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Truck rollover in gorge snarls traffic

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A truck and trailer carrying 223 pigs rolled over on Montana Highway 84, mile marker 6.8, at approximately 2:12 p.m. on March 22, causing an extended highway closure.

Montana Highway Patrol Sergeant Patrick McLaughlin said speed appeared to be a factor in the rollover, but no one was injured. The Madison County Sheriff's office reported several pigs were injured in the rollover and had to be euthanized.

Local ranchers from around the Madison Valley arrived with panels to contain the pigs and helped transport the animals to the stockyard in Three

Forks. "We got one lane open to traffic about 7:30 p.m.," said McLaughlin, adding only the vehicles stuck by the rollover were allowed through. MCSO reported the highway reopened to all traffic at 9:43 p.m.

The driver was transporting the pigs from Billings to California, and was issued a citation for careless driving, according to McLaughlin.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office, Madison County Disaster Emergency Services, Montana Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Services, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, Harrison Volunteer Fire Department, Department of Livestock, Fish, Wildlife & Parks and MHP responded to the scene.



Top: A semi carrying 223 pigs rolled on Montana Highway 84 on March 22, immediately blocking both lanes of traffic and forcing a road closure that lasted seven hours. (C. AVEY PHOTO)



Left: The 223 pigs on board were transported by local ranchers to the Three Forks stock yard. (Photo courtesy Madison County Department of Emergency Services)

Ennis' draft zoning ordinance met with questions, concerns

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Ennis Town Council held a special meeting March 13 to review the town's updated draft zoning ordinance. If council enacts the draft, following work sessions and public hearings, it would replace the current town zoning ordinance in its entirety. The current Ennis zoning regulations were enacted in 2002.

Senior planner Jerry Grebenc, with Great West Engineering, and a council-appointed committee have been working on the draft ordinance for more than 18 months. Grebenc began the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation to answer questions and concerns. "This is going to be a very long process, and everything is going to be broken down," he said, stressing the importance of public input. "Homework I would ask you to do is at least read the current ordinance."

Grebenc said the zoning committee has been working to update the zoning code, subdivision regulations, transportation standards and a town annexation policy, but the draft zoning ordinance required the most time and was the most complex.

The zoning committee, appointed by the town and required by state law, consists of town residents Kaye Suzuki

and Mark Odegard, and Ennis councilmember Lisa Roberts.

Members of the public asked why only three members serve on the committee. Councilmembers responded there is a current lack of volunteers, citing the example of the Ennis Planning Board. The town joined the county board after struggling to fill town board positions. Council advertised the need to create a zoning committee and Suzuki and Odegard volunteered to serve on the committee.

According to state statute, city zoning ordinances must comply with the town's growth policy and be designed to secure safety from fire and other dangers, promote public health and safety, and facilitate adequate provisions of infrastructure and services. Other considerations the zoning ordinance must comply with include providing adequate light and air, the character of districts and their suitability for a particular use and conservation and value of buildings.

The main purpose of the March 13 meeting was to begin addressing public concerns, while also encouraging people to get involved in the process by reading both the current and updated draft, Montana Code Annotated and providing written comments.

Grebenc described the 2002 zoning ordinance

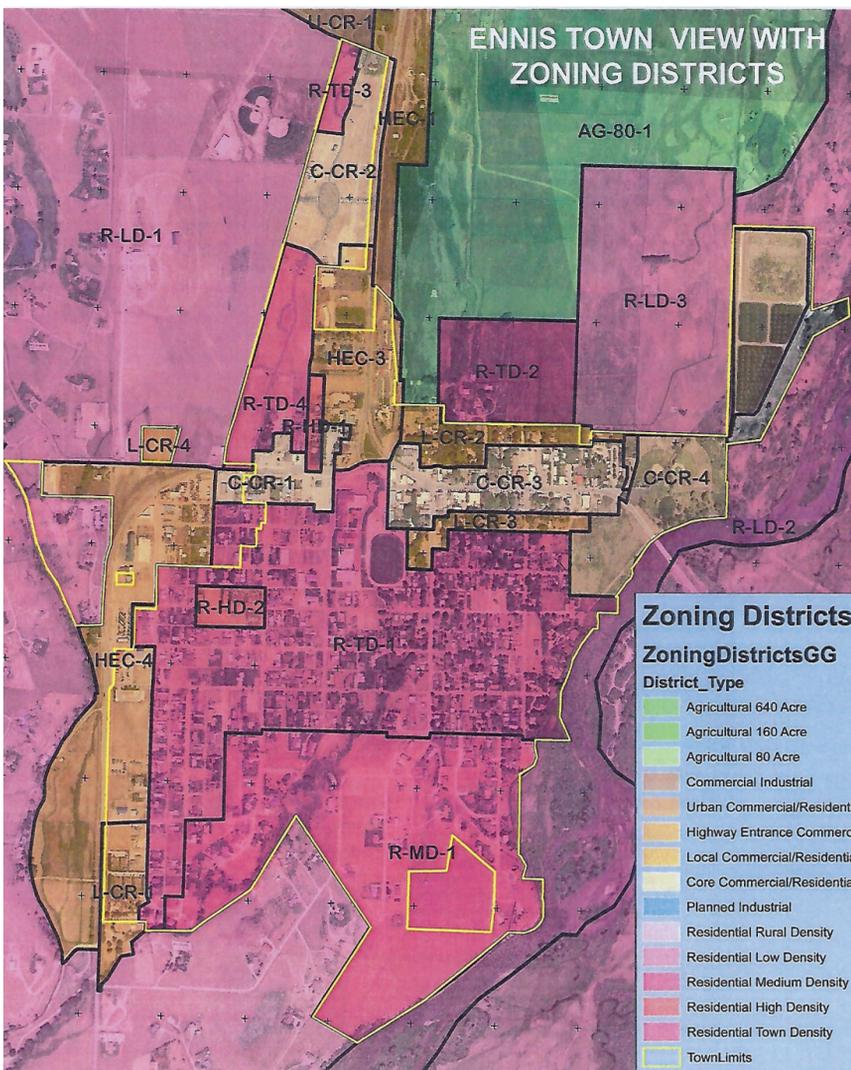
as a "boilerplate" code, adding it looked like a cut and pasted document from another jurisdiction, and cited language from 1996 that was outdated. "Goals of the zoning commission are predictability for property owners, protecting property values, preserving the unique character, achieve goals of the growth policy, promote a walkable and bikeable community, promote year-round business opportunities and minimize impacts on the environment," said Grebenc. "This is just a starting point."

Public comment

As the town opened the meeting for public comment, most voiced concerns of transparency and being able to follow any and all changes made to the document. "Not being able to see changes I think is what's scaring people," said Carl Kautz. Kautz also asked if dead or decaying buildings would be addressed in the new ordinance, citing the old IGA building as an example. "If that's something the community wants, we have to be comfortable adding criteria," answered Grebenc.

Some people expressed concern the ordinance sounded similar to a homeowners association agreement, with rules stipulating landscaping

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An updated zoning district map of Ennis. (Map courtesy Mark Odegard)

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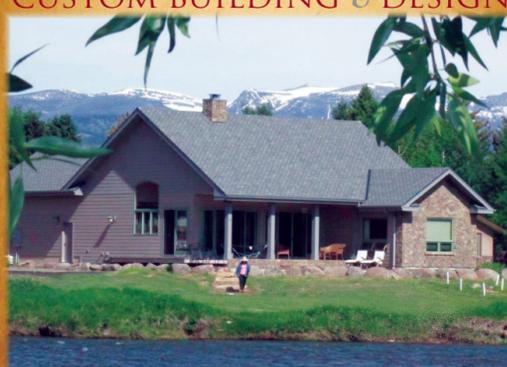
Mayor Blake Levitt, middle, said input from the community is the number one priority before moving forward with any proposals. (C. AVEY PHOTO)

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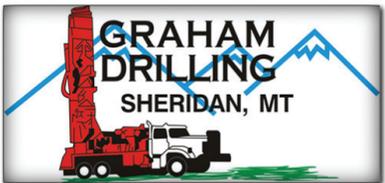


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Members of the Ennis community attended a special town council meeting regarding the updated zoning ordinance draft on March 13. Community members questioned councilmembers, the draft committee and Jerry Grebenc with Great West Engineering about the proposals within draft and asked for a set schedule of future workshops. (C. AVEY PHOTO)

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standards and house trim colors. "That's one thing we are not trying to do, legislate taste," said Suzuki. "This is why public input is so important."

John Heckler proposed the ordinance be thrown out and a new group restart, saying the update does not reflect the community nor does it support the 2014 growth policy. In a letter addressed to the town, Heckler stated "for a community of small size as Ennis, and our limited future capacity to grow, this document is inappropriate,

circuitous, over restrictive, punitive in nature and certainly does not support the 2014 Ennis Growth Policy as it is purported to do." Heckler also accused Grebenc and the commission of plagiarizing the document from another community.

Grebenc assured Heckler the updated document was not plagiarized and encouraged all in attendance to look closely at both the current 2002 ordinance, updated draft and current Montana statute. "Look at what you have before you tear apart the proposal," stated Grebenc.

Council comments

Councilmember Brian Vincent said it's important to start with state statute and move from there. "Look at what we have to have in the document and know that there's going to be a lot of adjustment," he said. "But we need to look toward the future."

Councilmember John Bishop said the town is always having trouble getting people involved. "We always ask for help and no one applies," he said. "We want to do this right."

Conclusion

Both Grebenc and the town stressed the importance of

public input and involvement, in what they assured is going to be a long process. Copies of the current and draft zoning ordinance are available at the town office and on the town website at ennismontana.org. Comments on the draft ordinance can be submitted by email to gingerg@ennismontana.org or by regular mail.

Council's next zoning ordinance work session is scheduled for April 17 at 6 p.m. to discuss commercial zoning.

Sheriff requests public help to end burglaries

Submitted by Madison County Sheriff's Office

Since the start of the year, 19 thefts have been reported to the Madison County Sheriff's Office and Ennis Police Department. Of most concern are seven of these thefts, where the suspects are targeting storage units, homes and out-buildings on victims' properties. Perpetrators are forcing entry by either cutting or prying off locks or kicking access doors open and this is occurring at night.

"The pattern that is developing is occurring in surrounding counties and matches that of last years' string of thefts and burglaries that occurred all over Madison County," said Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson. "Some of these thefts have been large losses. I would like to make as many people aware that the suspects are taking advantage of places like the storage units and buildings where someone might be away, and looking for locks that are easy to defeat."

Thompson added the suspects in cases last year and this year have been traveling from nearby counties to commit crimes in Madison County. The sheriff attributes methamphetamine use as a big driver in these crimes and believes it will unfortunately continue. Opioid use is also growing in Montana and that will also drive the crime rates.

"If I could get help on three things from the public on this problem, it would help," said Thompson. "One, lock up your homes, businesses and vehicles the best you can and remove things like firearms from places that are easily accessible, since those are targets of these thieves. Second, report illegal drug activity to us. This one is hard for the citizens, but the user and dealers are pushing our crime rate up and lowering the safety for everyone. As long as it is allowed to continue, problems and crime will grow and the peace of mind we still enjoy will go away. Lastly, report what you see that doesn't look right, 24/7. We can't be everywhere but we want to take advantage of every opportunity that comes along and it is the public's eyes and support that helps tremendously."

Dead man found in Virginia City identified

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Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson reported a 30-year-old male was found dead in Virginia City on Feb. 19. The body has been identified as John Frederick Dahm of Libby, Mont.

Thompson's original reported stated Dahm appeared to have frozen to death, but the department is still waiting for the autopsy results to determine the official cause of death. The investigation is ongoing.

District Court Roundup

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Smithson issued \$50,000 bail order

Jeb Floyd Smithson appeared at the Madison County Courthouse on March 26 for a bond hearing. Smithson is charged with failing to register as a violent offender, theft and obstructing a peace officer.

Smithson was previously released on a \$20,000 bond, before being arrested for failing to meet conditions of his bail. Judge Luke Berger followed the recommendation of the state with a \$50,000 bond issued, GPS monitoring and continued drug testing. Judge Berger said he would be willing to adapt the order if the state and Smithson's lawyer could figure out an alternative plan that included a treatment center. "I can see you want to get treatment, but I don't think you have a handle on this for you to be out on your own," said Berger. "I think you're getting to the motivated stage."

Twin Bridges School to run building reserve levy

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The Twin Bridges School Board met on March 20 for their regular meeting and talked school levies, and heard an update from the Town of Twin Bridges regarding a storm water project.

During their regular meeting, the board heard from two Business Professionals of America members after their participation at the state BPA meet. Ruth Redfield and Andrianna Pollorena gave a short PowerPoint presentation on BPA and some of the successes of the Twin Bridges BPA Chapter, which includes two state officers, seniors Savanna Stewart and Redfield.

The board also heard brief updates from both Principal Tammy Demien and Superintendent Chad Johnson, before moving to a discussion surrounding the upcoming school election and whether or not to pursue any levies. Demien reported her students participated in Read Across America Week and

staff was now preparing for parent-teacher conferences and the kindergarten roundup. Johnson updated the board about his students' success, which included a successful season for both the boys' and girls' basketball teams, student science fair participants and the BPA chapter. "I just cannot say enough about our kids."

Election

The board has three trustee positions up for election; one two-year term, which is currently being filled by Steve Janzen and two three-year terms, held by Joan Phillips and Randy Lowder. "Generally, we never have three trustee positions at the same time, but Steve was appointed for one year," said Johnson. Those interested in a trustee position have until March 29 to file to appear on the ballot and until April 5 to file as a write-in candidate. The board did approve moving to a mail-in ballot; voters can bring their ballots to the school by 4 p.m., which will be taken to Virginia City on May 8.

Talking budget, Johnson recommended the board look at a levy increase in the building reserve fund, but not ask for a general fund levy. Johnson said an increase to the building reserve fund would allow the school to replace 17 steam traps in the main gymnasium, as well as fix the thermostats, air dryer and air pneumatics in the elementary building. The board unanimously approved the increase to the building reserve fund.

Because of last year's legislation and law change to permissive levies, schools, in an effort to be more transparent, must post estimated changes or increases in permissive levies. While just estimates at this point, Johnson recommended the board approve a resolution that suggests possible increases in revenue/mills for the adult education fund, bus depreciation fund, transportation fund and tuition fund. "I don't expect an increase in the transportation fund at this point, but I do expect an increase in the tuition funds," said Johnson. The tuition fund provides for

students with high needs, which more and more schools around the state are seeing an increase in. The board unanimously approved the resolution but have until Aug. 25 to officially set their budget for the 2018-2019 school year.

Other business

Prior to their regular meeting, board members and administration met with representatives from the Town of Twin Bridges to continue discussion on the sidewalks, curbs and storm water drain project. The town, along with a financial contribution from the school, received funds that would cover phase one of the project – sidewalks, curbs and gutters. However, the funds would not cover phase two of the project, storm water drains which has a price tag between \$300,000-\$400,000. Without phase two of the project, phase one cannot be completed, according to the Town.

Both the board and Town agreed further discussion was needed before any decisions could be made moving forward.

Vendors needed for Buy Local Expo

Submitted Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce is currently putting together their vendor list for the upcoming Buy Local Expo. This highly successful event will be held at the fairgrounds in Twin Bridges on Sat., May

5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 45 local vendors will be on hand to sell, display, and provide information regarding their products and services. At this time, a few vendor spaces remain. To reserve a space, contact Bob Reimard at 842-7900.

Correction

In the photo captions for the Twin Bridges Spring Bazaar last week, Lynda Johnston was incorrectly identified as Susan Petersen, and vice-versa. *All errors in fact brought to our attention will be quickly and gladly corrected. We will appreciate having inaccuracies brought to our attention. (406) 682-7755*

Feral cats available for barn work

The Beaverhead County Animal Shelter has feral cats looking for work in local barns. If you have any questions please contact the shelter at 406-683-8119.

First reading of proposed drug testing policy for Ennis Schools

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The Ennis School Board held the first official reading of the student drug testing policy during their March 21 meeting. The board must hold three public hearings before the policy can be adopted.

Superintendent Casey Klasna has been working toward drafting a policy since late last year, after first bringing it to the board.

Big Sandy Superintendent of Schools Brad Moore gave a presentation to the board last November on how his school had implemented a drug testing policy for students. Moore reported Big Sandy held six informational meetings on the proposed policy and saw no backlash from the community. Moore said Big Sandy school officials implemented the policy after several teachers and coaches had concerns about their students. The policy briefly impacted the school's basketball program during its first year, but those impacts waned.

Klasna said he has yet to hear any negative feedback about the proposed policy.

Throughout this process, Klasna said a student drug testing policy might offer students an out, or a reason to say no, or potentially ward off a bigger problem. Klasna formed a committee to review and draft a policy, which he then presented at the first reading. "The purpose of this program is to educate and help direct students away from drug and alcohol abuse and toward healthy and drug-free participation," states the draft. "Participation in extra-curricular/co-curricular activities is not an absolute right. Rather, it is a privilege offered to all students who are eligible. Thus, activity students voluntarily subject themselves to a higher degree of accountability and regulation than commonly imposed on students. The Ennis School District believes accountability is a powerful tool to help students avoid using illegal drugs and that early detection and intervention can save lives."

Klasna said the program would include students involved in extra-curricular/co-curricular activities, grades 6-12, and students would need to declare what activities they wish to participate in at the beginning of the year. "The committee talked about whether to include the junior high students and we kept with the justification that that's when a lot of kids start experimenting, unfortunately," said Klasna.

Testing

According to the draft, testing will be selected at random, and all students within the testing consent pool are subject to testing on a periodic basis. Once a student declares an activity, they remain in the testing consent pool through the duration of that activity season. Testing would occur throughout school calendar days without any notice or early warning. Students can be tested through random selection, through a mandatory follow-up, if their parent or guardian requests a test, or if there is reasonable suspicion of illegal drug or alcohol use.

Samples may be collected however the district chooses – either through a fresh urine sample, saliva or breath, or another district-approved laboratory sample.

Klasna said the district would hire an outside company to conduct the tests and that the district would foot the bill for the testing until a positive test arrives. "That was one thing the committee talked about is when does this become the responsibility of the parent?" said Klasna. "If a student is randomly tested and comes back with a positive test, they are no longer random after that and must be tested every time at the expense of the parent."

Klasna also said the committee discussed the probability of a late sign up for an activity – if they had not decided to participate in track until early spring, they could still sign up for the sport, undergo mandatory testing for being a late sign up, and the district would cover the testing

costs. Klasna estimates costs for the student drug testing policy could range around \$15,000.

Violations for a positive test would result in staggering levels of suspension from activities, dependent on number of violations, as well as obtaining professional help from a counselor and chemical awareness coursework or programs.

Ennis Chief of Police John Moore offered some ideas for the board regarding how to handle student violations. "In the court system, we send folks to a counselor, which they pay for, and the counselor then decides if they need help from an addiction program."

Moore said the board should look at lessening some of the suspension time and consider counseling. "Because a lot of the kids, that I see at least, all they have is sports and activities – they don't have a great home life," he said. "If you take away that activity, they're going to be back out on the street with nothing to do. I think counseling is a really good idea and my recommendation would be to send them to a counselor and then let the counselor decide whether they need to move on to an addiction program."

The board will continue to evaluate and make changes to the policy throughout the next public hearings before adopting the policy.

Other business

The board approved running a general fund levy for \$79,968 at the recommendation of Klasna. "If you remember, last year we did not run a general fund levy because of the law change with permissive levies and it was just a confusing time for voters last year," said Klasna. "If you look at our preliminary data sheets we need a levy of \$79,968 to get to our max budget and that's something I feel the board should approve so we can continue to run our school and programs well. It's critical that we operate at our max budget." The levy would tax \$1.10 on a \$100,000 home and \$2.21 for a \$200,000 home.

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Madison County ranked healthiest county in Montana



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Madison County was ranked number one in Montana in an annual comparative health report, published on March 14 by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, with collaboration from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The ninth annual County Health Rankings and Roadmaps report lists Madison County number one in overall health in Montana. The researchers incorporated 35 different factors to determine the healthiest and least healthy counties, including length of life, access to care, and health impacting behaviors such as smoking and exercising. Nine Montana counties were not included in the report.

"Health factors in the County Health Rankings represent the focus areas that drive how long and how well we live, including

health behaviors (tobacco use, diet and exercise, alcohol and drug use, sexual activity), clinical care (access to care, quality of care), social and economic factors (education, employment, income, family & social support, community safety), and the physical environment (air and water quality, housing & transit)," the report reads.

The report lists Madison, Gallatin, Jefferson, Carbon and Fergus counties as the top-five healthiest counties in the state, and Roosevelt, Glacier, Big Horn, Rosebud and Blaine counties as the least healthy.

The goal of the County Health Rankings report is to identify disparities in health across states and the nation, and to help leaders at all levels achieve health equity.

"Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy

as possible," the report reads. "This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty and discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care."

Montana's health report reflected results nationwide, showing the White and Asian populations with an overall health advantage. "Across the U.S., values for measures of length and quality of life for Native American, Black and Hispanic residents are regularly worse than for Whites and Asians," the report reads. "For example, even in the healthiest counties in the U.S., Black and American Indian premature death rates are about 1.5 times higher than White rates. Not only are these differences unjust and avoidable, they will also

negatively impact our changing nation's future prosperity."

The report calls on community leaders to address avoidable differences in health. "Achieving health equity means reducing and ultimately eliminating unjust and avoidable differences in health and in the conditions and resources needed for optimal health by improving the health of marginalized groups, not by worsening the health of others," the report reads. "Our progress toward health equity will be measured by how health disparities change over time."

This full report includes recommendations for identifying where action is needed and information on actions that can be taken. The full report can be found at www.countyhealthrankings.org/ and appended to the online version of this news story at madisoniannews.com.

	MADISON COUNTY	MONTANA AVERAGE
Adult smoking	14%	19%
Physical inactivity	22%	21%
Access to exercise opportunities	51%	76%
% driving deaths alcohol impaired	30%	48%
Sexually transmitted infections per 100,000	89.5	408.8
Teen births per 1,000 (ages 15-19)	16	28

Some of the health behavior factors analyzed for the 2018 County Health & Roadmaps report, published on March 14. The report ranked Madison County the overall healthiest among 47 counties that were part of the study. (Data from County Health Rankings & Roadmap)

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the residents of House District 71 for allowing me the opportunity to be their voice in Helena. It is a responsibility that I take very serious and am honored to hold the office. There is lots of information in the news lately regarding what is coming out of Helena and especially impacts in communities across the state in light of the special session that was held in November.

As you are all aware, Montana is facing a fiscal challenge and that all areas of government are being impacted by this reality. It is true that there was a reduction in spending in many areas of government and I did in fact support it. My job is make the best choices for the people of our district and one area that is impacted was education funding. It was after thoughtful deliberation and many conversations about what this will mean to the students and educators in House District 71. That being said, I must also point out that the educational communities and educational lobbies who are there to ensure adequate school funding proposed and supported this reduction. It is these professionals that work in education day in and day out who understood the reality of the budget situation that Montana is facing. I am proud of the advocacy work that they do and they must be recognized for stepping up to the plate. The Legislature did not cut base aid funding and Governor Bullock supported this compromise. The teachers union (MEA-MFT), Montana Rural Education Association and the Montana Quality Education Association all supported this position to ensure that Montana could fulfill its constitutional mandate of balancing the budget. It is not always easy representing our district in Helena, but I am proud of the work and proud of the education partners for having the necessary perspective to ensure that education in Montana is adequately funded.

Rep. Ray Shaw
Sheridan

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Spring Bazaar and Senior Center fund raiser a huge success. There are many people I would like to thank but this would be too long, SO, a huge thank you to Sherrie McCillen, and Steve and Cheryl Jones. Couldn't have done it without you!

Janie Wasmann

Medicare fraud and Montana SMP

Submitted by Montana SMP

Missoula-- Montana SMP is a national program funded by the Administration for Community Living, administered by Missoula Aging Services. SMP empowers people to prevent healthcare fraud, mainly through educating people on Medicare about fraud, waste and abuse.

According to Modern Healthcare, one in eight Americans had had their medical records in some way compromised. The average cost to rectify that is \$13,500 and 200 hours of your time. Medical ID theft is difficult to fix because there is no centralized source that keeps all medical records. The best way to fix it is to keep it from happening in the first place.

So what can people do? First, start by never giving out your Medicare number unless you know who you're speaking too. Second and most importantly: read your statements. This is the number deterrent to Medicare fraud. If you see something you don't recognize or understand, call your provider or call SMP. A \$9 mistake once returned \$1.37 million to Medicare. To find out how, or for help understanding your statements, call the closest Office on Aging at 1-800-551-3191 to reach your local SMP office.

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Montana Highway Patrol commissions four new troopers

Submitted by Montana Dept. of Justice

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HELENA – The Montana Highway Patrol commissioned four new troopers today at the 63rd Advanced Academy Graduation ceremony.

Attorney General Tim Fox addressed the graduates at the event. Fox underscored the importance of character and integrity in earning the public's trust. "Remember that people, particularly our youth, look up to you and emulate your behavior and actions. Public service is a time-honored profession. Your reward is only as meaningful as the effort, energy, and heart you invest into

your work," said Fox.

At the ceremony, four awards were presented:

Physical Fitness Award: Perry Woodland. Awarded for exemplary standards during the physical fitness curriculum in the 63rd MHP Academy.

The Michael Haynes Memorial Grant: Toni Snelling. The award was presented in loving memory of Trooper Michael W. Haynes – MHP 159 by his wife, Tawny Haynes Norton.

Academic Award: Branden Timm. Awarded for exemplary standards during the academic curriculum in the 63rd MHP Academy.

Camp Commander Award: Branden Timm. Awarded for exemplary standards and performance observed by the

Camp Commanders in the 63rd MHP Academy.

Members of the 63rd academy class include: Calvin Jimmerson, Billings; Toni Snelling, Billings; Branden Timm, Big Timbervand Perry Woodland, Cascade.

On a related note, the Montana Highway Patrol will begin accepting applications for 10 open Trooper positions. Starting March 6, interested individuals are encouraged to visit <https://dojmt.gov/highwaypatrol/> for details and application instructions. For more information about the Trooper selection process and requirements, contact MHP at 1-(877) 8-PATROL toll-free or (406) 444-3259.



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<p><u>MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISPATCH LOG 3/18/18 - 3/24/18</u></p> <p><u>3/18/18 Welfare Check on Point of Rocks Rd Silver Star</u> <u>Medical Aid in 100 Blk Madison St Harrison</u> <u>Medical Aid in 100 Blk Tuke Ln Sheridan</u></p> <p><u>3/19/18 Stolen Vehicle Out of County</u> <u>Coroner Call in Cameron</u> <u>Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 55 McAllister</u> <u>Accident on Ennis Lake Rd MM 3 Ennis</u></p>	<p><u>3/20/18 Traffic Complaint in 300 Blk Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan</u> <u>Burglary in 5300 Blk MT Hwy 41 N Silver Star</u> <u>Theft Complaint at Fish Hatchery Rd & Red Rock Trl Ennis</u> <u>Suspicious Circumstances on MT Hwy 287 MM 38 Twin Bridges</u> <u>Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 29 Sheridan</u></p> <p><u>3/21/18 Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 50 Ennis</u> <u>Accident in 200 Blk Charles Ave Ennis</u> <u>Theft Complaint on Depot Rd Ennis</u> <u>Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 81 Harrison</u></p>	<p><u>3/22/18 Disturbance in 200 Blk Charles Ave Ennis</u> <u>Accident on MT Hwy 84 Mm 7 Norris</u> <u>Medical Aid in Big Sky</u></p> <p><u>3/23/18 Fire Call on Eberline Ranch Rd Sheridan</u> <u>Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 7 Twin Bridges</u> <u>Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 48 Ennis</u></p> <p><i>The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 89 Calls for Service from Mar 18-24, 2018.</i></p>
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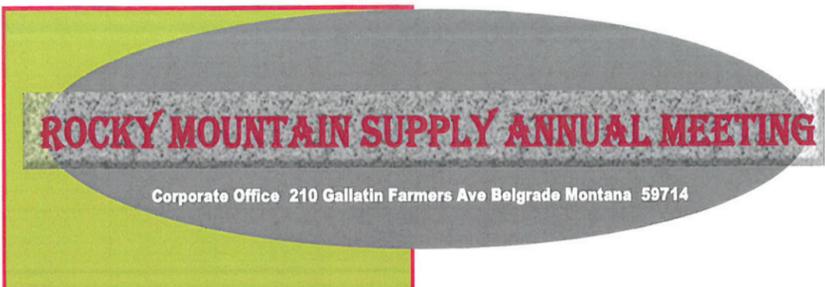


Sandy Moore & Zane Bowey read Horton Hatches the Egg to the Kindergarten class.

The Sheridan School held their annual Read Across America celebration on Thurs., March 1. The day was filled with several activities to share and promote the joy of reading. Sheridan High School juniors and seniors read a Dr. Seuss book in each of the K-3 classrooms and visited grades 4-6 to share and recommend favorite titles they loved as grade schoolers. All students and staff enjoyed Dr. Seuss cake after lunch thanks to

the kitchen staff and Stephanie Haag. Mrs. Haag volunteered her time to decorate the cakes using the Dr. Seuss book, Oh, the Places You'll Go, as the theme. Elementary classrooms, K-6, took part in a Drop Everything and Read session in the afternoon. Numerous students participated in a costume contest by dressing as their favorite book characters. The prizes for fantastic character costumes went to: K-Eagen Cordingley (mouse—If

You Give a Mouse a Cookie); 1st Grade-Kora Hardy (a scarecrow); 2nd Grade-Regan McNeal (Ranger Rick); 3rd Grade-Bella Cash-Rich & Mylee Schrapps (Pippi Longstocking); 4th Grade-Haze Hardy (hobbit—Lord of the Rings); 5th Grade-Tristan Stout (Greg—Diary of a Wimpy Kid); 6th Grade-Kialar Maddison & Katie Hamilton (Mad Hatter and Cheshire Cat—Alice in Wonderland).



Notice of 18th Annual Meeting of Stockholders Of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

To: Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

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

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

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Ruby Valley Clinic Receives the AFIX Certificate of Achievement

Submitted by Ruby Valley
Clinic

The Assessment, Feedback, Incentives and Exchange program is a childhood immunization evaluation process conducted by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. The program provides continuous quality improvement evaluations designed specifically for immunizations. The Ruby Valley Clinic was recently notified that it will receive the AFIX Certificate of Achievement – Healthy People 2020 in recognition of achieving an 86 percent immunization coverage rate.

The objective of the AFIX program is to have every child in Montana fully immunized before their third birthday. Clinics must have at least 11 children in order to qualify for the assessment. Last year was the first year that the Ruby Valley Clinic could participate in the assessment because previously, it did not meet the minimum number of children to qualify. According to the notification by Greg Holzman,

State Medical Officer, 86 percent of the Ruby Valley Clinic's 14 children (ages 24-36 months) have received 4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 4 Hib, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 Varicella and 4 PCV inoculations.

The Ruby Valley Clinic's vaccination manager, Rachel Rossiter, RN, will accept the award on behalf of the Clinic at the Immunization Regional Workshop on April 25th at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. "It's nice to have the state doing the legwork to collect the statistical data for us, then providing goals and rewards," says Rossiter. The Clinic now has 18 kids in this age category and 89 percent met the vaccination guidelines as of the latest assessment. Rossiter feels that the vaccination record was probably a contributing factor for Madison County being ranked the healthiest county in the state of Montana.

The Ruby Valley Hospital is a non-profit, critical access hospital and designated trauma receiving facility located in Sheridan, Montana.



Ruby Valley Clinic's vaccination manager, Rachel Rossiter, RN (Photo submitted by Ruby Valley Hospital)

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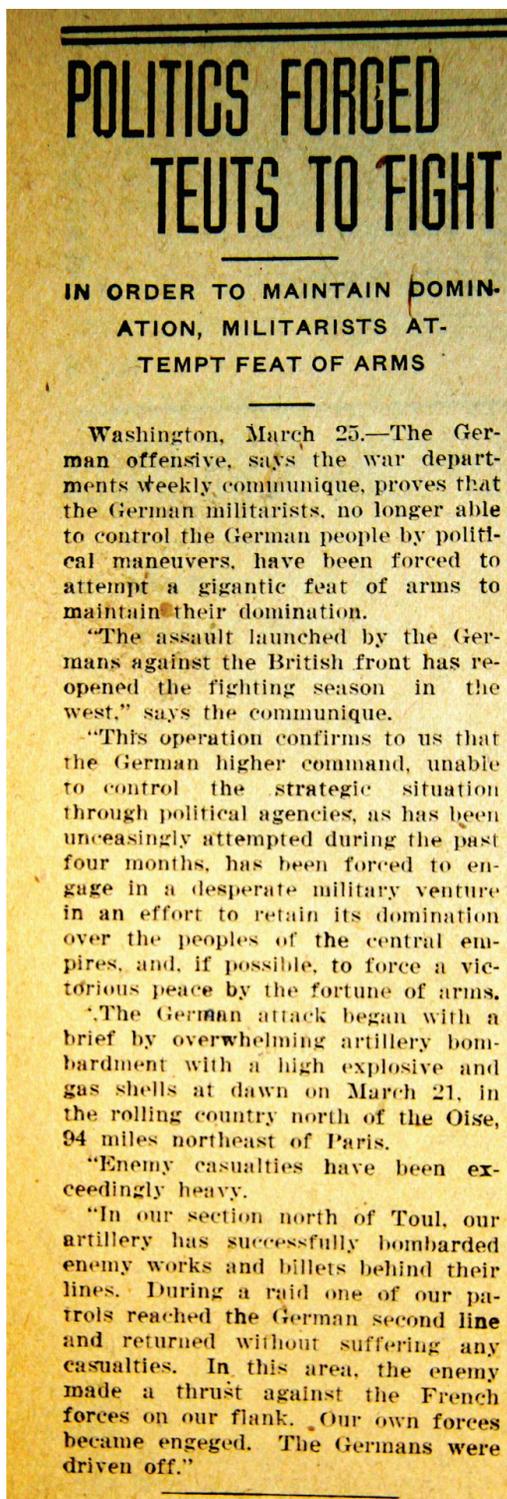
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After the Soviet Union surrendered to Germany on March 3, 1918, the German strategy was to overwhelm the Allies in the West before the U.S. could muster large amounts of materiel and men to the war zone. General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing arrived in France in May 1917 and American forces had been deploying to France since the fall of 1917. The Germans gained a numerical advantage on the Western front, due to the movement of 50 divisions from the Russian front, and launched the first phase of the spring offensive on March 21, 1918. In the March 29, 1918 edition of The Madisonian, this dispatch reported the start of the German attack, which included the use of chemical weapons.



Ennis FCCLA members attend state conference



Submitted by Jamie Diehl

Ennis joined with FCCLA student leaders, members, and advisers from across the state at the Billings Convention Center on March 18-20 to participate in the annual Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference (SLC).

The conference provided local students opportunities come together for exciting workshops while listening to motivational speakers, expanding leadership skills, challenging other members in competitive events and exploring college and career pathways. The theme of this year's conference was "Destination Inspiration," which, with the help of speaker Kyle Scheele, inspired attendees to remember that "It Only Takes One" to make a positive impact within their families, schools,

FCCLA, and communities.

"The conference is a culmination of hard work that starts at the beginning of the school year, and it provided our student members an opportunity to attend leadership training, showcase their skills via competitive events, listen to inspiring speakers and more," said Megan Vincent, Montana FCCLA State Adviser. "A highlight was celebrating their accomplishments and successes during the awards session. Montana FCCLA is proud of all our members have done to impact their communities and themselves to make a positive difference in today's society."

Students from Ennis participated in one of 31 Family and Consumer Sciences related competitive events, including STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events. These events included Career

Investigation, Fashion Design, Food Innovations, Hospitality and Tourism, Focus on Children, and Sports Nutrition. Competing with students in all sizes of school districts in Montana, Jourdain Klein, Joree Hokanson, Logan Crowley, Josie Jenkins, Krysta Saunders, and Josie Hokanson received a Gold medal, Dillon Williams, Kara Elliott, Maddie Barsness, Paige Dickenson, Elina Dilschneider, Avery Oliver, and Olivia Lohrenz received a Silver Medal, and Alyssa West was sworn in as a 2018-19 state officer. Alyssa West, Logan Crowley, Elina Dilschneider, Avery Oliver, and Olivia Lohrenz qualified to attend the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 28 – July 2, 2018.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and

effective national, state, and local student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 160,000 members and more than 5,400 chapters from 48 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members, and it's the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on family. Participation in programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in families, careers, and communities.

Twin Bridges Legion presents awards



Submitted by Twin Bridges American Legion Post 31

Members of American Legion Post 31 in Twin Bridges presented awards to Twin Bridges Middle School students on March 20 and treated the students with an ice cream social. Earlier this winter, Post 31 organized a 7th and 8th grade government survey contest followed later by a

Constitutional essay contest. A panel of judges completed their difficult task to choose winners and announced the following awards:

7th grade Government Surveys: 1st Zeke Redfield, 2nd Reid Johnson, 3rd Wiley Stockett,
 7th Constitutional Essays: 1st Ian Fredrick, 2nd Marleah Carter, 3rd McKenzie Stack.
 8th grade Government

Surveys: 1st Kara Dale, 2nd Samuel Konen, 3rd Ethan Wayland.

8th grade Constitutional Essays: 1st Francesca Pollorena, 2nd Kara Dale, 3rd Samuel Konen.

All 1st place winners advance to the state contests, with results to be released at a later date. The Shack in Twin Bridges donated space and ice cream for the contests.



Warren Reeves and Michael Lorenz from Northern Energy Propane joined the Alder School for lunch on March 19th to present them with a check in the amount of \$2,000. Each year Northern Energy Propane donates money to local schools and organizations through School Days Programs. Funds are awarded to schools based on local propane use.

Local author pens book

Submitted by Janet Hill

Raven Publishing proudly announces the release of Hollowtop Smoke Signals: a Collection of Humorous Essays, by Art Kehler of Harrison, Montana, at a book launch with reading and refreshments at the Madison Valley Library, 210 East Main Street, Ennis, Montana, at 2 pm on Sunday, April 15, 2018

Art, the author of hundreds of essays and stories, has lived in the Madison Valley for nearly fifty years and calls himself "a true blue son of the northland" in one of his essays.

In an age of political controversy, chaos, and negative news, Art gives us a refreshing look at small town antics and a chance to laugh at ourselves as we relate to our shared human condition with his often self-deprecating humor.

He has been compared to James Thurber, Mark Twain, and other humorists as he writes about his experiences in the tri-cities of Pony, Harrison, and Norris, whose combined population is fewer than 500 people.

Are his true stories slightly embellished? You be the judge as you treat yourself to some health-producing belly laughs by reading his book and hearing him speak. He'll be happy to autograph a copy of his Hollowtop Smoke Signals just for you.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

4 ways to help your child deal with stress

Submitted by Elise McGregor

- Listen to them and communicate. "By listening to them, you are acknowledging their feelings but also strengthening the trust/bond you have with your child," says Alise McGregor, founder of Little Newtons, an early education center with locations in Minnesota and Illinois. "Trust is so important in childhood. They feel supported and feel better being able to get it off their chest."
- Exercise. This is easy, fun and often

necessary as a coping mechanism. "Children who are physically active release stress as well as build confidence," McGregor says. "And they sleep better, which in turn makes them better equipped to take on their day."

- Take care of yourself, slow down. Children are aware of their surroundings and look to their caregiver for support. "If a caregiver is not fully equipped to handle their own stress, they certainly can't fully support a child," McGregor says. "We often are in such a hurry that many of the

basic necessities of caregiving are rushed through. Children can feel the stress caregivers are experiencing and often will act out."

- Teach them relaxation techniques. Just as parents teach children how to throw a baseball or build a tower with blocks, they should also teach them how to cope with stressful situations in life, McGregor says. "There are ways to do this, such as count down from 10, or 'breathe in the soup, blow out the soup.' It slows down their 'hyperstate' of accelerated heart rate and fast breathing."

What to Know About Your Drinking Water



(StatePoint) Having clean, uncontaminated water to drink at home and on-the-go is one of the most essential components to keeping your family safe and healthy.

Unfortunately, safe water is not necessarily a given. A recent study, published by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, found that in 2015, nearly 21 million people relied on community water systems that violated health-based quality standards. What's more, the risks to your tap water are heightened during special circumstances like natural disasters and other emergencies.

To help ensure you are

hydrating healthfully all the time -- at home, in your community, on trips or in emergencies -- consider investing in an easy-to-maintain water filtration device that can be used anywhere in order to improve water quality.

One example is LifeStraw, first introduced for people in developing countries without access to safe water and for victims following natural disasters. The company now makes a range of water filters and purifiers designed for uses like emergency preparedness, outdoor recreation, travel and everyday hydration. The refillable LifeStraw Go 2-Stage water bottle features a built-in filter, and

removes 99.9999 percent of waterborne bacteria (including E. coli and salmonella), 99.999 percent of protozoa while also reducing chlorine organic chemical matter and bad taste. Suitable for kids, the LifeStraw Play model, a 10-oz water bottle designed for everyday use, incorporates the same technology with a sturdy kid-friendly leak-proof design. LifeStraw is available online and at your local Walmart, Target and Sam's Club.

What's great is this is also a company that gives back -- for every LifeStraw product purchased, a school child in a community in need receives safe water for an entire school year. So far, the program has supported more than one million school children.

Keep in mind that access to clean water is a persistent and global issue. By 2050, at least one in four people is likely to live in a country affected by chronic or recurring shortages of fresh water, according to the United Nations. This highlights the growing need to take precautions both at home and when you travel, and to invest in products that give back.

To do everything you can to keep your family healthy and safe, start by taking steps to improve the water you drink.

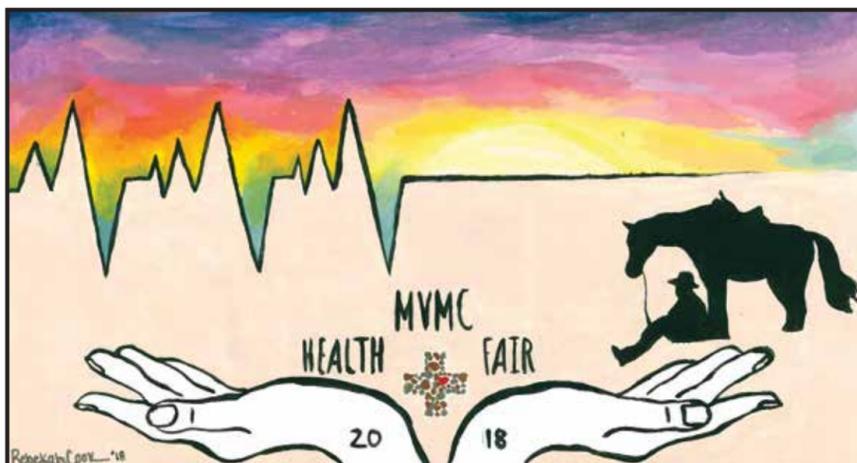
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Sprinter Equinox Day

Some innovative thoughts on simplifying mid-March, Tri-City confusion

It all seemed so confusing. On March 11, at 10:15 pm, the long nights of winter ended in the Tri-City (Harrison, Pony and Norris) region, and daylight saving time began. It

was as though someone had just sucked one hour of each resident's life away and there wasn't a dad-blamed thing anyone could do about it. Next, on March 17, Saint Patrick's Day served as the unofficial cabin fever blowout party. As if that wasn't enough, on March 20, the first day of spring (aka-the spring equinox) arrived, which is one of only two days of the year in the northern hemisphere that has equal night and daylight hours. As a result of such information overload, many residents weren't sure if they were supposed to spring ahead, party hardy, lose an hour or stand an egg on end, on any given day. Obviously, the situation cried out for a clarifying solution.

Then, out of nowhere, an

idea occurred to me that could clear up a lot of confusion. In fact the notion was so simple; I was surprised no one had thought of it previously. Specifically, I thought to myself, "Next year in the Tri-Cities, why not have the initiation of daylight saving time and the first day of spring take place on the same day, March 20th?"

Still, it's highly unlikely spring-like conditions will arrive that very day. As evidence, last week on the Butte TV channel, the meteorologist presented a long-range weather prediction. Said report claimed our region can expect lower than normal temperatures and snow--through May! Indeed, as I remember it, that's much the same kind of "late spring" we endured last year. So, in a

concession to the more likely weather conditions, I further proposed that we combine the words "spring" and "winter" and dub the new event--"Sprinter Equinox Day."

By so doing, Tri-City inhabitants would have something less confusing, yet at the same time, more momentous to look forward to next March. Not only would they be able to celebrate the wishful arrival of spring, but local citizens would also have more daylight in which to watch it snow. Better yet, that much situational variation, in a 24-hour span, would be ample cause for an area-wide, cabin fever blowout celebration that would rival even Saint Patrick's Day.

For example, Harrison

could schedule a March 20, "Sprinter Equinox Day Parade." In recognition of the lost hour, the festivities would begin at precisely the 10:15 pm, daylight saving, time-travel implementation. Likely, a snowplow would be needed at the head of the procession to clear a path down the main street. Behind the plow, parka-garbed majorettes (twirling ice-fishing rods instead of batons) would precede a marching band. Then, a soul-stirring cavalcade of snowmobiles, pulling ice-fishing huts, would comprise the parade's center piece. Lastly, the town's light-flashing, siren-sounding fire engines (staffed with firemen tossing plastic flowers to delusional spectators) would bring up the rear.

Ultimately, like Saint Patrick's Day's corn beef and cabbage, Harrison's Sprinter Equinox Day could even have its own signature, post-parade feast of smoked whitefish and sauerkraut. Lastly, during the final additional hour of sunlight, everyone could drink a green beverage to symbolically hurry the actual greening up of spring, which would occur in about two months. Now, if only the village elders will approve my innovative and simplifying suggestions. I'll keep ya posted.

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



The Daffodils

There's a lot of hope and a lot of faith and love mixed up in a miracle - MEINDERT DEJONG

My wife and I went out for a drive as we are wont to do from time to time. It was a weekday evening and, what with the time change and lengthening of days of early spring (and a nice day, to boot), I thought we'd go out and see the daffodils growing commercially in fields just west of us.

This, Our Valley by Rev. Keith Axberg

I wasn't exactly sure where we would find them - I think the local farms are better known for their tulips (which don't come into bloom for another month or two) - but I knew that if I drove around aimlessly for a while I would surely discover them.

We headed west towards Anacortes on the old Memorial Highway and sure enough, there they were: fields of bright yellow daffodils swaying in the breeze. I grabbed a few quick snaps from my phone for, alas, I had left my good camera at home. My brother-in-law's words bounced around the cavern between my ears: "You can't get pictures if you don't take your camera." He won't read this so it's safe to say this openly: He's right!

While cell phone cameras

have come a long way, and while some can take breath-taking photos, my phone isn't one of those. So I got some decent shots, but nothing as spectacular as what we saw before us, but that's OK. Perfection is God's responsibility, not mine.

While I enjoy photography as a hobby (and I am really a beginner of a novice, and not really even a novice yet), the fact is I am finding joy in simply living. While it is nice taking pictures (and quite ego-stroking setting up the tripod, changing lenses, playing with focus, composition, f-stops, and the like - to the oos and the ahs of the local lookie-loos), I am coming to appreciate actually just being "in the moment" - like looking at a field of flowers swaying ever so gently in the breeze. It was

truly a "wow" moment.

Lifting up my eyes from the field of golden daffodils (do they come in any other color?), I gazed to the east and couldn't help but notice the clouds billowing over the north Cascade Mountains. It wasn't the usual flat gray slate that usually hangs over our part of the world. These were angry, well-defined and muscular storm clouds looking to put some serious water down on the hills to the east. Again, all I could do is let out an almost imperceptible "wow."

Living in the moment. What a concept. I forget who it was who said, "There is no past; there is no future; there is only now - ever only now." Incidentally, if no one actually ever said that, I'll be happy to take credit. Please send royalties my way via the

Madisonian.

It has been said that a miracle is an event that can't be explained with the laws of science or nature, but I would disagree completely. Just the complexity of the universe in which we live is a miracle. Just the fact that a seed or bulb can be shoved into a bit of black or brown dirt and come up in bright green and yellows is a miracle.

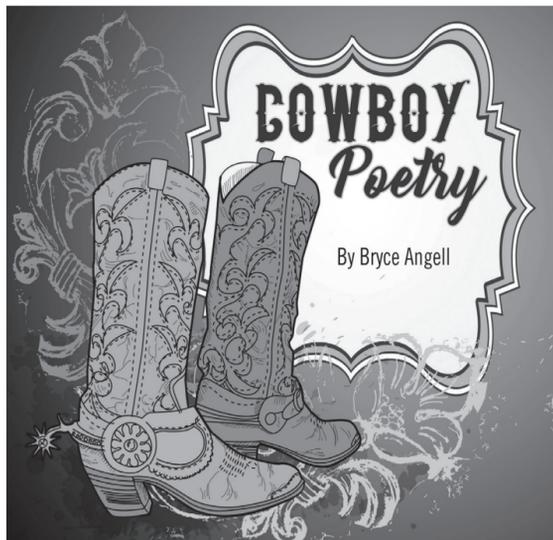
The fact you and I can see that stuff - and knowing we don't really see it, but an image of reflected light is caught by lenses that evolved over more millennia than we can count, hits a fleshy slate containing rods and cones at the back of our eyeballs (upside down, no less), is converted to chemical and electrical impulses that snap, crackle, and pop along an

optic nerve to a patch of gray matter that lies between our ears, and is perceived (right side up) as something which then causes other parts of our body to secrete endorphins that eventually produces a smile upon one's mug - that's a miracle!

Miracles are everywhere. All we need to do is look around with eyes to see, and listen with ears to hear.

To appreciate what we have, and what we see, and what we hear, and what we feel, and what we experience - and that we can do it alone or in community - by golly, those are also miracles here now in this, our valley.

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



Dumpster Diving

My missing tooth, right where I smile, had caused me so much grief. No one looked me in the eye. They'd rather check my teeth. So, I called my favorite dentist. Yes, the one who made the hole. Who charged me half a pay check. Now I'm broke. Well bless his soul. That day my favorite dentist found a tooth to fit my mouth. He said he'd pulled it early from a patient who went south. Did I hear my dentist say that he had pulled it from the dead? I had to stop the nitrous. It was messing with my head. I muffled out the words. "Please hold the nitrous for a while." The dentist held a mirror and said, "Let's check out your new smile." He said, "Your tooth is really meant for superficial use. You'll take it out when eating. It can't handle harsh abuse." I shook his hand and thanked him. Then said, "Put it on my bill." I'm sure I heard "Ka Ching" or maybe, "Sure as heck I will!" I'd only had my tooth for just an hour or maybe two. When I stopped to eat a burger, pulled my tooth so I could chew. I finished up my lunch and threw the garbage in the can. Then I walked into Cabela's like a dang important man. But something sure was missing. Then it hit me like a flash. I'd gathered up my brand-new tooth and thrown it in the trash. So, I turned to dumpster diving. I just had to find my tooth, when a lady handed me a Ten. Said, "Hope you'll find God's truth." I didn't give a second look. I'd dang near lost all hope. And then I saw my brand-new tooth stuck to a bar of soap. So, that day I learned two lessons. Keep your teeth out of the trash and start up dumpster diving. You could make some extra cash!

Commodity Insite! Silver Thursday by Jerry Welch

The 38th anniversary of a historic day arrives on March 27. Few recall that fateful day but in the world of "markets," the day was a shocker. And from my one-of-a-kind book, *Haunted By Markets* in a chapter entitled *Silver Thursday*, penned in early 2011 here is what took place that wild and crazy trading session 38 years ago.

"The news media was quick this week to discuss the fact that silver prices rallied to a high not seen since March, 1980. What they failed to mention, however, is that silver values are finally above the pivotal levels of March 27, 1980, a trading session referred to as *Silver Thursday*. It was on that ominous day that panic selling in the silver pits of Chicago spilled over to the stock and all commodity markets, causing both to take an unusually hard shelling.

"But first, some background

In 1973, the Hunt family of Texas was possibly the richest family in the nation. As a hedge against inflation, the two Hunt brothers decided to buy silver because private citizens at the time could not buy gold. In 1979, in partnership with some very well healed Arabs, they formed a silver pool, amassing more than 250 million ounces of silver, approximately half the world's supply.

"In 1973, when the Hunts began slowly buying up silver, the price was trading below \$2 an ounce. In early 1979, the market was up to \$5 an ounce and by early 1980, prices hit the \$50 an ounce range.

Purchasing a silver futures contract in the 1970's, required a margin of roughly, \$2000. Thus, a rally from \$5 an ounce to \$50, represented a \$225,000 return on investment. Of course, no one then or now is clever enough to buy the actual low. Or, sell the actual the high

of any market. But in theory, buying silver futures on margin in early 1979 could have reaped lifestyle altering profits in less than 12 months.

During 1979 and the opening months of 1980, as silver prices rose into the stratosphere, the media was touting the bull market on a daily basis. The rally and ensuing news coverage so incensed the Chairman of Tiffany & Co., the world famous jewelry store that he ran a full page ad in the *New York Times* stating bluntly, "We think it is unconscionable for anyone to hoard several billion, yes, billion dollars worth of silver and thus drive the price up so high that others must pay artificially high prices for articles made of silver from baby spoons to tea sets, as well as photographic film and other products."

The Hunt brothers and their Arab partners may have had a corner on the silver market

but they were also trading on margin. As we all know, or should know, trading on margin is a two edged sword. When the market is going your way, trading on margin is a thing of wonder. When the market turns, however, margin becomes a nightmare as, "calls" are generated. And if the, "calls" are not met by putting up more money, the owners are forced to liquidate existing positions so the calls can met and killed.

The historic, euphoric, giddy, lifestyle altering silver bull market finally ended when the *New York Metals Market (COMEX)* and intervention by the Federal Reserve to put an end to the lucrative game. COMEX ruled that no new buying could enter the market and the only trades accepted were for liquidation of long positions. The lack of buying meant there were more sellers than buyers and silver prices began to leak

profusely.

The decline with silver prices ultimately triggered a \$100 million margin call for the Hunts on March 27, 1980. Because they did not have the funds to meet the call and facing a potential loss of nearly \$2 billion, they were forced to dump so many silver contracts onto the market that the price fell from \$21.62 to \$10.80 an ounce. Silver prices, that one fateful Thursday, fell \$54,100 per futures contract.

The horrific decline with silver spilled over to other commodity markets, causing huge losses. The Dow was also impacted, as fears that some Wall Street firms and banks might collapse if the Hunt brothers could not meet their debt obligations. On *Silver Thursday*, the Dow fell 16 percent.

According to Wikipedia, "The Hunts lost over a billion dollars through this incident but the family fortunes survived. How-

ever the value of their assets (mainly holdings in oil, sugar and real estate) declined steadily during the 1980s, and their estimated net wealth declined from \$5 billion in 1980 to less than \$1 billion in 1988." And in 1988, the brothers were found responsible for civil charges of conspiracy to corner the market in silver. This forced the brothers to declare bankruptcy, in one of the biggest such filings in Texas history."

In June of 1982, in the midst of the worst U.S. economy since the Great Depression, silver prices hit a nadir of \$4.98 an ounce, down from \$50 seen only two years earlier. A 90 percent decline! *Silver Thursday* and the events that followed may have been long ago, but I remember them well even though at the time, I was in kindergarten."

COMICS & PUZZLES

King Crossword

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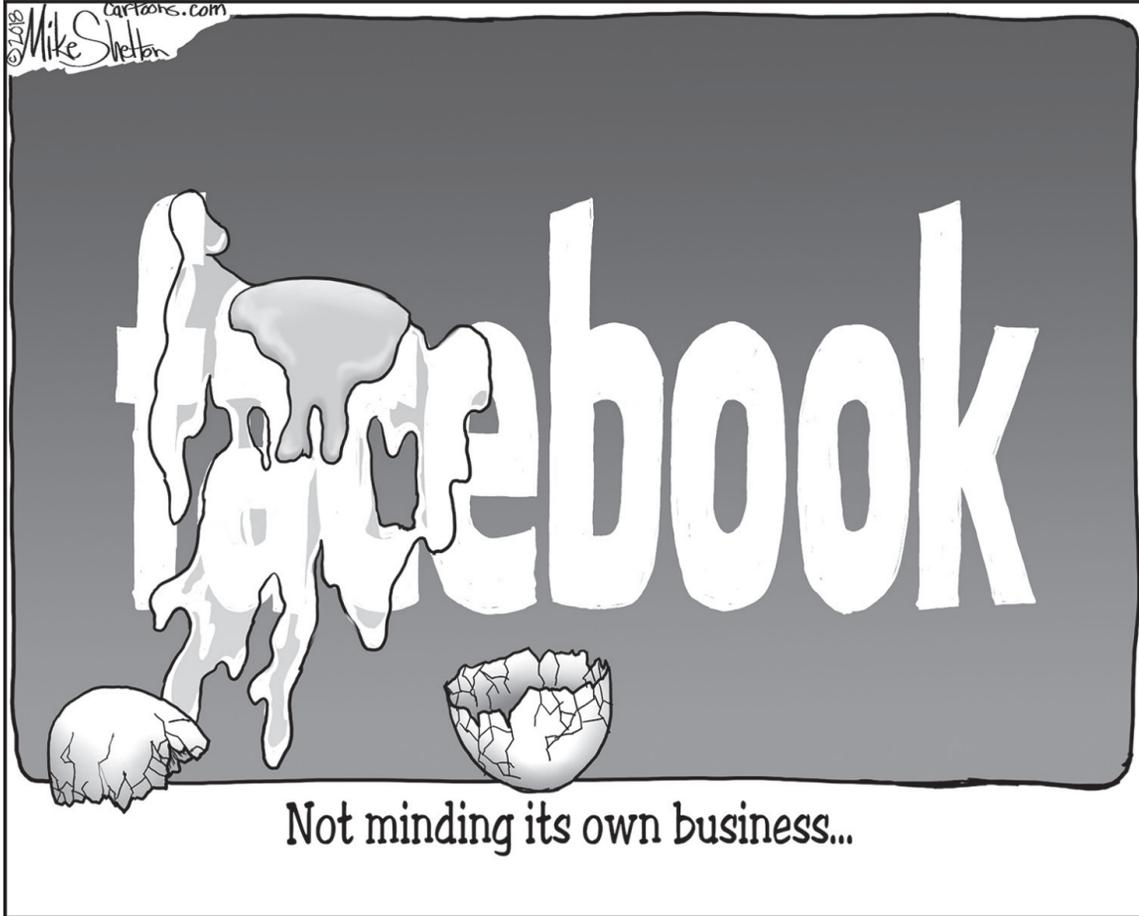


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Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center (TRMCC) is a skilled nursing facility located in Sheridan, Montana. TRMCC provides 24-hour long term nursing care and has the capabilities to care for adults with acute medical needs or seniors recovering from surgery needing rehabilitation services. We are looking for passionate and talented team members to join TRMCC. This is an amazing opportunity for a LTC RN or LPN to work in a great relaxed environment assisting the residents of our facility.
Employee Benefits:
• Health insurance available (County sponsored benefit with 30 hours or more per week), optional dental, and vision plans
• Flexible spending account or Health Savings account available
• Montana Public Employee Administration (retirement benefit) and optional 457-b savings plan
• Life insurance • Vacation and sick time benefits.
TRMCC promotes a drug and alcohol-free workplace. Offers of employment are contingent upon successfully passing pre-employment screenings.
Contact Information
Holly Halthcox – Business Office Manager
Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center
326 Madison Street, Sheridan MT
406-842-5600
11-tfc-b

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Call Swift Today! 855-292-2945
16-4wks-b

Hay Camp Ranch in Jeffers MT is looking for a Ranch Manager Office Assistant.
The ideal candidate for this position is a skilled multi-tasker, is reliable, and able to meet deadlines. Must be proficient in MS Office particularly Excel and Word, and Intuit Quickbooks. Will be responsible for processing payroll and submitting all payroll reports. Will need to set up budgets and create spreadsheets. Will need to handle all billing and filing. May include housekeeping and outside ranch duties. They should have good communication and people skills and be able to work close with a CPA and other professional services. Must have a valid driver's license. Wage is dependent on experience.
Please contact:
Sharon Luly: 406-209-5948
Michael Sprout: 406-579-9708.
22-3-b

"Meals on Wheels Delivery Volunteer Needed" Contact Ennis Senior Center 682-4422. 23-1-b

Bear Trap Grille is opening for dinner in April! We are currently looking for servers and kitchen help. If interested, please call 406-682-3323 or 908-507-5725. 3-tfc-b

Madison Valley Ranch seeking full-time housekeeper, 5-6 days/week. 5 hours per day. Competitive wages. Call 660-2952 or email fishing@3rivers.net 20-4-b

Live in dog whisperer/housesitter for two dachshunds. Dependable, clean, conscientious. References requested. 682-7809 21-3-b

Ennis Lumber Company is wanting to hire a sales associate to assume the position of Cabinet Designer. Candidate should possess excellent customer service and computer skills. Job consists of working with customers to provide computer-generated drawings of cabinet designs, as well as countertops. Sales of other building materials would also be involved. We are willing to provide training but prior experience is preferred. Wage is dependent upon experience. Please contact Kyle Marsh. 5080 US Hwy 287 Ennis, MT. 59729 406-682-3889 22-tfc-b

Route Bus Driver Ennis School
School bus route driver(s) needed for the 2018-2019 school year. Must have, or be qualified to obtain, a commercial driver's license, a school bus driver certificate, and certified in first aid. All bus drivers are subject to pre-employment drug testing and must be part of our random testing program as required by DOT. The route(s) will be approximately 3½ - 4 hrs per day with starting salary at \$14.25. Split shifts will also be considered. For further information, call Superintendent, Casey Klasna or Transportation Director, John Lee at 682-4258. 21-3-b

Place Your Classified 682-7755

Madison Meadows Golf Course
Ennis, Montana
JOB VACANCIES
Clubhouse Manager
This is a seasonal position working April-October and is responsible for managing the operation of the clubhouse and staff. Salary TBD/DOE
Clubhouse Staff
Seasonal position(s) working April-October and responsible for assisting the clubhouse manager in providing customer service to the Golf Course patrons. Must be able to work assigned shifts with the ability to work a flexible schedule with some overtime required. \$11.00-\$15.00 per hour DOE.
Grounds Crew Staff
This is a seasonal position working April-October and reports to the Grounds Superintendent and is responsible for cutting/mowing grass, fertilizing, watering, trash removal and assisting in maintaining the golf course grounds. Must be willing to work assigned shifts with the ability to work a flexible schedule with some overtime required. \$11.00-\$15.00 per hour DOE.
The above descriptions are only a summary of the typical functions of the position.
Interested applicants should contact Madison Meadow Golf Course Business Office at 406-682-7468, 108 Golf Course Drive, Ennis, MT to obtain an application.
We are proud to be an EEO/AA employer. We maintain a drug-free workplace.
22-2-b

Activities Assistant
The Madison Valley Manor is hiring for a full-time Activities Assistant. The Activities Assistant assists the Activity Director with therapeutic activities designed to meet the interests and enhance the functional abilities and self-esteem of each resident. This is a great opportunity to work in a personal healthcare setting.
Excellent Pay
Government retirement
Benefits including life and health insurance.
If you are interested in a rewarding career, Madison Valley Manor is the place. Please contact Melody Clark, Activities Director, at 682-7271 for more information or the online employment page at www.madisoncountymt.gov EOE 23-3-b

R.L. Winston Rod Co. in Twin Bridges has openings for full time production workers. Hours are 6:00 am until 2:00 pm. We offer competitive wage and benefit package. Applications are available at the Winston Rod Plant. Inquiries to jbegin@winstonrods.com. Come help us make the finest fly fishing rods in the world. 23-5-b

The Sportsman Ennis, MT
Accepting applications for Team Members with great attitudes!
FT/PT
Bartenders; Line/Prep Cooks, Servers; Front Desk, Exp. Preferred.
Call Chad or Michele Chapman 406-682-4242

FOR RENT

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:
1 bedroom unfurnished apartments 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, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:
1 bedroom furnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$700 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737. 15-tfc

For Rent - Lone Elk Mall: Retail/office unit, 2000 sq ft, \$700/month plus utilities and maintenance dues. 682-5653 47-tfc-b

Bicentennial Apartments
Dillon, MT., Senior Housing 62 or older or handicapped, rent based on income, HUD Subsidized util. paid. Qualifications apply. Market rent apartments also available.
Call: 406-683-2727
800-253-4091

PETERSON'S DISCOUNT STORAGE
Indoor & Outdoor RV/Boat storage, storage units. Ennis, 581-9254 18-tfc-b

MADISON MANAGEMENT
Vacation and Long Term Rentals 570-5401
www.madisonmanagement.com 22-tfc

Studio Apartment at Madison Square. Contact Jamie 681.9219 19-tfc-b

248 Front St, Harrison, 1g1 Bd hse. Rent \$600. a mo. Call Baycroft's Prop Mgmt, Inc 406-560-3274
www.baycroftproperty.com 9-tfc-b

SERVICES

Madison Valley Caring & Sharing
Hours:
Mon. Noon-2:00 p.m.
Sat. 9-11:00 a.m.
Wed. 5-7 p.m.
Lone Elk Mall, Unit 4.
Ennis. 682-7844
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FOR SALE

FOR SALE
ANTIQUE WALNUT BED - OVER 100 YEARS OLD
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Vintage 1965 Honda 55 Trail Cycle
3465 actual miles
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Koehler & Campbell piano with bench
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2013 Jeep Wrangler Sport hard top, black, new tires, 3.6 V6 6 speed
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Parker, single axle, 8 x 10 cargo/ATV trailer \$500.00 682.3532

21-6-f

Overstock Sale
T-shirts and Sweatshirts
LOTS! Call 682.7241
21-3-f

For Sale: Collection of Larry Zabel framed and unframed prints and giclees. Can buy any or all. Pick up in Butte, or we can ship for fee. Leave message 406-490-1712. 45-tfc-f

2013 Toyota Prius II Winter Grey Metallic, 85,000 miles, one owner, very good condition. Great gas mileage, tons of space inside. This has been an extremely reliable car! 406-596-0661 \$11,500

For Sale:
1. Utility Trailer 4ft by 8 ft; 3500lb axle \$550
2. Universal 150,000 BTU Construction Heater \$50
3. Victor oxygen/acetylene torch; extra tips, goggles, gloves, oxygen bottle \$150
4. Topcorn RL-H4C Laser Level with LS-80L Receiver \$450
5. Dewalt DW5780 12 inch Sliding Compound Miter Saw with Miter Saw Table \$450
Call BOB 406-200-1364
20-tfc-f

150 gallons of home heating oil w/tank.
\$2.00 / gallon
Ennis, 596-0025
23-free-tfc

Place Your Classified 682-7755

BOARD VACANCY

NOTICE OF FAIR BOARD VACANCY:
The Board of Commissioners has a vacancy on the Madison County Fair Board.
If you are interested in serving on this board, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, by email at madco@madisoncountymt.gov or by visiting our website at www.madisoncountymt.gov.
PDF application forms can be found on the county website at https://madisoncountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/833
Please return completed applications to:
Madison County Commissioners' Office
P.O. Box 278
Virginia City, MT 59755
22-2-b

AUCTION

Ennis Lions Club 38th Annual Auction, Saturday April 28, 9 a.m., Ennis Rodeo grounds. Tools, furniture, electronics, appliances, antiques and much more. Barbecue lunch available. 23-4-f

THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Spring Bazaar and Senior Center fund raiser a huge success. There are many people I would like to thank but this would be too long, SO, a huge thank you to Sherrie McCillen, and Steve and Cheryl Jones. Couldn't of done it without you!!!
23-1-b

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

Ad #091
Real Estate- Northwest Montana - Company owned. Small and large acre parcels. Private. Trees and meadows. National Forest boundaries. Tungstenholdings. com (406) 293-3714

Ad #092
Northwest Community Health Center (NWCHC) is looking to add a full time Financial Officer to manage and provide oversight in all aspects of finance operations. Full job posting at http://northwestchc.org/jobs/. To apply please submit resume and/or public sector applications at http://northwestchc.org/jobs/.

Ad #093
Northwest Community Health Center (NWCHC) is looking to add a full time Dentist to expand its dental services to underserved families. If you are interested in this practice opportunity please inquire with Maria Clemons, Executive Director. maria.clemons@northwestchc.org or (406) 283-6919

Ad #094
CDL DRIVER NEEDED TO PULL HOPPER DOUBLES. Home weekends. Full-time, year-around work. Pay on speedometer miles (starts at up to 48 cents a mile counting bonuses). Health and retirement benefits. Paid vacation and holidays. Bonus packages. Must have or be able to get a passport, must have double endorsement. Must be able to go to Canada. ELD Exempt Trucks. Call or stop by Dale Bouma Trucking, 6371 Hwy. 287, Choteau, MT, (406) 466-5324, 1-800-984-5324.

Ad #095
Smaller independent First Congregational Church of Laurel seeking a full-time Pastor. Send resume to Search Committee, c/o Reiter at 650 Longview Road, Laurel, MT 59044. Submit by June 1, 2018 Website: FCCLaurel.org

Ad #096
Authentic Timber Framed Barns. Residential and Commercial Timber Packages. Full Service Design - Build Since 1990, (406) 581 3014 brett@bitterrootgroup.com, www.bitterroottimberframes.com

Ad #097
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Madison County Employment Opportunities

Madison Valley Manor, Ennis

- Administrator;
- Activity Aide, Full-time;
- Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time;
- Dietary Aide, Part-time;
- Housekeeping/Laundry-Part-time-Temporary;
- Resident Aide, Full-time/Part-time-CNA Class/Independent Study Program;
- RN & LPN Full-time or Part-time-Madison Valley Manor, Ennis and Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Sheridan;

Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Sheridan

- Social Services Director, Part-time;
- Resident Aide, Full-time/Part-time-CNA Class/Independent Study Program;

Madison County

- Madison County Fair Secretary, Part-time, Twin Bridges, March 30, 2018, closing date; and
- Communications Officer, Part-time, Virginia City.

Please visit Madison County's online employment page at www.madisoncountymt.gov for additional information or contact the Human Resources Department at 406-843-4201
Madison County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2018

MONTANA STATE LAND BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Please take notice that elections for Commissioners for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 of the East Bench Irrigation District will be held at the annual meeting thereof in the Courtroom of the Beaverhead County Courthouse, 2 S. Pacific St., Dillon, MT on April 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for the two positions. (Pub. March 22, 29, 2018) ebid MNAXLP

NOTICE OF WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

The Council is also proposing a 2% increase for the following 5 years starting in July 2019 ending in June 2024. Such amendment will not come into effect until the rate increase process is implemented in accordance with the applicable law and the initial rate increase will be effective July 1, 2018 or the July 20th billing cycle.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to John Warren, Attorney at Law, PO Box 28, Dillon, Montana 59725 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct DATED January 29, 2018. /s/ Frank D. Moore FRANK D. MOORE Personal Representative Personal Representative's Attorney: John Warren P. O. Box 28 Dillon, Montana 59725 (Pub. March 22, 29, Apr 5, 2018) jw MNAXLP

NOTICE OF CLOSE REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that regular* registration for the Madison Valley Hospital District Election to be held on May 8, 2018 will close at 5:00 p.m., April 9, 2018. *NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote by appearing in person at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. You may complete and submit a voter registration card, but you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot. This Election will be conducted by MAIL ONLY. No polling places will be available. All active and inactive**electors of Madison Valley Hospital District, are entitled to vote at said election. However, Inactive voters will not receive a ballot in the mail. **Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the Election Office in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office. DATED this 16th of March, 2018 Madison County /s/ Kathleen D. Mumme, Election Administrator (Pub. March 22, 29 and April 5, 2018) mocr MNAXLP

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of their budgeting process, Sheridan School District's Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Sheridan School District's Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school year beginning July 1, 2018, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the District: (SEE CHART B) *Impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of their budgeting process, Cardwell School District's Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Cardwell School District's Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school year beginning July 1, 2018, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the District: (SEE CHART E) *Impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.

facilities. These estimates are the District's best estimates at the current time. They are based on the current year's taxable value, as required by MCA 20-9-525. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August. Please contact District Clerk Rebecca Larsen at 406-842-5302 or becky.larsen@sheridan.k12.mt.us if you have questions or need additional information. (Pub. March 22, 29, 2018) ss

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST On April 12, 2018, 6:45 p.m., at Ennis Town Hall the Zoning Board of Adjustment will review, take comments and make a decision on two (2) Conditional Use applications. Larry Pine is requesting to build residential units on lots zoned Local Commercial Residential. The involved lots are: Lot 5, Block 3, Home Addition and Lot 4, Block 3, Home Addition. Information and materials related to these applications may be viewed at Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT, during normal business hours. Public comment may be given at the meeting or in writing and sent to Town of Ennis, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 59729. Written comments must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., April 12, 2018. (Pub. March 29, April 5, 2018) toe MNAXLP

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NONVOTED LEVIES MARCH 2018

As an essential part of their budgeting process, the Boards of Trustees of Alder Elementary School, Harrison K-12 Schools, and Twin Bridges K-12 Schools are authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. Final decisions on non-voted levies and final budgets are not established until August. The Boards of Trustees for the districts listed above estimate the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school year beginning July 1, 2018, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district. (SEE CHART C) If the district's taxable value increases the mills and taxpayer cost increases will be less than presented here. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August. Kathleen Wuefling, Clerk: Alder School Judi Ward, Clerk: Harrison Schools JoyAnn Breakall, Clerk: Twin Bridges Schools (Pub. March 29, 2018) as, hs, tbs MNAXLP

ENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 52 NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES MARCH 2018

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Ennis Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Ennis Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. These estimates are based on current year's taxable value with no increase, as required by state law. If the District's taxable value increases as expected, the mill and taxpayer cost increases will be less than presented here. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August. Please contact the district office at (406)682-4258 if you have questions or need additional information. (SEE CHART D) Regarding the increase in the building reserve levy referenced above, the following are school facility maintenance projects anticipated to be completed at this time: Maintain and Repair Existing Buildings, Remodel Existing Buildings, Repair/Replace Roof, Repair/Replace Boilers and Install Fiber Optic Cabling (Pub. March 29, 2018) es MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

395 LAMPE, LLC, Plaintiff, VS OVERLOOK PARTNERS, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company; YELLOWSTONE CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Montana Corporation; TIMOTHY BLIXSETH, an individual; CASEY HEITZ, an individual, Defendants, TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 23rd day of April, 2018 at 1:45 p.m. on the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, the following described property: Lot 205 of Plat of Overlook Subdivision, in Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana. (Plat reference in Book 4 of Plats, page 541, records of Madison County, Montana.) Said property is located on Andesite Ridge Road, Big Sky, MT 59716. Dated this 29th day of March, 2018. ROGER THOMPSON, SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY (Pub. March 29, April 5, 12, 2018) mcsd MNAXLP

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CHART C

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact, Home of \$100,000*	Home of \$200,000*	Estimated Impact Home of \$200,000*
Adult Education	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Bus Depreciation	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Transportation	\$3,400.00 increase	1.98 mill increase	\$3.88 increase	\$7.77 increase	\$7.77 increase
Tuition	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Building Reserve	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Total:	\$3,400.00 increase	1.98 mill increase	\$3.88 increase	\$7.77 increase	\$7.77 increase

*Harrison School Board will not request a voted levy for the 2018-19 school year.

CHART A

SERVICE LINE	COST PER EDU	EDU's	BASE RATE CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$28.50	1.00	\$ 28.50
1 inch	\$28.50	1.70	\$ 48.45
1 1/2 inch	\$28.50	2.60	\$ 74.10
2 inch	\$28.50	4.10	\$ 114.00
3 inch	\$28.50	7.10	\$ 202.35
4 inch	\$28.50	15.30	\$ 436.05
6 inch	\$28.50	28.44	\$ 810.54
8 inch	\$28.50	64.00	\$1,824.00
10 inch	\$28.50	113.78	\$3,242.73

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

SERVICE LINE	COST PER EDU	EDU's	BASE RATE CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$31.00	1.00	\$ 31.00
1 inch	\$31.00	1.70	\$ 52.70
1 1/2 inch	\$31.00	2.60	\$ 80.60
2 inch	\$31.00	4.10	\$ 124.00
3 inch	\$31.00	7.10	\$ 220.10
4 inch	\$31.00	15.30	\$ 474.30
6 inch	\$31.00	28.44	\$ 881.64
8 inch	\$31.00	64.00	\$1,984.00
10 inch	\$31.00	113.78	\$3,527.18

The Council is also proposing a 2% increase for the following 5 years starting in July 2019 ending in June 2024. The usage rate will go from \$ 5.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$ 7.75 per gallon and the late fee will increase from 1.5% to 10%.

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

SERVICE LINE	COST PER EDU	EDU's	BASE RATE CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$36.59	1.00	\$ 36.59
1 inch	\$36.59	1.70	\$ 62.20
1 1/2 inch	\$36.59	2.60	\$ 95.13
2 inch	\$36.59	4.10	\$ 149.36
3 inch	\$36.59	7.10	\$ 259.79
4 inch	\$36.59	15.30	\$ 559.83
6 inch	\$36.59	28.44	\$1,040.62
8 inch	\$36.59	64.00	\$2,341.76
10 inch	\$36.59	113.78	\$4,163.21

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SERVICE LINE	COST PER EDU	EDU's	BASE RATE CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$46.89	1.00	\$ 46.89
1 inch	\$46.89	1.70	\$ 79.71
1 1/2 inch	\$46.89	2.60	\$ 121.94
2 inch	\$46.89	4.10	\$ 187.56
3 inch	\$46.89	7.10	\$ 332.92
4 inch	\$46.89	15.30	\$ 717.42
6 inch	\$46.89	28.44	\$1,333.55
8 inch	\$46.89	64.00	\$3,000.96
10 inch	\$46.89	113.78	\$5,335.15

CHART B

2017-18 Actual Levies		2018-19 Projections		Change	
Fund	\$	Mills	\$	Mills	\$
General - BASE	\$ 130,214	24.94	\$ 111,267	21.32	\$ (18,947)
General - OverBASE	\$ 295,721	56.44	\$ 298,176	57.11	\$ 2,455
Transportation	\$ 66,185	12.68	\$ 75,778	14.51	\$ 9,591
Bus Depreciation	\$ -	0.00	\$ 20,995	4.02	\$ 20,995
Tuition	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -
Adult Ed	\$ 5,223	1.00	\$ 6,785	1.68	\$ 1,562
Technology	\$ 19,072	3.65	\$ 19,072	3.65	\$ -
Flexibility	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 113,690	21.78	\$ -	-	\$ (113,690)
Building Reserve Permissive	\$ 20,600	3.95	\$ 20,400	3.91	\$ (200)
Building Reserve Voted	\$ 20,000	3.83	\$ 20,000	3.83	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 676,796	128.47	\$ 674,427	128.03	\$ (2,369)

CHART B

2017-18 Actual Levies		2018-19 Projections		Change	
Fund	\$	Mills	\$	Mills	\$
General - BASE	\$ 339,685	45.59	\$ 140,120	40.02	\$ (199,565)
General - OverBASE	\$ 208,396	59.51	\$ 203,634	58.21	\$ (4,762)
Transportation	\$ 57,917	10.54	\$ 62,553	10.91	\$ 4,636
Bus Depreciation	\$ -	0.00	\$ 34,819	9.94	\$ 34,819
Tuition	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -
Adult Ed	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -
Technology	\$ 12,715	2.38	\$ 25,000	4.74	\$ 12,285
Flexibility	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 115,690	33.04	\$ -	-	\$ (115,690)
Building Reserve Permissive	\$ 28,600	5.17	\$ 28,800	5.18	\$ (200)
Building Reserve Voted	\$ 20,000	3.71	\$ 20,000	3.71	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 782,993	172.19	\$ 533,226	152.28	\$ (249,767)

CHART D

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact, Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact, Home of \$200,000*
Adult Education	\$113,365 increase	1.16 increase	\$15.77 increase	\$31.44 increase
Bus Depreciation	\$0 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0 increase/decrease	\$0 increase/decrease
Transportation	\$119,999 increase	1.22 increase	\$16.65 increase	\$33.30 increase
Tuition	\$85,000 increase	.87 increase	\$11.77 increase	\$23.44 increase
Building Reserve	\$0 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0 increase/decrease	\$0 increase/decrease
Total	\$485,419 increase	3.25 increase	\$43.39 increase	\$86.78 increase

CHART E

2017-18 Actual Levies		2018-19 Projections		Change	
Fund	\$	Mills	\$	Mills	\$
General - BASE	\$ 109,672	29.74	\$ 109,672	34.27	\$ 4,533
General - OverBASE	\$ -	-	\$ 68,000	21.25	\$ 68,000
Transportation	\$ 41,018	11.12	\$ 26,447	8.26	\$ (14,571)
Bus Depreciation	\$ 35,038	9.50	\$ 35,038	10.95	\$ 1,451
Tuition	\$ -	0.00	\$ 12,732	3.98	\$ 12,732
Building Reserve Permissive	\$ -	0.00	\$ 18,900	5.91	\$ 18,900
Building Reserve Voted	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 185,727	50.36	\$ 270,788	84.62	\$ 85,061

Said property is located on Andesite Ridge Road, Big Sky, MT 59716. Dated this 29th day of March, 2018. ROGER THOMPSON, SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY (Pub. March 29, April 5, 12, 2018) mcsd MNAXLP

NOTICE OF JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

The Madison County Board of Commissioners and the Gallatin County Board of Commissioners will conduct a joint meeting in Big Sky on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Talus Room of the Summit Hotel, 50 Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, Montana. To receive a copy of the agenda for this meeting, please contact the Madison County Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277 or by email at lbuayan@madisoncountymt.gov. This meeting is open to the public. (Pub. March 29, 2018) mcc MNAXLP

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of their budgeting process, Cardwell School District's Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Cardwell School District's Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the school year beginning July 1, 2018 using estimated taxable valuations for the 2018 school year. (SEE CHART E)

In May the Cardwell School will ask for support of the General Fund, which hasn't been requested in several years. If that levy passes, the school may not pursue non-voted levies for the Tuition Fund or Building Reserve. The General Fund

levy will be used to address salary and benefit needs of the school. If the permissive Building Reserve is utilized, specific projects include interior painting, ceiling & wall repair, stair treads and riser repair, and any other critical repairs needed to improve the 100 year old building. Historically, Cardwell School has utilized up to \$40,000 of Metal Mines money annually to meet the obligations of its operational budget. The board would like to reserve Metal Mines funds for major repairs and upgrades. These estimates are the District's best estimates at the current time. They are based on estimated taxable valuations. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August. Please contact District Clerk Lisa Morgan at 406-287-3321 or cardwellclerk@gmail.com if you have questions or need additional information. (Pub. March 29, 2018) cs MNAXLP



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Madison Valley Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Breakfast Served each Wednesday at 7 a.m.
 Madison Valley Presbyterian Church February 21
 Madison Valley Baptist Church February 28
 Assembly of God Church March 7
 St. Patrick's Catholic Church March 14
 Trinity Episcopal Church March 21

We invite everybody to join us for good food and fellowship as we celebrate Lenten season!

Ruby Valley Christians Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Breakfast Served each Wednesday at 7 a.m., followed by a short time of worship and reflection.

Christ Episcopal Church Hall, Sheridan, February 21
 Ruby Valley Catholic Community, Notre Dame Church, Twin Bridges February 28
 Open (To sign up to serve this day, call Carol Braach 842-5521) March 7
 Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges, March 14
 Open (To sign up to serve this day, call Carol Braach 842-5521) March 21



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R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.
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MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

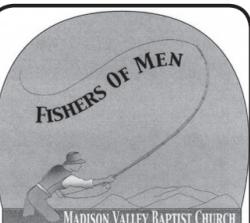
Saturday Services:
 4:00 P.M. AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN
Sunday Services:
 8:00 A.M. AT NOTRE DAME IN TWIN BRIDGES
 9:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN
 11:00 A.M. AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS
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 Sheridan
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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 Contact Julie Russell 842-5876

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Tony Shaw, Pastor
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Tuesday, April 3: BLT w/ soup or fries, dessert

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

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Reservations 682-4422

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MARCH 29 - APRIL 4

THURSDAY MARCH 29
 MAC & CHEESE W/BACON
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 DESSERT

FRIDAY MARCH 30
 TURKEY STUFFING
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 DESSERT "PINOCHE" @ 12:45"

MONDAY APRIL 2
 SALISBURGY STEAK
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 DESSERT "MAHJONG @ 1:00"

TUESDAY APRIL 3
 CHEESE BURGER
 FRIES & FRUIT
 DESSERT

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4
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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

Senior Fitness
9:15 at Madison Square Athletic Club.

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
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WEDNESDAYS

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

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

Books and Babies,

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

Senior Fitness
9:15 at Madison Square Athletic Club.

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
7 p.m.

THURSDAY MARCH 29

CAP meeting, Ennis
Community Action Planning meeting; Nick Lockridge, the Blue Bench Program Coordinator, will speak and discuss how to run, serve and win elections. 5:30 p.m. at the MVPL.

SATURDAY MARCH 31

Easter Egg Hunt, Ennis
Easter egg hunt for kids 0-12. Hard boiled eggs, plastic eggs, candy from the Easter Lion. Age groups search for eggs at the Lions Park in Ennis at 11 a.m.

Girl Scout cookies, Ennis

Ennis Girl Scouts will be selling cookies during the Easter egg hunt at Lions Park from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

APRIL 2-5, 7

Bow hunter education, Twin Bridges

Adult and youth bow hunter education classes conducted at the high school in the Montana Room from 6-9 p.m. Must attend all five sessions; must be 11 years old by the first day of class. April 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4

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

THURSDAY APRIL 5

BAH, Ennis
Business After Hours hosted by the Ennis Trading Post at 5 p.m.

Meeting, Townsend
Rocky Mountain Supply annual stockholders meeting at 6 p.m. at

the Broadwater County Fairgrounds.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11

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

THURSDAY APRIL 12

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

SATURDAY APRIL 14

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

SUNDAY APRIL 15

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



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FRIDAY APRIL 13TH: MERCEDES CARROLL
FRIDAY APRIL 20TH: JEFF PETERSON
FRIDAY APRIL 27TH: JERYD RICHMAN
FRIDAY MAY 4TH: FAN MOUNTAIN FROG DOGS
FRIDAY MAY 11TH: CHAD BALL

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Kindergarten roundup



Do you have a child who will be five on or before September 10, 2018?

If you are planning to enroll your child in kindergarten at Ennis Schools for the 2018-19 school year, please make an appointment to attend Kindergarten Roundup on March 30th.

Contact Stephanie at the school: 682-4237
Birth Certificate & Immunization Record are both Required.

ENNIS LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT

WHEN: Saturday, March 31, 2018, 11 AM Where: Lions Club Park, Ennis Mt

WHO: All kids ages 0-12

WHAT: Easter Eggs, plastic prize eggs, meet the Easter Lion and get Easter candy!!!

Sponsored by: Ennis Lions Club, First Madison Valley Bank, First Interstate Bank of Ennis, Madison Valley Woman's Club and Jamie Diehl and her students!!!



*** Alternate site in case of river gorge in will be at Ennis High School grounds*

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FALL/WINTER HOURS:

TH, FRI, MON: 4PM - 10PM

SAT & SUN: 10AM - 10PM | CLOSED TUES & WED

MUSIC THIS WEEK
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Sat 3/31 Chad Ball Folk/Blues
Sun 4/1 Chad Okrusch Modern Folk

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