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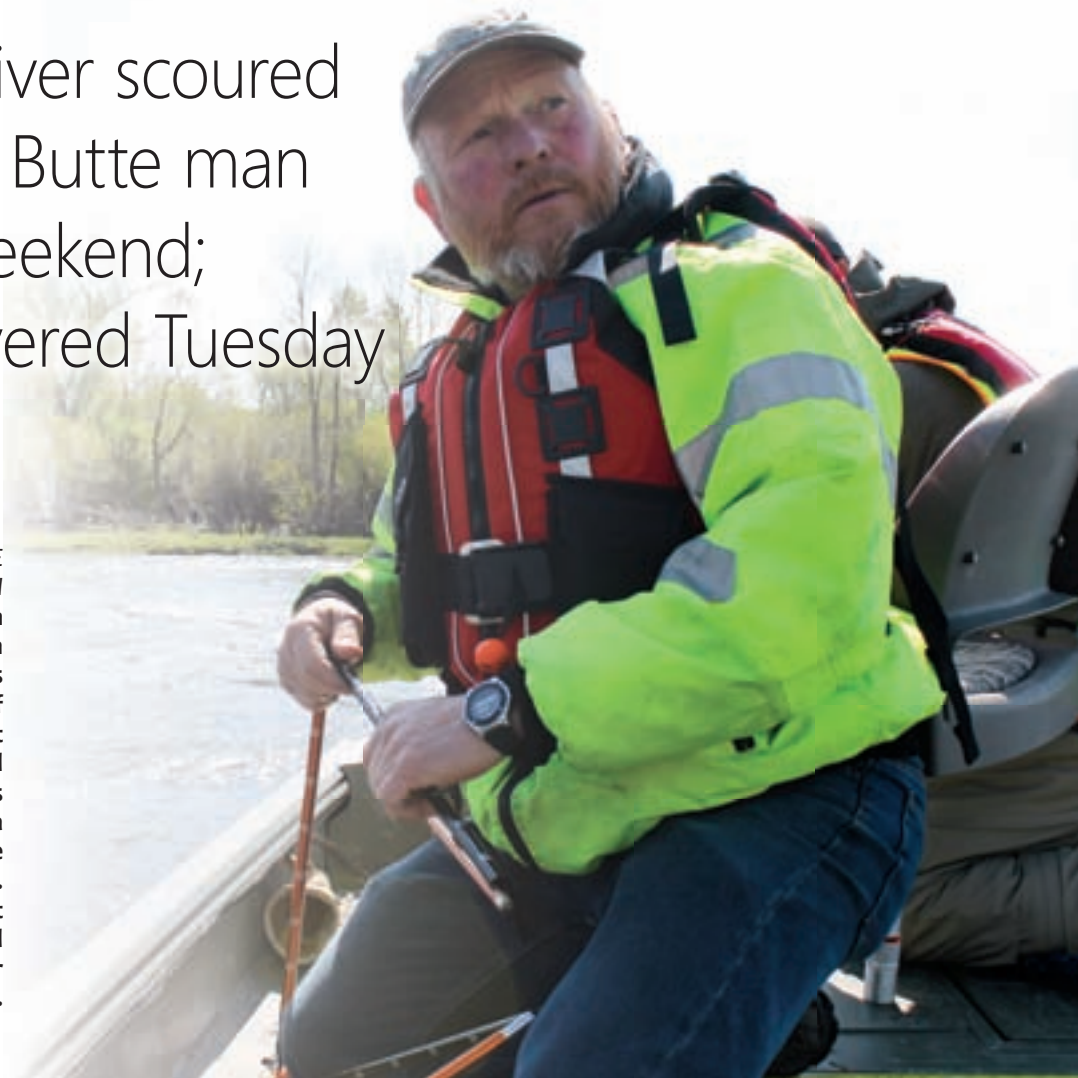
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BODY DISCOVERED NEAR CARDWELL

Jefferson River scoured for missing Butte man over the weekend; body recovered Tuesday

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Don Brake with Jefferson County search and rescue probes the river after one of the search dogs got a "hit" near a small embankment just across from the believed area Boehler would have gone in. "It's probably 4 or 5 feet deep here," Brake said as he scoured the river bottom.



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At 8:45 a.m. on May 10, a Whitehall area resident reported to 911 what appeared to be a body floating in the Jefferson River near Cardwell, according to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson.

"Jefferson County Sheriff's Office,

Madison County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson and Madison counties search and rescue responders and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks responded," Thompson said. "FWP entered the river by boat and located a deceased person just west of Cardwell. His identity was confirmed as Cole Boehler, who went missing April 30."

On Saturday, May 7, after a full day,

extensive search was conducted with rescue personnel and resources from Madison, Jefferson, Silver Bow and Gallatin counties, the search for Boehler was suspended.

Boehler was last seen around 1:30 a.m. on April 30 after camping along the Jefferson River near Hells Canyon Road.

On Saturday, after a quick briefing from Ruby Valley Search and Rescue president Bill Sinclair, around 35 volunteers took to the Jefferson River either by raft, kayak or canoe.

Depending on body weight, Sinclair said it can take anywhere from seven to 14 days for a body to surface and begin to float.

"It also depends on what he may have eaten," said Sinclair.

The May 7 search was conducted with four rafts, each equipped with a search dog out of Gallatin County, two kayaks, a canoe and Sinclair patrolling in a jet boat, along with three divers who floated the river letting the current carry them along the channels and toward potential snags.

The Saturday search focused on "hits" from the search dogs as they ran the riverbank and leaned over the rafts during

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Divers float down river and into numerous channels and eddies.

ELECTION RESULTS

Clerks report mill levies, announce new trustees

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As school board elections drew to a close at the end of the day Tuesday, May 3, clerks from around Madison County got to work tallying votes to determine new trustees and see if mill levies passed.

Read on to see the results.

ALDER

The Alder School canceled their election – they only had one trustee seat up for election and one candidate running, so Ryan Ellis was appointed via acclamation, meaning it did not go to a vote. Since the Alder School Board did not request any mill levies, they did not hold an election, according to school clerk Kathleen Wuelfing.

ENNIS

The Ennis School Board had three trustee seats up for election – four people ran for two three-year terms, and one person filed for the remaining one year term.

According to school clerk Ginger Martello, Maria Lake, the only person who filed to run for the one-year term, received a total of 465 votes.

Out of Steven Badura, Julie Funston, Drew Henrich and Karen Ketchu, Funston and Ketchu received the most votes and will join the Ennis School Board.

Funston received a total of 318 votes, 303 from Ennis and 15 from Virginia City. Ketchu received 251 votes from Ennis residents and 16 from Virginia City for a total of 267. Next, Drew Henrich received 232 votes from Ennis and 12 from Virginia City for a total of 244. Finally, Badura received 115 votes total – 107 from Ennis and eight from Virginia City.

Voters also considered a technology mill levy request, which passed with 332 votes for it and 214 against.

HARRISON

School clerk Judi Ward only had one person file to run for the three-year trustee seat that was up for election this year – Dusty Wagner. Because he was unopposed, Wagner joined the board through acclamation.

In addition, Harrison voters passed a building reserve levy request for \$25,000 per year for 15 years with 78 votes in favor and 37 against, Ward said.

SHERIDAN

In Sheridan, voters passed two mill levies and elected two trustees for three-year terms, according to clerk Rebecca Larsen. Kendra Horn and William Wood were the only two candidates who filed, so they were both elected to the board.

With 190 votes in favor and 146 against, voters passed a high school mill levy for \$47,625.94. Voters also passed a levy for the elementary school for \$13,968.83 with 178 votes for and 120 against.

TWIN BRIDGES

Twin Bridges voters passed a general fund levy for \$20,000 with 114 votes for and 55 against, according to clerk Joyann Breakall. They also passed a one year building reserve levy for \$25,000 with 97 for and 72 against.

Twin Bridges only had one trustee up for election – Allison Wentzel – and Wentzel was the only one who filed to run, so she was appointed by acclamation.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Candidates from SD 36, HD 71, commission district 1 discuss issues

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On Wednesday, May 4, nearly 75 people crowded in the community room at the Madison County Administrative Building for a candidate forum hosted by *The Madisonian*. Candidates from Senate District 36, House District 71 and commission district one took turns answering questions submitted by the public before the primary election on June 7.

"This is not a debate," said Abigail Dennis, editor of *The Madisonian*, as she addressed the candidates and crowd before the forum. "Candidates will have one minute to answer each question so we can keep it moving."

Candidates were given three minutes to introduce themselves and their platform before the question and answer portion of the evening, and two minutes at the end to wrap up final thoughts and conclude.

Senate District 36


Dale Stewart and Jeff Welborn, both Republicans, are running for Senate District 36.

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More than 75 people attended the candidate forum.

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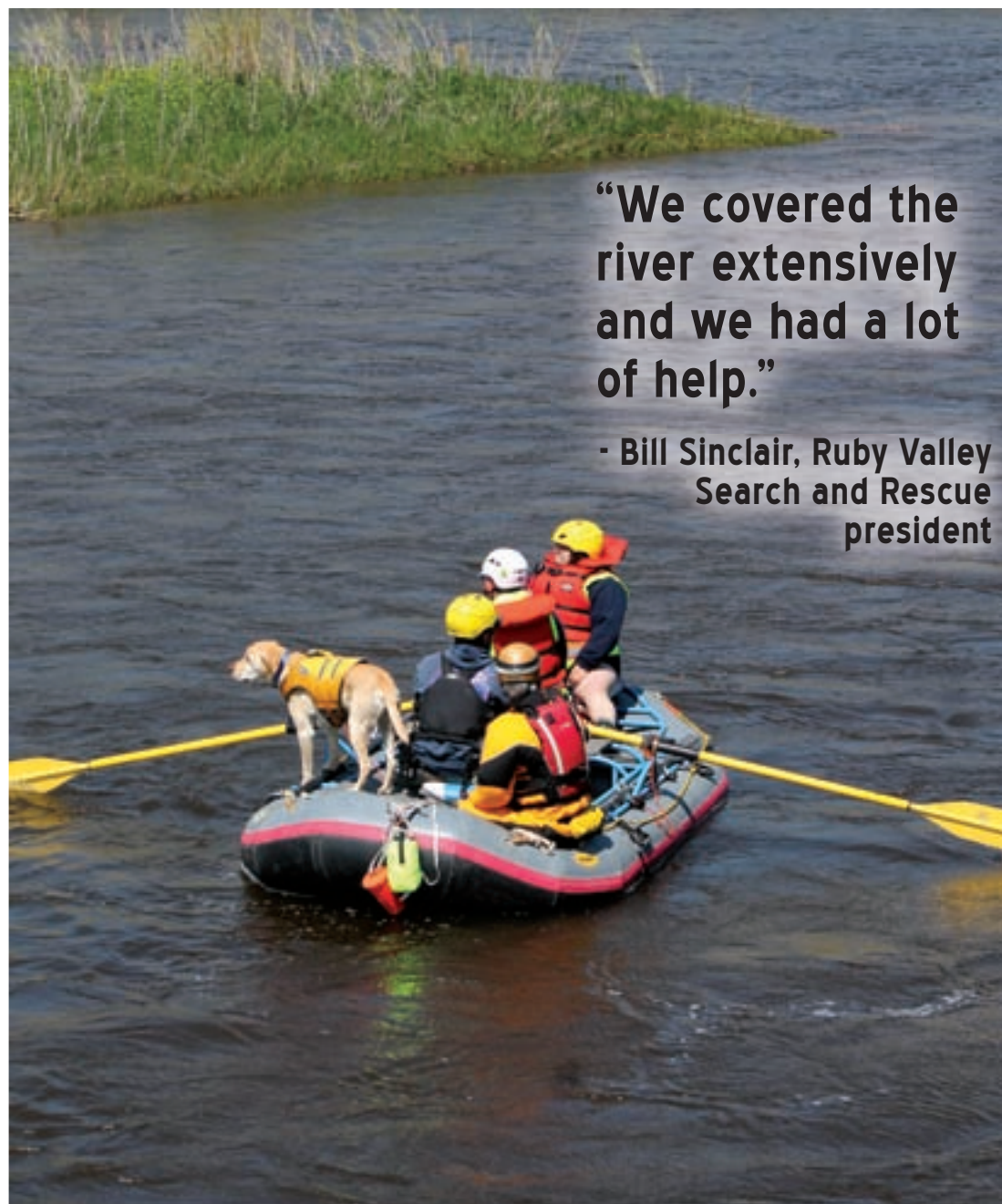


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the float.
 "We want to let the dogs do their thing," said Thompson during the briefing.
 After several "hits" from the dogs, resulting in diver searches and probing areas of the river, rescue crews came up short and finished the day with no sign of Boehler.
 Cardwell, where Boehler's body was discovered, is located around 30 miles from Hells Canyon, where the extensive Saturday search effort took place.
 "Cause of death is still under investigation," Thompson concluded.

RIGHT
 CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
 Two east river rafts and two west side rafts scoured the Jefferson on May 7, each equipped with search dogs. The dogs would lean over the edge when they got "hit" in the water and jump to the river edge as they were directed to "search" from their handlers.

BOTTOM
 CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
 Chris Dover and her dog Napi search the bank after Napi got a "hit" from a small channel to the east of the river. Dover and Napi came over from Gallatin County to help aide in search efforts.



"We covered the river extensively and we had a lot of help."

- Bill Sinclair, Ruby Valley Search and Rescue president



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 13! Thanks!



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MORE NEWS:

Sunny days last month 'crank' up snowmelt

Southwest Montana water supply scenario better than last year on all counts

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Low and mid-elevation snowpack in the Ruby and Madison river basins peaked in early April, according to Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

"Generally, we expect that to happen around the second or third week of April," Zukiewicz said. "It's a little early this year."

April did not bring many showers, as the common phrase promises for May's flowers, though a storm did move through Southwest Montana in the middle of the month, Zukiewicz said.

"That event added some snow water, but melt had started already," he said. "Then we ended the month with cool, cloudy weather that prolonged the snowpack a little more."

In the scheme of things, April was full of clear, sunny days with above average temperature, and the snowpack was not able to withstand that.

"This whole year, this has been our persistent weather pattern," Zukiewicz said. "We get a week of clear skies and warm temperatures followed by unsettled weather patterns."

The Madison

Though the low to mid-elevation snowpack sites melted in early April in the Madison River Basin, the high elevations held out until the middle of the month before the snow started to melt, Zukiewicz said.

As of May 6, the combined storage in both reservoirs in the Madison River Basin – Hebgen Lake and Ennis Lake – was at 110 percent of average and 80 percent of capacity.

"Hopefully, we'll continue to fill those reservoirs for the next month or longer," Zukiewicz said.

The Ruby

The story is much the same in the Ruby Valley, which is part of the Jefferson River Basin, Zukiewicz said.

"The higher elevation site, Clover Meadows, peaked later than the low elevations," Zukiewicz said. "The lower elevation sites have already melted out. A site at 7,000 feet has already melted."

Since deeper snowpacks insulate themselves well, the high elevation sites like Clover Meadows, located in the Gravelly Mountains, are able to resist melt longer.

"The Ruby Reservoir right now is at 104 percent of average and at its capacity," Zukiewicz said on May 6. "So it will be spilling the rest of the snowmelt we have."

Looking ahead

The good news is the "unsettled weather" that hit the area this week, Zukiewicz said.

"It will slow things down and cool it off, maybe we'll get some more snow water in the mountains," he added. "The scenario is better than last year in all cases, but we want to hold onto the snow."

According to Madison Watershed Coordinator Sunni Heikes-Knapton, the hope is to hang onto the remaining mountain snowpack.

"When we get into the hot and dry parts of the summer, we rely on this high elevation snowpack to keep trickling down the mountains – maintaining enough flows in streams for irrigation as well as fisheries," Heikes-Knapton said. "If weather is too hot this early, the snow

melts and the water runs off now- leaving less for the predictable dry periods of summer when it is needed most. A lot of water this early doesn't provide as much value for irrigation, since plants are still growing slowly with cool nighttime temperatures. When it warms up and they really start to grow, they need a lot of moisture to make new leaves."

Heikes-Knapton said it is important to have water in the system during the summer months for the fisheries as well.

"The fish in our streams can't handle warm water very well – it can really impact the health and their population numbers," she said. "Having enough water flowing in the stream is like having really good insulation in your house – it's less likely to get too hot from outside air temperatures."

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Warm, sunny days in April started snowmelt and the area's rivers colored up.



DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Sentence on petition to revoke

On May 9, Christopher Fredrick McCann appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker for a sentencing hearing on a petition to revoke a suspended sentence.

McCann was previously sentenced to the Department of Corrections for a term of 13 months for driving under the influence, fourth offense. McCann also received a five year suspended sentence to the DoC. The state filed a petition to revoke his suspended sentence alleging McCann violated the rules of that suspended sentence in a variety of ways, including failing to maintain full time employment, failing to report to his probation/parole

officer and more, according to court documents.

Following testimony from three witnesses, including McCann's father and probation officer, County Attorney Chris Christensen and McCann's attorney, Stephanie Krueger, both made sentencing recommendations.

Christensen recommended the five year suspended sentence be revoked and replaced with a new five year sentence to the DoC with credit for 90 days time served. Christensen recommended the sentenced be suspended except for 30 days of time to be served at the Madison County jail. With that recommendation, Christensen included chemical dependency and mental health assessments, and a \$500 fine.

Krueger agreed with the state's recommendation, saying "in-

carceration would be detrimental to his mental health."

Krueger added the recommendation of increased monitoring through the probation office and weekly testing, if Judge Tucker decided to suspend the sentence.

Judge Tucker primarily followed the recommendation from the attorneys. He sentenced McCann to the DoC for five years less 90 days served, then imposed a term of 30 days in jail.

Judge Tucker also ordered a fine of \$500, but suspended it. He mandated McCann complete chemical dependency and mental health assessments and report to his probation officer frequently.

McCann stated he would prefer to serve the 30 day jail term at once, starting immediately, so he was released into

the custody of the Madison County Sheriff's Office following the sentencing.

Feist sentenced

On May 9, Carol Ann Feist appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker for sentencing on two cases, one from early 2016 and another from 2014.

The 2016 case charged Feist with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and perjury, both felonies. The charges against Feist stem from a Jan. 11, 2016, incident where Feist provided the court with a fabricated letter of recommendation "purportedly from her former employer ... knowing that the document had been fabricated, and with the purpose to mislead the court, the prosecutor and/or defense counsel" during a hearing, ac-

ording to court documents.

Feist plead no contest to the charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and the state, represented by Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall, dropped the charge of perjury.

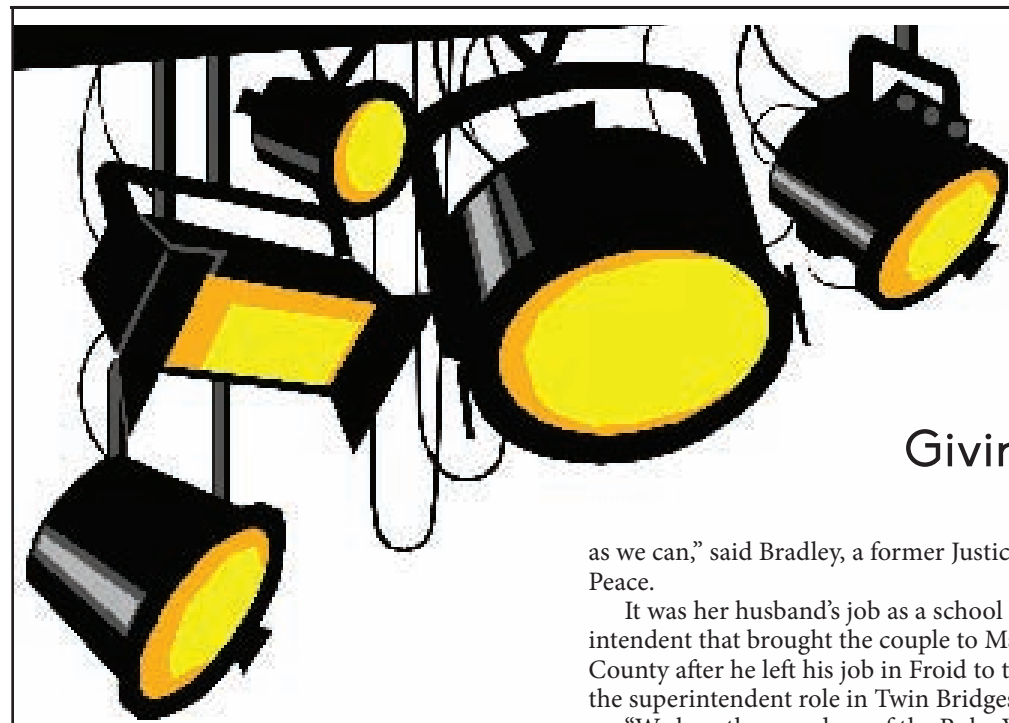
In the 2014 case, Feist was charged with deceptive practices and issuing bad checks. Those charges stem from incidents that happened between March 6, 2014, and July 2, 2014 – she was initially charged with two counts of deceptive practices (common scheme or greater than \$1,500), two counts of issuing a bad check (less than or equal to \$1,500) and one count of attempted theft of labor or services, but the state dropped the final count.

Judge Tucker sentenced Feist to the Department of

Corrections for terms of 10 years each on the two charges of deceptive practices; the Madison County jail for a term of six months each for the charges of issuing a bad check; and to the DoC for five years for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence – he then suspended the majority of all the sentences.

"The court is convinced that 60 days is the barest of all minimums," Judge Tucker said, suspending all but 60 days of jail time. "That will be served on days you are not working."

Judge Tucker also ordered the 2014 sentences run concurrently, but consecutive with the 2016 sentence – essentially, Feist will be under supervision for 15 years, though she will only serve 60 days in jail. He also ordered Feist pay \$5,884.48 in restitution in \$50 per month payments starting May 20.



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Pat Bradley has called Twin Bridges home for 26 years after moving to the Ruby Valley from eastern Montana.

"We love living here and try to be as involved

Pat Bradley: Giving back every way she can

as we can," said Bradley, a former Justice of the Peace.

It was her husband's job as a school superintendent that brought the couple to Madison County after he left his job in Froid to take over the superintendent role in Twin Bridges.

"We love the grandeur of the Ruby Valley and Madison County," said Bradley.

In her 26 years here, Bradley has made it a priority to get involved and give back to the community. Currently, she serves as a friend of the Twin Bridges Public Library and Thompson-Hickman County Library, where she has been a trustee for 10 years.

"I've enjoyed being on the board and to see the improvements of that facility come to fruition is just wonderful – it's a treasure to the state," she said regarding the Thompson-Hickman County Library.

Bradley is back on as a member of the Madison County Planning Board as a representative for Twin Bridges and said she has enjoyed being back.

"We're always looking to improve," she said.

In the past, she has served on the Twin Bridges and Sheridan economic development committees, the Twin Bridges Chamber of Commerce, the Twin Bridges Community Association and the Twin Bridges Rotary, just to name a few.

"It's absolutely essential," said Bradley on the importance of volunteering in small communities. "It's critical to keep the community involved and vibrant and I encourage everyone to take a stab at it."

In her free time, Bradley said she enjoys

getting outdoors with her husband, either to garden, camp or fish – they also enjoy traveling around the state.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Pat Bradley

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A big thank you and a call for letters

Readers,

Last week, *The Madisonian* hosted a candidate forum in Virginia City – more than 75 interested people showed up to learn more about the candidates for Senate District 36, House District 71 and Commission District 1.

First of all, we want to thank the candidates, who took time out of their evening to sit in the hot seat and answer questions from their constituents. I think

we all learned quite a bit about them, and I hope the forum helps everyone who attended make an informed decision come election time.

Secondly, we want to give an extra big THANK YOU to Tom Shaffer and Billy Brant, Madison County facilities and maintenance, who tracked down extra chairs and set the whole conference room up! We showed up an hour early, thinking we had a lot of work to do, but Billy and Tom saved

us! So thanks to you guys.

Finally, we asked a lot of questions to the candidates. But you guys really brought your a-game and submitted a TON of great questions. Unfortunately, because of time constraints, we did not get to ask every question we received. If your question was not asked, certainly write a letter to the editor! We ask letters be kept to 350 words and that they address issues – we do not allow advertising on the opinion page.

If you have more questions about submitting a letter or guidelines for writing one, give Abigail a call at 682-7755 or email her at editor@madisoniannews.com.

With that, we have one final thank you to say – Thank you to everyone who attended the forum! We are so glad to see informed, interested voters around Madison County.

Thank you,
The Madisonian

We the people or we the party bosses?

Dear Editor,

"We the People ..." It seems like a familiar term in the country as well as in this valley. I am proud of my work in upholding the right of democracy and the honor that was afforded me to humbly serve as your Representative in House District 71 in the Montana House of Representatives. It is not lost on me that it is election season and that means there are several folks running around the valley quoting "We the people" "When they mean "We the Party Bosses ..."

I am sure many of you saw

the ad that ran on May 5 from the Madison County Republican Central Committee. This ad ran without any of the party bosses willing to put their name on it. One of the main issues that this group of people is upset with me about is the fact that I voted for transparency and disclosure in exactly these types of activities. I believe that you should have to put your name on campaign activities such as that ad. I am proud to put my name on this op-ed and believe in the freedom and power of free speech. This is one among many Republican sponsored bills that I am proud

of voting for and will continue to advocate for. If you read the list of complaints, you will see the extreme position of the party bosses who try and dictate the will of the people. They are upset I supported a responsible budget bill (any businesses or ranches without a balanced budget?), that was sponsored by a Republican and supported by the Speaker of the House. I oppose the transfer of public land to be turned over and privatized. I voted for choice in public education and opposed guns being forced into grade schools and bars (private property rights anyone?). There

was an egregious discrimination bill that was masked as religious freedom, which cost Arizona and Indiana millions of dollars in economic activity and thousands of jobs. I stood up for and protected historic use of water and was proud to support medical reform that will keep our hospitals open. I have and will continue to represent "We the People ..." of Madison, Jefferson and Silver Bow counties and not "We the Party Bosses ..."

Respectfully,
Representative Ray Shaw
Sheridan

A response to 'Public Notice to all Republican Voters'

Dear Editor,

The paranoid "Public Notice to all Republican Voters" in last week's paper taking Rep. Ray Shaw to the woodshed because he cast votes at 64th Legislature, which were in the best interests of Madison County and Montanans,

was witness to one more hissy fit by the Tea Party warriors.

These minority Republicans not only maliciously assault Democratic legislators but reasonable members of their own party. Losing many of their harmful bills due to thoughtful collaboration of legislators, the

Tea Party minority, managed under Speaker Austin Knudsen, to scraps, by one vote the critical infrastructure bill that our counties so needed. They joyfully got even for their perceived losses on their other narrow-minded legislation.

This latest attack on Rep.

Shaw typifies their intention to continue their notorious knavery. Shaw might consider their censure a badge of honor, as should all thoughtful and concerned voters of House District 71.

Pat Bradley
Twin Bridges

OBITUARIES

Lois Marie Walsh
October 23, 1932 – April 23, 2016



On April 23, 2016, Lois Marie Walsh waved a final goodbye to family and friends. Lois, a resident of the Madison Valley for the last 59 years, passed away of natural causes at her home south of Cameron.

Lois was born Oct. 23, 1932, to parents George D. and Cora (Millsaps) Shields of Smyrna, Ark., joining her brothers Raymond and Charles. When Lois was very young the family moved to

Linden, Calif., where she was raised. The family was completed several years later with the addition of Lois' younger brother Stan.

In the spring of 1950 Lois attended her best friend's wedding in Stockton, Calif., where she met the love of her life, Gene Walsh, who was the best man at the wedding. Lois and Gene married in December 1950, and built a family of their own, consisting of sons Michael Walsh, Fred Walsh and daughter Eileen (Walsh) White. Lois and Gene were ambitious and entrepreneurial from the very beginning, spending their first few years of marriage buying and upgrading small properties in California. In 1957 the couple moved to Montana, where they applied grit, determination and a labor of love to procure first the home ranch, and later the summer pasture in the Centennial Valley. Lois had

a huge heart, a sparkle in her eye and the undaunted capability to handle anything that came her way. She was made of a unique fabric consisting of utter resiliency and superb grace – ever the lady.

Lois and Gene Walsh both graduated from Linden High School, and spent their life together ranching and raising registered Quarter Horses and high quality beef cattle. Lois loved her family and friends dearly, and cherished every minute spent in Montana both working and recreating on their land. Lois had a distinct affinity for horses, and enjoyed trailing cattle along with riding in the Madison County Side-Saddle Club for 25 years.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents George and Cora, brothers Raymond, Charles and Stan, her beloved husband Gene, and brother-in-law Earl Walsh.

Lois is survived by

brother/sisters-in-law Bob and Coralene Walsh of Twin Bridges, Nadine Vander Lans of Long Beach, Calif., and Noni Walsh of Jackson, Calif; sons Michael (Tamie) Walsh of Belgrade, Fred (Tina) Walsh of Cameron, daughter Eileen (Mike) White of Ennis; grandchildren Nick (Gina) Walsh of Billings, Jace (Stephanie) Walsh of Alpine, Wyo., Steve Walsh of Ennis, Michelle (Wes) Frank of Ennis, and Gene, Angela, Austin, Rebecca and Kristen White of Ennis; and great grandchildren Sierra, Ryan, Joe, Jordyn, Anna, Justin, Lilianna and Tamzen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on June 18 at 11 a.m. at the Ennis School, with a reception to follow at the Ennis Fire Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ennis Senior Center, PO Box 174 Ennis, MT 59729.

Catherine S Doornbos
March 21, 1925 – May 9, 2016



Catherine S Doornbos joined her Lord and Savior on May 9, 2016. Catherine was born on March 21, 1925, in the Ruby Valley, daughter of Mar-

tin and Agnes Simonsen. She was one of 10 children. Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Jens Peter, Martin, Howard, John, Tom and sisters (infants) Anna Marie and Betty Jeanette.

She spent the majority of her life in the Ruby Valley. She had a brief stay in California during World War II working in a factory producing rocket bomb parts. She married Edward Doornbos in 1947. Together they raised three children.

She wore many hats during her lifetime, including a wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, LPN at

Ruby Valley Hospital and recorder for Madison County. She enjoyed all of them as well as the many friends she made along the way but most especially that of a great grandmother. In her retirement, she kept busy reading her bible, making quilts for her family and working crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her three children, Andrea (John) Hammerman, Daniel (Janet) Doornbos and Marty (Bruce) Masiak; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; sister Agnes Bell, brother Ken (Joyce) Simonsen and sister-in-law Marlys Simonsen (Jens Peter).

Family and friends are invited to join the family in the celebration of Catherine's life at Christ Church, Sheridan. Date and time will be announced at a later date. A private placement of the ashes will take place at a later date.

Catherine was extremely grateful for the care that she received from Dr Molly Biehl, nurse Valerie and all the staff at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center following her relocation in June of 2015.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Christ Episcopal Church, St Paul's Episcopal Church or the Alder Community Center.

& MORE NEWS:



AN EDUCATION IN AG

100 elementary school students learn about natural resources, livestock

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Last Friday, May 6, 2016, more than 100 students from Ennis, Harrison, Cardwell and Alder descended on Fan Mountain Arena south of Ennis for Ag Days.

"This year we (had) stations about dog agility, steers, beef pairs, a dairy cow, a horse, chickens, soils and weeds," explained Nichole Bailey, GROWW Program coordinator.

GROWW, or Gardening, Resources, Outdoors, Watersheds and Wildlife, sponsored the event in coordination with the Madison Valley Cattlewomen.



TOP: Kaye Suzuki helps Finn Knapton demonstrate why ground cover is a good thing during spring storms. LEFT: The students were treated to a demonstration of dog agility to start off the day.

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Accessing the manor

County, MVM, engineers discuss design of new manor parking lot

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On Monday, May 2, the Madison County commissioners spoke with Great West Engineering's Jeremiah Theys about a task order to create a concept plan for an upgrade to the Madison Valley Manor parking lot.

"Why is this for \$11,000?" asked commissioner Dave Schulz. "In my mind, we should be able to get a lot of the actual work done for \$11,000. You guys are great, don't misunderstand me, but I'm questioning the fee."

Theys explained the task order would not exceed \$11,000 while surveying the whole parking lot, meeting with manor administration, examining traffic patterns and drawing up two different concepts for the parking lot.

Darcel Cook, manor administrator, said the hope is that visitors and staff at MVM will use the same ingress/egress on the south side of the Madison Valley Medical Center.

"Right now, we have our own entrance and cement blockades, but two or three cars will try to get in and out at one time and it's just not safe," Cook said. "We also want to finish paving the area (of the parking lot) that's currently gravel."

Part of the project will also include extended the fence line along the manor property to direct traffic to enter the parking lot from the hospital entrance, Cook added.

"Then we need to fix curbing and add a few more visitor parking spaces," she said. "We want to get the same lights the hospital has so it all looks like one campus. We don't have any lights now."

Redoing the parking lot is a safety issue, in Cook's mind.

"My staff and visitors have no lights out there and it gets really, really dark, especially in the wintertime," she said. "We also want to get people in and out safely."

Commissioner Jim Hart said the driveway issue is a real safety concern as it is.

"Folks just come in and out willy-nilly," he said. "(Montana Department of Transportation) would prefer the manor use the hospital's entrances instead of having one come out of the manor right along there."

Theys said it would be possible to narrow the focus of the scope and if that happens, the \$11,000 might also be used to put together a bid package.

"If we have this \$11,000 as a not to exceed number, you're saying you'll do it as cheap as you can?" Schulz asked. "You know me, there's not often I don't ask a question about cost. But it looks to me like there aren't too many options, so it's going to be a relatively simple decision about what you put on paper."

Theys said he will get done as much as possible with the \$11,000, even moving forward with design work.

"I'm optimistic we can maximize parking and lay it all out better," he said.

Hart moved to approve the task order in an amount not to exceed \$11,000. Commissioner Ron Nye seconded the motion, and all three commissioners voted in favor.

"(The parking lot) is definitely a mess right now," Cook said. "We're in the homestretch of the remodel inside the building - it's supposed to be done by the end of the month."

Cook said she is excited about the interior remodel, but that the parking lot is the next

step. "We want to get it taken care of before winter hits again," she said. "We want it safe and we want it to look good."

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
The interior renovation at the Madison Valley Manor is nearly complete - up next is the parking lot.



EYES ON THE ROADS

Commissioners establish road review committee

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"I wonder if we're going to resolve anything or if we're causing more grief," said commissioner Ron Nye, referring to the establishment of a county road review committee.

The commissioners ended up voting unanimously to create a seven person committee to research some less-used county roads to determine specific routes.

"In the recent past, we've had a fair number of county roads be disputed," explained Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall. "A lot of our county roads were laid out 50, 60 or 100 years ago. While we have those records, they refer to the roads in general senses."

Ekwall gave the example that some road descriptions will reference landmarks that do not exist anymore, rather than using sections.

"Some of our records, for example, say a road goes from the corner of so-and-so's house to the

corner of so-and-so's house," added commissioner Jim Hart. "But the in between isn't specific."

The commissioners decided the committee will include three members with one-year terms, two with two-year terms and two with three-year terms, with terms beginning Jan. 1 and running through the end of December. Six of the members will be from the community, with one county representative.

"Will the county representative be a commissioner?" Nye asked.

Commissioner Dave Schulz said it made more sense for Karen Brown, Madison County GIS, to serve.

"She has access to maps and road information," Schulz said. "And she has shown an interest."

The why

According to Hart, forming the committee serves two purposes.

"One, it will clarify specifically where a

county road lies," he said. "Though it will be a challenge for a committee to define it and GPS it."

Hart said the committee members will conduct their research with records from the Madison County Clerk and Recorder's Office, various title companies and deeds.

"The other thing is it helps address an ongoing concern throughout the country, not just Madison County," he said. "Someone may come from who knows where, and buy a piece of property and then not allow public access on a road that is really a county road. Or it goes the other way around and the public has been driving on a road they think is a county road and it really isn't."

Without clearly defined roads, Ekwall said a dispute about a road can drag on and on without getting resolved, or they can be 'resolved' in a way that the county is not confident is accurate.

"It will be a group of people who don't have vested interests and who aren't direct county em-

ployees," he said. "They will look at maps, other evidence and records."

Members of the committee will do the research and then bring their recommendations about defining county roads back to the commissioners for approval.

If you are interested in serving on the county road review committee, contact the commissioners' office at 843-4277.

FORUM from pg. 1

Stewart, originally from Michigan, moved to Dillon in 1998 where he and wife, Jill, took over as directors for the Clark Canyon Bible Camp. He joined the Lima Volunteer Fire and Ambulance departments and has been an EMT for 15 years, serving four years on the Montana Emergency Medical Services Association board. His more recent endeavor is serving as the first chaplain of the Beaverhead County Sheriff's Department and he also serves as a reserve police officer with the Dillon City Police Department.

tourism to Obamacare, to more local issues such as the preservation of Virginia and Nevada cities.

Both candidates felt the preservation of Virginia City and Nevada City is important to the state.

"I support the (Montana Heritage Commission), it's clear from my voting record," said Welborn, adding that the businesses in both towns have contributed to their success.

Stewart agreed, saying it was "an important aspect that should continue to be looked at."

Candidates also addressed

ing and listening and asking questions."

Welborn said he has earned trust and respect during his time in the House and always "votes with the people at home in mind." He also encouraged forum attendees to make their voices heard.

"Please, go out and vote," he said.

House District 71

Candidates running for House District 71 are current representative Ray Shaw and past representative, Bob Wagner, both Republicans.

Wagner, who served House District 71 from 2009-2013, addressed the crowd first, saying he is "passionate about the constitution."

"It serves everyone equally - it's as simple as that," Wagner said.

Wagner, a resident of Harrison and owner of a landscaping business, ran in the 2014 primary election and was defeated by current representative Shaw.

During Shaw's opening statements, he mentioned his lifelong ties to Madison County and addressed the crowd as the people he cares about.

"I'm looking out for you the people, we the people," he said.

Shaw is hoping to serve his third term in the Montana House of Representatives.

On the issues

During the question and answer portion, Wagner and Shaw addressed questions from the public regarding government overreach, infrastructure funding, water rights, mental health and upcoming issues facing the House.

Both Shaw and Wagner agreed there is government overreach in Madison County. Wager referred to the Enabling Act and addressed the transfer of lands to the state, while Shaw commented on the relationships built with the government but still mentioned an overreach within Madison County.

With May being mental health month, candidates addressed a question regarding mental health facilities in the state and community access.

Shaw thanked all mental health workers and encouraged the need for more training in the state and community.

"There's not enough - we need to train more people, especially teachers," he said, pointing out Montana has a high percentage of suicides.

Wagner agreed that mental health availability was a concern in the state.

"We need to nurture strong family connections and a strong community life," he said.

As far as upcoming challenges for the district, Shaw stated he knows the needs of district 71 and enjoys working for the people.

"We need to focus on revenues and our infrastructure," Shaw said. "We have to do something."

Wagner said he wants to focus on economic certainty and turning resources "inward."

"We need to learn how to stand on our own two feet," he said.

Closing statements

In his closing statement, Wagner praised the constitution and addressed the need for Montana to "wean away from

the federal government."

"I'm a lover of the constitution and I'm obligated by oath to follow it," he said.

Shaw closed by addressing his status as a veteran and his willingness and duty to "stand up for veterans," as well as investing in the future.

"We need to preserve our past and be investing in our future and our schools," he said.

Commission District 1

Three candidates have filed to run for one open seat in commission district one: Ellis "Eli" Thompson of Virginia City, Dan Allhands of Alder and current commissioner Dave Schulz of Sheridan.

In their opening statements, both Allhands and Thompson addressed the need for change in the county.

"We need a new voice," Allhands said on why he chose to file for commission seat.

Thompson echoed that feeling, adding he wants to see "more focus on the issues in a timely and equal fashion."

Both Allhands and Thompson are longtime residents of Madison County and said they are used to hard work and will do what it takes to get the job done.

Schulz thanked the crowd for supporting the county and said he hopes "to continue serving the county he loves."

Schulz has longtime ties in the Ruby Valley and has served as county commissioner for 16 years.

On the issues

All three candidates faced tough questions from the community, ranging from federal

times, referring to the construction of the Laurin Bridge, where projects may need to be outsourced.

"If we can keep it local and out of the state, that's good," he said, adding he was unsure about private money and whether people are willing to donate.

Thompson said he believes some grants are fine but said "that money comes from somebody."

"To be taking grant money, I would say stay away from it as much as possible because our granting it costing somebody, someplace," he said.

Schulz spoke of the importance of grants to help get projects done in the county, citing the Legislature has allocated money to be used in specific funding projects, such as the airport improvements or within public health offices, but said he does not believe in using grants to "grab dollars."

"I don't believe in having grants specifically to go out and grab the dollars, there's no question that the federal government is in trouble," he said. "But the dollars that we have brought in in recent years through grants directly benefit the local people and are dedicated for those purposes."

On the subject of Madison County's nursing homes, all three candidates agreed on the importance of sustaining and maintaining those facilities.

"We owe them the right to be taken care of," Allhands said. Schulz and Thompson agreed saying care for the nursing homes is a must.

Looking ahead, the candidates were asked what they

and the potential ramifications on Madison County.

Thompson said he thinks it could be beneficial to Big Sky, saying "it is their area, and they should be able to get the money."

"It may not help Madison County but there's a big part on the Madison Valley side because the money is different from what it is up there to what it is down here," Thompson said.

Schulz said the commissioners have been studying the TEDD process over the last year.

"As Big Sky grows and Madison County grows, there is a consistent obligation on Madison County to provide services, whether it's public safety or roads," said Schulz. "Regarding the TEDD, I have some strong reservations if a TEDD is really good for Big Sky and if it's good for Madison County unless we propose some alternatives."

Allhands said he did not know how he felt about a TEDD but said he worries the TEDD may come back to hurt Madison County.

"I worry the TEDD may come back to haunt us and we'll be left paying the bill," he said.

Closing statements

Allhands closed first, stating he values the people.

"I value you people and will do what is in the best interest for the county," he said.

Thompson reiterated his hope to address county issues in a timely fashion.

"The main reason I'm running is there are issues, to me, that are not being handled in a



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FROM L: Dan Allhands and Dave Schulz.

"I can arrest someone and then go pray with them," Stewart joked during the forum.

As far as what he hopes to bring to the Senate, Stewart said he has a good listening ear and hopes to learn the entire capacity of the job to best serve the people of district 36.

"I will do my best to bring your voice back to the capitol," he said.

Welborn is currently serving his fourth and final term in the Montana House of Representatives and is running for his first Senate term. A businessman through and through, Welborn said he has "signed both sides of the check" working for others and now for himself.

Welborn has served on a host of committees during his four terms in the House including working on environmental issues, education, telecommunications, energy and more, and said he was also involved in the secured funding for Virginia City and Nevada City.

Welborn prides himself on being solutions driven when it comes to his role in the Legislature.

"I'm always reaching and finding solutions that work for everyone," he said during the forum. "I've found that your way is not always right and the opposing way is not always wrong."

Welborn said he will continue to find common-sense solutions that will benefit all if he is elected to the Senate.

On the issues

In a 20 minute question and answer segment, Stewart and Welborn addressed questions from Madison County residents on everything from

their potential learning curve while serving Senate District 36, as well as financial priorities.

Stewart said his biggest learning curve is understanding and learning the process and procedure of the Senate and prioritizing state needs.

"What are the wants and needs of the state?" he said, regarding financial priorities. "We need to prioritize the needs and then focus on the wants."

Welborn said his biggest learning curve since serving has been to "learn in a hurry."

"You never stop learning - it's baptism by fire," he said, adding his financial priority is state infrastructure needs.

On the issue of public and federal lands, a topic with deep roots in Madison County, both Senate candidates were vocal in their opinions.

"We should never back off (public lands) and working with agencies," said Welborn. "We need to keep the conversation going."

Stewart agreed, adding the need for an equal playing field, but was more concerned with the transfer of federal lands back under the operation of the state.

"It's a big issue on the Republican platform to encourage the transfer of lands back to the state," he said. "The local government is getting ripped off."

Closing statements

Welborn and Stewart were given two minutes for closing statements and both ended with establishing their excitement about the potential of serving.

"I've served all my life," Stewart said. "I'm good at talk-



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Jeff Welborn.

grant monies, the county budget, workplace morale, Madison County nursing homes and the impending potential Targeted Economic Development District in Big Sky.

First on deck was a question surrounding federal grants and finding ways to source county projects through local and private money.

Allhands started, stating he "personally, is not a fan of the federal government" and sees too much government overreach, but added that there are

foresee being major issues for the county.

Thompson stated the county needs to better handle its budget, while Schulz said there are "a gamut of issues," referencing public safety and mental health.

"I think we have lots of issues ... one of the things I really feel is immediate is our emergency response," said Allhands referring to the lack of volunteers.

One big-ticket item surrounding the county is the potential for a TEDD in Big Sky

timely matter or equal matter and I would like to see this changed," he said.

Schulz rounded out the forum by thanking the community and recapping issues brought before the county.

"I believe the commissioners today are being very conscientious in how we spend your dollars and are putting them to their best purpose," Schulz said. "I look forward to and relish being able to serve and work for you folks."

Welcome to the RODEO

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On May 7 and 8, Montana high school students traveled to Ennis for a weekend of rodeoing. Teenagers participated in events like team roping, goat tying and more.

BOTH PHOTOS: ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
High school students like Amanda Russell, from Ennis (R), spent last weekend at a high school rodeo in Ennis.



Ennis golf results

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS MCCOWN
Ennis Schools

Ennis hosted a meet last weekend, April 30. Here's how they fared:

Boys				Girls			
1. Bryson Glines	52	45	97	1. Baylee Sciuchetti	54	52	106
2. Charlie Gilmore	44	48	92	2. Kaylee Conklin	46	49	95

3. Chris Funston	50	51	101
4. Cole Crowley	55	50	105
5. Jon Fortier	45	41	86

Boys team score - 376

Sheridan students of the month


SUBMITTED BY EMILY MCPARLAND
Sheridan Schools

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

April

Kindergarten Waylon Brant

First grade	Aurora Miller
Second grade	Mia Schwend
Third grade	Faith Randolph
Fourth grade	Koy McDougal
Fifth grade	Shania Smith
Sixth grade	Carmin Somerville
Seventh grade	Ana Sofia Du-Pond
Eighth grade	Isaiah Davis
Ninth grade	Moxon Lee
10th grade	Kenny Foster
11th grade	Juan Pablo Du-Pond
12th grade	Alexis Woirhaye



DAVID SCHULZ

for COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT I

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My accomplishments and activities include:

- I worked with VC Ranches subdivision to pass a petition for a road improvement district.
- I helped Madison County and the Town of Sheridan to challenge the Governor's authority to remove funding from the Treasure State Endowment Program for the Sheridan Sewer project and Varney and Blaine Springs bridges. Funding has been re-established and projects are moving forward.
- I supported improvements to Madison Valley Manor--enhancing year-round efficiency and comfort of facility.
- I participated in a 1 1/2 year construction and restoration at Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center.
- I spend time daily inspecting roads and cooperating with the Dist. I road crew to keep your roads safe and functional.
- I worked with SW Montana Stockgrower's Assn. to enact a petition to form a Livestock Protective Committee.
- I worked with MT Dept. of Transportation to have barrow pits mowed on state highways through the Ruby Valley to increase safety.

Other things I am active in:

- Board Member, Montana Weed Control Association
- Chair, Beaverhead--Deerlodge National Forest Working Group
- Organizing Member, Ruby Valley Landowner, Wildlife Committee
- Board Member, Montana Assn. of Counties Joint Powers Ins. Authority, Madison County's property, casualty and liability insurance
- Current Chair, Madison County Commission

I am:

- A 4th generation Sheridan native
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"ICBA *Independent Banker*" the award-winning magazine of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) and the nation's number-one source for community banking news, recognized Ruby Valley National Bank as an ICBA industry top performer in its May issue. Ruby Valley National Bank's recognition is based on the strength of its competitive banking services and operational efficiencies throughout 2015.

"Whether serving rural, suburban or large metropolitan areas, community banks operate with a focus on their customers and communi-

ties," said Chris Lorence, ICBA's executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "Ruby Valley National Bank knows their local market and thrives because they stay true to the principles of community banking while showcasing drive, ingenuity and community commitment. Ruby Valley National Bank demonstrates integrity, enthusiasm and inventiveness in the financial industry, and for that reason ICBA is proud to recognize this community bank and its employees for their outstanding efforts."

This year's ICBA top-performers rankings underscore the importance of focusing on serving customers and communities, first and foremost. Delivering service,

following disciplined pricing models and supporting their local communities and neighborhoods are trends among those community banks recognized within the rankings.

"Ruby Valley National Bank is delighted to be recognized as an ICBA top performer," said Ken Walsh, president. "We have been serving southwest Montana since 1917 and we credit our loyal, local customers and dedicated employees for our success. We look forward to serving the agricultural and commercial needs of our local communities and citizens. When our communities and businesses grow, thrive and prosper we all win - that is what we are all about."

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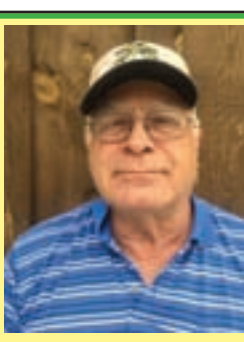
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Hi. Eli here again. I would like to thank *The Madisonian* for putting on the forum the afternoon of May 4th. It's been a long time since standing up in front a crowd and speaking to the public. Amazing how much you have to say, and then forget it when you stand up.

Some more of my past to go with my April 28th ad. I am a 4th generation Montanan, with my great-grandfather arriving in Virginia City in 1863, then moving to Gallatin to homestead. Grandfather coming back to Madison to homestead in 1910 between Ennis and Virginia City. After getting out of the service I've done many things to make a living here in Madison County. Farmed, ranched, owned a small trucking company, operated heavy equipment, ran a service station, even ran (baby-sat) a ranch for a non-resident owner. Now semi-retired, I'd like to help make Madison County get issues that come up resolved in a timely manner! Let's get better control of our county spending! More on this continuing saga next week. **GET OUT AND VOTE!**

~ Ellis Thompson

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OWLS: Outdoor Wilderness Living School

SUBMITTED BY THOMAS J. ELPEL
OWLS

Harrison School students in first through fourth grades took a field trip to the Outdoor Wilderness Living School River Camp by Cardwell last Thursday for a day of wilderness survival skills.

We were blessed to have a truly beautiful spring day, and the kids were enthusiastic to be outside. We practiced fire-starting skills, stalking and nature observation skills, shelter-building and repairs and we played games.

The kids worked together in small groups to build their

own campfires, which we lit with Fresnel lenses big and small. Mastering fire is such an essential survival skill, especially here in Montana, so we explore different methods for starting fires as the kids move through school, covering one-match fires, flint and steel fire-starting and ultimately how to start fires with the bow and drill and hand-drill methods.

Shelter-building is also an essential survival skill, and the kids learned about different types of shelters, joining us around the fire in the wickiup, repairing the grass hut and applying clay over the waddle-and-daub hut.

We also practiced fox walking, deer ears and owl eyes, enabling the students to stalk quietly in nature and to see and hear more wildlife. These skills help build a deeper connection with the natural world, which is especially important in the age of electronics when kids are often disconnected from nature.

It is also fun to just get out and run around. We enjoyed playing games of Fire in the Forest, Coyote Tails and Cougar Stalks Deer. Spring is such a beautiful time of year, and it is a delight to spend the day with a bunch of enthusiastic kids.



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DALE STEWART

Candidate for Senate District #36, plans to go to Helena to represent the citizens of his district.

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Candidate forum in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY PAT BRADLEY
Twin Bridges Rotary Club

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

Contact Krista Beal at 842-5441.

Lewis and Clark Caverns bat tour

SUBMITTED BY TOM FORWOOD
LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK

On Friday May 20 Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park will offer our first bat tour of 2016. These special tours do not go through the entire cave, but spend extra time in the upper part to observe our most fascinating park wildlife, the bats. The cave houses up to seven species and the park is home to nine of Montana's 15 bat species. Come learn about them with a presentation in the Main (lower) Visitor Center starting at 6:30 p.m. After we will head up the hill to the cave and see some bats while they roost before they come out for their evening hunt.

For more information, including prices, contact the park at 287-3541.

Underage drinking

SUBMITTED BY LYNN LOWDER
MADISON COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE

Underage drinking is a serious problem that carries inherent risks. Every year teens die with alcohol being a contributing factor, and this is why compliance checks are done on a regular basis. Based on previous years of compliance checks in Madison County we have an approximate 42 percent fail rate. This is considered by industry standards as a very high

rate. Compliance checks will reduce the likelihood that underage drinkers can purchase alcohol easily, which is an important part of a comprehensive approach to reduce underage drinking and driving. Alcohol servers are required to be trained in a Montana state approved Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service class.

There are several trainings a year in Madison County. These trainings are advertised throughout the county and are on the Montana Department of Revenue's website or by contacting the Madison County DUI Task Force to schedule a class at mcdutaskforce@gmail.com. Sheriff Thompson said,

"Businesses for the most part understand the risks and responsibilities of alcohol service but rarely have to actually deal with the tragedy of impaired driving crashes," said Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson. "Compliance checks are meant as a reminder to alcohol establishments that we need to remain diligent in keeping alcohol out of the hands of our young people for these reasons compliance checks will be ongoing with several planned for 2016."

Rancher roundtable workshop

SUBMITTED BY BILLY WHITEHURST
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION OFFICE

On May 19 at 6 p.m. head to Whitehall to learn about remote monitoring of irrigation systems and variable frequency units. John Gardner of AquaTech will present information on how to stretch your time through remote monitoring and lower your power bill through VFD units.

The event takes place at the extension office. RSVP by noon on May 17 by calling 287-3282 to guarantee a complimentary meal.

Fiddlers in Pony

SUBMITTED BY DAVID ZIMMERMAN
THE PONY HOMECOMING CLUB

The Montana Old Time Fiddlers present the 10th Annual Fiddle-Fest at the Historic Pony Gym in Pony

on Saturday, May 21. This event will feature informal jams, music workshops, a potluck dinner and an evening concert.

The open old time music jam kicks off the afternoon at 1 p.m., and is open to all acoustic instruments. The music workshops go from 1:30 - 4:45 p.m. with fiddle, guitar, banjo and mandolin classes in the lineup.

The potluck dinner starts at 5 p.m., the concert starts at 7 p.m. For more info call 685-3481.

Appealing your property's valuation

SUBMITTED BY LAURIE BUYAN
MADISON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Property taxpayers who want to appeal the Department of Revenue's valuation of their property must do so no later than 30 days after they receive a property assessment notice from the department. Once a tax bill arrives, it is too late to appeal the valuation of the property. Appeals must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder where the property is located.

The Madison County Tax Appeal Board, a three-person board appointed by the county commissioners, will hear all appeals between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2016. If you receive an assessment notice from the Department of Revenue that you disagree with, you must submit your appeal with the Clerk and Recorder within thirty days of the date on the notice.

Taxpayers must pay their taxes under protest if their property valuation appeal is not resolved by the end of November; the date first-half property taxes are due. If the taxes are not paid under protest, it will not be possible to receive a refund if the appeal is decided in the taxpayer's favor.

Members of the Madison County Tax Appeal Board are Monte Simonsen, Paul Marsh and Gayle Clark. Questions about the Tax Appeal Board procedure may be directed to Laurie Buyan, the secretary. General information about the tax appeal procedure is available on the Montana Tax Appeal Board website at www.mtab.mt.gov.



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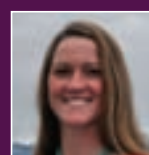
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Local businesses have the information you need to make a variety of decisions. Best of all, they are here and available to meet your needs. In our "Ask the Experts" section, we went to these local experts for information on topics important to you.

Ask the Expert forum appears the second Thursday of each month. If you have questions for these area professionals e-mail us at editor@madisoniannews.com.

HEALTH CARE

Q: With the nice weather, I've started long-distance cycling and the outside of my left knee hurts? What's causing this?

A: You may have Iliotibial Band Syndrome (ITB). Without proper warm-up or stretching, overuse injuries are common when resuming athletic activities. Pain on the lateral (outside) of the knee that may "pop" occasionally is a symptom of ITB syndrome. This sometimes occurs because the IT band is very tight and the medial (inside) quadriceps are weak. This imbalance can lead to the IT band "grinding" over the lateral aspect of the distal (lower part) of the femur. Prior to big runs or cycling trips, lower extremity stretching and medial quad strengthening (the web has videos of exercises) will help ensure a pain free summer of fun! Lateral knee pain after or during activity could indicate ITB syndrome and you should see your local healthcare provider. Usually, physical therapy, ice and NSAID's will help get you back in the saddle again!



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EYE CARE

Q: What should I be doing to ensure my eyes are healthy?

A: Approximately 37 million adults in America have age-related macular degeneration, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, or glaucoma, all of which can cause visual impairment or blindness. In support of https://nei.nih.gov/hvm/healthy_vision_month (every May), the American Academy of Ophthalmology is encouraging everyone to take charge of their eye health and preserve their sight by following some simple tips. Getting regular comprehensive dilated eye exams is one of the easiest and most important steps to maintaining eye health. Early detection of disease and potential threats makes them much easier to treat. In addition, stay active, eat healthy and do not smoke; know your family history, and always use protective eyewear and sunglasses. By taking these steps, you'll help ensure your eyes are healthy and that you're seeing well for a lifetime. As always, seek advice from your eye doctor if you notice any changes with your vision.



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FITNESS

Q: How do you train for a 5K?

A: Whether you are new to running or an old expert, training for a 5K gives you a definite purpose for exercising. Additionally, as you set your ultimate goal as the 5K you are less likely to miss a session and more likely to push yourself toward your goal. A 5K is 3.1 miles but don't let that scare you off! If you train properly you can make that distance over a 6 to 7 week period (less than two months). The following training schedule can be used to help you reach your goal.
Week 1: Monday -run/walk 30 minutes. Tuesday - walk 30 minutes. Wednesday - run/walk 30 minutes. Thursday - walk 30 minutes. Friday - rest. Saturday - run/walk 3 miles. Sunday - rest. This same schedule should be used throughout the time period you train, but you should start the first week with 15 seconds running, 45 seconds walking during the run/walk. Each week you should increase the amount of time you run and decrease the amount of time you walk. If you incorporate running, walking and resting in your training you will reduce the risk of injury, stress and fatigue which in return will make your 5K more enjoyable.

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A: Baby birds are in three stages of early life: Hatchlings (close to no feathers); Nestlings (some coming in) and Fledglings (fully feathered). Hatchlings and Nestlings need to be put back in their nest (it's a myth that a mom will abandon that baby-birds have a poor sense of smell). If you can't find the nest wrap it in a towel and place it near a warm water bottle. Then call your local Wildlife Rehab Center or a local vet. If it's a fledgling, they will probably be flying in a day or so, so let it be. However, if it's in a place of danger, move it to a safe spot. One last thing: if any bird is bleeding or obviously hurt, then call your vet or Wildlife Rehabilitator. Big Sky Bird Rescue is a good resource (406-993-9303).



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Q: How is therapy different than talking to my friends?

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A: Determining a listing price for a home is not an exact science and can be extremely difficult in our area because we do not have "cookie cutter" homes like larger communities. Agents search the Multiple Listing Service to find sold homes with similar characteristics such as location of the home, square footage, age of the home, etc. These homes can then be used to find a range for a listing price of your home. An agent should always use sold prices not listing prices to help determine a listing price.

Watch out for the agent trying to "buy" your listing by suggesting a much higher listing price. We see this often from agents trying to get the listing but when the home finally sells months later the final sales price is often quite a bit lower than the original listing price.



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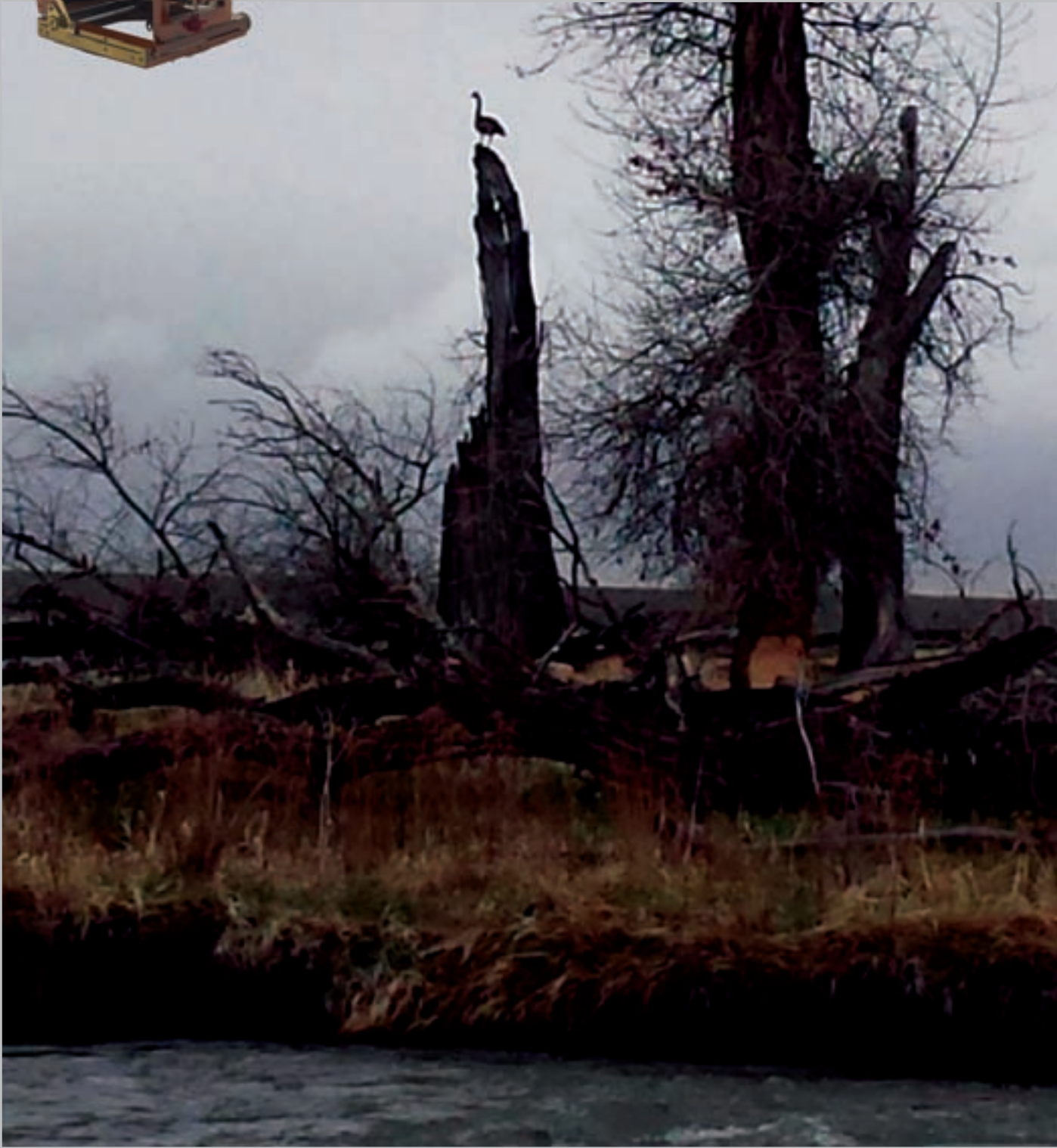
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK SHERIDAN

Waylon Brant is an outstanding kindergartner at Sheridan Elementary School. Waylon's favorite thing to do in school is math. He likes to play his Sega at home. His advice to kindergartners to become student of the week is to "be quiet and be good." Keep up the good work, Waylon!



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Saturday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers and thunderstorms. Highs 55 to 65.

Sunday



Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Lows 35 to 40. High of 65

Monday



Mostly cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain showers. Lows 35 to 40. High of 65

Quote of the Week:

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In honor and remembrance

Bob Eby selected for honor flight



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Bob and Claudine Eby outside their home in Sheridan. Bob will leave on May 13 for Washington D.C.

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Tick tock, tick tock, tick tock. One clock after another chimed in Bob Eby's living room. "I used to work on clocks – I've always liked them," Eby said, explaining the 20 plus clocks he has collected over the years. "We've given all our kids clocks so they're crazy clock collectors too," added his wife, Claudine. "No money, just clocks," joked Eby. Eby is a quiet, humble man with a quick wit. He is a collector or memories, of a sort, be it clocks or spurs or runner sleds, and May 13 will mark a new era of collected memories. Eby, a veteran of the Korean War, has been selected for an honor flight.

Background

Eby grew up on his father's homestead outside of Alder on Hinch Creek where he was one of 13 children. "Ten boys and three girls," he said. "I was one of the last brats." The family lived up Hinch Creek with their record 248 horses that Eby said he and his siblings would ride, break and simply "chase 'em." "We had some cattle and a few sheep too, but I mostly enjoyed riding the horses," he said. When Eby turned 14, his family moved down to Alder permanently, where the kids attended school and where Eby initially planned to stay and work after graduation. "Uncle Sam said they needed me," said Eby. "I didn't enlist, I was drafted." And on a cool December day, Eby was in. "I went into the Army as a foot soldier on Dec. 5, 1951, and I got out Nov. 23, 1953," he said. Eby started out at Camp Roberts in California, spent a short time in Oklahoma before heading to Japan for five months and ultimately on to Korea where he was stationed for nine months. "I wasn't planning to enlist," said Eby, who returned to Alder after the war. "When I got back, I went to work and worked for the Otis Elevator Company for 13 years." Eby has worked many jobs throughout his life said he did "a little bit of everything, just to make a nickel." Upon his arrival home, he met Claudine through a mutual friend and the two were married in 1955. "It was a cold day in January when she caught me," Eby laughed. The couple raised four children and lived in the hills, you could say, sort of off the beaten trail before moving to Sheridan 12 years ago. "I really didn't want to move," said Claudine about their home in the hills outside of Alder. "I just loved it up there." Now, having lived in Sheridan for more than a decade, the Ebys have certainly made a home for themselves, clocks and all.

Honor flight

"Actually, he pursued it himself," said Julie Russell, one of the Eby's three daughters. "He saw that after they did a World War II flight, they were going to do a Korean War flight and as a family we checked into it." An honor flight is a flight dedicated to transporting as many United States military veterans to see the memorials of the respective war they fought in, at no cost to the veterans. Russell gives all the credit to setting up the honor flight for her father to her brother Dave, who made most of the arrangements and will be escorting Eby on the flight. "He is such a proud man," Russell said of her dad. "He never really says 'I want' so when he said he wanted to do this, we knew had to find a way for him to do it." Through some digging, Dave and another sister Michele were able to make some contacts. Come Friday, May 13, Eby, his younger brother Carroll, who served in the Korean War after him, and Dave will descend on Washington D.C. for a flight of honor and remembrance. "I'm really excited and really looking forward to it," said Eby. "I don't know, really, what to expect, but just to see it and see what all goes on." "I'm thrilled (they) get the opportunity to go and it's something (they'll) never forget," said Claudine. Though he isn't quite sure of the exact itinerary, Eby and his brother will join other Korean War veterans for the flight of a lifetime. "This is just a great thing and I didn't realize I was this emotional," said Russell. "It means a lot to him – he never talks about his time in the service and it's just a very honorable thing for him to be able to do. It makes me very proud to be his daughter."



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Bob shows off his collection of spurs. Both Bob and Claudine enjoy traveling to auctions and collecting various objects: from spurs to clocks to button hooks.



PHOTO COURTESY BOB AND CLAUDINE EBY
Bob hoped to stay in Alder and work on the ranch before being enlisted to the military. "I wasn't very happy," Bob said when he found out he had been drafted. The photo above is of Bob and friends moving cattle outside of Alder.

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Emotional health and seniors

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Seniors have unique circumstances that may make it more difficult to maintain emotional balance and happiness. The decline in physical health that accompanies aging, along with increased physical pain and loss of friends and family over time, can contribute to feelings of depression, anxiety and isolation. In addition, seniors often feel that they should just tough out their problems and don't seek out someone who could help. Depression, problems with alcohol and medications and thoughts of suicide are NOT a normal part of aging, and effective treatment is available.

Being able to recognize some of the signs of mental health concerns in family and friends, as well as yourself, may allow you to help. Some signs to watch for:

- Depressed mood (feeling sad, empty) most of the time
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities
- Changes in appetite
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Noticeable restlessness or slow movement
- Fatigue or lack of energy
- Feelings of worthlessness or extreme guilt
- Difficulties with concentration or decision making
- Frequent thoughts of death or suicide, or a suicide attempt
- Abuse of alcohol or drugs (including prescription medications)

- Withdrawal and isolation
- Irritability

If you notice some of these symptoms, there are several things you can do to help:

- Encourage the person to talk with a doctor, counselor or social worker. Treatment does work.
- Let the person know that they are not alone – depression, anxiety and other mental health issues are more common than you think.
- Explain that mental health problems are just as real as physical health concerns.
- The earlier you see a doctor or other health professional and get help, the better you will feel.

Connecting an older adult who is struggling emotionally to professional help can make a tremendous difference in that person's life. So who is available in our area to help? A primary care physician is an excellent place to start. Be sure the doctor learns about the patient's moods and feelings in addition to physical signs of distress

such as changes in appetite. Professional counseling and other mental health services are also available in Madison County and adjoining counties. Consult the Mental Health and Substance Abuse resource directory prepared by the Madison County Mental Health Advisory Council. The brochure is available at local libraries, health care facilities, post offices, schools and other community locations. Or call 925-0091 and a copy will be sent to you.

Paying for mental health services can be a problem for many, although more insurers are covering assessment and treatment now than in the past. The 2008 Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act requires parity between physical health benefits and benefits that cover mental health and substance abuse services. The law applies to group health plans of employers with over 50 employees. Many providers of mental health services offer a sliding scale where those less able to pay are offered reduced fees. Montana's expanded Medicaid program covers mental health

and substance abuse treatment.

Fortunately for those on Medicare, Medicare Part B insurance helps cover the cost of mental health services and visits with a doctor, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant. Be sure the provider participates in Medicare. Medicare Part B beneficiaries are entitled to one free depression screening each year completed in a primary care doctor's office. Medicare Part A also covers mental health services you receive in an inpatient setting, either a general or psychiatric hospital. If you participate in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D), prescription drugs for mental health conditions may be covered. Which drugs are covered depends on the specific plan. This is just a general overview of what Medicare covers in the area of behavioral health; more information can be obtained by searching Mental Health on the Medicare web site, www.medicare.gov.

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ARTWORK BY ANGELA MUELLER

Take precautions to avoid hantavirus infection this spring

SUBMITTED BY JON EBELT
Department of Public Health and
Human Services

The Department of Public Health and Human Services reminds Montanans to be aware this spring about the risk of hantavirus.

Health officials say that hantavirus infection can occur during any month, but spring and summer months pose the highest risk for exposure as people clean cabins, outbuildings and campers or begin spring and summer recreation activities outdoors and come in contact with mouse and rat nesting materials.

"Before you start cleaning garages, sheds or dusting off your camping gear, it is important to look for evidence of

rodents and take steps to protect yourself," said DPHHS Director Richard Opper.

With 42 cases of hantavirus reported since 1993, Montana has one of the highest rates of infection in the United States.

Hantavirus infection can cause severe illness and death with one in four of Montana cases resulting in death. Studies in Montana have shown that the deer mouse, the most common host of the virus, is well dispersed throughout the state and often tests positive for the virus.

"When you open the door on your garage or cabin to begin spring cleaning, stop and think," Opper cautions. "People can become infected when they breathe in air contaminated by the virus. It is important to not do things that raise dust, such

as sweeping or vacuuming if signs of rodents are present. Protecting yourself and cleaning correctly will protect you and your family."

The best way to prevent hantavirus transmission is to control rodent populations in areas where you live and work. When cleaning areas where rodents may have been present, the following precautions should be followed:

- Wear rubber or plastic gloves.
- Thoroughly spray/soak area with a disinfectant or mixture of bleach and water to reduce dry dusty conditions in the area being cleaned.
- Wipe or mop the area with a sponge or paper towel (throw away items after use).
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water after removing gloves.
- Never sweep or vacuum in these areas as this can stir up dust and aerosolize the droppings.

More information on hantavirus and its prevention can be found DPHHS on the website at: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/>, or visit the Madison County Sanitarian's Office at <http://madisoncountymt.gov/239/Sanitarian>.



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COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Bluebirds in the valley

A Mountain Bluebird swept down from the east and landed on the fence across the street. The air was warm and still, making the landing appear quite effortless.

The bird gazed across the yard. His back was to this observer, and he seemed to be surveying his realm with peace, grace and serenity.



Rev. Keith Axberg

After a few moments he was joined by another of his species. She did not share his powder-blue coloring, but she was definitely "of a kind."

The two stared at one another for a few moments and then departed. At first their journey took them briefly north. I wondered if they had to fly into the wind like planes off an aircraft carrier. What happens if there is no wind? I often ponder such matters when I am alone.

As I meditated on the world of my feathery friends, they circled back and made their way to the shelter of the trees outside my front window, disappearing into the needled greenery of the old spruce.

I say "old" but it is really just an adolescent in the world of trees. She has only seen about three decades come and go, but what are 30 years in relation to all eternity? The tree neither knows, nor cares. She simply rises from the ground, drawing her energy from sun, soil and air.

"She neither spins nor sows, yet not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like her," said the rabbi on the Mount, "so why fret? Why worry? Why be anxious?"

At that point a movement caught my eye and the birds flew out of the tree and onto the stone path beneath. They hopped to and fro for a moment, and then stood still.

"Why aren't you standing watch over the nest?" asked the blue-feathered one (seemingly) as he glanced at his mate with unblinking purpose.

"Why aren't you?" she shot back with an equally unblinking stare-down.

They stood motionless like that for a few seconds, glaring

at one another with focused determination, and then ... they smiled. I swear to all that is, they almost broke out into birdie laughter and went about checking the ground for food, grubs, seeds, worms or whatever it is bluebirds find their nutritional delight in, and after they had found all there was to find in our sparse space, they flew away to points unknown.

Jesus said, "I have come that you might have an abundant life." He did not say he came to give us an abundance of things, but an abundance of life.

Watching those birds for 10 or 15 minutes might have seemed wasteful to some, but not to me. They stuck around long enough I was able to retrieve my camera and even take a few photographs. That's highly unusual as it has been my experience that birds (especially) don't like to sit still to have their pictures taken.

Either that or I set a too leisurely pace as a photographer.

With digital photography, one can snap away and select the "perfect" picture out of a hundred (or thousand) taken, but I have always been of the "slow and steady wins the race" variety of shutterbug.

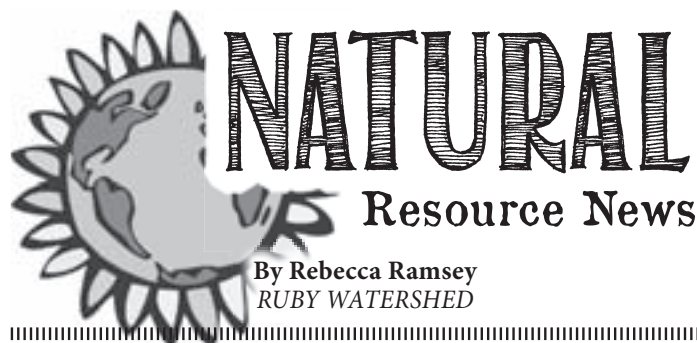
Some people are "whipper snappers" – whipping out their cameras and snapping away. I'm more of a "slugger-snapper" – sluggishly deciding ... to ... get ... my ... cam ... era ... and ... zzz.

But that's okay, that's alright; that's just the way I am, and I'm used to it. I really relate to a shirt I saw the other day. It said, "I'm a man of my word. I said I'd fix it. You don't have to keep reminding me every six months!"

The birds of the air know enough to find what they need on the land and in the trees that surround them. They do not water their lawns; nor do they mow or trim. They haven't got fingers or thumbs, yet they build exquisite nests. They haven't got computers, and yet they know egg-zactly how to multiply.

That's not a bad life all in all. They may be blue, but I confess I'm green with envy in this, our valley.

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



By Rebecca Ramsey
RUBY WATERSHED

SPREADING THE LOVE: DANDELIONS

I know most folks loathe the little yellow flowers popping up in their lawns, and aggressively wage battle against this "weed." But today, I'm going to try to spread the love to this misunderstood flora! These native plants have flowers, which provide some of the first food for bees in the spring, and are very nutritious food for wildlife and humans as well.

Commonly referred to as dandelion, the species of *Taraxacum* are

tap-rooted, perennial, herbaceous plants, native to temperate areas of the Northern Hemisphere. The name loosely comes from the French meaning lion's tooth, referring to its coarsely toothed leaves. In general, the leaves are roughly 2-4 inches long, simple, lobed and form a basal rosette above the central taproot. The flower heads are usually bright yellow and are open in the daytime, but closed at night. The single heads are on a hollow, usually leafless

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stem that rises above the leaves. Stems and leaves exude a white, milky substance when broken. A rosette may produce several flowering stems at a time. The flower heads are typically 2-4 inches in diameter and consist entirely of ray florets. Once flowering is finished, the flower heads mature into spherical seed heads called blowballs containing many single-seeded fruits called achenes. Each achene is attached to an appendage of fine hairs, called a pappus, which enable wind-aided dispersal over long distances ... spreading its own love all over! As a child, we'd wish on these when we blew, believing the wishes would get taken away into the wind.

Dandelions are found on all continents, and are thought to have evolved about 30 million years ago in Eurasia, and have been used by for food and herbal medicine throughout human history. A perennial plant, its leaves will grow back if the taproot is left intact. To make leaves more palatable, they are often blanched to remove bitterness, or sauteed in the same way as spinach, as well as boiled or eaten raw in salads.

And while these misunderstood plants have many benefits, dandelion pollen can cause allergic reactions including adverse skin reactions in sensitive individuals. And, you should be careful when picking leaves or flowers to eat to make sure that they come from areas that are NEVER treated with weed killing chemicals or other lawn enhancing products. Additionally,

The flower petals, along with other ingredients, are used to make dandelion wine. The ground, roasted roots can be used as a caffeine-free dandelion tea, and is one of the traditional ingredients of root beer. Dandelion leaves contain abundant vitamins and minerals, especially vitamins A, C and K, and are good sources of calcium, potassium, iron and manganese.

Historically, the dandelion was prized for a variety of medicinal properties, and it contains a number of pharmacologically active compounds. Dandelion is used as an herbal remedy in Europe, North America and China to treat infections, bile and liver problems and as a diuretic.

Its seeds are an important food source for certain birds. Its flowers are also important plants for Northern Hemisphere bees and the first emerging butterflies, providing a source of nectar and pollen early in the season. Dandelions are also used as food plants by the larvae of some species of butterflies and moths.

The dandelion can be a beneficial plant to gardeners as a companion plant since its taproot will bring up nutrients for shallower-rooting plants, and add minerals and nitrogen to soil. It attracts pollinating insects and release ethylene gas which helps fruit to ripen.

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always check with your doctor before using herbal supplements, especially if you are on diuretic medications.

To encourage you to love your yellow lawn decorations, how about spreading the love by sharing these dandelion flower cookies? Try this recipe ... cookies always help my outlook!

To prepare dandelion flowers for use in recipes:

1. Wash them thoroughly.
2. Measure the required quantity of intact flowers into a measuring cup.
3. Hold flowers by the tip with the fingers of one hand and pinch the green flower base very hard with the other, releasing the yellow florets from their attachment. Shake the yellow flowers into a bowl. Flowers are now ready to be incorporated into recipes.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup honey
- Two eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup unbleached flour
- 1 cup dry oatmeal
- 1/2 cup dandelion flowers

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Blend oil and honey and beat in the two eggs and vanilla.
3. Stir in flour, oatmeal and dandelion flowers.
4. Drop the batter by teaspoonfuls onto a lightly oiled cookie sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes. Cool on wire rack

* Recipe courtesy of Peter A. Gail, Ph.D. From *Cooking with Dandelion Flowers* by Peter A. Gail, Ph.D.

Commodity Insite! Commodity speculation is great again

by Jerry Welch

It has been a long time since I have read and heard of so much enthusiasm for speculation with the commodity markets. Nary a day goes by anymore without a host of analysts, market gurus and media outlets touting the global rush now underway with speculation. With trading. With buying and selling of grains, metals, petroleum or livestock. Or, with the so called soft or tropical markets such as sugar, cocoa, lumber and the juice that comes from an orange. Speculating is back vogue!

To twist the words of Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential candidate, there seems to be broad based move afoot to make, "commodity speculation great again." I certainly hope so because the commodity markets began to leak more than five years ago and earlier this year, as measured by the CRB Index, values fell to a new, 13 year low. But across the globe, it does indeed appear as if commodity speculation is great again.

Understand that speculating is neither an art nor a science. It is both. It is also neither. The key ingredient for market speculation comes from the fact that it does not matter if prices rise or fall, go north or south. What matters is if there is enough price movement or

volatility to offer short term opportunities to make money.

Bloomberg News recently published a piece entitled, "China's Improbable Commodities Frenzy Leaves Stocks in the Dust." The article points out that the Chinese stock market that rose to a seven year high in June of last year is down 42 percent to date. The article hints that Chinese stock market investors that bet wrong on stocks are now lining up to buy commodities where the action is fast and furious and bull markets unfolding daily.

Consider the following. In the United States, the average length of time a crude oil futures contract is held is almost 40 hours. In China, the most active commodity futures market is steel reinforcement bars that have jumped 38 percent in value this year. The length of time a steel futures contract is held is less than four hours. Fast and furious indeed.

The U.S. News and World Report had a piece by Debbie Carlson entitled, "How To Invest in Bottoming Commodities." Here is the opening sentence: "After falling to multi-year and in some cases, multi-decade lows, it appears that commodity markets might be bottoming."

Carlson goes on. "Barclays says the low the Bloomberg

Commodity index put in during January's selloff matched the all-time lows last hit in 1999, and since then the index has risen. Investor interest is back in the commodity sector as assets under management for the precious metals, base metals, energy and agriculture markets are rising so far for 2016. That's lifted values, with prices for commodities as disparate as crude oil, iron ore, gasoline, soybeans, coffee and gold all up for the year, too."

But here is the rub. The move to make commodity speculation great again began in China, spilled over to the United States and other parts of the world in January and February. But the same scenario surfaced a year ago with the Chinese stock market with record setting trading volume and white knuckle intra-day price swings as investors were buying and selling furiously, holding stocks for very short periods of time. They were treating stocks back then as they are treating commodities today.

My point is this. Last June, speculating in the Chinese stock market became so intense and volatile that the market eventually rolled over and crashed and remains 42 percent off the high. Volatility and heightened speculation tends to bring forth such dire

results. Nothing ends a bull market quicker and with more certainty than volatility amid erratic price movements.

Now, the same sort of speculative frenzy has surfaced with commodities across the globe. But similar to last spring, signs are surfacing that the speculative fever is breaking across Asia. And from Bloomberg News comes this article entitled, "China's Great Commodity Bubble Loses Air Before It Can Burst."

The first sentence in the article states, "The fever that's gripped Chinese commodity markets is easing." And the next paragraph reads, "Speculators who traded 1.7 trillion yuan (\$261 billion) futures in a single day last month have retreated as fast as they advanced. Trading volumes across the nation's three biggest exchanges are more than half of what they were at their peak on April 22 and back to levels similar to a year ago, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The amount of money changing hands on a daily basis has shrunk to \$114 billion."

No doubt, commodity speculation is great again. But with signs the fever is breaking ag-producers of all kinds should be selling rallies as they unfold and not hold out for even higher prices. Especially grain producers.



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Joyce White and daughter Jennifer at her birthday party

TRMCC update

SUBMITTED BY ROSEANNE TROYER
Tobacco Root Mountains
Care Center

Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center nominated one of our youth volunteers for volunteer of the year, and Sophia Du-Pond Rangel was awarded her plaque April 5, by Roseanne Troyer at the Montana Health Care Association Convention in Bozeman. Rangel's ever so proud family was also there to cheer her on.

Back at the care center, residents enjoyed their monthly entertainment by the Silver

Bow Stompers from Butte. On the 14, the care center had a volunteer appreciation tea with over 25 volunteers on hand to share stories, enjoy sweet treats and numerous giveaways.

We loaded up our bus and truck on April 21, and traveled down the highway for a tasty lunch. On our way home we saw new calves, deer, some ring necked pheasants and how everything was greening up.

On Earth Day Lillian, Mickey and Gene helped make, cut out and bag up our healthy harley treats for dogs.

Joyce White was our only

April birthday. The ladies from Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan hosted the party and Joyce's daughter was able to attend. She brought a scrapbook of her mother's accomplishments – Joyce was a fashion designer and invented a backless halter top dress.

Beverly Ford, Jana and Jill Snyder and Alice Forwood served everyone a fluffy angel food cake and of course creamy ice cream.

We were on the road on the 27th; Sheridan School invited us to a spring brunch, so we wheeled Millie, Dalena, Lillian,

Mickey, Eva and Dick P. over to the grade school gym where they were treated to a variety of fresh fruit, warm frosted cinnamon rolls and tender egg and zucchini frittata.

The next day we held happy hour and watched Andy Griffith while nibbling on nuts and sipping cold beverages. On the 29th, we held beauty hour and made the ladies nails look beautiful. Three men also enjoyed a warm close shave and the next day, volunteers and staff were busy creating huge colorful flowers for Mother's Day.

COMICS & PUZZLES



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King Crossword

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- 11 Concept
- 13 A billion years
- 14 Gumbo need
- 15 Ripped
- 16 Kreskin's claim
- 17 Office part-timer
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- 20 Opposite of "nope"
- 22 Commonest English word
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- 28 Annoys
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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
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 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
(pop. 608,660)

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.
- Bake at 375 for 10-12 minutes.

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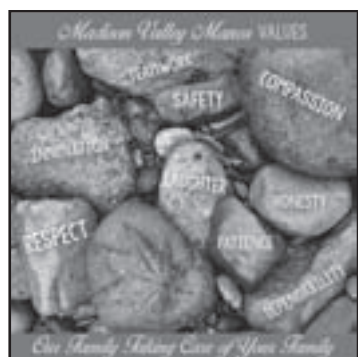
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27-tfc-b

Bob's Place in Virginia City is now hiring for summer help! Servers and cooks. Experience a plus but not required. Fun, fast paced environment. Call Kirk 865-0529 28-2-b



The Madison Valley Manor is hiring full time and part time Certified Nursing Assistants. This is a great opportunity to work in a personal healthcare setting.
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Two summer positions.
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682-4722
29-2-b

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

Virginia City Outlaw Cafe
under new management. Hiring line cooks. Call (406) 580-6669. 29-tfc-b

Hiring customer service/sales associate. Full or part time will be considered. Building material knowledge helpful but not required. Pay based on experience. Stop in and talk to Kyle today. Ennis Lumber Company. 29-4-b

HELP WANTED: Madison Valley Public Library is looking for part-time (20 hrs/wk) Library Clerk. Please stop by the library at 210 E Main St in Ennis for a job description and application. 29-2-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. 29-tfc

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

Madison Valley Ranch seeking part-time server 1-2 evenings/week for 2-3 hours. Four-course dinner provided! Competitive compensation. Please call (406) 682-7822 or email mvr@3rivers.net. 29-tfc-b

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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

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

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Vacation and Long Term Rentals 570-5401
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22-tfc

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

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

FOR RENT: Large mobile home site 1 mile from Ennis. 100 x 150', water & sewer, country atmosphere, quiet. **NO DOGS.** 682-4854. 29-tfc

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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

FOR SALE

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

1976 Silverline Outboard Motor Boat, Good Condition, w/Much Newer Mercury 90HP Motor, Minn Kota trolling Motor, Lowrance X65 Fish Finder, on Calkins Trailer. Ennis, \$9000 OBO. Text or Call 406-581-6091 28-4-b

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SERVICES

Madison Valley Caring & Sharing Hours:
Mon. Noon-2:00 p.m.
Sat. 9-11:00 a.m.
Wed. 5-7 p.m.
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GARAGE SALE

HUGE FOUR-FAMILY YARD SALE
This Saturday, May 14, 9am-2pm. 203 E. Steffens St. downtown Ennis, behind FMVB. Collectibles, books, lamps, glassware, knickknacks, movies, household items and much much more! **PRICED TO SELL.** Bring cash and shop for awesome bargains! 29-1-b

WANTED

Looking to buy used Jackrabbit 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

Wanted. Custom haying round bales on shares or by the ton. 406-683-4855 or 406-660-0110 28-2-b

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TO BID

Invitation for bids: Weed Spraying in Shining Mountains. Send info to SMOA PO Box 452 Ennis, MT 59729 29-3c-b

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE RE OF THE ESTATE OF: HUGO A. LESLIE,
Deceased.
Probate No. DP-29-2016-15
That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must either be mailed to KRISTY ANN SAIER, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 131, Ennis, MT 59729, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
Dated: April 28, 2016

/s/ Kristy Ann Saier
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
STATE OF MONTANA
-ss
COUNTY OF MADISON
KRISTY ANN SAIER, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:
That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s/ Kristy Ann Saier
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of April, 2016.
/s/ Janet R. Cookson
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: Ennis, MT

My Commission expires: 1/30/2017
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. May 5, 12, 19, 2016) km
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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 P1M.
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 drobison@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: Madison County Planning Office, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City; Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis; and Yellowstone Mountain Club, One Yellowstone Club Trail, Big Sky.
Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.
John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
(Pub. May 5, 12, 2016) mcpb
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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
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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 TO MADISON RIVER WATER USERS

(Pursuant to Section 85-2-233(6), MCA)
A Motion to Amend the Preliminary Decree of Statement of Claims 41F 30103764 and 41F 30103765 has been filed with the Montana Water Court by Claimants John R. McDonnell and Christene M.J. McDonnell and Sandra K. Kamerman and Bradley W. Kamerman.
The McDonnells and Kamermans have requested the Court correct the point of diversion of the claims to the SWSWE of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Gallatin County, Montana and the ditch name to Crowley Ditch.
Objection Date
Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed with the Montana Water Court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59717-1389, within 45 days of the last date of publication, in accordance with Section 85-2-233(6), MCA. A copy of any response or objection must be served on the McDonnell's attorneys, Dana Elias Pepper and Bina R. Peters, Pepper Law Firm, PLLC, PO Box 477, Bozeman, MT 59771 and Kamerman's attorney, Calvin Braaksma, Braaksma & Miller, PLLC, 1227 North 14th Avenue #3, Bozeman, MT 59715. Please indicate "Case 41F-A17" on any response, objection or other filing related to this Motion to Amend.
(Pub. May 12, 19, 26 2016) pif
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Madison County Tax Appeal Board will be in session from July 1 through December 31, 2016 for the business of hearing property valuation and classification appeals. Any taxpayer who disagrees with the appraised value or classification of his or her property may file an appeal with the Madison County Tax Appeal Board within 30 days of receipt of a Notice of Classification and Appraisal, or Notice to Change Valuation (assessment notice) established by the Montana Department of Revenue. Notices will be mailed in 2016 to property owners who have had a change in value after January 1, 2015, a change in ownership, or a change in classification. Appeal forms are available from www.mtab.mt.gov. Appeals must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder who will notify the County Tax Appeal Board to schedule a hearing.
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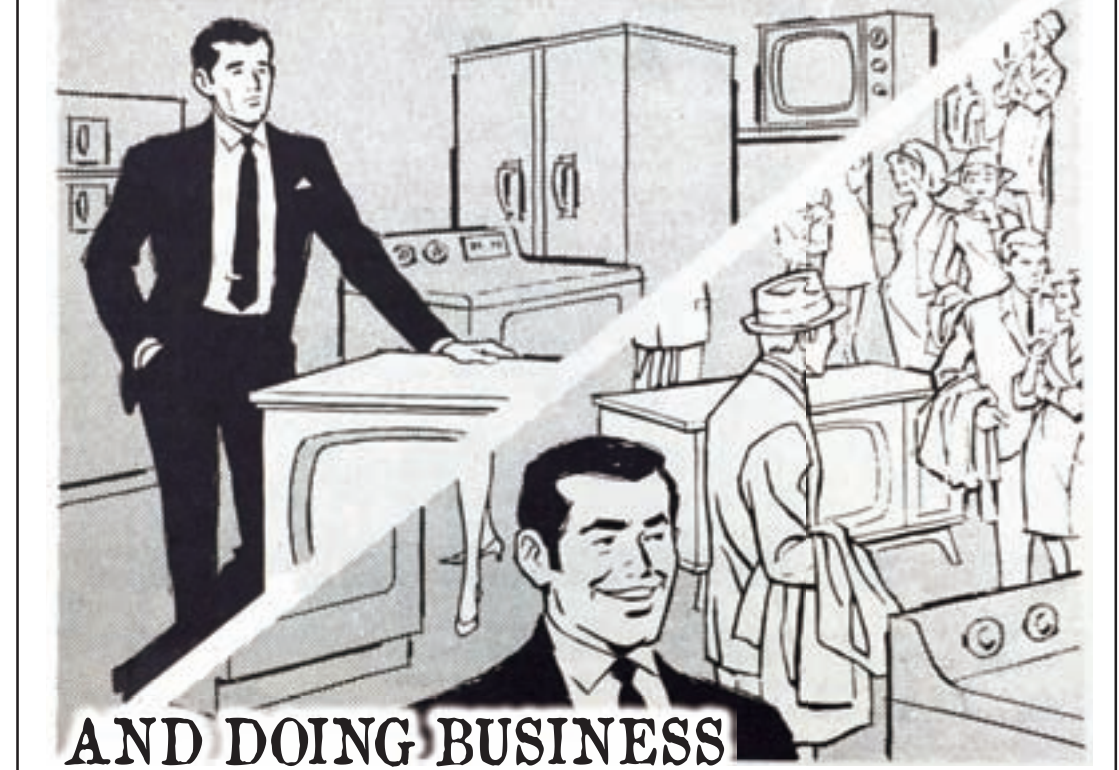
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NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE

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.

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Ennis Schools

Boys

100 meter dash
Second place Austin Baum 11.54

200 meter dash

First place Cleet Wrzesinski 22.35
Second place Tanner Wood 23.32
Third place Wade Lily 23.50

110 hurdles

First place Cleet Wrzesinski 14.9

4x100 relay

First place: Corbin Wood, Tanner Wood, Austin Baum, Cleet Wrzesinski

Shot put

First place Ty Morgan 46'5"

Discus
First place Ty Morgan 151'2"

High jump
First place Corbin Wood 5'11"

Pole vault
Fifth place Race Owens 10'7"

Triple jump
Second place Tanner Wood 41'3"

Girls

200 meter dash
Third place Krysta Saunders 27.97

400 meter dash
Fourth place Josie Jenkins 1:06

100 hurdles
First place Wrenzi Wrzesinski 15.52

4x100 relay
First place and a new school record 51.83: Krysta Saunders, Josie Jenkins, Wrenzi Wrzesinski, Whitney Mckittrick

4x400 relay
First place Josie Jenkins, Krysta Saunders, Whitney Mckittrick, Wrenzi Wrzesinski

Discus
Fifth place Caitlin Klatt 102'10"

High jump
Third place Jourdain Klein 4'10"

Pole vault
Seventh place Ravyn Body 6'6"

Triple jump
First place Jourdain Klein 34'5"



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MADISON VALLEY MANOR

The Mad Gals presented the Madison Valley Manor Activity Department with a donation to go toward future activities. The Mad Gals are from Madison and Gallatin counties. Presenting the check to Dr. Melody Clark, activity director, are Ethelyn Hannie and Katherine Brooks.

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Tony Shaw, Pastor
842-5602

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Ennis Branch

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Sunday School 11:20 a.m.
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May 12: Mac n cheese, green beans, roll, cookie
May 17: Quiche & salad bar, peach cheese cake crumble
May 19: Chicken enchiladas, rice, refried beans, cookies
May 24: Chicken salad on croissant, fruit, straw. shortcake
May 26: Hamburger casserole, salad, roll, choc. cake
May 31: Lasagna, salad, garlic toast, choc. ice cream

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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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WEDNESDAY MAY 18: CHICKEN CORDON BLUE CASSEROLE, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT
THURSDAY MAY 19: SLOPPY JOES, BAKED BEANS, VEGGIE STICKS, DESSERT

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LIONS CLUB'S ANNUAL AUCTION



PHOTO COURTESY RUSS WHITACRE ENNIS LIONS CLUB

The Ennis Lions Club annual auction was held on April 30 at the rodeo grounds in Ennis. Proceeds will be used to support local communities such as scholarships, vision testing and treatment and other community events in the Madison Valley.

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WEDNESDAY MAY 11

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

Discussion, Ennis
6 p.m. at El Western. Charles Drimal of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition will discuss the wild and scenic designation for the Madison River.

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.

FRIDAY MAY 13

Walkathon, Twin Bridges
Join the Twin Bridges Schools walkathon to raise money for new facilities at Carroll Field. Starts at 1 p.m.

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.
Public meeting, Ennis
The Ennis government study commission report at 7 p.m. at Ennis Town Hall.

Road cleanup, Ennis
History Association annual clean up of two miles of MT Hwy 287. Meet at the museum at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY MAY 19

Discussion, Virginia City
Bob Erdall will be leading a discussion about the nature of living with addiction 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.

SATURDAY MAY 21

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

Discussion, Twin Bridges
Lisa Brubaker, mental health counselor, will be leading a discussion about living with mental illness at the library at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY MAY 24

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

SATURDAY MAY 28

Music, Virginia City
The Sugar Daddies will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
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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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