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PROVIDING HANDS

MVMC Medical Assistant Mary Lou Smail showcases the finished gowns.



Story and Photos by HANNAH KEARSE
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Madison Valley Medical Center has 33 more isolation gowns to add to their COVID-19 equipment. The personal protective equipment needed to combat the novel coronavirus has been in high demand and short of supply for months worldwide. Madison County sewers have risen to the occasion making cloth masks and gowns for local healthcare facilities. MVMC needed isolation gowns and Madison County made it happen. MVMC Medical Assistant Mary Lou Smail, Martha Northway, Cherrie Zitting, Pauline Baker and Sue Sherrard spent a couple of days with their sewing machines in the Madison Valley Public Library. MVMC Chief Nursing Officer Allison Treloar reached out to Burlington Fabric, which specializes in reusable textiles for many industries, including medical. Madison Valley Public Library board member Karen Ketchu organized a space for the sewers in the library's conference room.

MT HOUSE DISTRICT 71 is up for grabs

By HANNAH KEARSE
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* Photos provided by candidates

Montana's House District 71 will have a new representative for the first time in eight years. The Montana primary election June 2 will determine which Republican candidate, Ken Walsh of Twin Bridges or Cindy Younkin of McAllister, will be on the 2020 general election ballot. Ian Root of Ennis is running unopposed as the Democrat candidate for Montana House District 71.

candidate for Montana House District 71 with experience in the legislature, an element that Younkin believes is an advantage.

He prioritizes healthcare, education and the unionization of jobs.

"The workers are exploited. They are not treated fairly, and they're not treated with any respect," Root said. "That's why I opened up with this discussion with sick days and unemployment benefits, that's just the tip of the iceberg."

Root values the environment and hopes his platform exposes the environmental harms that according to him, are being done at the will of the Trump administration. Root believes that government can and should provide more for people.



KEN WALSH

Ken Walsh on why he is running for Montana House District 71: "My purpose for running is not self-serving, my purpose is to serve the people."



IAN ROOT

Ian Root on why he is running for Montana House District 71: "I'm running because Donald Trump is corrupt and destroying our democracy. America is on the eve of destruction."



CINDY YOUNKIN

Cindy Younkin on why she is running for Montana House District 71: "I saw there was a need for a good competent legislator."

"I can hit the ground running because I have experience," Younkin said.

Walsh's experience of representing House District 71 Montanans lies in his business relationships. As the owner of Ruby Valley Bank, Walsh has worked with cross sections of businesses ranging from the timber and agriculture industries to main street small business.

"I have a good feel for those industries in the area," Walsh said.

Both Republican candidates said that specific issues did not drive them to seek election. They are running to represent the conservative values of their constituents in the worthy process of government.

"I base everything I do on the constitution and House District 71," Younkin said.

Montana's third candidate for House District 71 is a political contrast to Younkin and Walsh.

A swath of issues led Democratic candidate Root to enter the political realm. Root followed his wife's career with the forest service to Montana from New York in the '90s.

The June 2 primary election will be distributed to registered voters by mail. Residents of Montana House District 71, which encompasses Madison County and the southern corners of Silver Bow and Jefferson counties, will still be able to register and vote in person at their county buildings through June 2.

Ennis Fishing Access site

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

By HANNAH KEARSE
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The Ennis Fishing Access Site is closed through May 8.

Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks closed the popular fishing access and camping site across the Madison River from downtown Ennis to correct 300-400 feet of the access road. Floaters can take-out upstream at Burnt Tree Hole or Eight Mile Ford fishing access sites, or downstream at Valley Garden fishing access site.

The original construction of the Ennis FAS crossed onto private property. FWP attempted to secure a purchase or easement for the

land but was unable to reach an agreement with the landowner, according to FWP.

The access site's dirt road arches a little too early, crossing the property line onto a 4.9-acre piece of property, wedged between U.S. Highway 287 and about 76 acres of FWP land. According to OnX, a mapping app, Pensco Trust Company FBO Roy Washburn owns a few acres on either side of the highway from the river to about where the Ennis FSA turns off.

FWP closed the site for public safety as they improve and alter the road. A latrine and signage also had to be removed from the private property.



The Republican candidates, Younkin and Walsh, both come from ranching backgrounds. Younkin's family moved their ranch from Nebraska to Manhattan, Montana when she was about six years old. Walsh continues to run his family ranch in Twin Bridges.

They both prioritize natural resources and agriculture when speaking about representing Montana House District 71. Younkin is a familiar figure in the Montana's legislature. She was elected to the Montana House of Representatives for Bozeman's district for three terms in 1996, 1998 and 2000. She had a failed attempt at the Montana Supreme Court in 2004.

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Planning Board adjusts to meeting virtually

Lee's Pool Subdivision public hearing postponed until June

By Keely Larson
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The Madison County Planning Board met via the county's WebEx platform to determine whether holding a public hearing in this format would be appropriate.

In the Planning Department, the exemption review board was busy in March. Five boundary line adjustments, one family conveyance, one agricultural exemption and one aggregation were reviewed. The staff report of Lee's Pool Subdivision was redrafted to include additional submitted information.

On March 9, the Sanitarian Department, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), the Office of Emergency Management and the Board met to discuss addressing. "In one way or another, it's part of the regular on goings of their work and we do have some things to keep improving on the addressing front, and this is an effort towards that," Alex Hogle,

Planning Director, said. Hogle reported that the Floodplain Management Program of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is mapping the majority of large rivers in the county including the Jefferson, Ruby, Beaverhead and Madison.

A development in the Spanish Peaks resort in Big Sky, Mont. has been in progress since Jan 2019. The application could have been reviewed, the staff report prepared and a public hearing scheduled, but was tabled by the applicant. The Big Sky Fire Department is advocating for a station in the Spanish Peaks area before beginning development. A year extension has been given and is set to expire at the end of June.

A new protocol for addressing non-911 related locations, power addresses, was adopted. Six addresses have been assigned using the new method so far. Hogle hoped sorting the addresses would

limit confusion and chaos.

"One of the goals of tonight's regularly scheduled meeting is to test our capabilities of sufficiently and adequately corresponding and communicating in a public meeting format," Hogle explained.

Concerns regarding hosting a public hearing virtually led to the third postponement of the Lee's Pool Subdivision public hearing. The Board discussed a variety of options to host a public hearing before entering Phase Two of Gov. Steve Bullock's reopening plan including virtual, in person or mixed settings.

The Board discussed concerns regarding the public's ability to access pertinent documents related to the hearing and the assumption that internet access would be available to all. As of now, the Board is able to upload preliminary plats online.

"Our fiduciary responsibility is, for a public hearing, that if

there is public that wants to participate that we give them every opportunity," Board President Darlene Tussing said.

Asked if there was any knowledge of what other counties were doing to address this problem, Hogle offered that he could not find examples of other counties in the state holding public hearings during this time.

The Board ultimately decided to postpone the Lee's Pool public hearing to their regularly scheduled meeting on June 29.

"The hope is that Phase Two will allow for more flexibility for the Planning Board and interested public to conventionally convene in accordance with the applicable social distancing standard, in addition to that meeting also being conducted virtually/electronically in order to accommodate participation by 'at risk' individuals," Hogle said.

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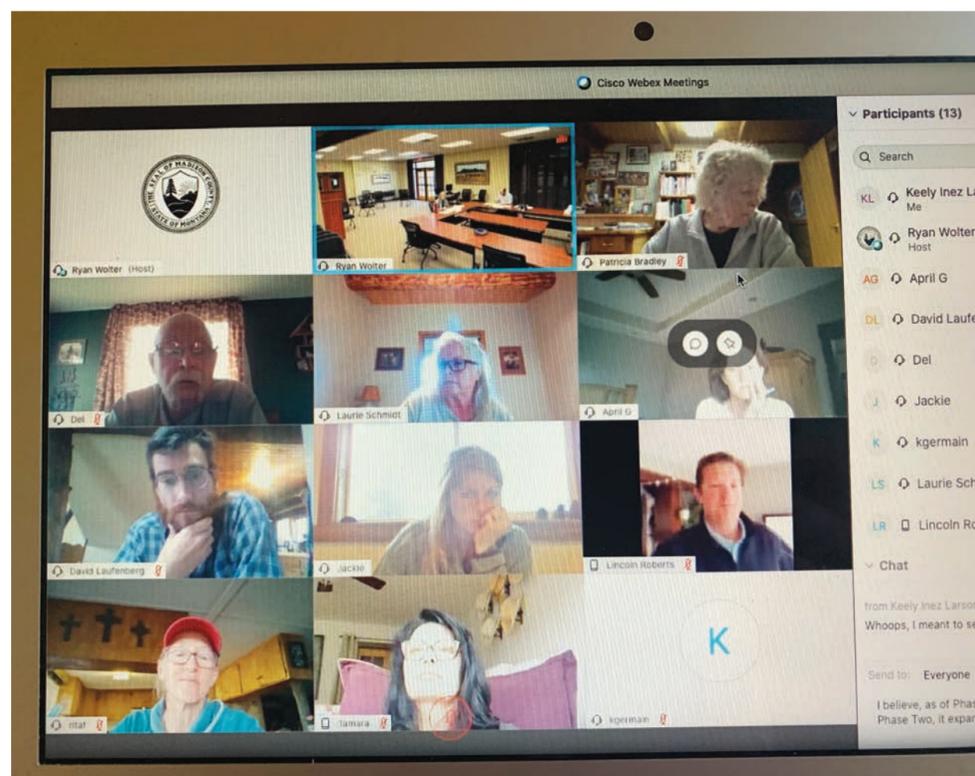
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A Board member expressed that this format may have worked for a meeting moderated by Board members, but may not work as a setting for a public hearing with more moving parts.

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PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

Hospital Week at the Madison Valley Medical Center

Submitted by
DOTTIE FOSSEL

May 11-15 Madison Valley Medical Center, (MVMC) will be celebrating Hospital Week. The idea of Hospital Week was conceived in Chicago as a public health care event that encouraged trust in the city's hospitals after the Spanish Flu outbreak of 1918, which killed more than 600,000 Americans. As we have all experienced the recent pandemic, practiced

social distancing and sheltered in place, celebrating Hospital Week is even more appropriate this year.

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

Monday through Friday there will be activities to increase camaraderie and

team spirit. Employees will be taking department wide pictures with their new jackets. Monday, staff will be treated to breakfast of granola, yogurt, eggs, juice, fruit and muffins, Tuesday-smoothies and cookies, Wednesday-popcorn and flavored water, Thursday- ice cream and water, and Friday- granola bars and juice. The week also culminates honoring all employees with a pizza lunch. At that time, Appreciation and

Years of Service Awards will be presented to employees for 1, 3, 5 and 10 years of service.

In view of the present pandemic, if community members visit MVMC during Hospital Week, or any time, they are encouraged to thank our employees for their service. Allen Rohrback, CEO and Dottie Fossel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees commend our dedicated staff who deliver high quality care every day of every week

Seasonal employees during the pandemic

Madison County summer workers amidst COVID-19

By HANNAH KEARSE
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The warmer months bring more than wildflowers to Madison County, droves of workers return each year for seasonal employment.

Some of Madison County's largest industries and employers rely on seasonal employees for summer operations. According to the Montana Department of Labor and Industry's 2018 statistics, seasonal employees make up about 21% of Montana's workforce. The COVID-19 pandemic has created logistical and public health obstacles around those employees.

"It's risk versus benefit," Madison County Public Health Director Mellissa Brummel

said.

The U.S. Forest Service assembles fire-crews for wildfire season and forestry crews to maintain national forests. The Madison Range District's employees increase each spring to service the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and its surrounding communities.

About 13 seasonal Forest Service employees will join the Madison Range District by May 11, according to Madison District Ranger Dale Olson. Most of them are coming in from other parts of the state or out-of-state. The Madison Range District has increased its living quarters and other protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

"I hope we're prepared,"

Olson said. "We're doing all that we can. It's one of those things, it's a really tough situation but we're doing the best we can."

Madison Range District's seasonal employees agreed to daily temperature checks and will self-quarantine for 14-days upon arrival. Forest Service facilities across the Madison Valley, which are not usually used to house seasonal employees, will help accommodate one person per room. Module schedules will keep crews working with the same group the whole time.

"All working as a unit, living as a unit and driving as a unit," Olson said.

The Madison Ranger District will be able to isolate a single COVID-19 case but is limited beyond that. Forest Service seasonal employees are active, at varying degrees, in Madison County through October.

Contracted crews – such as an Oregon crew to cut conifers in the upper Ruby Valley in July – will be stationed in Madison County for the duration of their contracted work. The contracted companies are responsible for implementing COVID-19 protocols for its employees.

Montana's hospitality and recreation services drastically peak in summer. Tourism is a major economic driver for Madison County, with its recreational opportunities.

John Way, an outfitter and owner of the Tackle Shop in Ennis, will have two less full-time seasonal fishing guides this summer. Way's customer base has been significantly reduced due to travel restrictions and protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. Way said about 90% of his in-store business is from out-of-state customers, who will not likely be frequenting

his Main Street fly shop this summer.

"The 14-day quarantine is a death blow to the tourism industry," Way said.

Montana's directive for people coming into Montana during the state emergency is to quarantine for 14 days. If people are coming into Montana for less than 14 days, they have to quarantine their entire stay.

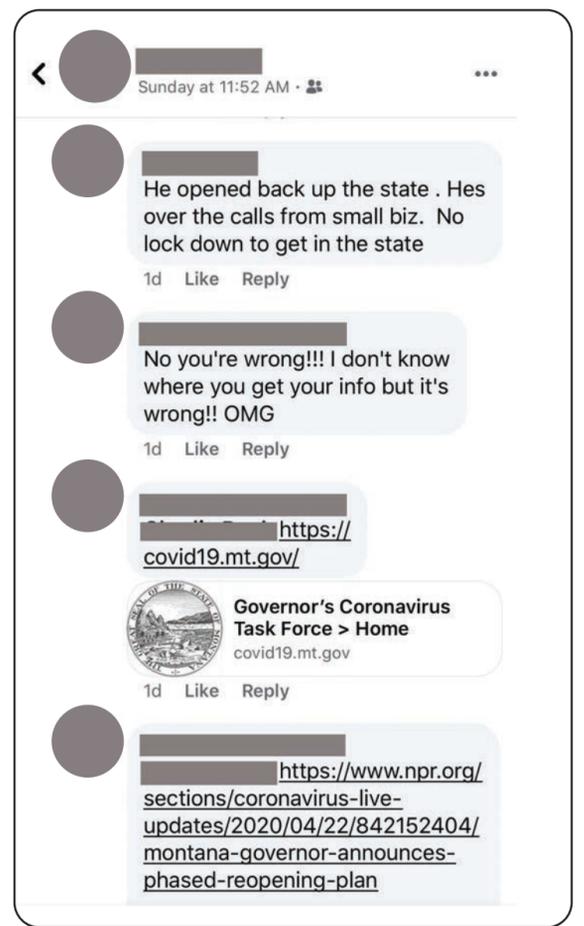
According to Way, his four guides from Bozeman, Oregon and Georgia came to work in early March. Fishing guides who have recently landed in the Big Sky for their big season, will have to do a 14-day quarantine as the state mandates for all travelers. A certain few will be able to do shop-work from home. Most fishing guides make their money with their clientele, which the virus is likely to reduce throughout the summer season.

"In a business that has six months of a season, we just lost two months," Way said. "There's a lot of uncertainties looking forward."

A seasonal fishing guide from out of state, has been guiding on the Madison River for years. He will not be guiding this season but has plans to make multiple fishing trips throughout the summer. A friendly neighbor saw a chance on Facebook to correct his misconceptions about Montana's partially opened state.

"Personal accountability is important," Brummel said. "But people owe others [who are coming into Montana] the education. They need to be providing people with what they need."

The Governor's Office has advised outfitters and guides with guidelines. It is



A year round resident provides a seasonal resident with accurate information about Montana's partially opened status April 26.

recommended that guides and customers physically distance themselves between each other and other groups by six feet, and to wear face masks when practical.

Customers must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before

fishing trips. Customers who have symptoms must reschedule their trips. Customers from out-of-state must complete the 14-day quarantine requirement before hunting and fishing on public lands.



John Way sponsors an event at his Tackle Shop on Main Street in Ennis September 2019. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

Reopening Montana's economy: restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries and casinos

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Madison County embarked on another stage of Montana's partially reopening economy May 4.

Restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries and casinos were allowed to reopen under strict physical distancing protocols and sanitation practices. Most of Montana's on-premises dining and beverage businesses have been closed since March 24, when the Governor's Office issued a statewide closure in response to COVID-19.

"Excited, nervous – I just don't want to go back to this point," Tavern 287 owner Bruce Eiting said. "I hope we're not doing it too soon, but we won't know until we try."

The capacities of Madison County's dining and beverage

businesses will be cut in half. Patrons cannot be served at bars or counters and are limited to three people groups. Spacing between tables, groups and gaming machines have to adhere to social distancing standards. Proper sanitation has to be implemented, and employees have to be trained to administer it regularly and in between customers.

Madison County's Public Health Director Melissa Brummel said there is no right time to begin reopening the county.

"I believe we need to move forward at some point," Brummel said. "It's trial and error."

Madison County's Main Street businesses will be a remnant of its typical summer bustle. The restrictions will continue for the foreseeable future. There is no expiration date for Montana's phase one of reopening. The loosened restrictions of the

second phase are dependent on the successes of the first phase.

"My biggest concern is the bars, breweries and places serving drinks because the loss of inhibition that comes with alcohol," Brummel said. "We will have to be forgiving with each other and businesses, as long as we make the best decisions based on the most current information we have."

"I believe we need to move forward at some point," Brummel said. "It's trial and error."



An empty Tavern 287 in Ennis. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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OPINION

Can you tell me what Montana's largest industry is?

Dear Montanans,

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John F. Kennedy expressed it best, "The farmer is the only man in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and

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In the Montana U.S. Congressional Race, ONLY ONE CANDIDATE can be a guardian of the heartbeat and lifeline of Montana. That candidate is Joe Dooling. As a life-long agriculture producer, Joe, his wife Julie and their family have experienced first-hand the impacts of mismanagement of Montana agricultural interests. Volatile/monopolized markets, water rights, land access, limitations in Ag lending, as well as crop loss and lack of financial support. Joe hasn't played victim to these challenges and has been proactive at the local, state and even national level to protect the interests of Montana and fight to make changes

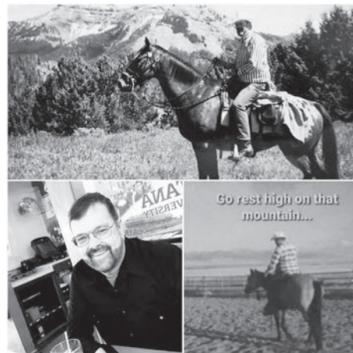
in policies that were set by outside parties that didn't have the experience, knowledge or education to make these decisions. Like Montanans do, Joe has diversified and adapted to the challenges in order to contribute to the lifeline of Montana. As I write this, Joe is either in the field on his tractor, feeding hay to his cattle or bottle feeding their bum calf. He not only is a steward of the land, but shepherd of his animals, and a provider to his family and community.

That ONE vote, the RIGHT vote in Washington, WILL bring life back to Montana.

Marti Laknar Shields
Dillon, MT

OBITUARIES

John Richard Tomlinson



John Richard Tomlinson passed away in peace Sunday, April 26, 2020 at the age of 68. Preceded in death by the love of his life Patti and her children Alisha, Lori and Matthew. Loving brother of David, Tracy, Susan, Pat and Barb. Proud uncle of Courtney, Gray, Ashley and John David. Further survived by other relatives and many friends. John will be fondly remembered as a gentle giant who never met a stranger and had a story for every occasion. John had a smile that could light up a room, a laugh that could lift the darkest mood and a hug that made you feel like you were the most important person in the world. He had a way of always being cheerful that was infectious. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved Montana and his little town of Ennis. John was everyone's favorite post master, a proud patriot and a U.S. Navy Veteran. Private family services were held.

Jackie Marie Winger

February 27, 1934 to April 19, 2020



Jackie "Marie" Winger (Aunt Betty), 86 of Sheridan, Mont. went to be with her loving husband Paul Winger on April 19, 2020.

Marie was born on February 27, 1934 in Twin Bridges, Mont. She was a wife, mother, sister, aunt, but most of all she was a grandmother - to her own grandchildren and so many others - and a great-grandma. There wasn't a kid in the world, a pet or a needy animal, or a lost soul that wasn't welcomed into Marie's home. Her door was always open and there was always a hot cup of coffee and something delicious cooking

in her kitchen for anyone who dropped by for a visit. She loved baking and was well known for her cookies, scratch German Chocolate cake, and cinnamon rolls. Marie had competitions with Jean Shipp on who could make the best biscuits and cinnamon rolls. Marie loved being outdoors, irrigating, feeding the animals, gardening and just "dinging around." She had quite the green thumb some would say, and her house plants were proof of that. Marie's Christmas cactus could very well win the Grand Champion prize. It blooms year round and was something she was very proud of. Marie loved listening to Charlie Pride and Alan Jackson.

Marie had a heart of gold, a smile that could melt butter, and a grin that almost made you suspicious of what she was really cooking up in the back of her mind. She was always full of spunky remarks and witty come backs.

Marie held her family, friends, and extended family near and dear to her heart. She

loved each and every one of them and made sure that they knew it. If you had an event that was important to you, Marie was there come rain or shine, wind or snow, even if it meant she had to be bundled up head to toe. It didn't matter what it was: Daniel or Dax's soccer and baseball games in Dillon, Savanna's cross country meets anywhere in the state, a boring spring concert, a wedding, or any of her beloved children or grandchildren's numerous sporting events or other activities. Marie never missed a graduation; against better judgement, she even sat through a three hour graduation at that other school in the state that we don't talk about (you know - the U of M). She was so proud of her family and extended family. Her eyes would light up and she would gush with joy talking about each and every one of them.

Marie and her sister Sue never missed a good garage sale.

Marie was preceded in death by her beloved husband Paul Winger, parents John

and Mary Warden, brothers, Tom, Bob, Bus, and Dean, sisters Rusty and Melva, grandson Jake Winger and her cherished pets, Ellie, Zoe, and Church.

She is survived by her sisters Sue, Belle, and Fran, son Jack Winger, daughters Linda (Jim) McLaughlin, Shelia (David) Pearson, and Melanie Holmes, Grandchildren Detra (Bernie) Kelly, Candace and Paul Elser, Beth (Andron), Joe (Tamara) McLaughlin and Spencer and Savanna Stewart, Justin (Jennifer), James Winger, Stacey (David), Samantha (Scott), Joe (Siera), Kayla (Matt), Great Grandchildren, Emma and Hana Kelly, Aidan, Kendra, Adisen, Alysa, Brylee, Mathew, Jon, Paige, Haily, Jaimye, Jemma, Jordynn, Jaycee, Cora, Ty, Tyler, Trista, Andru, Brittini, Jaxel, Jayzei, Daniel and Dax Dieterich and great-great-grandchild Avery.

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2. Better fiscal responsibility: Purchasing materials as they are needed, not buying just to spend money that is budgeted to keep from giving it back or being budgeted less the next year. Nowadays most materials can be delivered in a couple of days or overnight.
3. More transparency and openness in the way the commissioners are running the county government: Issues here involve formation and filling of new county positions; complaints, lawsuits, grievances being filed against the county. What are the reasons these actions are being taken?

There are more issues and no doubt more will keep happening, that's part of the job. I will work to handle these issues in a timely manner and follow through on them. I will not take anybody's input and tell them something just to get rid of them and let them think I agree with them when I don't. I care about Madison County and want to see issues worked out. Contact me at 843-5560, leave a message if I'm gone.

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Deemo donates

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Deemo is Chris DiMichele's, owner of Deemo's Meats, childhood nickname and therefore the namesake of the business. "I'm your big sister. I have to take care of you and look after you," Rosemary Patterson said, recalling talking to DiMichele. She wanted him to get some recognition for his good deed.

At the end of March, DiMichele donated almost \$1,000 worth of food to the Ennis Food Bank, right as the coronavirus crisis was really unfolding. Ron Hardwick from the Food Bank came to pick up the truck load and DiMichele gave it to him no charge.

"There's so many people that this crisis will affect, and I felt I should just say, here it is!" DiMichele said.

Since then, Deemo's provided two more loads of food to the Food Bank, charging cost plus 5%. Before the coronavirus, DiMichele donated to the Food Bank regularly, helping whenever he could, processing wild game and beef.

"He's a good guy. He worked in the meat industry since he was 20 years old," his sister said.

DiMichele knew he would own his own business one day. He 'pounded nails' for ten years before returning to the meat business. Deemo's has been his for eight years now and he has lived in Ennis for 22. A daughter and two grandkids extend his ties to the town.

"They've been supporting me for eight years," DiMichele said of the Ennis community. "I'm blessed that I could do it."

Perhaps in the minority, DiMichele found himself with a job and a crew and in a position to help as the coronavirus changed just about everything. Doing so was not even a question. "I got the best crew in the world here. I couldn't do it without them. They're not all related family, but they are all family," he said.

DiMichele has owned Deemo's for eight years and lived in Ennis for 22. PHOTO COURTESY OF ROSEMARY PATTERSON

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2020 Noxious weed fundraiser canceled

Submitted by
MELISSA GRIFFITHS

For the last 21 years, the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group's Weed Committee has hosted very successful fundraising banquets at local ranches to support the Committee's efforts to suppress the spread of noxious weeds in the Madison Valley. Funds raised over the years have support-

ed many projects and have been used to treat thousands of acres utilizing a variety of treatment methods, including the use of innovative grazing methods, weed pulls, spray projects and biological control insects.

Together with this year's fundraiser hosts, Porter Bennett and Carolyn Quan of Hollow Top Ranch, the Weed Committee has decided to

forego this year's fundraiser in the face of the spread of COVID-19 and the economic impact it has had on the local community. The Weed Committee has relied on local businesses, artists, artisans and ranches to provide donations to the fundraiser. Now is the time to support these folks as they face serious economic issues. We hope that the communities will recover quickly

and support the local businesses who have been the backbone of local non-profits like the Weed Committee.

In the meantime, the Weed Committee along with our partner private landowners and county, state and federal agencies will continue to battle the threat of noxious weeds in our Valley. The biocontrol program, now led by Liz Davis, will continue to work to obtain

and release biological control insects for interested landowners. We also will roll out a new private cost-share program this year made possible through the success of last year's fundraiser. Landowners interested in surveying their noxious weeds, obtaining biocontrol insects or cost-share should feel free to contact the MVRG Weed Committee.

If you have questions or

wish to contribute to these weed management efforts, please contact MVRG Weed Committee - P.O. Box 330 - Ennis, MT 59729, mvrgrweeds@gmail.com or (406) 682-3731.

In the meantime, we will be working diligently to fight noxious weeds in the Madison Valley and looking forward to next year's fundraiser to be sponsored by Hollow Top Ranch on August 7, 2021!

FWP announces updates to COVID-19-related closures and suspensions

Submitted by JOLEEN TADEJ

People looking to get outside and enjoy spring will continue to have ample opportunities with Gov. Steve Bullock's phased approach to re-opening the state, which was announced Wednesday.

Most of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' sites typically open and operational at this time of year remain so. This includes all FWP fishing access sites, most state parks and those wildlife management areas that don't have seasonal closures.

People heading outside still need to keep in mind Montana's social distancing directives. Per Gov. Bullock's

"Reopening the Big Sky" plan, all who recreate outdoors should "avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing." They are further asked to "exercise frequent sanitation protocols if public facilities are open" and continue to follow all previously established hygiene measures. For more information on Gov. Bullock's plan, please visit COVID19.mt.gov.

The following FWP updates are in response to Gov. Bullock's plan announced on Wednesday:

- Overnight camping opportunities will resume at most FWP fishing access sites and state

parks on May 1.

- Campers between now and May 15 may encounter reduced amenities or limited services that are typical for the opening of early-season recreational sites. Please check the FWP website for specific site restrictions or closures.
- Group sites, including fishing piers, will open May 1.
- At all sites, as in other aspects of life, social distancing guidelines must be strictly followed.
- Visitor centers, park offices and FWP lobbies are still closed to the public at this time.
- Bannack State Park will remain closed until further notice.
- Float recreation on the

Smith River will resume May 5. Between now and then, FWP staff will continue to work with local and federal partners on ways to safely allow recreation in this popular state park and river corridor once recreation activities resume.

- Out-of-state travelers are still required to follow the governor's 14-day quarantine directive when they come to Montana, as they carry the risk of spreading COVID-19 to Montana residents. Guidance for those directives can be found at fwp.mt.gov/covid19. The directives include the requirements that those in quarantine cannot leave for groceries, recreation, work or any other activity.
- Paddlefish season (yellow

tag) closures on the Yellowstone and Lower Missouri rivers are still in effect.

- Paddlefish season (white tag) on the Upper Missouri River will run as usual from May 1 through June 15. However, this year there will be no snag-and-release opportunity. Visit fwp.mt.gov for information about other paddlefishing opportunities later in the year.
- Most wildlife management areas will remain under their normal seasonal closures until the standard May 15 date.
- The suspension of nonresident spring hunting for turkey and black bear expired April 24. As in other circumstances, out-of-state travelers must follow the governor's 14-day

quarantine directive.

- Hunter education class closures will extend through at least May 7. FWP is working to develop other class opportunities to meet the needs of students, and still align with social distancing guidelines and restrictions on the size of gatherings. As those logistics are finalized, more information will be available.

As the governor's plan progresses through its three phases, FWP will announce further updates. For more information on FWP's response to COVID-19, please visit fwp.mt.gov/covid19. For more information on Gov. Bullock's response, visit <https://covid19.mt.gov/>.



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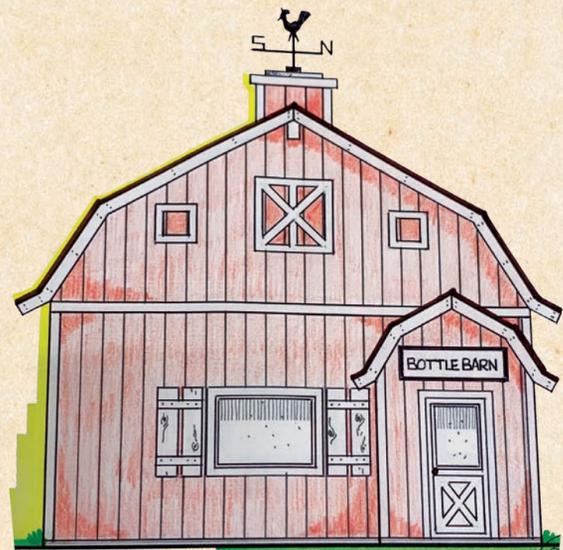
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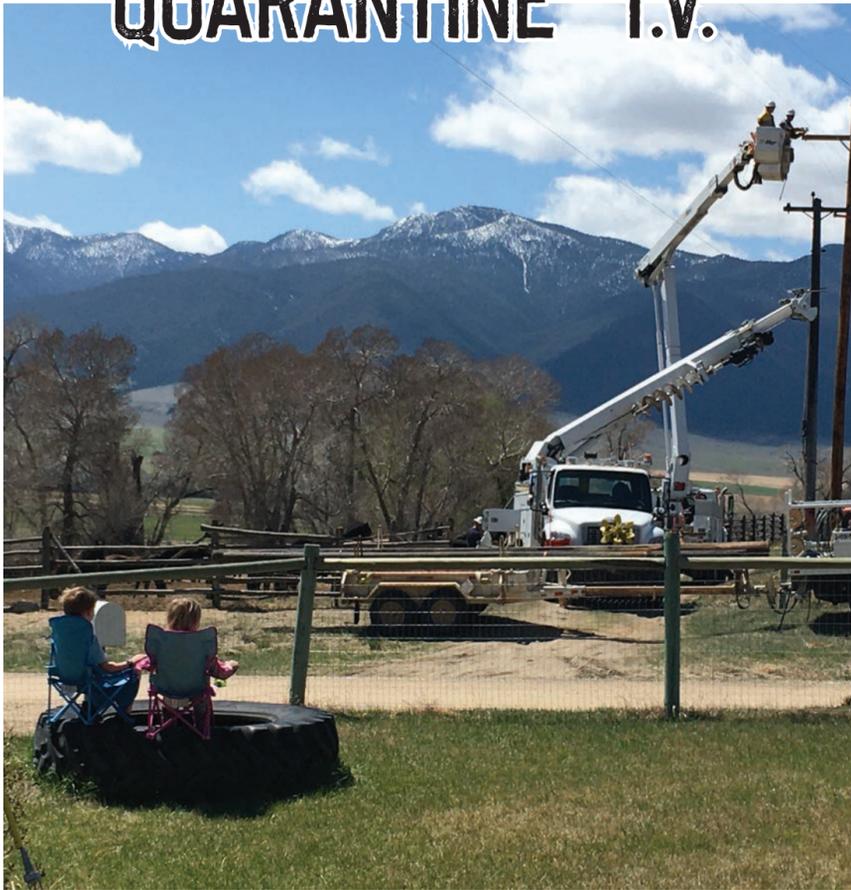
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Beaverhead River flushed to maintain aquatic habitat

Submitted by MTFWP

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, along with partners from the East Bench Joint Board and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, conducted a flushing flow out of Clark Canyon Reservoir Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3, to move sediment deposited in the Beaverhead River, helping restore and maintain aquatic habitat.

Beaverhead River discharges increased from overwinter releases of 90 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 600 cfs on May 1. Flows will be reduced to meet irrigation season demands over the next two days.

The Beaverhead River is a renowned trout fishery; however, trout populations have declined by as much as 50% immediately following large sediment deposits from Clark Canyon Creek, and habitat recovery has been slow. These events occur randomly after large rain or snowstorms that coincide with low flow releases from the reservoir.

After studies were conducted to determine the cause of these events and what it would take to avoid negative impacts on fish populations, the partner agencies decided to store 2,100 acre feet of water and conduct a flushing flow from Clark Canyon Reservoir to move sediment and maintain habitat health.

The first flushing flow was released in 2017, and it was effective in clearing sediment and improving river health.

The Beaverhead River supports 2,000 to 3,000 trout per mile in its upper reach. The river sees about 40,000 angler days per year, and recreationists who come to enjoy the river spend several million dollars locally each year.

BLM to temporarily close road along Madison River

Submitted by DAVID ABRAMS

A road along the Madison River in southwestern Montana will get a fresh face this spring thanks to the Bureau of Land Management.

North Bear Trap Road in Madison County closed temporarily on May 4 for two weeks as workers from the BLM's Butte Field Office resurface portions of the route.

The closure is due to the narrow nature of the road and the lack of pullouts along the route. For more information, call the Butte Field Office at (406) 533-7600.

CORRECTION

The I Heart Ennis Chamber of Commerce call for art is due May 29 to the Chamber, not May 8.



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Please have this done by May 15th, 2020. Any items left after that date will be removed. Yes, we know we have a new crop of gophers and they are being dealt with daily!

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Sunday
 Partly cloudy. High around 60F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.

Monday
 Intervals of clouds and sunshine in the morning with more clouds for later in the day. High 57F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.

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Celebrating Mother's Day in a different way BUT STILL MAKING IT SPECIAL

By KEELY LARSON
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Mother's Day may look a little different this year. Some families have been spending an increased amount of time with their moms while others are unable to visit. Both scenarios in consideration, there are still ways to make the holiday special for moms and grandmas alike.

While visitation from family members is prohibited at this time, Madison County

nursing homes are making sure the celebrated women feel special on Sunday. Typically, at Tobacco Roots Mountain Care Center in Sheridan, families were invited to a big party and a meal was served buffet style. This year, residents will dine on a steak dinner in honor of the mothers and grandmothers at the care center.

Gail Nelson, activities director at Tobacco

Roots, recalled when neighbors used to stake flamingoes in each other's yards. In lieu of not being able to enter the center, she suggested families take flowers, real or fake, and stake them around the care center. It could be anything really, she said—flowers, posters, pictures. Anything with the purpose of bringing a smile to a mother's face.

FOR FAMILIES SPENDING MORE TIME TOGETHER THAN USUAL

- * Pick a hobby mom enjoys and dive into it with her. Has she been crocheting more while at home? Ask her to teach you the basics. Has she been going on evening walks? Join her.

- * Breakfast in bed has never been such an excellent idea. To really put a cherry on top, drop off the breakfast, give her a favorite book and close the door behind you.

- * Plan a dinner with an actual menu. Fancy or low-key, use the menu to guide the evening, scratching in things like pauses for a card game or calling a best friend.

FOR FAMILIES WITH MOTHERS OR GRANDMOTHERS OUT OF STATE

- * Send a meal from her favorite restaurant. So many are offering delivery services, you could support local eateries and give an unexpected treat at the same time.

- * Make a gratitude video. Film snippets of your family members saying what they love about mom or grandma, reminiscing about memories or retelling hilarious stories.

- * Start a scrapbooking project. Go through old photos and either get started on the scrapbook if you have the materials, or grab a sheet of paper and start designing the final product. To make it even more special, call mom or grandma and encourage them to go through their photos too and put it together, together.

FOR FAMILIES WITH MOTHERS OR GRANDMOTHERS IN FACILITIES

- * Drop by the residence parade-style. Find some balloons, make colorful signs with sweet sentiments and drive by her nursing home window with the family. Check with the facility first to make sure you will be seen and to discern appropriate times.

- * Use arts and crafts time, which you undoubtedly took part in if you had younger children home more frequently, to make a Mother's Day gift to mail. Anything with handprints, glitter and painted flowers will be perfectly acceptable.

- * Send flowers. Tried and true, never not lovely. If local flower shops are unavailable, grocery stores generally have options and may be offering delivery services.



Barrett Hospital & HealthCare phases in some services and elective procedures, further enhances safety measures

Submitted by CHRISTIE TRAPP

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare announced plans to open more clinic visits, diagnostic imaging services, lab testing, along with physical, occupational and speech therapies, as well as some elective procedures. For safety, a mandatory mask policy for patients and staff on both campuses is in place, requiring masks to be worn in the hospital and clinic.

Elective procedures are surgeries and other proce-

dures that are planned and are performed in the hospital Operating Room. Patients scheduled for elective procedures that could require intubation or aerosol-generating procedures are COVID-19 tested several days prior to their procedure. COVID-19 testing samples from elective procedure patients are sent off for lab analysis and take about three to four business days for results. Patients will need to self-quarantine for the period of time between the test sample being collected and the date of their scheduled procedure.

The Montana Hospital Association now recommends restarting elective procedures, after calling for them to be canceled in late March as concerns grew over a potential spike of COVID-19 cases. "We're pleased that the stay-at-home policies have been successful in diminishing the impact of COVID-19 locally," said Ken Westman, CEO Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. "The pause in non-essential procedures was a strategy to 'conserve critical resources' for the COVID-19 outbreak. We understand that it has been challenging on patients to delay elective procedures and we are working thoroughly to ensure safety measures are in place that will give patients, their families, our staff and others the peace of mind and assurances that they can safely get the care they need." Barrett Hospital & HealthCare says in time it will slowly ramp-up additional services, and yet,



is ready to scale back services and elective procedures if necessary.

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare has put in place many other safety measures at its hospital and clinic:

- Patients are screened for fever and respiratory symptoms at the entrances.

- All employees are screened when they come to work.
- A mandatory mask policy for patients and staff.
- Cloth masks for patients are being distributed at all open entrances to those who do not already have one.
- No visitors are allowed on campus unless a caregiver is

- needed to assist the patient.
- Patients are being asked to arrive for appointments right when they start.
- Patients will be waiting in their cars until called in for some services.
- Hand sanitizer is available for good hand hygiene practices.

- Waiting and common areas have been redesigned to allow for 6 feet of social distancing.
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- Dr. Kathy Meyer is seeing chiropractic patients every Tuesday and Thursday at the Twin Bridges clinic. You can call 684-5546 to make an appointment
- Scott Rigdon, CRNA, will be providing non-surgical pain management treatments in Sheridan on May 8th, May 22nd and June 12th. Please call 842-5453 for an appointment.
- We continue to provide Lab and Radiology services in Sheridan with protocols to protect our elderly and immuno-compromised patients.

If you have concerns about a respiratory illness or exposure to coronavirus, please call (406) 842-5453 or (406) 683-4295. Please DO NOT come directly to Ruby Valley Medical Center or the Twin Bridges clinic.

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Staying connected to fight loneliness

Submitted by NIH

Positive relationships with friends and family help us thrive. Without social connections, it's easy to feel lonely or isolated.

Many of us have been spending more time alone in our homes lately. While anyone can feel lonely, certain factors increase your risk. Major life changes or losses can increase feelings of loneliness.

Older adults are at greater risk because they're more likely to live alone. Mobility issues can make it harder to leave the house. And sensory

issues like vision and hearing loss can contribute to feeling isolated.

No matter what your age, it's important for your health to stay socially connected. Loneliness can take a toll. It's linked to higher rates of depression and heart disease, and can weaken your immune system. Here are some strategies to help stay connected if you're feeling lonely.

Get your heart going. Exercise has been shown to reduce stress and boost your mood. Whether it's sweating to a workout video or taking a walk around your neighbor-

hood, exercise can help. You might also consider getting a pet. Animals can be a source of comfort and companionship.

Many people are using technology to connect with friends and family virtually. Take time to reach out to others by phone or online. A call or video chat can remind you that you're not alone.

Providing social support or helping others in need can give meaning to our lives and help combat feelings of isolation or disconnection. Learn more.





COLUMNS



COMMODITY INSITE: IT IS WHAT IT IS

BY JERRY WELCH

This is my week to vent. To express amazement and bewilderment toward a number of markets and how they have been performing in recent days. In some cases, I understand what is motivating the markets and prices. In other cases, I am appalled at what is unfolding. But I also accept the abstract idea, "it is what it is."

The cattle market: This week, boxed beef prices rose to new all-time highs and up to levels never before seen. Boxed beef is nothing more than various cuts of beef put in boxes for shipping from a packer and packing plant to retailers such as grocery stores.

In the period of November 2014 to the spring of 2015, cattle futures and cash cattle traded \$168 to \$172 respectively. But this week, as boxed beef prices rose to new, record

high prices, cattle futures traded under \$85 and cash cattle no better than \$95 to \$100. In other words, in today's marketplace, the packer is buying cattle on the cheap but selling beef at record high levels. Thus, a huge amount of money is being made in the cattle industry but by the packers, not cattle ranchers. Never have I witnessed such a lop-sided scenario. But it is what it is.

The stock market vs. the commodity markets: Stocks as measured by the Dow Jones collapsed until about a month ago. Since then, the Dow has rallied more than 6000 points and is up 35% in April, the best monthly performance in 82 years and down 16% from the all-time high point set in early February. And not a day goes by without the boys and girls on Wall Street wringing

their collective hands about how poorly stocks are doing, showing a 16% loss for the year.

However, the CRB index that is to the commodity markets as the Dow Jones is to the stock market is 42% lower for this calendar year. The CRB index is weighted towards 19 commodities: Aluminum, Cocoa, Coffee, Copper, Corn, Cotton, Crude Oil, Gold, Heating Oil, Lean Hogs, Live Cattle, Natural Gas, Nickel, Orange Juice, RBOB Gasoline, Silver, Soybeans, Sugar and Wheat. The bottom line with commodities is clear. They are doing far worse than stocks, equities, the Dow and so forth. It is those that produce commodities of all kinds that are justified in wringing their collective hands about the markets. Not the boys and girls on Wall Street. But it is

what it is.

The CRB Index has been slammed so hard this month it is back down to levels not seen since late 1999 to early 2002. One of the main fundamental reasons the CRB is dropping so sharply is because of crude oil. An old saying in the world of hard asset markets is, "as crude goes, so go commodities." And that is the big problem commodities per se are facing. Collapsing crude oil values is pulling most commodity markets deep into the red.

Here's a question that needs answering. What is the fate of corn prices with crude now at low levels never before seen in history while at the same time, the CRB index at a 19 to 20 year low? From AgWeb.com with a headline: "As Oil Trades Below \$0, Will Corn or Ethanol be Next?"

AgWeb goes on to state, "The oil trade on Monday was one for the history books. For the first time in history, oil traded below \$0, providing proof the downside risk with commodities is not just \$0."

Corn prices in the years 1999 to 2002 averaged around \$2.12 a bushel or, so but in 1999, the market did fall to a low \$1.96. Can history repeat itself moving forward even though corn prices for new crop 2020 are around the \$3.36 level? Fundamentally, I can build a case for new crop 2020 corn to eventually fall to \$2.70, give or take a bit. But I doubt corn can fall below \$2 a bushel. At least I hope so!

Crude oil prices have collapsed to the lowest levels in history and the CRB index is today, where it was 18 to 20 years ago. Where were gas prices at the pump you ask

back then? From 1999 to 2002, gas at the pump averaged \$1.37 a gallon. However, in February, 1999, prices at the pump fell to \$.99 cents a gallon with prices in St. Louis falling as low as \$.79 per gallon.

Big Oil is not lowering gasoline at the pumps to save consumers money. The cattle packing industry is not sharing the windfall profits with cattle ranchers. It is a frustrating situation. But it is what it is.

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HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

Reflections on some supernatural math experiences

By Art Kehler

I was still in elementary school when I came to the realization that math-related subjects were the most difficult for me to learn. It's not that I was an idiot at them, it's just that the subject-matter did not come to me easily. Perhaps that can be attributed to the fact that I tend to comprehend things that are real, things that I can pick up in my grubby little meat hooks and feel. Consequently, those funny looking symbols scrawled across the blackboard just didn't seem real to me. It was only after I came to the conclusion that numbers were more than symbols and began to envision them as tangible objects, that I was able to do

reasonably well at arithmetic. Then, I signed up for an algebra class.

Previously, the arithmetic I had learned involved only numbers. Now, to my utter dismay, some fool had seen fit to devise equations that included letters of the alphabet. What was he thinking? Wasn't working with numbers difficult enough? Naturally, I was aghast.

Even worse, shortly into the first class, I was informed that the purpose of Algebra I was to find a mysterious "unknown variable." For a tangibly-inclined student like me, the word "unknown" hinted at something supernatural.

Furthermore, the word "variable" meant something that is changeable. So, I quickly surmised that I would be spending endless hours looking for a bunch of unspecified numbers with values that fluctuated. Splendid!

To begin, I was subjected to the standard question that every novice algebra student endures: "If Susie has X amount of lambs, and Mary has half as many lambs as Susie, how many lambs does Mary have? To me, the obvious answer was, $-\frac{1}{2}X$. Because I am not psychic, and thus had no idea what the value of X was, I informed my teacher that I'd simply call Susie and ask how many lambs she

had. Regrettably, the old girl thought my answer was severely lacking in algebraic aptitude. Thus, was I introduced to the bewildering realm of -- "voodoo-mathematics."

Years later in college, I took a required statistics class. On the initial day of that class, I suffered a barrage of mathematical blather that made the algebra equation seem like child's play. With a rapturous look in his eyes, the professor proclaimed -- "I want the class to assume that the universe is made up of an infinite number of variables. Furthermore, we're going to reach up and pull down a number of those variables and assign them

a value. Then, we are going to put them under a bell curve and establish a means and a standard deviation.

At that point, my mind suffered voodoo-economics overload and simply shut down. After all, I had been staring at the sky for decades and never saw single variable. So, just how was I supposed to pull some down, let alone assign them a value? While trying desperately to gain control of my spinning mind, I distinctly remember hearing several students sobbing uncontrollably. One young man was beating his head on his desk. I derived comfort in knowing that I wasn't alone in my voodoo-mathematics dis-

orientation.

Despite my rocky start, I actually got a passing grade in statistics. To this day, I don't know how that came about. Fortunately, it was the last voodoo-mathematics class I was required to pass before graduation. Since then, I'm pretty sure there have been a few occasions when I used what I learned in voodoo mathematics classes. It's just that I can't remember when they were.

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



A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

Old Man in the Mirror

He kicked off two wool blankets, put his feet down on the floor. His plumb full bladder told him, "Empty out your reservoir." So, he stumbled down the hallway, passed a cracked and aging mirror. The cowboy's true reflection forced an old man to appear. His face was worn and wrinkled, gray hair knotted on his head. Eyebrows kinked and twisted showed a hint of younger red. The wrinkles in his face proved years of riding in the sun, and maybe too much bourbon from his younger days of fun. The cowboy quizzed the old man. "Are you sure you're really me?" The old goat in the mirror replied, "You don't like what you see?" "So, please let me remind you how the two of us grew old. You chose the life of cowboy, but your life has been ten-fold. "You raised three boys on this old ranch and showed them how to work. They learned from pure example from a man who doesn't shirk. "I know you're disappointed 'cuz they moved off from this land. But now they're raising families. Hope you'll try to understand. "No matter where they are there's still the cowboy in their veins. They're far off in the city, but their hands still hold the reins. "I see you're always thinking how your life is all uphill. But hey, we still got all our teeth, and a healthy dentist bill. "A cowboy's life ain't easy. It's been tough on your old hide. But you've earned the brand as cowboy. You can wear the name with pride. "Count your blessings cowboy. There ain't many men like you. Cowboys are a dying breed. Your time is almost due. "So next time, when you're feeling like you're lower than a splat, just step up to this grand old mirror. We'll have a cowboy chat."



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 16. Happen again
 17. Freudian topic
 18. In a fitting way
 19. *Hopkins' Lecter to ____'s Starling
 21. *McGillis' Charlie to ____'s Maverick
 23. Unagi
 24. Undesirable row
 25. Stuff in a tray?
 28. The Tramp's love interest
 30. Hairy vertebrate
 35. "Best ____ schemes o' mice an' men"
 37. Be inclined
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 40. Debussy's "Clair de ____"
 41. D'Artagnan's weapon, pl.
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 48. Post-roller coaster ride state
 50. The Coen brothers' "True ____"
 52. ____ Diego
 53. Deuce topper
 55. Lamb's mother
 57. *Clark's Rhett to ____'s Scarlett
 60. *John's Danny to ____'s Sandy
 63. Continually annoy
 64. Matterhorn, e.g.
 66. Cooler clime conifer
 68. Do like phoenix
 69. Tiger's peg
 70. *My Own Private ____"
 71. Thou ____, or you have
 72. Bajillion years
 73. Article of faith

- DOWN**
1. 2020 Easter mo.
 2. Not kosher
 3. Meal in a shell
 4. Occupied, two words
 5. El Chapo's organization
 6. "What ____ Happened to Baby Jane?"
 7. *Billy's Harry to ____'s Sally
 8. Investor's asset
 9. ____-Guarani languages
 10. Liberal pursuits
 11. Archipelago unit
 12. Bovine hangout
 15. Posterior, anatomically speaking
 20. Fill with optimism
 22. Basketball target
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27. Hinduism follower
29. *Knightley's Swann to ____'s Sparrow
31. *Cameron's Fiona to ____'s Shrek
32. List of options, pl.
33. Ancient Greeks' assembly area
34. Pretend, two words
36. ____ ex machina
38. Doe, e.g.
42. Sales pitch
45. Smallest at the clothing store
49. Second person of be
51. Lighted by twilight
54. Related on mother's side
56. Avoid, as in taxes
57. Designer Bradley
58. Osiris' wife
59. One third of a three-piece suit
60. Welcoming sign
61. A Flock of Seagulls' hit, 2 words
62. Soreness
63. "____, humbug!"
65. *Kate's Rose to ____'s Jack
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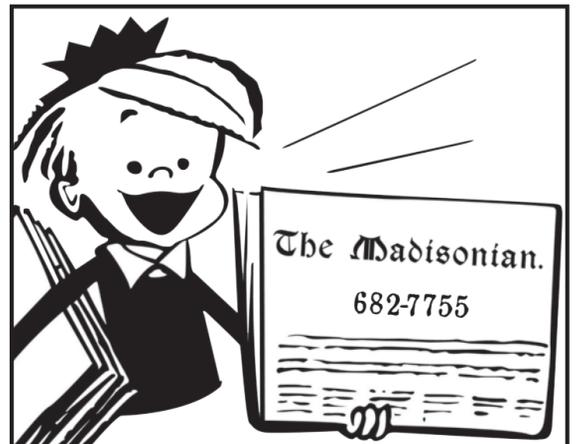
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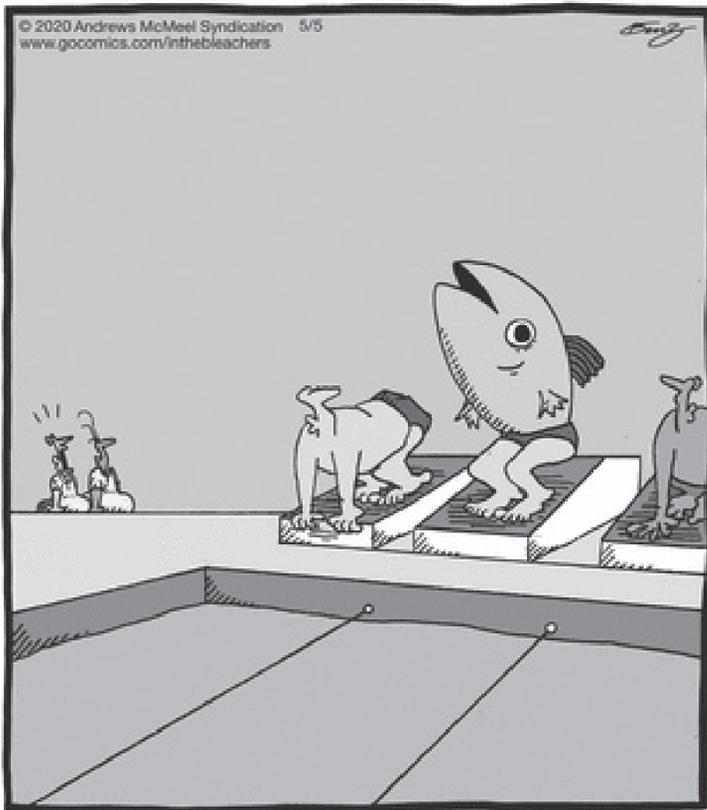


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Pet of the Week

.....Because it's time to meet your match

Boy howdy this newspaper's the best! I got adopted to a wonderful lady. I'm so happy to have a meowvalous home and family. Hope you come and adopt my friends here. Give Misty a call at 439-1405 and I'm sure she will find someone for you. For now I'm saying adios amigos. Adriano



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Student of the Week

MCKENZIE TAYLOR-CASEY, ENNIS STUDENT OF THE WEEK, has gone above and beyond with staying on top of things and asking for help when she needs it.

- McKenzie has always been that student that will go the extra mile to get something done the right way. During this offsite learning she has been on top of all of her assignments everyday. She is a genuine high school student that is always smiling and doing the right thing.
- In Spanish - she is a hard worker, she stays on task, she doesn't complain. She has come out of her shell so much this year.
- McKenzie is a compassionate human being and outstanding student. She values her education and approaches every task with positivity and enthusiasm. She is always dependable and has maintained her impressive work ethic throughout the entire school year. This hasn't changed during this time of distance learning. In the classroom, she often offers to help or complete extra tasks for no recognition or reward. She regularly pushes herself outside of her comfort zone in order to grow as a person, and she is always eager to learn something new. Her interests demonstrate that she cares deeply about others, not just in our community, but across the country and world as well. Again, McKenzie is not a student who requires praise or recognition in order to be outstanding, but she deserves the praise and recognition just the same.
- McKenzie is a sweet person who never has an unkind word towards anyone else. She is always smiling and thrives at school. She stepped out of her comfort zone and excelled at Speech, Drama, and Debate and Girls Softball.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

MAY 7, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Montana Fifth Judicial District Court, Madison County In the matter of the estate of GARY JACK LANCASTER, Deceased Probate No: DP-29-2018-19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of STUART R. WHITEHAIR, Attorney at Law, 403 West Mendenhall, Bozeman, MT 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 21st day of August, 2018 /s/ Theresa Tanascu Personal Representative of the Estate of Connie A. Richards, Deceased (Pub. APRIL 23, 30, May 7, 2020) WHITEHAIR MNAXLP

NOTICE OF ELECTION, CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that regular voter registration for the Madison County Primary Election scheduled for JUNE 2, 2020 will close at 5:00 p.m., MAY 26, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the deadline has been extended by three weeks in order for Montana voters to be able to register to vote by mail for a longer period of time, and to shorten the length of time afforded for "in-person" late registration and voting. You may request and submit a voter registration application by mail by calling the Election Office at 843-4270, by e-mailing your request to clerkandrecorder@madisoncountymt.gov OR you may find the form at Madison County's website: madisoncountymt.gov. This election will be conducted by MAIL! No regular polling places will be available! *NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote by appearing in person at the county election office at 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, beginning on May 27th through May 29th from 8 am to 5 pm, on Monday, June 1st from 8 am to noon; and on Election Day, June 2nd from 7 am to 8 pm. Please Note: Strict distancing restrictions will be in place for any in-person voting. All active and inactive electors in Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. HOWEVER, INACTIVE VOTERS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIL due to outdated information or lack of response from voters who have not recently cast a ballot in Madison County. Please call the Election Office at 843-4270, as soon as possible so that we can

assist you in updating your information, **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. Call our office at the number above. DATED this 24th of APRIL, 2020 Madison County /s/ Kathleen D. Mumme, Election Administrator (Pub. APRIL 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2020) MCR MNAXLP

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Section 85-2-233(6), MCA, Barry and Danielle McCoy filed a Motion to Amend their 1960 Beaverhead River Surface Water Claim 41B 120767-00. The requested amendments are to amend the place of use to include an additional 33 acres (1.50 acres in section 8 T8S, R9W; and 31.5 acres in section 17 T8S, R9W) in addition to the current 34.62 acres in section 8 T8S, R9W, and to reduce the priority from March 1, 1960 to April 17, 1973. The entirety of Claimant's motion may be viewed on the Montana Water Court website at: <https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/Notices-and-Information/public-notices-and-information>. Direct any questions concerning this requested amendment to attorney Ross P. Keogh at (406) 333-0520. Response or Objection Filing Deadline Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed in Case 41B-A500, Montana Water Court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389. A copy of any response or objection must be served on counsel for Barry and Danielle McCoy at: Ross P. Keogh Parsons Behle & Latimer 201 South Main Street, Suite 1800 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. Therefore, the filing deadline is: June 28, 2020 (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 2020) PBL MNAXLP

INVITATION TO BID TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL DISTRICT TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA CUSTODIAL SERVICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees for the Twin Bridges School District No. 7 will receive sealed bids for Custodial Services, as specified in the Contract Documents. This is a Custodial Services bid. The scope of work will be outlined in the contract documents. The initial contract period will begin July 1, 2020, and shall terminate on June 30, 2021, with an option to extend the agreement based on satisfactory service/performance with successive one (1) year renewals of the contract upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Board for a

total of a five (5) year contract. The Board may terminate the Agreement at any time for its convenience by providing at least ninety (90) days advanced written notice thereof. Sealed bids will be accepted at Twin Bridges School, 216 W 6th Ave, Twin Bridges, MT 59754, Attn: Tara Rhea, until the 15 day of May 2020, at 12:00 PM current Mountain Time, at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bidders shall clearly mark the envelope "Proposal for Custodial Services for Twin Bridges School District." Bids will only be accepted on the form provided within the Contract Documents. Contract Documents may be obtained through the main office at Twin Bridges School, 216 W 6th Ave, Twin Bridges, MT 59754. The Contractor shall comply with all fair labor practices and must meet the requirements of all local, state, and federal statutes including prevailing wage and hiring preferences. Each bidder and Contractor is required to have a current and valid Montana Contractor's Registration and Montana Contractor's License, as applicable, in the proper classification for the work bid, and such registration and license must remain valid throughout the period of the contract. Bids must fully comply with all requirements indicated in the Contract Documents. The bid will be awarded, if at all, to the contractor which the Twin Bridges School Board determines, at its sole discretion, to be the lowest responsible bidder considering conformity with specifications, terms of delivery, quality and serviceability. The Twin Bridges School District No. 7 reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to waive any and/or all informalities or technicalities, and to act in the best interest of the Twin Bridges School District No. 7. Board of Trustees Twin Bridges School District No. 7 216 W 6th Ave, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 21, 2020) TB SCHOOL MNAXLP

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. CAUSE NO.: DV-29-2020-28 In the matter of the name change of STACEY ABRAMS, Petitioner This is notice that a change of name from STACEY D. ABRAMS to STACY D. AVRAHAM. The hearing will be on JUNE 1, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: APRIL 23, 2020 Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court /S/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 21, 2020) ABRAMS MNAXLP

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. CAUSE NO.: DV-29-2020-29 In the matter of the name change of FRANZ K. ABRAMS, Petitioner This is notice that a change of name from FRANZ K. ABRAMS to JOSIAH FRANZ KERNAA AVRAHAM. The hearing will be on JUNE 1, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: APRIL 23, 2020 Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court /S/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 21, 2020) ABRAMS MNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: VARIANCE REQUEST FOR SUNROOM/PORCH ADDITION

On May 14, 2020, 6:45 p.m., at Ennis Town Hall the Zoning Board of Adjustment will review, take comments and make a decision on a variance request. The request is for and 8' x 32' sunroom/porch addition to a home, of which, is currently 25 feet from the property line. The addition would cause the home to be 17 feet from the front property line. The property is located at 410 S. First Street, Ennis, Montana. The Variance request was submitted by Eloise James, Terri James and Kim James Pittman. Information, including site plans, related to this Variance request may be viewed at Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 59729. Public Comment may be given at the public hearing. Written comments can be sent to Town of Ennis Variance, 328 W Main Street, Ennis, Montana 59729 and must received no later than 2:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 2020) TOWN ENNIS MNAXLP

NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED

IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PROPERTY TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PARTIES (REGARDING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW) WHOSE CURRENT ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN: Donald L. Cenis; Marguerite B. Cenis; Marcel E. Cenis; Marcel Fages; Michelle Cenis; Any Assigns, Successors, Personal Representatives, Heirs, Devisees or Beneficiaries of or to the Above Parties; and Any Other Parties Claiming an Interest, Whether Legal or Equitable in the Real Property Described Below. Pursuant to section 15-18-212, Montana Code Annotated, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

- As a result of a property tax delinquency, a property tax lien exists on the following described real property in which you may have an interest (Madison County Tax Parcel/ID No. 16301800): Madison County Treasurer's Abbreviated Legal Description: SECTION: 19 TOWNSHIP: 03S RANGE: 01E GOLCONDA SUR 1472 ME 321, LOT 43A GEOCODE: 25-0693-19-4-06-01-0000 Full Legal Description: THE GOLCONDA PATENTED LODE MINING CLAIM, LOT 43A, LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, P.M.M., MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA EXPRESSLY EXCEPTING AND EXCLUDING FROM THESE PRESENTS EMBRACED IN MINING CLAIM OR SURVEY NO 1272, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN PATENT RECORDED IN BOOK 42, PAGE 120, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA.
- The 2016 property taxes (second half) became delinquent on June 1, 2017.
- The property tax lien was attached on August 1, 2017.
- The lien was subsequently assigned to: Eric Bashore, P.O. Box 80242, Billings, MT 59108-0242.
- As of the date of this notice, the amount of tax due is: TAXES: \$140.77 PENALTY: \$2.80 INTEREST: \$31.97 COST: \$336.34 TOTAL: \$511.88 NOTE: Interest continues to accrue at a rate of 5/6 of 1% per month.
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- If all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid to the COUNTY TREASURER on or prior to August 3, 2020, which is the date the redemption period expires, a tax deed may be issued to the assignee or county that is the possessor of the tax lien on the day following the date that the redemption period expires.
- The business address and telephone number of the county treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: Madison County Treasurer, 103 W. Wallace Street, P.O. Box 247, Virginia City, MT 59755, Telephone: (406) 843-4212. FURTHER NOTICE FOR THOSE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN:

- The address of the interested party is unknown.
- The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance.
- The interested party's rights in the property may be in jeopardy. Dated at Ennis, Montana this 7th day of May, 2020. By: /s/ Eric J. Bashore, P.O. Box 80242, Billings, MT 59108

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- As of the date of this notice, the amount of tax due is: TAXES: \$22.69 PENALTY: \$4.46 INTEREST: \$5.12 COST: \$336.34 TOTAL: \$364.61 NOTE: Interest continues to accrue at a rate of 5/6 of 1% per month.

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- The business address and telephone number of the county treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: Madison County Treasurer, 103 W. Wallace Street, P.O. Box 247, Virginia City, MT 59755, Telephone: (406) 843-4212. FURTHER NOTICE FOR THOSE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN:

- The address of the interested party is unknown.
- The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance.
- The interested party's rights in the property may be in jeopardy. Dated at Ennis, Montana this 7th day of May, 2020. By: /s/ Eric J. Bashore, P.O. Box 80242, Billings, MT 59108

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MADISON COUNTY DISPATCH

In areas with low cell phone coverage, you can now text 911 in case of emergency.

April 26, 2020
 Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.
 Medical aid was administered in Sheridan and Cameron.
 Fire calls were made in Whitehall.
 A citizen was assisted in Alder.
 A coroner was called in Ennis.

April 27, 2020
 Animal complaints were made in Twin Bridges and Sheridan.
 A fraud complaint was made in Sheridan.
 A dog complaint was made in McAllister.

April 28, 2020
 Fire calls were made in Alder, Norris and Sheridan.
 Medical aid was administered in Twin Bridges.
 Trespass complaints were reported in Ennis.
 An animal complaint was made in Alder.
 A DUI arrest was made in Ennis.
 A disturbance was reported in Ennis.

April 29, 2020
 Fire calls were made in Sheridan.
 Medical aid was administered in Whitehall.
 Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Ennis.
 Accidents occurred in Ennis, Cardwell and

Sheridan.
 Medical aid was performed in Twin Bridges.
 A welfare check was performed in Big Sky.

April 30, 2020
 A traffic complaint was made in Twin Bridges.
 A citizen was assisted in Ennis.
 An abuse/neglect complaint was made in Twin Bridges.
 An animal complaint was made in Ennis.

May 1, 2020
 Hazards on the road were reported in Cameron.
 Medical aid was administered in Ennis and Twin Bridges.
 A traffic complaint was made in Norris.
 A welfare check was performed in Harrison.
 Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.

May 2, 2020
 Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.
 Accidents occurred in Ennis and Cameron.
 A dog complaint was made in Ennis.
 Suspicious circumstances were reported in Virginia City and Ennis.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 89 calls for service between April 26 and May 2.



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R S & Priesthood
 12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
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 Sheridan 842-5860
 Bishop Shaw 684-5255

MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

 Saturday 4pm at St. Joseph's, Sheridan
 Sunday at 11 am St. Patrick's, Ennis
 Sunday 9:30am at St. Mary's, Laurin
 Sunday at 8 am Notre Dame, Twin Bridges
 Saturday at 4 pm St. Joseph's, Sheridan
Weekday Mass: Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am at St. Joseph's Wednesday 9am at St. Patrick's
 Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588
 Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Harrison, Montana
 Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.
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 Reverend Tonya Whaley
 Office: (406) 842-5934
 Church of the Valley
 Twin Bridges
 Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Bethel UMC
 Sheridan
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Ready Set Grow Preschool
 Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456

Ruby Valley Baptist Church
 Tony Shaw, Pastor
 842-5602
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.
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AREA SENIOR MEALS

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 Ennis Senior Center - Closed Dine-in & Activities
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RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN
 Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at 114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.

SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN
 The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered for \$4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

VIRGINIA CITY CAFE
 Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.
Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.
 Thursday, April 30 - Lasagna, salad, garlic toast, dessert

Thursday, May 7 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic, dessert
 Tuesday, May 12 - Grilled ham and cheese, soup or fries, dessert

TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER
 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.

COVID UPDATE: Still serving meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Center as Take Out Only.
All meals are served with fresh home baked rolls, veggie/fruit, and dessert
ALL GATHERINGS AND CLUB MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Friday, May 8 - Beef Stew, Biscuit, Salad, Dessert
 Monday, May 11 - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Pasta salad, Carrot Cake
 Wednesday, May 13- Salisbury Steak, Mashed potato, veggie, salad, gingerbread / lemon sauce

HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS
 Pony, Harrison and Norris. The Hollow Top Seniors meet at the Senior Citizen Center in Pony every Monday and Wednesday at noon. Call 685-3323 for more information.

Wednesday, May 6 - Cordon Bleu Casserole
 Monday, May 11 - Taco Soup
 Wednesday, May 13 - Ginger Stir fry beef

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
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 Visitors Welcome
 Pastor Ken Stensrud
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 Family Dinner 5:30 PM
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 For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
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 Suzy 685-3692

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
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 WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
 FRI. - Open, 7:00 pm Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions
 406-596-5000 Ennis
 406-925-0371 Virginia City
 916-316-2824

DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
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REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS

10 a.m.
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing
Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>
Access Code: 289-992-789
Join by phone: +1 (872) 240-3311

TUESDAYS

9:30 a.m.
Madison County Board of Commissioners Meeting
This Meeting will be available by Webex.
Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>
Meeting Number (access code): 295 441 840
Password: VCMadison
Join by phone +1-408-418-9388
Access Code: 295 441 840#
Numeric Password: 826 234 76#

10 a.m.

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THURSDAYS

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2 - 3 p.m.

MSU Extension offers webinars about the coronavirus and its effects on the economy
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FRIDAYS

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2:30 p.m.

Special Commission Meeting
Madison County Commissioners discuss and take action on topics related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings will be conducted on Webex for the public to join online.
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Meeting password: VCMadison
Meeting number (access code): 625 129 350
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