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BEAR CREEK DAYS

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Students learn how to use "primitive" tools like a timber carrier, pictured.

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ENNIS TOWN

New commissioner appointed; town will assess water system

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During their regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, the Ennis commissioners voted on and appointed Lisa Roberts to the vacant commission seat.

"We felt (Roberts) was the most qualified candidate," said Blake Levitt, who was appointed to Larry Pine's seat during the April meeting after Pine took over as mayor. "She's informed and has been to numerous council meetings and is active within the community - we feel she would make a great addition to the council."

The town interviewed three applicants for the open seat and, upon recommendation from the council, Roberts received the majority of the vote and was immediately sworn in.

"I chose to run because we have lived here for 10 years and I think it's a civic duty to be involved in what's going on in your neighborhood and in your town politics and issues," Roberts said.

Roberts was appointed to former commissioner Audra Bourk's seat - Bourk resigned last month - and Roberts will serve until November 2017 when she will be required to run in the next town election should she choose to continue, according to clerk Ginger Guinn.

"Particularly the sidewalk issue and also keeping public lands public issue - pedestrian access as a whole," said Roberts, referring to what she hopes to focus on while serving. "I want to focus, also, on getting more people involved in the issues of the town and getting more feedback. It's not just these five people who decide, we just serve as a voice for the town."

After swearing in Roberts, the council heard from Great West Engineering's Dan McCauley regarding the town's water, and unanimously agreed to a preliminary engineering report, a process the town of Sheridan just completed.

Similar to the PER completed in the Ruby Valley, Ennis will look at their water system - the PER will also determine an emergency response plan, according to engineer Dan McCauley.

The PER comes after an incident two years ago when a utility company hit Ennis' main water line and the town was without water for a couple days.

"Folks got out there and everything was excavated really quickly," said commissioner Brian Vincent. "We were pretty lucky."

Vincent said the town is doing the PER mainly for the emergency plan of action, should something similar happen again.

"A million different things can happen when it comes to water supplies - we are just looking to identify, if it were to happen again, how to keep it going smoothly," Vincent added.

McCauley agreed, saying the main purpose of the PER is to identify where updates can be made to insure the best solutions and outcomes in the event of an emergency.

"We're just going to look at everything again, look at distribution and where flows are," said McCauley. "Find ways to best get things routed should there be an emergency. In a nutshell, if something happens, (the town) will be more ready and aware to deal with it."

In order to conduct the PER, the town must apply for and receive a Treasure State Endowment Program grant for \$10,000 and a \$5,000 Department of Natural Resources and Conservation grant and would only need to provide \$5,000, according to McCauley.

Other news:

During their regularly scheduled meeting, councilmembers chose to make some amendments to the current fireworks code at the request and proposal of Ennis Chief of Police John Moore.

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Prepared for storms



Madison County deemed 'StormReady' by National Weather Service

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"Your county is storm ready and ready to respond in the event something should happen," said Megan VanDen-Heuvel with the National Weather Service out of Great Falls. "You have the contacts so if something were to happen, your responders can move quickly and take care of the communities across the county."

On May 12, NWS conducted a ceremony at the Madison County Administrative Building, recognizing the county as a StormReady community.

"Basically, most of the counties across the country participate," explained

Dustin Tetrault, Madison County director of emergency management. "We needed to show (NWS) that we had systems in place to handle severe weather."

According to NWS, StormReady is a nationwide program that helps communities better protect their citizens during severe weather from tornadoes to tsunamis.

"The program encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations," according to NWS. "StormReady provides emergency managers with clear cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations."

Establishing Madison County as StormReady required creating a 24 hour

warning point and emergency operations center, having multiple ways to alert the public, monitoring weather conditions locally, promoting the importance of public readiness through community seminars and developing a formal hazardous weather plan, all of which Madison County has in place.

"(Chris Mumme, previous director of emergency services) already had most things already done," Tetrault said. "Since I've been here, the big one was getting our new mass communication system in place."

That system allows Madison County emergency personnel to notify resi-

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CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Blaine Spring Creek Bridge replacement begins this week, ahead of schedule

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As of today, May 19, Knife River Corporation started preliminary construction work on Blaine Spring Creek Bridge, south of Ennis.

"It's starting a little earlier than it was planned," said commissioner Jim Hart. "But prior to the fish window, which is July, they have some preliminary work to do. Before they get in the creek."

The project was originally scheduled to begin after June 6, according to Lori Ryan, Montana Department of Transportation public relations.

When complete, the new bridge will look similar to the current structure, Hart said.

The county received \$700,000 in 2010 from a TSEP grant to replace the bridge, which is located just west of Varney Bridge near the Madison River south of Ennis. Though the project is estimated to

cost more than \$2 million when finished, the county is only responsible for around \$250,000, per an agreement with the MDT. The MDT will cover all expenses except for the \$700,000 from the TSEP and the county's contribution, Hart said.

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

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

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

Hart said the contractor hopes to complete work mid-September, but they have through the middle of November to get it done.

Starting today, recreationists and residents will not be able to access Varney Bridge from the Fish Hatchery Road until Blaine Spring Creek Bridge is complete - access will be open from U.S. Highway 287 near Cameron.

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- Jim Hart, Madison County commissioner

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dents and visitors to the area via landlines, cellphones, text messaging and email with the "push of a single button" Tetrault said.

As part of the StormReady program, NWS conducts biannual storm spotter trainings – the first one took place on May 12, and those in attendance

were certified as weather spotters by NWS.

The importance

Disaster mitigation is important in Madison County. Just ask commissioner Jim Hart.

"We have so many possible emergencies in rural America and weather is one of them,"

Hart said. "We have to consider safety for kids in schools and cyber security and a plethora of things. Weather is one of the things on the list we need to keep an eye on."

Tetrault said the "big" weather incidents that could potentially impact Madison County are straight line winds, snow storms, flooding and

heavy rain.

"We're prepared," he said. "Especially with the new mass notification system. We can alert everyone."

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Megan VanDenHeuvel teaches a class on how to become a certified storm spotter.



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"This will just make my life and the county's life a whole lot easier," Moore said.

The proposal's main changes include prohibiting fireworks being set off near the hospital building, securing firework permits and adjusting the times at which residents can light fireworks.

To view the fireworks ordinance, go to the town of Ennis' webpage.

Also on the agenda during the May 12 meeting, council members discussed the possibility of the planning board disbanding due to lack of activity and members.

"It's my feeling that the town should have a board in place," said mayor Larry Pine, citing the planning board's work on the town's subdivision regulations.

"I agree with (Pine), I like having hands on, especially when we are in the middle of doing our subdivision regulations," said councilwoman Brandi Palmerton. "However, I don't know what to do when we don't have participation and the planning board no longer wants to do it."

The council all agreed the board should not disband, but should be changed and are looking into ways to increase participation on the planning board.



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From L: Ennis clerk Ginger Guinn and mayor Larry Pine discuss potentially disbanding the planning board.

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MORE NEWS:

BEAR CREEK DAYS

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A surprise spring snowstorm early last week put a damper on Bear Creek Days for third and fourth-grade students from around the area since the event was canceled on May 10. Fortunately, the sun showed its face and days two and three for the fifth – eighth graders went off without a hitch.

“Luckily, it was the third and fourth-graders who couldn’t come, so they have more years since we do it every year, so long as they don’t move away,” said Gordon Ash, who handles trails, recreation, wilderness and special use permits on the Madison Ranger District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, and organized this year’s Bear Creek Days. “Wednesday and Thursday were beautiful and outstanding days.”

Over the course of two days, 332 fifth through eighth-graders gathered at the foot of Sphinx Mountain in the Madison Mountain Range to participate in the camp, hosted by the Forest Service. Students from Alder, Cardwell, Harrison, Ennis, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and West Yellowstone participated.

Between May 11 and 12, multiple volunteers from the Forest Service, the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center out of West Yellowstone, Jack Creek Preserve, Wildlife Conservation Society, Madison River Foundation, Madison Valley Ranchlands Group, Madison Conservation District and more provided lunch or manned stations where students gained hands-on learning about varied outdoor-related things, from pack horses to smokejumpers.

“This is the 12th annual (time we’ve done it) at Bear Creek,” Ash said. “It is clear we need better engagement with our schools and local communities. We need to better identify who we are as agencies; incorporate our local partners using public land; better articulate access and opportunities there are on our public lands; clearly identify our collective rights to enjoy a full range of diverse recreation opportunities; and most importantly, start instilling a land ethic reminding us on how to care for our precious resources.”



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT
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A representative from the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone shows students raptors.

A student tries on smokejumper gear to demonstrate the weight the jumpers carry.

Tim Beardsley teaches students about pack animals – students even got to ride Beardsley’s horse around the Bear Creek Campground.

Kids get put to work – They learn to use primitive tools to cut, move and carry logs.

Ennis students inspect bear proof containers as part of a presentation from the Forest Service about how to properly store food in the back country.

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The Republicans are saying 'no' to the man they created, Trump

Dear Editor,

Is it not funny? Just a few months ago the Republican Party demanded Donald Trump sign a pledge to run as a Republican. Now the Republican Party wishes they had used invisible ink.

But the Republicans in Washington have created Trump over the past seven years because they have been the party of "no," creating a broken system.

The Republicans in Washington said on the first day that

President Obama took office they would not support him and would vote against anything Obama presented.

Then the Republicans said we need more jobs. So what did they Republicans do? They shut down the government. This put thousands out of their jobs, closed our National Parks, closed our National Monuments and the United States lost millions of dollars.

Then the Republicans said they were conservatives. But this cost the taxpayers \$24 billion to reinstate what they shut

down. This is a funny way to call themselves conservatives.

Then the Republicans promised to cut Social Security and forget about the senior citizens who worked all their lives to receive a small retirement check

The Republicans then say they will change the Securities and Exchange Commission budget. Which meant fewer regulations to control Wall Street, which in turn means probably another financial crisis, which means the middle class will get cheated and the

rich will get richer.

The Republicans in Washington have done little to help America in the last seven years. They work very little, get a big pay check for doing very little. So this is one of the big reasons we now have Trump. The Republicans, the party of "no," created him and now they are saying "no" to the man they created.

LaVon D. Brillhart
 Dillon

Response to Ray Shaw's letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

It is really quite simple. The Republican Party should be able to place the candidate of their choice in the primaries. At the present time, the Democrats can cross over and vote in the Republican primaries and effectively put their choice of candidates in a Republican slot. House Bill 454 was a proposal to prevent this but Shaw voted

along with the Democrats to defeat this bill.

The Republican Party platform is very important to Montana since federal over reach is growing by leaps and bounds. Article 1, Section 8 of the federal Constitution limits federal power by listing only the enumerated powers that they are allowed to exercise. The Montana Republican Party platform is based on state and

federal constitutions. All state representatives take an oath to support and defend both the state and federal constitutions, unfortunately, many do not vote that way.

Shaw promotes himself as representing the Madison County Republicans, but has not attended one event or meeting in at least eight years, according to the minutes. The Madison County Republican

Central Committee takes no pleasure in its action to censuring Shaw. However, it is the duty of the central committee to defend and promote the party platform, and to hold those that profess to be our Republican representatives to reasonable standards.

Cedar West
 Ennis

Past votes speak louder than words

Dear Editor,

Ray Shaw has been our representative for House District 71 for the last two sessions. He runs as a Republican. However, many of his votes have been in direct conflict with the Republican Party platform, conservative positions and what most would believe are Republican goals. He receives support from Democrats and votes with Democrats on many issues along with a few Repub-

licans such as Jeff Welborn who is running for Senate District 36 that covers Madison County. Shaw and Welborn both voted against an effort to allow state charter schools, voted to expand the state spending by 20 percent including expanding State Medicaid under the failing Obamacare program, voted against reviewing public lands and costs and voted for the CSKT water compact despite potential injury to non-Native Americans, the majority of

people living and working on the Flathead reservation. Both also voted for House Bill 454 that was designed to undermine the state GOP lawsuit that would allow Republicans to choose their own candidates. HB 454 would also potentially move the choice of Republican precinct committee members away from the precinct into the hands of central party people. Shaw scored 4 percent in the 2013 session, the lowest of any Republican in an analysis by

Montana conservatives and tied with the average of House Democrats. You can check out every bill and all their votes at: [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w\\$.startup?P_SESS=20151](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w$.startup?P_SESS=20151).

Shaw and Welborn may run as Republicans but they vote, when it counts, with Democrats.

Bob Williams
 McAllister

Thank you to the community

Dear Editor,

Our family has been so comforted and blessed by the expressions of sympathy shown to us during our time of loss. Each card, hug, dish of food, phone call, memorial donation and caring gesture has warmed our hearts and uplifted us. We feel very fortunate and blessed to be surrounded by a community of warmth and compassion. Your loving kindness will never be forgotten.

The family of John Allhands

OBITUARIES

Colleen Marie Crane
 January 13, 1933 - May 12, 2016



Colleen Marie Crane joined our Lord on May 12,

2016. She passed away peacefully in her sleep in Henderson, N.V.

Colleen was born on Jan. 13, 1933, to William "Perry" and Carolyn Blakeley in Big Timber. She was married on Sept. 13, 1950, to the love of her life, Francis Crane. Together they raised seven children all of which are survived: Darcie Stroud (Dan) of Ennis, Rick Crane (Ann) of Great Falls, Terry Gray (Ernie) of Caldwell, Idaho, Susan Deadrick (Ray)

of Henderson, N.V., Howard Crane (JoEllen) of Twin Falls, Idaho, Michael Crane (Julie) of Timnath, Colo., and Patrick Crane (Cheryl) of Lander, Wyo.

She is also survived by her sisters, Helen, Dorothea, Debbie, Maureen and Pauleen; 17 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces, all of whom she adored.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Crane; brothers Jim and Jack

Blakeley; and her mother and father.

Abiding by her wishes to be cremated, a celebration of her life will be held over Labor Day weekend in Laurin.

She touched many lives near and far throughout her lifetime and will be dearly missed but should always be remembered for her loving and forgiving nature. She always believed her greatest accomplishment was her seven children and how well they have done in their lives.

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

Grave Side Services with Military Honors will be held on May 21, 2016, at 10 a.m., Madison Valley Cemetery, Ennis. Memorial Service will be held on May 21, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Alder Fire Hall.

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ENNIS SCHOOL

Board welcomes new trustees; appoints new chair, vice chair

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Before the regular Ennis School Board meeting on May 11, chairman John Scully thanked Craig George, the outgoing trustee in addition to himself, and the incoming members.

"Thank you for running and congratulations," Scully told Karen Ketchu and Julie Funston, who voters elected to replace George and Scully. Trustee Maria Lake was re-elected for a one-year term.

County Superintendent of Schools Pam Birkeland was in attendance to perform the swearing in of Ketchu, Funston and Lake.

Trustee Chad Coffman then nominated Lake for the role of board chair.

"I think it's a spot meant for the person with the most experience," he said. "You drew the short straw! I do think you will be great."

The board unanimously voted Lake as the new chair, and then voted trustee Kris Inman as vice chair.

Before beginning their regular meeting, the board appointed clerk Ginger Martello, whose "stellar" evaluation was performed last month, Lake said.

Regular meeting

Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski attended a joint commission meeting in Big Sky with the commissioners from Gallatin and Madison counties last month, with multiple representatives from Ennis.

"There wasn't much of an update," he said, referring to the possible future Target Economic Development District a committee of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is looking into. "Their consultant backed out so they don't have the information the commissioners from both counties want."

During the meeting, Inman reported a commissioner from Gallatin County suggested the TEDD committee look into alternative solutions to Big Sky's infrastructure needs. She also said the committee would most likely have a substantial update in June or July.

"It sounds like we are ahead of the curve," Lake said.

Vo-tech building

Architect Dave Grigsby, who has been

working on the plans for updating the school's vo-tech building drafted a plan to turn the current building referred to as the "bus barn" into the shop, which would require an addition and a few modifications, according to vo-tech teacher Chris McCown.

"He gave me rough estimates if we were to go with updating the current building or turning the bus barn into it," McCown said.

He emphasized the estimates were really "rough," and then said it would cost around \$400,000 to remodel and update the current building, while changing over the bus barn would cost between \$600,000 and \$700,000.

Lake suggested the building committee, which she serves on with George, meet with the architect to get more information and lock down a direction.

Inman asked McCown what he thought about both options, since he spends the most time in the vo-tech building.

"I think this is a viable option but more expensive than we want to do," he said about changing over the bus barn. "My initial request was just for more shop space."

George offered his time if the board wanted him to continue serving on the building committee, since he has worked on the project from its inception.

Other business

- **Moving expenses:** After much debate, the board approved a \$750 stipend to help the new superintendent with moving expenses – Casey Klasna is moving to Ennis with his family from Terry by the end of June.

- **Big Sky bus:** The board asked Wrzesinski to reach out to Big Sky's superintendent to come up with a timeline for

deciding if Big Sky still wants to pursue Ennis running a bus route in the Madison County portion of Big Sky. Ennis purchased a bus per Big Sky's request, but has not been running a route.

"We need to say, 'you guys must do this if you want this entertained for the next school year,'" Lake said.

- **Softball fields:** Years ago, the school partnered with the softball association to manage fields north of Ennis, but in recent years, the burden for maintenance has fallen solely to the school, Wrzesinski said.

"I think expectations need to be clarified," Ketchu said. "Personally, switching hats, as a parent we have put in hours."

The board decided to draft an MOU or facility use agreement that any organization using the fields needs to sign.

- **Farmers market:** Last year, the town of

Ennis signed a lease agreement with the school to use the school's north parking lot for RV parking during summer days. This year, Madison Farm to Fork wants to use the lot on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer for their farmers market.

The board suggested F2F adapt their current MOU with the school to include the parking lot use for the farmers market. They also requested the lease agreement with the town be adapted to indicate the town is okay with the farmers market.

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
County Superintendent of Schools, Pam Birkeland swears in the newly elected trustees – Maria Lake, Karen Ketchu and Julie Funston.



Business as usual

Harrison School Board 'breezes through' monthly meeting, discusses acceptable technology use

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"It was one of our shortest meetings of the year," exclaimed Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman, referring to the board's May 9 meeting. "Everything at the school is just going fast and furious here at the end."

The board did, however, select trustee Ann Hokanson as chair and trustee Liza Hall as vice chair. They also reappointed clerk Judi Ward.

Technology use

Hofman said the big agenda item was updating the school's technology acceptable use agreement.

"It's been 2007 since we updated that," he

said. "Technology has changed since then."

Hofman said Andi Christensen, who teaches art and Spanish and is the school's "technology guru," drafted the updated agreement along with math teacher Dylan Abraham.

"Updating the technology acceptable use policy for our school has been a goal of mine for awhile, but finding the time seemed to be a challenge," Christensen said. "Since technology has changed so drastically over the last decade, many of the terms and ideas were outdated and not applicable."

Christensen said she and Abraham review policies from many different schools, and ultimately liked the policies from Great Falls and Bozeman.

"We then revised their policies to fit our

district," Christensen said. "We wanted two policies, one for grades (kindergarten through sixth-grade), with simple 'I will' statements that elementary students can follow and consequences for violating the rules. For example, I will use all computer equipment carefully or I will not download software, music or apps on school electronic devices."

For grades seven through 12, Christensen said they thought the policy could include technical terms that "hopefully" will not be outdated quickly.

"For example, practice proper Internet safety, do not cyberbully, do not violate copyright laws or do not create or spread viruses," she explained.

Hofman said the board was in favor of the

updated agreements, and that the school's policy will be changed to be consistent with the new agreements.

"Since technology has changed so drastically over the last decade, many of the terms and ideas were outdated and not applicable."
- Andi Christensen, Harrison teacher

SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD

Chair, vice chair appointed; board discusses technology, safety, more

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The Sheridan School Board met on May 10 and welcomed Bill Wood back to the board, and Kendra Horn served her first meeting as a new trustee – Wood and Horn ran unopposed for two vacant seats in the last election.

"I'm the chair again and Russ Hamilton is the vice chair again," Wood said. "We talked about a variety of things."

One thing that is always at the forefront of the discussion is school safety.

"Instead of just fire drills, we want to train for active shooters, chemical spills, earthquakes," Wood said. "We want to do all kinds of drills."

Superintendent Mike Wetherbee said he eventually wants to "revamp" the entrance of the high school so it can be monitored better, but that those plans are very preliminary.

"I'm not sure what it will look like in the end," he said. "We're always looking to improve

on safety issues. We can't do everything, but we can do a lot of things."

Technology in the school

The board also heard an end of the year report from the school's technology committee.

"We have a steno pad full of things we've done this year in the realm of technology," Wetherbee said. "Now we're just making sure everything we've done this year is running good, before the list keeps expanding more."

Wood said outgoing board member Karen Talley was instrumental on the technology committee this year.

"This was our final meeting with (Talley) he said. "She is by far one of the best board members Sheridan has ever had. Her attention to detail is second to none and as far as understanding policy, she's going to be missed."

Over a 12-year span, Talley has served three terms, or nine years.

"I have mixed feelings," she said about ending

her run on the board. "The board and school is running so good now that it's fun. There are a lot of great things happening. The school is on the right path."

Part of that path has been implementing STEAM – science, technology, engineering, arts and math – into the curriculum more and more.

"Since we put the plasma cutter in the shop and some of the other things we've done with technology, our kids' ability has increased tenfold," Wood said. "We have big plans for the future."

Potential property purchase

The Ruby Valley Hospital approached the school board about purchasing a small piece of property that is south of Crofoot Street.

"It's a small, undeveloped lot owned by the school district but adjacent to the tract of land that we're going to build the new hospital on," explained Les Gilman, president of the hospital foundation's board of directors. "We just wanted

to discuss the possibility of acquiring that land to go with the property we already have. It's not anything that is critical to our project."

Wood said the board did not make a decision, but just learned the hospital is interested in purchasing the land.



Mike Wetherbee

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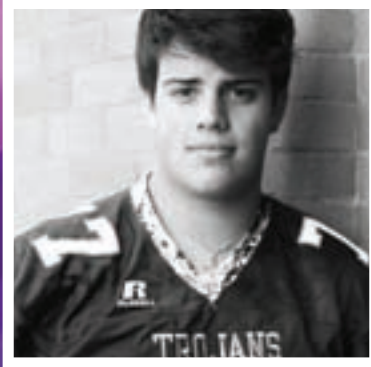
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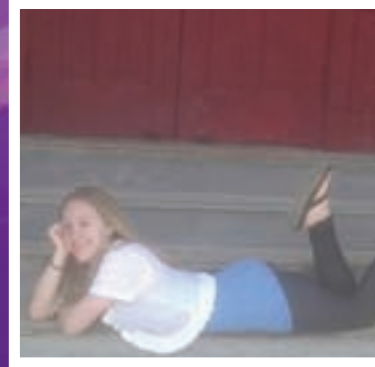
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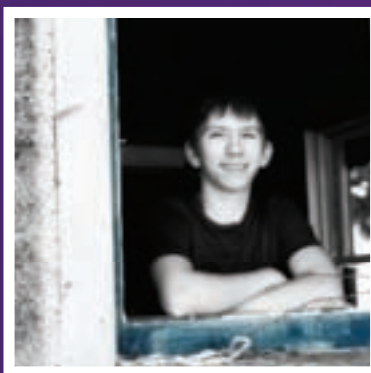
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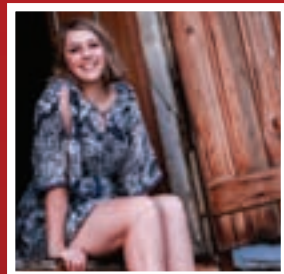
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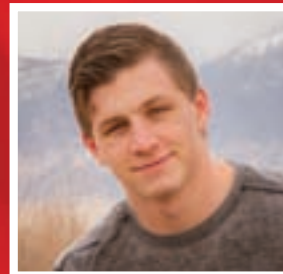
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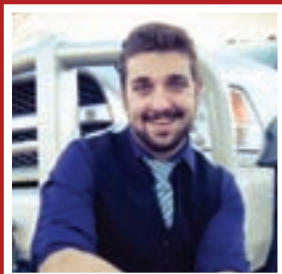
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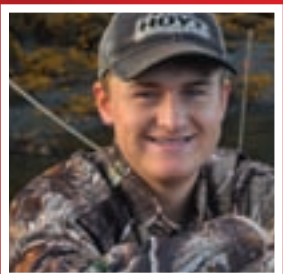
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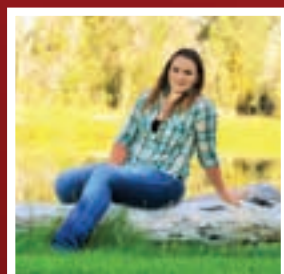
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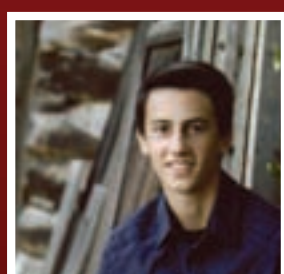
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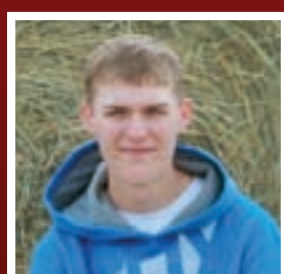
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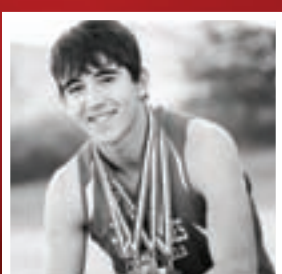
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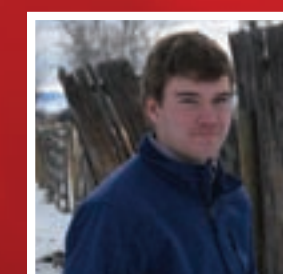
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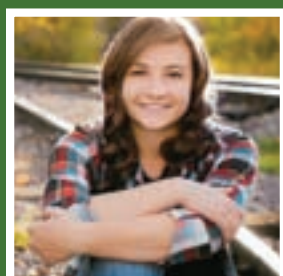
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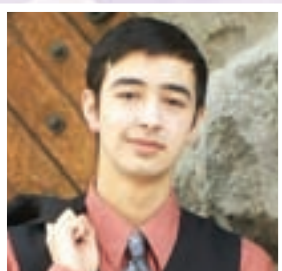
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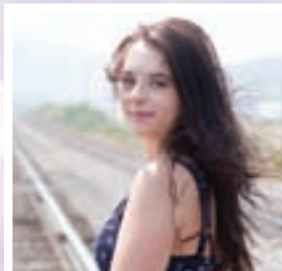
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A new face in Madison County government

Commissioners hire Bonnie O'Neill as new human resource manager

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At the beginning of May, the Madison County commissioners moved to offer the position of county human resource manager to Bonnie O'Neill. Following negotiations, O'Neill accepted, and will assume her role on June 7.

"She is totally excited," said commissioner Jim Hart. "She has a wealth

of experience, including experience in the medical field. By all indications, including reference checks, she is a rock star."

O'Neill, who currently resides in Havre and works for Northern Montana Health Care as the vice president of employee services, is originally from southern Illinois.

"I've worked in human services for my professional career," O'Neill said. "I have a master's degree in workforce

education with a specialty in human resources."

O'Neill graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., and lived and worked in southern Illinois with her husband, who was in law enforcement.

"I worked for 15 years with the Illinois Department of Transportation," O'Neill said. "In human resources. I was also an adjunct professor for Southern Illinois University teaching workforce education."

O'Neill and her husband made yearly visits to Montana – traveling to Bozeman, Missoula and Billings. Then seven years ago, O'Neill's husband

retired and she got the opportunity to move to Havre for work.

"We decided to make that incredible move and come out to Montana," she said. "We like the outdoors. We hike and fish. I don't hunt, but (my husband) does."

For the county, O'Neill will handle relationships between county management and employees, including both nursing homes, Hart explained.

"With 180 plus employees, there is always communication that needs to happen and questions to be answered," Hart said. "Quite often in turns out communication, or miscommunication, is the rub."

O'Neill said she was interested in the position because of a love for Virginia City and Madison County.

"We have life long friends who live in Virginia City," she said. "And we love the outdoors and we wanted to live in the southern portion of the state. My husband and I visit Virginia City on a regular basis – we come in the summers and do the tourist thing. We love Madison County."

O'Neill is excited to assume her position on June 7.

"My goal is to work with the commissioners and provide a service to the employees of Madison County," she said.

Varney boat ramp replacement postponed

Busy season on the Madison River 'too close' to start construction now

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Cheryl Morris, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks region three river recreation manager, said FWP is going to delay work at the Varney Bridge fishing access site until next fall.

"I am very disappointed, but it's just getting too close to the busy river season to try to start now," Morris said.

FWP initially planned to replace the boat ramp and redo the culvert that passes underneath the cattle guard at the entrance to the FAS last fall, but Morris pushed for it to be held back because more recreators than usual were using the Varney Bridge FAS since Ruby Creek FAS farther upstream was under construction through the Bureau of Land Management.

Since construction did not take place earlier this spring, Morris said it will be postponed again so it does not impact recreators and guides who

use the FAS regularly during the summer months.

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

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

The ramp currently has concrete sides, which Morris said will be torn out.

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

The culvert needs work because it is small and plugs because of beaver activity, Morris added.

The estimated project cost is \$50,000, and is funded through FWP, NorthWestern Energy and the Missouri Madison River Fund, Morris said.



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The boat ramp at Varney Bridge fishing access site needs to be replaced because it is "crumbling" and a "hazard," according to FWP's Cheryl Morris.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Suspended sentence revoked

Christian Ann Hegel appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on May 16, on charges she violated the terms of her suspended sentence.

The state, represented by Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall, filed a fifth petition to revoke Hegel's sentence, alleging Hegel has not complied with the terms of that suspended sentence.

Hegel was previously sentenced with a two year deferred sentence after she was found guilty of burglary,

a felony, in 2010 – she broke into her place of work, Subway, and took sandwiches. Since then, the state has filed four petitions to revoke her sentence due to her non-compliance, and she has been re-sentenced each time.

The petition to revoke alleged Hegel did not comply with a variety of conditions – the states alleged she did not complete drug treatment court, she did not report to her probation officer as required, she changed her address without notifying her probation officer and she spent time with people who are on probation themselves.

Hegel pleaded true to all the allegations, and Judge Tucker revoked her probationary sentence. Following

recommendations from Ekwall and Hegel's attorney, Peter Fischer, Judge Tucker sentenced Hegel.

"This situation is one that is truly difficult," he said. "Supervision has not been sufficient for (Hegel) on these previous four occasions. The court simply has no choice left but to commit (Hegel) to the Department of Corrections."

Judge Tucker sentenced her to the DoC for a term of five years, two suspended, with credit for 165 days time served. He also recommended the DoC place her in a drug, alcohol and mental health treatment program.

"This sentence is imposed in an effort to help you," Judge Tucker said

before releasing Hegel into the custody of the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

Dallman enters not guilty pleas

Jeremy Lee Dallman appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on May 16, 2016.

The state, represented by Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall, charged Dallman with three counts – sexual abuse of children (possession); criminal possession of dangerous drugs (methamphetamine); and criminal possession dangerous drugs (marijuana, less than or equal to 60 grams), according to filed court docu-

ments.

The charges stem from incidents between Dec. 30, 2015, and March 3, 2016, where Dallman allegedly possessed a visual medium in which a child was engaged in sexual conduct – essentially, he had a photo on his cell phone of a 17-year-old minor. During that time, Dallman is also alleged to have possessed methamphetamine and marijuana.

Dallman pleaded not guilty to all three counts.

Judge Tucker continued his \$25,000 bond before releasing him into the custody of the Madison County Sheriff's Office pending a future court date.

Sheridan town hires new clerk; looks to future projects

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Gail Leary will relinquish her duties to newly hired Ginger Galiger in June after serving as the clerk for the town of Sheridan for 11 years.

Leary, who worked 20 plus years at the Ruby Valley Hospital prior to her time at the town is headed for retirement and said she is looking forward to some free time.

"I'm just looking to get into the zen," Leary said.

Galiger, who currently works at the Ruby Valley Hospital, was one of 13 applicants

who put in for the open clerk

position. "We had really great applicants and it was a tough decision," said mayor Tom Shaffer. "(Galiger) has previous financial experience and just her general demeanor was great."

"I'm excited," said Galiger, who has worked at the hospital for

eight years doing the accounts payable and other various financial responsibilities. "I'll miss the hospital but it's time for a change."

Galiger had her first training on May 17, and will have a few more trainings with Leary before officially

stepping into her new role on June 1.



Ginger Galiger

Other news

Aside from hiring a new clerk, Shaffer and the council addressed issues regarding the town's water system and preliminary engineering report, and an alley development request in addition to looking in their budget for the potential to build a new shop for the town's use.

Shaffer said the town updated their employee policy, per their insurance company's request, and made general tweaks in their policy and qualification periods dur-

ing their May 9 meeting. The council also voted down a proposed alley request between Crofoot and W. Poppleton streets.

"The alley wouldn't really benefit the town and would be very expensive," Shaffer said.

Similar to Twin Bridges, Sheridan is also exploring the idea of developing a public works shop.

"We're tentatively looking to build ourselves a shop sometime this summer but we'll have to wait and see what the budget looks like," said

Shaffer.

The town had previously leased space in the Natural Resources and Conservation Service building on Main Street that Ruby Valley Search and Rescue took over, and are now looking to build a small shop down at the lagoon site, according to Shaffer.

In January, the town of Sheridan, in conjunction with Great West Engineering, completed a PER of the town's water system and, while actual construction is a ways away, Shaffer said the final PER has been submitted.

Twin Bridges still looking to update subdivision regulations

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According to Mayor Tom Hyndman, the town of Twin Bridges is still in talks with Great West Engineering to evaluate and update subdivision regulations.

"We're still just reviewing things and seeing where we need updates," said Hyndman, adding that it has been quite some time since the town evaluated their subdivision regulations.

Great West Engineering was present at the April town council meeting and gave Hyndman and councilmembers bids for the project, but Hyndman said nothing was decided.

Other issues being looked into by the town are some of the storm drains, which Hyndman said are not draining and are pooling on the road.

"It's just causing standing water because it's not draining," he said.

The town is also looking into a new city shop

that will be located off of Ninth Street and would be used as a public works shop.

"The maintenance guys can work out there and store all the equipment in one place," Hyndman said, adding that the town is hoping to have the project open for bids "very soon."

A beautiful downtown

The Twin Bridges Community Association was at the May 10 meeting and Hyndman said the town is looking at ideas and projects with the TBCA to help in the effort to beautify the

downtown.

"We are just getting some ideas for downtown – see what we can do to improve things and the looks of the town," Hyndman said.

Verta Dorseth, TBCA member, said the group is trying to work with the town to "mesh desires into one common goal."

(Monday) TBCA members, community volunteers and the owners of Countryside Greenhouse planted the flower pots," Dorseth said, adding they hope to have them completed by Memorial Day.

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Sheridan archers take home medals

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Sheridan Archery Team

The Sheridan Archery Team recently participated in a regional archery competition in Ramsey and all seven Sheridan students who attended the event placed.
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK TWIN BRIDGES

Twin Bridges Schools final student of the week for the 2015-16 school year is **Gabriella Stephens**. Gabby is a senior at TBHS and the daughter of Jeff Stephens/Tressy Eggers and Krista Beal/Brian Beal. She will be graduating high school with a 3.891 GPA and plans to attend Montana Tech majoring in computer science. A few of Gabby's classes her senior year include Trigonometry, Dual Credit Pre-Calculus through the University of Montana and Coding...just to name a few. Gabby has been a leader all throughout high school and her infectious smile will be greatly missed. Everyone at Twin Bridges Schools wishes Gabby the best of luck upon graduation!



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Saturday	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Highs 50 to 60. Lows 35 to 40.
Sunday	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 50 to 60. Lows 30 to 40.
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NATIONAL CHAMPION | Kjersten Sandru earns title at BPA convention



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Top left: Kjersten Sandru and Ruth Redfield both placed at the national BPA convention.

Top middle: The entire Twin Bridges BPA group enjoying the sites of Boston.

Top right: Kjersten Sandru, and her mom, BPA advisor Jody Sandru.

Bottom left: The Twin Bridges BPA team imitates Kjersten's "shoe pose" after kicking her heels off and sprinting to the podium during the awards ceremony.

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Kjersten Sandru wears many hats; she is a daughter, a sister, a student, an athlete, an aunt, a leader, a friend and now, a national champion.

The high school senior and Twin Bridges native's youthful spirit exudes a confidence greater than most adults, thanks to her participation in Business Professionals of America, an organization that helps create work force, leadership and etiquette skills to prepare students for life after graduation.

After Twin Bridges lost the Future Career and Community Leaders of America program just before her sophomore year, senior students chartered for BPA and Kjersten was one of the first students to sign on.

"After (the school) lost FCCLA, we were lacking in that department and I guess when I signed the petition for BPA, that's what sparked my interest," Kjersten said.

She has participated in prepared speech and advanced interview and even held a state office position her junior year, but, for Kjersten, nothing tasted quite as sweet as a national title.

Getting to know Kjersten

Kjersten, or KJ as her friends and family call her, is petite in stature but grand in experience.

"Yeah, five foot two and fierce over here," she joked.

The self-proclaimed "nerd" is active in almost every facet of the school and her community – from BPA to her position as a cheer captain to her 4H duties and music recitals to working at the coffee shop or on the family ranch, Kjersten never really stops going – something she thanks her family for.

"They're always so supportive and encouraging of everything I do," she said of parents, Rick and Jody, and her three older siblings, Alexis, Ty and Joe. "I guess I should probably credit Jake Herak too – he's like an unofficial brother."

So whether it's performing her senior piano recital or showing an animal at the fair or leading Falcon spirit at her high school, Kjersten said none of it would have been possible without the love and encouragement from her family and mentors.

"Everyone is just so supportive," she said.

BPA

"Little Kjersten pulled it off!" exclaimed Jody Sandru after her win at nationals. Jody

is more than mom to Kjersten – she is also the BPA advisor and was front and center during the awards ceremony.

Kjersten won her title in advanced interview, where she competed in several rounds of "mock" interviews to secure the win.

"I got second place at state and I was really happy," she said, adding her friendly competition with the girl who took home the state title. "But that really made me want to win at nationals."

She did just that – the comeback of comebacks, you could say.

Her junior year, Kjersten took home fifth place in prepared speech at the national level, but nothing would satisfy her until that gold medal hung around her neck.

"So she beat me at state and then I came back and beat her at nationals," she said with a smile.

School-wide success

Kjersten, however, was not the only Twin Bridges representative as seven other BPA members traveled across the country for a chance to compete at nationals.

Seniors Alice Giem, Megan Martin, Mariah Mays, junior Brooke Smith and freshman Jovi

Rosselot traveled to the 50th BPA national convention in Boston as Torch Ambassadors, an achievement for BPA members through a varying point system. Sophomores Andi Pollerena and Ruth Redfield competed at the national level, and Redfield managed to snag some hardware of her own – a fifth place medal in interview skills.

"Our group definitely has the most spirit," Kjersten said of her teammates during the award ceremony – the group cheered her on as she made a mad dash to the stage.

"I took my heels off and sprinted up there," she laughed as she recalled almost missing her award.

In her lucky suit and pink "Elle Woods" token necklace, Kjersten accepted her well-deserved national title in front of thousands of peers and friends, definitely bringing home something she and the whole town can be proud of.

"(BPA) opens up a network and possibilities for your future career," she said. "Learning a leadership role is an important skill and being able to experience nationals and competing with my friends was awesome."



Ennis BPA

Twin Bridges isn't the only Madison County school with a BPA program. Although the group was unable to attend the national convention this year, Ennis BPA advisor Casey Donahue said the group is definitely looking forward to next year.

"We had one team qualify for nationals this year, Samantha Kimmey, Race Owens, Carina Garcia and Madisen Diebert took first in Broadcast News Production Team (at state)," Donahue said. "We are looking forward to Orlando next year!"

Donahue, who is a first year advisor, said BPA has helped her students grow and the projects

they completed were "far beyond" what she expected.

"Their excitement for next year is the best part," she said. "They are already planning fundraising and community service activities for next fall!"

For Donahue and her students, BPA offers something for everyone.

"It is a great opportunity for students to become more involved in community service," she said. "Students also become more comfortable in situations such as an interview or presentation which are valuable skills for any age."

Donahue also credits the

school for allowing students so many opportunities to get involved.

"Being such a small school, I think we are lucky to have so many co-curricular options for our students, whether it's business, family and consumer science or industrial trades, students can get more than just what the classes have to offer," she said.

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The Ennis BPA students are already preparing for next year's BPA convention in Orlando, Fla.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Public health officials issue rabies reminder

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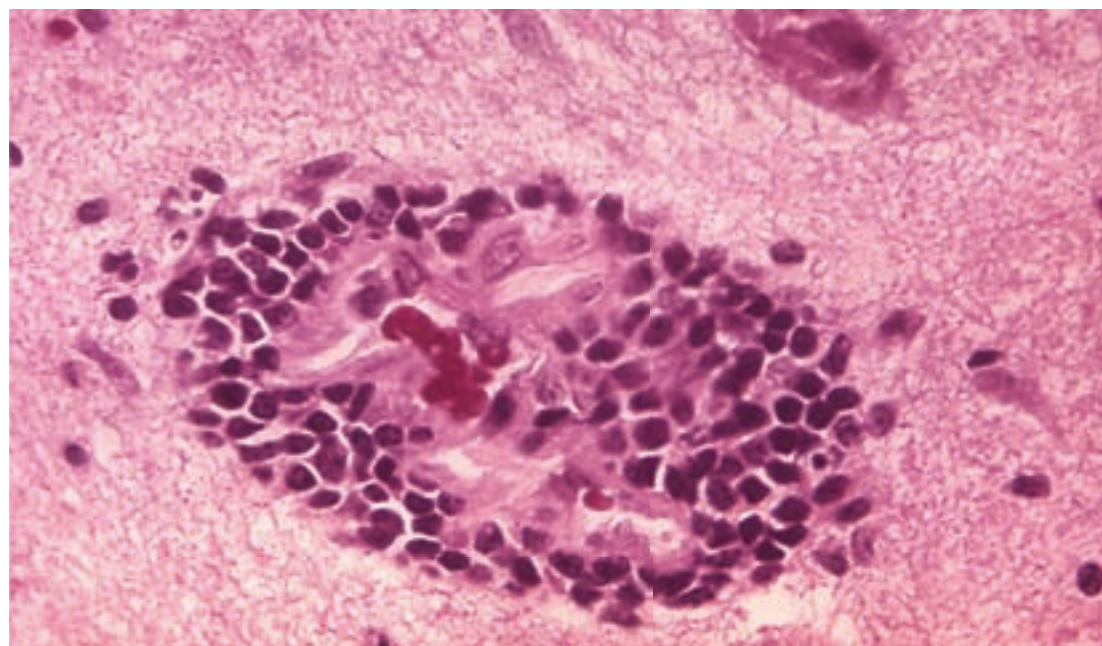
State and local public health officials are reminding Montanans to be aware of the risk for exposure to rabies as summer

approaches. From 2009 to 2015, 162 animals submitted for testing to the Montana Department of Livestock were positive for rabies. Most of the animals were bats, some were skunks and a few were other wild and domes-

tic animals.

Rabies is a fatal disease. The rabies virus is carried in the saliva of infected warm-blooded mammals and is usually transmitted to people and other animals through a bite. Bats are a great concern in Montana because a bite may not be noticeable. Encounters between humans and wild animals often increase in spring and summer months because of the time spent hiking and engaging in other outdoor activities.

Rabies can be prevented by avoiding contact with wild animals and seeking preventive treatment if you think you have been exposed. If a wild animal cannot be located or submitted for testing, a person may need to undergo a series of shots to prevent disease. In 2015, administration of treatment to prevent infection was recommended to nearly 200 individu-



als. If someone is bitten by a domestic dog, cat or ferret, the animal can be observed, avoiding the series of shots.

"Any bat that has physical contact with a person, or is found in an area where contact may have occurred but gone undetected, such as a bedroom with a sleeping adult or child, should be tested for rabies when possible," said Elton Mosher, an epidemiologist with the Department of Public Health and Human Services. "Do not damage the head of the bat, because the brain is needed for the rabies test."

DPHHS and DOL remind everyone of the following rabies prevention tips:

- Do not feed or handle wild animals, especially bats. Teach children never to touch wild animals or handle bats, even dead ones. Ask children to tell an adult if they see or find a bat.
- Vaccinate dogs and cats against rabies. Cats are especially susceptible to rabies exposure as a result of more contact with wild animals than dogs. All dogs and cats should have a current rabies certificate.
- Bat-proof your house. Bats

must not be allowed in living areas of your home. Put screens on all windows, doors and chimneys to prevent bats from entering. You can prevent bats from roosting in attics or buildings by covering outside entry points, loosely hanging clear plastic sheeting or bird netting over these areas. Bats crawl out and leave, but cannot re-enter. To avoid trapping any young bats who will die or try to make their way into your rooms, seal the openings permanently after August or in the fall after bats have left for the season.

- Watch for abnormal wild animal behavior. Most wild animals avoid humans and seeing skunks and bats during the daytime is rare. If you see an animal acting strangely, leave it alone and contact law enforcement or an animal control agency if you think it may pose a danger.

"If you or your child has any contact with a bat or find a bat in your home, or are bitten or scratched by any wild or stray animal, contact your health care provider for appropriate follow-up," Mosher added.

For additional information on rabies visit the DPHHS website at www.dphhs.gov or contact your local health department, DOL at 444-9761 or the DPHHS at 444-0273.

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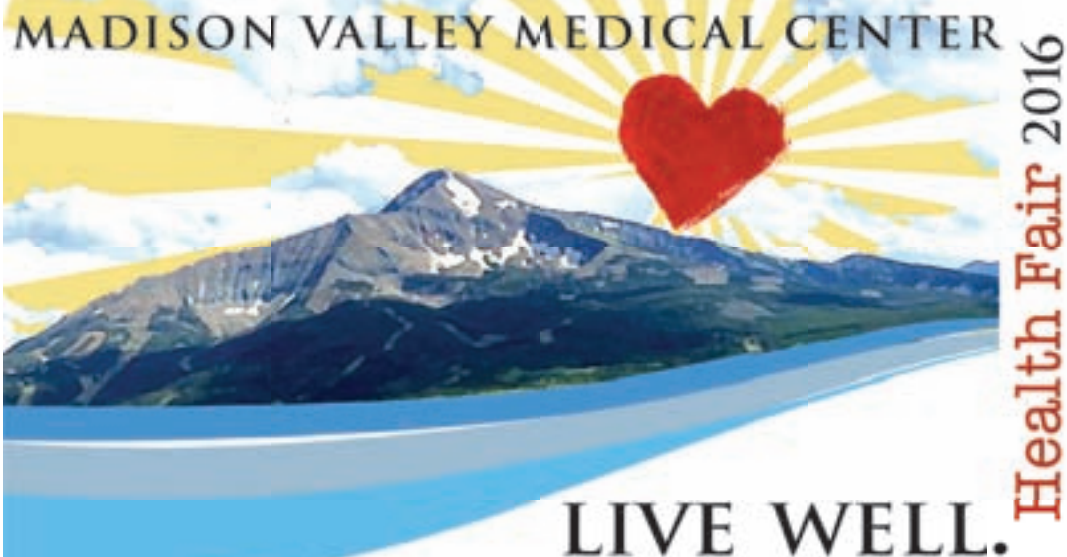
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FAMINE FARE

Questioning the lofty status of "exotic" cuisine

Goodness knows I am not one to casually criticize the eating preferences of others. It would also be wrong to imply that I am a fussy eater. In fact, I have consumed some pretty bizarre victuals in my time. I refer to such delicacies as water buffalo steak, woodchuck potpie, fried jackrabbit and breaded sucker patties. Even so, there is some supposedly exotic cuisine I know better than to consume without ever having tasted it.

For example, May 24 is ... National Escargot Day. I knew the dish was popular in France, but I never thought it was in such demand in the United States to warrant a national day of recognition. Obviously, I was wrong. Still, the unsavory truth is that escargot (French for snails) is a member of the Mollusk family of creatures, which means they are squishy invertebrates (animals without skeletons). Just touching one of the slimy, sticky, slinking organisms is enough to convince me not to insert it into my mouth, let alone chomp down on it.

Furthermore, I openly question the sanity of anyone who goes around turning over stones, looking for something to eat. Neither am I impressed with folks who dine on creatures that creep along the surface of the earth. After all, those are the sorts of primal life-forms lizards slurp up with their tongues, and what's good enough for lizards certainly isn't good enough for me! For all the above reasons, I believe, rather than being considered "exotic," escargot belongs in the culinary category of "famine fare."

While mulling over those appetite-annihilating details, I was reminded of some other dreadful indulgences, which might someday attain a national day of recognition. First to come to mind was that lip-smacking, Chinese favorite – bird's nest soup. Over time, I have inspected my share of

bird dwellings. In the process, I learned that, because a bird's nest is essentially a bird's house, like humans, the feathered inhabitants use it for all their domestic needs. Hence, as I see it, making soup out of a bird's nest is akin to boiling a well-patronized, kitty litter box. Be still my foolish gut!

Equally appalling, the Chinese also eat eggs that were purposefully buried in the ground several months previous. Obviously, the question begs, why would anyone put a raw egg into a hole, bury it, and then allow the egg to putrefy, before digging it up again and devouring it? Personally, rather than partake of such killer-cuisine, I'd prefer to scour the bottom of a ripe dumpster with a Shop-vac to procure my lunch.

Lastly, there's that celebrated eastern-European delicacy – caviar. In reality, the supposedly luxurious entre is nothing more than a glob of pickled sturgeon roe (aka fish eggs). To be certain, I have used cured fish eggs as bait to catch other fish. On the other hand, I like to think that, as a human being, my culinary preferences should be slightly more sophisticated than those of a gilled creature. Furthermore, to my discriminating eye, caviar resembles tar pit oozings, daubed on a wafer. Someone hold me back!

Ultimately, in an attempt to demote snails to their rightful status as famine fare, I am prepared to champion the repeal of National Escargot Day. After all, allowing escargot to maintain its current lofty designation leaves the door open for National Birds'-Nest Soup Day, National Buried Egg Day and National Caviar Day. What's next – National Jelly Fish Jam Day? Yum, yum!

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SIMPLE WATER CONSERVATION

When we are in the midst of spring rain and snow events, with the water is running high in the rivers, and grass growing in our lawns at a rapid rate it might not occur to us that we need to conserve water. However, water is our most precious resource, and we live in a high mountain arid environment, where every drop counts.

Check out these simple ways to be a water miser:

Look for leaks: Check for leaks in all pipes, hoses, connections and faucets – indoors and out. Spring is a great time to make this an annual habit. Even a tiny leak can translate into

wasting thousands of gallons of water over a surprisingly short period of time. Do your best to repair all leaks immediately.

Be picky planting: Conserving water doesn't mean you have to give up having an attractive yard. There are many beautiful plants that require less watering

– Daylilies, Zinnias, Hostas and Salvia are great examples. Try to plant a lawn that does not need much water. Select a grass

seed that is well suited to the climate and thrives in the amount of sunlight and rain the lawn receives. You can check with our local extension or Natural Resources and Conservation Service office for recommendations.

Don't rake: Who even likes raking anyway? After mowing, leave the grass clippings on the lawn. This will boost water retention and help grass grow thicker. Also, keeping the length of your lawn at approximately 2 1/2 inches will reduce evaporation and require less water.

Use nozzles, and shut it down: Use nozzles on your hoses to help to more effectively direct water than when using your finger to create a stream. These are great for washing cars, watering container plants, etc. And, remember to always turn your water off when not in use. This helps reduce leaking.

Runoff = wasteful: Most people overwater lawns. Try to avoid watering driveways or sidewalks, and always shut sprinklers off when water begins to run down the street. Cycle watering in areas where runoff occurs, especially on sloped or compacted dry soils.

Keep weeding: Weeds are

notorious for stealing water from other plants. If you keep the weed population in check, you won't have to water as much, or as often. Plus, hand weeding is great exercise – especially for children ... they're closer to the ground!

Recycled rain: Place rain barrels or buckets beneath downspouts. It all adds up in short order – a 1,000 square foot roof will collect 420 gallons of water with every inch of rainfall. Rainwater is great for watering gardens, container plants, grass and even washing the car!

Sprinkle when it counts: Stop mid-day sprinkling! Water generally evaporates most rapidly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Restrict sprinkler use to before or after these times and use less. By watering deeply only a couple of times a week, your grass roots will grow deeper, become more drought tolerant, gain more nutrients and be more water efficient.

Every one of us should try to save as much water as we can, even during these times of abundance, because collectively it really makes a difference, especially late in the hot, dry part of the season.



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Rebecca Ramsey

Commodity Insite! The fever is broken

by Jerry Welch

The wild and crazy price swings seen in the commodity markets the past few weeks may have calmed down in China but actually intensified in the United States. Speculation and trading has come back into vogue since February and hard assets of all kinds have been improving significantly in value. The gains have been so impressive that it does appear that speculation, the art and science of trading for short term gains is once again great.

However, the speculative fever seems to have been broken in China as volume of trading has slowed sharply amid serious declines with prices. When any market experiences lower volume and lower prices it is a near certain sign the good times are over.

Here is an article from The Wall Street Journal entitled, "For China Iron-Ore and Steel Futures, the Plunge Goes On." Here's what it says: "China's steel and iron-ore futures prices tumbled again as renewed worries about excess supplies sent traders rushing for the exits. Iron ore ended Friday down 5.2 percent a metric ton, steel rebar down 4.6 percent a metric ton and hot-rolled coil down 4 percent a metric ton." Both markets are now 25 percent from the April 21 peak.

The main problem with

iron-ore and steel rebar is supply, not demand. There is an ample supply of both commodities while Chinese regulators are doing their best to cool off the speculation that is running rampant. From the WSJ: "In addition to supply concerns, prices were pushed down this week by market regulators' signals on that they would take more steps to discourage speculative trading, cited as the cause of the sharp run-up in prices."

While the speculative fever in China is cooling off quickly due to oversupply concerns and aggressive regulatory measures, the same cannot be said about the wild and crazy trading going on in the United States where a host of commodity markets rose to new highs despite supplies being ample to burdensome. Here is a list of markets that posted new multi-month or yearly highs despite supply fundamentals that are anything but bullish.

Soybean and soymeal prices rose to an 18 month high. Sugar hit a 17 month high. Crude oil prices kissed a six month high this week while cotton and cocoa prices recently rose to a four month high. Lumber and cotton futures jumped to a five month high. Nearby cattle and nearby hog futures posted a

two month high. Silver hit a 16 month high and gold a 13 month high.

The main force encouraging speculation with commodities across the globe is the weakness with the U.S. dollar that began on Dec. 3, when it peaked at 100.70. The 'ol greenback 10 dropped like the proverbial rock and on May 3, hit a 13 month low at 91.88. After posting a new low, the dollar headed north and has since rallied sharply with many now arguing the market is poised to move higher yet.

Goldman Sachs, one of the most widely respected firms on Wall Street forecast this week that the dollar has bottomed. From Bloomberg News, "Goldman Sachs Group Inc. says the dollar slump is over. We remain dollar bullish and think the trajectory is higher from here," said Robin Brooks, Goldman Sachs's New York-based chief currency strategist. The article goes on to state, "Goldman Sachs estimates that the dollar will advance 15 percent during the next two years as U.S. monetary policy normalizes."

If the Goldman Sachs forecast comes to be, that means the dollar is headed to 108 compared to where the market closed this week at 94.56. But as a reminder, I predicted that 2016 would be the Year of the

Dollar with an upside target by the time all is said and done of 112. Of course, Goldman Sachs has been wrong before with forecasts and so have I, as you well know. Still, history suggests there is a perfect inverse relationship between commodities of all kinds and the dollar. Thus, if I am correct along with Goldman Sachs, it suggests loudly the speculative fever still gripping a host of U.S. commodity markets is about to be broken.

Here is food for thought. The last major high for the dollar was on March 1 while nearby soybeans posted the last major low on the same day. The same day. And over the following months, soybean prices rose \$2.15 a bushel while the dollar slipped badly to a new, 13 month low. Just a coincidence you say? It may be a coincidence that the real Wyatt Earp met and knew the real John Wayne but not a coincidence the price of soybeans and the dollar tend to move opposite each other.

The wild speculation going on with commodities in China the U.S. since February largely because of the dollar has been unusually weak. If the dollar has bottomed as I believe and now headed much higher, the odds are great that commodities per se are headed south from here, not north.

Tribute to a friend

By Charlie Rossiter

A good friend of mine recently lost his best friend and companion of 12 years, a black Labrador Retriever named Nubie. She was true blue, and Gary will never be the same man without her. I once read a piece that I think is appropriate for this humble occasion. Gary, I hope this makes you feel a little better.

"Gentlemen of the jury," he began slowly, "the best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter whom he is reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us – those whom we trust with our happiness and good name – may become traitors in their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from them, perhaps when he needs

it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolute, unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world – the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous – is his dog.

Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he can be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with

the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all the other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asked no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his lonely headstone, lays his trustworthy dog." – Author unknown

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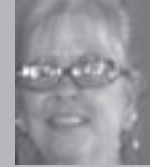
Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Tharpe

Uncle Wiley's Fantastic Chicken Salad

"My uncle makes the best chicken salad!"



Debbie Burbank's Uncle Wiley's Chicken Salad recipe is so good your guests will be asking you for the recipe. This chicken salad is great for brunch, a light lunch or to serve at a cookout this summer. The sour cream adds a delicious tang that I can't get enough of!



Debbie Burbank
Gardendale, AL
(pop. 13,893)

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

- Janet

Uncle Wiley's Chicken Salad

What You Need

- 4 c poached boneless chicken breasts, diced
- 1 c celery, finely chopped
- 1 c pecans, chopped
- 1 c dried cranberries
- 1 1/2 c white seedless grapes, cut in fourths
- 1 c white raisins
- 4 oz sour cream
- 1 c mayonnaise
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

Directions

- Poach chicken breast. This can be done the day before.
- When ready to make the salad, dice the chicken.
- In a large bowl, mix all of the ingredients.
- Add salt and black pepper to taste.
- Add additional mayonnaise if necessary.
- Serve with crackers or it makes a great sandwich with lettuce and tomatoes.

Submitted by: Debbie Burbank, Gardendale, AL (pop. 13,893)
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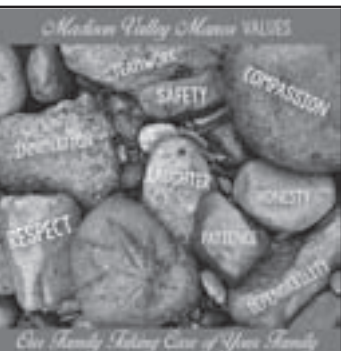
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HELP WANTED

Madison Valley Medical Center is currently seeking a **Full-Time Cleaning Specialist**. This is a full-time hourly position with health benefits. The main responsibility of the cleaning specialist will be to maintain the cleanliness of and sanitary conditions in Madison Valley Medical Center by performing various cleaning and maintenance activities. Must be able to stand, bend, and walk frequently for a six hour shift. For more detailed information about the position and to download an application visit our website at www.mvmedcenter.org/careers. Please, email applications and resumes to careers@mvmedcenter.org or drop them off in the main lobby of the hospital. Starting salary of \$11 plus benefits. 25-tfc-b



3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS
Combination Technician
3 Rivers Communications is looking for a Telecommunications Combination Technician. This position is responsible for general support and maintenance of 3 Rivers equipment. This is a full-time position and based in Ennis, MT. A Combination Tech performs the following tasks:
Perform installation and maintenance duties of phone, internet and TV (DSL, Ethernet, IPTV and Wireless equipment)
Basic troubleshooting of POTS and data
Locating buried copper cable or fiber
Splice and troubleshoot fiber optic cable and copper wire
Work with analog and digital subscriber equipment and aids network with t-1 problems
Run Jumper wires and change blades
Work with Network employees and Central Office equipment when needed
To apply or for more information, please contact the Human Resources Department at 406-467-4410 or write PO Box 429, Fairfield, MT 59436 or e-mail Robert.frost@3rivers.coop. An application is available online at www.3rivers.net/employment.php. The application deadline is Friday, June 3, 2016 at 5:00 pm. 3 Rivers Communications is proudly an Equal Opportunity - Affirmative Action employer. 3 River Communications requires a background check and drug screening test as a part of its selection and hiring process.



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.
- Excellent pay
- Government retirement.
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- Relocation bonus.
- Tuition reimbursement.
- Free training and C.N.A. certification available.
If you are interested in a rewarding career in healthcare, Madison Valley Manor is the place. Please contact Christine Canterbury, DON at 682-7271 for more information. EOE

Registered Nurse

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

H.F. Hardy Painting seeking:
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For Sheridan, MT and surrounding areas.
406-842-5119
paintdock@3rivers.net
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

Looking for a laborer. Wages start at \$15/hr. Call 682-7103. Ask for Eric. 27-tfc-b

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

NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:

The Madison County Board of Commissioners has a vacancy on the Big Sky Transportation District Board, and a vacancy for a Madison County member on the Big Sky Meadow Trails, Recreation, and Parks Special District Board, ("Members of these two boards must reside in the respective county and either own property or reside within the district boundary from which they are appointed...").

The Board of Commissioners also has vacancies on the Library Board, the Mental Health Local Advisory Council (3 positions), the Planning Board representing the Pony, Norris, Harrison Area, the Sheridan Cemetery Board, the Virginia City Cemetery Board, the Virginia City Fire District Board, and the Newly Created County Road Review Committee (7 positions). If you are interested in serving on any of these boards please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, by email at madco@madison.mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madison-countymt.gov. 30-2-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. 28-4-b

Help Wanted:

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

Ruby Valley Fly Fishing Lodge looking for part time/full time housekeepers. Please call 842-5250. 30-2-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

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

NOTICE OF COUNTY ROAD REVIEW COMMITTEE:

The Madison County Board of Commissioners recently created a County Road Review Committee which will consist of 6 members of the public and one county employee (7 members) to address clarification of disputed County roads. Persons interested in serving on this committee:
1. Should be generally open-minded on this issue.
2. Should have a general understanding of varied issues related to County roads.
3. Should have some knowledge of County roads throughout Madison County.
4. Should be willing to take time to research and review any information related to specific County roads.
5. Should be willing to participate cooperatively in meetings which include persons with differing interests in County roads. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, by email at madco@madison.mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madisoncountymt.gov. 30-2-b

Now Hiring The Copper Door. Two summer positions. Apply in person. 114 E. Main Street, Ennis 682-4722 29-2-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

Seeking seasonal housekeeper and cook at Ruby River Ranch, Alder. Call 842-7297 29-2-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

Madison Valley Ranch seeking part-time housekeeper 2-3 days/week for 5 hours. Competitive compensation. Please call (406) 682-7822 or email mvr@3rivers.net. 29-tfc-b

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

LAND FOR SALE

Madison River Property 3,357 acres on the Upper Madison River with an abundance of water. 406-538-5271 Agent www.phillips-realty.com 30-2-b

FOR RENT

For Rent: HORSE PASTURE 11 acres. Water & shelter. 5 minutes from Sheridan. 842-7737 30-1-b

Office Space for Rent - 637/ SF upstairs unit located downtown Ennis in the Lone Elk Mall. Common area amenities include use of conference room. Utilities included. \$400/mo. 640-1351 30-tfc-b

MADISON MANAGEMENT Vacation and Long Term Rentals 570-5401 www.madisonmanagement.com 22-tfc

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

PETERSON'S DISCOUNT STORAGE Indoor & Outdoor RV/Boat storage, storage units. Ennis, 682-7442 18-tfc-b

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

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

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

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS: 1 bedroom furnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$700 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

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

Jefferson Rural Fire District taking bids for 1985 Dodge mini pumper. 360 Engine. Four wheel drive. 4 speed manual transmission. 28, 432 mi. Send bids to PO BOX 596, Whitehall or call 490-9408. We reserve the right to refuse any or all bids. 30-3-b

For Sale by owner. 1,900 sq. foot, 3 bd/2 ba attached garage, large lot in Ennis. \$200,000. 682-3329 28-4-b

Baby chicks, bantams, ducklings and goslings. Also guinea keets and turkeys. We also have feeders available for sale. 696-1612 30-tfc-b

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Madison Valley Caring & Sharing Hours: Mon. Noon-2:00 p.m. Sat. 9-11:00 a.m. Wed. 5-7 p.m. Lone Elk Mall, Unit 4. Ennis. 682-7844 30-tfc-b

WINDOW CLEANING

Chimney & Vent CLEANING Gary Kinney 843-5486

MADISON SHOPPER Shopping and delivery service Bozeman to Ennis. Rebecca Barney 406-640-1254 29-4-b

Expert Tree Care 406-683-5592 406-865-0000 60' Lift Truck *Spring is the ideal removing and pruning time!*

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ESTATE SALES

MULTIPLE ESTATE Annual Sale At The Children's Center Lunchroom **TWIN BRIDGES THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SAT** May 19th, 20 & 21st Open at 10 AM FILLED with items from around the state! Everything is Priced, No waiting. Pick what you want. **There is something for Everyone!!!!** SEE PHOTOS and Directions at:



GARAGE SALE

Sale Sat. May 21 Ennis 10:00 - 4:00 1 block south of Town Pump School Desk Round wood dining table Metal kit table 2 chairs Tools Decorative gift items Blue recliner Refrigerator Hanging Budweiser signs Pictures Records & CDs 30-1-b

WANTED

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

TO BID

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

AUCTIONS

Liquidation Auction antique store deal property in Lima. Sunday May 22 Viewing 8 am - Auction 9 am We have furniture, glassware, kerosene lanterns, indian artifacts, display cases, lapidary items, antiques and more antiques and much more. swmontanaauctions.com 842-5844 25-tfc-b

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE RE OF THE ESTATE OF:
HUGE 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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HAYDEN, Personal Representative, c/o Krueger Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749, return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
Dated this 9th Day of MAY, 2016.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
/s/ Stephanie Gehres Krueger
STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUEGER
Attorney for Personal Representative
(Pub. May 19, 26, June 2, 2016) sk
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
MYRNA ANN THOMPSON,
Deceased.
Probate No. DP 29-2016-13
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be either mailed to RONE CHARLES THOMPSON, Personal Representative, c/o SCHWASINGER & FALLAW, P.C., PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S ATTORNEY, AT 517 S. 22ND AVENUE, SUITE 2, BOZEMAN MT 59718, return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
Dated this 9th Day of MAY, 2016.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
/s/ Stephanie Gehres Krueger
STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUEGER
Attorney for Personal Representative
(Pub. May 19, 26, June 2, 2016) sfpc
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the amount equal to 100% of the amount bid for grazing, a non-refundable lease application fee of \$25.00. In order to be considered, all bids must be accompanied with a completed application to lease state lands.
The successful bidder must in addition to the rental, make settlement with the owner of the existing improvements on the land.
The State Board of Land Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Bid forms may be obtained from the Department at the above address or in person at 1625 11th Avenue, Helena or by calling 406-444-4951
Ag & Grazing Management Bureau
Montana DNRC
(Pub. May 19, 26 2016) dnrc
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Individual transportation contracts for the 2016-2017 school year are available upon request in the Alder School District Office.
Parents/guardian of any student attending the Alder School that are at least 3 miles from the school and who are district residents may be eligible for transportation reimbursement. Contracts are due to District Clerk Kathleen Wuelfling, no later than June 1, 2016.
(Pub. May 19, 26 2016) as
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RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND RUBY WATERSHED COUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Upper Ruby RAC Project
The Ruby Valley Conservation District and Ruby Watershed Council are calling for proposals for chemical weed control within the confines of a RAC project area located in the Upper Ruby Watershed in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Priority areas have been identified within the project area and maps of these priorities are available at the Ruby Valley Conservation District office. All work must be completed by August 1, 2016. Planned treatment of noxious weeds for this project is primarily Spotted Knapweed, Houndstongue, Canada Thistle, Hoary Alyssum, Field Scabious and possible isolated patches of Yellow Toadflax.
Proposals will be accepted until the close of Business at 5:00 PM, May 27, 2016
Proposals will be reviewed on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 and notice will be given to chosen contractor on Wednesday, June 1.
For more information or to request proposal requirements, please contact Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator at rubywatershed@gmail.com or (406)842-5741 x106.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on May 30, 2016, as County Offices will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning April 1, 2016, and ending on April 30, 2016, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountymt.gov . Signed this 16th day of May, 2016.
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viewed on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed this 16th day of May, 2016.

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SPRING HORSEBACK POKER RIDE & POKER WALK

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
SATURDAY, MAY 28TH, 2016
VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA

REGISTRATION FROM 8:30AM-10AM
AT BALE OF HAY SALOON

\$15 ADMISSION FEE (LUNCH INCLUDED)

First and last cards drawn at the Bale

For more info, call Bale of Hay at 843-5700

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SUMMER KICK-OFF PARADE STARTS AT 1:30!

One-Man Band, Eric Haines, will lead our Summer Kickoff Parade on May 28th at 1:30pm!!

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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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
KEITH PAUL SMAIL, also known as KEITH P. SMAIL,
Deceased.
Probate No. DP-29-2016-16
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 WILFRED B. BARIL, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 21240 W. Sycamore Drive, Buckeye, AZ 85396, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
Dated: April 7, 2016
/s// WILFRED B. BARIL
Personal Representative
STATE OF ARIZONA
:ss
COUNTY OF MARICOPA
WILFRED B. BARIL, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:
That he 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 his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s// WILFRED B. BARIL
Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of April, 2016.
/s// Cupertino Sanchez
Notary Public for the State of Arizona
Residing at: Buckeye, Arizona
My Commission expires: September 12, 2019 (SEAL)
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. May 19, 26, June 2, 2016) km
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BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR MAY REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 25, 2016 - 8:30 AM
Big Sky Fire Department, Station #1
650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky
Introduction of visitors and guests
1.Call to Order
2.Public Comment
3.Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:
a.Approval of draft minutes of April 27, 2016 Regular Meeting
b.Financial Reports for April 2016
c.Monthly Financial Statements
d.Check Register: Checks 6115462 - 6115519; including voided checks 6115493 and 6115513
e.Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat
5.Correspondence
6.New Business
a.Ambulance Billing Rate Review & Approval
b.Annexation Petition Approval: Moonlight Basin (all private land west of Moonlight to the border of Jon Fossel conservation easement properties) and Emergency Services Agreement
c.Annexation Petition Approval: Geocode 06-0427-21-2-01-01-0000; Property Tax ID# RKE44630; Vacant Lot, Old Toby Road, Big Sky, MT 59716
d.Annexation Petition Approval: Geocode 06-0427-21-4-01-01-0000; Property Tax ID# RKE44632; Vacant Lot, Old Toby Road, Big Sky, MT 59716
e.Annexation Petition Approval: Geocode 06-0338-02-2-01-56-0000; Property Tax ID# RLE31121; 735 Sandhill Road, Big Sky, MT 59716
7.Unfinished Business
a.Deputy Fire Chief Update, Position Description and Residency Requirement
b.Administrative Assistant Update
c.Station #1 Renovation Update
d.Master Plan - Next Steps
e.2016-17 Resort Tax Application and June Meetings Update
8.Other Business
a.Election of Board of Trustees Officers
9.Public Comment
10.Date for next regular meeting - June 22, 2016 at 8:30am
11.Adjourn

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 MJ McDonnell and Sandra K. Kamermer and Bradley W. Kamermer.
The McDonnells and Kamermers 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 59721 and Kamermer'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) plf
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
BRENDA LEE BARNABY,
Deceased.
Probate No. DP 29-2016-12
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
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SUBMITTED LAURA GILMORE
Madison Valley Women's Club

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A total of \$32,500 was awarded in scholarships: \$21,000 was allocated to seniors headed to four or two year school, or tech school, and an additional \$11,500 was awarded to alumni.

Top row from left: McKenzie Shields, Carina Garcia, Stephanie Weddle, Madison Diebert, Caitlin Klatt, Samantha Kimmey and Madison Valley Women's Club President Lynn Leeming. Bottom row from left: Laura Gilmore, Race Owens, Luke Clark and Kyler Barney



Spanish Fork, Utah, Livestock judges training

SUBMITTED BY DESTINY FABEL
Sheridan High School

On May 12, Rodney Braaten, Mike Wetherbee and a group of five agriculture students packed their bags and headed to Spanish Fork, Utah, for a weekend of livestock training and competition. Throughout the course students studied a variety of market and breeding animals, training their eyes to spot ideal livestock.

On the last day, youth and adult alike took part in the final competition, hoping to win prizes and recognition. The Ruby Valley group did just that with Coleman Gilman placing fifth in junior individual overall and Charali Wetherbee placing fifth in senior individual overall and second for beef and goat species.

The adults placed fourth overall in their competition. One student who attended the training said they had learned a lot from the Intermountain Livestock Judges Training. "I have learned more in this weekend than I have in the last couple years of judging," said Juan Du-Pond Rangel.

The entire weekend was truly an experience the attendees will never forget.

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY

MVPL retirement party

SUBMITTED BY KAREN KETCHU
Madison Valley Public Library

Please join the Madison Valley Public Library community in wishing Library Director Molly Aagard all the best in her retirement. An open house will be held on May 27 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the MVPL community room.

State of the Water

SUBMITTED BY ETHAN KUNARD
Madison Conservation District

The Madison Conservation District is hosting the annual State of the Water address on May 24 at 6 pm, at the El Western Conference Center. The meeting will have a brief presentation on the results of data collection in the Madison River Watershed, and we will then discuss our ongoing process with the Watershed Restoration Planning.

Scholarships in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY VERTA DORSETH
Twin Bridges Alumni Association

The Twin Bridges Alumni Association is accepting applications for the following scholarships: salutatorian scholarship for \$500; \$1,000 for a graduate of Twin Bridges High School who has completed at least of one year of college; \$700 for a graduate of TBHS who wishes to continue their education in a four year college or two year college, technology or trade program.

To apply, you must be a TBHS graduate. Other stipulations apply, please call Verta Dorseth at 684-5505 or Mardi Elford at 684-5652 for more information.

Trinity Episcopal Church presents Ohio Northern University National Tour Choir

SUBMITTED BY KEITH AXBERG
Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Episcopal Church (Jeffers), working in cooperation with other local churches, will present a concert featuring the Ohio Northern University National Tour Choir at The Madison Valley Presbyterian Church (at the corner of Charles Street and Hugel Street in Ennis) on Wednesday, June 8, at 7 p.m.

The concert will be in three segments - opening with a sacred section, then international and contemporary music, and finally, American music.

Women's golf season begins

SUBMITTED BY ROBERTA MAXWELL
Madison Meadows Women's Golf Association

The Madison Meadows Women's Golf Association is starting their 2016 season on Thursday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. with a nine hole scramble (weather permitting) followed by food and refreshments during a meet and greet at the clubhouse in Ennis.

The association is open to all women who are interested in playing golf, regardless of skill level. League play begins the following Thursday, May 26, followed by a league meeting. To sign up, call the Madison Meadows Pro Shop at 682-7468 by 1 p.m. on May 19. If you have questions, call Stacy Pederson at 599-1263 or Roberta Maxwell at 579-4742.



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SUBMITTED BY DORIS FISCHER
Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Montana Chapter, one in five Montana families is affected by mental illness. Mental illness can hit

people of all ages, income groups and ethnic backgrounds.

Who can you call or where do you go if you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health emergency? In non-crisis situations, where can you get help if you or someone you care about shows signs of suffering from a mental disorder or an addiction to alcohol or drugs?

Even though we live in a rural area where mental health services are bound to be limited, there is help available to Madison County residents. Talking

with your primary care provider can be a good place to start. Your doctor may refer you to a mental health or chemical dependency professional; or, you can contact a licensed counselor directly. Local or regional peer groups can also provide support.

The Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council recently updated its Mental Health and Substance Abuse Resource Directory. This week's edition of *The Madisonian* contains a copy of the blue brochure. Hold onto your copy, and keep it handy!

The resource directory is also available online. Check out the Madison County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, or www.madisoncountymt.gov (go to Public Health Department or County Services/Mental Health and Substance Abuse).

Additional paper copies of the directory will be distributed to various public locations around the county over the next couple of weeks. Look for them at local medical facilities, schools, libraries, post offices, other government offices and business establishments. Feel free to pick up an extra copy or two to share with a family member or friend. They may be most grateful to have the information.

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Montana leads with bear spray protection

SUBMITTED BY JIM RICKMAN
Montana Newspaper
Association

Be it biking, horseback riding or hiking, as more and more folks head out to enjoy the trails of the wilderness and national park lands near Big Sky, bear and human meetings are bound to increase. The Northern Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, is prime habitat for grizzlies and black bears.

Ben Macht of Big Sky was mountain biking up Tepee Creek, now closed to bikes, on the northwestern edge of Yellowstone National Park. It was evening, and he was by himself getting ready to climb a steep grade. When he heard a grunting noise, at first he looked down at his gears to see if there was a problem with the bike and then immediately looked up and saw a grizzly sow with two cubs about 40 yards away. She was coming for him and moved so fast that he didn't have the time to get his bear spray ready. When the grizzly was a stride's length away, she passed him, looped around and started back at him again. By this time, Ben had his spray out and was in a position to defend himself. When the bear was within 10 to 15 feet, he triggered the pepper spray full blast into the bear's face. Mother grizzly stopped on a dime, quickly wheeled around and tore up the hill followed by her scampering cubs.

This experience with a near mauling has made Macht a believer in carrying the spray. And we should mention, bears aren't the only animals to be wary of. Moose also are prone to chase humans.

Andrew Schreiner, proprietor of Grizzly Outfitters, Big Sky's outdoor shop, relates how folks will spend a considerable sum on raingear, jack-

ets, packs and other gear for the mountains, but will balk at the \$50 price for a can of bear spray, when it's actually one of the most important pieces of equipment they can have. All it takes is one confrontation, as witnessed by Macht's story. These canisters of self-defense have a great deal of research, testing and quality control behind them, hence the expense.

"You need the best product you can put in your hands for protection," Schreiner said.

Once you have invested in a spray, take care of it. Pay attention to shelf life. Counter Assault has a four-year lifespan, whereas the industry standard is somewhere from two to three years. Do not leave it on your dashboard in the hot sun, and in the winter don't store it where it

can freeze and thaw. When carrying this protection, make sure it's in a place where you can't drop it, and most of all, whether it's for hiking, riding or biking, ensure that you can get at it quickly. Do not stuff the can in your pack or put it on the outside of your pack in a place that's hard to reach. For these purposes, a holster is best. You can also use a fanny pack that has water bottle holders on it for quick access. If a bear is charging, you have very little time to act. A holster works well because they're set up so you can actually fire the can while it's still in place.

And make sure when you buy your bear spray, that you know how to use it before you leave the store.



DAVID SCHULZ
for COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT I

Leadership that understands the people, our needs, the changes that have occurred and the recognition of what we face is more important now than ever.

Since I was first elected Commissioner in 2001, Madison County has grown in many areas. Population growth, demand for services, road impacts and maintenance, interaction with state and federal agencies as well as legislature are all areas that require constant attention today.

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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East Madison - Virginia City - \$348,050
• .691 +/- acres • 4+ bd, 4ba, 3666 +/- sf
• beautiful home - B&B or rental potential • vaulted ceiling, multiple decks • chef's kitchen, upgrades • 2 car garage add'l toy bay



Cactus Ridge Rd. Twin Bridges - \$349,000
• 32.8 +/- acres • 3bd, 3 ba, 2912 +/- sf
• partially fenced • full finished daylight basement
• hardwood floors, office, library • large screened porch, 2 detached garages



Coachman Lane - McAllister - \$359,000
• 2.24 +/- acres • 4 BR, 2 BA, 1931 +/- SF • 2 car attached garage plus 2 car detached garage • cathedral ceilings & stone fireplace in living room
• views of the Madison Range & Tobacco Roots • close to town, fishing, hunting, schools



Horse Creek Rd - Cameron - \$1,795,000
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(Clockwise from L:)Danika Philpott of Ennis takes second in pole vault. Harrison's Jurgen Haenke takes the hand off from Doug Christensen during the 4x400 relay. Robin Moe, Michaela Madden, Cynthia Dominguez and Wrenzi Wrzesinski during the 100 meter dash.

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DISTRICT TRACK RESULTS

Ennis teams take district title

CAITLIN AVEY
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All four of Madison County's high schools took to the track for the 11/12C district meet in Bozeman last weekend, May 14, with two teams taking home district titles. Both Ennis boys and girls teams took first place, led by sibling duo Cleet and Wrenzi Wrzesinski who dominated the sprinting events, each taking home hardware in 100 and 200 meter dashes. The Twin Bridges boys took third place, while the girls took fourth. Sheridan boys and girls teams took fifth and ninth, respectively. The divisional meet will take place May 20-21 in Missoula. See below for a full list of results out of Madison County. Congrats to all athletes and good luck at divisionals!

District 11/12 C results

Girls
100 meter dash
First place: Wrenzi Wrzesinski, Ennis, 13.83
Second place: Michaela Madden, Twin Bridges, 14.47
Third place: Cynthia Dominguez, Sheridan, 14.63

200 meter dash
Second place: Kailee Oliverson, Twin Bridges, 28.85
Third place: Wrenzi Wrzesinski, Ennis, 28.97
Fourth place: Krysta Saunders, Ennis, 30.01

400 meter dash
Third place: Kailee Oliverson, Twin Bridges, 1:03.70

Fifth place: Josie Jenkins, Ennis, 1:05.48
800 meter run
Third place: Jessica George, Twin Bridges, 2:40.32
Fourth place: Josie Jenkins, Ennis, 2:43.61
Fifth place: Savanna Stewart, Twin Bridges, 2:48.28

1600 meter run
Second place: Savanna Stewart, Twin Bridges, 6:02.35

3200 meter run
Sixth place: Alysa Fugel, Ennis, 19:54.25

100 meter hurdles
First place: Wrenzi Wrzesinski, Ennis, 16.68
Second place: Kailee Oliverson, Twin Bridges, 16.71
Third place: Taya DeFrance, Harrison, 19.98

300 meter hurdles
Second place: Wrenzi Wrzesinski, Ennis, 47.19
Third place: Taya DeFrance, Harrison, 49.82

4x100 relay
First place: Ennis, 51.86
Fourth place: Twin Bridges, 55.25

4x400 relay
First place: Twin Bridges, 4:20.52
Second place: Ennis, 4:27.75

High jump
First place: Jourdain Klein, Ennis, 4'10"
Second place: Taya DeFrance, Harrison, 4'10"
Third place: Kailee Oliverson,

Twin Bridges, 4'08"
Pole vault
Second place: Danika Philpott, Ennis, 7'06"
Third place: Ravyn Boyd, Ennis, 7'
Tie for fourth place: Josie Griffis, Harrison, 5'06" and Madison Goettle, Ennis, 5'06"

Long jump
First place: Taya DeFrance, Harrison, 15'06"
Fourth place: Lexi Lindemulder, Ennis, 14'01"

Triple jump
First place: Jourdain Klein, Ennis, 33'07"
Third place: Megan Bausch, Twin Bridges, 31'02"
Fifth place: Krysta Saunders, Ennis, 29'11"
Sixth place: Laryssa Jones, Twin Bridges, 29'10"

Shot put
Third place: Janie Smart, Sheridan, 29'11"
Fifth place: Blu Keim, Twin Bridges, 26'08"
Sixth place: Stephanie Strong, Harrison, 26'07"

Discus
Second place: Caitlin Klatt, Ennis, 103'03"
Fifth place: Janie Smart, Sheridan, 88'11"

Javelin
Second place: Taya DeFrance, Harrison, 110'02"
Fourth place: Mara Johnson, Twin Bridges, 96'06"
Sixth place: McKenzie Shields, Ennis, 91'04"

Boys
100 meter dash
First place: Bill Yeager, Twin Bridges, 11.68
Second place: Cleet Wrzesinski, Ennis, 11.78
Third place: Corbin Wood, Ennis, 12.22
Fifth place: Tanner Wood, Ennis, 12.47

200 meter dash
First place: Cleet Wrzesinski, Ennis, 23.01
Second place: Bill Yeager, Twin Bridges, 23.19
Third place: Corbin Wood, Ennis, 24.72
Fourth place: Wade Luly, Ennis, 24.77
Fifth place: Tanner Wood, Ennis, 24.84

400 meter dash
First place: Bill Yeager, Twin Bridges, 52.24
Third place: Wade Luly, Ennis, 55.08

800 meter run
Third place: James Bendon, Twin Bridges, 2:17.05
Fourth place: Dillon Williams, Ennis, 2:18.56
Fifth place: Race Owens, Ennis, 2:19.55

1600 meter run
Third place: James Bendon, Twin

Bridges, 5:08.95
Fifth place: Dillon Williams, Ennis, 5:11.02
Sixth place: Raian Deavel, Sheridan, 5:15.99

3200 meter run
Second place: Raian Deavel, Sheridan, 11:26.21
Fourth place: Ty Haag, Sheridan, 12:15.14
Fifth place: Garret Wentzel, Twin Bridges, 12:22.75

110 meter hurdles
First place: Cleet Wrzesinski, Ennis, 15.84
Sixth place: Ethan Kneeland, Twin Bridges, 20.05

300 meter hurdles
First place: Cleet Wrzesinski, Ennis, 42.40
Sixth place: Ethan Kneeland, Twin Bridges, 49.18

4x100 relay
First place: Ennis, 44.48
Third place: Twin Bridges, 47.59

4x400
First place: Twin Bridges, 3:46.65
Second place: Ennis, 3:52.05

High jump
Second place: Corbin Wood, Ennis, 5'10"
Third place: Kaleb Bausch, Twin Bridges, 5'10"
Sixth place: Ben Corrigan, Twin Bridges, 5'06"

Pole vault
Second place: Moxon Lee, Sheridan, 9'01"
Third place: Bryce Williams, Ennis, 9'01"
Fourth place: Race Owens, Ennis, 8'07"

Long jump
First place: Corbin Wood, Ennis, 20'07"
Fourth place: Tanner Wood, Ennis, 19'08"
Sixth place: Lane Buus, Harrison, 19'02"

Triple jump
Third place: Tanner Wood, Ennis, 39'06"
Fifth place: Lane Buus, Harrison, 38'07"
Sixth place: Kaleb Bausch, Twin Bridges, 38'05"

Shot put
First place: Ty Morgan, Ennis, 47'06"
Third place: Cooper Christensen, Twin Bridges, 42'08"

Discus
Second place: Ty Morgan, Ennis, 143'11"
Fourth place: Cooper Christensen, Twin Bridges, 120'10"
Fifth place: Zane Bowey, Sheridan, 117'02"

Javelin
First place: Cooper Christensen, Twin Bridges, 146'01"
Third place: Steve Smathers, Twin Bridges, 132'06"
Sixth place: Kaleb Rosselot, Twin Bridges, 121'09"

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Twin Bridges Walkathon

SUBMITTED BY CHAD JOHNSON
Twin Bridges Schools

Elementary students and community members participated in the Walkathon event on Friday, May 13 in an effort to raise money for the updates to the restrooms and concessions at Carroll Field. Students received pledges from community members and walk laps to help aid in the fundraising. For each lap completed, students received a bead for their pip cleaner bracelets!



True Value open house

JOHN SUMMERHILL
True Value

Ennis True Value held its annual open house combined with its grand re-opening this past weekend. While the store was never closed, it was extensively remodeled inside to meet the Destination True Value format with new merchandise, a new look inside and lowered prices on hundreds of items.

Some of the highlights of the weekend event were a large group photo where everyone was wearing a red True Value cap. Wayne Black also presented Lynn Foreman of the senior center with a donation for \$1,000.

Lunch was provided by the Ennis Lion's Club and folks were able to register for some great door prizes.



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*A snapshot of Jeff Welborn's Record in Helena.
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- K- 12 Education reform
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- SW Montana Vets Home Funding, and a
- Real Champion of Virginia and Nevada City

DISTRICT CHAMPS



PHOTO COURTESY BARBI HALVERSON WOOD

Both the Ennis boys' and girls' track teams took first place at the 11/12 class C district track meet over the weekend. The Mustangs will travel to the divisional meet on May 20-21 in Missoula.

Boy scouts to install new VC signs

SUBMITTED BY ELIJAH ALLEN
Montana Heritage Commission

The Virginia City Town signs and the National Historic Landmark Signs have been passed by appropriate governing agencies and are projected to be installed before Memorial Day Weekend. The Town Signs are going to be installed by Carl Shaw and Scott Vial as a Boy Scout project. Shaw and Vial are cousins and descendants from the Lott family (James S. Lott) who was a Montana vigilante.



National Honor Society pictured from L: Hanna McParland, Ashton Russell, Arnold Smithson, Janie Smart, Charali Wetherbee, and new members; Peri Gump and Destiny Fabel.

Sheridan holds National Honor Society ceremony

SUBMITTED BY LAURIE BARTOLETTI
Sheridan Schools

The induction ceremony for Sheridan National Honor Society was held Monday, May 2. Karen Talley, long serving school board member and instrumental in rebuilding the "S", was the guest speaker. Talley spoke about learning from life experiences and people, finding good mentors and having a passion and vision, not only for oneself but for the community.

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5/1/16 – 5/14/16

5/1/16
 Animal complaint in 300 Blk E Hugel St Ennis
 Accident at Potosi Hot Springs
 Fire call at Varney Rd and US Hwy 287 Cameron
 Animal complaint in 300 Blk E Hugel St Ennis

5/2/16
 Wildlife complaint in 700 Blk Comley Way Ennis
 Animal complaint in 700 Blk S Second St Ennis
 Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 Sheridan
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 Harrison
 Fire call outside of Ennis
 Fire call in 200 Blk Ruby River Dr Laurin
 Theft complaint on Main St Twin Bridges
 Citizen assist in Ennis
 Citizen assist on MT Hwy 84 Norris
 Welfare check on Tobacco Root Road Silver Star
 Theft complaint in 7100 Blk US Hwy 287 Norris
 Medical aid out of Madison County
 Welfare check in Silver Star
 Trespass complaint on Jeffers Road Ennis

5/3/16
 Accident near Twin Bridges
 Threats/harassment on MT Hwy 84 MM 1 Norris
 Medical aid on Crofoot St Sheridan
 Medical aid at W Hamilton St and Ruby St Sheridan
 Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 50 Twin Bridges
 Theft complaint in 100 Blk Jefferson St Sheridan
 Accident on MT Hwy 41 S Twin Bridges

5/4/16
 Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 44 Ennis
 Fraud complaint in 200 Blk Cemetery Hill Road Cardwell
 Wildlife complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 12-13 Cameron

5/5/16
 Citizen assist in 100 Blk S Boulder Road Cardwell
 Trespass complaint in 100 Blk Antelope Lane Sheridan
 Theft complaint on Mile Creek Road Cameron
 Threats/harassment in 200 Blk N Madison St Twin Bridges
 Public safety complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 77 Harrison
 Welfare check on Mile Creek Road Cameron
 Missing person in Silver Star area

Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk Silver Spring Road Sheridan

5/6/16
 Fire call at US Hwy 287 and Pony Road Harrison
 Medical aid in 5500 Blk US Hwy 287 N McAllister
 Fraud complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 23-24 Alder
 Traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 Cameron
 Welfare Check in 800 Blk Madison Ave Ennis
 Abandoned vehicle on Ennis Lake Road McAllister
 Animal complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 23 Alder
 Traffic complaint on E 8 Ave Twin Bridges
 Accident at MT Hwy 287 & Seyler Lane Twin Bridges

5/7/16
 Medical aid in Ennis
 Public safety complaint on MT Hwy 287 Sheridan
 Privacy in communications in 4200 Blk MT Hwy 287 Twin Bridges
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 40 Cameron
 Dog complaint on Crofoot St Sheridan
 Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 S MM 15 Twin Bridges
 Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 55 McAllister
 Traffic complaint out of Madison County
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 77 Harrison
 Animal complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 28 Laurin
 Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 1 Ennis

5/8/16
 Suspicious circumstances on E Main St Ennis
 Citizen assist in 200 Blk N Second St Ennis
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 63 Norris

5/9/16
 Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 9 Cameron
 Public safety complaint in 200 Blk Jefferson St Sheridan
 Fraud complaint on Armstrong Road Cardwell
 Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 8 Ennis
 Traffic complaint on Fish Hatchery Road Ennis
 Theft complaint in Big Sky
 Public safety complaint in 100 Blk Ennis St Ennis
 Public safety complaint in 200 Blk E Main St Ennis
 Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 57 McAllister
 Welfare check on MT Hwy

287 MM 10 Ennis
 Accident at Sweetwater Road and Upper Ruby Dr Alder
 Medical aid in 100 Blk Ruby St Sheridan
 Dog complaint in 4300 Blk US Hwy 287 N Ennis

5/10/16
 Medical aid at Barker Village Ennis
 Animal complaint in 1800 Blk East Bench Road Twin Bridges
 Animal complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis

5/11/16
 Accident on MT Hwy 84 MM 8 Norris
 Assault on Main St Ennis
 Traffic complaint at Main St and Lake Road Harrison
 Accident on Melrose Road Twin Bridges
 Medical aid in 200 Blk N Ennis Lake Road McAllister
 Citizen assist out of Madison County
 Abandoned vehicle at Pony Road Harrison

5/12/16
 Medical aid in 500 Blk Poppleton St Sheridan
 Medical aid on Crofoot St Sheridan
 Accident on Alder Gulch Road Virginia City
 Public safety complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 47 Ennis

5/13/16
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 77 Harrison
 Medical aid in 400 Blk Varney Road Ennis
 Suspicious circumstances on US Hwy 287 MM 60 McAllister
 Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 84 Norris
 Accident at MT Hwy 287 and Morning Sun Road Ennis
 Medical aid in 400 Blk Varney Road Ennis
 Suspicious circumstances on Placer Loop Nevada City

5/14/16
 Animal complaint on Silver Spring Road Sheridan
 Wildlife complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 49 Ennis
 Animal complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 58 McAllister
 Accident on MT Hwy 41 S MM 24 Twin Bridges

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 158 calls for service from May 1-14, 2016.

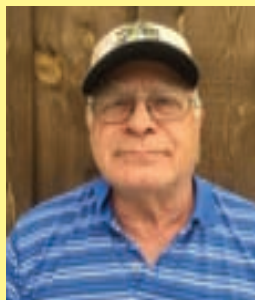
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Eli again, my thoughts on some of the financial aspects of the county. The county wide mil has increased from approximately \$15,500 in the mid-1980s to \$82,000 this year. Last year it was \$83,600. It has increased to where it has quintupled. Only the one decrease because of the state lowering the last property re-assessment. I don't think many peoples' wages have increased that much, why spend all they get and want more? Why don't the county commissioners lower the mils asked for from the people because of the high mil value? Look at all the material stockpiled at county road yards, most can be delivered in a week! The amount of money in heavy equipment, anybody share any more? Answer to often asked questions about cost of new courthouse: \$4.9 million and the checkbook isn't closed yet! What does everybody think of the handicapped front door with no actuator to open it on the outside? One of the things that could be fixed in a timely manner. More thoughts next week.
 Vote - reasonable spending, timely action.

Thompson for commission. ~ Ellis Thompson

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Main Street Improvement Team welcomes spring in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY ANN GOLDTHWAIT
 Main Street Improvement Team

On May 11, artist Cathy Toot and Mariah Oliver from Signs West joined the Sheridan Main Street Improvement Team downtown to hang banners that Toot designed and Oliver created. The banners help in the beautification of Sheridan's Main Street, a project MSIT members have been working on for 10 years.



DALE STEWART

Candidate for Senate District # 36 wants to defend and protect your Second Amendment Rights! The Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA) has released their endorsements for 2016 MT candidates: Dale Stewart SD 36

The MSSA has given his opponent, Jeff Welborn, a D minus score (63.59%) for his votes on firearm-related bills.

Sources:
http://progunleaders.org/2016_P-Endorse/
<http://progunleaders.org/2015Scores/house.html>

The NRA has given Jeff Welborn a "C" grade based on his record of voting on Second Amendment issues. The NRA has given Dale Stewart an "A" based on a pre-election questionnaire.

Source: <https://www.nrapvf.org/grades/Montana/>

Vote for the candidate, Dale Stewart, who has been endorsed by the Montana Shooting Sports Association as the best candidate to protect your right to keep and bear arms.

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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.

Forum, Twin Bridges

The Twin Bridges Rotary Club will host a candidate forum at the school in the Montana Room at 7 p.m.

Spring concert, Ennis

Ennis 6-12 grade band and choir present their spring concert with special guests, Dublin Gulch, at the Madison Theater at 7 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.

Presentation, Ennis
"State of the Water" address at the El Western Conference Center begins at 6 p.m. with presentations and discussions on the Madison watershed.

Contact Ethan at 682-7289 for more information.

WEDNESDAY MAY 25

Spring harvest, Ennis
The spring harvest event will feature a student grown sale, and silent auction at the Ennis school garden. Begins at 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY MAY 28

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

Film, Virginia City
"The Spirit of Sacajawea" film screening at The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center at 7 p.m.

Poker ride, Virginia City
Spring horseback poker ride begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Bale of Hay Saloon. Call 843-5700 for more information.

Kickoff parade, Virginia City

Join in the Virginia City Season kick off parade beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Book signing, Virginia City

Doug White, author of the Jake Winter series, will be signing books

Saturday and Sunday at Ranks Mercantile from 1-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1

Farmers' market, Ennis
Check out fresh, local produce, baked goods, jewelry and other crafts at the school parking lot from 5-7 p.m.

THURSDAY JUNE 2

Business after hours, Ennis
BAH hosted by My Home in Montana from 5-7 p.m.

FRIDAY JUNE 3

Concert, Virginia City
Mike Dowling will play the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center at 7 p.m. Call 843-5507 for more information.

Artist reception, Virginia City
Artist reception featuring Lodgepole John at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center beginning at 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY JUNE 4

Karaoke, Virginia City
Karaoke at the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

Pig roast, Ennis
Annual pig roast at Willies Distillery beginning at 12 p.m.

Dinner, Virginia City
Virginia City chamber dinner and auction at 5 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Steakhouse. Call 600-2599 for reservations.

SUNDAY JUNE 5

Gears for Beers, Virginia City
Mountain bike poker ride to benefit the Virginia City Rural Fire Department. Call 600-1199 for more information.

FRIDAY JUNE 17

Relay for Life walk, Ennis

Join the movement beginning at 6 p.m. at Lions Park.

Lip Sync Challenge, Virginia City

Bring your skills to the stage for the second annual Lip Sync Challenge at the Wells Fargo Steakhouse at 9 p.m. Email Erin at ads@madisoniannews.com to register (please submit 3 song choices) or for more information.



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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis

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

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

Movie Night, Virginia City

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

TOPS, Ennis

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

Books and Babies, Ennis

Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

Grief Support Group, Ennis

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
7 p.m. See the weekly ad on this page for weekly performers.

NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:

Fri 5/20- Chad Ball
Folk/Blues

Sat 5/21 - Joe Schwem
Original Folk/Rock

Sun 5/22 Russ Chapman
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