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Unofficial June 5 primary voting results



Above: Elaine Forsberg of Ennis was among the 331 people who voted at the Ennis town hall on Tuesday, June 5 during the primary election. Forsberg was helped by Mary Sedwick, one of five election officials I at the polling place. Below: The Ennis polling place at 4 p.m. June 5. (J. TAYLOR PHOTOS)



Voters approve county nursing home levy by large margin

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ENNIS – At about 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, Elaine Forsberg of Ennis dropped her cast ballot into one of the two blue boxes on the table at the town hall. Two unused ballots slid into the other blue box. Then Forsberg received her “I voted” sticker, which she wore proudly.

“I’ve been living in Montana for the last 15 years and I love it,” she said, voting and all, on her way out.

Meanwhile, election officials Beth Classen, Sandi Pfall, Dan Northway, Mary Sedwick and Shirley Storey – “the boss,” her co-workers called her – remained behind the tables, helping voters with the mechanics of maintaining their most fundamental right as Americans.

Storey said the voter turnout was a little on the light side – “below average,” she said – because people tend to ignore primaries, but focus instead on November’s general elections, especially during presidential years.

Still, at 4 p.m. that afternoon, the election crew in Ennis had gathered the votes cast by 331 people who’d come through the town hall’s doors.

Unfortunately, truly official primary election night results won’t be known until June 19. The voting has to be audited (June 13) by state officials, then canvassed (June 19) by county election officials, according to Madison County Clerk-Recorder-Election Administrator Kathleen Mumme.

However, preliminary vote records were available from the Montana Department of State’s website, vote counts submitted by county election officials across the state.

As of Wednesday morning, with all 669 voting precincts fully reported, statewide voter turnout showed 281,412 of 679,231 registered voters had actually voted, a 41 percent turnout.

One vote of especial interest in Madison County: Voters appear to have approved the continuing mill levy to support the county nursing homes 1,767 for, 576 against.

In other business, voters did as follows:

Local races

Nursing home mill levy

Continuing mill levy for the Madison County nursing homes – 2,343 total votes

- For – 1,767, 75 percent
- Against – 576, 25 percent

State Representative District 71

- Democrat
 - Jay A. Frederick – 684 votes, 100 percent
- Republican
 - Ray L. Shaw – 1,383 votes, 100 percent

Statewide races

- Clerk of the Supreme Court
 - Democrat – 176 total votes
 - Rex Renk – 665 votes, 100 percent
 - Republican – 1,334 total votes
 - Bowen Greenwood – 1,334, 100 percent

Supreme Court Justice No. 4

- Beth Baker (non-partisan) – 2,016 votes, 100 percent

Supreme Court Justice No. 2

- Ingrid Gustafson (non-partisan) – 2,017 Total Votes, 100 Percent

District Court Judge District No. 5, Dept. No. 1

- Luke Michael Berger (non-partisan) – 2,067 votes, 100 percent

Congressional races

U.S. Senate

- Democrat – 775 total votes
- John Tester, 775 votes (uncontested)

- Republicans – 1,609 total votes

- Troy Downing – 294 votes (18 percent)
- Russ Fagg – 375 votes (23 percent)
- Albert Olszewski – 141 votes (9 percent)
- Matt Rosendale – 799 (50 percent)

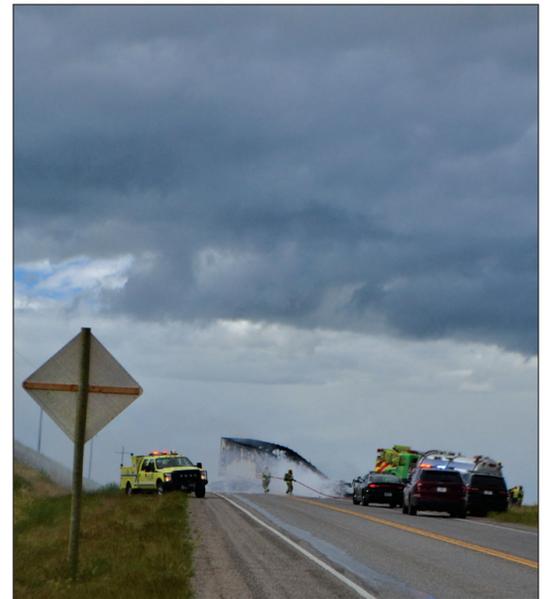
- Green Party – 5 votes
- Timothy Adams – 7 votes (56 percent)
- Steve Kelly – 10 votes (39 percent)

U.S. Representative

- Democrats – 752 total votes, 18 percent
- John Heenan - 136 votes, 18 percent
- Grant Kier - 233 votes, 31 percent
- John Meyer - 16 votes, 2 percent
- Lynda Moss - 32 votes, 4 percent
- Jared Pettinato - 16 votes, 2 percent
- Kathleen Williams -319 votes, 42 percent

- Republican 400 total votes
- Greg Gianforte – 1,470 votes, 98 percent

- Green Party – 4 total votes
- Doug Campbell – 14 votes, 82 percent



Ennis and Harrison Fire Departments, Madison County Sheriff’s deputies, Montana Highway Patrol and the Montana Department of Transportation responded to a multiple-injury collision just north of Ennis on Monday afternoon that involved a passenger car, a Suburban and a semi-truck. (R. COLYER PHOTO)

Two seriously injured in Ennis crash

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ENNIS - Three vehicles were involved in a head-on collision just north of Ennis on Monday afternoon, June 11.

Montana Highway Patrol, the Madison County Sheriff’s department, Montana Department of Transportation and the Ennis and Harrison Fire Departments responded to the collision around 4:30 p.m.

According to Montana Highway Patrol, a passenger car heading northbound out of Ennis attempted to pass and collided head-on with a semi-truck that was heading southbound. The truck then continued to travel a number of feet southbound and crossed into

the northbound lane, colliding head-on with the Suburban.

The cab of the semi-truck became fully engulfed in flames, but the driver was able to get out of the cab and assist a bystander in helping the driver of the Suburban out of her vehicle. That driver is expected to recover from minor injuries.

As of press time, no fatalities have been reported associated with the crash.

The driver of the semi-truck was treated at Madison Valley Medical Center for mild burns, while two of the occupants from the other vehicles were life-flighted out of Ennis with serious injuries. Montana Highway Patrol continues to investigate the crash, and it is unknown as of yet whether alcohol was involved.

Stonewall-Dudley building solution in the works?

Virginia City council hears from building owners

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VIRGINIA CITY – A solution may be in sight for the Stonewall-Dudley building’s structural problems and safety issues, if the town, the building’s owners and the Montana

Heritage Commission can come together and work on its future.

The building has been cordoned off by jack-fence style barricades because it is believed to be unsafe: Internal and external walls could be a threat to the public if they collapse – this the result of a leaking roof and delayed maintenance, according to Jim Jarvis, Virginia City’s historical preservation officer.

Cori LaFever visited with the council at their June 7 meeting to update them on her family’s ideas for the building. She and her sister Allison, an architect living in New York City, are the principle owners of the

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building, she told council.

Multiple reports have been generated about the building's structural problems, LaFever said, citing 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017 reports that listed internal and external walls that are structurally compromised.

The LaFeveres were in contact with the Montana Heritage Commission about the building and what to do with it, and the commission came to the conclusion the building is still "salvageable."

However, this salvage would be at different levels:

- One level would be restoring the building to full and safe occupation, a cost of millions of dollars, LaFever said.
- Another level would be restoring it to an unoccupied status, still quite a large chunk of change.
- A third level would involve emergency repairs, estimated at about \$130,000 by her sister, LaFever said, to keep the building structurally intact until a new owner can be found.

The LaFeveres don't have the wherewithal to fund a complete restoration, LaFever said. So

what they propose is to do the emergency repairs keeping the building together long enough for the Heritage Commission to acquire it.

This would involve a rehabilitating the roof, fixing the unstable walls, and stabilizing and bracing as much of the building as possible to make it safe.

The Heritage Commission has expressed interest in the building because, as Mayor Justin Gatewood said, it is the most historic building in Virginia City.

However, LaFever said the Heritage Commission cannot acquire the building immediately because other projects are priorities and the commission would need legislative approval for such a project, not available until 2019.

So, in order to do the emergency repairs, LaFever is asking the town for its help in acquiring grant money. For an individual, grants are largely unobtainable, LaFever said. But with the town's backing, getting grants – such as the \$7,500 Montana Historical Society grant – would be easier.

If the town could help and they could raise the money for the emergency repairs, the LaFeveres would "donate" the building to the Heritage Commission, LaFever said.

Gatewood told LaFever he'd would like to see the 2017 report her family had generated about the building's problems, so the town could know what sort of triage the building's structure would need. His interest in this was public safety, he said.

LaFever balked at sharing the report because with other buildings the family owns, similar reports had been shared and caused problems for them.

Gatewood also wondered what would happen if the city and the family couldn't get grant money to do the restoration work. LaFever said the family could put no more than \$100,000 into the effort because this investment wouldn't be returned. when the building was sold.

Councilman Jon Osborn suggested creating a foundation to raise money to fund the repairs. LaFever said that as private owners, they cannot do this, but the town might.

Council president Dave Bacon wondered about the building's National Historic Landmark designation, if federal money might be used. LaFever

said Allison had applied for a grant through the National Historic Preservation offices and it was "stuck in limbo."

Jarvis told council he thought the project was "big, but do-able" if everyone could work together on the effort. He didn't foresee private sector money coming into the effort, but with a collaboration of private and public effort, the emergency stabilization effort was "an excellent first step." He foresaw the stabilization effort yielding perhaps a decade's worth of time, during which the Heritage Commission could get legislative approval to acquire the building.

Jarvis also liked the idea of putting together an organization to acquire funding.

"I'm truly excited about this," he said, offering his help in any fundraising.

LaFever agreed to bring Allison and Gatewood together to discuss the 2017 report's findings, before the city would make any final decisions about this.

LaFever also agreed to let the city block off the alley behind the building on the north and west sides as a life-safety issue.

BIOLOGISTS TO TRAP MADISON GRIZZLIES

Public urged to heed warnings of research trapping project

BOZEMAN - As part of ongoing efforts required under the Endangered Species Act to monitor the population of grizzly bears in the Yellowstone Ecosystem, the U.S. Geological Survey, in conjunction with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP), wants to inform the public that pre-baiting and scientific trapping operations are once again about to begin within the Gravelly and Madison mountain ranges.

Biologists, with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study

Team (IGBST), will begin work in southwest Montana beginning June 12 and will continue through July 31.

Trapping operations can include a variety of activities, but all areas where work is being conducted will have major access points marked with warning signs. It is critical that all members of the public heed these signs.

Monitoring of grizzly bear distribution and other activities are vital to ongoing recovery of grizzlies in the Yellowstone Ecosystem.

In order to attract bears, biologists utilize natural food sources such as fresh road-killed deer and elk. Potential trapping sites are baited with these natural foods and if indications are that grizzly bears are in the area, culvert traps or foot snares will be used to capture the bears. Once trapped, the bears are handled in accordance with strict protocols de-



A grizzly bear momma and her cub. (IGBST PHOTO)

veloped by the IGBST.

Whenever bear trapping activities are being conducted for scientific purposes, the area around the site will be posted with bright warning signs to inform the public of the activities occurring.

These signs are posted along the major access points to the

trapping site. It is important that the public heed these signs and do not venture into an area that has been posted.

For more information regarding grizzly bear trapping efforts call the IGBST hotline at 406-994-6675.

Pickleball comes to Sheridan

SHERIDAN - Sheridan now has two pickleball courts at Ray Silve Memorial Park (the baseball park).

Pickleball is a paddle or racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis: Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a Wiffle Ball, over a net.

The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules somewhat similar to tennis, with several modifications.

Pickleball was invented in the mid 1960s as a children's backyard pastime but has become one of America's most popular growing sports among all ages.

The courts had the approval of Sheridan's town council, Mayor Bob Stump and a number of groups and individuals helped make the courts a reality.

According to Tom Walter, those who helped included the following: Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department under the leadership of Ben Hitchcock.

Mason Karl Marcus, Buddy and Arma Leonard of Bud's Repair.

Jason and Kali Hardy owners of Hardy Painting and Decorating.

Marilyn and Tom Walter from Walter's Family Foods and ACE Hardware.

Many long hard hours of work from contractor/builder Aaron Hansen and Ed Walter.

Anyone interested in learning how to play can come Tuesday through Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Bring paddles and balls if you have them don't forget tennis shoes and water.

It is great exercise for young and old, and Walter suggest a tournament and barbeque between Madison and Ruby Valley would be fun.



Sheridan's pickleball courts (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Rapid snow melt causing record stream flows

BOZEMAN - On May 11, the Clark Fork River above Missoula reached 33,250 cubic feet per second (cfs), the highest flow recorded since the river reached 48,000 cfs on June 1, 1908.

This year's peak flow was driven almost purely by the rapid snowmelt from the abundant and anomalous snow pack across the basin, unlike other big peak years (1964 and 1975) when there was a significant rain event in addition to already occurring snowmelt.

"This year will stand out in history as one of the biggest years on record for purely snowmelt-driven flows in rivers across the state," said Lucas Zukiewicz, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) water supply specialist for Montana. "The flows we experienced during May were a direct result of the well above normal to record-breaking snowpack in place

before snowmelt began along with above average temperatures and abundant sunshine."

While most rivers didn't set new records for peak flows with regards to an instantaneous flow measurement (cfs), 52 stream gages along rivers and streams set new records for May monthly flows, and 12 additional sites were the second highest on record.

Records at some stream gage locations go back 90 years. It wasn't just in northwest Montana where new records were set. Records for May flows span the entire state. Almost two-thirds of the gauges set new records, both east and west of the Divide, said Zukiewicz.

The impacts of the rapid snowmelt may be felt later in the summer season.

Ideally, the slow release of mountain snowpack provides long-duration flows in the rivers and

streams across the state.

This year, snowpack peaked well above normal in many basins, but once it peaked it came out at an accelerated rate. "Snowmelt rates this May were well above average throughout the month, and it took its toll on the snowpack," said Zukiewicz.

Snow pack as of June 1 remains near to above normal at many high elevation snowpack monitoring locations, but most mid-elevations are below normal for this date, and low elevations have melted during the early half of May.

"Based on the predominant weather patterns that we experienced this winter, cool and wet, this is not what we were expecting. It's almost like we skipped spring altogether this year and went straight into summer. The snowpack is moving out quickly, and early, this year," said Zukiewicz.

Snowmelt-driven peak flows have likely occurred on many river basins across the state, but higher elevation driven river basins in south-central Montana could still see additional peaks.

As of June 7, many reservoirs are full or are reaching capacity from the abundant runoff, which will help to sustain flows in many river basins later this summer.

Summer stream flow forecasts issued by the USDA-NRCS Montana Snow Survey generally remain near to above average for the June 1 - September 30 period, but summer precipitation, especially in June, will play a critical role in determining the long-term water supply.

Monthly Water Supply Outlook Reports can be found at this website after the 5th business day of the month: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/mt/snow/water-products/basin/index/>

Commissioners plan for Beaverhead Bridge replacement

Construction on new Geim Bridge to begin summer 2019

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TWIN BRIDGES - A deteriorating bridge originally built in 1910 will soon be replaced. The Geim Bridge currently crosses the Beaverhead River along Silver Bow Lane in the northwest part of Madison County south of Twin Bridges.

Madison County Commissioners hosted two public meetings, on May 15 and June 5, to explain the proposed project and allow for community input. But the communities surrounding the area are excited that a bridge badly in need of replacement is getting a face lift.

The Geim Bridge provides access to agricultural, residential and recreational land users, and generally sees traffic of around 60 vehicles per day, as well as serving as an informal fishing access.

However, the structure is not up to date with certain regulations and is showing the expected wear and tear for a bridge that is more than 100 years old. For these reasons, the commissioners proposed, it makes more sense to tear down and replace the bridge than to attempt to retrofit it.

The bridge shows evidence of corrosion in places, as well as rust, some surface decay, lost sections of the timber planks that make up the surface and damage from vehicle collisions and river debris.

"As the original structure requires significant work and is at the end of its useful life," writes Ryan Holm in the preliminary engineering report for the project, "it is in the best interest of the County to replace the bridge rather than conduct repairs or rehabilitation."

The new bridge will last about 75 years, will need far less maintenance than the current structure and will allow for the construction of a bridge that was in keeping with load and width requirements.

The Geim bridge is a top priority of seven outlined bridge repairs in the report. Other future projects include the Hutchins Bridge over the Madison River, Ramshorn Road over the Vigilante Canal and Waterloo Road over the Parrot Canal. But considering the wear on the Geim Bridge, its condition constitutes a threat to public safety.

Bridges in Montana receive a sufficiency rating out of 100 when they are structurally evaluated by the National Bridge Inventory (NBI). The state Department of Transportation recommends replacing a bridge when that rating falls below 50. The latest NBI sufficiency rating for the Geim Bridge was 41.8, placing it well below this threshold.

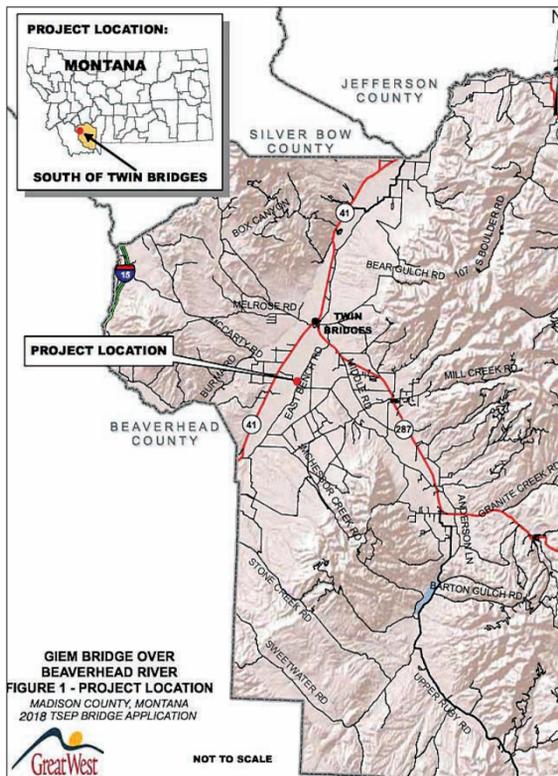
New bridges in Montana must be two-lane structures with a width of at least 24 feet. The current bridge is just under 15 feet wide, which makes turns difficult and limits wider vehicles from accessing the opposite side of the river. The current seven-ton weight limit also limits vehicles like propane and concrete trucks, fire trucks and agricultural equipment.

New bridges must also be capable of withstanding the flow of a 25-year flood event, at minimum.

County Floodplain Administrator Charity Fechter noted that the Geim Bridge is in a flood-prone area, so the new bridge would need to be able to accommodate flows of at least 1,670 cubic feet per second, the estimated flow of a 25-year flood event in that area of the Beaverhead River.

A new double-lane structure would cost more than \$1.1 million, according to the preliminary report.

The Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) will contribute around \$750,000 of that amount, and the rest will be covered by the state, according to



Madison County Commissioner Jim Hart.

Even though it will be mostly state-funded, Hart says, it has been agreed that the new bridge will be built to county specifications rather than those set out by the state.

"We put it back to what folks hoped to gain from the project," Hart says. "And that's a bridge that looks similar to the one that's already there, just wider."

Many of the questions relative to this project were already answered when the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge near Varney was replaced in late 2016 and early 2017, says Hart. That level of background information made this planning period go more smoothly and quickly.

No long-term adverse environmental effects are anticipated with the project, the report states. This is because the new installation

would largely cover the existing footprint of the 1910 structure. Minor temporary effects like mild erosion would likely occur due to construction activities but would not be permanent.

Habitat considerations would also need to be considered, with construction scheduled to take place around the normal breeding and spawning seasons for birds and trout in the area.

Construction on the new Geim Bridge will likely begin in the summer of 2019, once necessary permits are established and estimates and preparation is finished, and will take three or four months.

During construction, a detour of about 14 miles in total will be required for residents and other usual users of the bridge to reach Silver Bow Lane on either side of the Beaverhead River.

Meet your Marshal: Vickey Gordon

Gordon, long time volunteer honored as Fourth of July Grand Marshal

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ENNIS - "I would like to be that person, whoever she is."

That was Vickey Gordon's reaction to the letter of nomination written for her by her longtime friend and Ennis High School classmate Mary Oliver. Gordon was selected as Grand Marshal for Ennis's 83rd annual Fourth of July celebration, themed "Meet me in Ennis, Montana."

"Your civic engagement related to the Ennis community is highly valued," wrote Mary Oliver, a longtime friend of Gordon and member of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce's Parade Committee. "You are admired and respected by your peers and the public in general."

Gordon has touched countless lives in her years in the Madison Valley in addition to the music students she mentors. An Ennis native, she moved away for college, got her master's from UCLA to be a librarian, became a single- and multi-engine airplane pilot, then returned to her hometown in 1988 to nurture her favorite things: her family,

music, history and books.

She plays music every Monday night for the residents of Madison Valley Manor, has played for school and community choirs, teaches piano lessons, and still substitutes for Ennis Schools. She has played the piano at Ennis High School's graduation for the past 10 years, since the school doesn't have a band to fill the void. She calls music her mission in life.

She's been on the boards of the Madison Valley Women's Club, the Madison Valley Public Library, the History Association and the Elling House in Virginia City.

"You have positively changed the lives of hundreds of young people from our community," writes Oliver of Gordon. "Observing you at the top of your game is like watching a masterful performance; although infinitely difficult and painstakingly planned, great teaching appears effortless and seamless."

But Gordon is humble about all her accomplishments and the number of lives she's touched, telling me I should probably talk to someone else.

"When I got the letter I was in shock," she says. "I thought, if someone wrote me an obituary that wonderful, I would be so happy."

As Grand Marshal, Gordon will be at the head of many of the Fourth of July's festivities in Ennis, most notably the parade, which is one of her favorite parts, along with the famous rodeo.

BLM urges caution floating Madison River

ENNIS - As high water continues to surge across the region, the Bureau of Land Management's Dillon Field Office is urging floaters to use caution along the Madison River.

"The extraordinary winter snow pack has melted quickly and led to high water across the region," said Chris McGrath, Outdoor Recreation Planner with the Dillon Field Office.

Current flows on the Madison River are nearly twice the average levels, he added.

High water is likely to linger on the lower Madison into the summer season, so floaters should be prepared for higher-than-average flows when they reach their inner tubes. These high flows

present a number of dangerous situations, especially for people who are not prepared or experienced.

The BLM encourages floaters to use California Corner when launching their trips. This site is located a half-mile downstream from the Warm Springs Day Use Area and functions as the overflow parking area.

"Warm Springs generally fills up by 11:30 a.m. so if you are getting a late start, save yourself the hassle of trying to find a parking spot and just stop in at California Corner," McGrath advises.

For more information, please contact McGrath at 406-682-4082, or call the Dillon Field Office at 406-683-8000.

The Life and times of Henry Elling

LAURIN - The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in partnership with the Virginia City Preservation Alliance, will present a history program, "The Life and Times of Henry Elling," Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The program will take place in the restored cabin of Frank Bird Linderman, on the grounds of the historic Robber's Roost near Laurin and will be presented by Amy Grice.

Henry Elling (1842-1900) was

a banker in Virginia City, Montana, with extensive mercantile, mining, and ranching interests. Orphaned at the age of 15, Elling made his way from Germany to the United States with great hope...and little knowledge of English.

After a few years in Missouri, where he learned the mercantile business—and English—he began his westward trek; arriving in Virginia City, Montana, in the summer of 1864.

During the next 36 years, Elling was extraordinarily successful with his wide-ranging investments, which included banking, mining, ranching and real estate.

By the time of his death, Elling was one of the wealthiest men in Montana.

Grice, was an equine veterinarian for 25 years, and served as the managing partner of her equine referral practice in upstate New York until 2015, when

she opened a business consulting firm, and moved to Virginia City. Her parents, the late Mary and George Grice, retired to Virginia City in 2001.

Grice has strong family ties to Virginia City and Elling: Henry and Mary (Cooley) Elling were uncle and aunt of her great Aunt Mary Anna Elling, who was raised in the Elling House in Virginia City during the 1880s.

Californians bringing Honky Tonk to Ennis Fourth of July

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ENNIS - The Ventucky String Band, Big Tweed and the Chapman family will provide entertainment for Ennis's 83rd Annual parade and rodeo

Two southern California bands will travel to the Madison Valley for Ennis's annual Fourth of July celebration. The Ventucky String Band and Big Tweed both hail from Ventura, and specialize in bluegrass and honky tonk styles. The Chapman family, recently relocated to Ennis from Cody, Wyoming, will be the vocalists for the Fourth of July parade.

The Ventucky String Band is reminiscent of a time when Texas Swing still dominated the radio airwaves, and Bluegrass music was as novel as the arrival of television. Where some have tried to diminish Ventura as "Ventucky," the band sees their name not as a veiled jab at Bluegrass music or the city that brought them together, but as a tribute to the music and culture of the farmers, roustabouts, and cattlemen that helped grow the city during the early days of big-oil and agriculture in Ventura County.

Formed in 2010, the three-



California bands Big Tweed (left - Photo Courtesy of Christian Gallo) and The Ventucky String Band (right - Photo courtesy of Matt Sayles) Both bands hail from Ventura, Calif. and will play at Ennis's 83rd annual Fourth of July festivities.

piece ensemble includes everything from 1930s to bluegrass and cowboy ballads, as well as original pieces by members Matt Sayles, Dave White and Rick Clemens. The trio has toured internationally and have performed with the likes of Merle Haggard, Larry Sparks and the Bellamy Brothers. They have five releases under

Philville Records, the latest of which, "Ghost of the Damned," came out in December 2016. They will play at First Madison Valley Bank on Independence Day, during the annual Lions Club lunch.

Big Tweed was also formed in Ventura, in 2007. Their two-record discography is filled with songs "reminiscent

of the twang-filled days of California's yesteryear, in a city that has seen its fair share," according to their website.

Made up of five musicians—Christian Gallo and Mike Askay on guitar, Tom Mobley on drums, Jason Frazier on vocals and Brian Hobart on bass—Big Tweed has played Montana before. This year, they



will play during the Fourth of July festivities, along with another performance on Saturday, July 7, from 6-9 p.m. at the Gravel Bar on Ennis's Main Street.

Chad and Michele Chapman and their daughters Chloe and Brittany moved to Ennis in late 2017 to take over the management of the Sportsmans Lodge.

The Chapmans relocated from Cody, Wyoming, where they had been heavily involved in community theater, singing in productions like "Music Man," "Beauty and the Beast," and "Nonsense." They will be the vocalists for the Fourth of July parade in Downtown Ennis at 10 a.m.

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OPINION

Editor:

Bill Mercer should be thanked by our community for his commitment in buying the film, "Taking Chances," and John Heckler for showing it in his theatre. Everyone was invited to attend free.

It was a great privilege to view this film, which was partly filmed in Ennis a few years ago. We departed after viewing Sunday afternoon with a very profound sense of patriotism for those who have given their lives and great sacrifices for our country and the flag it represents. Thank you Bill and John.

Elite and Ott Jones
Ennis

Editor:

I wanted to speak out in favor the idea of accepting Twin Bridges Jr. High kids into the Panther football program for 2018 and 2019 which was referred to in an article on page A3 of the May 24th Madisonian

I grew up and graduated from Sheridan High School and some of my best friends attended Twin. We as students remained separate but outside of school hours we spent a lot of time together. Sheridan and Twin Schools have always had a sports rivalry but that was mostly perpetuated by the parents of the kids. I see that same pattern continuing again, much to my dismay.

As my friends have become parents of high schoolers themselves, fellow Sheridan graduates have sent their kids through the Twin school system and Twin graduates have done the same in Sheridan.

Like it or not, the Ruby valley is ONE community of people already. What we risk missing is what students might have accomplished if we could get our school leaders to not just allow, but also to actively seek ways to co-op whether it be for simple FFA groups taking the same bus to competitions, the close-up programs work-

ing together, band trip busses or allowing an under-manned roster of Twin Bridges Junior High kids being allowed to join Sheridan's football team.

We need to look at the possibilities of making things better for ALL area students even if they are coming from out of town.

Its about the kids, its about teaching compassion and the ability to bring different groups together to do what's best for everyone's interests. These are the things that are admirable and what our end goal should be as educators and parents of school age children.

Long story short, let the kids come to Sheridan and play. It's good for the entire community.

Aaron Davis

Editor:

On May 12, a benefit was hosted at Chick's Bar in Alder, for Bill Hoffman who was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer.

The turn out of friends was to over flow capacity.

Thanks to the Herculean efforts of Dave Marsh who orchestrated the event, an unbelievable collection of auction items was gathered. Donations were too numerous to mention. Everyone's generosity was overwhelming, from high quality original art, a saddle, guided fishing, locally raised beef, new things, old treasures...Thank you all.

John O'Rourke and other talented friends prepared and donated the roast pig, stuffed with brats and sausages... Not to mention all who donated side dishes. Truly, a feast!

Most of all, it is knowing how much people care and want to help. We thank each and every one of you for your gifts of support. Hearts of the Ruby Valley are awesome!

The Family of Bill Hoffman

OBITUARIES

Faye Watkins
June 8 2018

Faye Watkins, age 88, of Ennis, died Friday, June 8 in Ennis. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 16, at 10 a.m., from the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church in Ennis.

A viewing will be held Friday evening, June 15, from 6 -8 p.m., at the K&L Mortuary Chapel at Ennis.

Interment will follow in the Madison Valley Cemetery, in Ennis.

Clara Jane Woods
May 18, 2018

Silver Star native Clara Woods, 57, passed away unexpectedly at her Spokane, Washington home where she pursued her career in art.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Billie Jo Woods. Clara is survived by her brother Ben Woods, sister-in-law Renae and nephew Cody. A graveside service for Clara will be held at 2:00 p.m. June 28, at the Silver Star Cemetery where short memories are welcome.

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Shown above are some of Sheridan High School's scholarship winners. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Sheridan High School racks up impressive number of scholarships

SHERIDAN - Sheridan High School students have racked up an impressive number of scholarships this year, according to school officials. Here's a look:

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 • FFA Alumni - \$750.
 • FFA Alumni Memorial - \$100.

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 • Odd Fellows - \$300.
 • Vera Schulz Memorial - \$500.
 • Craig Woodson Memorial - \$500.

Destiny Fabel – Sheridan College WY
 • Elks Foundation- \$250
 • Imerys Talc - \$500.
 • Wilcox Memorial – \$500.
 • Sheridan College- \$1,000
 • FFA Alumni - \$750.
 • FFA Memorial - \$100.
 • Greg Day Memorial - \$750.
 • Rotary - \$800
 • Alfred T. Visborg Founda-

tion- \$1,000
 • Tuition waiver equivalence- \$6,792

Kenny Foster – Montana Tech University
 • Jan Knox Scholarship - \$1,000

Isaiah Galiger – UM Western
 • Bill Babcock Memorial - \$500.
 • Vera Schulz Memorial - \$500.
 • Sheridan Scholarship Foundation - \$500.

Stephen Hamilton – MT Tech University
 • Newmont Mining Corp. scholarship through Tech: \$2,000
 • Application of Excellence through Tech: \$500
 • 3 Rivers Scholarship - \$500.
 • Bill Babcock Memorial - \$500.
 • Vera Shulz Memorial - \$500.
 • USA Garnet - \$500.
 • FFA Alumni - \$500.

Benjamin Larsen – Military
 Harley Sprinkle – UM Western
 • Justin Ebel Memorial - \$500.

• 3 Rivers - \$500.00
 • Craig Woodson Memorial - \$500.
 • Raymond Silve Memorial - \$500. (voted on by the class)
 • Sheridan Scholarship Foundation - \$750.
 • Masonic Scholarship – 250.
 • Rotary Scholarship - \$800.

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 • Caleb Bowey - \$500.
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June 3

Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 50, Ennis; Dog Complaint in 200 Blk., Madison St., Harrison; Fire Call in Cameron; Dog Complaint in 300 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Welfare Check on MT Hwy 287, Ennis; Fire Call at US Hwy 287 N, in West Fork area, Cameron; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 65, Norris; "Suspicious Circumstances" Out of County; Traffic Complaint in 200 Blk Madison St., Harrison.

June 4

Traffic Hazard on MT Hwy 287, MM 23, Alder; Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 7, Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk E. Crofoot St., Sheridan; Animal Complaint in 400 Blk Upper Ruby Rd., Alder; Traffic Complaint on Depot Rd., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 52, Ennis; Wildlife Complaint in Big Sky; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk Main St., Harrison; Welfare Check in 200 Blk S. Meadow Creek Rd., McAllister; Citizen Assist in 300 Blk W. Steffens St., Ennis.

June 5

Theft Complaint in 100 Blk W. Idaho St., Virginia City; Citizen Assist on Tobacco Root Rd., Silver Star; Missing Person on Jeffers Rd., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances on MT Hwy 84, MM 4, Norris.

June 6

Medical Aid in 2400 Blk MT Hwy 41, S. Twin Bridges; Traffic Complaint on US

Hwy 287, MM 66, Norris; Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 15, Cameron; Medical Aid in 1100 Blk US Hwy 287, N. Cameron; Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Nicole Way, Ennis.

June 7

Threats in 100 Blk S. Main St., Ennis; Welfare Check in 200 Blk S. Main St., Twin Bridges; Coroner Call in Whitehall; Trespass Complaint in 100 Blk Golf Course Rd., Ennis; Citizen Assist on Cemetery Loop Rd., Ennis; Medical Aid in 3400 Blk MT Hwy 287, Sheridan; Abandoned Vehicle on MT Hwy 84, MM 3, Norris; Disturbance in 100 Blk Mill St., Sheridan.

June 8

Medical Aid Out of County; Suspicious Circumstances on US Hwy 287, MM 56, McAllister; Trespass Complaint on Bar 7 Lane, Ennis; Traffic Complaint in 700 Jefferson St., Ennis; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 55, MM 3, Silver Star; Suspicious Circumstances on Bluff View Lane, Ennis; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 34, Sheridan.

June 9

Fire Call in West Fork area, Cameron; Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 200 Blk. Madison Ave., Ennis

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 93 Calls for Service from Jun 2-9, 2018.

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Signs, weeds, dust and gas

Virginia City Council looks at issues

JOHN D. TAYLOR
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VIRGINIA CITY — Signs, signs, everywhere a sign...

Virginia City Council spent a considerable portion of its June 7 meeting discussing signs and how signage affects the quality of the town's neighborhoods.

Six signs — the county mental health poster-style sign, wooden signs for the Meagher cabin, the Daemes & Corbett house and the Harding house, and two sandwich board signs for the town's Chamber of Commerce and artist Stephano — were topics of consideration.

The city council had to reverse itself and clear up a procedural mistake made in May's meeting, when granting the county mental health sign some extra time to hang on the iron fence by the courthouse. Mayor Justin Gatewood took the blame for the mistake, and the council unanimously nixed the original motion, then re-approved the sign, which had already been taken down.

The Meagher cabin, Daemes & Corbett and Harding house signs, however, sparked far more discussion.

These signs highlight vacation rental properties — the cabin of Montana Governor Thomas Meagher, where Meagher and his wife Elizabeth lived, for example. The cabin is also one of the Montana Heritage Commission's more recent restoration projects and it is available as a rental unit.

Virginia City Historical Preservation Office Jim Jarvis explained that the rental signs, each about 2 feet tall by 3 feet wide, would hang from a 4- to 5-foot tall sign post in front of the cabins. The object of the signs was



Above left: Kaley, to accompany Allyson Adams's pitch for not using herbicides to control weeds, sang Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi." Right, the Meagher Cabin rental sign sparked much discussion about how signs can influence a community. (J. TAYLOR PHOTOS)

to show tourists renting the cabins where these cabins were located in the midst of many similar structures in town.

"Signs have an impact on the fabric of the neighborhood," Gatewood said, "promoting a different kind of behavior. They are a reminder that I'm living next to a hotel."

Councilman Jon Osborn agreed, "Signs in a residential area have a negative effect on the quality of life."

Gatewood wondered about the difference between signs in a residential area vs. signs in a commercial area, and whether having the signs up year-round as opposed to seasonally had an impact on the community.

In a residential area, the signs would need a conditional use permit.

He also wondered about the state — as opposed to a private landowner — being the landlord who rented the building, and how the state was essentially competing with citizens in rentals.

Councilman Amy Grice didn't like the sign being on a post; she suggested it be attached to the porch railing or some other less conspicuous location. She proposed a motion to limit the signs to this area and remove the posts. Her motion died for lack of a second.

Jarvis noted that the posts were very close to the houses, and most were already installed. Plus, the signs and the posts met the historical preservation guidelines of the town.

Eventually, all of the signs were approved. A motion by Gatewood and councilman Erin Leonard specified that the rental unit signs acquire an encroachment permit and that the signs be taken down seasonally.

Weeds, dust and pay-by-phone

In other business, former Virginia City mayor Allyson Adams and a friend, Kaley, came before the council to pitch a non-chemical way to control weeds in the community and to wonder what would be done to control dust.

While Kaley sang Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi" song about "...paving paradise to put up a parking lot," Adams offered an alternative way to get rid of

weeds in the town.

Adams talked about how chemical companies Monsanto and Bayer were conjoining, creating a corporate power that might inflict its will upon anyone, and the impact of Roundup, a commonly used herbicide that uses glyphosate to kill weeds.

"Its evil," she said, "it kills all and upsets the soil balance"

Many countries have designated it as a carcinogen, and Adams claimed the herbicide kills "everything" for as long as 18 months.

She suggested a better way to control weeds and unwanted plant life would be to feed the soil, because unhealthy soil, attracts disease and insects. Adams specifically pointed to hillsides up Alder Gulch that are bare and eroding because they lack plant life. Taking better care of the soil in this area could help solve the problem, she said.

She also pitched the idea of using goats to control weeds, an effort she tried in 2006.

Following Adams, Madison County Weed Office Coordinator Margie Edsall talked to the council about spotted knapweed — an invasive, non-native weed — problems across the county. Knapweed, she said, drives its roots down into the soil, produces its own herbicide, keeping other plants from growing around it. The roots, in time will also break up soil, creating further erosion. The weed office has a \$140,000 budget for helping landowners and municipalities this year for weed control.

Edsall said the county doesn't use Roundup to control weeds, but is mandated by state law to nix weeds, especially spotted knapweed.

Also, town clerk Nancy Stewart told council that she'd checked into using GovTeller, a municipal government payment system that allows residents to pay their utility bills over the phone with a credit card. Using this system would cost the resident an additional 2.5 - 3 percent of the bill for the convenience, a surcharge GovTeller collects to operate their system. The town would receive the full amount of the bill, GovTeller gets the extra. Stewart said with the town council's approval, she would move

forward on this.

Gatewood said this would improve the town's cash flow situation, and the council agreed that it sounded like a good idea.

Ennis town commissioner Lisa Roberts, in the audience for the meeting, said Ennis is currently using a similar system.

Many other Montana municipal governments use it as well.

The council decided to create a mailer that would include Adams's restorative landscape ideas about controlling weeds, Edsall's spotted knapweed information, and Stewart's GovTeller information.

Gas pump in VC?

Finally, the council decided to hold a public hearing about bringing a gas pump to the Virginia City's Depot & Visitor Information Center.

The Montana Heritage Commission approved siting a modern gas pump capable of using credit cards and being open 24 hours a day at the site, claiming 15 community members liked the idea, which is why they approved it. (The closest other gas stations are located in Ennis or Alder.)

Council, however, had a number of questions about this: Did 15 residents represent the desires of everyone in town? Worries about contaminants and how the pump would blend into the 19th century look of the town were also discussed.

The Heritage Commission wanted to sandwich the modern pump between two old time replica pumps to conceal it. Gatewood noted the town would get a 3 percent cut of all gas sales as an impact fee for hosting the pump.

Jarvis, who worked as a chemical engineer prior to serving as town historian, said contaminants from spilled gas would always be found around old-style gas tanks, and this site had some tanks years ago. Modern tanks, however, are designed to capture and collect any leaking gasoline because they constructed differently: a plastic tank encased in a concrete box which is encased in another concrete box. Monitors detect spills and drains catch them.

Wisdom Bridge closed to replace rotting deck

WISDOM -- The Wisdom Ranger District has closed the bridge on Forest Road #7410 that leads from the Maiden Rock area to the Canyon Creek/Glendale area due to an unsafe bridge crossing.

"The bridge has a rotted decayed deck that is unsafe for any vehicle to cross," said Wisdom District Ranger Molly Ryan. "We

want our visitors to have a safe enjoyable experience when visiting the area and due to the condition of this bridge we will be temporarily closing the bridge."

Forest engineers plan to replace the bridge with a safer temporary bridge in August after threats from flooding and high water have reduced and allows for crews to safely access the

bridge. Recommended alternative routes for travel in this area are to travel along the Trapper Creek road from Melrose to the Canyon Creek road, Forest Road 187.

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Dry wood termites are not native to the state but subterranean termites are known to cause damage to homes in Montana. Alaska is the only state in the United States that does not have termites because it is too cold and dry. Many homeowners in Montana unknowingly dismiss flying termites as winged ants. But it is easy to tell the difference - winged termites have a straight body and straight antennae, while flying ants have a pinched waist and bent antennae. Subterranean termites are active in narrow bands along the eastern and western borders of Montana. Local pest control contractors claim they have never seen termites in the Madison Valley in 25 years of business, and yet they have now been identified, here in our area. Some contractors suspect that these termites have been brought into the area on wood products from other states. It is recommended that firewood and other wood be kept away from the house to be safe.

More info at: <http://citybugs.tamu.edu/factsheets/household/termites/ent2002/>; and <http://www.termite.com/termites/termites-montana.html>.

It is best to contact a local pest control company who can inspect and treat if necessary. And if you purchase a home in Montana, have it checked for termites, even if everyone else tells you there are no termites in Montana.

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National forest offers tips for camping in bear country

DILLON -- The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (BDLNF) wants campers to know that grizzly and black bears - like people - are taking advantage of warm weather to catch up on feeding after a long, cold winter. While you're in the forest this year, always be bear aware.

BDLNF has a food storage ordinance requiring proper storage of all attractants.

As more people are living and recreating in bear habitat and allowing bears to gain access to human food, there will be a higher rate of unwanted bear encounters. Once bears are food conditioned they are often removed from the ecosystem due to negative human-bear interactions (human safety). The only way to prevent this is to keep all attractive items with a smell away from the reach of bears.

Attractants include food, refuse, sealed cans and bottles, alcoholic beverages, hygiene products, pet food, fish parts, and chainsaw bar oil.

To store attractants away from bears:

- 1) put in a hard-sided vehicles with windows and doors shut and locked;
- 2) store in a certified bear-resistant container;
- 3) hang in a tree 10 feet above the ground and four feet from supporting structures. Remember, regular coolers are not bear-resistant! Where possible, camp 100 yards from attractant storage and cooking areas.

Several campgrounds have bear resistant food storage lockers available for campers to use.

Remember to remove your food and trash from these lockers when you are done camping. Officials also recommend changing your clothes before going to bed. Often smells from cooking food linger on the clothes worn while cooking and are considered an attractant to bears.

BDLNF offices have a popular bear-resistant container loaner program to help forest visitors comply with food storage regulations. Forest visitors can check out bear-resistant horse panniers, backpacking "bear barrels" and the popular yet cost-prohibitive bear-resistant coolers for planned outings.

When hiking in the woods, your best defense is bear spray.

To effectively use bear spray: draw it from an accessible location; remove the safety cap and press the trigger; spray at 30-60 feet away; aim slightly down and adjust for crosswinds; discharge the spray in front of the bear's face; the spray will create a cloud in front of you; keep spraying until the bear changes direction.

It is also a good idea to carry two canisters of bear spray if you are travelling alone.

For information visit BDLNF's website at www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf, or stop by a local Forest Service office.

DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

•New hearings have been scheduled for Dalton Furie Dapolie, who was charged in 2013 with aggregated kidnapping, aggravated assault and robbery. The initial kidnapping charge was later dismissed and Dapolie was found guilty of the assault charge, as well as two counts of revocation of a suspended or deferred sentence and one count of probation violation. Dapolie did not show for a hearing on May 21, and the June hearings will adjudicate a petition to revoke his suspended sentence.

•The 2017 case of Boyd Van Fleet was suspended on June 4, and a warrant issued for Van Fleet's arrest. In June of last year, Van Fleet was charged with four felony counts of theft, one felony count of removal of livestock from Montana without inspection and one count of felony illegal branding of livestock. He was charged with stealing, branding and transporting a horse from a Madison County ranch, as well as stealing business records, a firearm and other personal property from the ranch. Van Fleet did not appear for a hearing scheduled for May 21, and his arrest warrant was filed on June 4.

Pony Poker Ride

•PONY - On Saturday, June 16, the 14th ANNUAL Horseback Poker Ride will be held at the Sitz Angus Ranch, seven miles west of Harrison on Norwegian Creek Road. Registration runs 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at the trailhead.

The 10-mile trail ride will start between 9 and 10 a.m. No late entries. Hands at \$30 each, extra hands for \$10. Poker hand players must be 18 years old and up. Children ride for free.

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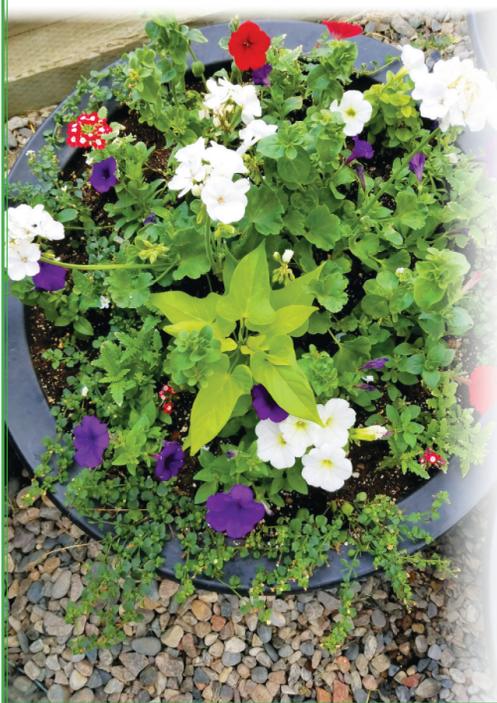
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Crop certification, reporting due July 16

VIRGINIA CITY -- In order to comply with Farm Service Agency (FSA) program eligibility requirements, all producers, including livestock producers, are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the appropriate deadline.

For 2018 Acreage Reporting/Crop Certification the deadline is Monday, July 16, for spring seeded alfalfa seed, forage seeding, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), fruit (except cherries), vegetables, christmas trees, and all spring-seeded crops and any other crops not required to be reported.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the applicable acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the applicable acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "green manure," "left standing," or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 16th.

- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the applicable dates or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Organic crops

Producers who want to use the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

organic price and selected the "organic" option on their NAP application must report their crops as organic.

When certifying organic acres, the buffer zone acreage must be included in the organic acreage.

Producers must also provide a current organic plan, organic certificate or documentation from a certifying agent indicating an organic plan is in effect.

Documentation must include: name of certified individuals, address, telephone number, effective date of certification, certificate number, list of commodities certified, name and address of certifying agent and a map showing the specific location of each field of certified organic, including the buffer zone acreage.

Certification exemptions are available for producers whose annual gross agricultural income from organic sales totals \$5,000 or less. Although exempt growers are not required to provide a written certificate, they are still required to provide a map showing the specific location of each field of certified organic, transitional and buffer zone acreage.

All crops

All crops and acreage must be reported no later than the crop's subsequent year's acreage reporting date.

If a crop report is not submitted by the subsequent year's reporting date, the acreage report cannot be considered acceptable and producers will not receive planting credit for the crop nor will the crop be eligible for any FSA program benefits for the applicable program year.

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Summer on the water: be safe, know the rules, Clean, Drain, Dry

HELENA - As boaters flock to the amazing rivers and lakes across the state, they need to keep in mind the new rules aimed at limiting and preventing aquatic invasive species from spreading.

All watercraft coming into Montana from out of state must be inspected prior to launching.

Additionally, all watercraft travelling west across the Continental Divide into the Columbia River Basin must be inspected.

All watercraft launching anywhere within the Flathead

Basin and a watercraft that was last launched on waters outside of the Flathead Basin must be inspected.

To accommodate these new rules, inspection stations are set up across Montana, with the goal of protecting Montana's borders and the Continental Divide.

Also, there are requirements that all watercraft leaving Tiber and Canyon Ferry reservoirs be inspected and, if necessary decontaminated, unless they are part of the Certified Boater pro-

gram.

These heightened efforts at protecting Montana's waters are in response to the discovery of aquatic invasive mussel larvae in water samples from Tiber Reservoir and Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Watercraft owners must stop at any open inspection station. Typically, these stops are very

brief and include a quick inspection. Watercraft owners can help by practicing Clean, Drain, Dry:

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PANORAMA



Black Jack Ranch Gallery opens June 16

Ennis's newest art gallery will host Art Walk, grand opening

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ENNIS - The newest gallery on Ennis's Main Street will be opening just in time for the summer season.

Black Jack Ranch Gallery, owned by Jack Sammis, will be part of the Evening of Art walk on Friday, June 15 and will host its official grand opening the next day, June 16. In addition to its brick-and-mortar space at 219 Main Street, BJR will also host an extensive online gallery in order to display the works of its fourteen artists.

"We really wanted to have a broad range of points of view about western art and subject matter and how it's portrayed," says opening director Ellie Thompson, who is also one of the artists featured in the gallery. Her jewelry and belt buckles are made with Montana materials, such as sterling silver and sapphires.

Also on display in the gal-



Black Jack Ranch Gallery opening director and featured artist Ellie Thompson holds one of her handmade sterling silver belt buckles, featuring a cutthroat trout. Her buckles feature materials found in Montana, like sterling silver and Montana sapphires. (REAGAN COLYER PHOTO)

lery are paintings from noted western artists Steve Seltzer, Todd Connor and Michael Maydak. Photographer Ken Hall's work is featured, as are bronze sculptures by Skull Society artist Greg Kelsey and Ennis native David Lemon.

Four of the gallery's 14 artists are members of the C.M. Russell Skull Society of Artists, a high honor in western art, especially for Montanans. Founded in 2013, the Skull So-

ciety of Artists is an outreach of the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls. It acknowledges the work of western artists whose work celebrates the themes of the legendary painter, and currently comprises 22 artists in total.

The C.M. Russell Museum and the Skull Society of Artists are both near to the heart of gallery owner Jack Sammis. A proud supporter of the museum and honored to feature the



The interior of Black Jack Ranch Gallery, on Main Street in Ennis. The gallery will be a part of the Evening of Art on Friday, June 15 and will host its grand opening on Saturday, June 16 at 4 p.m. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

works of Skull Society artists, Sammis places huge import in allowing art inspired by and produced in the west to be seen as widely as possible.

"The vision with the gallery was to open a small space with well-known artists of American art," he says. "I'm a big fan of

the C.M. Russell Museum and their support of the arts here in Montana."

Sammis calls Ennis the "pearl of Montana." He owns a ranch just outside of town in Jeffers: Black Jack Ranch, which inspired the name of the gallery. His goal is to attract

a nationwide—and eventually, global—audience with the gallery's combination of on-line and in-person art displays, hopefully encouraging people to come to the Madison Valley and experience the inspirations for western art for themselves.

Inside, rather than grouping art by who created it, pieces are oriented so that the subject matter creates a cohesive flow for viewers as they move through the gallery. Cohesiveness is an important element of the interior, for which Thompson did the design. Furniture and the gallery's wooden fixtures featuring their cattle-brand logo were made by Seth Bond of Polaris, Montana. Keeping the space true to the state has been an important element.

"It's all about making connections," Thompson says. "If you can do that for people, you've done something special."

Black Jack Ranch Gallery will be open to visitors on Friday, June 15 as part of the Ennis Evening of Art from 5-8 p.m. It will be featured along with Artists on Main, Cattleman Gallery and Gallery287. The official grand opening and ribbon cutting will take place on Saturday, June 16, at 4 p.m.

McCallister girl makes good

Sonya Germann first woman to lead DNRC's Forestry

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MISSOULA – In late April, Sonya Germann was chosen to lead the state's Forestry Division, the largest segment of the state's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

Germann is the first woman to spearhead this division, and her job is a big one: She will ramrod state forestry programs, timber harvesting contracts and fire suppression on state lands.

Germann is also hometown girl.

Despite having lived in Missoula for more than 20 years, when asked where she's from Germann answers, "McCallister."

McCallister days

"The other day," Germann said, "I was visiting with a DNRC retiree and we both agreed that not many people can say that they have been working since they were 10. I can."

"I was engaging on the ranch with my mom and dad since I could walk," she continued. "I could ride a horse

before I could take steps of my own and I honestly have been working since I was 10 years old."

"I worked year-round with my parents and step-grandfather and worked especially hard during the summers atop haystacks, moving cows on the forest, cutting hay, or working in our half-acre garden with my mom."

This work brought rewards. "I can say that my upbringing on the ranch helped me develop a strong work ethic, but what it did the most was tie me to land and to sense of place," Germann said.

She also credits family. "Mother was a Title I teacher in Ennis for many years," she said. "She passed away in 2015. My mom was one of the most influential people in my life. She was such a good person - she taught me to respect others, treat one another with kindness and fairness, and to believe in myself."

"I'm heartbroken that she is not here to see me get this job, but I draw on her teachings everyday. It's those teachings that make me good at what I do. I know there are people who still live in Ennis who benefited from her kindness and care. "My dad lives in Missoula now and is one of my biggest supporters. My dad helped his stepfather run the ranch for almost 30 years before we all left."

The family had a grazing lease on the National Forest system lands up North Meadow Creek, running cows on the for-

est between June and October.

"That experience connected me to some of our local USFS employees in Ennis who would become some of my early life mentors."

Her step-grandfather also cut house logs in Jackson Hole that would be made into log cabins, and the family spent a fair amount of time in the forest getting firewood and post and pole material for the ranch.

Germann graduated from Ennis High School in 1993, class valedictorian.

She then pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology with the University of Montana.

The path to DNRC

Germann has worked for DNRC for the last 12 years, most recently as the Forest Management Bureau Chief for the Trust Land Management Division.

This job put her in charge of the management of forested state trust lands, a significant amount of acreage in the western third of the state.

Timber sales, she noted, generate revenue for Montana's common schools and other endowed institutions.

This work had her working with the "top five elected officials in the state on a monthly basis," she said.

"I didn't get my start in forestry until my mid to late 20s," Germann said.

She wanted to work on the family ranch in McCallister, but when she realized that

wasn't going to happen, she began looking for another life path to follow.

"I came to forestry via wildlife biology and natural resource policy," she said, noting her B.S. degree in wildlife biology. "This program is one of the best in the nation and is a leader in understanding habitat management issues as they pertain to forested ecosystems."

Living in Missoula – one of the nation's first forestry centers – also enabled her to make the leap from ranching to forestry, she said.

"Many of the same principles I grew up with also applied to forestry - the stewardship and sustainable management of our resources leads to healthier ecosystems and produces renewable goods that support local economies," she said.

"Those principles were what drove me to apply for this top post in DNRC. During my tenure at DNRC, I have come to realize that our foresters, firefighters, and specialists need management to 'clear the path' - to work with systems and people that design and decide policy that make it possible to get the job done on the ground. I believe that is where my skill set is - to work with people to take on big challenges and to develop effective and trusting relationships to ensure that sound decisions get made and that good policy is developed."

Future

Connecting the past and present and going into the future, Germann said her strong



Sonya Germann

work ethic and ties to the land – a sense of place – remain critical factors in her success.

"Many see me now as working on policy or in the political realm, but what they may not know about me is that I have a very deep tie to the land. That's something I was born with and that I carry into every part of my work. It drives me in this work. I truly believe that we can earn a decent living and care for our natural resources at the same time. Forestry is amazing in that sense," she said.

"I think growing up in rural Montana provided me with an understanding of this state that many others may not have."

"When I think of forestry issues in the state, I do care about our larger municipalities, but where it really connects with me is in towns like Libby, Trout Creek, St. Regis... and other more rural towns. Advancing forest health issues and getting more management on the ground can make all the difference to the well-being

of these communities and the families who depend on a forest-products based economy."

"I understand small town Montana - instead of it being cows and hay, it's now trees."

"I think I work for the greatest natural resource organization in Montana and the people in DNRC are the very best at what they do. And I'm so excited to be a part of what this administration wants to get done in the next couple of years when it comes to forestry in Montana," she said.

"We have a lot to do together to advance our collective interests. This job isn't just a profession to me, it's my service to my state. I believe deeply in the mission of the agency and mostly in the people who advance that mission. Wildfires are getting bigger, the season is getting longer, and our forests continue to deteriorate. We have to work together to achieve healthy ecosystems to realize all of the various benefits from our forests - recreation, watershed health, improved fisheries and wildlife habitat, and a strong wood products-based economy. I'm up to the task and am excited to engage with Montanans on the critical issues that we face."

Germann is also currently working on her Master's degree in Natural Resource Policy also from UM.

"I hope to be finishing up soon," she said.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Healthy diets linked to lower risk of hearing loss in women

By Geri Piazza,
National Institute of Health

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The older you become, the more likely you'll be to have hearing loss. Experts estimate that about one in three Americans between the ages of 65 and 74 has hearing loss. Among those older than 75, an estimated one of every two people has hearing loss.

There are a number of reasons for losing hearing as you age. Just like other parts of the body, the ear and its nerve pathways can change over time. In addition, certain diseases and medical treatments can be toxic to the ears. Long-term exposure to sounds that are too loud or last too long can cause hearing loss as well.

Certain dietary patterns seem to protect against high blood pressure, inflammation, and other undesirable conditions. Scientists have wondered whether certain dietary patterns might affect hearing. To investigate, a research team led by Drs. Gary C. Curhan and Sharon G. Curhan of Brigham and Women's Hospital analyzed questionnaire



responses from about 71,000 women who took part in the Nurses' Health Study II between 1991 and 2013. The research was supported by NIH's National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) and National Cancer Institute (NCI). Results were published in the Journal of Nutrition on May 11, 2018.

At the beginning of data collection, women taking part in the study were between 27 and 44 years old. Most were non-Hispanic white women. Us-

ing mailed questionnaires, the research team asked the women every 4 years about their eating habits over the past year. They were also asked whether they had developed a moderate or severe hearing problem.

The team used the reports of food intake to calculate scores for three healthy dietary patterns: the alternate Mediterranean diet (AMED), Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH), and the 2010 Alternative Healthy Eating Index (AHEI-2010). AMED is based on fruits, vegetables, nuts, whole grains, legumes, and

olive oil. It encourages eating fish and drinking only a moderate amount of alcohol. DASH encourages fruits, vegetables, nuts, lean meats, fish, and low-fat dairy, and limits sodium, sugar, and fat. Like the others, AHEI-2010 encourages vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and limits sugar, salt, and animal fat.

Over the study period, 2,306 women reported having developed moderate or worse hearing loss. The researchers found that women whose dietary patterns most resembled AMED or DASH had about a 30% lower risk of hearing loss than women whose diets least resembled them. The women who didn't have AMED or DASH dietary patterns also seemed to be more likely to smoke and have high blood pressure, and less likely to be physically active. The scientists adjusted their models to account for these differences.

"Interestingly, we observed that those following an overall healthy diet had a lower risk of moderate or worse hearing loss," says Sharon Curhan. "Eating well contributes to overall good health, and it may also be helpful in reducing the risk of hearing loss."



Busy week at Madison Valley Manor...
Madison Valley Manor Activities Director Dr. Melody J Clark reports that residents had a busy week. The garden is planted and has done well with our recent rain showers. They have enjoyed eating out in the courtyard which is beautiful thanks to our auxiliary ladies. We had a beautiful memorial service for three residents that passed away. Family, friends and staff attended. Above: On Thursday, June 7, some residents went down by the river for a picnic lunch. Below: Residents got their exercise doing the Parachute Activity. Residents are looking forward to the Ennis Lions Club's Senior Fishing Derby on the June 22. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



Smart, healthful snack tips for people on the go

(StatePoint) Does your schedule, have you on-the-move? Check out these easy ways to healthfully keep hunger at bay, no matter where your busy life takes you, including at home!

Make Mini Meals
Instead of big heavy meals, think in smaller bites. Combine your favorite proteins, veggies, fruits and nuts into "snack style" meals that leave you satisfied, but not low on energy from just eating too much. Pick flavorful foods for lasting satisfaction.

Go Mediterranean
The Mediterranean diet is renowned for being both delicious and healthful. So, skip the chips and take a culinary cue from this region of the world for smarter snacking.

Flavorful, low-calorie, and low-carb olives provide a great centerpiece to any snack. Look for super easy options like Pearls' Olives to Go! Infused Olives, which come in portable cups with peel-back lids. Since there's no liquid and no refrigeration needed, it's an easy option to bring along to work, school, the gym or on trips. Great on their own, flavors include Sriracha, Taco and Italian Herb. For more information, visit Olives.com/pearls.

Desk Drawer Delights
Sitting for long hours takes its

toll. Take a brisk walk every day for a healthier outcome. A little snack afterwards is a welcome reward. Keep fruit, olives or a handful of nuts on-hand to avoid that junk food vending machine down the hall!

100 Calories or Less
Keep an eye on packaged food labels and be aware of the calorie count of your favorite snack items. For example, 10 large olives are only about 35 calories and a small apple is about 75 calories. A protein rich hard-boiled egg is about 80 calories and 10 almonds are 70 calories.

Having knowledge about your food gives you control and prevents later regrets. Look for products packaged in reasonable portions, such as the Pearls Olives to Go!. With several varieties weighing in at 35 calories per cup, this is a choice you can feel good about.

Boarding Passes
Air travel is now notoriously lacking in tasty onboard snacks, save for a few peanuts often drenched in sugar. Packing some satisfying snacks with good fats and proteins is the trick to battling inflight munchies. Olives, roasted seeds and nuts, crunchy carrot sticks and a few squares of cheese can be life savers.

Power to the Pantry
Being prepared applies here! Keeping your pantry and refrigerator stocked with the right foods is key to being a super-snacker, not a slacker snacker, and will help to satisfy cravings and curb weight gain. Don't even allow the junk foods in the door!

A well-provisioned pantry should include seeds, nuts, dried fruits, olives in portioned cups and some lean jerky snacks. Stock the refrigerator with portion-controlled cheese snack squares and sticks, chilled sparkling water, fresh veggie slices, hard-boiled eggs and tofu squares.

With these tips, you're ready to power-snack and stay fueled for whatever your day throws at you.

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Low Vit. D linked to miscarriage

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A National Institutes of Health (NIH) study suggests the importance of preconception vitamin D in maintaining pregnancy.

Among women planning to conceive after a pregnancy loss, those who had sufficient levels of vitamin D were more likely to become pregnant and have a live birth, compared to women with insufficient levels of the vitamin, according to an analysis by researchers at the National Institutes of Health. This study appears in The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology.

"Our findings suggest that vitamin D may play a protective role in pregnancy," said the study's principal investigator Sunni L. Mumford, Ph.D., in the Epidemiology Branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

The authors note that a few studies have shown that women who have higher levels of vitamin D before undergoing in vitro fertilization have higher pregnancy rates

than those with lower levels. However, little research has been done on pregnancy rates and pregnancy loss in women attempting to conceive without assisted reproductive technologies.

The researchers analyzed data collected as part of the Effects of Aspirin in Gestation and Reproduction (EAGeR) trial, which sought to determine if daily low-dose aspirin (81 milligrams) could prevent miscarriage in women with a history of pregnancy loss. Blood levels of vitamin D were tested for roughly 1,200 women before pregnancy and again at the eighth week of pregnancy. Researchers defined a vitamin D level of below 30 nanograms per milliliter as insufficient.

Women who had sufficient preconception vitamin D concentrations were 10 percent more likely to become pregnant and 15 percent more likely to have a live birth, compared to those with insufficient concentrations of the vitamin. Among women who became pregnant, each 10 nanogram per milliliter increase in preconception vitamin D was associated with a 12-percent lower risk of pregnancy loss. Vitamin D levels in the eighth week of pregnancy were not linked to pregnancy loss.

The authors note that the study does not prove cause and effect. Additional studies are needed to determine whether providing vitamin D to women at risk for pregnancy loss could increase their chances for pregnancy and live birth.

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD): NICHD conducts and supports research in the United States and throughout the world on fetal, infant and child development; maternal, child and family health; reproductive biology and population issues; and medical rehabilitation.

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INNTERNATIONAL PANIC DAY

Promoting a healthy, wholesome purging of the nerves

Every day it's something: natural disasters, pending economic peril, the spread of pandemics, wars and rumors of wars, etc.

The level of daily tribulations has reached such a level that many people are perpetually on the verge of freaking out.

For that reason, I have long felt that everyone is deserving of a healthy, wholesome panic attack once in a while. As luck would have it, I recently discovered that June 18th is designated as "International Panic Day."

Finally, an entire twenty-four hour period devoted solely to abandoning one's senses.

Given time to ponder things, I wondered what would be the proper way in which to observe such a locally unknown, yet beneficial event here in the tricity (Harrison, Pony and Norris) area.

My first thought was that, it doesn't matter so much what a person freaks out about as it does that they get any and all pent up anxieties out of their system. Therefore, one can't be hesitant.

To be effective, contributors will need to let it all hang out, hold nothing back and literally come apart at the seams. Shouting, screaming and blithering incoherently would also be helpful.

Most importantly, as I see it, partakers must display their absolute loss of composure—

publicly. After all, panicking without an audience is pointless. Neither is it likely to aid in the spread of alarm to other unknowing local International Panic Day participants.

With that thought in mind, the idea struck that perhaps a better way for me to mark the occasion would be to proactively promote fright in others. After all, by so doing, I could selflessly aid my fellows to rid themselves of pent up terror while, at the same time, not make a complete spectacle of myself.

The more I thought about it, the better that interpretation of the day appealed to me. And so, I set forth drawing up suitable, panic-inducing scenarios.

The following are some examples for use on the upcoming

unnerving event.

- Set off Harrison's fire alarm and announce that the Yellowstone caldera volcano has just erupted and everyone in town has five minutes to kiss their butts goodbye.

- Stand on the main street of Norris and holler at the top of my lungs that the Stock Market has crashed and everybody is, at that instant, even poorer than they were.

- Proclaim from my rooftop that a scourge of diabolical toenail fungus is heading this way.

- Burst into the community restaurant and announce that, due to recently imposed tariffs on Mexico, there will be no black beans available for breakfast burritos this morning.

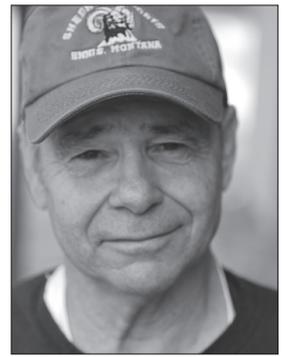
- Charge into the local school and proclaim that the Russians

have set off an "electromagnetic-pulse bomb" that will render all mobile communication devices useless in the next ten minutes.

- Drive back and forth on the main street of Pony with a bullhorn announcing that operating all-terrain vehicles on Forest Service Land has been declared illegal.

Of course, after all those given to undue alarm have been reduced to a state of sniveling debilitation, I would reassuringly shout "Happy International Panic Day!"

So, come Monday the 18th, I'll do my utmost to encourage anxiety-prone tri-city residents to join their counterparts around the world in experiencing a healthy, wholesome panic attack.



After a few weeks, area participants should have regained their composure enough to recognize the situation and appreciate my selfless efforts on their behalf. Then, everybody can get back to building stress for the next International Panic Day.

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

COMMODITY INSITE: The best environment in years

BY JERRY WELCH

My column last week was entitled, "A Super Cycle Has Arrived" and I stated clearly that "my work is screaming loudly that a new Super Cycle for commodities has returned." The last so called Super Cycle for commodities saw values rise more than 300 percent from the lows of 2003 to the highs posted in 2008.

However Wikipedia pegs the Super Cycle as kicking into gear in the early part of the 21st century, the years 2000 to 2014 following the "Great Commodity Depression of the 1980's and 1990's." Jeff Currie, global head of commodities at Goldman Sachs was recently quoted on CNBC saying, "It has a similar supply story as what we saw back in the 2000s," he said, "referring to the start of an historic super cycle in commodities driven by Chinese economic growth."

In early March, 2018, theedgemarkets.com posted a headline that read, "Cover Story: A commodity super cycle in the making? Here are some comments from that posting. "When there is impetus for growth in the economy, then commodities and equities could end up moving in the

same direction. And that is exactly what happened on Jan 26, when the Dow Jones Industrial Average hit an all-time high of 26,616.71 points and the Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM) touched 90.79 points — its highest level since August 2015."

"The BCOM tracks 22 commodities, including gold, crude oil, copper, corn, soybean, aluminum, nickel, zinc and wheat. Gold holds the highest weightage in the index at 12 percent, followed by natural gas (7.58 percent) and Brent crude oil (7.23 percent).

"With the BCOM hitting its highest level in 29 months in January, coupled with the International Monetary Fund revising its global growth forecast to 3.9 percent from an earlier 3.7 percent, a question to ask is whether an uptick for commodities is in store."

The answer to that question is a resounding, yes! Consider the following facts as proof. From the June 2017 low, commodities per se as measured by the BCOM rallied 12 percent into January, 2018. And the final days of 2017 into the

opening days of 2018, the BCOM closed higher 15 consecutive days in a row led by surging crude oil and base metal prices.

There is no doubt in my mind that, "an uptick for commodities is in store" even though values have been stuck in a trading range for the past 6 months. But history shows that when a market or group of markets break out of a wide swinging, volatile trading range on the upside (or downside) there is a tendency for prices to keep going in that direction.

For this year, commodities are posting their best year over year gains in a decade. Granted, values have done little more than to tread water the past six months due to rising interest rates, fears about even higher rates and the potential for slower economic growth from China. But those stiff headwinds should be overcome sooner than later. Or, such headwinds are already priced into commodity values.

In the past, Super Cycles for commodities were more often than not the result of higher crude oil and energy costs. In the Super Cycle

that began in 2000, crude oil prices rallied from \$12 a barrel to nearly \$30. Over the past few years, crude has rallied from \$26 to \$71 a barrel.

As the world economies gain momentum, jobs created, factories humming away and ending stocks or supplies will be drawn down to lower and lower levels. In the world of commodities, the key ingredient that sends values to much higher levels is ending stocks. When supplies of any kind of commodity "tighten" values tend to rise. And when global economies remain strong creating even more jobs and more robust demand, the stage is set for a Super Cycle for commodities to unfold which, based on history, can last for years and years.

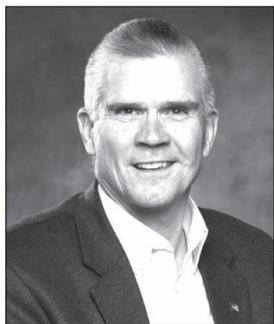
There is no doubt in my mind that the best environment for investing in and speculating with commodities in over a decade is at hand and it will last for years. But make certain you have access to timely and accurate information. Which, of course, is one reason to check out www.commodityinsite.com.

Health insurance rates likely to keep going up

By Matt Rosendale

Health insurance companies will file proposed 2019 rates with my office later this month. The proposed rate changes will not apply to anyone who has health insurance through a large employer or a government program like Medicare or Medicaid. The new rates will affect the roughly 100,000 Montanans who purchase individual or small group health insurance through the federal exchange or the open market.

While we don't yet know what the rates will be, I expect to see increases again, as we have every single year since Obamacare was implemented. Obamacare has made a mess of



our health insurance and health care systems, and Washington politicians have failed to fix the problem.

The good news is that President Trump and congressional Republicans repealed the in-

dividual mandate. That means you won't be forced to purchase an Obamacare plan and won't be penalized with a tax in 2019 for choosing a different health care plan that you prefer. Other actions by President Trump will expand health insurance options, and I anticipate those proposed changes will give many people lower cost alternatives to meet their health care needs by 2019.

As your state insurance commissioner, I have very limited authority over the Obamacare system created and enforced by the federal government. My office reviews the insurance companies' rates and shares that information with the public, but we can't

set the rates. One of the major problems with Obamacare—and another reason it needs to be entirely repealed—is that it prevents Montanans from developing our own, better health care system.

Even with these limitations, I have acted within my authority to expand health care options and lower costs for the people of Montana. I advised the insurance companies to apply certain rate adjustments only to plans where the federal government provides assistance in order to save Montanans money and keep rates lower on other plans.

I took action to allow Montanans to participate in direct primary care agreements with

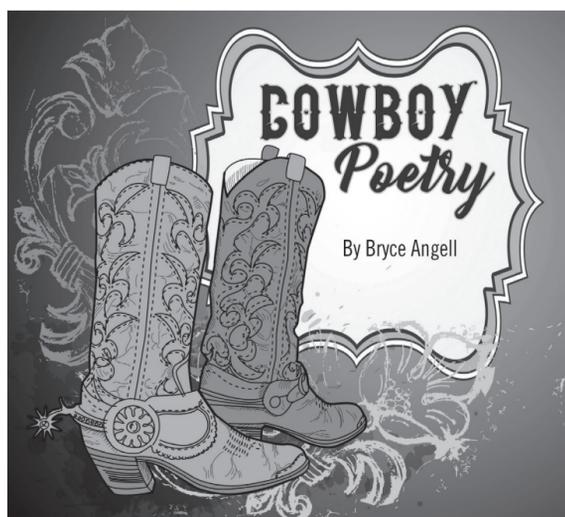
doctors and authorized the use health care sharing ministries, both of which provide alternatives for more affordable health care. My office is actively engaged in shining a light on the major problems within the pharmaceutical industry that are driving the huge costs of prescription drugs.

I also worked with the Montana legislature to pass bipartisan bills to improve access to health care. Unfortunately, the governor vetoed those bills for political reasons. If not for those vetoes, we would have made health care prices more transparent so Montanans could shop for more affordable options, and we'd be well on our way to a reinsurance pro-

gram to lower insurance rates.

Despite all the political obstruction, the problems created by Obamacare, and Washington's failed top-down approach, I'll continue to bring solutions at both the federal and state level to lower the cost of accessing health care. I'll keep fighting to give you more options to meet your health care needs according to your own budget and personal decisions.

Matt Rosendale is Montana's State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance



The Dappled Gray

My father pointed to the corral. "You see that dappled gray? I'd like it if you'd throw a saddle on his back today."

I queried. "Where'd you get the horse? He's ugly as can be. Has he ever worn a saddle? And if no, he's not for me."

My father said, "I'm not too sure, but just you never mind. I've got a feeling 'bout this horse. I'd say he's one good find!"

I slipped on his old hackamore with reins tied in a knot.

The first part came too easy. But for sure I had him caught.

I brushed him down then placed a saddlepad upon his back. His eyes were getting bigger. He was planning his attack.

I put the saddle on the pad and moved it up a bit. Then pulled the cinch up to his gut. That's when he threw a fit!

He jumped straight up. I'd say six feet, then came down buckin' strong. I never knew an ornery cuss could kick and

buck so long.

That fightin' piece of horse flesh paused. I took a step his way. But the dappled gray old gelding wasn't finished with his fray.

He finally stopped and looked around, still snortin', blowin' snot. I reached and pulled the saddle off. Another lesson taught.

I asked my father, "What'd you pay?" He said, "I got him free." I said, "For him that's still too much if it were up to

me!"

He said, "I knew that horse was trouble. And now he's proved me right. Too bad he's not a keeper. Sure put up a good fight."

I guess I kind of chuckled 'bout my father's change of heart. He usually had good horse sense, but was wrong right from the start.

I'm not so sure what happened to the ornery dappled gray. Do horses buck in Hades? Bet that's where he went to stay.

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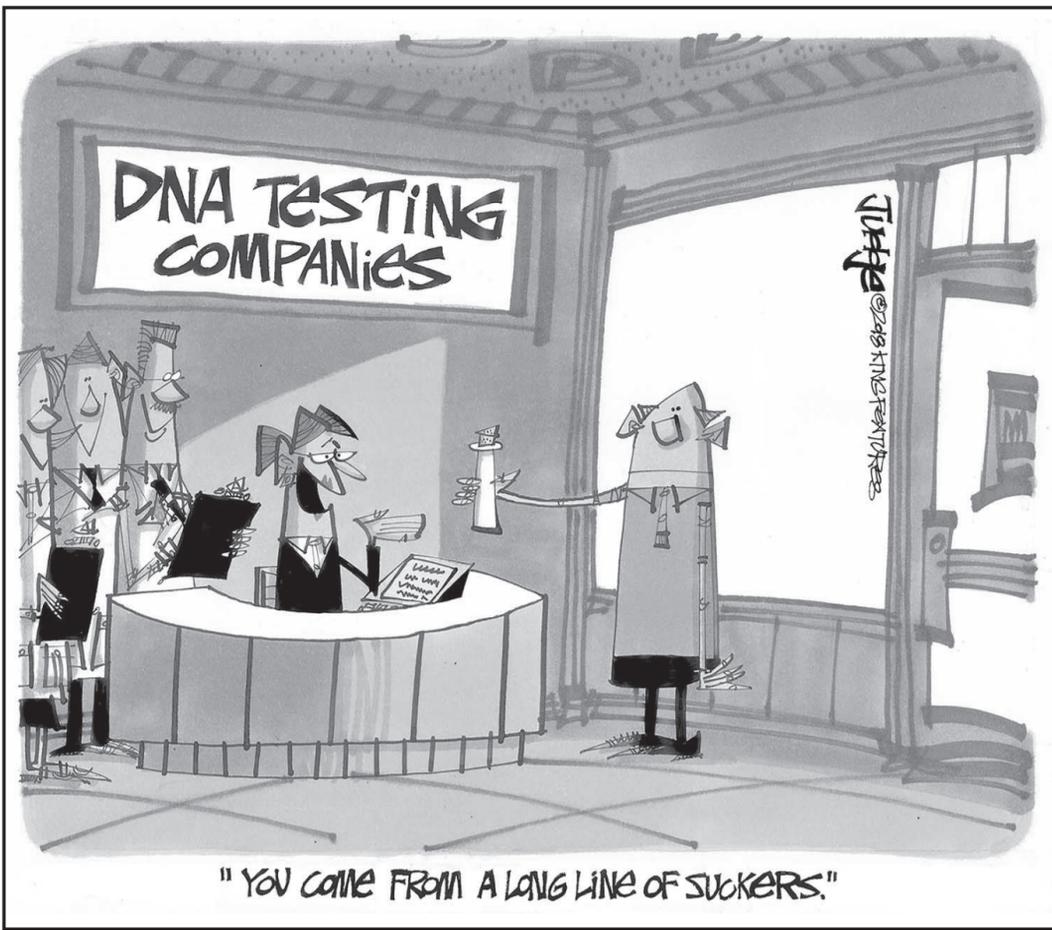
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Ennis, MT or text/call 579-2911
32-4-b

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33-4-b

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office unit, 2000 sq ft, \$700/
month plus utilities and mainte-
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Highway 287 frontage. New
building 32 x 44, roll up door,
restroom. References required.
750.00 per month. Call 842.5936
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1 bedroom unfurnished apart-
ments available in Ennis. A/C,
washer/dryer equipped, private
location. 1 year lease, \$650 per
month plus security deposit,
utilities included, non-smoking,
no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Man-
ager at 406-682-5737.
15-tfc

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ments available in Ennis.
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private location. 4 month lease,
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deposit, utilities included, non-
smoking, no dogs. Call Erich
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5737.
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8 ft standard truck bed fiberglass
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CAT FOUND: gray and white,
deafened with a short tail. Call
David Wood 406-459-6863.

LOST:
Stihl 311 Chainsaw near golf
course in Enns. Call 581-6192
REWARD.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Madison Valley Manor 5th
Annual Craft Fair: July 16,
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bake sale,
\$5 lunch, booths available.
Contact Melody
(406-682-7271) or
Cherri (406-682-5409)
28-TFC-B

BIDS

Sealed bids being taken for 2
Madison County fire apparatus.
1- 1996 Ford F250 Brush Truck.
Has a 300-gallon tank with pump
and hose. 1- Chevy Suburban
Command Vehicle. Has lights
and siren, but no radio. All bids
considered. Please mail sealed
bids to HVFD PO Box 200 Har-
rison, MT 59735
33-2-b

GARAGE SALE

Lots of Stuff Sale
Corner of Chowning & Steffens
June 15 - 16 9am - 3pm
New, Used, Reused, Misused
and Abused!
Grandma's Overflow - Ennis
498-0676
Open 10am - 4pm Monday
through Saturday
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SERVICES

Madison Valley
Caring & Sharing
Hours:
Mon. Noon-2:00 p.m.
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Lone Elk Mall, Unit 4.
Ennis. 682-7844
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tana - Company owned. Small
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- Experience Preferred - Salary Negotiable

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MADISON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Madison Valley Manor, Ennis

- Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time;
- Dietary/Aide/Cook-Full-time/Part-time;
- Housekeeping/Laundry-Full-time;
- Resident Aide-Full-time/Part-time-CNA Class/Independent Study Program "paid position" while in class;
- RN-Full-time or Part-time;

Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Sheridan

- Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time;
- Housekeeping/Laundry-Full-time;
- Resident Aide-Full-time/Part-time-CNA Class/Independent Study Program "paid position" while in class;
- RN-Full-time or Part-time;
- Social Services Director/Designee-Part-time;

Madison County

- Building Maintenance Worker-Virginia City-Full-time;
- Clerk Sheriff's Office-Part-time;
- Communications Officer Sheriff's Office-Part-time;
- Ennis Road Crew-Road and Bridge Technician-Full-time Temporary-12 month Position;
- Twin Bridges/Harrison Road Crew-Road and Bridge Technician-Full-time Temporary-12 month Position.

Please visit Madison
County's online
employment page
at www.madison-countymt.gov for
additional informa-
tion or contact the
Human Resources
Department at 406-
843-4201
Madison County is
an Equal Employ-
ment Opportunity
Employer.

ing 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with
benefits of town living. (406)
538-8460.

Ad #190
Northwest Community Health
Center (NWCHC) is looking to
add a full time Financial Officer
to manage and provide oversight
in all aspects of finance opera-
tions. Full job posting at <http://northwestchc.org/jobs/>. To apply
please submit resume and/or pub-
lic-sector applications at <http://northwestchc.org/jobs/>.

Ad #191
Nuverra is hiring for CDL Class
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earn a \$1500 sign on bonus. To
apply call (701) 842-3618, or go
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Nuverra environmental
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Ad #192
Looking for an Experienced
Equipment Operator/Project
Manager Possible Signing
Bonus Company Pickup Salary
\$45-\$125k + Bonus. Location:
Phillips County, MT and within
a 300 mile radius. Possible
relocation expenses (moving
is not required depending on
distance). Requirements: Must be
able to maintain, mobilize (CDL
Required), operate equipment,
bid jobs, project manage and re-
present our company in a positive
manner in order to be at or near
the top pay. Bonuses are based
off performance and there is no
limit. Please email resume to:
mtciv1406@gmail.com

Ad #193
MSU CMHRR is hiring P/T
Facilitators and Assistants for a
youth suicide prevention study
in Bozeman and Helena schools.
For complete job information vis-
it: montana.edu/cmhrr/jobs.html.
EOE, Veterans/ Disabled

Ad #194
2009 JD7130 Tractor, MFWD,
125 hp, with JD740 Classic
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tained, 3,400 hours, \$66,000.
Kelly Fischer is retiring, (701)
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PUBLIC NOTICES

AMENDED SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
MICHAEL & TRACY MONTFORT, Plaintiffs,
JAMES WILLMS, VANCE WILLMS & WILLMS CONSTRUCTION, Defendants.
Cause No.: DV-29-2018-21
THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:
YOU, DEFENDANT WILLMS CONSTRUCTION, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the above-named Court. This action is brought to quiet title to land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: 22 Neely Lane, Cameron, MT 59720. This action also seeks damages for your negligent construction of the plaintiffs' home. You must file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
GIVEN under my hand this 11th day of May, 2018 at 12:02 pm.
Karen Miller
CLERK OF COURT
BY
/s/ Carmin Hill
Deputy Clerk of Court
(Pub. May 31, June 7, 14, 2018) acb
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YOU, DEFENDANT JAMES WILLMS, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the above-named Court. This action is brought to quiet title to land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: 22 Neely Lane, Cameron, MT 59720. This action also seeks damages for your negligent construction of the plaintiffs' home. You must file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
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Cause No.: DV-29-2018-21
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YOU, DEFENDANT VANCE WILLMS, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the above-named Court. This action is brought to quiet title to land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: 22 Neely Lane, Cameron, MT 59720. This action also seeks damages for your negligent construction of the plaintiffs' home. You must file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On October 10, 2018 at 11:00 AM, at the North Entrance, Madison County Courthouse, 100 West Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755, Brigham J. Lundberg, a member of the Montana State Bar, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows:
Lots 15 and 16 in Block 3 of the MIRZA-NORBY ADDITION to the Town of Ennis, Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof filed in Book 2, Page 62 on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. Together with 14 x 70 Vandye Mobile Home. Parcel ID No.: 0026029124; 0026029123 which has the address of 640 Nicole Way, Ennis, MT 59729.
Said sale will be made to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale ("Deed of Trust") dated August 11, 2005 and executed by Gail Frances Cole, as grantor or ("Grantor"), to Wells Fargo Financial National Bank, as trustee, in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as beneficiary, and recorded on August 29, 2005 as Instrument No. 108371 in Book 540 at Page 366, official records of Madison County, Montana.
Brigham J. Lundberg ("Successor Trustee") is the successor trustee of the Deed of Trust pursuant to an Appointment of Successor Trustee/Substitution of Trustee recorded on January 11, 2018 as Instrument No. 176161, official records of Madison County, Montana. Beneficiary has declared the grantor in default of the terms of the Deed of Trust and the promissory note ("Note") secured by the Deed of Trust because of Grantor's failure to timely pay all monthly installments of principal, interest, and, if applicable, escrow reserves for taxes and/or insurance as required by the Note and Deed of Trust. According to the Beneficiary, the obligation evidenced by the Note is now due for the May 25, 2014 installment payment. As of May 29, 2018, the amount necessary to satisfy this obligation was \$78,210.16. This amount includes the outstanding principal balance of \$74,031.81, plus accrued interest, accrued late charges, accrued escrow installments for insurance and/or taxes (if any), and advances for the protection of the beneficiary's security interest (if any). Due to the default stated above, Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Successor Trustee, to sell the above-described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the

trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranties of title or possession, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale is subject to bankruptcy filing, payoff, reinstatement, or other circumstance that affects the validity of the sale. If the sale is set aside or the trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of funds paid to the successor trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing or other court-ordered stay, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. The grantor, the successor-in-interest to the grantor, or any other person having an interest in the aforesaid property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the present beneficiary the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default theretofore existing. This communication is from a debt collector. It is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. DATED: 05/30/2018 /s/ Brigham J. Lundberg Brigham J. Lundberg, Successor Trustee Lundberg & Associates, PC 3269 S. Main St., Ste. 100, Salt Lake City, UT 84115 801-263-3400 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Pub. June 7, 14, 21 2018) rsc
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The individual transportation contracts for the 2018-2019 School Year are now available at Sheridan Public Schools. If you reside at least three miles from the school or transport your child at least three miles to a school bus, you may be eligible for reimbursement. For further information please contact Rebecca E. Larsen at the Sheridan School Office (842-5302).
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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 2:15 pm in the Moonlight Lodge, 66 Mountain Loop Road, Big Sky, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the revised Moonlight Basin Overall Development Plan update proposal. The proposed plan spans approximately 8,000 acres of platted subdivision and un-platted tracts of land located in the upper Jack Creek drainage on the northern flank of Lone Mountain in Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 2 East; Sections 1-4, 9-12, 13-16, 22-24 & 26, Township 6 South, Range 2 East; Sections 7 & 18, Township 6 South, Range 3 East PMM. The revised proposal would maintain the development cap of 1,651 units.
Written comments should be received by 5 p.m. Friday, June 22, 2018, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planning@madisoncountymt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
The Overall Development Plan and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at:
• Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City;
• Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis;
• Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky
Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
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Copies of the proposal are available for public review at: Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky; the Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis; and the Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BARBARA A. SAUM
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be mailed to SUENRAM & BERGESON, Attorneys for the Personal Representative, P.O. Box 1366, Dillon, Montana 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
DATED this 21st day of May, 2018.
/s/ KENT DUGHMAN,
Personal Representative
Pub. June 7, 14, 21, 2018) sB
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COUNCIL VACANCY

COUNCIL VACANCY - The Town of Twin Bridges has a Council Position available. If you are interested in filling the position, please drop a letter of interest and qualifica-

tions at Town Hall (104 E. 6th Ave) or mail to PO BOX 307, Twin Bridges, MT. In order to be a member of the Town Council you need to be at least eighteen (18) years old, and a resident of the Town of Twin Bridges for at least 60 days. The term expires on December 31, 2019 at which point re-election (general election, November 2019) will occur for the next four year term. Position requirements can be obtained at the Town Office. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the office at 406-684-5243 or the Mayor at 596-1312.
Pub. June 7, 14, 2018) tbt
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NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED

TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PARTIES (REGARDING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW) WHOSE CURRENT ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN:
Denise Lynn Labbe; Any Assigns, Successors, Personal Representatives, Heirs, Devisees or Beneficiaries of or to the Above Party; and Any Other Parties Claiming an Interest, Whether Legal or Equitable in the Real Property Described Below.
Pursuant to section 15-18-212, Montana Code Annotated, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
1. As a result of a property tax delinquency, a property tax lien exists on the following described real property in which you may have an interest (Madison County Tax Parcel/ID No. 28051000):
Madison County Treasurer's Abbreviated Legal Description:
SECTION: 24 TOWNSHIP: 06S RANGE: 02E DIAMOND HITCH OF SKI MOONLIGHT, LOT 23, PLAT 4/24 GEocode: 25-0425-24-4-01-41-0000
Full Legal Description:
LOT 23 OF DIAMOND HITCH OF SKI MOONLIGHT, MADISON COUNTY MONTANA, A SUBDIVISION OF MOONLIGHT BASIN RANCH LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 244, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA.
2. The 2014 property taxes (second half) became delinquent on June 1, 2015.
3. The property tax lien was attached as the result of a tax lien sale held on July 15, 2015.
4. The property tax lien was purchased at a tax lien sale on July 15, 2015, by: Madison County, 103 W. Wallace Street, P.O. Box 247, Virginia City, MT 59755.
5. The lien was subsequently assigned on September 3, 2015, to: Eric Bashore, P.O. Box 80242, Billings, MT 59108.
6. As of June 14, 2018, the amount of tax due is:
TAXES: \$9,855.94
PENALTY: \$197.11
INTEREST: \$2,755.18
COST: \$337.10
TOTAL: \$13,145.33
NOTE: Interest continues to accrue at a rate of 5/6 of 1% per month.
7. For the property tax lien to be liquidated, the total amount listed in paragraph 6, plus any subsequent accrued interest, and the applicable \$50 redemption fee charged by Madison County, and any other applicable subsequent taxes, penalties, interest and costs due, must be paid by August 20, 2018, which is the date that the redemption period expires or expired.
8. If all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid to the county treasurer on or prior to August 20, 2018, which is the date the redemption period expires, or on or prior to the date on which the county treasurer will otherwise issue a tax deed, a tax deed may be issued to the purchaser/assignee on the day following the date that the redemption period expires or on the date the county treasurer will otherwise issue a tax deed.
9. The business address and telephone number of the county treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: Madison County Treasurer, 103 W. Wallace Street, P.O. Box 247, Virginia City, MT 59755, Telephone: (406) 843-4212.
FURTHER NOTICE FOR THOSE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN:
1) The address of the interested party is unknown.
2) The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance.
3) The interested party's rights in the property may be in jeopardy.
Dated at Ennis, Montana this 14th day of June, 2018.
By: /s/ Eric J. Bashore, P.O. Box 80242, Billings, MT 59108
Pub. June 14, 21, 2018) eb
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ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT - TOWN OF ENNIS - PWSID#MT0000208 - PO BOX 147 - ENNIS, MT 59729

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water source is ground water from two wells. At the present time we serve about 1150 people. We have completed a source water protection plan that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination to our drinking water supply. This plan can be found online at http://apps.msl.mt.gov/Geographic_Information/Data/SourceWaterProtection-Program/
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
Contaminants that may be present include: Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations estab-

lish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.
We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.
If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Kelly Elser, Public Works Director, at 682-4287. If you want to learn more about our water, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the town hall.
Ennis routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows the results of any detects in our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2017. For constituents that are not monitored yearly, we have reviewed our records back the last five years.
The Town of Ennis has been issued a waiver for certain inorganic contaminants. This waiver allows our water system to sample only once every 9 years for these regulated contaminants: barium, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, mercury and selenium. We have also renewed our waiver for asbestos. Past sampling for these contaminants has shown that they are not present in our water supply, or occur in such small amounts that they are not considered a health hazard. This waiver is in effect from 2011 through 2020.
We have monitored for lead and copper and all of our samples are in compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Ennis is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.
In the tables above and below (SEE CHART A BELOW) you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:
Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Treatment Technique (TT) - (mandatory language) a treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
Our system had no violations.
We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels.
We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.
This Annual Quality Water Report will not be mailed out to individual water customers! A copy of this report is available by calling or stopping by the Town Hall.
(Pub. 14, 2018) toe
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Deed of Trust: Dated May 23, 2013
Grantors: Ennis Homestead, LLC
PO BOX 554
Bellevue, ID 83313-0554
Ennis Homestead, LLC
206 N. 2nd Street
Ennis, MT 59729
Ennis Homestead, LLC
c/o Reg. Agent Ralph Lapham
206 North Second Street
Ennis, MT 59729
Ennis Homestead, LLC
c/o Reg. Agent Ralph Lapham
PO Box 462
Ennis, MT 59729
Original Trustee: First American Title Company
PO BOX 899
Ennis, MT 59729
Original Beneficiary: First Madison Valley Bank
PO BOX 307
213 E Main St.
Ennis, MT 59829
Successor Trustee: Charles E. Hansberry HANSBERRY & JOURDONNAIS, PLLC
3111 S. Grant Street, Suite B
Missoula MT 59801
Date & Place of Recordation: Original recorded 06/03/2013 under Document No. 150909, records of the Clerk & Recorder of Madison County, Virginia City, Montana
The undersigned hereby gives notice that on the 24th day of July, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 am at the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 West Wallace, Virginia City, Montana, CHARLES E. HANSBERRY, as Successor Trustee under the above-described instrument, in order to satisfy the obligation set forth below, has elected to and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, payable at the time of sale to the Successor Trustee, the interest of the above-named Trustee, Successor Trustee and Grantor, and all of its successors and as-

signs, without warranty or covenant, express or implied, as to title or possession, in the following described real property:
Lots B-1 and B-2 of the Final Plat of the Lapham Minor Subdivision, located in the S ½ of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 1 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, more particularly shown and described on plat filed in Book 2 of Town Plats, page 262, records of Madison County, Montana.
The defaults for which this foreclosure is made are the failure of the above-named Grantor, and all of their successors and assigns, to pay as agreed upon demand as provided for in the Promissory Note dated May 23, 2013 and the most recent Change in Terms Agreement dated December 23, 2016, the principal balance of Six Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-Four and 24/100 Dollars (\$636,934.24), plus accrued interest in the amount of Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven and 88/100 (\$82,711.88), plus default interest from January 30, 2017 to November 15, 2017 in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen and 54/100 (\$25,215.54); together with interest which continues to accrue at the rate of Ten and 75/100 percent (10.75%) per annum, plus all costs, fees, expenses, attorneys' and trustee's fees as provided by law.
Dated this 26th day of March, 2018.
/s/ Charles E. Hansberry
Successor Trustee
Hansberry & Jourdonnaiss, PLLP
3111 Grant Street, Ste. B
Missoula, MT 59801
STATE OF MONTANA
:ss
County of Missoula
This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 26th day of March, 2018, by Charles E. Hansberry, Successor Trustee.
/s/ Jasmine R. Icenhower
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing in Missoula, Montana
My commission expires July 18, 2020
Pub. June 14, 21, 28 2018) hj
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CHART A

Parameter	Date	90th % value	Units	Action level	Source of Contamination
Lead	2017	<1	ppb	15	Household plumbing
Copper	2017	0.175	ppm	1.3	Household plumbing

TEST RESULTS								
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Sample Date	Highest Level Detected	Range	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
Nitrate + Nitrite as N	N	2017	1.17	1.11 - 1.17	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewer; Erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic	N	11/2/15	2	1-2	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	N	11/2/15	0.11	0.11	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	11/2/15	0.9	0.5 - 0.9	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits
Radioactive Contaminants								
Gross Alpha	N	2017	4.8	0-4.8	µCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium	N	2017	6	6-6	ppb	0	30	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium 226/228	N	2017	0.8	0.8-0.8	µCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Town of Sheridan Water Department
PWSID #00329
103 East Hamilton St
Sheridan, MT 59749
406-842-5431
Sheridan@drivers.net

We're very pleased to provide you with the annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The primary source for the Town of Sheridan is operated by the local government. The town's water source is groundwater provided from 5 wells: Well #1 at 100 feet, Well #2 at 225 feet, Well #3 at 400 feet, Well #4 at 412 feet and Well #5 at 450 feet. These wells supply water for a 300,000-gallon storage tank that serves approximately 900 customers.

If you've been asked to provide this report or concerning your water, please contact Curtis Green 406-925-3903. You may also attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm at the Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton Street in Sheridan.

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Parameter	Date	90th % Value	Units	Action Level	#Sites Over AL	Source of Contamination
Lead	2017	4	ppb	15	1	Household plumbing
Copper	2017	0.082	ppm	1.3	0	Household plumbing

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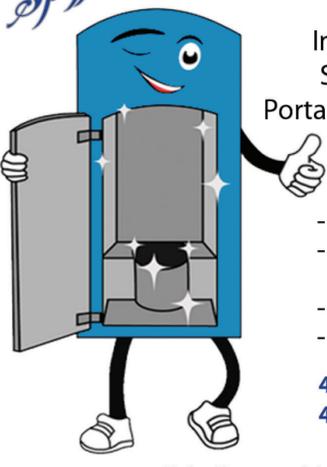
Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Level 1 Assessment - A level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment - A level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

TEST RESULTS								
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Sample Date	Highest Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination	
Inorganic Contaminants								
Nitrate + Nitrite as N	N	06/29/17	0.51	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewer; Erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride	N	10/23/13	0.1	ppm	4	4	Water additive which promotes strong teeth, erosion of natural deposits	
Uranium	N	10/23/13	2	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits	
Radioactive Contaminants								
Gross Alpha	N	10/23/13	4.0	µCi/L	0	15	Erosion of Natural Deposits	
Volatile Organic Contaminants								
TTHMs (total trihalomethanes)	N	08/01/12	1.2	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
HAA5 (Haloacetic acids)	N	08/01/12	0.62	ppb	NA	60	By-product of petroleum factories and by-product of drinking water chlorination	
Microbial Contaminants								
	Violation Y/N	Date	# Months Positive	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination		
Total Coliform	N	Monthly	0					

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Notice per MCA 7-1-2121 and MCA 15-17-214

Notice is hereby given that if property taxes are not paid by July 30, 2018, Madison County will attach a property tax lien to property on which taxes are delinquent. Delinquent taxes including penalties, interests and costs are a lien upon the property and, unless such are paid prior to this time, the lien will be attached and may be assigned to a third party. Notice is sent certified mail at least two weeks prior to the date of the payment for delinquent taxes to whom the property is assessed. Before assigning the tax lien certificate to a third party, the treasurer is to receive proof of this notice. FAILURE TO PAY YOUR TAXES COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF PROPERTY.

A list of each property and all persons owing taxes for the year 2017 is on file in the County Treasurer's office and is open to the public for inspection.

MCA 15-17-122
Shelly Burke, Treasurer
sburke@madison.mt.gov
www.madison.mt.gov
406-843-4212
Madison County

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Sunday School/Nursery 9 a.m.
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Check website for ministries:
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596-0847 • 3648 Hwy 287
Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

Rocky Mountain Baptist Church
Will Stevens, Pastor
682-4949

Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Service 11am
Afternoon Service 1:30pm
Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm
Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm

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Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
Wed. 7:00p.m.

3560 | MT State Hwy 287
Sheridan 842-5860
Bishop Shaw 684-5255



MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Services:
4:00 P.M. AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN

Sunday Services:
11:00 A.M. AT NOTRE DAME IN TWIN BRIDGES
9:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN
8:00 A.M. AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS

Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588
Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

The Church of Word and Sacrament
Visitors Welcome

Pastor Ken Stensrud

- Sunday Service 9:00 am
- Bible Study 10:15 am
- Sunday School 10:15 am

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Harrison, Montana

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joe Miller
Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!



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Dr. Ray Teston
Pastor
Nathan Nutter, Minister of Music and Youth

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Nights:
(dinner provided)
Kids Club (K-6): 5:30-7:30pm
Youth Group (7-12): 6-8pm

5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT
Phone 682-4244 SBC
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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Ennis Branch

Sacrament Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.

Family History Center
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614
President Chandler
682-3020

Christian Science Services

Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.

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Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

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May - August ~ 9 a.m.

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ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Loving God, Loving People

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Ministries
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM
Family Dinner 5:30 PM
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT
682-4197

Valley Assembly
Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley

114 N. Main, Sheridan
842-5845

Pastor Duane B. Dasher
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Valley Kids - after school to 6:45 p.m.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry - Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon

Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish
Invites You To Worship With Us

Reverend Susan DeBree

Office: (406) 842-5934
Home: (406) 842-7732

Church of the Valley
Twin Bridges
Worship & Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Bethel UMC
Sheridan
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Ready Set Grow Preschool
Contact Julie Russell 842-5876

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Join Us for Sunday Worship!

Trinity Jeffers/Ennis 10 a.m. adult forum 11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Virginia City Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Christ Church Sheridan Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
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www.rvec.org
Prayer requests:
682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor
842-5602

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Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

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AREA SENIOR MEALS

Ennis Senior Center

315 W Main Street; Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Reservations 682-4422 To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in.

Thursday, June 14 - beef stir fry and rice, fruit, dessert, Red Hats

- Friday, June 15- meatloaf and mashers, veggies, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, June 18 - French dip w/cheese, jojo potatoes, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 19 - chicken lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert
- Wednesday, June 20 - baked fish, rice pilaf, pea salad, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, June 21 - kielbasa and potatoes, veggies, roll, happy birthday cake.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry, Sheridan

Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at 114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.

Meals on Wheels, Sheridan

The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older, Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$3.50, or have their meals delivered for \$4. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

Virginia City Café

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.

Tuesday, May 29 - Cheeseburger, fries, dessert
Thursday, May 31 - Goulash, veggie and roll, dessert.

Twin Bridges Senior Center

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

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WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking

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Please leave baby animals alone

HELENA - Each spring, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) receives calls from people who have picked up deer fawns or other wildlife. FWP no longer accepts, holds or rehabilitates ungulates like deer, moose and elk because the animals often die from the stress of captivity, and due to concerns with the spread of disease.

There are many cases in which good intentions lead to dire consequences. One spring in Miles City, a person saw a fledgling bald eagle hopping around on the ground, which is normal behavior as they learn to fly. Thinking the bird was injured, the person threw a blanket over it and brought it to the FWP office. The eagle escaped and flew in the opposite direction of the nest, and it's not known if it returned.

In a more high-profile case in Yellowstone National Park two years ago, a bison calf was picked up and transported by tourists who believed it had been abandoned. The calf ultimately had to be euthanized because it couldn't be reunited with the herd and continued to approach people and vehicles.

If you care, leave it there

To prevent this, FWP emphasizes that all wildlife species and their

young should be left in the wild. If you see a young animal alone or injured, whether a goose or a grizzly, keep your distance. It is illegal to possess and care for most live animals taken from the wild.

Animals often thrive without our intervention, and their odds of surviving in the wild are much greater if they are left alone. Once young animals are picked up by people, they usually can't be rehabilitated. People handling wildlife also injure themselves or the animal, or habituate it to humans, potentially causing problems if the animal is released back into the wild.

Understanding nature

It's natural for deer, elk and other animals to leave their young alone for extended periods of time. What appears to be an orphaned animal may not be. Chances are the mother will not return while humans are present. Fawns are seldom orphaned, but if they are, another doe may add them to the group. In just eight to 10 days, a fawn can potentially survive on its own by nibbling grass. Young fawns have no body odor, which lessens their appeal to predators. Their spots also help to camouflage them. If you have dogs, keep them under control, especially

in the spring when newborn wildlife is most vulnerable. Pet owners can be cited and dogs that harass or kill wildlife may by law have to be destroyed.

What FWP can do

If an animal truly needs rehabilitation, can be helped and is a species known to respond positively to human treatment, FWP does have a Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Helena. But an intake policy governs what animals are permitted, and space and staff are limited. The center does not accept any deer, elk or moose. The center also does not take animals considered rabies vectors, such as raccoons, bats or foxes. Some raptors are accepted given their established ability to be rehabilitated, but game species like geese and ducks are not. The center takes orphaned bears and mountain lions, but mountain lions cannot be released into the wild and options are limited.

If you see what you think is an injured or solitary young animal in the wild, keep your distance and monitor the animal. As a wildlife agency, FWP's priority is to keep wild animals wild, and we urge the public to help us in this mission.

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 • .5 +/- acres • 4bd, 3 ba, 3,000 +/- sq ft • River rock fireplace, wood stove • On the 2nd fairway of Ennis golf course • Large 4 car garage, fenced backyard, outstanding views



Highway 287N - Ennis - \$559,000
 • 1.47 +/- acre • storage units, 672 sq ft office space • 300' prime highway frontage • 1600 sq ft 2bd, 2ba home • currently a car rental business • excellent live/work location



Hilgard Trail - Madison River Ranches - \$569,900
 • 5 bd, 2 ba, 20 +/- acres, 3,072 sq ft log home • 1.5 miles of private Madison River fishing access • gated community, seasonal access • views of the Madison Range & Madison River • end of road privacy, lots of wildlife



Agua Lane - Ennis - \$848,999
 • 4bd 3ba, 3750 +/- sq ft, 4.39 +/- acres • panoramic views • high quality finishes, barn wood countertops • decorative rock accents throughout • 2 car garage w/ additional 2.5 car shop



Madison River Ranch - Cameron - \$1,800,000
 • 5 bd, 6 ba, 4,200 +/- sf • 20+/- acres magnificent log compound • copper counters, rock fireplace • private Madison River fishing • guest house and garages • borders forest service, mountain views



HWY 287N - Cameron - \$2,075,000
 • 20 +/- acres • private riverfront log home • 3 bd, 3 ba, 2,028 +/- sq ft • spruce, pines and year round access • 785 ft of Madison River frontage • NO COVENANTS - WILDLIFE • guest apt above garage • rustic elegance, location location!

Ask the Expert

Local businesses have the information you need to make a variety of decisions. Best of all, they are here and available to meet your needs. In our "Ask the Experts" section, we went to these local experts for information on topics important to you.

Ask the Expert forum appears the second Thursday of each month. If you have questions for these area professionals e-mail us at tina@madisoniannews.com.

HEALTH CARE

Q: My doctor wants me to give him a list of all the vitamins and OTC supplements I take and the quantities. Is this really necessary?

A: Certain vitamins and herbal supplements can reduce or increase the effectiveness of prescribed medications or produce dangerous side-effects. For example, one of the potential benefits of saw palmetto is preventing complications from prostate surgery. However, saw palmetto is known to have interactions with 61 drugs and supplements and should not be taken if there is a risk of liver disease or pancreas disorder. Other popular supplements with potentially harmful drug interactions include calcium, Co-Q10, DHEA, fish oil, garlic, ginger, ginkgo biloba, green tea extract, melatonin, St. John's Wort, valerian, and vitamins C, D and E. A current list of the supplements you take and the quantities is essential before prescribing new medication and in identifying any potentially harmful side-effects with your current medications or physical condition.



Dr. Roman Hendrickson, MD
RUBY VALLEY CLINICS
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BIRDING

Q: What are some facts about Bird Moms?

A: Bird moms come in all shapes, sizes and colors. Here is a sampling of some of the most fascinating behaviors of mother birds.

- Quickest Mom** - Black-capped Chickadees have one of the shortest incubation periods of all birds. Their eggs can hatch in as little as 11 days.
- Trickiest Mom** - By singing a "male" song, the female Black-headed Grosbeak can trick her mate into thinking a rival male is nearby, forcing him to stay close to the nest.
- Mini-Mom** - A mother hummingbird weighs only about eight times more than the eggs she lays.
- Most Overworked Mom** - Mourning Dove moms may raise up to six broods per year, more than any other native North American bird.
- Most Laid-back Mom** - Unlike most other bird moms, robins do not lay their eggs at sunrise. They lay their eggs several hours later during the mid-morning. Since earthworms are easier to find during early morning, they feed first and then return to the nest to lay their eggs.
- One Cold & Small Mom** - The Rufous Hummingbird nests in Alaska!
- The Last Mom** - American Goldfinch moms are one of the last songbirds to nest each year, waiting until mid-to-late summer when thistle seeds and down are readily available.



Debi Naccarto, Owner
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FITNESS

Q: How can I make working out a habit?

A: Here are a few hints to help you form the positive lifelong habit of working out. 1) Attach going to the gym with something you already do (like right after you wake up). 2) Prep your bag with all necessary items the night before. 3) Commit to the short term (1 month), that's easy to do and you'll want to come back as it gets easier. 4) You don't need to come every day, but 3-5 times per week is beneficial. If you miss...go the next day! 5) Visualize the results! It helps! 6) Eliminate friction and excuses! 7) Hang with buddies who encourage you or even workout with you!



Madison Square Athletic Club
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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Q: What is body awareness?

A: Each day we have a routine, daily task that we performed over and over. This daily activity is an automatic robotic like response to everyday living. For example: 80% to 90% of the population is right-handed. Automation, i.e. vehicles, machines, cash, computers are predominately for right-handed individuals. If 80% to 90% of the population uses the right side of the body, then what about your left side? Are you aware of it? Does it feel like it is detached? Are you aware of the left side of your body? Can you use the left side of your body? This is awareness of your physical body and relationship to everyday activities. Balance, body awareness is a relationship between the right and left side of your body. It affects us from head to toe. Each day, morning to nighttime, balancing of our right and left side of the body affects us daily. Poor body awareness causes abnormal movement. We change how we move, "the path of easy movement". Slowly this movement causes pain numbness and muscle tightness. It wears out joints, discs and causes numbness tingling/blood flow issues. Body awareness, balance is affected by numerous factors, disease, physical trauma, gravity and many others. Quality of life suffers unless you change how you move, sit or walk. Ennis Physical Therapy addresses movement based on awareness in everyday life. The only expert in the Madison Valley.



Robert (Bob) Sahli, PTATCLAT
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EYE CARE

Q: Which color of sunglass lens should I get?

A: Gray, brown, and green lenses are neutral and ideal for most situations. They decrease glare and eyestrain without distorting colors. Yellow/amber lenses increase contrast, but can distort color. Rose increases contrast, but distorts color more strongly than other shades. Aim for a tint that is about medium darkness; if you can see your eyes when looking in a mirror, they may not be dark enough. However, darker lenses do not necessarily equal more UV protection, and may make it more difficult for you to see. Consider when you wear your sunglasses most. While every shade will protect your eyes from UV and help you see during bright days, certain colors may improve the efficiency of certain tasks. If you need different colors for different activities, you might consider buying a few pairs; one pair for driving, another for fishing, and yet another for sports or other activities. Your eye care professional can make recommendations on what would best suit your lifestyle.



Dr. Jeff Squire
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INSURANCE

Q: Who can drive your business auto?

A: Are you aware that most commercial auto policies request that all drivers be over 21 years of age if they are to be driving a vehicle on a commercial auto policy. Are you letting your teenage child or that new 16 yr. old summer intern drive a company vehicle? You may want to call your agent or the insurance carrier to review your coverage and make sure you will be insured if they cause a wreck and hospitalize someone. Sometimes it is just a simple endorsement or even just letting them know so they can document the file.

It's better to know than to find out after the fact.



Ty Moline, Agent, CISR
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MENTAL HEALTH

Q: Did I Have a Panic Attack?

A: Panic attacks can wake you while sleeping and seem to occur unexpectedly. Panic attacks generally develop in young adults, and women are twice as likely as men to have panic attacks. Great discomfort and fear can increase within minutes and may include symptoms such as: pounding heart, palpitations, dizziness, light headedness, fear of losing control, nausea or abdominal distress, fear of dying, sensations of shortness of breath, shaking or trembling, and sweating. Several of these symptoms may cause people to frequently see their physician or go to the emergency room believing they have a serious life-threatening issue. Due to feeling embarrassed, these symptoms can trigger lack of communication with family, friends, and even physicians. Panic attacks are real and they are treatable through therapy and medications prescribed by your physician if necessary. Please do not isolate or suffer in silence, contact your physician or therapist if you experience any of these symptoms.



Lisa Brubaker, LCSW
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REAL ESTATE

Q: I'm shopping for a new home insurance agent? -before I make an offer, a day before closing, after closing...?

A: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Many home buyers wait until the last minute of pending escrow to start inquiring about insurance. And they only do this because their mortgage company REQUIRES them to have coverage. This can backfire on you. I encourage my buyers to check into homeowners insurance as soon as possible. Each home has its own unique claim history, which can impact your premium. It is a great idea to know if a home has any claim activity right off the bat, so you can budget your costs before moving forward. Chances are, there's nothing to worry about. But if there is claim activity, you don't want to find that out days before closing. Do your due diligence and get these things squared away well in advance, so you have a greater chance of a smooth closing.



Nicholette Picken, Sales Associate
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SKINCARE

Q: What are the Pros and Cons of Lash Extensions?

A: Lash Extensions have been a huge trend and are popular amongst various age groups. The benefits can be immediately seen with instantly thicker, darker voluminous lashes. It brightens the eye area with no hassles of mascara and are waterproof. The process of getting them is relaxing and allows the client to take a "lash nap" to wake up with beautiful lashes. The negatives include cost of application and maintenance or eye sensitivities to the glue and synthetic lashes. Lashes have been a beauty focus for decades.



Jillian Greenhaw, Esthetician, Jillian Skin Care
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PHARMACY

Q: What are the best over-the-counter medicines to treat my seasonal allergies?

A: When your nose is dripping and your eyes are itchy, you need relief from allergy symptoms. The good news is that you can usually find it at your local pharmacy. Many people manage symptoms well with over-the-counter (OTC) medications. In fact, many OTC drugs were prescription drugs just a few years ago. The first line of defense for congestion, runny nose and sneezing is to take one of the newer, less sedating antihistamines: Cetirizine (Zyrtec), fexofenadine (Allegra) and loratadine (Claritin). These medicines generally have less side-effects over the older antihistamines such as Benadryl and ChlorTrimeton. If eye symptoms are your only complaint you may get by with just an antihistamine eye drop such as ketotifen (Zaditor). Often second line are nasal sprays like fluticasone (Flonase) or triamcinolone (Nasacort). These medicines contain corticosteroids as their active ingredient and may be more effective than antihistamines. Saline rinses used several times a day to rinse your nasal passages can be quite effective when used alone or with antihistamines and nasal sprays. Skip the sprays that shrink nasal passages, such as Afrin or Neo-Synephrine — they're okay for a day or two, but any longer can cause rebound congestion. If symptoms don't improve after a few days of OTC treatment, talk to your doctor about prescription options.



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Ask the Expert

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Thursday June 14
Ennis Book Club Meeting,
 Ennis
 Discussing *Moloka'i*, by Alan Brennert, presented by Joyce Pearson. Meeting at the

Madison Valley Public library at 1 p.m.
The Life and Times of Henry Elling,
 Laurin
 The EHAHC, in partnership with the Virginia City Preservation

Alliance, sponsor their 5th series of history programs for 2018. Join us as we learn more of the life journey of Henry Elling, who lived the "American Dream," from one of his descendants, Dr. Amy Grice.

Lecture at 6:30 p.m. at Linderman Cabin at Robber's Roost outside Laurin.

Friday June 15
Evening of Art,
 Ennis

Check out galleries in Ennis for an evening of socializing with the artists, plus food and drink! 5 p.m. in downtown Ennis. Featured galleries include Cattleman Gallery, Artists on Main and Gallery287 and the new Black Jack Ranch Gallery.

Saturday June 16
Farmers' Market & Street Market,
 Whitehall

The Whitehall market is open to all home-based businesses, community fundraising groups and those with vintage or repurposed goods to sell. Demonstrations, events and activities throughout the season. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Beth at 287-2276 or the Whitehall Garden Club at 490-1558 to participate.

Brothel Days,
 Virginia City
 Brothel lecture at 1 p.m., bed races at 4. We've got the beds... get your team together! Music by Fool's Gold at 9:30 p.m. All events at the Bale of Hay Saloon in downtown Virginia City.

Blackjack Ranch Gallery Grand Opening,
 Ennis

Grand opening of the newest gallery on Ennis's Main Street. Ribbon cutting with mayor Blake Leavitt and open gallery tours. Come check out the Western art of 14 artists, from bronze work and paintings to jewelry and photography! 219 Main Street, 3:30 p.m.

Public Night at the Observatory,
 Twin Bridges
 Cottontail Observatory will be open to the public from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. for telescope viewings. A tour of the night sky will follow. Dress warm! Hot coffee and cocoa available. 280 Wet Georgia Road, Twin Bridges.

Monday June 18
Cooking Class: Healthy Snacks & Appetizers,
 Whitehall
 Join us to learn a variety of fun, easy recipes that make great snack or appetizers. All recipes will be gluten and dairy free for those dealing with sensitivities, and all are husband and kid approved! 330 Hwy. 2 East, Whitehall. 7-9 p.m., \$20. RSVP at 479-3242 or bwhleath-coaching@gmail.com

Tuesday June 19
Summer Reading: Libraries Rock!
 Twin Bridges
 Join us for Summer Reading 2018: "Libraries Rock!" This week's theme is "Instrument Families." Tuesdays for babies—pre-kindergarten and Thursdays for elementary-age children. Thompson-Hickman Library, Virginia City, 10:30 a.m.

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.
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

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

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 8:30 a.m. Meetings at 9 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis
 Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

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.

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

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Farmers' Market, Twin Bridges
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 SUNDAY JULY 8TH: STEVE ROSE
 FRIDAY, JULY 13TH: FAN MOUNTAIN FROG DOGS

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Tuesday, July 10
 7 p.m.
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