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## WHERE TO FIND ELECTION RESULTS

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Unfortunately, this edition of *The Madisonian* went to press before the primary election results were available on June 8, so you will not find that information in this newspaper. Instead, visit us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/madisonian](http://www.facebook.com/madisonian)) or our website at [www.madisoniannews.com](http://www.madisoniannews.com). A full article with election results will be printed in the June 16 paper. Thank you!

## HANDS-ON TRAINING

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From L: Therese Sutton plays 'Janie Doe' whose children went camping with her ex husband and did not check in as part of a search and rescue training exercise. Sutton is 'interviewed' by Dan Hagerty, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office deputy.



## Ruby Valley SAR simulates incident command, practices search for missing people along river

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"What we have is a wife," said Rick Hafefeld with Ruby Valley Search and Rescue at the start of the organization's June 4 training. "She's divorced and a school teacher in Helena. She has two kids and she reluctantly allowed them to go camping with their dad."

Hafefeld described the 'dad' in the scenario as a "deadbeat." "He was supposed to check in with the ex-wife, and he hasn't been," he said. "She's coming here for an interview, and we're going to break down into three units - planning, logistics and operations."

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Hafefeld set the scene on June 4 for around 20 SAR volunteers from the Ruby Valley, Jefferson Valley and Beaverhead County. After a short informational meeting about the training session, the volunteers got to work in search of the subjects - Jonathan Doe and his children, Jack and Janet Jane.

"I want to spend the majority of the time in the field," Hafefeld said. "This year, we're going to integrate incident command."

An incident command system allows an incident commander - in this case, Hafefeld, and his trainee, Robert Allhands - to manage the search from their post at the Madison County Fairgrounds.

It also outlines an order of operations so participants know what they are responsible for.

Tommy Luksha, with Ruby Valley SAR, told those assembled that in case of an actual emergency, they should stop the simulation by broadcasting "stop exercise" three times over the radio before proceeding to report the real-life emergency.

The search started at a campsite along the Jefferson River at Hell's Canyon, where Jonathan Doe's cell phone had "pinged" a tower. Two members of Jefferson Valley Search and Rescue went to scope out the area, while the rest of the participants sat in on an interview with "Janie Doe," the ex-wife and mother of the children. Janie Doe was played by Sheridan resident Therese Sutton. Sutton, answering as Janie Doe, was interviewed by Dan Hagerty, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office deputy.

"It's been our experience, and I think nationally, that if you want information from a witness, you have to dig," Hafefeld said. "For whatever reason, probably valid reasons, friends and family don't always want to tell you everything. That's why the

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The crews break into three groups to search the river and surrounding area.



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Search and rescue members make a plan of action.

## ATV CRASH

### 16-year-old female airlifted, injuries not life threatening

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On Sunday, June 5 at around 10 p.m., the Madison County Sheriff's Office received a request for assistance - a 16-year-old female from Bozeman crashed an ATV in the Gravelly Mountain Range near Barton Gulch, according to Sheriff Roger Thompson.

"It appears she left the road and hit a tree," Thompson said. "(Montana Highway Patrol) is investigating after having to locate the crash scene. There were no witnesses to the crash."

The Bureau of Land Management responded with the sheriff's office, along with the Ruby Valley Ambulance, who transported the victim to the Ruby Valley Hospital.

"It appears she was going too fast," Thompson said. "She was airlifted to Bozeman."

The victim suffered from a broken arm, broken leg and possible facial fractures, Thompson added.

"She is in stable condition and the injuries are not life threatening," he said.

## 3-year-old airlifted from Harrison Lake area

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On Saturday, June 4 at 3:17 p.m., a 911 call came from a cell phone from a family on a boat at Harrison Lake, reporting a child had stopped breathing.

"Due to poor cell phone service, dispatch lost the call," explained Ennis Police Chief John Moore. "It came in that a 4 to 5-year-old little girl was not breathing, but the call was broken and lost."

Eventually, the family was able to get through to Gallatin County, which forwarded it onto Madison County dispatch.

"At (3:19 p.m.) I was en route, so I was the first unit on scene," Moore said.

The child, actually a 3-year-old, required an air transport, and Summit Air Ambulance arrived on scene at 4:26 p.m. and transported the 3-year-old to Bozeman.

"Ennis Ambulance, along with (Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks), Ennis Police Department and (Madison County Sheriff's Office) responded," said Sheriff Roger Thompson.

Moore said he was unable to release information about the current status of the 3-year-old due to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements.

## Commissioners approve approximate 5 percent rate increase at MVM, TRMCC

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On Wednesday, June 1, the Madison County commissioners approved raising rates at both county nursing homes by approximately 5 percent, in accordance with recommendations from the facilities' administrators.

"The two administrators are jointly requesting raising rates," said commissioner Dave Schulz, referring to Darcel Cook, Madison Valley Manor administrator, and Saza Lee, Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center administrator. "There's no question that health care costs and nursing home rates are on the rise nationwide."

Effective July 1, 2016, private pay rate for semi-private rooms will increase from \$175 to \$183.75 per day, and the private room rate will increase from \$190 to \$198.75 per day.

According to Cook, the average cost of nursing home care in Montana is currently \$212.91 per day, which means Madison County nursing homes will remain less expensive than many facilities statewide, even with the rate increase.

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interview process with friends and family is extensive.”

Hagerty interviewed ‘Janie Doe’ about her children and ex-husband. During the course of the interview, the two Jefferson Valley SAR members who went to Hell’s Canyon returned – they found a campsite but no one was there.

“We had a short operations briefing then, where we broke into crews for the ground and the two rafts,” said Hafenfeld. “We all went out to the site.”

The ground crew went to the campsite to look for signs, and determined the children had been playing by the river due to a few set of tracks – they also discovered tracks leading up a hill away from the campsite.

“They tracked up there for about three hours,” Hafenfeld said. “They were very careful, looking at every blade of grass and overturned rock.”

Simultaneously, the raft crews floated downriver to Silver Star, looking for human signs.

“They didn’t find any of that, so they solved their problem,” Hafenfeld said. “And then we ran out of time.”

The culmination of the scenario would have led the ground trackers back down the hill along a different part of the road, where they would have found signs of the tracks ending and vehicle tracks beginning, indicating Jonathan Doe and his children had been picked up and driven off.

While the operations crews were searching the river and

surrounding countryside, a group of SAR members were part of a planning unit.

“Their intent was to keep track of everybody,” Hafenfeld said. “But they also had to develop a plan for the next day – what we would need to do if it turned into a multi-day search. They did a good job at that as well.”

**Objectives met?**

Overall, Hafenfeld said he was pleased with the training.

“We got people ground experience and boat experience – some guys had only been in a boat once or twice,” he said. “Then the guys on the ground learned how to track people through some really rough terrain.”

Bill Sinclair, president of Ruby Valley SAR, said the

training forced everyone to look at how the incident command system works.

“The guys learned a lot,” Sinclair said.

Hafenfeld said the training illuminated a few kinks they will work out in the future. For example, communications.

“Our radios are pretty old,” Hafenfeld said. “We know we need to update our radio system so we have better hand holds and a better base system.”

At the end of the day, everyone gathered for a barbeque at the fairgrounds.

“We really achieved the objectives we set out to do,” Hafenfeld said. “From getting people on the ground experience to training people in the incident command system.”

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“I think it’s a reasonable request considering health care costs overall,” commissioner Jim Hart said. “And because both nursing homes are still below average across the state.”

Lee said he and Cook requested the rate increase due to the increasing cost of doing business, and because of

increased operating costs, payroll, basic goods and services, facility maintenance and necessary improvements.

“Health care is very expensive but we are very fortunate that our county and especially our current commissioners are very supportive of these two health care establishments,” Lee said.

In a letter to all manor

families, Cook stated the last time nursing home rates in the county increased was July 2014.

“The cost of food, wages, insurance, medical supplies, etc., have continued to rise,” her letter continues. “Unfortunately this leaves us with no choice but to increase our rates. I feel it is important for you to know that our recent renovation has not affected our costs, as we

received a Community Development Block Grant and had money saved for this purpose.”

Hart moved to approve the request, and commissioner Ron Nye seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor of increasing the nursing home rates effective July 1, and the motion passed.




**LEFT**  
 ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 The Madison Valley Manor, located in Ennis, is one of two county nursing homes.



**BELOW**  
 ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 The Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center is one of Madison County’s two nursing homes, servicing the Ruby Valley from Sheridan.


**How well do YOU know Madison County?**

Thanks for playing by the rules last week! To even the playing field, we asked you call after 9 a.m. on Friday the week the paper comes out. We’re continuing that this week, so if you know where the photo was taken, be sure to call after 9 a.m. on June 10! Thanks!



Okay, Madison County! Here’s another fun spot. Where was this photo taken?

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## Culvert work progresses to Hugel Street



Project to replace Moore Creek culverts in Ennis is behind schedule

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At this point, the work in downtown Ennis to replace the Moore Creek culverts is behind schedule, according to Jeremiah Theys, project manager with Great West Engineering. "I am waiting for a revised construction schedule from (the contractor) before I know when it will be substantially complete," Theys said. "I'm anticipating sometime this summer for completion." Madison County commissioner Jim Hart said he had hoped Main Street would be paved last week, but there was a segment of the project near Shedhorn Sports that was not drying out. "They were going to dig some material out, replace it with new stuff and add a drain and tie it into the culvert," Hart said. "Then the paving will be done – hopefully this week." Theys also said he is hopeful the Main Street and U.S. Highway 287 crossing will be paved this week. "That one project makes up half of the overall project cost," he said. Hart pointed out construction started before the end of 2015, and per the days in the construction contract, the project should be completed in early July. "Granted, they've had some weather days, which would extend that date out," Hart said.



ABOVE  
 ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 As of Monday, June 6, Ennis' main street had not been paved following work on the Moore Creek culvert.

RIGHT  
 ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 Culvert replacement construction progresses to Hugel Street in Ennis.

# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Commissioners approve funds for a planning grant focusing on the fairgrounds



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 The sign welcomes visitors to the fairgrounds.

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On Wednesday, June 1, the Madison County commissioners approved \$1,000 to facilitate writing a grant to apply for a planning grant to take an in depth look at the county's fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. "There are a handful of issues," said commissioner Dave Schulz. "Our facility capacity and infrastructure." Schulz said the county and fair board has been "patching

and plugging holes" for years, but it is time for a comprehensive look at what the fairgrounds needs to be viable in the future. "This \$1,000 will be to write the grant that will allow us to apply for (a Community Development Block Grant)," explained Schulz. If awarded, the CDBG will be fore \$37,500 and require Madison County's participation with a 25 percent match of \$12,500 – that \$50,000 will be used to create an overall facility

needs assessment. "It is just time for an overall picture of where we are," added commissioner Jim Hart. "And where we're headed," added commissioner Ron Nye, who is from the Twin Bridges area. "We have more participants than facilities now." Nye said he believes 4-H and FFA programs in Madison County and Jefferson County will continue to grow. For example, in the last 10 years, the number of pigs entered in the fair has grown

from 70 to 145, Schulz said. "We have to bring in a portable facility," he said. "We can't house all the pigs in the barn. That means additional electricity and other safety concerns." The growth of the fair is not exclusive to swine; Schulz said it holds true for the steer barn and other buildings. Since the CDBG must be completed by July 1, Nye moved to approve \$1,000 to write the grant, and Hart seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted "aye."

# CELEBRATING SOUTHWEST MONTANA

*Hi readers,*

Being in the journalism business can be disillusioning if you don't set aside time to enjoy the good news. That's why I love working at *The Madisonian* – we prioritize and celebrate happy stories.

Granted, I still spend my Monday mornings covering court, and when a call comes over the police scanner about a crash, it's my job to get the facts. We hold our elected officials accountable and write about the nitty-gritty meetings of town councils, school boards and county government.

But we're a community paper, and we also devote considerable time to celebrating Madison County and our residents. We like success stories – from students to seniors to community volunteers, we always take time to feature the amazing people that make our area of Montana extra special.

With that in mind, I'm excited to announce our most recent edition of *The Loop* magazine. Twice a year we step outside our newspaper life and join the magazine business. When we brainstorm ideas for the magazine, we really focus on the positives that make this place unique. This publication is not only a guide to the area, but is our way of celebrating the diversity we offer residents, visitors and tourists.

In fact, with this edition, we took it a step further. We wanted to give all of you a guide to the area that helps you do it yourself, regardless of your age and ability. With that goal in mind, we divided the magazine into four sections – culture, outdoors, tradition and dining. And hey! Even if you've called Madison County home for a lifetime, we suspect you'll find something new that will inspire you to discover, investigate or explore.

If you're a subscriber, you should have received *The Loop* inserted in last week's paper. Otherwise, it's distributed across Southwest Montana – you can find it on newsstands in all of Madison County's communities, as well as Bozeman, Three Forks, Whitehall, Dillon and West Yellowstone.

So grab a copy and refer to it throughout the summer months. The magazine will provide a guide to wildflowers, give you insight into the beauty of Montana's night sky and much, much more. But don't take our word for it – pick one up and see for yourself.



*Abigail*



# Happy to hear about launch at Seidenstricker Bridge

Dear Editor,

I read with pleasure the announcement that the launch at Seidenstricker Bridge is being updated. I am happy the Hamilton Ranch and Ron Nye are getting this done. It is very much appreciated. I commit that no piece of garbage will be safe when I am putting in or taking out there.

Reuben Cochran  
Twin Bridges

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## MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

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## A FAMILY AFFAIR

### Wrzesinskis carve in two state records, 18 years apart

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Fresh off his new state record in the 300 hurdles, Cleet Wrzesinski sat curled up in his family's home with Gizmo, the French bulldog and beloved family pet.

"I'm just going to continue working hard and bettering my times," he said, while Gizmo snoozed silently in his lap.

Wrzesinski, along with younger sister Wrenzi, dominated the class C track season for the Ennis Mustangs – both sprinted their way to top finishes at the divisional and state competitions in Missoula.

Wrenzi, who just completed her freshman year, placed in the top three in the 100 and 200 meter dashes and took first in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles at divisionals but was unable to compete at state due to an injury.

"That was one of the saddest moments I have ever experienced," said Michele Wrzesinski, mother and coach to Cleet and Wrenzi. "She had such a great year and I wasn't ready for it to end early."

Cleet, who just finished his junior year and scored in the 90th percentile on his ACTs, took home second place finishes in the 100 and 200 meter dash along with two first place finishes in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles at the state meet.

"I'm already looking forward to next season," he said.

But for the Wrzesinski clan, next season will bring a new place, a new team and a new class.

"We've been looking at some of the times and (Cleet and Wrenzi's) are right up there," said Jon Wrzesinski.

At the end of the month, the family will move across the state to Baker, a class B school, where Jon has accepted the superintendent position.

But not before leaving their mark in Mustang territory.

#### All in the family

The athletic abilities of Cleet and Wrenzi come not just from hard work, but also from good genes. Both Jon and Michele were high school and college athletes and have been coaches for multiple school sports throughout their professional careers. They have also experienced small town life and small town sports.

"We were just looking for a way to get back to Montana," said Jon, adding he wanted his kids to experience rural Montana life.

Jon, who is originally from Stanford, was a three-sport athlete growing up, participating in football, wrestling and track. Michele, originally from Harlowton, also grew up as a three-sport athlete, competing in volleyball, basketball and track.

The couple spent some time teaching and coaching in Harlowton before moving to Pakistan and onto Shanghai, where they spent eight years teaching at the Shanghai American School. They moved to Ennis in 2014, when Jon accepted the role of high school principal for the Mustangs. A year later, he was offered the superintendent role in Ennis, a job he is now wrapping up in preparation for the family's move to Baker.

"We made a family decision to move to Ennis from China because of the community and the sports," said Michele. "In just two short years, I have had some of the greatest, most memorable coaching experiences of my life."

One of those experiences occurred just a few weeks ago at the state track meet when the Mustang boys' 4x400 relay team set a new record – the previous record was set by Harlowton.

"The 4x400 relay was personal for me because (Jon) and I were the track coaches in Harlowton when they set that record and won

the team title in 1998," said Michele.

The Ennis Mustangs bested the 1998 record with a time of 3:24, thanks to Corbin and Tanner Wood, Wade Luly, and speedy anchor, Cleet.

"It was neat to see them beat the record," said Jon, adding the family is still closely connected to the athletes who previously held the 4x400 record. "The track world gets pretty small, but we're excited about the ties we have to it."

#### Moving on

While they will no longer be sporting green and white, the Wrzesinskis seem hopeful about their newest adventure.

"We're excited," said Jon. "Baker has a strong tradition of sports and we're both excited to get back into the classroom."

Michele was offered a fulltime teaching position in Baker as well, and will be assistant coach for volleyball.

For Cleet and Wrenzi, though they will miss their friends, teammates and hanging out on Ennis Lake, they're both hopeful about the challenges ahead.

"It'll be a new chance to push ourselves," said Cleet.

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LEFT: Jon Wrzesinski, second from left, holds Cleet as a baby with the 1998 Harlowton boys' track team. The 4x400 Harlowton relay, coached by Jon and Michele, set the state record, only to have it broken 18 years later by their son's team.

RIGHT: The Wrzesinski family at the state meet in Missoula.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Verta Dorseth: Giving back with a focus on family

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Verta Dorseth has been called the "true Ms. Twin Bridges" thanks to her involvement and participation in almost every volunteer group in the Ruby Valley. A true lifelong resident of Twin Bridges, Dorseth sees the importance of giving back to the community with a focus on family and students.

"In order to keep the community improving, volunteers have to work to make their communities grow," Dorseth said. "I feel it is necessary

to give back to a community who supports the school and residents."

Dorseth spent her career in the school system after she earned her education degree in Missoula. With a short stint teaching away from Madison County, Dorseth found her way home and worked in the Twin Bridges School system for 36 years.

"I love Twin (Bridges) and believe it is my duty to do whatever I can to improve my home town," she said.

Currently, Dorseth is the president of the Twin Bridges Community Association, a group focused on improving Main Street and providing family fun for all; president of the Twin Bridges Alumni Association, which provides

scholarships to Twin Bridges graduates; is actively involved with her church; and is working on a "Buddy Bench" project at the school in memory of Marti Carlson.

"I try to help out with judging spelling bees and science fairs because I miss my involvement with the students," Dorseth said.

She has served on the city council, coached cheerleading and participated in many other school and community organizations.

"I couldn't get half of my work done without my poor husband, Larry," said Dorseth. "He gets dragged into many of my volunteer projects."

In her free time, Dorseth said she enjoys being outside, hiking and gardening or spending time with friends and family.

Being able to give back to the community that supported her is why Dorseth has chosen to make volunteering an obligation.

"Getting people to volunteer is difficult," Dorseth said. "If they are not raised to know the joy in giving back to a community, they don't realize the pride ones takes in seeing your organization or community thrive. There is something so special about knowing you have had a small part in the success."



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# Virginia City town news

## Council discusses water budget amendment, talks fines and bison

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The Virginia City town council held their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 2, and discussed town permits and fines and made an amendment to the water budget.

"This will not increase water rates," said Mayor Scott Petersen, referring to the water budget. "We've got some things coming up and the budget ends this month ... we need to amend the budget to get some additional money in there if we

have to put in some additional items that may be coming up."

The council decided to amend the water budget by adding \$35,000.

"That doesn't mean we'll spend it - we just want it there in case," said Petersen, adding there is money in the general fund to transfer to the water budget and that the amendment will not result in water rate increases for residents.

After quick discussion from the council, Petersen made a motion to approve the amendment, which was seconded

by councilman David Bacon. Following no further questions, the motion passed.

### Fines

Resolution 2016-08 regarding town fines was next on the council's agenda.

"This resolution just states 'the town council shall have the authority to amend the town code in order to establish and enforce penalties including, but not limited to, monetary sanctions for violations of town code,'" said Petersen.

Petersen also said he had

spoken with the town's attorney to come up with guidelines to stay consistent with future penalties against town code.

"We've had a lot of complaints and this will bring forth to people that we are trying to be serious about our permits and if you aren't following them, we can establish a fine," Petersen said during the June 2 meeting.

The resolution passed unanimously during the meeting, effective immediately, and the council will meet on June 16 at 7 p.m. to address fine amounts

and specifics.

### Bison in Tendoy Park

The final piece of new business for the council was the question of allowing a bison to be transferred to Tendoy Park.

Petersen said he was contacted by a graduated student, who will be working in the park for a few weeks this summer as part of a study through Washington State University, and asked if they could bring in a bison into the park at some point.

"She said she had the bison already and, upon further discussion, she said 'you have no idea what you have to go through to transport a bison across state lines,'" Petersen said, adding that the group probably would not look to bring in a bison until other projects at the park had been completed. "So there's some room for discussion here."

Until there is an actual proposal, the council held off in making any motions.

## FOOD, MUSIC & FAMILY FUN



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN

Downtown Ennis was packed on June 4 for the fourth annual spring pig pickin', sponsored by Ennis' local distillery. Attendees danced to music, ate food and sampled drinks all day Saturday.

## Even after filing deadline, tax scammers persist

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Montana Department of Justice

The Office of Consumer Protection warns taxpayers about bogus phone calls from Internal Revenue Service impersonators demanding payment for a non-existent tax, the "Federal Student Tax."

Even though the tax deadline has come and gone, scammers continue to use varied strategies to trick people, in this case students. In this newest scam, the impersonator tries to convince the target to wire money

immediately to the scammer. If the victim does not fall quickly enough for this fake "federal student tax," the scammer threatens to report the student to the police.

Scam artists may masquerade as being from the IRS, a tax company or even a state revenue department. Many scammers use threats to intimidate and bully people into sending payment for a fake tax bill. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the driver's license of their victim if they do not get the money.

Some examples of the varied tactics tax scammers have been known to use this year are:

- Demanding immediate tax payment for taxes owed on an iTunes gift card;
- Soliciting W-2 information from payroll and human resources professionals;
- "Verifying" tax return information over the phone in order to steal personal information;
- Pretending to be from the tax preparation industry

The Office of Consumer

Protection urges Montanans to stay vigilant against these calls and to know the telltale signs of a scammer demanding payment.

The IRS does not:

- Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the IRS call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

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If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money and you do not owe taxes, here is what you should do:

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- If you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040.

- Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use the "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page or call 800-366-4484.

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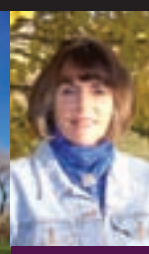


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## MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

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### Friday



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 75 to 85. Lows 45 to 55.

### Saturday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 65 to 75.

### Sunday



Cooler. Partly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 40 to 45. Highs 55 to 65. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

### Monday



Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers and thunderstorms. Lows 35 to 40. Highs 60 to 70.

## Quote of the Week:

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# Where are they now?

## How Cloverbuds prepare for fair

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**Clockwise from top:**  
Mackenzie and Chevy Boyko work with Beans and No-name, Mackenzie's first sheep she will show at fair.

Mackenzie attempts to move Beans from the luscious tall grass.

Tracer Croy, a senior at Ennis High School, battles with his steer.

Beans got his name because he jumps around, according to Mackenzie.



"I like that we get to do projects," said Mackenzie Boyko.

At eight years old, Boyko is in her last year as a Cloverbud – this is her first year showing a sheep at the fair.

"I have two sheep, one is named Beans because he jumps around a lot," Boyko said. "The other one doesn't have a name." Cloverbuds is the youngest age group of 4H, for ages six to eight, and is the first step in getting involved in all 4H and the fair has to offer.

"We are the Madison Wranglers," said Stacy Croy, adding there are 84 club members, 20 of those being Cloverbuds. "(Cloverbuds) are the beginning of life at 4H."

For Croy, who has been the club leader for eight years, 4H appeals to everyone.

"Anything you're interested in, we can turn it into a project," she said. "That's the beauty of 4H, it doesn't just have to be age related. You like picking rocks? We can make that a project. Anything you want, you can do."

Though she loves all of 4H and the fair, watching the Cloverbuds get excited about 4H and their projects is something Croy said she most enjoys.

"They get so excited and their expressions are just priceless," she said.

#### Cloverbuds

"We had to weigh in our sheep (Saturday) and now I'll feed them twice a day and walk them," said Boyko of her duties before the fair.

"How often are you supposed to walk them?" asked Boyko's uncle Chief Croy, prompting her.

"Every day," she answers back with a big grin on her face. "And we have to clean them and shave them before fair."

Boyko and her younger brother, Chevy, are not much bigger than the sheep trailing them down the dirt road, stopping every once in a while when Beans or No-name start to get ornery.

"Let go of their back, once they get going," S. Croy tells them.

Cloverbuds go through the same steps that older 4H-ers do – they do interviews with judges at the fair and show their animals and learn the same responsibility and respect an older 4H-er does.

"They learn how to speak in front of people and how to support each other and they just get so excited about fair," S. Croy said.

"We do lots of projects (in Cloverbuds)," said Chevy, age six. "We sewed pillowcases and put pillows in them and we made a candy snowman."

The list of projects goes on and on and the possibilities are endless, according to S. Croy.

"That's another big benefit of 4H – you're incorporating the whole community to come in and help or host some of these projects," she said.

From photography to leather making to cooking, there is someone in the community that can help Cloverbuds and 4H-ers learn and get ahead.

"It's awesome to have so many community members willing to come in and help or host events," S. Croy said.

#### More than just fair

The fair is the big hurrah for 4H-ers, Cloverbuds and FFA-ers – it is their chance to show off what they have been working on all year. From the shows to the interviews to the sale, the fair allows kids to strut their stuff, as well as spend a whole week learning from the community and their peers.

But it does not end there. 4H teaches respect, responsibility and how to go after something you really want.

"It's so much more than just the ag community," said S. Croy. "Everyone is involved, supporting these kids and they learn to support each other. What they learn in 4H will stay with them for the rest of their life."



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## How foods can help heal common ailments

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When you are not feeling well, conventional wisdom says you should reach for over-the-counter or prescription remedies. But many experts point out that foods have healing properties that can be complementary in

helping to treat common ailments and prevent illness.

“The concept of using food as medicine isn’t a new one; however, the evolution of society and science has moved us further from this concept,” said Grand Master Nan Lu, OMD, one of the country’s foremost teachers

and practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine and author. “In my view, we are missing some of the most powerful and supportive steps we can take to remain well and prevent disease and illness.”

Lu says the teachings of TCM can help patients deal with the root cause of their problems, rather than just eliminate the symptoms. While complex, he is offering a few quick insights into the subject of food as medicine.

• Nutritionists today base their work on the physical and chemical properties of

food alone, but this is just half the picture.

“There are many immaterial things contained within food as well,” said Lu, who cites Qi, or vital energy, as a key aspect of food you cannot see.

• The right foods will not necessarily protect your health by virtue of their properties alone. Good organ function is also necessary for your body to process and digest what you eat. However, foods can help restore balance to an ailing organ system.

• Listen to your body, not

cultural beliefs about what is good or bad for you. Lu offers the example of a woman craving sugar or salt during her menstrual cycle.

“Assuming she listens to the wisdom of her body and satisfies her craving, she’ll have some chocolate or eat some potato chips. This woman is doing something natural,” he said.

• You may have heard of the adage, “you are what you eat.” Lu said to also consider the phrase, “you are what you think,” and avoid a steady diet of negative emotions, which you then must digest

and process. Your thoughts impact your body and health, he said.

• The next time your stomach is upset, consider reaching for something natural. Ginger can be eaten or used topically to deal with stomach discomfort, reduce inflammation and even lower pain from arthritis.

While modern science has offered us groundbreaking medications and treatments, traditional healing systems can help patients recognize the root cause of physical conditions for a healthier, more balanced life.

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## 3 ways scents can impact your mood

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Have your spirits ever cheered suddenly when you entered a room? Have you ever been whisked away to a different time and place after breathing in a familiar fragrance? The way you feel is affected by more than what meets the eye. When it comes to your mood, scent can be a very powerful force.

Here are three ways scents and feelings are intertwined:

### 1. Scent and memory

Scent and memory are

deeply connected. A bottle of coconut sunscreen can bring back memories of days at the beach. Fresh baked cookies can be a reminder of home.

It is unsurprising that a scent reminiscent of childhood is the easiest to name. Found in classrooms, backpacks, pencil cases, cubbies and desks everywhere, crayons were listed among the top 20 most frequently identified smells in a study conducted by Professor William Cain at Yale University.

### 2. Scent and the seasons

Along with the sights and sounds of each season are signature aromas – from flowers and fresh rain in spring to gingerbread and pine in winter.

Many people use scented home décor touches, such as candles, to draw on the qualities of each season and welcome it into their homes.

### 3. Scent and well being

Stress is not just bad for your mood; it can be harmful for your health. But scent can be used to reduce stress, along with anxiety and pain.

A practice called aromatherapy is used everywhere, from hospitals to homes, and has been shown to have positive effects on wellness. While one should seek out an expert aromatherapist for certain treatments, anyone experiencing tension can relax by filling his or her home with beloved fragrances from candles or incense.

Take these steps to fill your life with the aromas that best evoke the season, make you feel healthy and inspire happy memories.

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## Tips to get more nutrients in your daily diet

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Getting all the nutrients you need each day to function or even thrive can be a challenge. After all, there are only so many meals in a day.

Here are some creative ways to pack the necessary nutrients into your day, without going over your tight calorie budget.

### Make each bite count

It is tempting to sneak in empty calories, with foods and beverages that have little in the way of nutritional value. Do not give in to sugary treats or easy fixes. You will ultimately feel more satisfied by foods

that work to fuel your body.

Plan meals ahead to ensure they each include a healthy balance of proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins, amino acids and minerals. Eating colorfully with each meal can help, because fresh fruits, vegetables, beans, nuts and seeds of different colors can provide a rich mix of these valuable nutrients and antioxidants.

Also, do not let unhealthy snacking be your downfall. Snacking does not have to carry the connotation of mindless consumption in front of a television. Carefully planned bites between meals can be just what the nutritionist ordered.

For instance, consider a cup of high fiber cereal mixed with a few nuts or pumpkin seeds to tide you over between meals. A piece of whole wheat toast with a little nut butter also can do the trick, as can a piece of fruit with a slice of cheese.

Get to know the healthy options on restaurant menus and take the time to chew and enjoy your food.

### Easy replacements

Some of the most essential nutritional components include protein, good carbohydrates, healthy fats, vitamins, minerals, fiber, enzymes and probiotics. While many foods

contain some of these important nutrients, landing on the right formula can be an ongoing and time-consuming challenge. It does not have to be.

### Healthy lifestyle

Match your nutrient-filled diet with a healthy lifestyle. Get plenty of sleep each night, at least eight hours, and move more during the day, with at least 20 minutes of activity.

Be sure to stay hydrated all day long with glasses of clean, clear liquids. Water aids digestion and helps you skip the sugary soft drinks, which are high in calories but offer no nutritional value. Opt for water and green tea instead.

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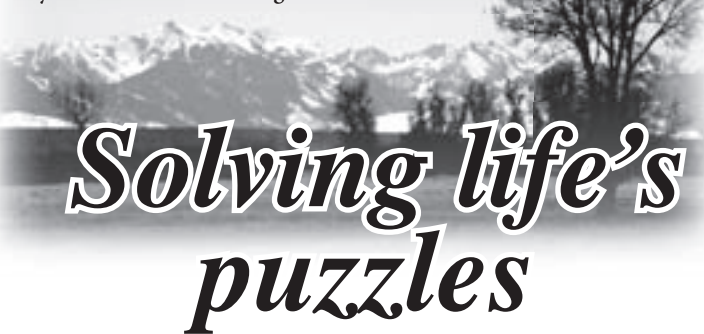


# COLUMNS



## This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



### Solving life's puzzles

*The world is not dying for another book. But it is dying for the rest of God – Mark Buchanan*

The story is told of a man who dies and finds himself in a foyer with two doors. Before each door stands an angel identical in every way. One door is a portal to the hot-house, while the other leads to God's presence. The only aspect in which the angels differ is this: One always tells the truth, while the other only lies. What question must the man ask the angels if he is to enter paradise and avoid perdition?



Rev. Keith Axberg

I'm not fond of puzzles, but I like figuring things out.

Years ago, I lived in Spokane and needed to contact a friend in Pullman. This was in the mid-1970s. I had some important information to pass along, but when I dialed the number I received an automated response: "We are sorry; due to technical difficulties, your call cannot be completed as dialed. Please try again later."

I tried a bit later, but received the same message as before, so I called the operator to see if she could put me through. The operator told me the lines between Spokane and Pullman were down, so the calls could not be completed.

"But I have to get through," I insisted. "It's not life or death, but it's really important."

She was sympathetic to my plight, but knew she couldn't put my call through when the lines were down.

"Well," I continued, "Can't you go in through the back door?"

She asked what I meant, so I asked if she couldn't route the call over to Coeur d'Alene, down to Moscow and into Pullman that way.

Her voice brightened; she told me that was possible, and so that's what she did. The connection was made, the message communicated and all was right with the world!

I like problems that have solutions. Actually, I don't like having a problem, but I like knowing that there are few things in life that happen for which we can't

find a way through. The best problems are those we tackle – not alone, but with companions, friends, associates or others who care enough to help.

There is the old adage: A problem shared is a problem halved, or (as Shakespeare might have expressed it): To half or to half not; that is the question.

People sometimes complain they see no reason to go to church. "It's full of hypocrites," they often say.

Of course, they are correct. I'm in no position to debate the matter, for the fact is the church IS full of hypocrites, but there's always room for more!

If one can have a conversation, I would not challenge the assertion, nor would I challenge the conclusion. One is certainly free to attend church or not as one sees fit. That decision is theirs to make, and not mine to challenge or correct.

If, on the other hand, one asks me why I go to church (and no, it's not for the paycheck), I would tell them I go because it is a watering hole for the thirsty, a buffet for the hungry, a first aid station for those who hurt and a house of hugs for those who are lonely.

I go to church because it is a place where people share their experience, strength and hope with one another; where they find forgiveness for the wrongs they've done and healing for the wrongs they've endured.

I go to church because it is the back door through which God's message of eternal love for the other gets through, even when other lines are down or the power is out.

Oh sure, the pews are hard and the people are – oh, how shall we express it? The people are so human, but hey, that's where God has called us; so we gather with all our little quirks, imperfections and defects of character; we share our problems, we find them halved and we see God in the process.

So, that's why I go to church. It is also where I learned the answer to the story with which I opened: "What door did you say this was to the last person who asked?"

Think about it, and have some fun with life's puzzles in this, our valley.

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

## NATURAL Resource News

By Jane Mangold

Associate Professor and Extension Invasive Plant Specialist, MSU

### SPOTTED KNAPWEED, NATIVE FORBS AND POLLINATORS

Are invasive plants friend or foe to pollinators? It depends. Some invasive plants can be toxic to pollinator larvae while others aid pollinators by providing additional floral resources. A recent study set out to determine how pollinator communities are affected by an invasive plant common in Montana and elsewhere, spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*).

Researchers at Montana State University studied how density and growth stage of spotted knapweed affected pollinators. Another study investigated impacts of spotted knapweed on reproduction of the native forb hairy goldenaster (*Heterotheca villosa*); this species shares many pollinators with spotted knapweed and their flowering periods overlap

for six weeks.

Methods: In the first study, pollinators were observed at nine sites in western Montana where spotted knapweed was present at varying densities (0 to >15 plants/16m<sup>2</sup>). Observations included pollinator abundance, species richness and flower visitation rates. Observations were also categorized into different spotted knapweed growth stages (pre bloom, early bloom, peak bloom and late bloom). The second study took place near Bozeman at a site dominated by native forbs. Because no spotted knapweed was present at the site, potted spotted knapweed plants were placed next to naturally-growing hairy goldenaster plants at varying densities (zero to four spotted knapweed plants per hairy goldenaster

plant). Pollinator visitation and reproduction of the native plant was followed through one growing season.

Results: Thirty seven pollinator taxa visited spotted knapweed flowers, while 26 pollinator taxa exclusively visited native flowers. Most co-flowering species shared at least 50 percent of their pollinators with spotted knapweed. Prior to spotted knapweed blooming, pollinator abundance and richness was higher in plots without spotted knapweed versus plots with high density (>15 plants/16m<sup>2</sup>). However, during peak spotted knapweed bloom in August, high density spotted knapweed plots had greater pollinator abundance and richness than plots without spotted knapweed. In the second study, both spotted knapweed and hairy goldenaster were visited by a variety of pollinator groups. There was little evidence of competition for pollinators between spotted knapweed and

hairy goldenaster at spotted knapweed densities used here.

Management implications: Keeping spotted knapweed at low densities may be sufficient to prevent negative effects on pollinator-dependent native plant reproduction and may even be beneficial to some pollinators by providing floral resources later into summer. Furthermore, competition for pollinators does not appear to be a mechanism by which spotted knapweed invades a native plant community, at least not in the early stages of invasion (i.e. low densities of spotted knapweed). In locations where spotted knapweed is too abundant to eradicate, maintaining ecologically tolerable thresholds is a reasonable management goal, which may come as good news to land managers faced with this widespread, persistent species.

You can read more about this research here: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ecs2.1233/abstract>

Pollinator group	% of visitors	
	<i>H. villosa</i>	<i>C. stoebe</i>
Bumble bees	3.6	42.7
Butterflies	1.1	2.6
Beetles	1.6	0.5
Flies	31.3	5.4
Honey bees	0.7	2.1
Other native bees	60.4	46.2
Wasps	0.7	0.0
Unknown insects	0.7	0.3

## WRITING the WIND STORIES FROM THE TOBACCO ROOT WRITERS

*Writing the wind is a series of six short stories, written by women who are passionate about telling true stories from Madison County.*

*In this installment, Amber Rose Mason introduces us to working calves, and tells about a close call with a horse.*

### Close call By Amber Rose Mason

My chosen ride for the day's work is a 6 year old sorrel mare who is deathly afraid of cows. She is athletic and can turn on a dime if threatened. We are pushing calves through the alley and I'm giving her time in the pen where she has to face her demons head on. This, hopefully, will teach her dominance and give her confidence.

The air is filled with the buzz of the vet's generator that he's brought to run his fancy, automatic chute. The alley is slick from the calves' hot green goo and the packed snow from their hooves. The more their adrenaline is spiked, the more manure. They are bawling desperately. I'm so glad I have no sense of smell.

I lean low in my saddle

with my energy forward, reaching my hand down to caress the red mare's neck and shoulder, "Get 'em, you get 'em. You can do it!"

As I give her support, she pins her ears, arcs her beautiful neck and narrows her big brown eyes to attack the cattle.

She prances up the alley after the calves showing everyone – Yes! I am a capable cow horse!

... Until one poor calf decides she doesn't want to participate in the group activity and turns on my pony, making three dives before scooting through the only opening of daylight that is right between my partner Ben's legs.

My sorrel girl FREAKS OUT! I could feel her giant body tighten between my legs and her muscles become rigid. Her brain shuts down and she isn't listening anymore. I try to soothe her but her flight mode has kicked in and we are preparing for lift off.

As the scared calf started for my mare, I believe my horse thinks she is going to be eaten and jumps straight up into the air. When she comes down she lands smack dab in the middle of the calf's back. The squished calf scrambles free down the slick alley, spinning out as she runs toward

the herd.

My mare is one pissed off José and takes off in the same direction, lunging and kicking out behind her. With the force from the second buck she pops me right out of my saddle. I am hugging my saddle horn and practically sitting on top of my bucking rolls with no feet in the stirrups.

In these moments of chaos, you are simply left with reflexes and survival reactions. What happens next? Will I land on my back or neck? She's going to run down the alley and scatter the calves like chickens as I painfully climb to my feet. I should be scared but I'm only thinking about my next move.

Luckily, I have popped out of the saddle like a Road Runner cartoon when he drops off a cliff after looking around a few seconds. The mare lands on her hind legs and they zip straight out behind her on the slick ice as she falls to the ground like a ton of bricks. I am left practically standing on top of her back in the saddle.

I gain my footing and look at Ben, who is white as a ghost. The mare does exactly what I imagined and runs to the end of the alley searching for an escape. I reach for her reins that are dragging in the snow and

try to calm her. She is shaking and trembling all over and I stroke my hand down her face.

"It's alright, you're okay baby girl," I say as I check to see if she's hurt or if any of my tack is broken from the impact of the fall.

I swing into the saddle and caress her sweaty neck. I want to keep riding because if I stop now she may never get over her fear. If I push through this moment and gain back her confidence, this experience will not be an utter failure.

I ride up to Ben who inspects us for any damage. He looks straight at me, "That was a close one! Your head would have exploded like a watermelon if you had hit that metal pole fence."

I brush it off and turn my mare toward the cattle. I have a bad habit of not taking these wrecks seriously, but one day it could be the end. That is the reality of what I do and I have to accept that. I can't let it scare me into never taking risks. Then neither I, nor my horse, will ever advance.

*\* Editor's note: Last week, we indicated the Tobacco Root Writers are Virginia City residents. Thanks to Lexi Sundell, we now know and want to clarify the women write from both Virginia City and Ennis.*

## MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRELINE

By Steve Orr | MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

May proved to be a pretty active month for the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department with 10 calls for service. It started the first of May and ended with the last call on May 31.

On May 1 at 5:51 p.m., with the active fire season not yet started, the MVRFD was dispatched to a grass fire on the Varney Cutoff Road. The MVRFD responded two engines and a tender from station one with five firefighters, an engine from station two with one firefighter and an engine from station three with two firefighters. First arriving units could see a half mile of flame front as they arrived. The nine plus acre fire could have been much worse. Thanks to a quick reaction by local residents, when the first engine arrived they found the fire being fought with a tractor and hand crew who had much of the fire stopped on the west flank. A north wind was pushing the fire south and MVRFD firefight-

ers attacked the head of the fire stopping its forward progress. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

On May 2 at 3:03 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a fire south of the Fish Hatchery. The MVRFD responded an engine from station three with two firefighters and two engines and a tender from station one with five firefighters. The fire was found to be a controlled but the property manager had failed to activate his burn permit. Please remember to go to [www.burnpermits.mt.gov](http://www.burnpermits.mt.gov) to purchase your burn permit and remember to activate it for every day you are going to burn. This way, our communications center has a way to determine if the fire is a controlled burn or not.

May 9 brought in a storm that dumped wet heavy snow across the valley, causing numerous calls for service. At 3:26 p.m. the MVRFD was paged for a downed

power line in the 200 block of East Main. Before units had yet responded to the first call, the MVRFD was again paged to a tree down on the street in the 100 block of East Ennis Street. The MVRFD responded an engine from station one with four firefighters to the downed power line and a command with two firefighters to the downed tree. Both incidents were caused by the heavy snow.

As units were responding to the two calls in Ennis, the MVRFD was dispatched to assist with traffic control on the Norris Hill due to numerous slide-offs as a result of the snow causing slippery road conditions. With all resources committed to the calls in Ennis, the MVRFD was forced to delay response to the third call. Once the first two incidents were stabilized the MVRFD responded two engines to the Norris Hill where firefighters assisted the Madison County Sheriff's Office and Montana

Highway Patrol with traffic control until the Montana Department of Transportation snow plows could clear the roadway.

The MVRFD and Harrison Fire Department were dispatched to the report of a school bus on fire near mile marker eleven on MT Highway 84 on May 15 at 8:55 p.m. The call had come through the Gallatin County Communications Center, which had also dispatched the Gallatin Gateway Fire Department. The MVRFD responded an engine, a tender and a command with eight firefighters from station one and an engine with two firefighters from station three, while two additional firefighters stood by at station one. It was discovered that the school bus in question was a converted camper with a wood stove parked in the camping area on the west side of the river, not on the highway at all. The "fire" that was reported was a result of the owner stocking the wood stove. In total between the three responding departments, there were seven apparatus and 19 firefighters. While we greatly appreciate the timely reports of emergency situations, the public is asked to take a few seconds to fully evaluate the incident and communicate a more compre-

hensive description of the nature of the incident.

The MVRFD was dispatched to a fire alarm in the 100 block of MT Highway 287 on May 21 at 5:28 p.m. The MVRFD responded an engine with three firefighters and one additional firefighter responded directly to the scene in private vehicle. Upon arrival it was determined that the alarm had been activated by cooking activities and was not a valid alarm.

On May 22 the MVRFD was dispatched to a structure fire on the Aurora Creek Road. The MVRFD responded an engine, a tender and two commands with 12 firefighters from station one, an engine with two firefighters from station three and a rescue with one firefighter from station two. Mutual aid was requested from Virginia City Rural Fire Department and Harrison Fire Department. VCRFD responded an engine and a tender with six firefighters. HFD responded an engine. Firefighters battled the blaze for over six hours.

On May 23 at 10:59 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a fire alarm on Pine Ridge Road. The MVRFD responded an engine and a command with four firefighters from station one. One

additional firefighter stood by at station three. Upon arrival it was determined that the alarm was false. The alarm company had failed to notify the Madison County Communications Center of the false activation.

The MVRFD, along with Ennis Ambulance Service, Madison County Sheriff's Office and Montana Highway Patrol, was dispatched on May 31 at 12:07 p.m. to a two vehicle accident near mile marker 52 on U.S. Highway 287 N. The MVRFD responded an engine and a command with seven firefighters from station one. MVRFD firefighters controlled fluid leaks, conducted scene safety measures, established incident command and performed traffic control operations until the highway could be cleared of the wreckage.

If you have any questions or concerns, Madison Valley Rural Fire Chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please visit our home page at [www.mvrfd.org/](http://www.mvrfd.org/). Remember to sign our guest book and let us know what you think.

# COMICS & PUZZLES



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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Apiece
- 4 Hot tubs
- 8 Vail gear
- 12 Expert
- 13 Ancient Briton
- 14 Flirtatious look
- 15 Review
- 17 Roddick or Rooney
- 18 Popular logic puzzle
- 19 Nonstick spray
- 21 Teensy
- 22 Unrivaled
- 26 Tatter
- 29 Mole, e.g.
- 30 Off-chanted letters
- 31 Revolutionary period?
- 32 They're between mis and sols
- 33 Architect -- van der Rohe
- 34 A Bobbsey twin
- 35 Aviate
- 36 In one's cups
- 37 In-group
- 39 Ger. neighbor
- 40 Actress Thurman
- 41 "Doonesbury" journalist Hedley
- 45 Arp's style
- 48 Chic shop
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- 51 Bancroft or

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- 9 Family
- 10 Third-party abbr.
- 11 Firmament
- 16 Eiffel's masterwork
- 20 Whatever amount
- 23 Witticism
- 24 Works with
- 25 Uncomplicated
- 26 Harmonization
- 27 Get better
- 28 Hindu princess
- 29 Express
- 32 Sleazy hotel
- 33 -- Vanilli
- 35 "Fee fi fo --!"
- 36 Person with a horn?
- 38 Production number?
- 39 Lop
- 42 Blue hue
- 43 Crazy
- 44 Profound
- 45 "CSI" evidence
- 46 Moray or conger
- 47 Taxi
- 49 Yoko of music

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## Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

### Simple Coconut Beer Shrimp With Sweet and Tangy Sauce

"Mmmm!"



Leah Stacey's Coconut Beer Shrimp with Sweet and Tangy Sauce are quite the treat. Her addition of coconut to the breading is an act of genius! Plate these up for your next game night or barbecue and you'll be the hit of the party. Consider doubling the recipe for the dipping sauce... it's that good.



Leah Stacey  
Mt. Juliet, TN  
(pop. 23,671)

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

- Janet

### Coconut Beer Shrimp w/Sweet & Tangy Sauce

#### What You Need

- 4 eggs
- 1 c beer
- 3 tsp Creole seasoning
- 1 1/4 c flour
- 2 tbsp baking powder
- 48 large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined with tails
- 1 bag sweetened coconut, shredded
- 2 c oil

#### Directions

- Combine eggs, beer, 3 tsp Creole seasoning, flour, and baking powder.
- Blend well.
- Dip the shrimp in beer batter and roll in coconut.
- Fry in oil heated to 350.
- The oil should be at least 1-1/2" deep.
- Drop shrimp in a few at a time and fry until golden brown.
- Remove and drain on paper towel.
- To make the sauce, blend together dipping sauce ingredients.

#### SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

- 2 c orange marmalade
- 1/4 c Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 tsp horseradish

Submitted by: Leah Stacey, Mt. Juliet, TN (pop. 23,671)  
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25-tfc-b

Ennis Community Children's School is seeking teachers for part-time hours. Primary Care Giver and Aide positions available. If you love working with children and are a team player, please call Sara at 599-9974.

Part time cook. Longbranch Saloon, Ennis. Apply within.  
33-1-b

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

Women's Resource/Community Support Center (WRC) is looking for a part-time (20 hour per week) Advocate & Outreach Coordinator to serve Madison County. Job duties include providing crisis intervention, supportive advocacy, and educative/preventative outreach to Madison County. Based out of Sheridan, MT, the position requires some travel; it offers a flexible schedule & rate of pay DOE. For complete job description, visit WRC's website, <http://www.cscoswmt.org/> or contact Alison Dunn at 406-683-6106. If interested in applying, please send resume and cover letter to WRC at PO Box 888, Dillon, MT, 59725 or email to [director@cscoswmt.org](mailto:director@cscoswmt.org).  
32-tfc-b

Madison Valley Ranch is seeking Breakfast Cook/Sous Chef six mornings per week for a 6-8 hour shift. Competitive compensation. Please call (406) 682-7822 or email to [mvr@3rivers.net](mailto:mvr@3rivers.net).  
32-2-b



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31-tfc-b

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27-tfc-b

Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2016-17 school year: K-12 Music Teacher, Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach, Activity Director, and Head Middle School Football Coach. Information and employment applications can be obtained on the Sheridan Schools Website [www.sheridan.k12.mt.us](http://www.sheridan.k12.mt.us). If you are interested in applying for this position, you may also contact Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk, Sheridan Schools, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749, or call (406) 842-5302.  
33-3-b

The Madison Valley Rural Fire District will be filling a vacancy for a part-time Bookkeeper/Clerk position. Preferred qualifications include previous work experience in public agency accounting and bookkeeping and knowledge of the Montana State Budgetary Accounting and Reporting System (BARS). Bookkeeper/Clerk will be responsible to prepare and file all the required county, state and federal reports. Knowledge of and experience using QuickBooks, Word and Excel spreadsheets or other accounting software should be indicated on the application. Pay to be determined, Depending On Experience. Madison Valley Rural Fire District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Submit resume, contact information and references to Chairman, Board of Trustees, Madison Valley Rural Fire District, PO BOX 849, Ennis, MT 59729. To be considered, submissions must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2016.  
32-3-b

2016-17 TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS VACANCIES  
Twin Bridges Public Schools is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following position for the upcoming 2016-17 school year:  
• Twin Bridges Schools 21st CCLC (PRIDE PROGRAM) Director and/or Paraprofessional – hours need to be fairly flexible and will require afternoons & early evenings Monday through Thursday, up to 25 hours per week. Successful candidate must be energetic, self-motivated, work well with all students/parents/staff/community and possess a desire for exemplary performance. Basic knowledge in grant writing, budgeting, education and leadership skills are favorable. Wage is outlined by the grant. Deadline for application is June 30th, 2016...starting date depends on necessary training, near the start of the school year in August.  
• The following positions are open for the fall of 2016-17 school year...  
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o JH Asst GBB Coach  
o F/W Concessions Advisor  
o F/W Cheer Advisor  
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Please call the District office at 684-5656 for further information and to request a district application. All prepared materials must be sent to the attention of the Superintendent at...  
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33-3-b

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31-tfc-b

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31-1-b

Full Time dentist hygienist needed to work in Sheridan, MT. Wages competitive, - DOE, profit sharing, health insurance, 2 weeks paid vacation. Contact Dr. Tom Bartoletti, 842-5400 or email: [mdot56@hotmail.com](mailto:mdot56@hotmail.com)  
31-2-b

The Alley Bistro is seeking year round PT/FT servers. Experience preferred. Also looking for PT dishwashers. Stop in for an application or call John at 209-4031.  
31-tfc-b

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23-tfc-b

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18-tfc-b

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31-tfc-b

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28-4-b

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Dalena Kaatz and family on Mother's Day

## Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center marvelous May

SUBMITTED BY ROSEANN TROYER  
Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center

May was a very fun and busy month here at TRMCC. resident council was held on the 3rd and we cannot wait to start eating outside and cooking in our fire pit.

Silver Bow Stompers from Butte came and entertained us with their fancy footwork and colorful costumes on May 4.

On May 6, seven residents and two staff members boarded our bus and took the scenic route to Ruby Reservoir. On our journey we spotted

sand hill cranes, pheasants and numerous white-tailed deer. The lake was filled with sky blue water.

Several family members attended our Mother's Day buffet on the 7th. Residents, their family members and friends enjoyed the tasty buffet lunch provided by our dietary department and spending time with each other.

The next week was national nursing home week (8-14). Everyday, staff and residents were encouraged to wear a different color and we had an all staff barbecue and years of service pins were awarded to

staff members.

On the 18th a local church hosted the May birthday party; four residents have May birthdays - Lillian M., Marge N., Regina G. and Dick H. Donated rose corsages, either white or orange, were given out and we munched on delicious carrot and angel food cake.

Our happy hour was held on the 27th and those that attended had flavorful treats and cold beverages.

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## WEDNESDAY JUNE 8

**Discussion, Ennis**  
Four week menopause overview discussing symptoms, concerns and management at the Madison Valley Medical Center conference room at 5:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY JUNE 9

**Workshop, Twin Bridges**  
Conservation easement workshop in the Montana Room at the Twin Bridges High School.

Runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact Abby at 544-6445 for more information.

## FRIDAY JUNE 10

**Meeting, Sheridan**  
DUI Task Force meeting at 12 p.m. at the Ruby Valley Search and Rescue building.

**Open mic, Sheridan**  
Open mic at the Shovel and Spoon starting at 7 p.m. Supper available starting at 5 p.m. All performers are welcome.

## SATURDAY JUNE 11

**Book reading, Ennis**  
Allyson Adams will read from her book "The Rebel and the King" at the library beginning at 11 a.m.

## NRA concealed weapons class, Twin Bridges

Rocky Mountain Firearms Instruction is hosting a basic pistol shooting and safety course beginning at 9 a.m. at the Ruby Valley Gun Club. Call 599-6952 for more information or to sign up.

## MONDAY JUNE 13

**Post meeting, Ennis**  
American Legion Post 65 meeting at the V.F.W at 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY JUNE 14

**Program, Ennis**  
Ennis Arts Association will meet at Right Angles Gallery and discuss framing and matting artwork. Begins at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 15

**Seminar, Ennis**  
Hormone replacement therapy seminar at the Madison Valley Medical Center conference room beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY JUNE 16

Health fair, Ennis

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Annual MVMC health fair with educational and informational vendor displays, bike rodeo for kids, roping and other western activities. From 4-6p.m.

**Presentation, Ennis**  
Madison Valley History Association presents Ruthann Knudsen discussing the first people in southwest Montana at the First Madison Valley Bank beginning at 4 p.m.

## 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

## SHERIDAN

School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, June 14  
7 p.m.**

Media Tech Center  
Charles B. Murray Building



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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

**KnitNite, Ennis**  
Meets at Right Angles Framing and Gallery from 5-7 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month.

### 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.

**Ennis Arts Association, Ennis**  
Meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. [ennisartsassociation.org](http://ennisartsassociation.org)

**Children's Story & Craft Time for babies, 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.

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

### 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

**TOPS, Ennis**  
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 a.m. Meetings at 9 a.m. 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

**Yoga, Virginia City**  
Gentle yoga with Andrea Frederick at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

**Farmers' market, Ennis**  
From 5-7 p.m. in the Elementary School parking lot.

### 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

**Constitution classes**  
6 p.m. at the Ennis High School, room #3.

**Farmers' market, Sheridan**  
From 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Main Street Park.

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

### 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.

### SUNDAYS

**Cowboy church, Nevada City**  
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SUNDAY JUNE 26TH: STEVE INGRAM  
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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Benefit golf scramble

SUBMITTED BY BILL CARPENTER  
Madison Meadows Golf Course

On Friday June 17 starting at 5:30 p.m., make sure you are at Madison Meadows Golf Course in Ennis for a par three scramble to benefit Colter Cross.

Cross, the son of Tyler and Bobbie Cross, will be undergoing open heart surgery in June, so 100 percent of the proceeds will go to help the family with expenses.

Sign up at the pro shop or call 682-7468 to enter.

## Poker ride in Pony

SUBMITTED BY NANCY NELLIS  
Pony Homecoming Club

The Pony Homecoming Club is holding its 12th annual horseback poker ride as a fundraiser. The funds will be used to paint the 100 plus year old white church in Pony, which it desperately needs. Come and take a beautiful 10-mile ride on the Sitz Angus Ranch, 7 miles southwest of Harrison on Norwegian Creek Road on June 18, 2016. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. More info can be found online at: [www.PonyMontana.com](http://www.PonyMontana.com).

## Ennis Air Fair

SUBMITTED BY TROY HUNTER  
Choice Aviation

Come join us for the annual Ennis Air Fair at Ennis-Big Sky Airport on July 16. The fun kicks off at 8 a.m. with a free pancake breakfast. We will have the iron pilot competition, our first ever airshow, a ping pong ball drop for the kids and a free barbecue lunch for everyone. This event will feature various exciting aircraft performances, including John Bagley performing in his P51 Mustang and Todd Jensen in his Pitts aircraft. We will also be featuring the Reach Air Ambulance, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, Homeland Security, Warbirds, Glasair and more. Inflatables for the kids and fun for everyone. Come on by.

## Jefferson Valley Museum opens

SUBMITTED BY ARCYLLE SHAW  
Jefferson Valley Museum

The Jefferson Valley Museum in Whitehall is now open for the summer season, and will be open until Sept. 15. The museum is located at 303 South Division. It was originally an old dairy barn, but was turned into a museum in 1992.

The museum contains memories of the wars, the railroad history, clothing, artifacts, cowboys, ranching, mining and more.

## SENATOR TESTER VISITS THE MADISON AND RUBY VALLEYS TO DISCUSS RURAL HEALTHCARE



Photo courtesy Luke Jackson, Senator Tester's office

"I brought health care officials from around the country to Montana because it is critical that these folks understand the challenges facing rural health care providers and patients," Tester said, "My Rural Health Summit will lead to policies that strengthen access to quality health care in rural Montana and identify policies that are not working for patients or the hospitals they rely on."



Photo courtesy Luke Jackson, Senator Tester's office

"It was a pleasure to visit the Senior Center in Sheridan," Tester said. "Taking care of our seniors is important and I promise to look for ways to help out the folks who care for them. It's good to see Madison County working hard to accommodate an aging population."

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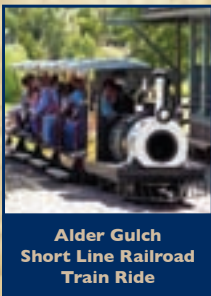


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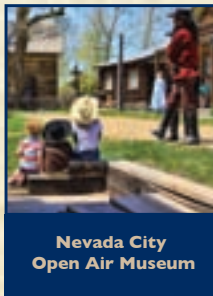
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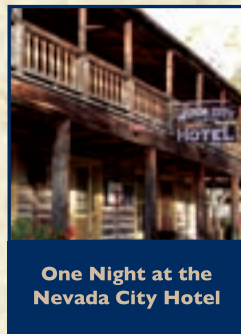
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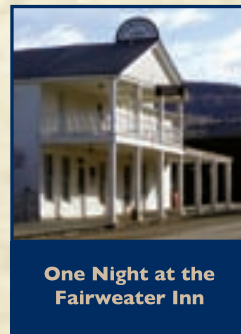
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- VC Players : Opening Night 800.829.2969 x2

### JUNE

- June 5 Gears for Beers 406.843.5700
- June 10-12 Irish Weekend 800.829.2969 x1
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Local businesses have the information you need to make a variety of decisions. Best of all, they are here and available to meet your needs. In our "Ask the Experts" section, we went to these local experts for information on topics important to you.

## HEALTH CARE

**Q:** I've had severe episodes of numbness and pain in my thumb. What can cause this?

**A:** Many people seek medical attention regarding numbness and pain in their hand. The most common cause is Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS).

While multiple factors play a role in the cause of CTS, genetics is often the primary factor. A small carpal tunnel predisposes one to CTS. Repetitive movements, hormonal changes related to pregnancy, older age, and common medical conditions including diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and thyroid gland imbalance can play a role. Symptoms of CTS include numbness, tingling, and pain of the thumb, index, and long fingers and may awaken you from sleep. Symptoms initially come and go, but over time may become constant. If the condition is severe, muscles at the base of the thumb may become visibly wasted. Symptoms usually are resolved with anti-inflammatory medicines and physical therapy. Ultimately, surgery may be needed to regain full functionality of the hand.



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**Q:** What is a cataract and how can I prevent getting one?

**A:** A cataract is a clouding of the eye's lens that leads to decreased vision. As a cataract matures, it often causes glare, diminished contrast, and color sensitivity. Cataracts affect approximately 22 million Americans, resulting in an estimated treatment cost of \$6.8 billion annually. Risk factors for developing cataracts include diabetes, prolonged exposure to sunlight, tobacco use and excessive alcohol consumption. Surgically removing the affected lens and replacing it with an artificial one can restore vision. While 50 percent over age 80 have cataracts, studies have shown that the risk for development can be reduced by taking preventative measures in one's younger years. First, remember to wear sunglasses year round, especially in summer months when ultraviolet radiation is the strongest. Also, make sure your sunglasses are 100 percent UV-absorbent. Secondly, avoid smoking and consume alcohol in moderation. As always, get an annual eye exam and contact your eye doctor if you notice any changes in your vision.



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**Q:** Why do I have so many pine siskins at my feeder right now?

**A:** Every couple of years, Pine Siskins make unpredictable movements called irruptions into your backyard. An irruption is a dramatic, irregular migration of large numbers of birds to areas where they aren't typically found, possibly at a great distance from their normal ranges. An irruption is characterized by large numbers of unexpected birds. Depending on the species, irruptions may occur in cycles from 2-10 years, or they may be much more unpredictable. Several factors can lead to irruptive years for different birds. The most common cause is a lack of food in the birds' normal wintering grounds; famine can force large numbers of birds to seek more plentiful habitats until seeds, flowers and insects return. No matter what the cause of the irruption, however, it is difficult to predict where or when irrupting species may appear. They flock to feeders filled with thistle and sunflower chips or other small seeds such as white proso millet. Flocks are gregarious and you may hear their insistent wheezy twitters before you see them. Enjoy!



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**Q:** Wildfire season is upon us. As a home / land owner, what can I do to reduce the risk of a structure fire in my Wildland Urban interface?

**A:** 1. Create defensible space around your home. FireSafe Montana recommends thinning out 30 feet or to your property line, whichever comes first.  
2. Keep rain gutters clear of leaves and pine needles.  
3. Do not store combustibles on or under decks, including fire wood.  
4. Rake up pine needles and leaves within 30 feet of any structure.  
5. Select plant species with fire resistant characteristics.  
6. Keep grasses mowed to a maximum height of 4 inches.  
7. Incorporate landscaping designs to break up fuel continuity (i.e. paths, rock walls, gravel mulch).  
8. Keep addresses clearly marked and visible from both directions of traffic. (Fire fighters can't help you if they can't find you).  
9. Prune lower branches. Removing ladder fuels will help keep the fire from getting into the crowns of the trees. Remove dead or diseased trees and brush.  
10. When making home improvements or repairs, consider wildfire safety. Refer to the (above referenced) guide and incorporate ignition resistant design whenever possible.  
11. Maintenance! You have worked hard to protect your investment; make sure you continue those efforts through regular maintenance.  
12. Get involved with your HOA and participate in neighborhood chipping programs. Work with your neighborhoods and encourage them to participate in wildfire mitigation efforts as well.



**Amanda Smethurst, Agent**

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## MENTAL HEALTH

**Q:** What can I expect from therapy?

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**Lisa Brubaker, LCSW**  
(406) 670-4546

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John Wells of Cody, Wyo., made a quick stop in Ennis on Monday, June 6, on his way to Banff, Alberta for the TEDSummit. Wells is making the 1,400 trip via bicycle to promote calorie literacy.

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12:10 p.m.  
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Ennis Branch

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11:20 a.m.  
**R S & Priesthood**  
12:10 p.m.  
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**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  
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**TUESDAY JUNE 14:** BEEF TACO, REFRIED BEANS, CORN SALAD, DESSERT  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 15:** MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATOES, VEGGIES, DESSERT  
**THURSDAY JUNE 16:** COLD TURKEY SANDWICH, PASTA SALAD, FRUIT, BIRTHDAY CAKE

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843-5352 Virginia City

*Meets every Saturday at 6 p.m. & starts with a meal.*

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# Montana followed meandering path toward statehood

FROM "MONTANA A HISTORY OF TWO CENTURIES" BY MICHAEL P. MALONE, RICHARD R. ROEDER AND WILLIAM L. LANG. REPRINTED BY PERMISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PRESS

Each of the United States of America – except the original 13, Texas and California – was first organized as a territory before achieving admittance to the Union as a state. Originating with the Ordinances of 1785 and 1787, the territorial system provided the expanding U.S. with a method to govern frontier areas until they gained sufficient population and economic maturity to qualify for equality with the states. Territories represented a sort of compromise between colonies and states. They had limited powers of legislative self-government, but their executive and judicial officers were appointed by the federal government. Not surprisingly, residents of frontier territories usually demanded quick admission to statehood so they could gain full control of their local governments. Until they had such control, federal supervision over their local affairs was a source of constant frustration. Montana's time of frustration lasted 25 years – from the creation of Montana Territory in 1864 until the territory was admitted to statehood in 1889.

The mining boom of the 1860s brought the first sizable influx of whites to Montana and the first demands for government. Until that time, the large eastern and small western sectors of what would become Montana simply had been attached to huge frontier territories whose centers of population lay hundreds, even thousands, of miles away. The eastern two-thirds of Montana, which occupies the far northwestern corner of the Mississippi-Missouri Basin, had formed the far extremity of Indian Territory until 1805. It also was part of Louisiana Territory until 1812, the Missouri Territory until 1821, a general Great Plains Indian Country until 1854 and Nebraska Territory until 1861, when it became the western sector of newly created Dakota Territory.

The northwest corner of Montana lies on the periphery of a different geographic province, the Columbia River Basin. The United States and Great Britain held this area, known as "Oregon Country," under a joint occupancy agreement until 1846, when they agreed to extend the 49th parallel boundary to the Pacific as the dividing line between the United States and Canada. The western portion of future Montana then became the easternmost portion of Oregon Territory from 1848 until 1853 and of Washington Territory from 1853 until 1863.

Quite by accident, it was the advance of the mining frontier that caused the eastern and western regions of Montana to be joined together into one political unit. During 1861-62, as miners began the rush into the newly opened goldfields of present-day north-central Idaho, settlers demanded a new territory in the Northern Rockies. Congress responded in March of 1863 by creating Idaho Territory. Carved out of Washington, Dakota and Nebraska territories, Idaho embraced an enormous area, including all of present-day Idaho and Montana and most of Wyoming. Its capital lay on the far western border at Lewiston. Significantly, the creation of Idaho

brought eastern and western Montana within a common boundary for the first time.

Idaho Territory was a geographic impossibility. The massive ranges of the Rocky Mountains divided the territory in half, and a thousand miles separated Lewiston in the west from the far eastern extremities. Even in 1863, Idaho's population was shifting rapidly eastward across the Continental Divide to the mining camps on the upper Missouri. With good reason, the Bannack-Virginia City miners believed that Lewiston – hundreds of miles away over endless, snow-clogged mountain passes – could never govern them properly. The outrages of the Plummer Gang tended to prove their point. Miners began agitating for the creation of a new territory to be split from Idaho along the crests of the Rockies.

Fortunately for their cause, Judge Sidney Edgerton, the newly appointed chief justice of Idaho, arrived at Bannack in September 1863. Edgerton, a former Ohio congressman, was unable to proceed to Lewiston because of the approach of winter. He soon learned that the governor of Idaho had snubbed him by assigning him to the faraway judicial district lying east of the divide. Both Edgerton and his nephew, vigilante leader Wilbur Fisk Sanders, took up the settlers' crusade to divide Idaho Territory. Edgerton personally knew the president and many congressmen, so the miners chose to send him to Washington, D.C., to press their case. Carrying \$2,000 in gold, Edgerton headed east in January 1864. Meanwhile, the Idaho Legislature at Lewiston obligingly petitioned Congress to carve a new territory named Jefferson out of Idaho, with the dividing line along the Continental Divide and the 113th meridian, locating Idaho's new eastern boundary just west of the Deer Lodge Valley.

Arriving in Washington, D.C., Judge Sidney Edgerton consulted with President Lincoln and found him agreeable to the idea of a new territory in the Rockies. More important, Edgerton discovered that his friend and fellow Ohioan, Congressman James M. Ashley, had already begun work on a bill to form the new territory. Ashley, who chaired the House Committee on Territories, had the power to make his wishes felt. His political muscle and reports of the area's wealth of gold, which Edgerton reported as influential "in such a mercenary age as ours," pushed the bill speedily through Congress.

While the bill lay in committee, Edgerton and his allies broke with the Idaho legislature by maneuvering the new territory's northwestern boundary three degrees to the west. This meant that the Idaho-Montana territorial line would generally follow the Bitterroot summits northward to the U.S.-Canada boundary and Montana would take a 130-mile-wide bite out of northern Idaho. In this manner, Idaho lost the Flathead, upper Clark Fork and middle Kootenai valleys to its new neighbor. The arrangement reduced the width of northern Idaho by three-fourths, leaving it an awkward "panhandle," cut off from the southern portion of the territory by the rugged Salmon River Mountains. Idaho petitioned Congress to restore these "stolen" lands, but with no success. The Lewiston area even advocated establishing another territory named Columbia,

which would join today's western Montana, northern Idaho and eastern Washington, but the plan got nowhere. So, by circumstance and scheming, the new territory emerged with its jagged western border.

Congress, preoccupied with the Civil War, devoted little time to the matter of founding another western commonwealth. The one serious threat to passage of the bill arose when the Senate voted to force the new territory to give the vote to African Americans. Even though there were few blacks in the Northern Rockies, this explosive issue caused a deadlock with the House of Representatives. The two houses of Congress finally compromised by restricting the vote to citizens of the United States, thus leaving the newly freed African Americans without a guarantee of the ballot on the distant mining frontier.

The House and Senate also debated the name that Congressman Ashley had placed on his creation. "Montana," from the Latin or Spanish adjective meaning "mountainous," first appeared as a place name in 1858, when Josiah Hinman gave the name to a small mining town near Pike's Peak. Gov. James William Denver of Kansas Territory remembered the name and suggested it to Sen. Stephen A. Douglas as a name for a future territory in the Rockies. Ashley picked the name up from Douglas or somewhere else and liked it enormously. After trying unsuccessfully to give the name to what became Idaho in 1863, Ashley determined to apply it to Idaho's new neighbor.

When Ashley's Montana bill reached the floor of the House, the Democrats began harassing the Republican about the name. The Democrats suggested dropping it and substituting the title "Jefferson" to honor the founder of the Democratic party or even "Douglas" to commemorate the prominent Democratic senator from Illinois. Ashley and the Republicans would have none of it. Congressman Jacob Cox of Ohio suggested "Shoshone," but the name was scuttled when the Colorado delegate pointed out that Shoshone meant "Snake," a word that had unfortunate implications during the Civil War, when pro-Confederates from the North were called "Copperheads." The debate reached the point of true absurdity when Representative Elihu B. Washburn of Wisconsin suggested the name "Abyssinia," taunting the Republicans about their fondness for African Americans.

Although Ashley won his battle in the House, two weeks later the Senate again challenged the name "Montana." Again, several members believed the classical name was inappropriate and argued that an Indian word would be better. But no one could suggest a name with any relevance to the place, so they too settled on Ashley's title, but only after this illuminating exchange:

MR. HOWARD: I was equally puzzled when I saw the name in the bill.... I was obliged to turn to my old Latin dictionary.... It is a very classical word, pure Latin. It means a mountainous region, a mountainous country.

MR. WADE: Then the name is well adapted to the territory.

MR. HOWARD: You will find that it is used by Livy and some of the other Latin historians, which is no small praise.

MR. WADE: I do not care anything about the name. If there was none in Latin or in Indian, I suppose we have a right to make a name; certainly just as good a right to make it as anybody else. It is a good enough name.

Montana it became, and Montana it has remained. Following approval by Congress, President Lincoln signed into law the bill creating Montana Territory on May 26, 1864.

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SUBMITTED BY KAREN TOWN  
Ruby Valley National Bank

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**Kyra Armstrong - Whitehall High School** - Kyra is going to the Montana Wilderness School of the Bible this fall and is the daughter of Chad and Trista Armstrong.

**Cameron Haag - Sheridan High School** - Cameron will be attending Gallatin College in Bozeman for his professional business certificate. Dave and Stephanie Haag are Cameron's parents.

**Madyson Beagley - Twin Bridges High School** - Madyson is headed to the University of Montana, Missoula, to study Health and Human Performance. Madyson is the daughter of Nikole and Sam Stockett and Troy Beagley.

**Jessica George - Twin Bridges High School** - Jessica is going to Rocky Mountain University and plans to study Health and Human Performance. Jason and Amy George are Jessica's parents.

**Rachel Nye - Beaverhead County High School** - Rachel is attending Montana State University this fall and will be studying pre-medicine. Rachel is the daughter of Susie and Andy Nye.

**Hanna McParland - Sheridan High School** - Hanna is attending Montana State University this fall to study Agricultural Business. Emily and Brian McParland are Hanna's parents.

**Kjersten Sandru - Twin Bridges High School** - Kjersten will be leaving this fall to Montana State University and will be studying business. Rick and Jody Sandru are Kjersten's parents.

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Ennis Chamber of Commerce

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