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## Possible wounded grizzly at North Fork Bear Creek

Forest Service, FWP closes trail while U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service investigates

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On Wednesday, Sept. 14, a conflict with a grizzly bear resulted in a possible wounded bear in the vicinity of the North Fork Bear Creek Trail, in Cameron.

"There was a hunting guide and three clients with him," said Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks game warden Shane Brozovich. "They were on horseback and the bears – a sow and her cub – were right in the trail."

Brozovich said the hunters encountered the bears in a narrow canyon, and did what FWP recommends. They made noise, announced themselves and hollered "hey bear."

"She stood up on her hind legs and saw them and took off at a dead run for them," Brozovich said. "They had pepper spray, which we recommend over a firearm, but the wind was blowing uphill and at that time and place, the individual who shot at the bear knew pepper spray was out of the question."

Forest Service, FWP and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives returned to the area the following day to look for signs of a wounded bear.

"We didn't find anything as far as blood or a dead bear, so we're going to leave the trails closed for safety," Brozovich said. "It is an active investigation by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

The trail closure is posted at the trail-head, so when recreating in the area, be sure to read the signs to know if the area is open or closed.

## SHERIDAN TOWN

Council hears from Sheriff Roger Thompson, discusses lead issue

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"We had a few bigger events in Sheridan this summer," Sheriff Roger Thompson said to the town council and community members at the town's regular meeting on Sept. 12.

Thompson referred to the "Moore case" – Sheridan teen Sandy Moore was reported as a missing person at the beginning of August, but was recovered a day later in Casper, Wyo., in the company of Rodney Zahn, the primary suspect in her disappearance.

"That blossomed into a kidnapping case," Thompson said. "A grand jury will decide if (the Federal government) will indict Zahn."

Zahn is currently in custody at the Montana State Prison while the case is in its current "holding pattern."

Though Thompson said he believes the Feds will take on the case, if they do not, charges will be pressed through Madison County.

Sheridan residents also suffered a bout of thefts at the end of August, Thompson said.

"There were at least 10 thefts in one night," he said. "More reports are still coming in."

Circumstantially, Thompson said the sheriff's office was able to attribute the thefts to a Butte man who is currently in custody.

"One person comes into town for one night and commits probably 10 – 15 thefts," he said. "That's made for a lot of activity in Sheridan. The point I'm trying to make is this: many people come through our towns every year. If you're going to leave your car unlocked, take your valuables, guns, out of there."



Sheriff Roger Thompson

## Madison County questions future of the fair

Commissioners meet with Jefferson County commissioners, fair board



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Commissioner Ron Nye (R) discusses the future of the fair.

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"We asked a lot of questions but we didn't really finalize or decide anything," said Ron Nye after all three Madison County Commissioners traveled to Jefferson County to meet with the neighboring commissioners regarding the Madison-Jefferson County Fair.

The problem the fair faces is the facility is beyond capacity and the 4-H program continues to grow. During a meeting earlier this month with Billy Whitehurst, Montana State University extension agent for the county, commissioners discussed the possibility of dissolving the Madison-Jefferson County Fair, splitting it in to two separate entities, expanding the fair infrastructure and the possibility of bringing in a second extension agent, but first wanted to meet with Jefferson County.

"We had a really good meeting," said Jefferson County Commissioner Leonard Wortman. "We didn't really have a resolution to anything and (the Madison County commissioners) explained they are stretched pretty thin on their capacity for the fair."

"We may need to do some capital improvements." After the discussion with Jefferson County, Madison County commissioners met with the fair board and Whitehurst back in Virginia City.

"We don't have any authority, according to the state, to make people go elsewhere," Whitehurst said, addressing the possibility of splitting the fair into two separate programs. "If a kid from Billings wants to come to the Madison-Jefferson County Fair, as long as he meets all the 4-H requirements, I can't tell him no."

Whitehurst also said he has conducted surveys within Jefferson County to see where most participants would choose to go.

"Most people would choose to continue to come to Madison County," he said.

### What is in the budget?

Prior to the meeting with the fair board, the commissioners were trying to find a solution within the budget to make a quick fix for next year's fair. But, after determining there was an issue with overtime hours regard-

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## Parasite that contributed to Yellowstone River closure discovered by FWP in Jefferson River

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In early September, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks discovered the same parasite that caused the whitefish kill in the Yellowstone River in two other Southwest Montana waterways – the Jefferson River and the Lower Shields River.

When FWP closed the entire Yellowstone River to recreation in August, they started sampling other area waterways to determine if the same parasite found in the Yellowstone River was elsewhere, according to Andrea Jones, FWP public information officer.

"We didn't find a presence of the disease – no mortalities," Jones explained. "But we do have presence of the parasite."

The parasite can cause proliferative kidney disease when it is coupled with other stressors like low water, high

temperatures and angling pressure, Jones explained.

Out of FWP's samples on the Jefferson River, the parasite was discovered in one whitefish and two rainbow trout. In the Lower Shields River, one whitefish and three rainbow trout tested positive.

"What that probably means is we have fish that have built some immunity

to the parasite in those systems," Jones explained. "We saw a small whitefish kill last year on the Jefferson River, but we don't know if that was due to the parasite."

FWP also had samples tested from Big Creek, Boulder River and Stillwater

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**SHERIDAN from pg. 1**

-sion about town water, the town needs to be involved – I don't want (GWE) talking just with (DEQ)."

**Solar panels**

The council also unanimously approved a motion to commit \$2,000 to a project to install solar panels at town hall, provid-

ing they receive a NorthWestern Energy grant for \$20,000 to cover the rest of the costs.

"We should be able to run with \$0 energy costs (with solar panels)," Stump said.

The town may not hear back about the grant from NWE until this winter – if they receive \$20,000, they will go ahead with the project next spring.

**JEFFERSON from pg. 1**

River, and found now evidence of the parasite.

Samples collected from the Gallatin River, East Gallatin River, Madison River, Big Horn River and Missouri River have not yet been processed.

"We always knew there was a chance this (parasite) was going to be in other places," Jones said. "These tests have confirmed that. We are just trying to be as proactive as possible in identifying

where it could be."

Jones emphasized there is a difference between the presence of the parasite and the presence of disease – for the parasite to manifest into a disease that can kill fish, other environmental and recreational stressors must be present.

**River closures**

The entire Jefferson River was closed from Aug. 1 through Sept. 11 due to low flows, per the river's drought

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
 Town water tested for lead

- 230 homes sampled, 225 tested below action level
- Three of those five were retested and were below action level
- 60 blood samples obtained, zero elevated
- Town wells retested and were below action level
- Mill Creek and irrigation ditch close to wells sampled and below action level

**FAIR from pg. 1**

-ing a fair employee, the fair budget had to be reassessed or reallocated, according to commissioner Dave Schulz.

"There are some statutory requirements regarding hourly versus salaried employees," said Schulz. "We're going to have to amend the budget to make that available. We won't know the full impact on the budget until we get (back pay) figured out."

Back pay will take priority

over the fair so it is unknown what funds will be available to benefit next year's fair.

"Because the budget had already been finalized, we will have to wait and see how this affects it before we can do anything with the fair," said Schulz.

**Going forward**

Longtime fair board member Nick Novich was present at the commissioners meeting and questioned whether the fair grounds are considered a

management plan.

Thanks to precipitation and cooler weather, flows improved enough to re-open the river to fishing.

Currently, two sections of the Big Hole River remain closed to all fishing until further notice, according to FWP. Those sections are from Saginaw Bridge on Skinner Meadows Road to the confluence of the North Fork Big Hole River and Big Hole River, and Notch Bottom fishing access site to the

river's confluence with the Beaverhead River.

Though much of the Yellowstone River was reopened earlier this month, the 17.2 mile section of the Yellowstone from Emigrant FAS to Pine Creek FAS remains closed to all recreational use.

"FWP remains concerned that the disease has not run its course in the area most highly affected by the fish kill," according to a press release from Jones.

a planning grant for future development.

"We have a lot of tough choices to make but (the fairgrounds) is certainly a treasure," he said.

While no immediate resolutions or fixes have been made, the commissioners and the fair board have to determine where they want to go and what they want the future use of the grounds to be.

"This is just another hiccup that we all need to get past," said Schulz.

# ENNIS SCHOOL

Attendance on the rise, administration calls it a 'good problem to have'

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"We have 36 more kids than we had this time last year," said principal Brian Hilton, referring to enrollment at Ennis elementary and middle schools. "It's a good problem to have, but we need to talk about how we will go forward."

Hilton's comment was mirrored by high school principal Rich Borden, who said enrollment is up 11 students this year, mostly in the freshmen and sophomore classes.

"We're up more than 40 students overall," said Superintendent Casey Klasna. "With our school growing, we're going to have to hire more staff."

Klasna said the state sets accreditation standards that delineate how many students can be in a single classroom without a deviation. For kindergarten, first and second-grade, the number of students in a class must be below 20. For each additional student, the school must have an aide in the class for an hour and one-half, Klasna added.

"So if there are 22 kids in a kindergarten class, you have to have three hours of an aide in there," he explained.

For third and fourth-grade, the limit of students in one classroom is 28, Klasna said.

"We're pushing that in fourth-grade," Hilton added. "If we go over, we will have to get an aide in there."

Currently, the number of freshmen students in world history exceeds ac-

creditation standards, which means the school will receive a "deviation."

"Schools deal with this all the time," Klasna said. "It just means we have to have a plan for correcting the problem. We turn that in and then we have three years to get it corrected."

"There's not a penalty?" asked board chair Maria Lake.

"Nope, we just need a plan to fix it," Klasna clarified.

If Ennis Schools continue to grow, it may also impact their classification, he added, saying they are on the cusp of being a class B school.

**Study table**

In June, the school board adopted a new eligibility policy, including a weekly grade check, where students become ineligible for extra-curriculars if they have below a 2.0 GPA or if they have two F grades, after the first week of the quarter.

Students who are ineligible must also attend a before-school study table. Hilton said he had four students at study table the first week and Borden had five, which gave them 100 percent attendance from students who were required to show up.

**Vo-tech building**

With the specs nearly complete on the project to turn the current school "bus barn" into the new vo-tech building, Klasna said the project will most likely go out to bid in February.

"The project will be done in two phases," Klasna said. "First, updating the bus barn since there aren't kids in there during the school year. When the doors close for the summer, we'll start the rest."

When completed, the bus barn will serve as the shop, and an addition to the building will provide classroom space.

"It's all moving ahead," said vo-tech teacher Chris McCown. "Thank you."

**The hunt for a bus driver**

For a year, Ennis Schools has advertised the need for a route bus driver – currently, the Jack Creek route is shared between two staff members since the school has not received interest in the route driver position.

"Worse case scenario, we do individual transportation contracts," Klasna said. "It's not ideal."

Lake said she would like to have a bus provided – the Jack Creek route is a full bus, so a lot of students benefit from the bus.

"If we have to go down the (individual transportation contract) road, how do we go about it?" asked trustee Chad Coffman.


Klasna said he would write a letter to all the parents on the route and invite them to a school board meeting where the route would be an agenda item so it can be discussed publicly.

Lake asked Klasna to "think outside the box," including solutions like seeing if anyone on staff would be willing to take on part of the route.

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# MORE NEWS:

## In case of emergency, text

Madison County Sheriff's Office introduces texting to 911 feature

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As of Sept. 13, Verizon and AT&T towers in Madison County allow cell phone users to text 911 to report emergencies.

"This feature is available to anyone who wishes to report an emergency to the Madison County Communications Center," accord-

phone calls to 911 at the dispatch center, Sheriff Roger Thompson explained cell coverage is often not good enough to support voice calls.

"(Texting) does not require the same bandwidth as voice calls so if you are in an area with poor cell coverage, then a text may be able to be sent and received," the press release continued.

"We get a lot of 911 voice calls from cell phones, but the calls are dropped because coverage is so poor," Thompson added.

In addition, the service may benefit people who want to

reach 911, but are afraid of being overheard.

Two months ago, Verizon towers in the area enabled the feature, and just last week, AT&T made the service functional for their area towers as well.

"Within a week of it being set

up with Verizon, someone used it," Thompson said. "Those cell towers are the ones used, but other cell carriers can use those towers - though not every company can use every tower. If you can text in Madison County, you can text 911."

Thompson pointed out that Gallatin and Beaverhead counties are working on the capability to text 911, but do not have it set up yet.

"Cell towers do not necessarily follow county lines," he said. "You may end up hitting a tower that is not in Madison County, so there may be dead spots."

If you text 911 in Madison County and it goes through, dispatch will respond to you via texting.

"This is evolving nationwide," Thompson said. "It is happening everywhere now."

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The Madison County Sheriff's Office and communications center supports texting to 911.



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ing to a sheriff's office press release. "The ability to text emergencies to 911 centers is a system that works jointly with the cell phone carriers Verizon and AT&T."

Though Madison County is already equipped to receive cell

## A quality education

Sheridan sees high percentage in Smarter Balanced assessment

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"Sheridan did exceptional with how well the school scored," said elementary principal Rodney Stout at the Sept. 13 board meeting, regarding Sheridan's statistics from the Smarter Balanced assessment.

Last spring, Madison County students in grades three through eight participated in the Smarter Balance Summative Assessment, which is the state's assessment on student's knowledge in comparison to the Montana Common Core state standards, according to Pam Birkeland, county superintendent of schools for Madison County.

Students had a 12-week window in which they were tested online in a four part assessment: two in English language arts and two in math.

"Each of the two content areas have a multiple choice or short answer component and a performance task component where students apply what they have learned," said Birkeland. "In math, the students are assessed in the following claim areas: concepts and procedures, problem solving, communicative reasoning and data analysis/modeling. In English language arts and literacy, students are assessed in

these claim areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening, and research."

Smarter Balanced is an assessment issued by the Montana Office of Public Instruction and, according to Birkeland, schools will be sending home individual students' parent reports in the next couple weeks.

Sheridan's third through eighth-grade fell within the top 10 percent of the state when it came to proficient or ad-

"People need to know we're doing well here and that we will continue to try and improve until every child is proficient."

- Mike Wetherbee, Sheridan School Superintendent.

vanced students in math and English.

"This is a huge increase to three years ago when we were at or below the state average," said Superintendent Mike Wetherbee.

"We did outstanding," added Stout. "But there is still room for improvement."

Both Stout and Wetherbee encouraged board members to go online and look at the statistics from across the state, as well as reach out to teachers on a job well done.

"We're working in the right direction and compared to our peers, we're doing a little better," said Wetherbee. "People need to know we're doing well here and that we will continue to try and improve until every child is proficient."

\*To see where your school ranked visit [www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS](http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS).

### Other news from the school

During the public comment portion of the meeting, fourth grader Eleanor Sutton asked the board to consider a longer recess period for students.

"It would help us get more fresh air and help our brains," said Sutton, speaking before the board of adults.

Board members agreed to look into a longer afternoon recess period as long as they continue meet state requirements when it comes to mandating actual minutes students must spend in class.

Wetherbee also addressed the board regarding potential costs for a new track facility at the school and the board finalized new coaching hires for the school year.

## VIRGINIA CITY TOWN

Kelley resigns from council; search continues for historic preservation officer

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Virginia City councilmember Scott Kelley officially resigned from

the council, effective prior to last week's Sept. 15 meeting. Kelley was elected to the council in 2014.

"I had to take a look around and ask myself what I had time for what

I felt I didn't have time for," said Kelley about his decision to resign. "It's not that I won't be doing (city council) again at some point, I just felt I didn't have the time to dedi-

cate to it right now."

The town will now look for an applicant to serve the rest of Kelley's term. Once an applicant is nominated by the mayor and approved by the council, that person will serve the remainder of the four year term and will be up for re-election come 2018, should they choose to run.

According to councilmember Erin Leonard, there is not a hard deadline for appointing a new member, but the hope is to have someone in place by the October meeting.

Interested applicants should visit the Virginia City Town Hall with any questions.

### HPO in question

While the town seeks a new councilmember, the search for a new historic preservation officer continues. Previous HPO Jeff MacDonald resigned earlier this year after holding the position since 2012.

The HPO is in charge of main-

taining the history of the town and historic character by administering the design and review program through the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, which reviews development permits prior to any construction, including excavation or alteration of buildings or structures, in town. The HPO also applies for grants to go toward town and building repair and maintenance.

The council held a special session before their regularly scheduled meeting to look over current HPO applicants, a first look for most members, according to council president Justin Gatewood.

"The HPO meeting was the first time many of us on the council had to review the resumes and hear about the progress the mayor had made in his efforts to fill the position," said Gatewood. "There were quite a few candidates and it appears that it will be an ongoing process."



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The town of Virginia City is still looking to hire a historic preservation officer, who is in charge of maintaining the town's historic character. The HPO works with the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to review development permits from residents, prior to any construction on the town's structures.

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familiar practice of corporate outsourcing, which in no way benefits Montanans, but it does benefit corporate greed. You sold your successful enterprise to Oracle for a reported \$1.5 billion, and now your business partner

is sending the high paying positions to Texas. For many years, Republicans have parroted the phrase, "Government does not create jobs," however, you are running for the highest political office in Montana on the premise you

can create high paying jobs? If we voters are to believe you, we need a lot more information.

Tom Bivins  
Virginia City

## The ruling of threes will carry to many factions

Dear Editor,

The Montana Supreme Court in their great wisdom, have ruled that medical marijuana providers may only serve three patients. The new three ruling will effect many and will carry over to many other factions.

Bars and restaurants will only be allowed to serve three alcohol drinks per day. This regulation will be in place on the third of next month.

The weekend will now consist of three days. All

workers will have a choice of Friday or Monday for the extra day.

Hospitals will only be allowed to serve three patients per day with a limit of three surgeries a day.

The new law will limit families to three children. They are not sure what to do with families with more than three children. The Montana Supreme Court will rule on this in the next three years.

Three square meals per day will not change, but no snack will be allowed between meals.

The new minimum wage will be \$3 per hour with a 30 hour work week.

All cars and trucks will be limited to 3 gallons of gas per day. All gas pumps will automatically shut off at 3 gallons.

Golfers will no longer be allowed to use the word "fore" for a bad shot. Golfers will use the word "three." All golf courses will have to change to par three courses.

Some things will not be affected, like the Three Little Pigs, the three stooges, three sheets to the wind, but the

committee is still looking into three bean salad. This ruling will take place three months from now.

Sorry, what a silly bunch of words. Just like the Montana Supreme Court ruling. Maybe we can find three wise men or women on the Montana Supreme Court soon. Please give three cheers for a new Montana Supreme Court.

LaVon D. Brillhart  
Dillon

## Sincere thanks to Madison Valley Medical Center

Dear Editor,

My family and I wish to thank everyone at the Madison Valley Medical Center for the outstanding care given to my mother, Caro-

lyn Darby, during her recent 48-day stay. We have always received excellent care from the medical center; however, this was an exceptional experience. All of the doctors, nurses and other staff who

cared for my mother treated her like a queen and made her last days very special for her and the family. She loved all those who took care of her and felt their love in return. Thank you for being there for

us and for our whole community.

Thank you,  
Family of Carolyn Darby

## Thanks to all who showed kindness and support

Dear Editor,

The family of Bob "Doc" Lott would like to express our thanks to everyone who showed their kindness and

support during the loss of our Dad and Granpa. Thank you all for the flowers, cards, food and moral support – thank you all just for being there.

A huge thank you to Dr. Karen Weed and to the staff at Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center for your loving care these last years. Dad truly appreciated you all, as

do we!

Thank you,  
Rob Lott, Dan Lott, Tuck Lott, Holly Lott Haithcox and families

## Thank you for everything

Dear Editor,

To the wonderful friends and medical personnel of Max

Strickland: Thank you for all the calls, cards, food, flowers, prayers and hugs.

A special tribute to the early

morning group at the Ennis Pharmacy, who got Max off to a good start everyday.

It is people like all of you

who have helped so much during this sad time.

Sincerely,  
Molly Strickland and family

## WHY VOTE? GUEST EDITORIAL

*Editor's note: Two months ago, I reached out to the community with a request. I invited all of you to submit a piece with your feelings about voting, especially at the local level. So far, we've heard from county representatives, ranchers and community members. This week, I'm answering my own prompt.*

I attend a lot of meetings. With help from Caitlin, reporter for *The Madisonian*, I cover four school boards, four incorporated towns and multiple county departments for work. It's a lot. A photo of my weekly schedule is enough to send the calmest person into a fit of anxiety.

However, I'm grateful my job requires I attend community meetings. I feel confident when I say I'm more informed about local issues than most people in Madison County. Sometimes, I go to meetings where I struggle to find a seat in a packed room of attendees. Those are my favorite kind of gatherings.

But more often than not, I'm one of two (maybe three) people from the public who attend. And then when deci-

sions are made, community members are often outraged and feel they haven't been included. It's pretty disillusioning. Don't misunderstand me – there are a number of incredibly involved, dedicated Madison County residents, but there are a lot more folks who don't keep up.

Less than 50 percent of Madison County voted in the primary election held at the beginning of June. Is it apathy? Or hopelessness? Or thinking your vote won't count? Nationally, one vote may seem insignificant. But in Madison County, one vote can make a huge difference.

As editor of the paper, I'm committed to unbiased political reporting. I present facts and let you draw your own conclusions. But, the

fact *The Madisonian* remains politically neutral does not diminish the importance we place on voting.

The general election is in November, just around the corner. For the past few months, this guest editorial spot has served as a way for the public to express why voting does matter. I hope everyone reading has taken that to heart. This county cares, and cares a lot. I know that. I just want everyone to show it!

When *The Madisonian* hosted a candidate forum back in May, 75 people crowded into the conference room at Madison County's administrative building in Virginia City. Seventy-five people took time to drive to town and sit in an over-

crowded room for two hours to hear what the candidates running for Senate, House of Representatives and commission district one had to say.

On Nov. 8, 2016, I want more than 50 percent of Madison County to turn out to vote. In the meantime, if you have questions for our candidates – especially Dave Schulz and Dan Allhands, who are running in Madison County's only contested local race – write in! We'll either host another forum or we'll print a Q&A in the paper closer to the election. Let's put these guys on the spot so we truly know how they will represent us after the election.

Abigail Dennis  
Editor, *The Madisonian*

## OBITUARIES

Mary Holmes Lielke  
December 27, 1930 – September 3, 2016



Mary Lielke, 85, left this world and entered her heavenly home on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016. Mary was born Dec. 27, 1930, in Minot, N.D., to Ole

and Anna Holmes. She was the youngest of five children growing up on a farm in Lansford, N.D. She graduated from Lansford High School in 1948.

On Feb. 14, 1961 (Valentine's Day), Mary married the love of her life, Walter Lielke, who happened to be her boss at the time. She often joked that he must have thought she was a pretty good worker. Together, they owned a grocery store in Lansford. Soon, they moved to Minot, and then to Ennis in 1973.

Mary and Walt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

in 2011. She enjoyed following Walt on his numerous bowling adventures, and keeping up on local news. Mary's greatest joy was loving and caring for her family. She also enjoyed many years of fishing, camping, doing jigsaw and search-a-word puzzles and bantering with hunters when they brought in wild game. Mary loved making her doctors smile and was widely known for her sense of humor. She was greatly loved and will never be forgotten.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband Walt; sister Shirley Knutson; broth-

ers Lester, Virgil and Milton; cousin Don Knack who was like a brother; and sons Rolland and James.

She is survived by children: Deborah (Rick) Johnson, Lori (Donald) Scott, Kevin Lielke, Jeanne Bodine and Janice (Robert) Heesen; 18 grandchildren; and numerous great and great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church, Sept. 24, 2016, at 11 a.m. Afterward, a reception will be held, followed by a graveside service for both Mary and Walt at the McAllister Cemetery.

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# & SPORTS:

## CROSS COUNTRY ROUND UP

Twin Bridges, Sheridan, Harrison compete in Manhattan; Ennis heads to Discovery

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Three of Madison County's cross country teams made the short trek to Manhattan for a cross country meet on Sept. 17. The Ennis Mustangs, however, headed to Discovery for a meet hosted by Anaconda.

### ENNIS

The Mustangs' raced hard on a challenging, mountainous course on Sept. 17

#### Varsity girls

Maida Knapton, fourth, 23:01

#### Junior varsity boys

Lyle Lohrenz, third, 20:51

Wyatt Fredson, seventh, 27:21

#### Varsity boys

Quinten Hamilton, ninth, 19:43

Max Trapp, 10th, 19:46

### HARRISON

The Wildcats had a strong showing at the Manhattan meet on Sept 17. Junior high runner Jackson Nye placed second, and varsity racer Derik DeFrance was the second-place class C runner.

#### Junior high boys

Jackson Nye, second, 12:08

Martin Ore, 19th, 13:27

Carter Collins, 16:57

#### Varsity boys

Derik DeFrance, eighth, 17:16:36

Doug Christensen, 23:23

### SHERIDAN

Every Panther runner maintained a time under 20 minutes at the Manhattan meet on Sept. 17.

#### Varsity boys

Ben Larsen, 17:45

Riain Deavel, 18:26

Tyler Haag, 19:34

### TWIN BRIDGES

Falcon Mara Johnson lead the way for the varsity girls in Manhattan with a season best time. Johnson was not the only Falcon who set a personal best – teammates Rob Dale and Noah Harbor also clocked their best times of the season.

#### Junior high girls

Kate Fisher, fourth

Kara Dale, 12th

#### Junior high boys

Morgan Hendrickson, 19th

Wiley Stockett, 27th

Landon Wentzel, 37th

#### Varsity girls

Mara Johnson, 19th, 24:12:30

#### Varsity boys

Garrett Wentzel, 28th

CJ Wayland

Roman Hendrickson

Rob Dale

Noah Harbor



PHOTO COURTESY KAYSHA YOUNG  
Jackson Nye of Harrison displays his second place ribbon.

PHOTO COURTESY ANDI CHRISTENSEN  
Derik DeFrance races ahead of the pack in Manhattan to lead the way for the Harrison Wildcats.

## FOOTBALL ROUND UP

ABIGAIL DENNIS  
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### ENNIS

The Mustangs carried momentum from a strong, 38-point first quarter throughout their entire game last Friday against DGS, winning 54 – 8.

Just a few minutes into the game, Austin Baum returned a punt for a touchdown, and Jake Knack made good on the two point conversion to put the Mustangs on the board first. From that point on, Knack and the Wood brothers – Corbin and Tanner – managed to take the ball into the end zone four more times within the first quarter.

During the game T. Wood rushed six times for 68 yards and completed four of five passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns.

“Seven Ennis players rushed for a total of 188 yards on 18 carries,” head coach Chris Hess stated. “Brayden Oberg earned 57 yards on four carries.”

Ennis' defense also contributed to the win. Gavin McKitrick and John Fortier each had a pick, and McKitrick and Talon Fortner recovered a fumble each.

This week, the Mustangs head to Shields Valley.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Ennis	38	8	8	0	54
DGS	0	0	8	0	8

### TWIN BRIDGES

Tony Nicholls got the ball rolling, so to speak, for the Falcons, taking the opening kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown.

“After the opening score we continued to have a great first half,” said head coach Brett Nordhal. “Our offense was clicking and the defense made some big plays, which put the ball back in the hands of our offense.”

Though Clark Fork's tough defense slowed Twin Bridges down in the second half, the Falcons pulled off a win, 46 – 30.

“Our athletes are finally getting healthy after injuries plagued us for the first three games,” Nordhal said. “We are going to focus on conditioning this week so that we can compete at a high level for all four quarters.”

On Friday, the Falcons head to Seeley Swan.

“Offensively we need to take care of the ball and capitalize on scoring opportunities,” Nordhal said. “Defensively we need to rally to the football and minimize big plays.”

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Twin Bridges	26	13	7	0	46
Clark Fork	0	6	2	22	30

### SHERIDAN

The Panthers were back in action this weekend against Hot Springs, after forfeiting last week's game due to injuries.

“We took six guys to Hot Springs,” said head coach Jake Steiner. “They played pretty good.”

The Panthers played without substitutes and lost to Hot Springs, 0 – 55.

Steiner said his injured players are “healing up” and he expects to have eight or nine players for this week's away game against White Sulphur Springs.

“They're still positive and feeling good,” he said. “They are starting to get excited for our first home game, which will be (Sept. 30), our homecoming. Hopefully we can stay healthy.”

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Sheridan	-	-	-	-	0
Hot Springs	-	-	-	-	55

### WHITEHALL

The Whitehall Trojans remain undefeated after beating the Powell County Wardens in Whitehall on Sept. 16, 32 – 6.

Quarterback Braden Larsen completed 23 of 34 passes for 353 yards and three touchdowns. Larsen also kept the ball for 11 carries and 109 yards and one more touchdown.

Next, the Trojans head to Boulder on Sept. 23.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Whitehall	12	7	6	7	32
Powell County	0	0	0	6	6



# & MORE NEWS:

## Madison County volleyball heats up

### Harrison takes on Ennis; Sheridan travels to Twin Bridges

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Madison County was full of volleyball action last week as all four schools faced off against one another for cross country action. Thursday, Sept. 15, was busy as Harrison traveled over the hill to take on their county rivals in Ennis, and Sheridan headed 8 miles north to duke it out with Twin Bridges.

The Lady Mustangs were able to keep their perfect conference standings with a win against the Wildcats, defeating the young team in three sets. Junior Danyel Martin and senior Brigit Croy led the Mustangs in kills with seven and five, respectively. Peyton Fortner, setter for the Lady Mustangs, played a great game, connecting with the front row for 12 assists while forcing 14 unanswered points against the Wildcats. Varsity newbies Whitney McKittrick and Josie Jenkins both got on the books with some back row

action from Jenkins and four assists from McKittrick.

The Lady Wildcats were led by veteran players Alexys Bacon and Josie Hokanson to keep purple in the game. Bacon, the team's most experienced hitter, put two kills and one block down for the Wildcats while Hokanson led the team in aces, digs and assists.

The Mustangs continued their winning streak on the road Sept. 17 where they played a double match against Lima, winning both matches in three sets. Harrison took a short jaunt to Whitehall for tournament play.

**Ennis vs. Harrison: 25-3, 25-11, 25-12**  
**Ennis vs. Lima-Match #1: 25-9, 25-12, 25-2**  
**Ennis vs. Lima-Match #2: 25-12, 25-11, 25-9**

Results from the Whitehall tournament were not submitted by *The Madisonian's* press time Tuesday.

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The Lady Falcons defeated the Lady Panthers Sept. 15 as part of their homecoming festivities, besting the Panthers in three sets.

Falcon head coach Karen Degel said her team played aggressive volleyball and were able to play all the girls on the roster.

"(The girls) stayed pretty aggressive and worked on their coverage throughout the match," she said.

Senior Mara Johnson led the Falcons in hits from the top of the net with six, followed closely by Kailee Oliverson, who put down five kills. Oliverson had a stand-out night at the top of the net, knocking down seven blocks. Sophomore Jovi Roselott proved she deserved a varsity spot as she passed up a couple hits from the back and assisted at the top of the net with five complete sets.

The Lady Panthers have a young team this year with the majority of their varsity play-

ers being freshman. While the Panthers took a couple games to get their footing and feel confident on the court, the team looked alive and well by the third set.

Seniors Janie Smart and Tionna Schwend led the Panthers at the net with two blocks from Smart and eight kills for Schwend. Freshmen Grace Hill and Amanda Grow contributed to the fight with three digs from the back row by Hill and five aces from Grow.

Prior to their loss against the Falcons, the Lady Panthers were in Lima where they defeated the Lady Bears in four sets. Junior Destiny Fabel knocked down 14 aces against the Bears while Schwend and Smart each added four kills for the Panthers.

The Falcons were in Manhattan Christian on Sept. 17 for a tough match against the Lady Eagles. The Falcons stuck close to the Eagles, losing in three tightly matched sets.

"The team played very good volleyball against a very aggressive Manhattan Christian team," said Degel. "I was pleased with their aggressive play, blocking and teamwork."

**Twin Bridges vs. Sheridan: 25-11, 25-16, 25-15**  
**Twin Bridges vs. Manhattan Christian: 23-25, 23-25, 20-25**  
**Sheridan vs. Lima: 25-19, 25-22, 23-25, 25-14**

The Lady Panthers also traveled to Whitehall for some tournament play over the weekend, but as of *The Madisonian's* Tuesday press time, results had not been submitted.

#### Upcoming matches

Ennis will host Belgrade on Sept. 22, and travel to Drummond on the 23rd. The team is also participating in the Belgrade tournament on the 24th.

Harrison is off to White Sulphur Springs on Sept. 22

and then on to Lima on the 24th.

Sheridan has three home games lined up this week: West Yellowstone on Sept. 20, Drummond and Lima on the 22nd and 23rd, respectively.

Twin Bridges hosted Granite on Sept. 20 and will travel to Lone Peak on the 22nd.

#### Photos from left

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Josie Hokanson of Harrison sends the ball across the net.

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Mustang Jourdain Klein rises above the net to send the ball back to the Wildcats.

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Tionna Schwend knocks the ball over to Twin Bridges' side of the net for a kill.



## PET SUCCESS

### Six of a kind

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Jim Hicks in the Ruby Valley attracts animals that have either lost their way or been left to fend for themselves.

"We have six dogs, all adopted, and all get along great," Jim said.

His six four-legged friends have become a special part of Jim's life and all have taken on a personality of their own. From Labrador brothers Hoss Cartwright and Little Joe Cartwright; a border collie named Buster; Scottish terrier Rowdy Yates; matron of the family, Annie; and the worst, as Jim

says, a corgi named Lucy.

"She is unbelievable," he said. "She swims like a Labrador - like a little torpedo."

His fuzzy family members love to swim in the river that runs through the property and are all very appreciative.

"Hoss tries to test the boundaries sometimes," Jim laughed.

Jim never decided on adoption, it just happened upon him.

"I just find them - they seem to come to me," he said.

Because they're so appreciative and thankful, Jim said he will always go the adoption route.

"They give you 10 times more pleasure than you give them," he said. "They are just very appreciative and loving."

While he has his hands full with his litter of canine friends, nothing beats the feel of pandemonium amongst his home.

"They all run around and swim together and it's just pandemonium," he said. "But they all get along!"

\* Editor's note: If you have a pet success story, let us know! We want to share your tale with our readers. Email Caitlin at news@madisoniannews.com or call the office at 682-7755.



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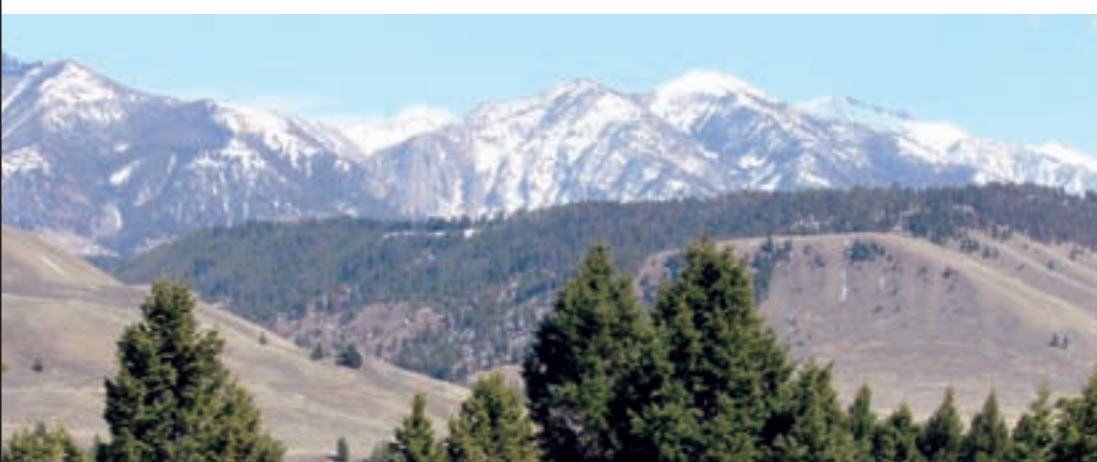
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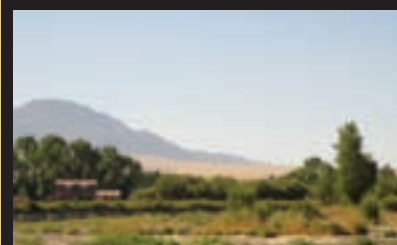
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# DUI Task Force installs signs around Madison County

SUBMITTED BY LYNN LOWDER  
DUI Task Force

County commission chair Dave Schulz and members of the local DUI Task Force spent some of last Tuesday putting up "DUI You Can't Afford It" signs at various county road sites.

The signs use to be on the state highways in Madison County but after changes in sign guidelines by the federal government, they had to be removed and replaced with a different, approved design. This left the task force with extra signs to be utilized on county roads, local businesses or other county areas, like the fairgrounds.

These prevention signs are a helpful reminder to not drive impaired. "DUI You Can't Afford It" relates to more than financial consequences of impaired driving such as: loss of life, jail, prison and often overlooked medical costs resulting from injuries including pain, suffering and the cost to the community, just to name a few.

We hope that everyone is aware of the message to not drive impaired and the consequences of that decision, but many still do it. The frustrating part of prevention is that the information is out there to help people make good choices, but in

the end some do not. Once someone gets past the point where they no longer can make a good decision they have to already have put a plan in place. So always make sure you have a safe way to get home. Use a designated driver. The designated driver makes an active decision that they will not be using anything - drugs or alcohol - when accepting that responsibility. With so many other options, why risk driving impaired? Plan ahead, drink responsibly, utilize your friend network for a designated driver or make plans to stay put. Zero impaired driving crashes for Madison County is an achievable goal.

## LIFESTYLE MATTERS: THE BODY AND BRAIN CONNECTION

Guest Speaker: John Underwood

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# Citizens Road Alliance

The Citizens Road Alliance will hold a meeting at the Madison Valley Public Library on September 27 at 7 pm to update the community on the current status of the mission to redirect long-haul truck traffic off our local highways and back on Interstate 15. Local residents are encouraged to attend.

**For more information please go to [citizensroadalliance.com](http://citizensroadalliance.com)**





Obituaries continued from page A4

Mary Ann Baker Gorman Alger  
September 3, 1928 – September 12, 2016



Mary Ann Alger passed away in Kennewick, Wash., Sept. 12, 2016, of natural causes. She was a long time Ennis resident and arrived special delivery at the McAllister Post Office on Sept. 3, 1928, where her Great Aunt Annie Thexton McAllister delivered her. She was the first born of Annie Thexton Neville and Donald Edward Neville. The family lived mainly in the Madison Valley and Mary Ann graduated from Ennis High School in May 1946. Soon after graduation, Sept. 22, 1946, she and Vincent "Bud" Baker were married. Three daughters were born to this union: Anita Irene

(Jim) McMahon of Missoula, Ellen Louise (Scott) Kreitzer of Kennewick, and Patricia Ann (Bob) Johnston of Walla Walla, Wash. At the time of Bud's death in 1973 they owned and operated The Riverside Motel. After selling the motel Mary Ann graduated from nursing school in Billings as an LPN. She was employed by the new Madison Valley Nursing Home until 1984 when she married Jack Gorman. They took many extended trips and became snowbirds, spending winters in Arizona. Jack passed away in 1998. She married George Alger Sept. 27, 1999, and they lived in Jeffers until his passing

in May 2013. Shortly thereafter, Mary Ann moved to an assisted living facility in Walla Walla near her daughter, Patty. She then transferred to a memory care facility in Kennewick near her daughter, Ellen, where she resided until her death.

Mary Ann was very active in local charities and service organizations. She and Bud participated in many functions of the Elks and D.O.E.S., and were among the first EMTs to form the Ennis Ambulance Service. She enjoyed activities that benefited the public. She served on the Ennis Town Council, and the planning committee for the Madison

Valley Manor. She also was on the board and served as secretary for the newly formed Madison Valley History Association. She was a long time member of the Madison Valley Woman's Club where she recently served as historian.

Mary Ann was a very generous person and loved providing food for activities, and was especially well known for her baked beans and the large Thanksgiving dinners she and George hosted.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her sibling Mabel Grace, her parents, her husbands, numerous aunts and uncles and grandson, David

Johnston. She is survived by her three daughters; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; siblings Don "Kid" Neville, Pearl (Les) Kilman and Darlene (Fred) Rochez; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by George's children, Sandra Alger Lott and Rose (Terry) Slattery and their offspring.

Services are planned for spring of 2017 and details will be announced at a later date. Donations in Mary Ann's name may be made to the Ennis Ambulance Service, PO Box 147 or the Madison Valley History Association, PO Box 474, both in Ennis, MT 59729.

# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Elling House harvest dinner cancelled

SUBMITTED BY ABBY THOMAS  
Elling House Arts and Humanities Center

Last week, the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center in Virginia City announced

that the 2016 harvest dinner has been cancelled. We hope to revive the event in 2017. Please note our splendid feasts will be held Dec. 9 and 10.

## Citizens Road Alliance to meet in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY LOIS IRWIN  
Citizens Road Alliance

Head to the Madison Valley Public Library on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. to join the Citizens Road Alliance. The CRA will update the community on the current status of the mission to redirect long-haul truck traffic off our local highways and back on Interstate 15. Local residents are encouraged to attend.

## Walter Salas-Humara to play with Dave Walker in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT KELLEY  
Gravel Bar

This week, Walter Salas-Hu-

mara will join local musician Dave Walker to play a show at the Gravel Bar in Ennis starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Salas-Humara, A Cuban-American whose parents fled Castro's Havana with him still in the womb, was raised bilingual just across the Florida Straits in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. College at University of Florida in Gainesville and a residency with the Vulgar Boatmen left

him with a lifelong habit of Mudcrutch/Tom Petty-style crunchy guitar riffs. Chasing the punk prairie fire to New York just in time to sift through the ashes, he formed The Silos in 1985 with guitarist Bob Rupe and violinist Mary Rowell, plugging the main cable of American rock idiom into the jerry-rigged soundboard of Velvets-era feral experimentalism.

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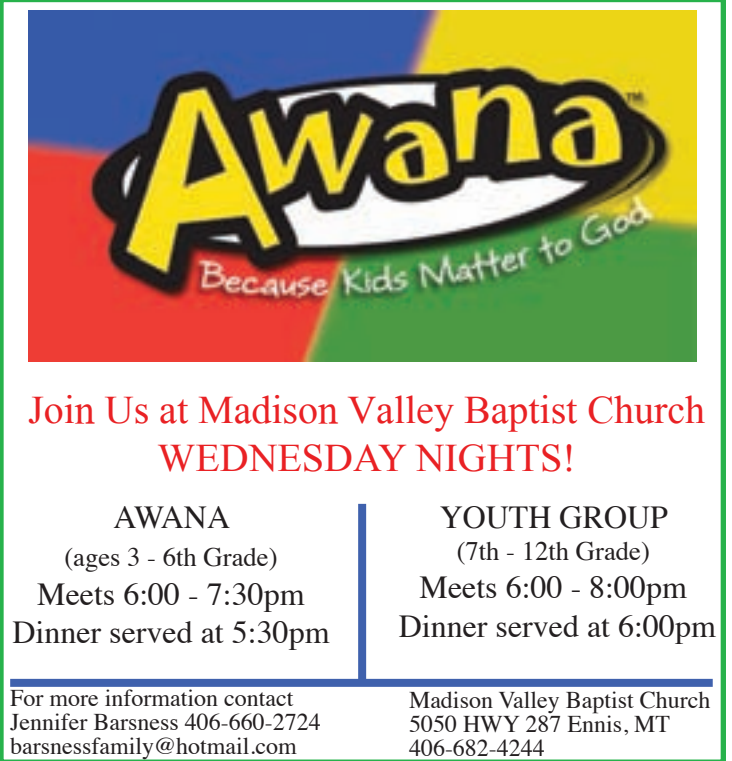
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<b>Saturday</b>	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 30 to 35. Highs 45 to 55.
<b>Sunday</b>	Mostly cloudy. Lows 35 to 40. West winds 5 to 15 mph...becoming south after midnight.
<b>Monday</b>	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Lows 30 to 35. Highs 45 to 55.

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## Kids benefit from outdoor learning

CAITLIN AVEY  
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The 12th annual Kids River Resource Day kicked off last week at Silver Springs Ranch in the Ruby Valley. A handful of third, fourth and fifth graders from Alder, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and the homeschool community descended on the land for a day of outside learning. From packing in the backcountry to bear safety to learning about native weeds, reptiles and amphibians, Madison County's youth had a fun filled day of hands on learning.

"They're super excited," said Ruby Watershed Coordinator Rebecca Ramsey, who organized the event. "Hearing and seeing them learn is awesome." Ramsey, a resource professional, said she loves how the resource day exposes kids to something they might not learn in the classroom, and always ends the day asking students to tell her one thing they learned.

"It's amazing how much we, even as adults, can learn from something like this," she said.

The resource day included eight stations for students to rotate around and learn about the importance of the environment and the abundance of the river, along with the incorporation of ranch culture and how everything is connected.

A different Ruby Valley ranch hosts the event each year. This time around, the Barnosky family hosted the event.

"It's just nice to have the kids be able to get out here and be on the land and see how much they enjoy all the presentations," said Neil Barnosky.

Barnosky said he hopes the kids feel inspired by the presentations and by connecting with the land.

"For me, it's personal - I like it because they are out here on a working cow ranch and they see what it all looks like as part of a working operation and part of the landscape. I like the connection between the two."

"I definitely think it's the best event we do," said Ramsey.

**"I think it's the best event we do."  
Rebecca Ramsey**

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Molly Gilman washes her hands after the rolling rivers station. "This station teaches the kids good practices along streams and rivers," said Bob Flesher with Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The converted trailer bed utilizes ground plastic to act as river sediment and students place toys along the river to act as homes and vegetation to see how, over time, banks are swept away. "It also teaches them about building river culverts and just gives them a chance to play in a little water," Flesher said.



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Eleanor Sutton (far right) tries out a beaver fur hat at the living history station. "The main reason for this station is the sense of history and how the river connects that history," said Dan Thyer with Sacred Arrows Productions.



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Jim Powell hosts a station on aquatic bugs where students learn about the crawlers that call our Montana rivers home. "Nope, I can't do it!" yelled one student as a river leech approached him.



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby watershed coordinator, holds Sophie, a 14-year-old rubber boa, which is the only type of constrictor snake native to Montana. "They are typically found on trails in riparian areas with dense cover - they are very elusive and hard to find, most often moving about at dusk and dawn," said Ramsey.



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Protect your family

Use these steps to safeguard your family from carbon monoxide, other threats

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While life can be complicated, sometimes the simple solutions are the best ones, particularly when it comes to protecting your family from household hazards.

The "Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries" program espouses that philosophy. For the 29th consecutive year, the cam-

paigned by the Energizer brand and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, has reminded families of the life-saving habit of changing and testing the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when most of the country sets their clocks back at the end of daylight saving time. This year, that is Nov. 6.

A whopping 50 percent

of home smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors have non-working batteries, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

"A home that contains smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors is only safer if these devices actually work," said Michelle Atkinson, chief consumer officer for Energizer. "Testing your devices and updating their batteries are simple and critical steps to keeping your family comfortable and secure."

Atkinson also points out that these days, many families rely on more than these traditional safety devices to protect their family and home. Investigate new smart devices and apps offering security and peace-of-mind, such as lights, locks and

security systems that are connected to the Internet and your smartphone.

"Smart connected home technologies are keeping families safer, when operational," said Atkinson. "Remember, these tools, along with flashlights and other home safety devices require reliable battery power as well."

Take this opportunity to update batteries in all your devices that enhance home security and comfort.

Safety advocates say preparing your family is crucial. Make sure everyone, especially

children, knows what your alarms and detectors sound like and what to do if they go off.

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flashlights with fresh batteries at your bedside for help in finding your way out of your house and signaling for help in the event of a fire or other emergency.



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Unfortunately, many kids are missing out by not getting proper eye care. Thirty-five percent of children have never seen a vision care professional, according to The Vision Care Institute. And of those that do take and fail a vision screening, a large portion do not receive follow up from an eye care professional.

"An eye exam should be part of every family's back-to-school check list to help ensure children reach their full potential in the classroom," said Lisa Curcuruto, Focus on Sight program manager at OneSight, an independent nonprofit that provides underserved students and communities worldwide with comprehensive eye exams and glasses.

Throughout the school year, parents should also periodically check in with children to ask how school is going and if they are having any trouble seeing the board. Many kids do not share their vision struggles with parents or teachers and lose interest in the classroom.

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# COLUMNS



## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

### REGIONAL REPOSSESSION

Observing an annual Tri-city tradition

Well, autumn has officially arrived in the Tri-city (Harrison, Pony and Norris) region. The great throngs of summer tourists have returned home. As always, their departure has led to a temporary sense of emptiness. At the same time, a suppressed pique over the vacationers' summer-long occupation of our treasured native sod has begun to reveal itself. In fact, if one watches closely, the subtle signs of regional repossession are already evident.

For instance, nowadays, many Tri-city citizens refuse to wait in line at the local gas stations. Instead, they insist on circling around the station for however long it takes for a pump to open. Then, after filling up, the assertive residents make it a point to check the engine oil and air pressure in the spare tire. Finally, in a blatant display of jurisdiction, they intentionally leave their cars sitting at the pump while going inside to scrutinize the snack rack.

At our regional eateries, deposed (disgruntled) resident coffee slurpers are (with great fanfare) re-commandeering their privileged stools at the counters, where "personal" mugs await them. Additionally, tourists ordering Americano, espresso and flavored lattes are being supplanted by locals ordering starter fluid, 40-weight or morning mud. People whistle loudly while loitering in the restrooms.

Additionally, traffic has decreased dramatically on the Pony road and on the stretch of highway between Harrison and Norris. Consequently, motor homes are being displaced by grain trucks and four-wheel-drive pickups are reclaiming their status as the "monarchs" of those roads. Madison County license plates now outnumber out of state plates. Perhaps most heartening, parking spaces are now available in front of our community taverns. Inside, locally-revered, country-western music is drowning out the last remnants of summer's hip hop and rap recordings on the juke boxes.

At the grocery store, lengthy lines of six or more customers

are being replaced by individual patrons, who carefully examine the newspaper on the counter while the checkout person finishes a game of solitaire on a smart phone. Next, they pay with cash, orally counting out each coin. In the seats of vehicles parked outside, hard-working cow dogs are taking the place of pampered poodles.

Also, traffic on the road to Harrison Lake is a fraction of what it was. So resident drivers are currently bold enough to glance off the road and savor the desolate landscape. Occasionally, the brazen yokels even lower the windows and point at things. With the disappearance of speed boats and jet skies at the lake, local fishermen are blissfully recapturing their beloved turf.

At the post offices, patrons are inserting their letters into the "out of town" slot - one at a time. Subsequently, they casually sort through the new mail. Lastly, in an epic act of tenure, many perform the notorious (illegal) Tri-city u-turn on the highway in front of the buildings.

On the land bordering our unpaved country lanes, now that the tourist-traffic-induced dust clouds have settled, native deer are reclaiming their grazing rights. Two pickups parked side by side in the middle of said lanes (while the drivers flog their gums), is becoming a common sight again. In the barrow pits, the number of discarded fruit smoothie containers is being overtaken by the number of discarded snooze cans.

In the end, observing the many small, yet, earnest acts of regional repossession has lifted my spirits considerably. After all, along with the arrival of autumn, they signal a return to Tri-city normalcy.

Thank goodness for annual traditions.

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



By Rebecca Ramsey  
Ruby Watershed Coordinator

## WORLD RIVERS DAY - SEPT. 25

World Rivers Day is a celebration of the world's waterways. It highlights the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness, encouraging the improved stewardship of rivers around the world.

In 2005, the United Nations launched the Water for Life Decade to help create a greater awareness of the need to better care for our water resources. Following this, the establishment of World Rivers Day was in response to a proposal initiated by internationally renowned river advocate, Canadian Mark Angelo.

The proposal for a global event to celebrate rivers was based on the success of BC Rivers Day, which Mark Angelo had founded and led in western Canada since 1980. A World Rivers Day event was seen by agencies of the United Nations as a good fit for the aims of the Water for Life Decade and the proposal was approved. River enthusiasts from around the world came together to organize the inaugural WRD event. That first event in 2005 was a great success and Rivers Day was celebrated across dozens of countries. Since then, the event has continued to grow. It is annually celebrated on the last Sunday of every September. Last year, several million people across more than 60 countries celebrated the many values of our waterways.

Here in Madison County, we are blessed to have the headwaters of the Missouri River flowing through it. The Beaverhead, Big Hole, Jefferson, Madison and Ruby rivers, plus countless tributaries that flow into those streams, provide the character of our landscape and are the lifeblood of our communities.

While water quality and sanitation issues have been at the forefront of the freshwater

discussion in recent years, your local conservation districts and watershed groups recognize that the issues are more complex than just water quality and minimum river flows. Rivers provide ecosystem services - such as providing water for drinking and irrigation of course, but also mitigating floods, maintaining fertile soils, providing food for humans, livestock and wildlife, and the abundance of recreational opportunities. They provide our blue ribbon trout fishing, aesthetically beautiful scenery, habitat for diverse species of birds and wildlife, economic viability ... the list goes on and on.

We do not have an organized event such as a river cleanup day, or a water monitoring day, or an organized river float planned. But we encourage every member of our community to take a moment to reflect on the importance of the beautiful water-

ways around you.

Spend Sunday, Sept. 25 - World Rivers Day - doing something where you can appreciate, and give thanks for: the clean, abundant water all around us. Sit by a river and let it calm your being. Take a bag to the river and walk along its edge to remove trash. Bring along your fly rod and drop a line in. Take your camera and capture the flight of an osprey hunting overhead or sunset on the water. Grab your kayak or stand up paddleboard and cruise along the river for the afternoon. Take your dog to



Rebecca Ramsey

the river for a game of fetch the stick.

If you'd like to become involved in helping to protect, enhance, or

learn more about our rivers in Madison County, you have many wonderful groups who would love to help! These organizations work collaboratively to bring education to their

communities and find solutions to watershed issues.

Please contact any of the following organizations:

Ruby Valley Conservation District and Ruby Watershed Council: [rbywatershed@gmail.com](mailto:rbywatershed@gmail.com) or 842-5741 x106, [www.rvcd.org](http://www.rvcd.org)

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So as you think about our waterways on this World Rivers Day, keep in mind this quote from Mark Angelo: "Rivers are the arteries of our planet; they are lifelines in the truest sense."



## COMMODITY INSITE!

by Jerry Welch

The best economic news I can recall in a long time was announced a few days ago and highlighted with the following headline from The New York Times: "The Economic Expansion Is Helping the Middle Class, Finally." The first paragraph read as such: "For years, the standard knock on this economic expansion has been twofold: Growth has been slow, and big businesses and wealthy investors have been its major beneficiaries, rather than middle-class wage earners. And it has been a fair criticism. At least until recently."

Since the economy emerged from the recession that ended officially in June 2009, stocks as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average have tripled in value, give or take a bit. High priced home values have increased considerably during the

same period as well and land values in sought after zip codes. There is no arguing those facts.

But when it comes to hard assets such as the United States agricultural markets, things have not been so good. As recently as February, only seven months ago, commodities as measured by the CRB Index fell to a 13 year low. Some individual commodity markets such wheat hit a 10 year low, cattle a five year low, corn a seven year low, oats an 11 year low and so on. Natural gas, a non-ag market, hit a 16 year low in March. Hard assets have not done nearly as well as paper assets since the recession ended.

However, in 2015, middle-class Americans saw the median household income jump 5 percent. It was the first meaningful increase since 2007 and the biggest rise on record. According

to the Boston Globe, "Incomes rose for virtually every age and demographic group. Non-Hispanic whites saw gains of 4.4 percent, Hispanics earned over 6 percent more and low-income families got a boost of nearly 8 percent."

The Globe went on to state, "Though income inequality continues, the data showed that rising incomes helped lift millions of Americans out of poverty. Overall, the poverty rate fell to 13.5 percent of the U.S. population from 14.8 percent the year earlier, with gains for children, the elderly and all types of American families."

I have stated repeatedly over the past few months that the downside for virtually all U.S. ag-markets is limited. I doubt if there is more than another 5 percent to 10 percent coming to the downside for any

grain or any livestock market. Not to suggest that one should suddenly turn bullish at current levels because the grains and livestock still face stiff headwinds going into the end of this year and early next. But I would bet heavily that the upside potential is far greater than the downside.

To repeat what I stated in my column from last week. "On Jan. 8, the date of my first column for this newspaper, October live cattle futures were trading over the \$125 level and October lean hogs were above the \$66 level. I offered a bold forecast and wrote, "it is the livestock complex that offers the greatest downside potential and especially if stocks and the Dow endure an unusually severe decline and corn remains cheap. Cattle futures falling to \$100 and hog futures to \$50 would

not be a surprise."

A week ago, front month cattle futures fell a bit under \$100 with one contract dropping under \$97. This week, front month lean hog futures fell under \$55 while December futures dropped as low as \$48.37. Thus, my forecast from January has been realized. But that does not mean cattle and hog futures are poised for a dramatic recovery. Both markets, similar to grains and other ag-markets, face stiff headwinds going into the end of the year and early 2017.

But make no mistake about it. There is far more upside potential for cattle and hog contracts than downside. The odds do favor the bears for several more months but with the record setting jump in household incomes in 2015 and further gains likely in 2016, there should not be more than

another 5 percent to 10 percent down with livestock prices. And I feel the same for all other U.S. ag-markets as well.

In 2015, commodities as measured by the CRB Index that is weighted towards grains and livestock declined for the fifth year in a row. Never in history have commodities per se declined five years in a row. This year, the CRB is higher year over year but only by the smallest of margins. Still, it is trying to do something it has been unable to do for some time. It is trying to carve out a meaningful low and being the slow and agonizing feat of moving higher.

Aggressive and imaginative investors and traders should be looking to buy the U.S. ag markets and not sell them. The downside is limited now that the middle class is finally starting to enjoy some modest prosperity.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

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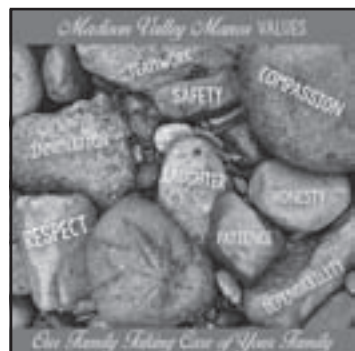
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# Buzz from the schools

Welcome back to our newish column, "Buzz from the schools." In each edition of the paper, the superintendent from one of Madison County's schools – Alder, Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges – will keep us up-to-date.

Something is fishy in Harrison!

The staff and students at Harrison are off and running for the 2016-17 school year. We have invested time in a couple of all-school activities, including an all-school float on the Madison River to kick off the school year and an all-school hike in Hyalite Canyon this past week. These field trips not only serve as an opportunity to get outside and encourage a healthy lifestyle, they also allow staff and students to develop positive relationships outside of the classroom that will serve them later on inside the classroom.

Harrison's teachers have rigorous standards and we demand a lot of our students, both inside and outside the classroom. Our teachers are able to get the most out of our students, in part, because of the relationships our teachers have with them. Our small class sizes also allow our teachers more time to work one-on-one with our students. Harrison has a little more than five students per grade level and only three in our class of 2017. The salutatorian of the class will finish in both the top half and the bottom half of the class academically. Of course, all three seniors will finish in the top three of the class, so it's all a matter of perspective.

Harrison Public School has some unique projects happen-

ing, including one that is a little fishy. We have entered into a partnership with the National Fish Hatchery in Ennis that came about as a result of a former Harrison student's relationship with the National Fish Hatchery. Victoria (Tori) Wilson, a 2013 graduate of Harrison High School, has worked for the fish hatchery for several years. Because of Wilson's outstanding service to the hatchery, the fine folks there felt that Harrison would be an optimal place to start a kick off to trout in the classroom project. We are ecstatic to be given such an amazing educational opportunity for our students. I mean, who doesn't want a tank full of rainbow trout in their science classroom?

Harrison will have its own hatchery at the school in the coming weeks. The hatchery will be located in Mrs. Leo's science classroom. The rainbow trout that will be hatched and raised in Harrison will be used for public stock ponds, such as the pond at the Ennis Lions Club Park and the fishing pond in Virginia City.



Fred Hofman  
Harrison School Superintendent

## Madison Valley Woman's Club news

SUBMITTED BY SNAQUE ROLLO  
Madison Valley Woman's Club

At the Sept. 8 fall campfire round up, the Madison Valley Woman's Club presented

Marcia Zankowski with a certificate of appreciation for her five years of service as president to the club and in gratitude for her hard work and dedication in moving the club forward by instituting the purchase of the

building that currently holds the Nearly New Shoppe.

The purchase of the Angle Hardware Building in 2002 enabled the Nearly New to expand and increase their sales. After the presentation to Zankowski, Lynn Leeming, president of the Madison Valley Woman's Club, burned the mortgage on the building, which was paid in full 15 years early. The Madison Valley Woman's Club continues to support the community in every way that it can. Donations back to the community totaled over \$79,000 their last fiscal year, of which \$32,500 were in the form of scholarships to local valley students.



PHOTO COURTESY SNAQUE ROLLO  
Lynn Leeming historically burns the paid off mortgage on the Nearly New Shoppe.

### RUBY VALLEY AMBULANCE

#### IS IN NEED OF EMTS

Ruby Valley Ambulance is a volunteer service that is looking for people that would be willing to become EMTs and be on the service.

If you are interested in helping and feel you would like to become an EMT please call 406-842-5969 and leave a message or fill out this form and send to

Ruby Valley Ambulance Service  
204 E. Crofoot, Sheridan, MT 59749

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

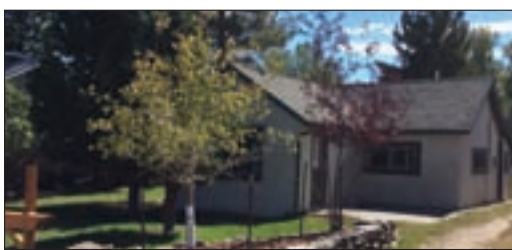


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• .24 +/- acre oversized town lot  
• full renovated Ennis cottage  
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• detached renovated dry cabin



**Comely Way – Ennis - \$205,000**  
• 4bd 2ba, 2280 +/- sqft  
• walk to town, schools and entertainment  
• large rec room w/ surround sound, fireplace  
• 2 car garage w/ addl 12x24 shop



**Haypress Lake Trail – Ennis - \$255,000**  
• 2bd 1.ba, 1793 +/- sqft  
• open floor plan • adjacent to BLM  
• recreational paradise  
• seasonal access



**Hayfield Loop – Ennis - \$326,500**  
• 5.02 ac • 2 bd, 1 ba 1728 +/- sf  
• earth sheltered, low maintenance • creek, massive mountain & valley views • soaring ceilings, tongue and groove • oversized garage/shop  
• additional acreage may be available



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



**Duke Drive - Harrison - \$349,000**  
• 1.57 +/- acres • 4+ bd, 4ba, 3666 +/- sf  
• almost new low maintenance  
• vaulted ceiling, open plan, panoramic views  
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• great family room, many extras



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# MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG Sept. 11 - 17, 2016

**9/11**  
Theft Complaint in 200 Blk W Poppleton St Sheridan  
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk N Main St Sheridan  
Abandoned Vehicle on N Ennis Lake Rd McAllister  
Suspicious Circumstances on Ennis Trade Center Dr Ennis

**9/12**  
Animal complaint in 500 Blk Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan  
Medical Aid on W Cot-

tontail Run Ennis  
Citizen Assist on Duncan District Rd Sheridan  
Animal Complaint on Granite Creek Rd Virginia City  
Fire Call in 300 Blk W Fagin St Ennis  
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 21 Twin Bridges  
Animal Complaint at MT Hwy 287 & Varney Rd Ennis

**9/13**  
Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 38 Twin Bridges  
Medical Aid on W Cot-

tontail Rd Ennis  
Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 23 Alder  
Animal Complaint in 500 Blk Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan  
Accident in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis  
Fire Call on Bear Creek Rd Cameron  
Welfare Check in 200 Blk Ruby St Sheridan  
Assault in 100 Blk W. Main St Ennis  
Domestic Call in 200 Blk Madison Ave Ennis

**9/14**  
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 Ennis  
Suspicious Circumstances on Adkins Ln Harrison  
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis  
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 13 Virginia City  
Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk Mill St Sheridan

Wildlife Complaint in 100 Blk Mill Creek Rd Sheridan  
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 66 Out of County  
Traffic Complaint at US Hwy 287 & Rangeview Rd Ennis  
Medical Call on Comleyville Rd Ennis

**9/16**  
Medical Aid on Upper Ruby Rd Alder  
Citizen Assist in Virginia City Ranches Ennis  
Welfare Check on Ruby

River Dr Sheridan

**9/17**  
Dog Complaint on MT Hwy 287 Alder  
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 38 Cameron  
Fire Call in 1400 MT Hwy 287 Virginia City  
Animal Complaint in 600 Blk Beaverhead St Ennis

*The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 84 calls for service from Sept. 11 - 17, 2016.*

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**Ruby Valley Baptist Church**  
Tony Shaw, Pastor  
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Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

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## Find Fellowship With Us

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Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting  
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School  
11:20 a.m.

R S & Priesthood  
12:10 p.m.

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Weds. 7:00p.m.  
3560 | MT State Hwy 287  
Sheridan 842-5860

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**NEW MASS TIMES & LOCATIONS**  
Beginning 9/10/16: 4 pm, Saturday night Mass at St. Joseph's, Sheridan  
As of now: 11 am, St. Mary's, Laurin and 8:30 am, St. Patrick's, Ennis  
Beginning 9/13/16: 7:30 am, daily (Tuesday & Thursday) Mass at St. Joseph's, Sheridan  
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Ennis Branch

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Sunday School  
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R S & Priesthood  
12:10 p.m.

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6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)  
Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)  
Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

Ruby Valley Food Pantry  
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**Church of the Valley**  
Twin Bridges  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group Weds at 6:30 pm

**Bethel UMC**  
Sheridan  
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Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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Family Dinner 5:30 PM  
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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges  
**ALANON MEETING**  
Same Time - Same Place

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Thursdays, 8 pm

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Suzy 685-3692

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**A.A. MEETING**  
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843-5352 Virginia City

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

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596-0707

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**BUDGET HEARING**

The Town of Virginia City will hold a budget hearing at 5:00 p.m. at the Town office on October 6, 2016. A copy of the proposed budget can be reviewed at the Virginia City Town Office during normal business hours.  
Nancy Stewart  
Clerk/Town of Virginia City  
(Pub. Sept. 8, 15, 22 2016) tvoc  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Contents of storage unit #10 and four travel trailers (and contents) to be sold on Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 pm at 2144 Highway 287.  
Bill of sales for storage and trailers will be issued, which can be taken to Madison County Courthouse to receive new titles.  
(Pub. Sept 15, 22, 29 2016) mh  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 5th day of October, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, the following described property:  
2004 White Lincoln Navigator: VIN #5LMFU28R74LJ18878, as is condition. Dated this 7th of September, 2016.  
//s//ROGER THOMPSON,  
SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY  
(Pub. Sept 15, 22, 29 2016) mcs  
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**INVITATION TO BID**

Separate sealed bids for construction of the Madison Manor Parking Improvements will be received by the office of the Madison County Board of Commissioners at the County Courthouse, 205 N. Broadway Street, PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755 until 2:00 p.m. local time on September 26, 2016 and then publicly opened and read aloud.  
The project consists of miscellaneous parking lot improvements to the Madison Manor Parking Lot located at 211 North Main Street, Ennis, Montana. Improvements will include, but are not limited to: saw cutting and disposing of a portion of the existing parking lot, relocating concrete jersey barriers, installing new curb and gutter, new asphalt section, landscape bulbs, curb cuts and concrete spill apron, storm ponds, drainage swales, 12" CMP culvert with flared ends, overflow weir, and light poles with associated electrical improvements.  
Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.greatwesteng.com](http://www.greatwesteng.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab. The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineer, located at 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, MT 59601., phone (406) 449-8627 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required deposit is \$50.00 per set, which is not refundable.  
In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations:  
Bozeman Plan Exchange  
Helena Copy Center  
Butte Builders Exchange  
There will be a Pre-Bid Conference at the project site at 2:00 p.m. on September 19, 2016. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend.  
Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, PO Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by Montana Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.  
Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Madison County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.  
Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 16.02 of the Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids.  
The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the

best interest of the Owner.  
Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
Published by the Madisonian in Ennis, Montana, September 15 and 22, 2016  
Madison County Commissioner  
PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755  
(Pub. Sept 15, 22 2016) mc  
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**BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 – 8:30 AM  
BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT, STATION #1

650 RAINBOW TROUT RUN, BIG SKY  
Introduction of visitors and guests  
1. Call to Order  
2. Public Comment  
3. Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:

- a. Approval of draft minutes of August 24, 2016 Regular Meeting
- b. Financial Reports for August 2016
- c. Monthly Financial Statements
- d. Check Register: Checks 6115710 – 6115786; including voided checks 6115743 and 6115778
- 4. Fire Chief's Report – William Farhat
- 5. Correspondence
- 6. New Business
- a. Insurance Package Presentation by Mark Roemer, Central Insurance Agency
- b. Meeting with Lone Mountain Land Company & Boyne USA regarding Station #2 Staffing
- 7. Unfinished Business
- a. Annexation Petition Approval: Moonlight Basin (all private land west of Moonlight to the border of Jon Fossel conservation easement properties) and Emergency Services Agreement
- b. Fire Station #1 Renovation Update
- c. Master Plan – Next Steps
- d. Firefighter Hiring Update
- e. Administrative Assistant Hiring Update
- 8. Other Business
- a. Board Members Roles and Responsibilities
- b. Financial Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 – On-site September 28th and 29th
- c. Halloween Event – October 31, 2016 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- d. Fire Department Christmas Party December 3, 2016 @ Buck's T4 and Gift
- 9. Public Comment
- 10. Date for next regular meeting – October 26, 2016 at 8:30am
- 11. Adjourn  
(Pub. Sept 22 2016) bsfd  
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Approximately 611 acres of state owned trust lands described as:  
Legal Description:  
-W1/2, W1/2E1/2, NE1/4NE1/4, Madison County, Section 20 T3S R6W, 523 acres, MSU 2 nd Grant Trust  
-Portion of the NW1/4 (north of the Melrose-Twin Bridges Road to be determined by survey) Madison County, Section 29 T3S R6W, 8 acres, Eastern College-MSU/Western College-UM Trust  
-E1/2NE1/4 (less Jefferson River bed) Madison County \*Located on the Jefferson River, Section 16 T3S R6W, 80 acres, Common Schools Trust  
The above state trust land is proposed to be exchanged for approximately 861.48 acres of private land described below as:  
Legal Description:  
-W1/2, SW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4 (two described parcels) Madison County, Section 30 T1S R7W, 630 acres  
-To be described by survey, Madison County \*Located on the Big Hole River near Pennington Bridge, Section 11 T4S R7W, 111 acres  
-SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, Butte-Silver Bow County, Section 25 T1S R8W, 120.48 acres  
The purpose of the proposed land exchange is to provide greater management flexibility for both the private landowner and state owned land, improve hunting safety zones near ranch residences, and provide additional access for the public to currently inaccessible federal lands. In accordance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), public concerns about the project and potential environmental impacts will be considered and analyzed before a decision is made regarding project implementation. All comments previously received will be considered in the MEPA process. We will be using your comments to help us identify issues early on in the process so we may reasonably address them in the environmental assessment.  
DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archaeologists will be consulted.  
Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by October 14, 2016 to:  
Tim Egan, Dillon Unit Manager  
DNRC - Dillon Unit Office  
840 North Montana St  
Dillon, MT 59725  
Or via e-mail to [tegan@mt.gov](mailto:tegan@mt.gov)  
(Pub. September 22, 29, 2016) dnrc  
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**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION**

Notice is hereby given that regular\* voter registration for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016 will close at 5:00 p.m., October 11, 2016. All active and inactive\*\*electors of Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election.  
\*\*Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office.  
\*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. Between noon and the close of business on the day before Election Day, you may complete and submit a voter registration card, however, you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot.  
DATED this 14th day of September, 2016  
Madison County  
Kathleen D. Mumme  
Election Administrator  
(Pub. September 22, 29, and Oct 6, 2016) mccr  
MNXALP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Dillon Unit is seeking comments on a proposed land exchange involving state owned trust land and private lands owned by SRI River Holdings, LLC (SRI) formerly known as Hamilton Ranch. These lands are located in Madison and Butte-Silver Bow Counties, west and south of Twin Bridges, Montana.

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## AREA SENIOR MEALS

**MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES**

The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN**

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

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**Tuesday-Friday 11:45 am to 12:30 pm**  
**Reservations 682-4422**

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**SEPTEMBER 22 – SEPTEMBER 29**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22:** FRIED COD, COLE SLAW, FRIES, DESSERT

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23:** CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, MASHERS, VEGGIES, DESSERT

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27:** PULLED PORK, POTATO SALAD, FRUIT, DESSERT

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28:** KIELBASA, POTATOES, VEGGIES, DESSERT

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29:** CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, CROISSANT, SALAD, DESSERT

## Public Notice

NorthWestern Energy is proposing to construct a new 29 foot tall self-supporting communications structure at NorthWestern Energy's Twin Bridges Substation located in Twin Bridges, MT.

The structure will be located at Latitude 45-32-38.90N NAD 83, and Longitude 112-18-53.60W, within the Twin Bridges Substation yard. The proposed structure will have no lighting and will not be painted. Per the Determination issued by the FAA under Aeronautical Study 2016-ANM-727-OE, this structure presents no hazard to air navigation. As part of the permit process NorthWestern Energy has applied for a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration Number (ASR).

Interested persons can review this application at [www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications).

Members of the public may comment on the potential environmental impact of this tower by filing a Request for Environmental Review by contacting the FCC. The FCC encourages you to file your request for Environmental Review online. Instructions for making a filing can be viewed at [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest). Interested parties may also file a paper copy by mail at FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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# VOLLEYBALL JAMBOREE IN SHERIDAN



SUBMITTED BY ED BURKE  
Sheridan Schools

Sheridan hosted a junior high volleyball jamboree on Sept. 17. Teams from Lima, Harrison, Twin Bridges, West Yellowstone, Clark County, Idaho, and Granite County competed along with Sheridan's own Panthers.

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## Lions Club supports medical center



SUBMITTED BY ALI TERRELL  
Madison Valley Medical Center

John Sedgwick, president of the Ennis Lions Club, presents Dottie Fossel, chairman of Madison Valley Medical Center Board of Trustees, with a check for \$500 designated to the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program that is scheduled to begin in December.

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From L: Allen Rohrback, CEO of MVMC, John Sedgwick and Dottie Fossel.

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Grant amounts will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Go to [www.townpump.com/mealsforbackpacks/](http://www.townpump.com/mealsforbackpacks/) to complete the online application. Applications should be post-marked no later than September 30, 2016. Grants will be awarded and checks presented during the month of October.

Please send the completed application to: **Town Pump Charitable Foundation Meals for Backpacks Program**  
PO Box 6000 | Butte, MT 59702

For questions regarding eligibility requirements please contact the foundation by email at [karenk@townpump.com](mailto:karenk@townpump.com) or by calling Karen Kelly at 406-497-6801.

# Twin Bridges graduate serving in the U.S. Navy



SUBMITTED BY BETTY HUMBERT  
Women for Veterans Auxiliary

Ezra James Redfield, a 2015 graduate of Twin Bridges High School, is serving in the U.S. Navy. Petty Officer Redfield is working in nuclear engineering with a current rank of ETN3. His parents are Wayne and Linda Redfield of Twin Bridges. Women for Veterans Auxiliary members represent friends and community in commending Redfield for serving our country in the U.S. Navy.

# Lending a hand at the Madison Valley Manor



SUBMITTED BY MELODY CLARK  
Madison Valley Manor

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The approach I will continue to take is this:

- I am proud to be a 4th generation resident of the Ruby Valley and Madison County
- I am proud I grew up with a strong work ethic and that I instilled that same trait in my children
- I am proud to have served on the Sheridan School Board and Sheridan Town Council helping make a positive difference during a difficult economic times
- I am proud to have been Weed Coordinator for Madison County for 5 years working with many of you on such a serious problem
- And today I am proud to represent District 1 and all of Madison County as your Commissioner. It is a privilege and honor that I do so with the highest level of "Honesty and Integrity"!

**David Schulz, Candidate  
District 1 Commissioner**

*Please Vote in November!*

Paid for by Dave Schulz for Commissioner  
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# MOOSE ON THE MOVE



PHOTOS COURTESY JENN BICKLER  
On Sept. 15, 2016, two moose made an appearance on the road between Harrison and Pony.

## Fall along the Jefferson River



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The Jefferson River Valley starts to show its fall colors near Silver Star.

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- Early Bird Yoga | 6-7 am | Tuesdays and Thursdays | Cori Koenig
- Barn Quilts | 4-7 pm | Tuesdays | Bonnie Leitgeb
- 12 Weeks of Christmas | 5:30-8:30 pm | Wednesdays | Kay Gogerty and Guest Instructors
- **DATE CHANGE:** Wet on Wet Landscape Painting | 6-8 pm Tuesdays | Jack Finley

**WORKSHOPS:**

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Tuesday, October 11th, 6-8 pm | Gary Forney

Bird Feeding Discussion | Monday, November 7th, 7-9 pm  
Marc Elser

**Hike and Taste of Local Wild, Edible Plants of the Area | Kay Gogerty | Friday, September 16th 10am- afternoon | Jack Creek Preserve | \$35**

The first hour will be spent walking and identifying the edible plants and then we will return to the Jack Creek Education Center for a delightful Wild Foods Brunch featuring dishes and teas created from the plants we just discussed. The walk will start at 10 a.m. immediately followed by the brunch. In case of inclement weather the talk will be inside as well.

**New Land/Homeowner's Weed Workshop | Melissa Griffiths, Madison Valley Ranchlands | Wednesday, September 28th 6:30-8pm | Multipurpose Room | \$10**

Noxious Weed Management for Property Owners

This short course will cover the basics on noxious weeds in SW Montana. We will cover the following and more:

- What is a noxious weed?
- Why should I care?
- What does the law say?

- Why do we need to manage noxious weeds and what are some methods for management?
- What available resources are in place to assist Madison Valley landowners?

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## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

**Speaker, Twin Bridges**  
Dr. Kristen Ruppel, professor of Native American studies at MSU will give a presentation on her recent education trip to Mongolia in the Montana Room at the school at 7 p.m.

**Movie, Ennis**  
Hillary's America - The Secret of the Democratic Party will be showing three nights (9-22, 9-25) at the Madison Theater at 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22

**Mad Gals, Norris**  
Mad Gals fall meeting at the Norris Bar. Social hour at 12:30 p.m., lunch at 1 p.m.

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

**Music, Ennis**

Folk singer Adam Miller will perform at the First Madison Valley Bank at 6:15 p.m. Call 682-4215 for more information.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

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

**Music, Ennis**  
Sam Platts and the Kootenai Three will play at the Gravel Bar in Ennis.

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26

**Monday night football, Virginia City**  
Watch your favorite teams on a big screen TV at the Virginia City Elks Lodge upstairs lounge. Potluck dinner to proceed the game at 6 p.m.

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

### Meeting, Ennis

The Citizen's Road Alliance will hold a meeting at the Madison Valley Public Library at 7 p.m. to update the community on the current status of the mission to redirect long-haul truck traffic off our local highways.

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28

**Noxious weed workshop, Ennis**  
Managing noxious weeds on your property - 6:30 p.m. at the school. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

**Fall festival, Twin Bridges**  
Join the Twin Bridges Community Association for food, music and games at the Madison County Fairgrounds beginning at 4 p.m.

**Author event, Ennis**  
Russell Rowland will discuss his book "Fifty-Six Counties, a Montana Journey" at the MVPL at 11 a.m.

**Cider pressing party, Sheridan**  
Bring your apples and clean containers to Jackson's Garden and press your own cider! Or just come watch and enjoy hot cider and fresh donuts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

**Workshop, Ennis**  
Join ECE for a presentation on some of Montana's earliest elections at 6 p.m. at the high school. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

**Celebration, Twin Bridges**  
All are welcome to attend the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation's capital campaign celebration at 6 p.m. at The Round Barn, 2 miles north of Twin.

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 7

**Wild bird discussion, Ennis**  
Come join in on a discussion led by Marc Elser on tips for feeding wild birds at 7 p.m. at the high school. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 9

**Christmas stroll, Twin Bridges**  
Enjoy the community Christmas stroll at the Madison County Fairgrounds with food, music and fun. Begins at 5 p.m.



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## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

**Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City**  
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Monday, 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.

**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

**Paddle board classes, Ennis**  
Tuesday at Ennis Lake at 6 p.m.

### 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.

### 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

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

**Paddle board classes, Ennis**  
Thursday at Ennis Lake at 7 a.m.

### 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**  
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