Shaw's 3rd reading final vote NO.

5.) HB 596 Establish public charter schools. Rep. Shaw's NO vote showed his support for teachers unions, not students.

6.) HB 598 Referendum for gun owner's access to justice act. Rep. Shaw's NO vote prevented voters from 2nd amendment justice and right to bear arms.

7.) HB 615 Revising laws related to fundamental rights under the Montana Constitution. Rep. Shaw's 2nd reading NO vote killed the bill.

8.) SB 262 Creating new off reservation tribal and Federal water rights. Rep. Shaw's 3rd reading YES vote did not stop the filing of 10,000 new tribal water rights statewide, and caused the elimination of property rights of non-native American reservation landowners.

9.) SB 289 Revise campaign finance laws. Rep. Shaw's 3rd reading YES vote will also affect churches.

10.) SB 405 Expand health care coverage and Medicaid. Rep. Shaw's YES vote will have a cost in 2019 of \$352,951,412.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

The Madison County Republican Central Committee hereby censures State Representative Ray Shaw and withdraws support for his candidacy for House District 71 in the 2016 elections for:

- Failure to honor the platform of the Montana Republican Party
- Seeking to replace local control of Madison County Republican Central Committee
- Seeking to undermine the Montana Republican Party by appealing to non-Republicans to remain in office.

The Secretary of the Madison County Republican Central Committee is hereby directed to distribute a copy of the Censure to every Republican Legislator in the State of Montana.

Authorized by a vote of the Madison County Republican Central Committee's Executive Board and of the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen in attendance during the meeting in April 19, 2016.

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Preserving the fairgrounds

County, fair board wants to protect buildings, plan for the future

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The Madison County commissioners recently

asked the county's on-call engineers, Great West Engineering, to create a needs assessment document for the Madison County Fairgrounds. "It's a facility needs assessment," explained

commissioner Dave Schulz. "We need to evaluate the overall conditions of the fairgrounds – all the infrastructure."

A majority of the buildings that comprise the fairgrounds were built 80 or 90 years ago, and some of them are starting to show their age.

"We know we have some ongoing issues with the round building," Schulz said. "One of the bottom logs is starting to rot. We also know there are issues with the cinderblock bathrooms and we would like to do something to make them operational."

Fairgrounds manager Dana Escott pointed out that a portion of the fairgrounds is located in the Beaverhead River's floodplain.

"There's never been a floodplain evaluation done," she said. "It would be handy to have as we go ahead. If we ever have to build a structure or remodel an existing one, we have to have that."

Schulz said the facility needs assessment will include a floodplain evaluation.

Increasing volume

Another reason the county is keeping the fairgrounds at the forefront is because the volume of fair participants has only grown in the last 10 years.

"All our 4-H numbers have gone up," Escott said. "Our fair has grown every year. We're growing and growing and our facility is still the

same."

In addition to the fair, use of the grounds has been on the rise.

"Our buildings are historic," Escott added. "People come use these buildings year round. We have 40 events scheduled here for this summer. The facility is getting used more and more all the time."

The needs assessment does not lock the county into doing anything, Schulz said. Instead, it lets them know the current conditions while planning for the future.

"Long story short, this overall plan analysis is just to take a look at a gamut of questions, especially because the area is flood-prone," Schulz concluded. "If we construct a building, where do we put it and what mitigation do we have to do on it? What are the conditions of all our buildings? How is our parking working?"

At the end of the day, Schulz said he believes Madison County has one of the "best" fairgrounds in the state.

"It's in a great location – in Madison County but at a crossroads of highways so it's accessible," he said. "It's a neat fairgrounds and a great campus. There is a lot of passion from many people who want to take care of it. We need to realize, with the fair board, that we need to protect the structures we have and then plan for the future."

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Many of the buildings at the Madison County Fairgrounds were built 80 to 90 years ago, so the county is interested in establishing a preservation plan.



TRUSTEE of the YEAR

Twin Bridges library trustee earns statewide award

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Kerstin Clark of Twin Bridges recently received the 2016 Montana Library Association's Trustee of the Year award for her work and dedication serving as the chair for the Twin Bridges Public Library Board of Trustees.

Clark moved to Twin Bridges nine years ago and immediately got involved with the library.

"I first started volunteering for story hour and after I did that, I was asked to be on the board," Clark said, adding she does not know who nominated her for the award.

"It was anonymous," she said. "I have a guess but I don't really know."

"Clark was selected for this award based on a set of criteria including service to her local library and participation in state and national activities, advocacy for her local library and her interest and contribution to the development of library practices," said Anne Kish, former board

trustee.

Clark has been on the library board for eight years and has helped to transform the library to "meet the information and learning needs of the community," according to Kish.

Kish presented Clark with the award at the Montana Library Association ceremony in Missoula at the beginning of April.

"(Clark) made the library extremely popular with children and teens and has single-handedly implemented an early literacy program," said Kish, adding the numbers of attendees at library events has significantly gone up.

"I'm very honored but I didn't get it myself," said Clark, adding all the board members and volunteers work hard for the library. "It feels like we've done a lot for the town that I've grown to love."

Thanks to her work on the board, the library has increased their success in "grant writing, forming new partnerships, improving available technology for the community and making us of

emerging technology," Kish said.

"(Clark's) leadership has established the Twin Bridges Public Library as a vital part of the community," she added.

"I think it's a real anchor in the community," said Clark, referring to local libraries. "They provide so many services and is kind of a safe haven – it's a community resource vital for small towns."



Kerstin Clark



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sophia Du-Pond Rangel:
You are never too young to give back

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Thirteen-year-old Sophia Du-Pond Rangel is proving that giving back to your community is important at any age.

Rangel was nominated by the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center for the Young Adult Volunteer of the Year Award through the Montana Health Care Association for her volunteer work with the TRMCC residents, and was awarded a plaque on April 5.

"My dad told me about it and I just wanted to go and help," said Rangel. "Volunteering there makes me happy."

"Our residents have taken to her like she is their grandchild," said Gail Nelson in press release from TRMCC. "You could say she has many adopted grandparents."

Rangel moved to Sheridan with her family last summer after her older brother spent time in the Ruby Valley as a foreign exchange student. Originally from Mexico, Rangel had to overcome language and reading barriers with the residents, but that has not stopped her from taking time to give back. According to Nelson, Rangel has even taught some residents about her culture.

"Most of the time we play BINGO," said Rangel. "Or I read to them and mostly just talk to them."

Rangel said before she started school, she was seeing the residents everyday, but now makes sure to go every Friday and Saturday.

"I try to go sometimes if I don't have homework," she said.

In her press release, Nelson said Rangel, along with the activity staff, started "beauty hour" for the residents, where they give manicures and pedicures,

shaves for the gentlemen and "whatever else they can imagine."

"She has encouraged some of our residents that would rather stick to themselves to come out for activities ... (Rangel) is a kind, gentle soul that is caring and compassionate and we are so proud of her," said Nelson.

For Rangel, volunteering and being with the residents is just as important to her as it is to them.

"I think it's helpful for them, especially when their families aren't there," she said. "It makes me happy – they just need a little bit of love."

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4/24/16 – 4/30/16

4/24/16
 Coroner call in Sheridan
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 41 MM 59 Silver Star

4/25/16
 Medical aid in 100 Blk Dyk Road Harrison
 Animal complaint on S First St Ennis
 Coroner call in Alder

4/26/16
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 62 Norris
 Medical aid in 200 Blk N Main St Ennis
 Medical aid in 300 Blk Water St Sheridan
 Medical aid in 300 Blk W Main St Ennis
 Welfare check on Sky View Lane Dr Ennis

4/27/16
 Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 13 Virginia City
 Wildlife complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 56.5 McAllister
 Alarm in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis
 Medical aid on Toledo Mine Road Sheridan
 Welfare check in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis
 Medical aid in 100 Blk Flick Lane Sheridan
 Suspicious circumstances on US Hwy 287 MM 8 Cameron
 Disturbance at Comley Way and Steffens St Ennis
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 63 Norris
 Wildlife complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 40 Cameron
 Coroner call in Norris

4/28/16
 Medical aid on Badger Road Ennis
 Theft complaint in 200 Blk N Madison St Twin Bridges
 Suspicious circumstances at Middle Rd and

Silver Spring Road Sheridan
 Wildlife complaint in 3500 Blk MT Hwy 287 Sheridan
 Suspicious circumstances in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis
 Warrant in 100 Blk S Boulder Road Cardwell
 Welfare check in 500 Blk W Hugel St Ennis
 Public safety complaint in 600 Blk Comley Way Ennis
 Accident at Main St and Pony Road Pony
 Disturbance in 600 Blk Nicole Way Ennis

4/29/16
 Abandoned vehicle on Wilson Lane Sheridan
 Citizen assist in 100 Blk Washington Creek Road McAllister
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 40 Cameron
 Suspicious circumstances in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis
 Assault in the Sheridan area
 Accident on Ramshorn Creek Road Sheridan

4/30/16
 Medical aid in 300 Blk Melrose Road Twin Bridges
 Citizen assist in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 77 Harrison
 Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 74 Harrison
 Traffic complaint on Harrison Lake Road Harrison
 Assault on MT Hwy 287 MM 23-24 Alder
 Threats in 200 Blk E 9th Ave Twin Bridges
 Suspicious circumstances in 300 Blk E Williams St Ennis

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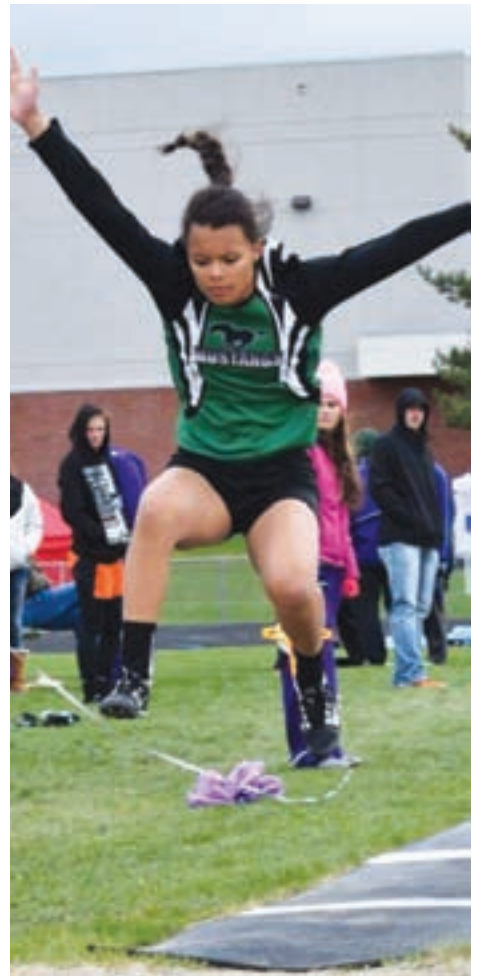


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(L) Austin Baum took third in the 200 meter dash. (R) Krysta Saunders took third in triple jump during the meet in Manhattan last weekend, April 30.

Ennis track results

SUBMITTED BY
MICHELLE WRZESINSKI
Ennis Schools

Boys

100 meter dash
Tanner Wood, fourth place 11.56
Austin Baum, seventh place 11.86
Wade Luly, eighth place 12.00

200 meter dash
Tanner Wood, first place 24.29
Austin Baum, third place 24.92
Wade Luly, fourth place 24.93

400 meter dash
Wade Luly, seventh place 55.20

110 Hurdles
Cleet Wrzesinski, first place 15.84

4x100 relay
Corbin Wood, Tanner Wood, Austin Baum, Cleet Wrzesinski, second place 44.06

Shot put
Ty Morgan, fourth place 42'10"

Discus
Ty Morgan, second place 144'11"

Long jump
Corbin Wood, first place 20'6"

Girls

400 meter dash
Josie Jenkins, fourth place 1:04

4x100 relay
Krysta Saunders, Josie Jenkins, Wrenzi Wrzesinski, Danika Philpott, first place 52.23

4x400 relay
Krysta Saunders, Danika Philpott, Wrenzi Wrzesinski, Josie Jenkins, first place 4:20

Discus
Caitlin Klatt, fourth place 88'4"

Javelin
McKenzy Shields, sixth place 82'8"

High jump
Jourdain Klein, second place 5'3"

Pole vault
Ravyn Boyd, seventh place 7'1"

Triple jump
Krysta Saunders, third place 30'3"

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Drivers urged to be alert for motorcycles

SUBMITTED BY JIM MORROW
Director of Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety

In a year when motorcycle-riding season began as much as six weeks early, safety officials are concerned about a possible spike in rider deaths. In the last 10 years in Montana, 283 motorcyclists have died and more than 1,500 have been seriously injured in motorcycle crashes. Most crashes occur during the five month peak period of May through September.

Because it is the start of prime riding season, May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Motorists are being reminded to watch out for motorcycles and share the road safely.

In three out of four crashes between a motorcycle and a motor vehicle, the motorcycle collision is frontal, according to facts from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The majority of these crashes occur because the driver of the motor vehicle pulled in front of the mo-

torcyclist.

"Of all the vehicles in the roadway, motorcycles are among the most vulnerable. Motorcycles are smaller, so they are harder to see. Their relative size also makes it more difficult to judge their speed accurately," said Jim Morrow, director of Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety. "Look twice and actively search the lanes and intersections ahead and behind for an approaching motorcycle. Use your mirrors and signals before you enter traffic or change lanes."

Motorcycles are not only less visible than cars, they are also less stable and often have high performance capabilities. A motorcycle crash is much more likely to result in serious injury or death. NHTSA reports that per mile traveled in 2013, the number of deaths on motorcycles was over 26 times the number in cars.

While motorists need to be alert for motorcycles, motorcyclists also have a responsibility to keep themselves safe, according to Morrow.

"They can learn defensive riding and maneuvering skills and make sure they have the right protective gear," said Morrow.

The Montana Department of Transportation and the Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety Program offer the following advice for drivers and riders to share the road safely. Prevention of motorcycle crashes is critical to reaching Vision Zero, zero deaths and zero

serious injuries on Montana roads.

Tips for drivers

- Respect all other vehicles on the road.
 - Keep your full attention on driving and avoid distractions.
 - Allow a motorcyclist the full lane width—never try to share a lane.
 - Perform a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots at intersections and before entering or exiting a lane of traffic.
 - Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.
 - Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.
- #### Tips for motorcycle riders
- Take a motorcycle safety course (<http://motorcycle.msun.edu>).
 - Wear brightly colored or reflective protective gear.
 - Wear a DOT-compliant helmet.
 - Strategically use your lane position to see and be seen.
 - Stay alert—and slow down when approaching left turns or intersections in anticipation of other drivers' actions.
 - Use signals in advance when changing lanes or turning.
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Saturday	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Lows 35 to 40. Highs 50 to 60.
Sunday	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Lows 35 to 40. Highs 50 to 60.
Monday	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Highs 60-70.

Quote of the Week:

"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm."

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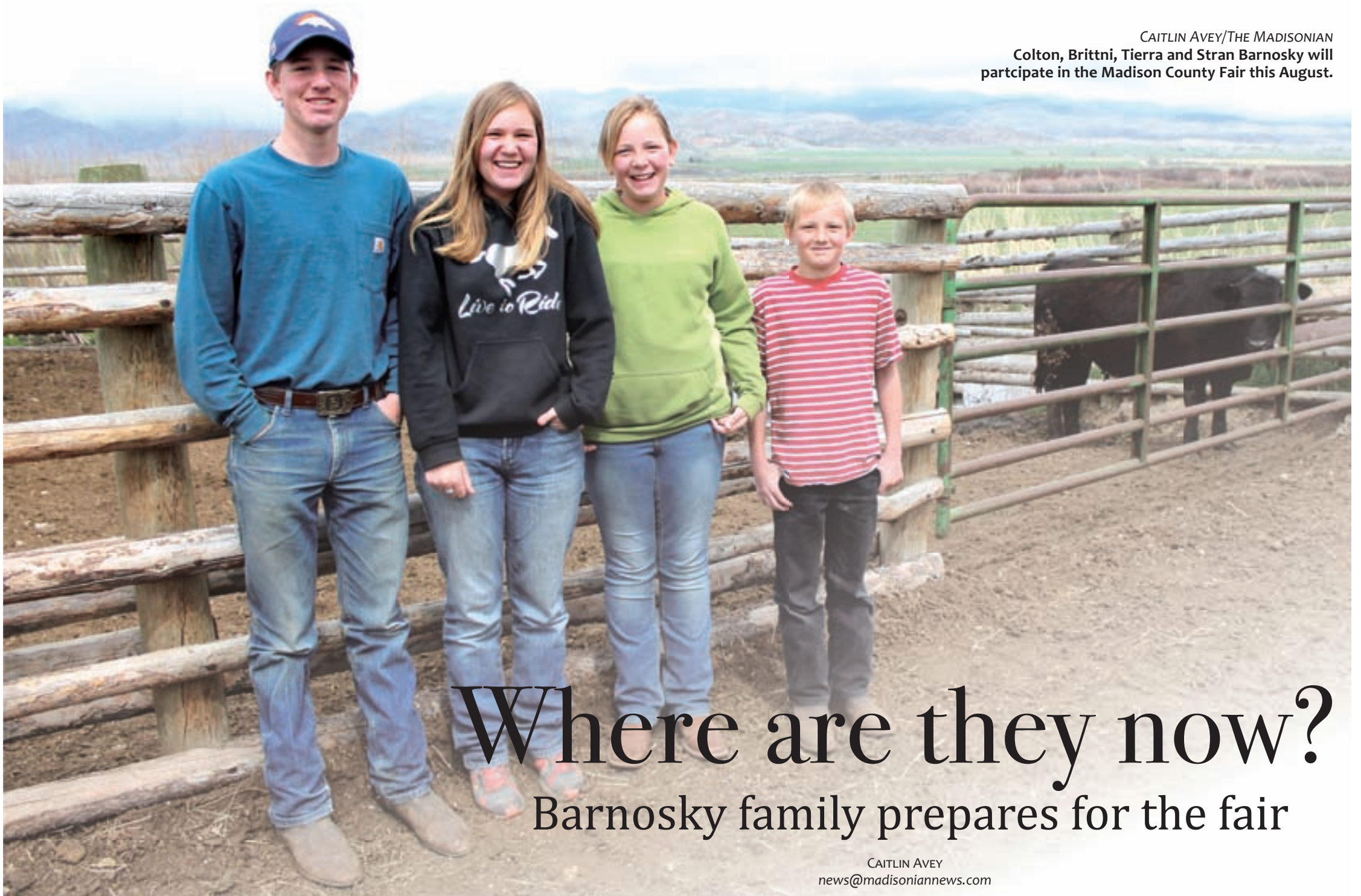
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Colton, Brittni, Tierra and Stran Barnosky will participate in the Madison County Fair this August.



Where are they now?

Barnosky family prepares for the fair

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On a cool, overcast afternoon, the rain began to drop on the Barnosky's big, red barn. "That's Larry, Buddy and Colton's doesn't have a name," said 14-year-old Brittni Barnosky, pointing to three anxious and good sized steers. "Grab a halter and let's send them through the shoot," Jake Barnosky told his kids.

A quick moment of panic mixed with excitement hit their faces as their younger siblings giggled and lined the fence, ready to be entertained.

Brittni and her oldest brother, Colton, are still in the early stages of preparing their 4H steers for the Madison County Fair in August, having only worked with the steers on the halter a few times prior. As they approached the pen, the 1,000 pound animals mood and hollered their way to the back of the corral, as Brittni, Colton and their younger brother Stran got the beasts lined in the shoot.

"C'mon!" and "Let's go!" were shouted as Brittni, Colton and Stran tried to push Larry, Buddy and No-name through the shoot. After a few minutes of persuasion, Buddy, the Barnosky's extra steer incase something happens to Larry or No-name, quickly jumped through the shoot and into the open pasture.

Up next was Larry. "Once we get them haltered and tied to the fence, the kids will pet them and get them used to being touched," said Jake as he held the shoot doors,

ready to catch the steer.

After a couple minutes of coaxing and a quick trip through a pond, Larry and No-name were haltered and tied to the fence. Brittni and Colton each took a steer and began stroking their backs and rubbing their bellies.

Soon enough, the two were calm.

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This year will mark Brittni and Colton's sixth and seventh years, respectively, attending the fair and participating in 4H.

"You don't realize how much you learn from 4H," said Colton.

"And the responsibility it teaches you too," added Brittni.

While the fair is still four months away, there is a lot of work that goes into getting a steer ready to look good for fair and the market sale.

"We feed them morning and evening, I usually feed them in the morning and Brittni feeds in the evening," said Colton, adding that the market steers get pellets and free choice hay. "We'll use curry combs to brush their hair so it grows in a direction that helps show them off at market."

In July, Brittni and Colton will spend every day walking their steers from the barn to their house just a short distance down the road, getting them used to traffic and being led on a halter.

"Gravel also helps to trim

their hooves," said Colton.

Keeping the steers in top market weight is another challenge the two have to be aware of. With the cutoff for market at 1,350 sellable pounds, Colton and Brittni have to determine how much food to give based off the animals current and projected weight.

"I like learning how to get their weight correct," said Colton, adding that they take the steer's average daily gain and number of days till fair to figure out an equation.

Brittni said she most enjoys getting to know the animals she works with through 4H and fair.

"They all really do have different personalities," she said.

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While working with a steer can be intimidating and a challenge, that has not and will not stop the Barnosky kids from working with the animals, as both Brittni and Colton said they will continue to take steers to the fair – their younger siblings, Tierra and Stran, are also hoping to take a 4H steer when they reach the appropriate age. "You have to be 12 by a certain date – I just barely missed it this year," said 12-year-old Tierra, who is in her fourth year of 4H.

Nine-year-old Stran still has a couple years before he can take a 4H steer but said both he and Tierra are preparing by taking lambs.

"We won't get our market

lambs till next week – they're a lot easier to work with," he joked.

Aside from animals, all four 4H Barnosky kids also take an indoor project – be it wood-working, photography, rockets or a craft.

"I'm taking photography too," Tierra said. "I like to hangout and take pictures of pretty places."

Stran is taking a rocket project, which he has to build and demonstrate for fair judges.

"It's pretty fun," he said. Colton and Brittni also have a secondary project; Colton is hoping to construct a mechanical roping dummy to show off to the judges while Brittni is planning a self-determined project.

"I'm going to braid horse reins out of paracord," she said after getting the idea from her grandfather.

* * *

Being raised on the ranch has helped pique the interest of all kids in participating in 4H and the fair, but the benefits gained from participating are much greater than just working on the ranch, according to their dad, Jake.

"They learn a lot from their peers at the fair," he said. "They might have a friend that's really accomplished in something they aren't and it's neat to see them learn from each other. That's the cool part of 4H."

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Top: Colton wrestles with Larry the steer in an attempt to get him tied to the fence.

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Bottom: Brittni and No-name work on building a relationship and getting the steer used to be haltered.

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Wellness. We all want to achieve it or maintain it, but what is it and how do we get it?

First introduced as a concept in behavioral health (mental illness and substance abuse) in 2006, wellness is a topic we are hearing more about as it relates to preventive strategies in medical care. Wellness has physical, intellectual, environmental, emotional, financial, social, spiritual and occupational dimensions. All eight dimensions affect our overall health and well being. Much of the following information comes from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (<http://www.samhsa.gov/>).

The **PHYSICAL** aspect of wellness is supported by recognizing the need for exercise, good nutrition, adequate sleep and appropriate medical care, immunizations and screening (Pap tests, EKG, screening for breast, cervical and prostate cancer, diabetes, melanoma, colon cancer and hypertension). As important as screening is, it is not a diagnosis. Your doctor will follow up abnormal results to confirm a diagnosis. Then YOU need to follow through with recommended treatment.

The **INTELLECTUAL** dimension of wellness is characterized by recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills. For example, computers are available in every library; they provide access to the Internet, a vast reservoir of informa-

tion. Adult education classes, books and musical performances are additional ways to expand your intellect.

The **ENVIRONMENTAL** dimension of wellness refers not only to our beautiful Montana surroundings but also to occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well being. Some people prefer to live in town, while others prefer a rural setting. Your home should be safe and secure. Clutter and owning more things than you need can become overwhelming (17 percent percent of adults are hoarders!). Some homes require a lot of upkeep, others practically care for themselves. Certain programs such as supported housing, Section 8 housing, LIHEAP (aid with heating in the winter) and housing rehabilitation programs can improve environmental health. Getting outside and engaging in healthful activities promotes wellness.

EMOTIONAL wellness comes from developing skills and strategies to cope with the demands of life, including stress. It is important to recognize emotional problems such as depression, anxiety, phobias and excessive use of alcohol or drugs, and to seek professional help when these interfere with your enjoyment of living or with carrying out day-to-day responsibilities.

FINANCIAL wellness is satisfaction with your current and future financial situation. This may feel like a situation that is out of your control, but financial wellness is about more than making a lot of money. Budgeting, paying bills on time and saving for the future are all parts of finan-

cial health. Credit counseling can help if you have excessive credit card debt. Certain state or federal programs help supplement salaries for those who are having trouble making ends meet. Examples include SNAP (food stamps), free or reduced price school lunches, Medicaid and Medicare, Healthy Montana Kids and WIC (aid to women, infants, children). Making plans to enter a new line of work or career may improve satisfaction and/or actual earnings.

SOCIAL wellness is important for a sense of connection and self-esteem. Everyone needs friends and family that can act as a support system. Having a social network allows you to give help and get help when it's needed. A situation rarely seems so threatening or scary when a friend faces it with you. Friends are usually people who you feel understand you and share your interests.

SPIRITUAL wellness is an ongoing search for meaning and purpose in our lives. For many people, belief in a higher power is part of spiritual wellness. This power may be found in organized religion, in awe at the complexity and wholeness of the natural world, or in a personal spiritual practice. Our spiritual grounding can be found either in solitude or with a group of like-minded people. Spiritual beliefs often offer guidance about how to live and relate to others.

The final dimension of Wellness is **OCCUPATIONAL**. This may be paid employment or volunteer service. Personal satisfaction and enrichment derive

in part from our work. Some people like to work as part of a group employed by a common employer, and some prefer to be in business for themselves. Resources such as vocational rehabilitation and online courses can help you become more qualified for a job you may want.

The dimensions of wellness connect all aspects of our health. The effort to achieve or maintain good health is a personal responsibility.

Did you know that people with mental illness tend to die 20 years earlier than the general population? They often have chronic health conditions besides their mental disorder. Diabetes and diseases of the liver, lungs, heart and vascular system are more common in people with depression and related mental disorders. Many of the medications used to treat mental illness have side effects that can compromise physical health. Poor diets, smoking, substance abuse, lack of exercise and no preventive health care and monitoring also affect mental and physical health. Addressing these issues improves the lives of everyone, not just people with mental illness.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has launched a 10x10 wellness campaign. Its goal is to promote wellness for people with mental illness, by taking action to prevent and reduce early death by 10 years over the next 10 years. Looking at our lives from a wellness perspective is helpful to everyone. Maybe we can also extend our lives by 10 good years!

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

a time for healing



ARTWORK BY ANGELA MUELLER

Are you applying sunscreen properly?

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Protecting skin from the sun is one of the most important things you can do for your health. Unfortunately, many people fail to take sufficient measures year-round, but especially in summer when skin exposure tends to be at its peak.

Men can be particularly neglectful. Indeed, fewer than 15 percent of men use sunscreen regularly when outside

for more than an hour, according to the Center for Disease Control.

"This summer, make sun care a habit," urged Dr. Richard C. Kirkpatrick of the Brevard Skin and Cancer Center. "By finding a sunscreen you like that suits your activities, you'll be more apt to apply it often."

Kirkpatrick notes that with so many choices, finding sunscreen that works best for your lifestyle and properly applying it can be confusing.

Read labels for application instructions and to determine whether a given product is right for you, and consider these quick tips for maximum skin protection:

- Broad-spectrum sunscreens contain both UVA and UVB protection. Select one with an SPF of at least 30 and apply evenly 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors. One ounce is the right quantity to cover the whole body. Do not forget ears, back of neck, hands, tops of feet and top of the head, if exposed. Reapply every two hours and after swimming, sweating and towel drying.
- Going swimming? Use sunscreen engineered for water resistance. Whatever sunscreen you opt for, do not forget to reapply after exiting the water.
- If you are playing a sport where you need to keep hands

grease-free, use an alcohol-based gel that dries quickly. If you sweat a lot while working out or simply going about your day, avoid sunscreen running into your eyes with a solid stick formula.

• In the woods? Pack lightly by beating burn and bite with a sunscreen that is also an insect repellent.

• Do not let cost prevent you from taking care of yourself and your family's skin. Affordable sunscreens are available.

"Whether you're a long distance runner or a beach bum, sun protection should be part of your routine," said Kirkpatrick.

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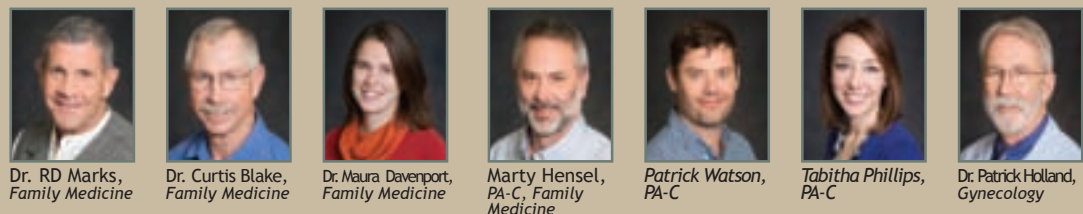
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HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

LULL BEFORE THE STORM

Savoring an all-too-fleeting interlude

After seven long months of winter, temperatures are rising in the tri-city (Harrison, Pony and Norris) region. Interspersed between rainy days, a few sunny, Carhartt-coverall-free days transpire. Wild game herds continue to lounge around the valley floors, where they can be leisurely observed. As a result, liberated locals are venturing outdoors to enjoy their home area in all its sparsely-populated splendor. There is, however, a sense of urgency to their activities. From past experience, residents recognize this all-too-fleeting interlude as – the lull before the storm!

Meanwhile, in far-flung corners of the country, maps are being unfolded and routes are being plotted. Automobile engines are being tuned up. Cameras, camp stoves, fishing rods, marshmallows, laptop computers, alpine hoverboards and other vacation necessities are being gathered. With bated breath, large numbers of people are waiting for the magic moment to arrive when they back out of their driveways and head this way. As of now, tri-city regional traffic remains light. Hence, local drivers can glance off the roads to look for the afore-mentioned wild critters without risking a nasty, multi-vehicle (cars, pickups, campers, boats, crotch rockets, tour buses, etc.) pileup. At the neighboring gas station, townsfolk don't have to kill valuable time waiting for a pump to become open. Even better, gas prices have not yet raised to their tourism-activated, wallet-gouging, teeth-gnashing, summer rates. Lastly, there are no lines of grimacing people frantically tap dancing outside occupied restrooms while waiting to satisfy their primordial urges. Presently, at local cafés, townsfolk get waited on before growing faint. Furthermore, they can savor a leisurely meal as opposed to scarfing down their grub to accommodate successive waves of visiting customers. Residents can still tie their horses outside local bars without the occasion

turning into a photo-op. Currently, campers can drive up Potosi Canyon without experiencing the unrivaled thrill of encountering a wide-bodied motor home on the narrow, cliff-encased, twisting, one-lane road. After reaching the campgrounds, camping spots are actually available. Migratory songbirds are still around to serenade area campers' mornings, as opposed to being blasted from slumber by tourists' boom boxes. Right now, there are even stretches of South Willow Creek where a resident fisherman can fish without having an out-of-state fisherman standing in his hip pocket. Even better, he can make a back cast without worrying about snatching off someone's fishing fedora. The Hollowtop trailhead has not yet been transformed into a Wal-Mart-like parking lot, complete with numbered lanes. Out at Willow Creek reservoir (aka Harrison Lake), the water remains icy cold. Hence, bank fisherman needn't concern themselves about being swept inland by tsunami-like, speed-boat and water-skier waves. Don't get me wrong. As a whole, tri-city dwellers are not resentful of tourists. Nor do they dread the tourist season. Every summer, a slew of interesting travelers arrive along with old friends who visit yearly. Additionally, they are an important part of the regional economy. It is also important to be grateful that we live in a nation where citizens are free to travel throughout the country without hindrance. However, all things considered, tri-city denizens should not be condemned for acting a little possessive during this all-too-fleeting interlude. In fact, they should be allowed to savor the uncrowded splendor of their home area without apology. After all, in a few short weeks, the lull before the storm will be as gone as the snow geese.

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



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PLANTING TIPS FOR BAREROOT TREES & SHRUBS

We all know that spring is for planting. There are a number of different options for getting trees and shrubs growing in our area, with one popular option being bareroot stock. But when it comes to planting bareroot stock, there are some important steps to keep in mind to ensure that the plants are set up for success. The following instructions are helpful for anyone looking to learn more about bareroot plants, or are planning to establish bareroot plants on their property. Information for these planting guidelines provided by: USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Program,

Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

What are bareroot plants? Bareroot plants are 1 to 3-year-old nursery stock that are dug, stored and shipped without soil or potting mix surrounding their roots. Bareroot plants are inexpensive, easy to plant and offer field grown hardiness. They

are an excellent choice for many hardwoods and some conifers used in conservation applications such as windbreaks, shelterbelts, living snowfences, buffers, riparian channel stabilization projects, reforestation programs, wildlife habitat enhancement plantings, xeriscapes and more. Proper planting of bareroot seedlings is one critical step in a successful conservation planting that includes a good design, proper site selection and preparation, appropriate species selection, quality nursery stock, suitable temporary storage and handling, correct planting and frequent, long term maintenance. Before you plant, always contact your local utility company to locate underground utilities! Always make sure that a plant's mature size will be appropriate for the site. Do not locate plants where they may eventually interfere with overhead power lines, pedestrian or vehicular traffic or buildings. Once you decide you are ready to start, follow these 12 steps

Step 1: Store seedlings properly before planting. Ideal storage is 33 to 35°F, 95+ percent relative humidity, in a wind-protected,

shaded area with the roots moist. Keep roots wrapped in moist burlap, peat moss, shredded paper, etc., to prevent drying. Step 2: If possible, plant on cloudy, cool, humid days. An old adage is, "The best days for planting are the worst for the planter." Avoid sunny, warm, dry and windy conditions that desiccate seedling roots. Plant sensitive species like conifers in the early morning. Avoid planting when there is a risk of freezing the roots. Step 3: Remove seedlings from storage only as needed. Plant seedlings as quickly as possible after removal from storage. Do not leave roots exposed to drying conditions even briefly. Do not leave roots exposed when taking breaks, repairing equipment, preparing a hole, etc. Step 4: Cull unhealthy plants. Even quality bareroot stock deteriorates quickly without strict environmental control. Discard seedlings with dark molds, seriously damaged roots or shoots or wrinkled, water-soaked bark. Step 5: Keep roots covered and protected at all times. Root systems should never be exposed to drying conditions, even briefly. Conifers are particularly sensitive. Dip roots in water for a few seconds after removal from storage. Keep roots covered with moist (not saturated) peat moss or burlap until directly before placement in the planting hole. Conversely, never leave seedlings in standing water. Step 6: Prepare an adequate planting hole. The hole should be two times wider and slightly deeper than the seedling root system. Holes too narrow or too shallow result in the problems. Break through hard or plow pans if present. Step 7: Place seedling in hole. Hold the seedling vertically in the hole with roots hanging

straight down and the root collar (stem:root system interface) at or just below grade. Adjust the size of the hole as needed. Step 8: Backfill the hole. Holding the seedling in place, gently backfill the hole with loose (not clumpy) soil. The final planting depth should place the root collar at or slightly below grade. Soil amendments are generally unnecessary although additions of peat moss to sandy soils improve water-holding capacity. Step 9: Saturate the hole. Use 3 to 5 gallons of water (more if necessary) to saturate the backfill and remove air pockets. Add water until a soupy consistency. If settling occurs, add more soil and water. If supplemental water is unavailable, firm the soil as described in Step 10. Step 10: Lightly firm the soil. After draining, lightly firm soil with your foot or hand to assure good root:soil contact and to secure the seedling in place. Never heel or stomp the backfill; it damages roots and soil structure. Step 11: Provide tree protection. Tree shelters, windscreens and weed barriers enhance seedling survival and growth. Use ventilated tubes to provide animal protection. Screens or shingles on the southerly and windward sides of seedlings provide sun and wind protection during early establishment. Woven fabric controls weeds that compete for moisture, nutrients and sunlight. Step 12: Monitor and maintain. Monitor weeds, soil moisture and general plant health. Provide weed maintenance, supplemental irrigation and plant care as needed over the growing season. It may seem like extra effort to follow so many steps, but when you have a healthy stand of trees or shrubs, it will all be worthwhile. Happy planting!

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

By Charlie Rossiter

Here we pick up where we left off ...

The fish limit was 10 fish per person and the three of us had, luckily, only 34. In all the times I'd been fishing with my father, we'd never been

stopped by a game warden, but we knew they existed. This happened to be the one day of the year that our local game warden happened to be in the area checking licenses and looking for other violations of Montana's fish and game laws. He arrived a couple of minutes after Dr. Long, who came sauntering up to the Jeep with his abundantly full creel. The warden introduced himself and politely asked to see our licenses while counting the number of fish in our posses-



Charlie Rossiter

sion. We showed our licenses, and while making small talk, the warden inquired to the whereabouts of my father. The warden had been in Sheridan for a decade and knew of my father's reputation as a fisherman. The three of us didn't say a thing until finally Dr. Long broke the silence and said, "He's just upstream around a couple of turns, trying to catch his first fish of the day." One thing I neglected to mention earlier was that one of my many uncles was the head of the area's Fish and Game department. As we were standing there talking to the warden, Dr. Long started to nonchalantly walk up the river. The game warden, taking note of this, coyly started to bird dog him about 200 feet behind. After a short walk, around a couple of blind turns, Dr. Long found my father, still fishing, and approached him saying, "Jig-

gers! Here comes the game warden!" My father instinctively dumped his creel of fish into a nearby juniper bush and started walking innocently back toward our rig. The game warden rounded the bend and politely said, "Doc, how nice to see you. Could I see your license? Oh, by the way, how'd you do fishing today?" Dad replied, "I had the worst day of fishing in my life and didn't catch a one." He showed his license to the officer and with that, the two doctors started walking back to the car. Upon arriving at the Jeep, Dad opened the doors and we started removing our fishing gear. A couple of minutes later, the game warden reappeared carrying his discarded fish, and walked into the clearing we were parked in. He walked directly up to my father, and staring him straight in the eyes said, "Dr. Rossiter, you should be

ashamed of yourself!" My father's expression was that of a bad puppy who was just caught peeing on a carpet. He tried to explain his lack of judgement and his reaction to his friend's warning, but the warden took out his ticket book and issued the old man a warning for too many fish. After presenting him with the ticket, he told my father, teasingly, that he thought this was the best ticket he had ever given out. He also mentioned that he had a district meeting with Dad's brother-in-law in Bozeman in a couple of days, and couldn't wait to tell him this story. In most of the subsequent years when our family would get together, Dad heard the story multiple times and had to eat a lot of crow. He never had the pleasure of meeting another game warden while fishing for the rest of his life, but he did learn to count to 10.

Commodity Insite! Commodities and irrational exuberance

by Jerry Welch

In the first two columns penned this year I predicted that 2016 would be known as, The Year of the Dollar, and that the dollar would be king compared to all other major currencies of the world. The dollar would be king, I reasoned, as the Fed was certain to hike rates due to a growing economy. And history shows that higher rates is bearish all markets except the dollar. However, and to my chagrin, the dollar slipped to a new 11 month low this week amid signs the United States economy is weakening due to lackluster consumer spending and rate hikes put on hold by the Fed. History also shows that when the dollar is weak and crude prices on the rise, there is a tendency for commodities to head north, not south, as I have been looking for all year. In late January as the dollar began to leak, crude oil prices bottomed around \$29 a

barrel and this week hit a new, five month high of nearly \$48 for a 62 percent rise. The combination of a lower dollar and higher crude also sent the CRB Index to a new, five month high. Since January, a host of individual markets have rallied dramatically. Markets such as soybeans, silver, gold, cocoa, cotton, lumber and sugar. Other than cattle and feeder cattle, there is nary a commodity not higher or sharply higher for the year. And of course, that is clearly evident because the CRB Index which is to commodities as the Dow Jones is to stocks, is now, as mentioned above, at its highest level in five months. As the commodity markets have suddenly morphed into a raging bull, there have been a number of articles about the rampant speculation underway in China. Understand that for the

past 10 years the saying, "as China goes, so go commodity values," is as right as rain. And here we are now with commodities across the board rising as if on a mission and it turns out the biggest and most aggressive speculators are coming from China. Talk is widespread the Chinese government is on the cusp of stepping up and cooling things off with commodity speculation. The government fears another bubble is in the making. One wire source says iron ore prices are up more than 30 percent for the year with steel futures up more than 50 percent. Only with the benefit of hindsight will we know if such dramatic rallies are excessive speculation or not. Regardless, the rise has been exceptionally positive for the psychology of traders and speculators and has in turn helped support all other hard asset markets.

Bloomberg News ran an article this week on the Chinese cotton futures market that was an eye opener. Despite the Exchanges raising fees and reducing the trading hours to curb speculation, cotton trading volume hit a five year high earlier in the week. According to Bloomberg, "The equivalent of 41 million bales of cotton traded in a single day on the Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange, the most in more than five years and enough to make almost nine billion pairs of jeans, or at least one for every person on the planet." The same Bloomberg article touted the concerns of Goldman Sachs that believes iron ore prices are headed for a 50 percent decline because the speculative trading volume with futures on a daily basis, "sometimes exceed annual imports." Daily trading volume is greater than annual imports with

the average iron ore or steel futures contracts held less than four hours. Think about that. The average futures contract is held for less than four hours. Gold prices have also soared upward and off to the best start in 30 years. But my favorite measuring gauge for gold prices is the ratio of gold to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as conceived by Campbell Harvey, a professor at Duke University and Claude Erb, a former commodities portfolio manager at TCW Group. They believe that gold is only a decent gauge of inflation when viewed over decades. Or centuries. What is their view of gold prices here at \$1,292 an ounce in light of the ratio of gold to the CPI? The fair value of gold based on their studies is the yellow metal should be trading at \$850 an ounce. But gold, similar to soybeans, crude oil, iron ore, cotton

and so on are currently caught up in a speculative fever that shows no signs of breaking. There is a mad rush to own commodities thanks to higher crude and a lower greenback. One of the most reliable and well known sayings on Wall Street is, "sell in May and go away." Exiting stocks in May and leaving the market alone until November has been a proven strategy that makes and saves money for investors and traders. Look it up and you will discover I am right about that. The speculative fever gripping commodities is intense, volatile and unpredictable. But it is also unwarranted based on supply-demand data. If and when the dollar stops moving south and crude oil north, most commodity markets will roll over and head south. Commodities are caught up in a bout of irrational exuberance that is certain to end sooner than later.

COMICS & PUZZLES



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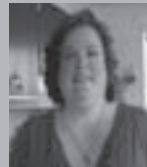
By Janet Tharpe

Fill the Jar With Grandma Helen's Oatmeal Cookies

"I have always loved these cookies!"



If you're looking for a non-traditional oatmeal cookie (no cinnamon or nutmeg here), try Laurie Sanders' Grandma Helen's Oatmeal Cookies recipe. It's one great cookie! I added coconut and really enjoyed unusual the mix of flavors. I love how you can customize the add-ins to your liking. I kept sneaking "just one" all day and think you will too.



Laurie Sanders
Seattle, WA
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See step-by-step photos of Laurie's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

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- Janet

Grandma Helen's Oatmeal Cookies

What You Need

- 1 c butter
- 1 c white sugar
- 1 c brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 large eggs, well-beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 c white flour
- 3 c quick oatmeal
- 2 c coconut (or nuts, raisins, dates, chocolate chips)

Directions

- Cream together butter, white sugar and brown sugar in a large bowl.
- Add eggs, vanilla, salt, baking soda, flour, oatmeal, coconut and mix.
- Either use a cookie scoop, drop and bake immediately or form the dough into 2" rolls in plastic and refrigerate until chilled then slice.
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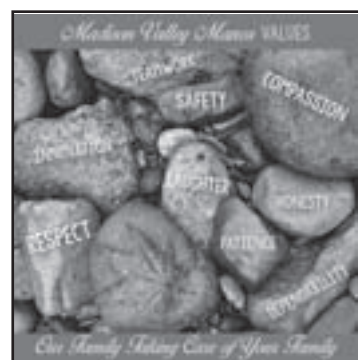
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Help Wanted: Harrison Public School is seeking a part-time janitor for the 2016-17 school year, to start in August of 2016. The position is approximately 30 hours per week at a rate of \$10.25 per hour. Please contact Mr. Hofman or District Clerk, Judi Ward for an application at the school or by calling 658-3428. 28-2-b

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

Looking to hire a Seasonal Irrigator/Plant Maintenance Assistant in Sheridan, Montana

Position Overview
The Seasonal Irrigator(s) will provide irrigation and plant care to habitat restoration plantings on a private ranch in Sheridan Montana. Work will be outdoors, 40 hours per week from approximately mid-May through the end of August. Pay is \$12-15.00 per hour, DOE. On-site housing may be provided if desired. We expect to fill two or three (2-3) positions from this recruitment.

General Responsibilities
•Provide regularly-scheduled irrigation to restoration plantings.
•Operate small irrigation pumps, irrigation lines, hoses, and watering buckets.
•Provide basic maintenance of irrigation lines and equipment, conduct simple repairs as necessary.
•Duties may include weeding, plant maintenance, and other plant care tasks as necessary.
•Must be able to work independently and be productive with minimal supervision.

Qualifications
•Ability to work outside for 8+ hours a day, in occasional inclement and extreme weather.
•Must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation.
•Interest/experience in natural resource management, native plant restoration, and/or horticulture is desired. The ideal candidate will have a passion for native plants, ecological restoration, and working outdoors.

HOW TO APPLY
Please send resumes and statement of interest to: Dave McAdoo, Associate Natural Resource Specialist, Ranch Resources, LLC dmcadoo@ranchresources.net 28-2-b

Seeking home healthcare provider for a single older female with limited mobility and a speech impairment. Duties include household upkeep, cooking, shopping, and driving client as needed. Variable hours with flexible schedule, part time, wage doe, call Nick Efta at 406-581-9990 for interest. 28-3-b

Summer "nanny" needed for 2 fun kids, one eight yo., one 5 yo. Looking for someone with high energy, reliability and creativity who will keep the kids active and entertained throughout the summer months. Must have driver's license/car. Hours would typically be 7:30 am to 5:30 pm during weekdays. Definite chance for extra hours on occasion on weekends. Call 570-0254 if interested. Pay DOE. Help Wanted: Part time bartender wanted. Apply at the Silver Dollar Saloon Tues. thru Friday 11 to 4. 27-2-b

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

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

Experienced Carpenters wanted! Excellent working conditions and wages. Interesting projects. Benefits follow probationary period. Call: Yellowstone Custom Country Homes at (406)842-5068 or e-mail your resume to: wesley@bigskybuilders.com 27-tfc-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

Place Your Classified 682-7755

JOB NOTICE - DEPUTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT:
The Madison County Clerk of District Court is accepting applications until filled for the full-time position of Deputy Clerk of District Court. The Deputy Clerk assists the Clerk as the official keeper of all District Court records and is responsible for performing a multitude of considerably difficult, wide-ranging clerical duties with accuracy, timeliness and confidentiality. Job requires good note taking skills and basic knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel. Starting wage is \$17.53 per hour. Interested candidates may request a full job description and employment application by contacting the Clerk of District Court's office at 406-843-4230 or by email at kmiller@mt.gov. Applications can also be obtained through the county website at www.madison.mt.gov or Montana Job Service. The application and a complete resume should be sent to Clerk of District Court, PO Box 185, Virginia City, MT 59755. Madison County is an equal opportunity employer. 28-2-b

JOB NOTICE:
The Board of Madison County Commissioners will be accepting applications until filled for one permanent/part-time road crew position in the Ennis area. This position starts at \$17.14 per hour for approximately 40 hours per week starting immediately. Primary duties will be assisting the Ennis road crew doing maintenance on county roads. The position requires a Class A CDL, with Air Brake and Tanker endorsements. Interested candidates may request a job description and employment application by contacting the Madison County Commissioners' office at 406-843-4277, via e-mail at madco@madison.mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madison.mt.gov. Madison County is an equal opportunity employer. 28-2-b

FOR RENT

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Studio apartment for rent in Ennis. Call Jamie 581-9219. 7-tfc-b

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

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Indoor & Outdoor RV/Boat storage, storage units. Ennis, 682-7442 18-tfc-b

FOR RENT: Call Apex Management at 682-7112 or 581-0103 for long term or vacation rentals in Ennis and the Madison Valley. 1-tfc

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:
1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$650 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

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FOR RENT: Duplex apartments. 1 Br. W/D, AC. 1 year lease. \$750/month, utilities included. N/S, no dogs. In Ennis. Call Erich Vogeli at 406-682-5737. Security Deposit. 26-tfc-b

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1999 3/4 ton Chevy Silverado 2500. 235,000 miles. Gooseneck hitch. \$2,500 OBO. 406-890-8735.

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FOR SALE
Vintage trash burner, ideal for shop use. \$150.
Factory new E220 Weber Spirit LP Black BBQ grill in shipping box. \$550. Selling at \$399.
Call 682-7466.
28-4-b

Bozeman Gem and Mineral Show. At the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Bozeman. May 7, 10 am - 6 pm. May 8, 10 am to 4 pm. 18 vendors selling rocks, fossils, gems, minerals and home decor. \$3 admission good for both days. Children 12 and under free. Mothers \$2 on Sunday. 28-1-p

New king bedroom set \$950; new Lane cedar chest \$250; like new 8-drawer dresser \$100; new jewelry chest \$150; large wood lathe by Central Machinery, and lots of Montana antiques 406-579-8411 28-2-b

SERVICES

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 28-1pm-b

LOST
 Lost black cat on 2 Bumps/Noack Road. Call Judy Woods at 682-7706 or 581-6855. 35-tfc-b

FREE
 Free Gopher Hunting!
 Please call 685-3360. 27-3-b

GARAGE SALE
 Garage sale - Multi Family
 May 7th - Trinity Church Jeffers
 9a - 2p
 27-2-b

WANTED

Looking to buy used Jackrab-bit weed sprayer complete with broad jet and hose, etc. Call Judy at 843-5418 28-2-b

WANTED FOR UPCOMING AUCTION IN JUNE.
 Vehicles, riding mowers, etc. near Ennis. Contact Jimbo at 406-686-4728 or 406-223-1553 27-2-b

Two responsible adults looking for a rental in Ennis (or a long term care-taking situation) . We have many local references. Call Christine at 600-6379. 25-tfc-b



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 25-tfc-b




PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Braakmsa & 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


MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 The Madison County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is a continuation of the hearing begun on Monday, April 25, 2016 to receive comment on the proposed Big Springs Village Phase 3 Planned Unit Development and Overall Development Plan update. Big Springs Village 3 PUD subdivision would create one 1.47-acre lot for 4 condominiums in two duplex buildings with associated ODP and PUD update. It is located on the east side of Yellowstone Mountain Club Trail northeast of the existing pond in the NW ¼, Section 7, T7S R3E PMM.
 Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on May 23, 2016, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to drobrison@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
 The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: Madison County Planning Office, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City; Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis; and Yellowstone Mountain Club, One Yellowstone Club Trail, Big Sky.
 Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.
 John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
 (Pub. May 5, 12, 2016) mcpb
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MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016 6-8 PM- DINNER SERVED!
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TOWN OF ENNIS: NOTICE OF 1ST PUBLIC HEARING FIREWORKS AND PARKING ORDINANCE ADDITIONS & AMENDMENTS
 The Town of Ennis will hold a Public Hearing 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
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AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT
 An audit of the affairs of Ennis School District 52 has been conducted by Newland and Company. The audit covered fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.
 Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires the publication concerning the audit report include a statement that the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Ennis High School, Administrative Office, and that the Ennis School District 52 will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.
 Sincerely,
 Jon Wrzesinski, Superintendent
 (Pub. May 5, 2016.) es
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NOTICE OF CONVERSION RUBY VALLEY NATIONAL BANK
 Notice is given that Ruby Valley National Bank, a national banking association with its principal office at 107 S. Main, Twin Bridges, MT, 59754, has applied to the Montana Department of Administration, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions for authorization to convert to a commercial bank under the Montana Bank Act.
 This notice is published by order of the Board of Directors in accordance with section 32-1-374, M.C.A. (2015).
 RUBY VALLEY NATIONAL BANK
 By: /s/ Kenneth Walsh, President
 (Pub. May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016) rvnb
 MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
 May 17, 2016. 7:00 pm at Ennis Town Hall. The Ennis Government Study Commission has completed their study and have prepared a tentative report, recommendation and reasoning. Copies are available at town hall and the library.
 Business meeting to follow.
 (Pub. May 5, 12, 2016) toe-egsc
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NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE

2nd half 2015 property taxes are due and payable before 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2016 as well as 1st half 2016 mobile home taxes. Unless paid prior to that time the amount then due will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as penalty. If date on which taxes are due falls on a Holiday or a Saturday, taxes may be paid without penalty and interest on or before 5:00 p.m. of the next business day in accordance with 1-1-307. If you have a delinquency, the current taxes (2015) have to be paid in full before your delinquency can be paid.
 Payment of taxes may be made at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, MT, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on legal holidays or at any time before the due date. Taxes may be mailed to Madison County Treasurer, P.O. Box 247, Virginia City MT, 59755, postmarked no later than May 31, 2016. PLEASE NOTE: IF TAXES ARE PAID AFTER THIS DATE, PENALTIES AND INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED AND YOUR CHECK WILL BE SENT BACK TO COLLECT THEM. PLEASE CALL FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT OWED AFTER THE DUE DATE! WE NOW HAVE A NIGHT DROP AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE ADMIN BUILDING WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED UNTIL 5:00 PM. MAY 31, 2016 FOR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.

Telephone inquiries may be made to 406-843-4212 or e-mail sburke@madison.mt.gov
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 To pay by Credit Card call 1-800-272-9829 Jurisdiction Code 3614 with a 2.55% charge or use officialpayments.com, e-check is also available for \$1.95 charge
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BOYS STATE



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Sheridan High School Junior Arnold Smithson will be attending this year's American Legion Boys State at Carroll College June 5-10. Smithson is sponsored by Sheridan's American Legion Post 89 and the Ruby Valley Gun Club. Pictured: Michael Morgan of American Legion Post 89 presents Arnold Smithson with his award.

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT



PHOTO COURTESY JANET ALLESTAD

Samantha Kimmey is presented with the \$500 Most Valuable Student Scholarship Award from Virginia City Elks Lodge 390. She will be attending University of Arizona in the honors program. Pictured from left to right: exalted ruler Don Wellborn, Samantha Kimmey and John Benedict, esteemed leading knight.

Ruby Valley Baptist Church
 Tony Shaw, Pastor
 842-5602

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

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Sacrament Meeting
 Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 11:20 a.m.
 R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.
 Mutual (Youth Group) Weds. 7:00p.m.
 3560 | MT State Hwy 287
 Sheridan 842-5860
 Bishop Dustin 684-5255

Liturgy Schedule

St. Patrick, Ennis
 Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary, Laurin
 Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.
 Deacon Andy Dorrington,
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Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP
 September - April ~ 11 a.m.
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 Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

Ruby Valley Food Pantry
 Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

We are a church dedicated to serving this valley!

THE BAHAI FAITH

My hope is that the white and the black will be united in perfect love and fellowship, with complete unity and brotherhood. Associate with each other, think of each other, and be like a rose garden. Anyone who goes into a rose garden will see various roses, white, pink, yellow, red, all growing together and replete with adornment. Each one accentuates the beauty of the other.

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 Christian Ed 9:45 am
 Family Night 7:8:15 pm
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
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AREA SENIOR MEALS

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 Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on **Tuesday & Thursdays** (through May 2016) from 11:30 am to 2:00 for \$3.50.

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

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

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

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MAY 5 MENU - MAY 12, 2016

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WEDNESDAY MAY 11: HAM STEAK, CHEESY HASHBROWNS, VEGGIES, DESSERT
THURSDAY MAY 12: CHICKEN KABOBS, ROASTED RED POTATOES, DESSERT

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Upcoming hospital week at MVMC

SUBMITTED BY DOTTIE FOSSEL
 Madison Valley Medical Center

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

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

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

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

Bowhunter education in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY AL NOACK
 Hunter education instructor

Anyone wanting to hunt during the archery only season in Montana must take and pass a bow hunter education class. Classes will be held May 14, and 21, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at

41 Noack Road in Ennis.

Sign up is online only through www.fwp.mt.gov.

Students must read the bowhunter manual and complete the chapter quizzes by the start of the first class. A parent or guardian of students 17 years old or younger must attend the first 30 minutes of the first class.

Students can pick up the manual at Shedhorn Sports at 103 Main Street in Ennis, ask at the front desk, or at any Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

Dress for cold and wet weather, as we will be inside and outside both days. Bring your own lunch.

Students must be 11 years old by May 14 to take the class. For more information call Al Noack at 682-7352.

A new face at Madison Meadows Golf Course

SUBMITTED BY BILL CARPENTER
 Madison Meadows Golf Course

Tyler Cross joined the team at Ennis' Madison Meadows Golf Course the first of March as the new course superintendent. He was raised in Missoula but comes to the Madison Valley from Trestle Creek Golf Course in St. Regis and before that, Mission Mountain Country Club in Ronan.

Cross graduated from Rutgers University in 2005 with a degree in turf management. He is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and has worked in Florida, Big Sky, New Zealand and Los Angeles.

Cross will care for the course and maintain the fairway and greens, landscaping, chemical applications, watering, repair and operation of course machinery and equipment and more.

Cross and his wife, Bobbie, have two young children.

"My family and I really enjoy Ennis and everything it has to offer," Cross said. "We're very impressed with the school, the local hospital and we're especially pleased with the friendly welcome we've received here in town. We're looking forward to

living here and being a part of the community."

Montana Poet Laureate to read at Elling House Arts and Humanities Center

SUBMITTED BY TONI JAMES
 Elling House Arts and Humanities Center

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, at 6 p.m., the current Montana Poet Laureate Michael Earl Craig will be reading his poetry. A meet and greet will begin at 6 p.m. and the reading will begin at 7 p.m. Craig is a farrier who lives just outside of Livingston with his wife, Susan, a mule and a dog. Craig has an antiquated lifestyle, preferring to use non-electric tools – manual typewriters, old-fashioned bicycles, anvil and hammer, his hands. He personifies rural values in that he makes his living from working with horses, but oddly – and fortunately for us – he is also one of the preeminent poets of our day.

Buy local expo in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY BOB REIMARD
 Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce

On Saturday, May 7, the Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the 9th annual buy local expo. This highly successful event will be held at the fairgrounds in Twin Bridges from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 45 local vendors will be on hand to sell, display and provide information regarding their products and services.

Vendors include media representation, community services, building contractors, furniture, cabinetry and fixtures, health and beauty supplies, carpet cleaning and supplies, baked goods, candies, home and business products, artists and artworks, jewelry and crafts, computer services, fitness center and many more. There will be a free lunch provided by Main Street Market from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will also be drawings for cash door prizes. This event is free and open to everyone and showcases the diverse nature of

local Ruby Valley businesses. Direct questions to BoB at 842-7900.

Natural foods in Virginia City

SUBMITTED BY CINDY RESTVEDT

Changing Winds Organic Foods first opened in 1999 in Ennis and will be reopening Memorial Day weekend in Virginia City.

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American Legion membership drive

SUBMITTED BY MIKE MORGAN
 American Legion

Sheridan's Anderson-Simpson Post 89 and Twin Bridges' Dan Brockman Post 31 of the American Legion will be conducting a membership drive at the Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce's buy local expo on May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. Both posts' adjutants (Mike Morgan and Doug Martin) will be present to answer questions from interested veterans and to sign up eligible veterans for the American Legion.

They will also be distributing literature about the American Legion and VA programs to any veterans in attendance. If you are a veteran, come and meet with them.

Government review report for Ennis

SUBMITTED BY SHARON CHRISTENSEN
 Ennis Government Study Commission

On May 17, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Ennis Town Hall the Ennis Government Study Commission will hold a public hearing. The study commission completed their study and have prepared a tentative report, recommendation and reasoning. Copies are available at town hall and the library. Business meeting to follow.

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TOP TEN

SUBMITTED BY MICHELE WRZESINSKI
Ennis Schools

Ennis athletes competed in the top 10 meet and set some new school records.

Boys 4 X 100
Second place, new school record 43.64
Corbin Wood, Tanner Wood, Austin Baum, Cleet Wrzesinski

Boys 4 x 400
First place, 3:28
Corbin Wood, Tanner Wood, Wade Luly, Cleet Wrzesinski.

Long Jump
Corbin Wood, fifth place 20'6"

Cleet Wrzesinski
First place in the 300 hurdles with a new school record of 38.57
Second place in the 200 meter dash 23.05
Fourth place in the 110 hurdles, 15.10

Jourdain Klein
Sixth place and new school record in the triple jump, 35'2"

Wrenzi Wrzesinski
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Candidate forum

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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

Extend your growing season without a greenhouse workshop at 10 a.m. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

Archery shoot, Sheridan

Come support the Boy Scouts and shoot one

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Poetry, Virginia City

Montana Poet Laureate Michael Earl Craig to perform at The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center at 6 p.m.

Open house, Ennis

Grand opening of the new Muddled Moose Studio Gallery at 4 p.m. Gallery is located at 109 Mountain View Drive, unit #36.

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.

Paint party, Ennis

Wrangled Canvas paint party at the Muddled Moose Gallery. Call 682-7857 to reserve a spot.

SATURDAY MAY 14

Music, Virginia City

Dave Walker will play

the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 8 p.m.

Wine tasting, Ennis

Support Relay for Life and taste test 10 different wines at the First Madison Valley Bank beginning at 5 p.m.

Workshop, Ennis

Bird watching in the Madison Valley workshop begins at 8 a.m. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

Pig roast, Twin Bridges

Pig roast dinner auction and benefit for local youth at the Ruby Valley National Bank parking lot beginning at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY MAY 19

Discussion, Virginia City

Lisa Brubaker, mental health counselor, will be leading a discussion about living with addictive disorders at the library at 7 p.m.

Pot luck, Ennis

MVHA spring potluck and business meeting at the Trinity Episcopal Church beginning at 12 p.m.

Festival, Ennis

Third annual Tap into Ennis Brew and Spirit Festival from 3-7 p.m. at Lions Park.



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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.
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TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 am Meetings at 9:00 am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

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