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Twin Bridges men help apprehend burglary suspects

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Two Twin Bridges men took decisive action and were instrumental in the apprehension of two suspected burglars last Thursday morning. The two men, who wish to remain anonymous, observed suspicious activity at a Twin Bridges storage unit business, notified authorities and pursued the suspects from Twin Bridges to Whitehall, where the suspected burglars were cornered and arrested.

A press release from Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson follows in its entirety:

"Two Twin Bridges area residents on their way to work interrupted a burglary in Twin Bridges at about 5 a.m. on March 29 and ended up following them, while at the same time notifying Madison County Sheriff's Office of the incident, until they could be arrested. The incident started out when the two arrived at a business to carpool, saw a vehicle that did not belong

there and saw two people get into the vehicle and flee the burglary scene. The suspects were followed to Whitehall where they drove down a dead end in the current construction area just south of Whitehall. The suspects were forced to turn back and tried to again get away, striking one of the citizens vehicles with the vehicle they were driving. The collision resulted in the suspects leaving the roadway and stopping. One suspect got out of his vehicle, jumped onto the hood of one of the following vehicles, grabbed a hammer and began to threaten the two following him. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office arrived at the scene and took the two suspects into custody.

"These two people did a tremendous job," said Sheriff Roger Thompson. "It is always the choice of the individual on how deeply to get involved in a situation like this and it is very personal decision, given the risks. This was a brave and gutsy move on their parts and should be commended. It will no doubt help our current theft and

burglary problem in our county."

"The suspects arrested were Rodney Burd 40 and Harley Johnson 22, both from Butte. Since the burglary occurred in Madison County, the assault in Jefferson County and the crash was handled by the Montana Highway patrol, the three agencies will be working together to compile various charges on the suspects."

Thompson reported Monday stolen goods had been recovered from the suspects' vehicle.

On Monday, The Madisonian spoke with one of the Twin Bridges men who helped apprehend the suspects. "Hopefully, it will send a message to people to quit stealing stuff," he said.

The man said a theft had occurred at the facility the previous night. "The night before, the people got away, because the police didn't have time to make it there," he said. "It's the middle of the night and it's a big county. So, we didn't want them to get out of sight because they'd disappear. We were mainly just trying to keep

Amazing powwow in Bozeman



Native American traditional dancers during the grand entrance at the American Indian Council Powwow last Friday. The powwow continued through Saturday, attracting a large crowd to the Brick Breeden Field House at Montana State University in Bozeman. (G. Hamill photo)

State science fair winners



Three Ennis School students received awards at the State Science Fair held March 19-20 at the University of Montana in Missoula. Sixth grader Noni Dilschneider received a Gold Ribbon; 6th grader Andrew Ball received a Bronze Ribbon; and 10th grader Chloe Chapman received a Silver Ribbon. In the photo, left to right, Dilschneider, Chapman and Ball. (Photo submitted by Melissa Newman)

up with them until the cops could apprehend them."

The man and his friend observed the suspected burglars leaving the scene in a pickup truck and pursued the suspects in separate vehicles. "We saw them jump in their rig when we pulled up and it was pretty obvious they were up to no good," he said. "Why else would they be there? The whole thing only lasted 25 minutes total. It was high speeds all the way to Whitehall."

"We don't want credit for anything," the man added. "We did what we had to and we'd do it again if we had to."

Looking for recruits

Ennis Schools hosts meeting for potential bus drivers

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"You have a real opportunity to set their mood for the day and get them excited about going to school." -- John Lee, Ennis Schools Transportation Supervisor

Ennis School held a meeting for those interested in becoming bus drivers on March 27. While the meeting was slim with recruits, transportation supervisor John Lee provided information about school bus routes, trainings and certifications, and potential benefits.

Schools around the county, state and nation are struggling to find people to fill one of the schools' most important roles. Some of the problems are due to funding, but some due to the hours required.

Ennis Superintendent Casey Klasna said the hours seem to be the biggest deterrent. "It's the split hours that make it hard for us to find people interested and willing to drive," he said.

Lee said being with the kids makes up for the strange hours.

"You're the first person they see in the morning and last one they see going home," he said. "You have a real opportunity to set their mood for the day and get them excited about going to school."

Currently, Ennis has five routes, with the earliest route taking off from the bus barn north of town at 6 a.m. and returning around 7:45 a.m. The latest shift departs at 6:35 a.m. to have students at the school and ready to go by class time at 8:05 a.m. Drivers then have a few chores to fulfill, such as cleaning up, washing windows and getting ready for the return trip when school lets out. It's the early morning and midday route hours that make it hard for people to commit, but Lee said he is willing to work with drivers. "If we can set up a split shift, where one person drives in the morning and one drives that route in the afternoon, I'm flexible -- I'm not against splitting the duties," he said.

While the morning and afternoon school routes are the top priority, drivers are also needed for extracurricular activities.

Lee said training is dependent on "how fast you learn," meaning how quickly you can pass all of your certifications, which include a written test, CDL and completing a Montana Department of Transportation physical. Once that is complete, new drivers work and train with Lee to learn the routes and Ennis' fleet of buses. Drivers must also complete 15 hours of online training every year. "If you can drive a truck, you can drive a bus," said Lee.

Just like every job, being a bus driver can have its difficulties, aside from split hours; Lee said the biggest problem bus drivers face is other drivers not obeying the laws. "We get a lot of people passing us when we have our stop signs out," he said. "And we try to prosecute everyone we can catch doing it."

Lee said the Ennis fleet is equipped with cameras to catch license plates of drivers who pass when the stop sign is out.

Ennis Police Chief John Moore attended the meeting to fingerprint new recruits and noted even police and



Schools all over the county and state are having trouble finding bus drivers to fill school routes. (Madisonian photo)

ambulances cannot pass a bus with its stop sign out. "Even if we have our sirens and lights on, that's the one exception for us because of the danger it could bring to kids trying to cross the street," he said.

Benefits

Lee said the school is in good shape for the next year, but the school hopes to hire one or two more drivers. According

to Klasna and Lee, drivers can qualify for school benefits, such as half-insurance and paid sick leave, if they work sufficient hours. But the biggest reward, according to Lee, is spending time with the kids. "That's why we all do this," he said. "For these kids."

Because of statewide problems finding bus drivers, the Montana Legislature passed House Bill 355, which changes

the definition of a school bus to include certain vehicles that could be swapped out while still receiving transportation reimbursement.

*If you're interested in learning more about becoming a bus driver either in Ennis, or elsewhere in Madison County, contact the schools superintendent or administration office.

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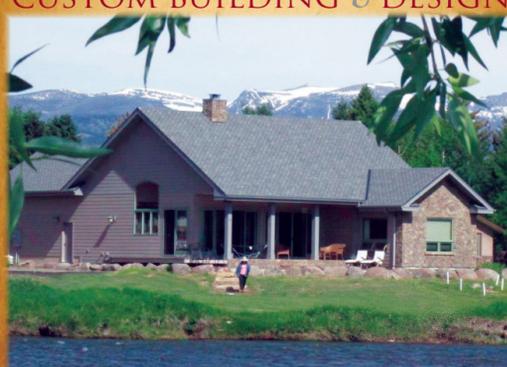
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Acknowledging the 'hidden gems' of Madison County

Sheridan and Ennis senior companions recognized for service as part of National Service Recognition Day



The Sheridan Senior Citizens' Center hosted lunch for Sheridan's senior companions and Madison County Commissioners Dan Allhands and Ron Nye. Pictured left to right; Mindy Diehl, Dan Allhands, Shangra Hoover, Glen Alderman, Ronna Devereaux, Carol Braach, Julie McAlear and Ron Nye. (C. Avey photo)

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"These folks really are the hidden gems of Sheridan," said Mindy Diehl, Senior Companion Program coordinator.

Tuesday, April 3 was National Service Recognition Day and Sheridan's Senior Companions celebrated with lunch and cake at the Sheridan Senior Citizens' Center. Currently, Madison County has six senior companions, five in Sheridan and one in Ennis. The Senior Companion Program began in 1974 to help seniors and other adults maintain independence, primarily in their own homes. "While it's great to have such wonderful nursing home facilities and care facilities, I want to be able to stay in my home until the very end," said Diehl as she presented to the lunch crowd. "Senior companions help folks to be

able to do just that and I really hope you'll consider supporting our program."

The program is essentially a volunteer position, with a nontaxable stipend and a mileage reimbursement; volunteers usually serve between 15 and 40 hours a week with clients. Tasks include everything from grocery shopping, paying bills, driving clients to appointments and any other daily tasks clients might need. But the most important role companions serve is providing friendship and companionship.

For such a small valley, Sheridan's program is thriving, according to Diehl. In the past 12 months, companions have worked 7,620.50 hours, saving clients nearly \$200,000. The average cost of a professional caregiver is \$24.14 an hour and through dedicated senior companions, folks around the county receive care and

companionship at no cost.

Carol Braach has been a senior companion for almost 17 years and has eight clients around the valley that she cares for on a daily basis. "It's something for me to do and helps keep me busy," she said. "But it's also very satisfying work."

Joining Braach in the Ruby Valley is Shangra Hoover, Ronna Devereaux, Glen Alderman and Julie McAlear. On average, the Ruby Valley senior companions each care for three clients. Shirley Sand, who is the lady in the kitchen at the Senior Citizen Center, is the site supervisor for the program. "We've got the best chef in town, Monday through Friday!" exclaimed one lunch visitor.

Representing the Madison Valley is Anita Ames, who has served as a companion for 16 years. She's served many homebound Ennis residents and helped them maintain

their independence in their own homes. "I'm honored that Anita volunteers for the Senior Companion Program and continue to be humbled by her dedication to the community," said Diehl.

Present at recognition lunch were Madison County Commissioners Ron Nye and Dan Allhands, to see firsthand the commitment and meaningful work the companions provide. "The work these companions do is truly amazing, and I hope you'll support the program," said Diehl.

The Senior Companions Program is branch of the national Senior Corps Program, with 244,000 volunteers and 35,000 active sites. Volunteers for this must be 55 or older in age. If you're interested in getting involved with the program, contact Diehl at 406-457-7325.



National Service Recognition Day was April 3 and Madison County's Senior Companions in Sheridan were recognized during lunch at the Senior Center by their program coordinator. Pictured left to right; Ronna Devereaux, Glen Alderman, Mindy Diehl, Carol Braach, Julie McAlear, Shirley Sand and Shangra Hoover. (C. Avey photo)

Report: Visitors spent \$3.4B in Montana last year

Submitted by the University of Montana

MISSOULA – Last year 12.5 million visitors contributed nearly \$3.4 billion in travel spending, according to a recent report from the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research at the University of Montana. But the 2017 fire season may have stifled the state's potential gains.

Forty-seven percent – or 5.8 million – of visitors traveled to the state in the third quarter from July through September

and spent 52 percent of the \$3.4 billion. Travel groups spent an average of \$130.75 per day, for a total of \$1.7 billion during the summer months.

Yet, it is likely that this figure would have been even higher had it not been for the severe smoke and fire season Montana experienced during 2017.

"ITRR research suggests that Montana may have missed out on up to \$240.5 million in visitor spending because of smoke and fires," said Jeremy Sage, ITRR economist and

associate director. "Visitor spending during 2017 was higher than 2016, but it could have been even more impactful if the smoke conditions had not led people to change, shorten or cancel their plans."

As for the rest of the year, during the first and second quarters of 2017, traveler groups spent an average of \$139.70 and \$115.64 per day respectively, totaling \$389 million and \$723 million in spending. Fourth-quarter spending totaled \$503 million, with traveler groups spending \$127.59 per day on

average.

Visitation to Montana was up 1 percent in 2017, according to Kara Grau, ITRR assistant director of economic analysis, and overall spending in the state increased nearly 11 percent. Travelers directly supported nearly \$2.8 billion in economic activity for Montana and almost 39,000 state jobs, as well as indirectly supporting an additional \$1.9 billion in economic activity and more than 14,500 jobs.

FWP seeks information on deer poaching case near Waterloo

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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is still looking for information about nine white-tailed deer that were illegally shot south of Whitehall, near Waterloo.

Ryan Pickens, the FWP the warden assigned to the case, said no new information has been obtained since the original report, but some evidence from the scene had been gathered.

The power of social media seems to be the biggest help at this point. "The talk that this is generating is really good," said Andrea Jones, communication and education division administrator for Montana FWP. "I think when people see those small-town resources being

wasted, that has a big impact." FWP posted on Facebook on March 27 that six white-tailed deer had been poached over a period of 10 days, all appearing to have been shot from the road at night. Since their original post, three more deer have been found.

Poaching is the illegal killing of fish or wildlife and is a serious problem in Montana, according FWP's website. Investigations of organized and professional poaching grew from 20 cases in the 1990s to around 40 new cases every year. "Poaching robs law-abiding hunters of game and fish, businesses and taxpayers of revenues generated by hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing recreational pursuits, and it denies many other Montanans

the ability to enjoy seeing healthy, mature fish and wildlife populations," states the website.

On average, wardens issue 4,500 citations a year. FWP is asking for the public's help and to report any information or suspicious activity by calling 1-800-TIP-MONT.

Valley Garden

Jones also reported the Valley Garden Fishing Access will be closed to vehicles starting Wednesday April 4 through Friday April 6, so the cattle guard can be replaced. Jones said she was not sure construction would take the entire three days, but was dependent on weather. Walk-in anglers are allowed at the fishing access site.



Nine white-tailed deer have been found illegally shot in the Waterloo area. If you have any information regarding this case, please call 1-800-TIP-MONT. (Photo courtesy Montana FWP)

Poll: 30 Percent of Montanans Know the State Seal

Submitted by the University of Montana

MISSOULA – "Can you tell me the words displayed on the ribbon of the Montana state seal?" According to the University of Montana's Big Sky Poll, 30 percent of Montanans know the answer to this question.

The words "Oro y Plata," Spanish for gold and silver, represent Montana's mining roots, which gave rise to the state's nickname, the Treasure State. Accompanied by a plow, a miner's pick and shovel, majestic mountains and the Great Falls of the Missouri River, the seal emphasizes Montana's rich history.

"The UM Big Sky Poll is driven by an academic mission to provide our students with an applied learning experience to explore a variety of research questions," said Sara Rinfret, associate professor and Master of Public Administration director at UM. "The state seal question allows us to explore Montanan perceptions about statewide traditions."

Originally designed by Francis McGee Thompson and accepted through a territorial resolution in 1865, the seal has remained an emblem of tradition, a value Montanans hold dear.

While it is common for traditions to fade over time,

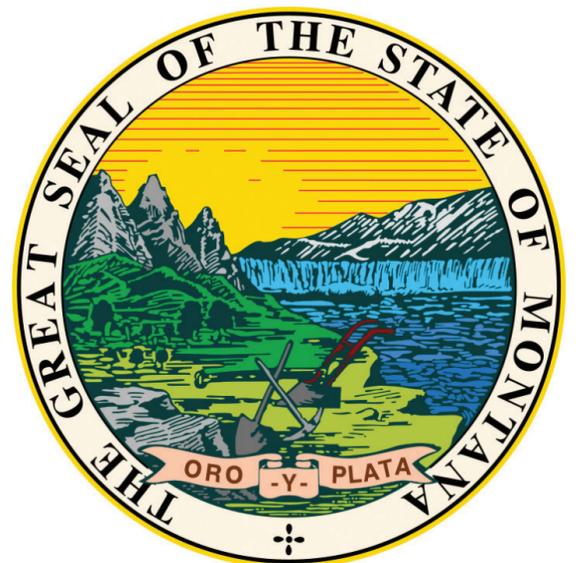
about 65 percent of survey respondents either refused to answer or indicated that they did not know the words on the state seal, suggesting that reverence for some Montana traditions may be faltering, Rinfret said.

The poll was conducted via telephone between Feb. 1 and Feb. 19 with 603 randomly selected Montana registered voters. The poll has a margin of error of +/-4 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. Use of poll findings requires attribution to UM's Big Sky Poll.

The Big Sky Poll collects and reports information about Montanans' perceptions of local, state and federal

issues. The poll is directed by Rinfret and Justin Angle, UM associate professor of marketing, in conjunction with seven graduate seminar students from UM's MPA and Business Analytics programs.

The survey was commissioned with support from UM's Social Science Research Laboratory. The Big Sky Poll will be offered on an ongoing basis with its next iteration planned for fall 2018.



Cory Hardy: taking advantage of the outdoors



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Cory Hardy has been in the Madison Valley for 11 years after leaving the Bozeman area to come back to what he considers to be the most beautiful places on earth. "I've always loved the esthetics here in the valley and believe it to be one of the most gorgeous places in the world."

When he isn't busy with his drywall business, Hardy spends his time outside – mountain biking, trail running or cross-country skiing are some of his favorites. "I really like cross country skiing and Virginia City provides some great local

groomed trails," he said. "That's one of my favorite parts of living here and it's something to do in the wintertime and there's hardly anyone out there."

Moving into warmer weather, Hardy can often be found on two-wheels or his own two legs. He has been mountain biking since the age of 12 and enjoys cruising the Alder Gulch on his rides. "I'll also go out on the fish hatchery road and ride around with my road bike out there," he said.

Hardy took up running a littler later in life, about age 18 after he joined the military. He has an upcoming 10k run in Helena, the Prickly Pear trail run. "I love to do our local

runs in town, too," he said. "I absolutely love those and it's nice to have those options and they're always for a good cause."

An active lifestyle is important, especially for Hardy, and helps promote others to live an active life outside. And, it's free. "That's the coolest thing about living in the area that we do – we get to enjoy these resources essentially for free," Hardy said. "Just getting out there is completely free. Just because you're not spending money, doesn't mean you're not having fun."

*If you wish to nominate someone who lives a life outside, call 682-7755!



Volunteer Spotlight

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Alice Gilbert is no stranger to the Ruby Valley. Born in Dillon, Gilbert's roots dive deep into the history of the area after her great-grandmother homesteaded here long ago. Having moved around some as young girl, Gilbert always considered Sheridan home and still does.

Gilbert has been active with the Sheridan Senior Citizens' Center on and off for 31 years, helping to prepare meals, deliver meals and keep the seniors of the community company. "I love working with all of the girls and I love all my seniors," Gilbert said of her time at the center.

The Senior Citizens' Center serves between 45 and 50 meals, Monday through Friday, including their meals on wheels delivery. With seniors making up for a large



portion of Sheridan's community, Gilbert said it feels good to give back.

"It's very rewarding and to see the smiles on their faces," she said. "And it's always fun to pick one Lester Braach!"

Gilbert said the rewarding feeling to give and care for the community

is enough to keep her coming back year after year. "I just love doing it," she said.

While helping out at the center and being with her family keeps her busy, Gilbert spends any free time she can get crafting. "I'm a crafter!"



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Donkey basketball takes over Sheridan

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It wasn't your typical sporting event that roused the Panther crowd in the elementary gymnasium on March 29. Armed with special rubber shoes, a different set of beasts took

to the gym floor ready for their time in the spotlight – donkeys. The Ruby Valley FFA Chapter hosted the fun-filled evening of competitive action as a fundraiser for the chapter, providing spectators with a load of laughs. The tournament style

event saw games with five minutes halves and four teams: Ruby Valley FFA, Sheridan's Future Career and Community Leaders of America chapter, Sheridan's Volunteer Fire Department and a community team. The community team made quick work of

their opponents and took the title. If you missed this round, another rousing donkey basketball tournament is set to hit Harrison School, April 18 at 7 p.m.



Alexei Abbott, right, and Isaac Bendon duke it out during donkey basketball, March 29 at the Sheridan Elementary gym. (C. Avey photos)



Young fans got in on some of the action during the Ruby Valley FFA sponsored donkey basketball game on March 29.



Mackenzie Fabel attempts a shot from her sturdy steed.



Zane Bowey makes a fast break on his mischievous mammal while playing as part of the Ruby Valley FFA team.



Isaac Bendon and his trusty companion look for an open teammate.



Ruby Valley FFA advisor Rodney Braaten took to the court during the donkey basketball game on March 29.

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OBITUARIES

Andrew D. DeBona

1936 - Feb. 6, 2018

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew (Andy) D. DeBona died on Feb. 6, 2018 at Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage, Calif. According to Christine DeBona, her spouse died from multiple health issues. He was 81 years old.

A decorated U.S. Marine, he enlisted in January 1955 and was the honor man of Platoon Ten, Marine Corps Recruit District at Paris Island, S.C. and he was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class. He was promoted to Corporal on May 1st, 1956 and twelve months later was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant. As one of 20 non-commissioned officers selected to attend Officers Candidate School via the Meritorious Non-Commissioned Officer Program, Sergeant DeBona was commissioned a Second Lieutenant Dec. 16, 1961.

He served two tours in the Vietnam War, 1966/1967. During his first year as Captain, DeBona commanded Company M, Third Battalion 26 Marines. During this tour he received the Navy Cross, Purple Heart with Star, Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, including a Navy Unit Citation, and was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

As a Major he was the Senior Advisor for the Seventh Battalion Vietnamese Marines in 1971/1972. Highly and continuously decorated by the military during his second tour, he received three Bronze Stars with combat V, a Meritorious Unit Citation, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and the Vietnamese Honor Medal First Class.

DeBona also served two successful tours as Officer in Charge of Recruit Station Cincinnati from 1969 – 1971. From 1976-1977 he served as Executive Officer, then as Commanding Officer of the First Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit District in San Diego. In all he served in four infantry Battalions, 3/2, 3/26, 3/1, and 1/7. In 1978, DeBona was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His peacetime awards include the Navy Commendation Medal with Star, a Marine Unit Citation and the Good Conduct Medal with Star. He retired September 1, 1980.

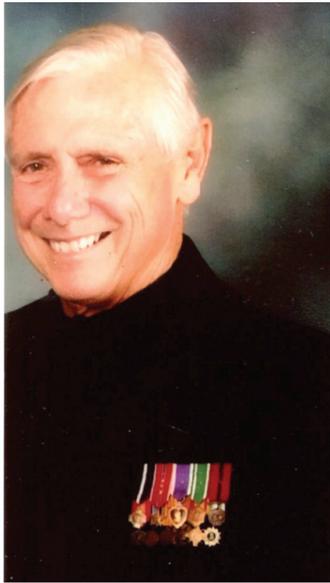
Andrew David Charles DeBona was born in Johnstown, Pa., on Oct. 3, 1936 to Andrew S. and Helen (Kline) DeBona. He graduated from Ebensburg Cambria High School. He earned three degrees, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and an MBA through the Marine Corps College Degree Completion Program.

Several books published relate some of DeBona's combat and leadership experiences. These include, Ambush Valley by Eric Hammel, Lima 6 by Colonel Richard Camp, The Easter Offensive by Colonel Gerald Turley, Con Thien, The Hill of Angels by James Coan and Voices From Vietnam by Richard Verrone and Laura Calkins.

He is survived by his wife Christine (Lindgren) DeBona; stepdaughter, Kirsten K. Glover (Tracy) of Bisbee, Ariz.; sons: Dana DeBona of Montana; Andrew DeBona Jr. of California; daughter: Romaine DeBona of California, and one grandson, Andrew S. (Kelsie) of Eatonville, Wash.

The family have requested, in lieu of flowers, to please address any memorials in Andy's honor to 3rd BN 26 Marines Scholarship Fund, 1212 St. Asaph St. Alexandria, Va. 22314, or Madison Valley Veterans' Memorial, PO Box 411, Ennis MT 59729.

A Memorial Service is scheduled in Ennis, Montana on May 19, 2018 at 2:00 at the Veterans Memorial.



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| <p><u>MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISPATCH LOG 3/25/18 - 3/31/18</u></p> <p>3/25/18
Animal Complaint in 200 Blk E Crofoot St Sheridan
Threats on Valley View Dr Twin Bridges
Traffic Complaint on Main St Twin Bridges
Medical Aid in 400 Blk N Madison St Twin Bridges
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 25 Cameron
Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 26 Cameron</p> <p>3/26/18
Medical Aid in 200 Blk S Main St Twin Brides
Burglary Complaint in 2500 Blk MT Hwy 91 S Melrose
Scam Complaint in 300 Blk Main St Twin Bridges
Drug Violation on MT Hwy 287 Ennis
Trespass Complaint on Hook & Horn Rd Cameron
Suspicious Circumstances on US Hwy 84 MM 6 Norris
Theft Complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd W Sheridan
Suspicious Circumstances</p> | <p>on Prairie Way Ennis Disturbance at Clutes Landing McAllister</p> <p>3/27/18
Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan</p> <p>3/28/18
Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Nicole Way Ennis
Theft Complaint in 500 Blk MT Hwy 41 N Silver Star
Animal Complaint on Dayspring Rd Twin Bridges
Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 27 Cameron
Traffic Complaint on Wallace St Virginia City
Welfare Check in 800 Blk Middle Rd Twin Bridges
Public Nuisance in 100 Main St Sheridan</p> <p>3/29/18
Burglary Complaint in 300 Blk N Third St Ennis
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief on MT Hwy 41 MM 55 Silver Star
Citizen Assist on MT Hwy 287 Ennis
Suspicious Circumstances on Stoner Ln Cardwell</p> <p>3/30/18</p> | <p>*No High Priority Calls.</p> <p>3/31/18
Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Nicole Way Ennis
Traffic Complaint in Big Sky
Missing Person on US Hwy 287 MM 49 Ennis
Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk Mill St Sheridan
Suspicious Circumstances on Wisconsin Creek Rd W Sheridan
Medical Aid in 100 Blk Tobe Rd Ennis
Alarm Call in 200 Blk Boundary St Sheridan
Dog Complaint in 200 Blk Slade Ave Ennis</p> <p>The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 97 Calls for Service from Mar 25-31, 2018.</p> <p>Correction: The Burglary Complaint listed for 3/29/18 in last week's Dispatch Report should have read 3rd Ave Twin Bridges rather than Third St. Ennis.</p> |
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Notice of 18th Annual Meeting of Stockholders Of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

To: Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

You are hereby notified that the 18th Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc. 210 Gallatin Farmers Ave, Belgrade, MT 59714, will be held on **April 5th 2018 at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds, Townsend, Montana.** 6:00 PM for dinner and 7:00 PM for transaction of any business that may properly come before the meeting.

- You are hereby notified that at said meeting, the following will be presented to the membership:
- 1) Election of three members of the Board of Directors. (One from Beaverhead-Madison area, one from the Gallatin-Park area, one from the Broadwater area)
Anyone interested in becoming a board member, please contact any of the Board of Directors.
 - 2) Audited Financial Report
 - 3) Managers Report
 - 4) Board of Directors Report
 - 5) Door Prizes

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This is an important meeting, the Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc. requests your presence. By the order of the Board of Directors, John Jackson, Secretary

Meet Dr. David Newton



DR. DAVID NEWTON

Submitted by Mary Ann Dowd-Sussman

The Ennis Ambulance department operates under protocols of the state of Montana and the local community, and every ambulance organization must have a medical director for guidance and consultation. Dr. David Newton now serves as the Ennis Ambulance medical director, a volunteer position, after Dr. Robert Marks retired from the position last year. For those in emergency medical services, the medical director provides essential patient care. Should the ambulance need directives on a complex medical question, Newton is a phone call away.

Newton enjoys assisting EMS because he is helping the community – and that in-coming patient could be a neighbor, friend or acquaintance. But Newton's contributions to the ambulance department do not stop there. He enjoys working with the membership in a training capacity, as well. He can be found frequently at ambulance meetings sharing new medical information and techniques with the members. Because the doctor sees patients regularly at Madison Valley Medical Center, he is aware of the needs of our community and tailors his training to those needs. Newton also has been known to ride along with EMS personnel to assist on calls.

Newton lives in the community with his wife and two children. Fishing is always on his mind, whether it be fly-fishing or ice-fishing, or taking the kids to the Lions Club pond. He graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, La. He may be the only doctor at Madison Valley Hospital wearing a bowtie. If you see him, thank him for his service to our community.

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Open Sewing & Quilting | Monday | 4pm-7pm | Jamie Diehl & Kathy Olkowski | High School Rm#6 | Maximum of 10 students

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Geology Class on Prospecting | Mondays | 5:30-6:45 pm | Russell Scruggs | HS Science Room #4

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Early Bird Yoga | Tuesday & Thursday | 6am-7am | Cori Koenig | Commons Room | Maximum of 14 students

Village Quilt Class | Tuesday | 5 pm-8pm | Kathy Olkowski & Lexie Brundin | High School Rm#6 | Students will purchase their own pattern and fabric for this class!

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Workshops

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REAL ESTATE CORNER

The dos and don'ts of financing a home

By Toni Bowen, ERA Landmark Arrow Real Estate

If you plan to buy your first home, or purchase a property for which you need additional cash, you likely will need a mortgage. In fact, before you even start looking at houses, you should look into your mortgage prospects.

If you have good credit, a healthy income and money in the bank, you'll be able to secure mortgage preapproval quickly and proceed straight to the home buying process. But if you have less-than-stellar credit, are self-employed or have little cash to bring to the table, you'll want to start the process way before you look at houses - maybe more than a year before.

The free credit report you can get annually, while it helps you identify problems, won't show you the same credit score your mortgage officer will see. The score is invariably higher than what you get when someone in the mortgage company runs it. That makes meeting with a mortgage officer (or two or three) at the start of the process crucial. In competitive markets, agents won't even show homes to buyers without mortgage preapproval.

Once you start the process of preparing to qualify for a mortgage, here are a few DON'TS:

1. Change jobs, quit your job or become self-employed
2. Buy or trade a vehicle
3. Increase debt/balances or miss payments
4. Spend money you have set aside for closing
5. Omit debts or liabilities from your loan application
6. Buy furniture or appliances or make a new credit application
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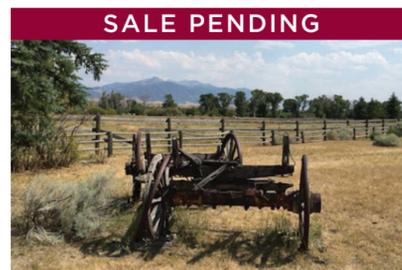
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Ruby Valley grief support group forming

To meet first Saturdays beginning April 7

Submitted by Janis Hansen

Two Ruby Valley churches are collaborating and forming a grief support group. "Currently no such group exists in the Valley, and the need is definitely there," said United Methodist Pastor Rev. Su Debree, who is launching this initiative, with Rev. Janis Hansen of Christ Episcopal Church. "This will be a time to gather, share, listen, and walk with others in their grief and loss."

The group will meet at Bethel Methodist Bethany Hall in Sheridan each first Saturday at 10 a.m. until noon. Those who have experienced a loss or have been recently plunged into grieving are welcome. "This is not a counseling or therapy session," said Hansen. "It is a time to come together and share and experience the lives of others who are feeling loss."

Refreshments will be provided, along with empathy and caring.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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Junior Katherine Ball is Harrison's student of the week. Katherine is new to the school, but she

jumped right in to homecoming activities, prom and traveled with classmates on the east coast as part the Explore America trip. Katherine is friendly, kind and a joy to have in class. She is also a hard worker taking dual credit classes and balancing her school and work schedule at the same time.

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Strolling down the avenue!



Separate groups of 10-20 Bighorn Sheep proceeded north on Highway 287 in southern Madison County north of Hebgen Lake last Thursday. (G.Hamill photo)

Sandhill cranes flocking and nesting near Alder

Sandhill cranes have flocked to the Alder area in large numbers and are building nests in treetops. The beautiful birds give a loud, trumpeting call that can be heard from a long distance. Mated birds often trumpet together in a ritual known as "unison calling." The sandhills' long wingspan allows them to soar and stay aloft for many hours. The birds at Alder, which likely wintered in New Mexico, feed on berries, small mammals, insects, snails, reptiles, and amphibians. Egg-laying usually begins in April or May. The males and females work together to build a nest made of plant material. Nest sites, like these near Alder, are usually in a marshy area, where food is abundant. Females lay one to three brown eggs with reddish markings. Both parents incubate the eggs for about 30 days. The chicks hatch relatively mature with their eyes open and are able to scramble out of their nest within a day. The parents continue to brood the chicks for about three weeks after hatching, feeding them intensively for the first few weeks. Young birds remain with their parents until they reach maturity at nine to 10 months old. (G. Hamill photos)



Pride in tribe and country



Allen J. Nault, right, of Havre, carries the national colors as part of the color guard during the grand entrance at the American Indian Council Powwow at Montana State University in Bozeman last Friday. Nault, a member of the Nakoda tribe, served with the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade between 1965-1967 and completed a tour in Vietnam. The color guard consisted of Native American military veterans who were honored by their tribes with regalia, signifying their status as warriors. (G. Hamill photo)

FWP evaluating results of elk brucellosis survey



Submitted by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

BOZEMAN -- Results of brucellosis surveillance from 2018 elk capture operations in the Tendoy Mountains and eastern side of the Madison Valley are being evaluated by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Montana Department of Livestock.

Of the 100 elk sampled in the Tendoy Mountains, one was found to have been exposed to brucellosis (seropositive). This is the first time an elk has tested positive for exposure in the Tendoy. The Tendoy is currently outside of the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA), an area in which livestock brucellosis testing and traceability requirements exist.

Thirty elk in the Tendoy were outfitted with radio collars to learn more about movement patterns and understand how the disease may

spread.

In the southeastern Madison Valley, an area within the DSA, six elk tested positive for exposure out of the 41 sampled there. Forty of the animals were outfitted with collars.

"The discovery of an exposed elk in the Tendoy emphasizes the importance of elk surveillance near the boundary of the DSA," said Montana State Veterinarian Martin Zaluski. "We appreciated this partnership with FWP which helps us continue to identify livestock potentially at risk."

The goal of brucellosis surveillance operations is to evaluate the presence and understand the movement of brucellosis in Montana's elk populations. The research helps understanding of the overlap between elk and livestock on the landscape.

Brucellosis is a

bacterial disease that infects cattle, bison and elk and can result in abortion or the birth of weak calves. The disease is primarily transmitted through contact with infected birth tissues and fluids.

Animals that test positive for brucellosis were exposed to the bacteria at one time and have developed antibodies that can be measured with blood tests.

More information about brucellosis and the Targeted Elk Brucellosis Surveillance project can be found online at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/diseasesAndResearch/healthPrograms/brucellosis/>.

Montana Department of Livestock regulations can be found online at: <http://liv.mt.gov>.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Distracted Driving a Growing Problem

Submitted by AAA

HELENA -- Drivers believe that distracted driving is a growing epidemic and one of the greatest dangers facing motorists today, according to a new survey conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Nearly 9 out of 10 drivers surveyed by the AAA Foundation said that distracted driving (88 percent) is on the rise, ranking the action higher than other risky road behaviors such as aggressive driving (68 percent), drugged driving (55 percent) or drunk driving (43 percent).

Drivers taking the AAA survey said the problem of distracted driving has increased over the past three years, with nearly 50 percent reporting that they regularly see drivers emailing or texting while driving.

The number of drivers who self-reported using a cellphone behind the wheel has jumped 30 percent since 2013, according to

Foundation research. Nearly half (49 percent) of drivers reported talking on a hand-held phone while driving, and nearly 35 percent have sent a text or email.

Despite their behavior, nearly 58 percent of drivers say talking on a cellphone behind the wheel is a very serious threat to their personal safety, while 78 percent believe that texting is a significant danger.

"We have to find new ways to remind people to keep their eyes on the road, not on their phones," said Michelle Donati, spokesperson for AAA Montana. "People know this is a dangerous behavior, but many of them do it anyway."

While there were fewer instances of distracted driving reported in the latest federal statistics, distracted driving remains one of the most underreported traffic safety issues, according to AAA.

In a previous study, the AAA Foundation used in-vehicle dash-cam videos to determine that distraction was a factor in 58

percent of teen crashes, 44 percent more than federal estimates. AAA's study showed that drivers talking on a cellphone are up to four times as likely to crash, while those who text are up to eight times as likely to be involved in a crash.

"There are after-the-fact tests to determine whether a driver is intoxicated on drugs or alcohol, but there's no consistent method for tracking how distraction plays a role in crashes," Donati said. "When AAA put cameras in cars, we saw how prevalent distracted driving really is."

The new survey results are part of the AAA Foundation's annual Traffic Safety Culture Index, which identifies attitudes and behaviors related to traffic safety. The survey data are from a sample of 2,613 licensed drivers ages 16 and older who reported driving in the past 30 days. The AAA Foundation issued its first Traffic Safety Culture Index in 2008, and the latest report is online at www.aaafoundation.org/.

Seafood: Food for Thought During National Nutrition Month



(StatePoint) We hear a lot about the important nutrients in vegetables and fruits, but the health benefits of eating seafood regularly aren't always in the spotlight. It should be a no-brainer when it comes to seafood, which is packed with omega-3s. Yet, most Americans only eat one serving of seafood a week.

Here are some evidence-based facts to help set the record straight during National Nutrition Month.

1. How much seafood should I be eating?

Studies show that seafood benefits your heart, eyes and brain, and may also help you fight chronic diseases and memory loss. The 2015 Dietary Guidelines encourage all Americans to eat at least two servings of seafood each week. That's double the amount most people currently eat. To reap the range of nutrients found in seafood, try to get a variety of fish in your diet, including shrimp, salmon, canned/pouched tuna, tilapia and pollock.

2. What if you're pregnant?

Seafood is especially important for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as young children, since it is one of the only natural food sources rich in healthy omega-3 fatty acids, EPA and DHA. EPA and DHA are critical for brain and eye development, supporting the old adage that fish really is "brainfood." One recent study shows that moms-to-be who ate fish two to three times each week had babies that reached milestones -- such as imitating sounds, recognizing family members and drinking from a cup -- more quickly than children born to mothers who didn't eat fish regularly during pregnancy. Another recent study found that pregnant women who ate at least two seafood meals each week helped boost their child's IQ up three points by age 9. Learn more about the best fish to eat during pregnancy at aboutseafood.com/seafood-pregnancy.

3. How to get more seafood.

Incorporating more seafood into your diet doesn't need to be a challenge. It's easy to get the recommended two to three servings each week by simply swapping out the protein from your favorite dishes with seafood. For example, chicken tacos become fish tacos, and grilled steak salad becomes grilled shrimp salad. What's more, seafood is just as healthy whether it's fresh, frozen or canned, making it a convenient item to stock up on when shopping, and ultimately helping you eliminate wasted food in your household.

4. Start the day right.

Nutrition experts recommend incorporating protein into your breakfast as a way to boost metabolism and balance your blood sugar levels for the entire day. Kicking off the morning with tuna avocado toast or salmon on a bagel will help keep you feeling fuller for longer, prevent cravings before lunchtime and help you reach your weekly seafood goals.

More nutrition facts, recipes and other resources can be found at AboutSeafood.com.



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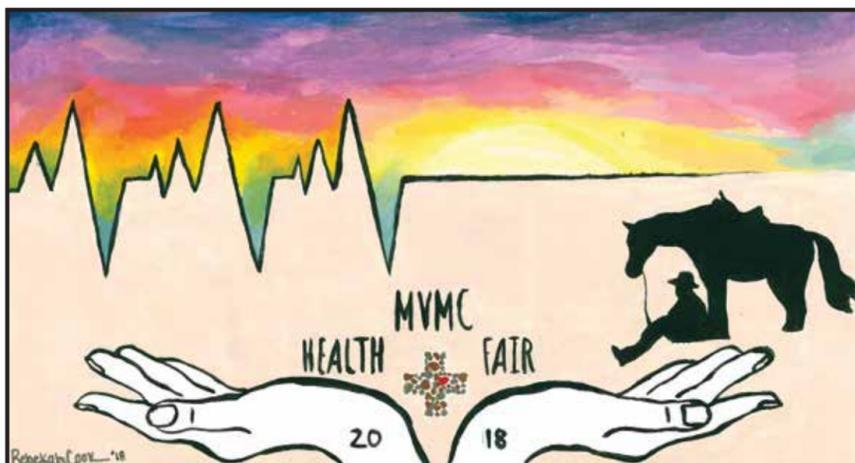
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Bogus Birds

The story of a shivering, warm-weather-welcoming walk

The other day, upon awakening, I peered unenthusiastically out my bedroom window. It was another drab, overcast day. Consequently, my thoughts turned to the coffee maker and its dark brown elixir. Then, just as I turned to go to the kitchen,

something on the lawn caught my attention.

There, before my appreciative eyes, stood a male robin. Like a starving prodigal son returned from a tumultuous journey, he pecked feverishly beneath the leafless lilac bushes for food. After observing the red-breasted dandy's antics, I ventured to the window in my house that looks out onto the neighbor's bird feeder. Two red-winged black birds were clinging to the feeder's sides in all their crimson and black-contrasting glory. Again, I savored the avian action. Soon, a western blue jay landed.

Suddenly, I felt as though someone had waved a magic beak, and spring had finally descended on my corner of the world. Atwitter with new found

energy, I dashed (hobbled) to my car and drove to the Adkins Road to engage in a warm-weather-welcoming walk. Shortly, I was progressing with what, these days, passes for a "spring" in my step.

Regrettably, though the bird sightings may have been indicative of spring, the climate wasn't corresponding. That's not to say it was glacially cold. More accurately, it was a damp, penetrating cold. While pulling gloves over my bluish fingers, it occurred to me that perhaps the blue jay was blue for more reasons than mere genetics. Nevertheless, I was propelled onward by the lingering effects of the bird-sighting-induced euphoria.

One half-hour away from my car, I turned around to

begin the return portion of my, so-called, warm-weather-welcoming walk. Upon so doing, I came face to flakes with a veritable wall of snow that had crept up behind me without my noticing. There was no spitting of sparse snow beforehand. The wind hadn't increased. Yet, within seconds, I was swallowed by a blizzard, and heavy, wet snow was falling around my ears. Never before had I fallen victim to such a sneaky snowstorm.

Naturally, with the sneaky storm came even chillier temperatures. I was already scooting along at maximum shamle speed. To move faster would likely have resulted in an inglorious face-plant onto the muddy road. So, with my head angled downward and my

clothes growing soggy with each step, I grimly soldiered on. While shivering uncontrollably, I began to question whether the "spring" birds I'd seen at home weren't "bogus birds" whose true intent was to lure me outdoors to my demise.

Periodically, I glanced at the surrounding pasture. The blizzard was so intense that, once, I saw what appeared to be an obviously disoriented, still brown and white-mottled, jackrabbit frantically erecting an igloo. I also spied a soggy, shivering coyote that looked every bit as miserable as me. Doubtless, a cantankerous glare from either of us would have triggered a no-fangs-barred brawl. Obviously, the piteous mammals had also been caught unawares by the storm. Then,

I noticed that the individual snowflakes were large; about the size of a quarter. At that point, from past experience, I suspected the "storm" might be a squall.

Sure enough, after reaching my car, the snow stopped as suddenly as it had begun. While driving home, it dawned that, during the entire shivering, warm weather-welcoming walk, I hadn't seen any feathered harbingers of spring. What's more, when I got home, not a single bogus bird was there to greet me.

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Montana Night Sky Highlights for April

By Richard Stouffer*

The highlights of the Montana night sky for April include the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, being visible in the evening sky and the planets Mars and Saturn having a close encounter in the pre-dawn hours early in the month.

As the month begins, when darkness falls, look for brilliant Venus low in the western sky when it sets about 1 and 3/4 hours after the Sun. About an hour and a half after Venus sets, the giant planet Jupiter rises about 45 minutes before

midnight. By the middle of the month, Jupiter rises in the eastern sky just as Venus sets in the western sky. For the rest of the month, Jupiter and Venus are both visible in the evening sky at the same time with Jupiter rising about a half hour after sunset and Venus not setting until about an hour before midnight as April comes to a close. Toward the end of the month, Venus passes close to the Pleiades star cluster, the most obvious star cluster in the sky, on April 24. Then Venus passes between the Pleiades and the Hyades star clusters on April 27. The Hyades is the

nearest star cluster to Earth and is formed by the V-shape excluding Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, forming the horns of Taurus, the bull. The Hyades are found a little above and to the left of the Pleiades. Next up in the night sky are the planets Mars and Saturn, which both rise in the eastern sky a few minutes after 3 a.m. as April begins. At that time, orangish-gold Mars and golden colored Saturn may both be found near each other above the Teapot shape of the constellation Sagittarius. Also noticeable as the month progresses is the

relative brightness of Mars and Saturn. When the month begins, Saturn and Mars are about the same brightness. By the end of the month, Mars has doubled in brightness while the brightness of Saturn remains about the same. That is because Mars is speeding toward its closest approach to Earth in 15 years, which it reaches in mid-summer of this year when Mars will become even brighter than Jupiter. Throughout the month, the separation between Mars and Saturn increases rapidly as distant Saturn remains relatively stationary while the much nearer Mars moves rapidly away

from Saturn. By the end of the month, Saturn rises a little after 1 a.m. while Mars rises a little after 2 a.m.

As for the Moon, the Moon passes to the upper right of Saturn and Mars on April 7. The Moon passes to the left of Venus on April 17 and passes through the Hyades the next evening. The Moon then passes to the left of Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on April 24. The Moon is full on April 29 and passes near Jupiter that same as well as the next evening.

For meteor shower watchers, the Lyrid meteor shower peaks

on the morning of April 22.

This shower could produce up to 20 meteors per hour. With the Moon setting about 2:30 a.m., viewing conditions between then and when the sky begins to brighten toward dawn should be excellent for seeing the Lyrid meteor shower this year.

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Natural Resource News

Growing fruit trees in Montana

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Contrary to what you may think, Montana has a rich history of tree fruit production, including beyond the more well-known fruit production areas in the Bitterroot Valley and around Flathead Lake. Through the Montana Heritage Orchard program and the fruit tree cultivar research MSU Extension is conducting at 10 different locations across the state, there is no doubt that tree fruit can be produced in most parts of Montana. Since the availability of fruit in most local food systems around Montana is limited, the time to plant fruit trees is now. So, what does it take to successfully grow fruit trees in Montana?

Site selection is the most important factor to consider when planting individual

trees or an orchard. It is often the part that is overlooked because of the focus on varietal selection. What makes a good site? A good site has the following characteristics: deep, well-drained, fertile soils; southern aspect to maximize solar exposure; a slight slope to the south of 4 to 8 degrees; free of "cold pockets" (i.e., low lying areas where cold air will settle); windbreaks on the north and west sides (or the direction of prevailing winds) of windy planting areas; and dependable water at the site for irrigation. Another site consideration includes fencing that is at least seven feet tall for deer, elk, moose, and other wildlife.

The next important consideration if you are planting an orchard, is the production system, with specific attention to the arrangement of trees. A traditional orchard has trees on a standard or semi-standard rootstock with tree spacing 20 to 30 feet apart (about 40 trees per acre). Fruit trees on a semidwarf or dwarf rootstock can be planted closer with about

200 trees per acre. A high-density planting with a trellis system may have trees spaced only three feet apart in rows with 1,452 to 2,200 trees per acre, depending on the training system. There are advantages and disadvantages to consider in each system. Research to decide which system is best for you. The production system you use will determine which rootstocks you may want to use and will influence varietal selection.

Variety selection is the next important consideration, but the rootstock selection is just as important. First, choose a rootstock for the size of tree you desire and one that has excellent cold hardiness, disease resistance, high yield potential, and no suckering. Finding the rootstock and varieties you desire may be a challenge, so start this search early and plan three to four years in advance. If planting several hundred trees, consider contracting with a wholesale grower to propagate and grow the trees. In the variety selection process,

consider the growing conditions of the site, as some types and/or varieties will be more adaptable than others. When it comes to tree fruit, apples are the most dependable, followed by pears. Areas on the western side of the Continental Divide have microclimates that make growing stone fruit (i.e., peaches, sweet cherries, etc.) possible. Some other stone fruit (i.e., plums, apricots, and peaches) can be successfully grown in other parts of the state, but it is largely dependent on local microclimates. From MSU varietal research and through the work of the Heritage Orchard program, the following apple and pear eating (versus cooking) varieties have been identified to perform the best:

- o Apples: Goodland, Zestar, Carrol, Wealthy, and Duchess of Oldenburg
- o Pears: Golden Spice and Parker

After selecting a suitable rootstock and variety, make sure to start with quality stock. Ideally, you want a chance to

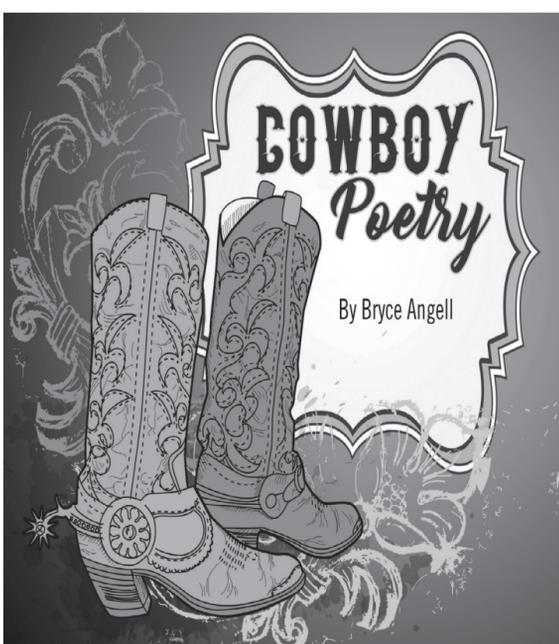
look at the trees and select them before they are shipped in the spring. Know your options if you receive poor quality trees.

Perfect variety selection becomes unimportant if the trees are not planted and managed correctly. The most common planting mistake is planting trees too deep. The graft union needs to be exposed and approximately two to three inches above the soil. The second most common mistake is not pruning the roots on containerized trees. Root-bound trees, common in container grown trees, must have the outside roots shaved off prior to planting.

Once trees are in the ground, there are two basic but very important management considerations for fruit trees. The trees have to be irrigated, especially the first five years, until they are well-established. A dependable irrigation system is essential. Ideally, the trees should have no other plant competition around them, as vegetation competition can be the difference between healthy

and unhealthy trees. A mid-row between the tree rows can be maintained with a perennial ground cover, but within the tree row, plant competition needs to be reduced as much as possible. This can best be accomplished through mulch or herbicides. Cultivation to remove vegetation is not advised because it destroys soil structure and kills many important tree surface roots, which also increases water loss from the soil. If using herbicides, make sure to follow all label directions. Make sure the product is labeled for the fruit you are growing and pay close attention to harvest date intervals.

For more information on growing fruit trees in Montana, visit with your local Extension Agent and consult the Extension publication, Growing Fruit Trees in Montana. Watch for fruit-related workshop opportunities and field days in your area.



Cowboy's Blessing

We chose a dried-up creek bed, lit a fire, and fried up lunch. Each cowboy moved in by the heat. Dang sure a hungry bunch.

The February midday air still had a nasty bite. So, we tossed more sagebrush on the flame and watched the shrubs ignite.

The smoke from arid sagebrush had us moving 'round the fire. One cowboy sat right through the smoke. His words would soon inspire.

He said, "The Good Lord's blessed me, been a cowboy all my life. I've got five kids, a favorite dog and best of all my wife." "Ain't sayin' life is easy, 'cuz it's usually dang hard work. And sometimes life can throw a curve that'll drive you plumb berserk."

He said, "I've had some broken bones from a well-intended hoof." His gnarled and twisted fingers were a picture of the proof.

And then he said, "I've worked all day and never gave much thought to how much we've been given, well deserved or even not."

"But today I look across this burning, sagebrush, smoky fire. I see that we've been blessed with friends whose friendship we aspire."

"Each friend has his own talent that contributes to this group. We even have a cowboy who gets rid of all the poop."

"So, today I'll thank the Lord for all you cowboy friends of mine. Just know that we're a special group of men who've grown up fine."

And when he'd finished speaking not a cowboy said a word. We all were contemplating 'cuz our souls had just been stirred. We finished up our spam and then we headed down the trail. Each cowboy noticed Utah's land, that day in more detail.

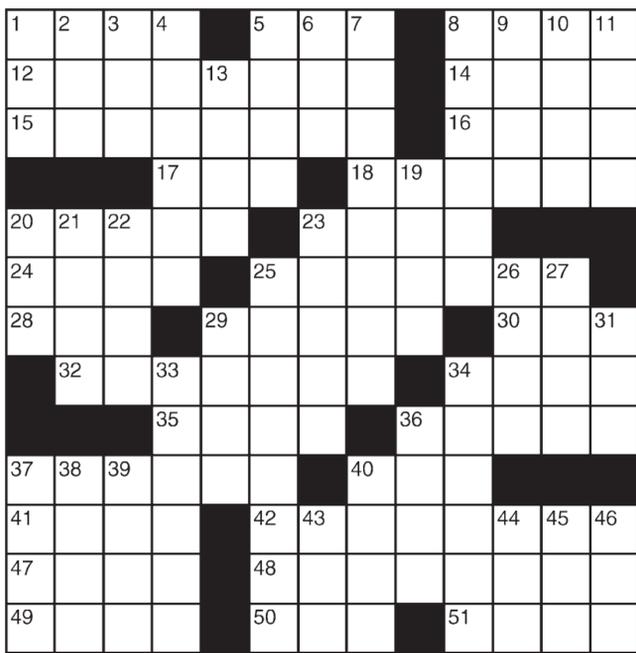
At night we all gave thanks, too many blessings to keep score. Yes, we're all a bunch of cowboy friends. How could we ask for more?

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- 15 Execrate
- 16 Island garlands
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- 23 Soreness
- 24 Do as you're told
- 25 Wide ruffle
- 28 Conk out
- 29 Lead the way
- 30 Playwright Levin
- 32 Beat decisively
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- 36 Trudge on
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24-tfc-b

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24-tfc-b

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23-5-b

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15-tfc

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22-tfc

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19-tfc-b

SERVICES

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24-2-f

AUCTION

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23-4-f

MOVING SALE

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Ad #101
Northwest Community Health Center (NWCHC) is looking to add a full time Dentist to expand its dental services to underserved families. If you are interested in this practice opportunity please inquire with Maria Clemons, Executive Director. maria.clemons@northwestchc.org or (406) 283-6919

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Nuverra is hiring for CDL Class A Truck Drivers. Drivers can earn a \$1500 sign on bonus. To apply call (701) 842-3618, or go online to www.nuverra.com/careers. Nuverra environmental solutions is an equal opportunity employer.

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Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Sheridan

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- RN & LPN Full-time or Part-time; and
- Social Services Director, Part-time.

Madison County

- Communications Officer, Part-time, Virginia City; and
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Madison County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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Montana FWP is hiring seasonal employees for AIS Watercraft stations at Tiber, Wibaux, Hardin and Tongue River Reservoir. \$13.02/hr. Some accommodations may be available. Must be 18 with a valid driver's license. Apply online at www.statecareers.mt.gov

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 5, 2018

MONTANA STATE LAND BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On April 16th 2018 at 9:00 am the Montana Heritage Commission/Montana State Land Board will hold a public hearing at 9:00 am State Capitol, Room 303 Helena, MT to consider the donation from the Montana Historical Foundation to the State of Montana for the McFarland Center with a physical address of 700 MT Hwy 287 and a legal description of S21, T06 S, R03 W, C.O.S. 7/686, TR A IN SEC 21 & 22.
(Pub. March 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 2018) mh
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NOTICE OF WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on March 13, 2018 the Town Council (the Council) of the Town of Twin Bridges, Montana (the Town) adopted Resolution of Intention to Increase Rates for the Users of the Municipal Sewer and Water System. The Town finds it necessary to collect sufficient revenues to pay the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of both the water and sewer systems. The Town proposes to amend the rates as follows:

Current Base Rate System for the Water: (SEE CHART A)

The Council is also proposing a 2% increase for the following 5 years starting in July 2019 ending in June 2024

Such amendment will not come into effect until the rate increase process is implemented in accordance with the applicable law and the initial rate increase will be effective July 1, 2018 or the July 20th billing cycle.

A public hearing on the proposed rate increase will be held on April 10, 2018 commencing at 6:45 pm at Town Hall 104 E. 6th Avenue, Twin Bridges, Montana. Further information regarding the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Kristi Millhouse, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Twin Bridges, Montana, 406-684-5243. Done by Order of the Council of Twin Bridges, Montana, this 13th day of March, 2018
Kristi Millhouse
Town Clerk/Treasurer
(Pub. March 22, 29, April 5 2018) tobt
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JACQUELINE JO MOORE, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-29-2018-3

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 months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to John Warren,

Attorney at Law, PO Box 28, Dillon, Montana 59725 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct
DATED January 29, 2018.
/s/ Frank D. Moore
FRANK D. MOORE
Personal Representative
Personal Representative's Attorney:
John Warren
P. O. Box 28
Dillon, Montana 59725
(Pub. March 22, 29, Apr 5, 2018) jw
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NOTICE OF CLOSE REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that regular* registration for the Madison Valley Hospital District Election to be held on May 8, 2018 will close at 5:00 p.m., April 9, 2018.

*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote by appearing in person at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. You may complete and submit a voter registration card, but you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot.
This Election will be conducted by MAIL ONLY. No polling places will be available.

All active and inactive**electors of Madison Valley Hospital District, are entitled to vote at said election. However, Inactive voters will not receive a ballot in the mail.**

**Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the Election Office 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 filing out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office.
DATED this 16th of March, 2018
Madison County
/s/ Kathleen D. Mumme,
Election Administrator
(Pub. March 22, 29 and April 5, 2018) mocr
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST

On April 12, 2018, 6:45 p.m., at Ennis Town Hall the Zoning Board of Adjustment will review, take comments and make a decision on two (2) Conditional Use applications.
Larry Pine is requesting to build residential units on lots zoned Local Commercial Residential. The involved lots are: Lot 5, Block 3, Home Addition and Lot 4, Block 3, Home Addition.
Information and materials related to these applications may be viewed at Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT, during normal business hours.

Public comment may be given at the meeting or in writing and sent to Town of Ennis, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT, 59729. Written comments must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., April 12, 2018.
(Pub. March 29, April 5, 2018) toe
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PUBLIC NOTICE

395 LAMPE, LLC, Plaintiff,
VS
OVERLOOK PARTNERS, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company;
YELLOWSTONE CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Montana Corporation; TIMOTHY BLIXSETH, an individual; CASEY HEITZ, an individual, Defendants,
TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 23rd day of April, 2018 at 1:45 p.m. on the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, the following described property:
Lot 203 of Plat of Overlook Subdivision, in Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana. (Plat reference in Book 4 of Plats, page 541, records of Madison County, Montana.) Said property is located on Andesite Ridge Road, Big Sky, MT 59716.
DATED this 29th day of March, 2018.
ROGER THOMPSON, SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY
(Pub. March 29, April 5, 12, 2018) mcsd
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395 LAMPE, LLC, Plaintiff,
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(Pub. March 29, April 5, 12, 2018) mcsd
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PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 14, 2017 and supplemented on November 2, 2017, Gerald Ohs and Glenda Ohs co-licensees (transferors) filed an application for the partial transfer of license for the North Willow Creek Project No. 7804, from Gerald and Glenda Ohs as co-licensees (transferors) to Gerald Ohs as sole licensee (transferee). The project is located on North Willow Creek in Madison County, Montana.

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VS
OVERLOOK PARTNERS, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company;
YELLOWSTONE CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Montana Corporation; TIMOTHY BLIXSETH, an individual; CASEY HEITZ, an individual, Defendants,
TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 23rd day of April, 2018 at 1:15 p.m. on the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, the following described property:
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DATED this 29th day of March, 2018.
ROGER THOMPSON, SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY
(Pub. March 29, April 5, 12, 2018) mcsd
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL TRANSFER OF LICENSE AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Gerald and Glenda Ohs
Project No. 7804-029
Gerald Ohs
(March 27, 2018)

On July 14, 2017 and supplemented on November 2, 2017, Gerald Ohs and Glenda Ohs co-licensees (transferors) filed an application for the partial transfer of license for the North Willow Creek Project No. 7804, from Gerald and Glenda Ohs as co-licensees (transferors) to Gerald Ohs as sole licensee (transferee). The project is located on North Willow Creek in Madison County, Montana.

The applicants seek Commission approval to partially transfer the license for the North Willow Creek Project from the transferors as co-licensees to Gerald Ohs as sole-licensee.

Applicant's Contacts: For Transferors/Transferee: Mr. Gerald Ohs and Ms. Glenda Ohs, P.O. Box 625, 63 North Willow Creek Road, Pony, Montana 59747, Phone: 406-431-5450, Email: klazysranch@yahoo.com.

FERC Contact: Patricia V. Gillis, (202) 502-8735, patricia.gillis@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 30 days from the date that the Commission issues this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-7804-029.

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary,
(Pub. April 5, 2018) ferc
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NOTICE
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY LOU LIELKE, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-29-2017-28
KEYLIN LIELKE has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate by statement of the clerk or judge in the above proceeding dated February 20, 2018 if there was a will, it was admitted to probate.

Letters of appointment as personal representative are hereby issued.
WITNESS the clerk of court and the seal of the court affixed on February 26, 2018.
/s/ Karen Miller
Clerk of Court
(Pub. Apr 5, 2018) kl
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NOTICE

The Ruby Valley Conservation District will revise the natural streambed and land preservation act rules governing the administration of the district's stream permitting program. A public hearing will be held Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 7:00pm, at the NRCS Conference Room, 402 South Main Street, Sheridan, Montana, to provide an opportunity to present views and submit written comments on the proposed rules. Copies of the draft rules are available by contacting the district at 402 South Main Street, Sheridan, Montana, (406) 842-5741 ext. 101.
(Pub. Apr 5, and April 18, 2018) rvcd
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that in Madison County on May 8th, 2018, an election will be held to elect two trustees to the MADISON VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD.

This election will be conducted BY MAIL ONLY and will be run with the regularly scheduled SCHOOL ELECTION.

No polling places will be available.
BALLOTS FOR THIS ELECTION WILL BE

MAILED ON APRIL 19TH.
If you feel that you are registered to vote and do not receive your ballot, call our office immediately at 843-4270.

Only ACTIVE voters will receive a ballot in the mail.

Ballots must be received in this office by 8 pm on MAY 8TH, Election Day in order to be counted. If you are mailing your ballot, please allow plenty of time for it to arrive here.

BALLOTS WILL BE HAND-COUNTED IN VIRGINIA CITY at the Public Meeting Room, beginning at 5 pm by an Absentee Counting Board which will be appointed to this task.

Those who wish to observe this procedure will be sequestered until voting ends at 8pm.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the number above.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2018
Kathleen D. Mumme

Madison County Election Administrator
(Publish April 5th, 12th and 19th, 2018)
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CHART A

SERVICE LINE	COST PER EDU	EDU's	BASE RATE CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$28.50	1.00	\$ 28.50
1 inch	\$28.50	1.70	\$ 48.45
1 1/4 inch	\$28.50	2.60	\$ 74.10
1 1/2 inch	\$28.50	4.00	\$ 114.00
2 inch	\$28.50	7.10	\$ 202.35
3 inch	\$28.50	15.30	\$ 436.05
4 inch	\$28.50	28.44	\$ 810.54
6 inch	\$28.50	64.00	\$1,824.00
8 inch	\$28.50	113.78	\$3,242.73
10 inch	\$28.50	177.78	\$5,066.73

SECTION 3: Proposed Monthly Base Rate. Effective July 1, 2018, the Town proposes to charge all users connected to the System a flat rate of \$31.00 per month per EDU, regardless of water usage (the "Base Rate Charge").

SERVICE LINE	COST PER EDU	EDU's	BASE RATE CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$31.00	1.00	\$ 31.00
1 inch	\$31.00	1.70	\$ 52.70
1 1/4 inch	\$31.00	2.60	\$ 80.60
1 1/2 inch	\$31.00	4.00	\$ 124.00
2 inch	\$31.00	7.10	\$ 220.10
3 inch	\$31.00	15.30	\$ 474.30
4 inch	\$31.00	28.44	\$ 881.64
6 inch	\$31.00	64.00	\$1,984.00
8 inch	\$31.00	113.78	\$3,527.18
10 inch	\$31.00	177.78	\$5,511.18

The Council is also proposing a 2% increase for the following 5 years starting in July 2019 ending in June 2024. The usage rate will go from \$.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$.75 per gallon and the late fee will increase from 1.5% to 10%.

Current Base Rate for the Sewer System is as follows:

SERVICE LINE	COST PER EDU	EDU's	BASE RATE CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$36.59	1.00	\$ 36.59
1 inch	\$36.59	1.70	\$ 62.20
1 1/4 inch	\$36.59	2.60	\$ 95.13
1 1/2 inch	\$36.59	4.00	\$ 146.36
2 inch	\$36.59	7.10	\$ 259.79
3 inch	\$36.59	15.30	\$ 559.83
4 inch	\$36.59	28.44	\$1,040.62
6 inch	\$36.59	64.00	\$2,341.76
8 inch	\$36.59	113.78	\$4,163.21
10 inch	\$36.59	177.78	\$6,504.97

SECTION 3: Proposed Rate Increase. Effective July 1, 2018, the Town proposes to increase the Sewer Rate Charge to \$46.89 per month per EDU and the sump pump charge to \$10.00. A late fee of 10% will also be added to the sewer charge.

SERVICE LINE	COST PER EDU	EDU's	BASE RATE CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$46.89	1.00	\$ 46.89
1 inch	\$46.89	1.70	\$ 79.71
1 1/4 inch	\$46.89	2.60	\$ 121.94
1 1/2 inch	\$46.89	4.00	\$ 187.56
2 inch	\$46.89	7.10	\$ 332.92
3 inch	\$46.89	15.30	\$ 717.42
4 inch	\$46.89	28.44	\$1,333.55
6 inch	\$46.89	64.00	\$3,000.96
8 inch	\$46.89	113.78	\$5,335.15
10 inch	\$46.89	177.78	\$8,336.11



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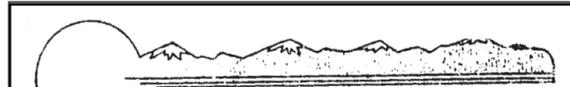


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(U.S. Senate) – U.S. Senator Jon Tester met with a group of students from Twin Bridges High School at his office in Washington, D.C. The students were visiting the Nation's Capital as part of Close Up, a program that gives high school students a first-hand look at how government works and a chance to meet their elected leaders. The students asked Tester thoughtful questions about college affordability and what first got him interested in politics. Tester encouraged them to get engaged in their community early and stay active.



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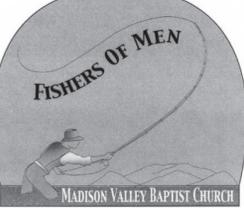
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Friday, April 6th Chicken Breast with mushroom sauce, rice, broccoli salad, dessert

Monday, April 9th Pork Stir Fry, rice, Chinese cabbage salad, strawberry cheese cake

Wednesday, April 11th Ham with scalloped potatoes, veggies, carrot/raisin salad, chocolate cake

Activities include Bingo on Monday, Board games on Wednesday, Blood Pressure screening on Wednesday with Sarah Paull

SENIOR MEALS, VIRGINIA CITY

Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on **Tuesday & Thursdays** from 11 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.

Thursday, April 5: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, veggie, roll, dessert

Tuesday, April 10: Grilled ham & cheese, tomato soup, dessert

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APRIL 5 - APRIL 11

THURSDAY APRIL 5
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DESSERT

FRIDAY APRIL 6
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Group encourages gun safety message for kids

MISSOULA - The "Be Safe" gun safety program for kids is the most widespread and readily available gun safety program for children in Montana. Provided by the Montana Shooting Sports Association, Be Safe has been the primary program for children's gun safety in Montana for more than 20 years. Be Safe is approved by the Montana Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and law enforcement as a good way to deliver an effective gun safety message to children.

Designed for children in first through third grades, Be Safe is a short story about how one responsible but imaginary Montana family deals with gun safety issues in the home environment. Typically, a presenter will read the story to children in a class at school, in church groups, or in other youth groups.

The presenter will then hand out copies of the material to children and ask children to take it home and have parents read the story to the child and siblings one more time before the child goes to bed. This reinforces the message, involves siblings, and offers parents a carefully designed gun safety strategy for application in the home. MSSA has distributed over 100,000 copies of the Be Safe material to Montana schools, gun clubs, and parents since the inception of the program.

MSSA has deliberately withheld any copyright protection for the Be Safe material, so that any interested person may reproduce the Be Safe material. That material and supporting documents are publicly available at: <http://progunleaders.org/BeSafe/>
MSSA President Gary Marbut commented, "For all those concerned about firearms and child safety, we encourage the widest possible application of Be Safe in Montana. We have no idea how many children's lives have been saved over the years because of Be Safe. It must be some, maybe many. But, we can do better. That's why we encourage all Montana people to ramp up delivery of Be Safe to children in schools and any other possible venues."

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Small business celebrates National SBDC Day

Submitted by Julie Jaksha
Headwaters RC&D Small Business Development Center

America's SBDC Montana will join with the other 49 states' SBDCs across the nation to celebrate SBDC Day on Wed., March 21. Nearly 1,000 offices nationally will join in promoting the core mission and successful outcomes of America's SBDC program. Telling the stories of its clients is the best way to celebrate SBDC Day. The Butte Small Business Development Center is pleased to announce the selection of two local businesses from southwest Montana who will be highlighted at the National SBDC DAY statewide recognition event. Mark Huntington, owner of The Copper Tee in Butte, and Dan Durham and Logan Miller, owners of Ranch Resources in Sheridan, will be honored in Great Falls on Wed., March 21. Governor Bullock will be on hand as well to celebrate the success of the Small Business Development Centers and their clients.

Julie Jaksha, Regional Director of Headwaters SBDC stated, "It is very rewarding to help clients achieve their dreams. Through determination, innovation, and hard work they are able to turn their dreams into reality. We are excited to talk about what the SBDC programs are doing on both a state and national level and to share the programs successes."

Huntington started his small business in college and has been growing his footprint since then. Success hasn't happened overnight but his hard work and dedication to his small business has paid off. He is a talented, innovative, small business owner, who is focused on providing exceptional customer service to his clients. Huntington took the initiative to ensure he was making smart decisions to help foster positive growth for his company. He needed to expand his operation, and purchase new equipment that allowed him to increase capacity and shorten turn time for new orders. Huntington is a successful entrepreneur with astonishing knowledge in owning and operating his business.

"With Julie's help, I now truly enjoy running my business and have been able to avoid many issues of day to day operation that would have gone unsolved without her guidance," he said.

Ranch Resources was established in Sheridan by Les Gilman to assist landowners in the Ruby Valley with managing their ranch properties. As properties changed hands from long-time landowners to non-resident, part-time owners, there was a tremendous need to ensure that the land continued to be managed properly. After a successful career starting and running Ranch Resources, Gilman decided it was time to transition ownership. Gilman approached Miller, one of his

long-time employees, about the idea of purchasing the business and, in turn, Miller reached out to Durham, a trusted colleague who he had worked with on several projects with Ranch Resources. With an incredible knowledge of the business, the new partners turned to Headwaters SBDC for assistance in purchasing the business.

"We could never have completed the purchase of Ranch Resources Inc. without the organizational, educational and funding resources available from the Butte SBDC and their employees," said Durham. "Buying our business was a long and complex process, but the assistance that we received from Headwaters SBDC provided a clear path forward and a better understanding of the steps required to be successful. The staff at Headwaters RC&D was always responsive and patient as we worked through various hurdles along the way, and gave us the confidence to keep going. We have now owned our company for six months and are really enjoying the opportunity and pride that come with running a small business in rural Montana."

SBDC Day is a national, collective announcement of the success and impact of America's Small Business Development Center in economic development and the small business community. SBDC's certified consultants offer free one-on-one business advising to entrepreneurs statewide.



Logan Miller, Mark Huntington and Dan Durhm. (Photo submitted by Julie Jashka)



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SARAH WEITZ graduated from Boise State University with a business degree in 2012 and then migrated to Dillon Montana in 2013 and later on to Whitehall. Sarah has "always loved Montana, been attracted to the small rural town feel, and greatly enjoys all of the outdoor recreational opportunities that Montana has to offer." A lover of snowboarding, hitting the hills to snow shoe, riding the high mountain trails in summer on horseback, and ranch rodeos. Sarah knows our area from the Valley floor to the mountain tops. Sarah was attracted to real estate this year because she can "combine flexibility to live the lifestyle Montana offers plus introduce it to others." Her business background will give her a strong foundation to analyze sales in the area and good insight towards investment potential. Sarah is currently making the Madison Valley her home but she laughs as she states "have truck - will travel".

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APRIL 2-5, 7

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WEDNESDAY
APRIL 4

Meeting, Sheridan
Ruby Valley Conservation District board meeting at 7 p.m. at the Sheridan USDA NRCS office.

THURSDAY
APRIL 5

BAH, Ennis
Business After Hours hosted by the Madison Valley Medical Center at 5 p.m.

Meeting, Townsend
Rocky Mountain Supply annual stockholders meeting at 6 p.m. at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds.

Tea & Tykes, Sheridan
Tea and Tykes play group at 10 a.m. at the Shovel and Spoon.

MONDAY

APRIL 9

Meeting, Ennis
American Legion meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW.

TUESDAY
APRIL 10

Meeting, Sheridan
American Legion Post 89 meeting at 6 p.m. at the Post building.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 11

Meeting, Ennis
School board meeting at the high school, room three at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY
APRIL 14

Girl Scout cookies, Ennis
Ennis Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at Plain Janes on Main from 10-11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY
APRIL 15

Book launch, Ennis
Art Keeler, Harrison author, will launch the publication of his new book, *Hollowtop Ramblings* with a talk and signing event. Raven Publishing, his publisher will also attend. 2 p.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

Painting workshop, Virginia City
Workshop from 1-3 p.m. at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center with Cathy Toot. For ticket information, call 843-5454.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 18

Kindergarten Roundup, Sheridan
Sheridan School's kindergarten roundup at 6 p.m. Contact Rod Stout 842-5302 for more information.

THURSDAY
APRIL 19

MVHA, Ennis
Tom Satterly brings Butte to life; he is a descendant of early Butte families, and his flexibility as a speaker is the product of a lifetime of fascination with Butte. 4 p.m. at Madison Valley Senior Center.

SATURDAY
APRIL 21

Reading, Virginia City
Reading with Montana Poet Laureate Lowell Jaeger at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center at 7 p.m.

Petropolis, Ennis
Aerial perspectives

of Alberta tar sands. Documentary shot from helicopter by filmmaker Phillip Mettler, showing at the MVPL at 11 a.m.

SATURDAY
APRIL 28

Chautauqua, Virginia City Chautauqua presentation at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck and performances starting at 7:30 p.m.

Auction, Ennis
Ennis Lions Club annual auction at 9 a.m., preview before, at the Ennis rodeo grounds.

THURSDAY
MAY 3

BAH, Ennis
Business After Hours Hosted by Bozeman Job Service/Madison Valley Public Library the MVPL at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY
MAY 5

Expo, Twin Bridges
Buy Local Expo sponsored by the Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Call Bob at 842-7900 to be a vendor or for more information.

SATURDAY
MAY 12

Season opening, Virginia City
Bale of Hay Saloon season opening with Legendary Bluesman entertaining at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
MAY 19

Brew fest, Ennis
Fifth annual Tap Into Ennis Brew and Spirit festival from 3-7 p.m. at Lions Club Park. Call the Ennis Chamber of Commerce for more information, 682-4388.

SHERIDAN

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 10 7 p.m.

Media Tech Center
Charles B. Murray Building



Thursday
September 6

BAH, Ennis
Business After Hours hosted by Norris Hot Springs at 5 p.m.

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FALL/WINTER HOURS: TH, FRI, MON: 4PM - 10PM
SAT & SUN: 10AM - 10PM | CLOSED TUES & WED

MUSIC THIS WEEK

Fri 4/6 Rod Morrison
Acoustic Rock/Americana
Sat 4/7 The Seldom Kings
Acoustic Folk
Sun 4/8 Aaron Williams
Rock/Reggae/Folk

hwy 287 & route 84 - 15 miles north of ennis
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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

Bridge, Ennis
Every Monday at 11:30 at the First Madison Valley Bank. New players welcome.

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City
Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Annex Building.

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

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

Senior Fitness
9:15 at Madison Square Athletic Club.

Movie Night, Virginia City
Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every other Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 a.m. Meetings at 9:30 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis

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

Baby Bistro, Ennis
First and third Wednesday of the month at the Madison Valley Public Library and 11 a.m.

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

Angelwings ministry, Sheridan
Every Wednesday from 2:45-4 p.m. at the Bloomin' Ruby Cafe.

Support group, Ennis
Ennis family and friends support group for those struggling with addiction. 5 p.m. 100 Prairie Way, 599-3659.

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church.

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

Senior Fitness
9:15 at Madison Square Athletic Club.

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
7 p.m.