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County employees review updated personnel policy manual

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During their regular meeting on Tuesday in Virginia City, Madison County Commissioners met with county employees to address the revised Madison

County Personnel Policy manual that will take effect on January 16, 2013.

Commissioner Dave Schulz explained that the revised 2013 policy was more than six years in the making, and that the previous policy was originally adopted in 2002. Since that time several ad-

ditions to the policy have been made through resolutions, and while various human resources personnel had been tasked with updating the policy, it was never fully revised. The county contracted human resource management consultant Jim Nys of Personnel Plus consulting ser-

VICES in Helena to help revise the policy.

Schulz said that the board of commissioners originally began to review the policy with some department head staff, but that was easier said than done.

"No matter how we read the statute, we just weren't comfort-

able trying to figure out how to put it in language so there would be a reasonable understanding between the employer or department head and the staff member," he said.

The revised policy is significantly reduced in length compared to the previous one, in part

to help with the readability of the document. Schulz added that a lawyer from the Montana Association of Counties called the revised document the best personnel policy he had ever seen, and that other counties have expressed interest in develop-

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WATER WORKS



Crews worked late into the night to mend a broken water main on Armitage Street by Moores Creek.

Photos submitted by Mike Sprout

Crew works in wet conditions to repair broken water main

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Temperatures dipped into the single digits last Wednesday night as crews worked past midnight to fix a broken water main near Moores Creek on Armitage Street. According to Kelly Elser, Director of Public Works in Ennis, an eight-inch cast iron water main broke in half.

He has seen it happen before, where a pipe breaks in a full circle like it did last week. "If anything, it was caused by age," said Elser, "or the movement of the ground, and/or faulty pipe."

Due to the condition of some of the valves in town and the inability to completely shut the water off, the crews had to fix the leak "live," with water spraying in their faces most of the time. And because of the location of the leak, the City contracted Aspen Construction to do much of the excavation. The pipe was deep, and the work had to be completed quickly.

"The main concern was whether the leak was under the culvert," noted Elser. "That would have made it even more difficult."

A majority of homes in the area were called

and warned they would be out of water between 7pm and 10pm. However, most had water the entirety of the time due to the fact they were repairing the leak with the water on.

Elser has been with Public Works a little over five years, and has only seen a leak one other time. That one was an easier fix and he did not need outside help. According to Elser, in the last 15 years, there have been a total of four such leaks, including this last one. He says the occurrences are somewhat common.

For now, the problem is fixed.



Real estate market in Madison County shows encouraging upswing

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Local realtor Bill Mercer of Clearwater Montana Properties in Ennis had his best year ever in the real estate market last year, due in large part to his offices' affiliation with the Cabela's Trophy Properties net-

work designed to market and enhance recreational properties.

The exclusive network of recreational property experts specializes in hunting land, fishing properties, land auctions, farms, ranches, waterfront and lake homes and other recreational properties. And while Mercer says that many buyers are still wary of an un-

certain economy, he attributes the upward trend his business saw in 2012 to a combination of confidence in real estate and prices being adjusted to where buyers feel they are a good value.

"That to me was encouraging because it appears that people are either buying property to maybe build on or they're buying it to invest in," he said.

But while Mercer is riding high at Clearwater Montana Properties, not everyone in the real estate business saw the same success he did last year. Toni Bowen and husband Don of Arrow Real Estate said that 2011 was a better year for their business than 2012, but that was due in part to the high-end properties they sold that year. And although Bowen says the

market is slower and the demand is down, she was encouraged by the number of younger people buying property and moving to the area.

"There are still a lot of people out of state wanting to move here and retire. A lot of them are waiting until they can sell their properties where they are moving from," Bowen said. "In general, we've kept pretty

steady busy with new listings and people contacting us for information on properties."

Bowen went on to explain how trends in the real estate market have shifted in recent years.

"In the old days people wanted to come here, buy vacant land and build their Montana dream house. Now there

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FWP seeks comment on fishing access site rule

From Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission is seeking public comment on fishing access site rules for camping fees, group use permits, facility rentals, and special recreation permits on the Blackfoot and Madison rivers.

The new rules would also authorize FWP to require bear resistant food storage at some fishing access sites. FWP anticipates requiring bear resistant food storage at a few sites located primarily along the Blackfoot River near Missoula.

The effort would help to prevent conflicts between humans and bears, and are similar to food storage requirements at FWP wildlife management areas and state parks.

To comment or find a copy of the proposed rule, visit FWP website at fwp.mt.gov. Click "Public Noticeshttp://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/." Comments, due by Jan. 18, can also be emailed to: FWPASRuleComments@mt.gov; or mailed to: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Attn: FAS Rule, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701. For more information call FWP at 406-444-3888.

Local conservation districts to host workshops for ag producers

By Kate Schwend
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Local conservation districts are spending the winter preparing for the summer by partnering with NRCS to offer several workshops for area ag producers.

After last summer's drought conditions and with an extended drought predicted for the coming summer, these workshops have been created to teach producers innovative ways to keep production up and sustainable through dry conditions.

First up, the Ruby Conservation District is hosting a workshop and information panel on soil health on Jan. 16. The session will feature stories and advice from local producers who have worked on innovative ways to improve soil health on their lands. Topics will focus on reducing erosion, building organic matter, increasing drought tolerance, improving the nutrient cycle, and lowering input cost.

This is a great opportunity for local producers to see what has worked for others in the area, and to connect with and get advice from people who have experience with new techniques.

The Ruby's free workshop includes lunch and will be from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Philanthropy River Building in Sheridan. For more information, call the NRCS office at 842-5741. RSVPs are requested at the same number by Jan. 11.

On the other side of the mountains, the Madison Conservation District is planning a three part workshop series focusing on livestock and land health. The workshops will be held Jan. 17, Feb. 14, and March 5.

The first session of the series is titled "Livestock and Land Health," and will discuss how livestock can affect soil health, and how grazing can be used to improve land conditions.

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ing a policy similar to Madison County.

Some areas of the policy that were updated include discriminatory actions as they relate to hiring practices as well as employee benefits such as vacation and sick leave. Schulz explained that the while the benefits themselves have not changed, their description in the personnel policy has simply been made more clear. Other

areas that were updated are the employee classification system, attendance standards and the grievance procedure.

"We're doing our best to not only have the policy in place, but we want both the department head and the employee to understand it to the best of their ability," said Schulz.

Training sessions for supervisors, department heads and employees around the county are scheduled for Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday of this week to help people better understand what the personnel policy is and any changes that have been made. During the meeting on Tuesday, county employees suggested that commissioners add an addendum from individual departments to include specific job descriptions for employees.

"I've been here enough years both as an employee and as a supervisor that I understand

the value of having a good policy and I think, although its taken us a number of years to get there, it's a policy that we all can be proud of for quite some time," Schulz said.

"A good personnel policy creates, I believe, a better relationship between the employer and the employee, an understanding of expectations as well as an understanding of processes," he continued. "Thankfully, we were able to get it done."

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Participants will learn about creating a balanced livestock grazing system to build drought resiliency and improve production.

Subsequent workshops will be designed to expand on

topics and answer questions as requested by participants in the first workshop. This way the workshops can be tailored to the needs and interests of local producers. Participation in all three workshops recommended but not

required, as each workshop will complement and supplement topics from the others.

Registration for the Madison CD's first workshop is \$5 and includes lunch. The workshop will be held at the Madison

Valley Baptist Church in Ennis on Highway 287, about a half mile north of the fire station, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Email mcdadmin@3rivers.net or call 682-7289 by Jan. 15 to reserve your spot.

MAIN BREAK



A close up view of the water main break that occurred last week near Moores Creek on Armitage Street.

Photo submitted by Mike Sprout

PEACE POSTERS



The Lions Clubs International Annual Peace Poster Contest has come to a conclusion. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 11 to 13 worldwide, with only one grand prize winner and 24 runners up out of over 350,000 entries. The Ennis Lions Club sponsors the contest at the local level and 6th and 7th grade classes at Ennis School provide the artwork. The winners locally are: 6th grade 1st place, Ravyn Boyd, runners up, Josie Griffiths and Beau Dyer. The 7th grade 1st place winner is Will Gilmore, runners up are Emma Crickmer and Charlie Gilmore. The theme this year was "Imagine Peace." The posters are currently on public display at the Ennis Post Office.

Photo submitted by Jim Forsberg

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are so many houses on the market with really good prices that it doesn't make sense to buy land and build when you can get more for your money buying an existing house."

Ironically, Mercer sold over 12 bare ground properties last year. He explains that much of his business comes through referrals, and the connection with Cabela's certainly hasn't hurt.

"It's huge because people who are looking for properties, particularly in the West, think of recreational type properties and that sort of thing," he said. "From what I saw at the end of 2012 we're getting an awful lot of people contacting us through the Cabela's connections, so I look for it to be a good real estate year."

Karen Talley of Clear Creek Realty in Sheridan said that while middle range properties moved slowly last year, the

real estate market is beginning to show signs of improvement. She said that the Ruby Valley Garnet LLC mining company plans to bring approximately 40 to 60 jobs to the Ruby Valley this spring, which could potentially impact the real estate market there.

"This is good for the schools, its good for the businesses, hospital, you name it," she said.

And while the real estate market has the potential to im-

pacit local communities, Bill Mercer's wife Quinn thinks that it is in fact the community that impacts the market, with a new hospital, new school, nice restaurants and an overall quality of life that is desirable to many people.

"I think all those factors have people stop and look and look and say 'Wait a second, this is no little Montana town,'" she said.

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Safety advised on national forest during trapping season

From Leona Rodreck
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NATIONAL FOREST

DILLON - Montana's trapping season is in full swing and the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest wants to offer important reminders for all winter recreationists.

Dave Myers, Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest supervisor says, "Montana's Fish Wildlife and Parks has trap setback requirements from roads, trails and campgrounds and most trappers take additional efforts to place traps in areas well away from those frequented by other recreationists."

"Dog owners and others concerned about trapping can minimize risks by staying on well used routes and keeping pets close by when hiking, snowshoeing, or skiing."

Myers adds "keeping pets close to you while out in the woods helps reduce not only

accidental trapping concerns but also keeps pets from unnecessarily harassing wildlife." According to FWP, winter recreationists should be on the lookout for signs of trapping activity; a lightly traveled snowmobile track or a few foot-steps in the snow may indicate a trapper's presence and should be avoided.

Recreationists who want to learn more about Montana's trapping season should look at the website <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/trapping/>. The link has good information, like how to become more proficient at releasing traps and snares and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks contact information.

For additional information about winter recreation opportunities on the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest contact us at 406-683-3900 or look us up on the internet at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/bdnf/recreation>.

Being an entrepreneur in Montana A leadership development luncheon presentation

From Jan Stoddard
MARKETING DIRECTOR
WEST YELLOWSTONE CHAMBER

Don't miss the unique opportunity in West Yellowstone to hear Sarah Calhoun, award winning Montana business woman and founder of Red Ants Pants in White Sulphur Springs, share her inspiring and educational views about building a successful small business in rural Montana.

Calhoun will be the featured speaker at a luncheon and outdoor fashion show on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Lounge at Madison Crossing in West Yellowstone. The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. with networking, socializing and a buffet. Calhoun's entertaining presentation during lunch will be followed by

an outdoor fashion show featuring Red Ants Pants, as well as winter wear from West Yellowstone's Freeheel and Wheel and the Homeroom in the Madison Crossing.

Tickets may be purchased individually or by the table. Individual tickets cost \$16.50 per person to cover food costs, while Calhoun's presentation is sponsored by the West Yellowstone Foundation in support of business leadership development for our community. Seating is limited so contact Pam Sveinson at 406-646-7200 soon to purchase tickets or stop by the West Yellowstone TBID offices, second floor of the WYED building (corner of Firehole-Hwy 20 and Electric Street, second floor) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (cash or check only).

FLY TYING IN ENNIS



Brian Rosenberg from the Madison River Fishing Company in Ennis displays a familiar fly pattern.

Photos by Ben Coulter

Fly tying workshop offers expert advice for local anglers

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While most recreational anglers around Montana hang it up for the season as the snow flies and fall turns to winter, a handful of diehards are already preparing for next year as they stock up their fly boxes with dozens of flies they tied themselves in hopes of landing wild trout that inhabit the states rivers, lakes and streams.

Every Tuesday evening a group of local angling enthusiasts meets upstairs at the Ennis Café for a fly tying workshop where they share tips and techniques for tying flies with friends and neighbors. And while asking for help from some of the most seasoned fishermen one might encounter on the water might be intimidating, Ennis resident Ron Hardwick explains the group has no problem with helping others learn about the bugs they use to catch fish.

"That's what the whole thing's about," said Hardwick.

"We're sharing, people are increasing their knowledge, learning different ways and techniques."

"You can tie your own stuff or you can see someone else tying something you want to tie, or if you're new to it you can ask somebody and they'll sit down and get you started," he continued. "Anybody can come."

Hardwick himself has been tying flies for almost 25 years now, and he admits he's a "dry fly snob," primarily using flies that rest on the water's surface. Although he boasts of catching 26-inch Madison River brown trout on his own dry flies, he's happy to share his wisdom and experience with others.

"We have a lot of people who have been in a fly tying arena for 20, 30 years," Hard-



An assortment of insect patterns sits on display in a local angler's fly box.

wick said. "You can take this forum and expand your ability leaps and bounds based upon just the experience of the people around you."

From beads and nymphs to hoppers and buggers, the anglers in the group have spent enough time on the water to know what works and what doesn't. Not to mention what fly patterns they need to stock up on.

"After a while you don't consider necessarily patterns," said Hardwick. "You've got enough tying experience behind you that you look to see what's coming off the water and you go in and duplicate it."

Part of the intrigue of tying flies is learning more about the sport, Hardwick added.

"It's fun, it's productive. The more ways you get in-

involved in a hobby or a sport, the more different directions you approach it," he said. "I never used another fly, outside of the flies I tied, for about five years until a friend forced me to use his, which was ok."

Tying flies has also helped Hardwick understand the biology of river ecosystems.

"You've learned the entomology, you've learned about the bug life," he continued. "You've seen the bugs out of the water and you look around and say 'Ok, that's what I need to duplicate.'"

As for the satisfaction of hauling in a fish on a fly that he tied himself, Hardwick said it's difficult to explain, "especially when someone comes up and says, 'Hey, what are you using?'"

With a genuine laugh, he answers "You won't find it at the store."

romance is in the air



A Helena man arranged to make a grand proposal...on the marquis for Madison Theatre. And she said YES! While the community found the proposal to be romantic and touching the night it occurred, locals were perplexed the next day telling the staff at the Madison Theatre that they were "not familiar with that movie". Congratulations to Brittney and Jeff!

Ennis Lions Club annual auction looking for donations

By Bill Mercer
ENNIS LIONS CLUB

The Ennis Lions Club will be holding its annual auction this coming May.

This is one of the major fundraisers for the club, however this year the club does not

have enough items for the auction. What do we need? Furniture, tools, appliances, vehicles, antiques, building supplies, etc.

Please call George Ennis at 682-7023 for free pick up.

The next regular meeting of the Ennis Lions Club will be Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

The Sheridan Public Library presents A Trapper's Tale

SHERIDAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sheridan Library will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program "A Trapper's Tale" with John Stapler on Jan. 13.

The program will be at the Sheridan Library at 5:30 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public. Partial funding for the Speakers Bureau program is provided by a legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust and from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Stapler presents stories of the early history of trappers, traders, and explorers in the American

West and early Montana through the character Honest Whiskey Joe who lived a mountain-man lifestyle during the 1820s to the close of the fur-trade era. This educational living history program brings alive the stories of the early fur traders for audiences of all ages.

Stapler has interpreted mountain man history for over 30 years; he is an active living history volunteer with the Nevada City Living History Museum, and has spent many hours of research on the early history of Montana.

For more information, please call the Sheridan Library at 842-5770.

The barn door; closed behind the horse

Dear Editor,

There is a rush to create a new "anti gun" program due to the senseless shooting of all the children and teachers at Newton, Conn.

Unfortunately, the horse has left the barn; those military type weapons never should have been allowed to be sold to the public. Anyone who was on the approval panels should be banned in making any decisions that affect the general public's welfare and especially our laws.

But, again, unfortunately, we have appointed or voted these

"decision makers" in our present situation. When that decision was made, didn't any of these so-called "intellects" realize that it doesn't take 30 rounds to kill a deer. Any hunter who needs an AR-15 to shoot an animal shouldn't be allowed to buy a license to hunt. It's just plain insanity and only hurts the real hunters and weapon's collectors.

Now there are millions of these rifles in American's homes. With the ACLU, and other "civil protection organizations" the Feds will be fought tooth and nail by these people when they try to take these weapons or forbid their

sale.

That horse is gone, never to return, but hopefully the public will start to realize these "intellects" have allowed their crowd to pass other laws that are now tearing this country apart.

Whether you agree or not, these issues – gay marriages, legal marijuana, gays in the military, abused USA borders, illegal immigration allowed so a political party can use it – for or against – during elections, open cities protecting aliens, this rifle dispute, blacks against whites, men against women, are all going to have one result. This drive to

destroy one portion of our Constitution has one thing with all these issues and that is after they get rid of the Second Amendment, they'll start to pick apart other Amendments they disagree on.

That sleeping giant; the American public had better wake up before these so called intellects we elect, completely destroy our Constitution and our country in their drive for political power. That's why they fight a compromise. They are both protecting their turf; they don't worry about the rest of the city.

Bill Hanley
Twin Bridges

Grateful for generous hearts in the Ruby Valley

Dear Editor,

I am personally grateful to the generous hearts of those who made the Ruby Valley Giving Tree a true gift to those in need in the Virginia City, Alder and Sheridan areas.

Whether you sent money, took a tag, or donated product, colored tags, or took the time to call me with names, it takes all of us working together to ensure success. Every tag was taken from the Christmas tree at the Ruby Valley National Bank in

Sheridan which enabled me to take care of some last minute names of families with children as well as some elderly that came to me after the tags were pulled and Christmas was days away.

There were also many businesses in and outside our area that donated product or discounted items to make it extra special. I'm merely the messenger who is so very appreciative.

Billie Ratcliff
The Ruby Valley Giving Tree

Will only work for the best interest of Madison County citizens

Dear Editor,

Montana, and more specifically, southwest Montana is slowly awakening to the reality that forces beyond our state borders have an extraordinary influence in the land use policies and environmental regulations being implemented at the local level.

We are increasingly being held hostage to policies crafted by state and federal government agencies, run by unelected administrative bureaucrats, enforcing policies written by environmental special interests, and funded with limitless tax exempt foundation money. It is contrary to our constitutional republican form of government to ignore the needs of the folks who have lived,

worked, and died on the land for generations, and instead comply with "vision statements" dreamed up by unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. or in the boardrooms of powerful and well-funded tax exempt foundations.

County commissioners are elected to support and represent local interests and to protect the lives, liberty and property of the citizens of their county. As your county commissioner, my duty and allegiance is clear...I am here to protect and serve you, the citizens of Madison County. My purpose is not to defend international, federal, and state programs that are contrary to the interests of Madison County. The federal bureaucracy, state agencies, non-governmental- organizations

(NGOs) and tax exempt foundations are more than adequately represented and funded by others.

Isn't it time that local government stands up and supports the local citizens' interests instead of overreaching programs and agencies that are making it more and more difficult to make a living off the land? I have been told that we should work with federal and state agencies to get the best deal that they are willing to give us, and that's the best we should expect. As long as those agencies are representing the best interests of Madison County and our citizens, I will work with them... if not, count me out. We owe better to our constituents than a "go along to get along at any cost" mentality.

With that in mind, Jefferson County Commissioner Leonard Wortman and I petitioned the Agriculture Committee at our MACo annual convention in September to allow concerned commissioners to form a Large Predator Working Group. Our goal was to study how best to support our constituents and deal with the myriad issues of dealing with rapidly increasing numbers of large predators. We decided to ask each interested county to draft their own Large Predator Policy that reflected local issues and to collaborate through MACo to produce a statewide policy that has real impact on the large predator debate.

I drafted a policy for Madison County that I felt represented

the local perspective and mirrored many of ideas included in Jefferson, Gallatin and Ravalli County efforts. The text of our Large Predator Resolution includes language requiring the consultation and coordination of state agencies which seems to be a real sticking point for some folks concerned that FWP may not view our actions favorably; thinking us not adequately conciliatory and cooperative with their existing policies and stated goals. There is a concern that FWP may not like our request for an equal seat at the table in negotiating ongoing large predator policies and may look at us as being entirely too uppity and outspoken to deserve that level of participation. To those folks, I suggest that your Madi-

son County Commissioners are here to represent the citizens first and our cooperation with federal and state agencies is dependent on their adherence to policies that protect the lives, liberty and property of our citizens. Our allegiance should be clear.

Please look for my future letters on large predator policies, coordination legislation, wilderness takings, private property, free roaming bison, natural resource development and other thorny issues confronting southwest Montana.

Dan A. Happel
Commissioner District 2

Thank you for your kindness

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the staff at Madison Valley Manor for the loving care you gave Joy during her stay there. She loved all of you! Your kindness was very much appreciated.

The Klatt and Schendel Families

Disarm America? What have we learned from history

Dear Editor,

I have been pondering much of the emotional rhetoric that has been flowing from the gun control folks and there are some serious problems with the knee jerk reaction that has occurred over the heinous murders of the innocent.

Before I continue I would like to go on record that there is no way on God's green earth that I could ever condone the cold-blooded killing of anyone. But to use these murders to punish law abiding citizens for the action of a very small percentage of the population is ridiculous. It's kind of

like disciplining your neighbor's child for something your own child did.

If we disarm America then we haven't learned anything from history. Adolf Hitler disarmed Germany in the years prior to the holocaust. The Jews had no way to defend themselves against the horrors that Hitler had planned for them. China and the United Nations would love to disarm us, why is that? Why is it that the states and cities that have very strict gun control laws have the highest crime rates? How come the news media never covers the individual that saved his own life

and perhaps others with a gun, but spend months dwelling on these murders that crazy people commit? Why is it that the politicians and the Hollywood types have armed bodyguards, but they would love to take away our right to self-defense? Is self-defense or gun ownership a class privilege? Why are we so quick to move to a military and police state?

We evidently do not learn from history. If we were to allow trained teachers and school employees to volunteer to carry concealed weapons, they could save many lives of the innocent. Our founding fathers gave us the

freedoms we have today because they were armed. If they were disarmed we would not have the United States of America. Ponder how different our history would be if our founding fathers never owned guns.

I am thankful to God for this newspaper that allows us to voice our opinions and the founding fathers that made this all possible without fear of being arrested for having an opinion.

Michael Laurin
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Treasured the last four years

Dear Editor,

2013 welcomes a new crop of Legislators that will be sworn in on Monday, Jan. 7, to defend and uphold the Constitutions of our state and the United States. It is important as a citizen to encourage, support, and defend their efforts and also call them to account should they fail. As the past four years have brought many challenges to our state, it is important to remember that good government begins with good questions and conversation amongst people of good will. While no single legislator is responsible for good law, failure and success can be claimed in part by all. Some of the successes I was proud to be part

of were:

1. Providing the opportunity of local water owners to privatize the Cataract Dam in Pony.

2. Secure funding, in accordance with the law, to make necessary repairs to the Ruby Dam, the Blaine Springs Bridge, and the Sheridan Sewer System without undermining the integrity of my office by playing politics with the Governor.

3. Beginning the conversation to restore the value of the peoples' labor by restoring value to our money system (Sound Constitutional Dollars).

4. Educating the people of HD 71 and the State of Montana on the rights and duties of a fully informed juror, as set forth by our

founding fathers.

5. Restoration of parental rights in regard to minors seeking abortion.

Some failures that will soon come home to rest are the massive tax increases that will be paid by all for the nearly 1.5 billion dollars of federal stimulus that was pumped into many programs that increased the state's base line budget, increased the size of government and regulation over our lives, and most certainly will be conversation for future budgets. Many legislators, as well as constituents were fooled into believing it would be free money.

As a last official act of representation for HD 71, I drafted a bill and submitted it to Represent-

tative Shaw that simply requires all public institutions of education to recite the preamble to our state Constitution once a week and provide with existing resources age appropriate lessons to teach the relationship of its content to the laws of nature and nature's God. I am proud and pleased that Rep. Shaw agreed to carry it.

I would like to thank all the people that have supported and encouraged me. I have met some fine people in HD 71 over the last four years, and I will always treasure the time I served.

Bob Wagner
Harrison

It is nothing but a wilderness bill

Dear Editor,

Please note: this bill cannot make it on it's own merits and has been attached to Senator Reids omnibus bill.

This bill was never intended to be a forest jobs and recreation act. This bill was written with environmental and logging groups behind closed doors. The people it will most affect were never part of the bill drafting process. The logging industry now has seen through what is going on and wants nothing to do with this bill. Throughout the language in the bill there was never a guarantee that one tree would be cut, the only guarantee is that there will be thousands of acres of new

wilderness; which Southwest Montana does not want nor do the majority of the people of the State of Montana want. We can come up with all sorts of numbers about how many people want this bill but the real truth is it is way lower than what we are being lead to believe.

Over the year's culverts, roads and bridges have washed out and not been replaced or rebuilt, with the reason being there is no money to accomplish these repairs. Many prime hunting areas have become less accessible because of these inactions. Tester's Wilderness Bill will accomplish more of the same. The Snowcrest do not meet the intent of the Federal Wilderness Act. No mineral assessment has been done in this

mountain range. Improvements such as pasture rotations, stock tanks, and integrated weed management by grazing associations in proposed wilderness areas have improved range conditions, water quality for fisheries and forage for livestock and wildlife.

This bill is nothing more than a means of getting livestock off of public lands. The Snowcrest is a prime example of how multiple-use of our National Forests is supposed to work for the good of We the People! If this Wilderness Bill were to pass our small towns, hospitals, schools, and the ranching communities will all suffer immensely. Everyone wants nothing more than to have clean and healthy forests. Our friends and

neighbors in the logging industry need to go back to work but this bill does nothing to help them do so. Local sportsman, ranchers, recreationists, will do whatever it takes to improve habitat for grazing, fisheries and wildlife habitat. There is no way Montanans that have worked in and enjoyed the Snowcrests will ever let them be harmed.

We must look ahead; this Wilderness Bill does not accomplish that at all. We need to think about the generations to come; not just think about ourselves today! This bill appears to be nothing more than a legacy for certain people.

Ray Shaw
Sheridan

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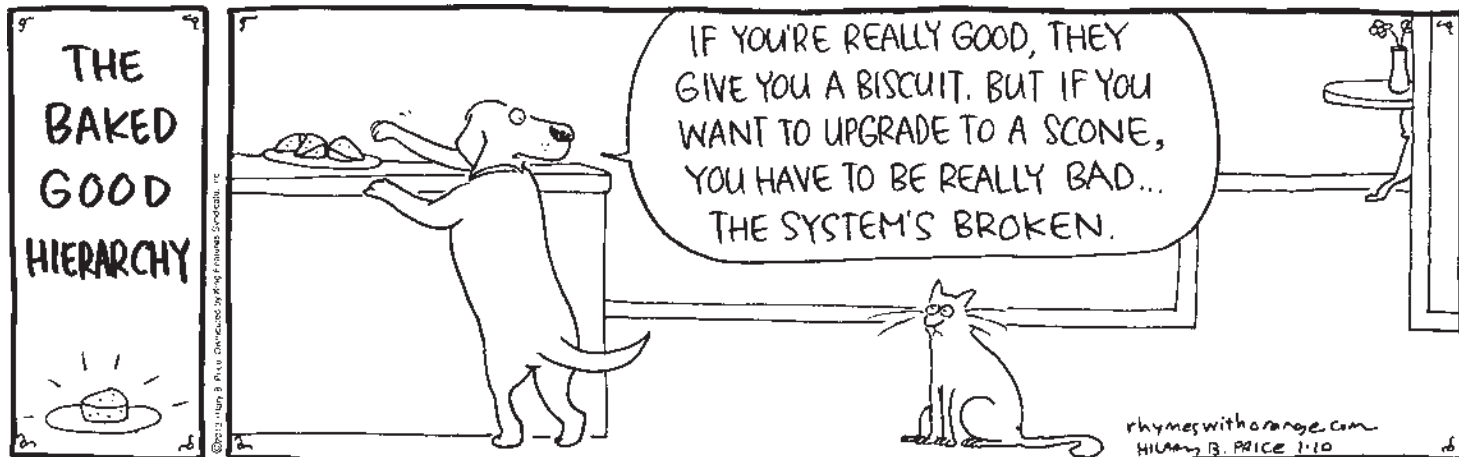
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E = T



Dear Maddy,

This year I made a New Year resolution to be a genuine person and not to come off as fake. Not fake in the sense of pretending to be someone or something I'm not but rather not engaging in conversations or social functions with people I don't necessarily care for. How can I be "real" without being rude?

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near Cardwell

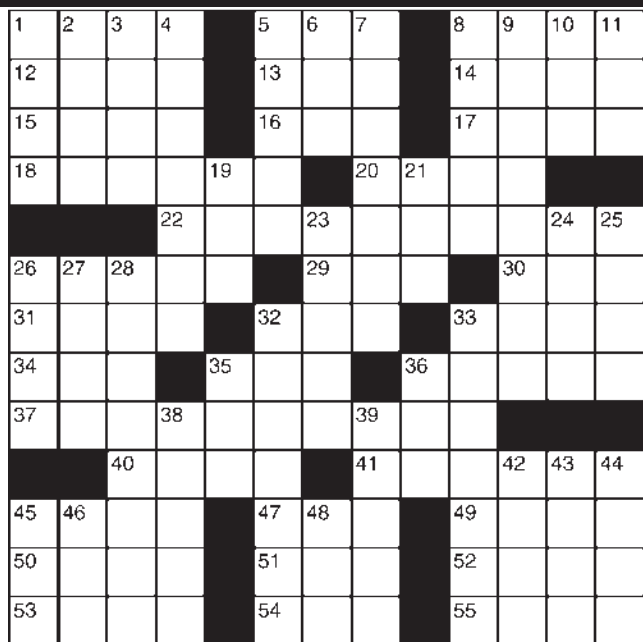
Dear Could Care Less,

I commend you for your resolution. It may be a change from what people are used to seeing from you and it may be hard at first. Expect people to call you out if it's a huge change from what they're used to. You can still strike up a conversation about something general without being considered "fake" - peo-

ple make small talk with strangers all the time. As far as not "whooping it up" with someone you don't like (or maybe the feeling is mutual) then don't. You can say hello in passing or shoot a smile their way without engaging any more than that. If the social functions are what have you uneasy, then make a conscious effort to only accept invites to places you care to be. Choosing to put yourself in a cabin, in the woods, in the middle of winter, with people you don't care for will only lead to a miserable weekend. You are in charge of your social scene so only say "yes" to the events you would be 100% comfortable at, no matter who else shows up!

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer



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- 5 Fix a skirt
- 8 Ollie's pal
- 12 Sore
- 13 "All the Things You —"
- 14 Stylish
- 15 Item on stage
- 16 Moving vehicle
- 17 Shakespeare villain
- 18 Elvis' Mississippi birthplace
- 20 Feathery cluster
- 22 Gave up
- 26 Censor's sound
- 29 Tic-tac-toe win
- 30 Scoffer's laugh
- 31 Libretto
- 32 Play on words

DOWN

- 33 Mexican money
- 34 French article
- 35 Moonshine container
- 36 Petruccio's Kate, e.g.
- 37 Western capital
- 40 Freeway access
- 41 Attractive person
- 45 "Zounds!"
- 47 Mauna —
- 49 Church section
- 50 VHS alternative
- 51 Mischievous tyke
- 52 Enrages
- 53 Keg contents
- 54 Greek consonants
- 55 Opening day?

DOWN

- 1 Engrossed
- 2 Beige
- 3 Buy stuff
- 4 Prepare for printing
- 5 Devastation
- 6 Historic period
- 7 Bring up
- 8 Bradbury genre
- 9 Margaret —
- 10 Bailout recipient in 2009 news
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Joy Schendel July 29, 1919 - Jan. 2, 2013



Joy Eletha Bates Schendel, daughter of Mack Bates and Elva Carter Bates, was born July 29, 1919 in Bellevue, Idaho. She attended school there until her parents moved to Ennis in 1929. She graduated from Ennis High School in 1937. She then attended and graduated from the Montana Normal College in Dil-



lon in 1939. She taught school in Moiese and around the Missoula valley.

Joy married A. Wilson (Chub) Schendel in Bozeman in 1940. They moved to Missoula and she was a substitute teacher until their son, Dale, was born in 1943. Joy worked at the University of Montana for 12 years dur-

ing her years in Missoula.

Joy was a member of the Immanuel Chapter 54, Order of Eastern Star, Missoula, and was a Past Matron of that Chapter.

In 1979, Wilson and she retired and moved to Bozeman to be near their grandchildren. They never missed a school function if they were in town. Joy continued to be active in volunteer work throughout her years in Bozeman. In later years, Joy and Wilson moved to Wasilla, Alaska and wintered in Mesa, Ariz.

Joy loved games and cards and her home was always open to friends and family. Her grandchildren remember the Grandma trips to special places in Montana when they were young.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilson; and her son, Dale.

She is survived by her sister, Bobby (Lester) Klatt; niece, Loretta (Karl) Janovits; nephew, Kevin (Libby) Klatt; grandnieces, Jessica Klatt, Faye (Luke) Eidt; grandnephew, Daniel (Sandi) Duncan; and their children, Elizabeth Eidt, Hannah Duncan, Abby Duncan, and Jacob Duncan; daughter-in-law, Wendi Schendel; grandchildren, Jonathan (Cheryl) Schendel, Joanna (Jeffrey) Haynes, Stephanie (Tom) Birkeland; great-grandchildren, Cassidy Schendel, Jonathan (Nicole) Schendel, Deven Birkeland; and great-great-grandson, Jaxon Boyce.

Remembrances may be made to the Madison Valley Manor Auxiliary. Graveside services will be held in the spring.

K & L Mortuaries is in charge of the arrangements.

Kenneth Kay April 15, 1929 - Dec. 24, 2012



Kenneth Luke Kay Jr. 83, descendant of Montana pioneers, died on Dec. 24, 2012 at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis. Born on April 15, 1929 in Oakes N.D., he was the eldest of three children born to Kenneth L. Kay Sr. and Sydney (Newstrom) Kay. Kay Sr. was a schoolteacher and the family moved often; Ken Jr. graduated from Whitehall High School in 1947. Ken's happiest years were spent in Pony (1937-41) where his father was principal at the Pony school. After graduation, he worked summers at Fishing Bridge gas station, and as winter-keeper at Lake Lodge, before his marriage to Dolores Monson in 1950. The couple summered at Fishing Bridge and worked as winter-keepers at the Deep Well Ranch where daughters Janet and Karen were born. In 1955, the family moved to Cody Wyo. and a son, Ken Kay III, was born.

Ken Jr. owned and operated a Carter gas station in Cody, and then worked on the construction of the Buffalo Bill tunnel west of town. In 1960, the family moved to Billings and Ken began his career with the GSA Motor Pool, augmenting the family income as a high school basketball referee. A son, John, was born in 1964, and the family moved to Great Falls. The couple divorced in 1973 and Ken retired in 1979.

The next thirty years were spent living in Great Falls, and traveling in his motor home to Canada, Alaska, and Mexico, often with his fishing boat, the HOBBO, in tow. He purchased and remodeled rental properties, and restored a vintage cabin as a personal residence at Cox Creek on the Missouri River. Ken was an avid fisherman and hunter, loved music (played the trumpet and piano), and was an accomplished dancer. He married Connie Swartz in 1975. His third marriage was to Esther Guenther in 1995.

After a stroke (2009), and gradual loss of his eyesight, Ken lived in care facilities Great Falls, and moved to the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis in 2012.

Ken was proud of his pioneer history. His great-grandparents came to Montana from England in 1856. His grandfather was born in 1867 in a tent near Bannack, and was a life-

time educator in Montana, serving as superintendent of schools in several counties. He was an engrossing clerk at the Constitutional Convention, and for the first state legislature in 1889. His grandmother was a cousin of Mary Hunter Doane, wife of Gustavus Doane, the Army officer who led the first military expedition in 1870 into what later became Yellowstone Park.

Ken is survived by his current wife, Mary Ann, of Great

Falls; sister, Ann (Jerry) Gruber of Post Falls, Idaho; daughters, Janet (Dave) Zimmerman of Pony, Karen (Mark) Timonier of Arvada Colo.; sons, Kenneth L. Kay III (Kathy) of Lolo, and John Kay of Great Falls.

The family is grateful to the staff at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis for the quality care Ken received. A memorial service for family and friends will be held in Pony in early August.

Correction from 12.27.12

STUDENT OF THE WEEK SHERIDAN SCHOOL Amanda Grow



Amanda Grow is an outstanding 5th grader with a short term goal of achieving 100% on every assignment. Because of this goal she really likes Sheridan School's new writing program where she writes every day, getting instant feedback on her work. She loves writing because it allows her to document her thinking. In addition to math and science, Amanda enjoys volleyball, player her saxophone and pizza.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL Noah Harbor



Noah Harbor is a 7th grade student at Twin Bridges Schools. He's a hard worker who does his best at whatever is asked of him; his kindness and ability to work with others are just a few attributes Noah displays. Noah likes to draw in his free time and has shared some really great sketches with friends and teachers. We've been very impressed with his example of how to "Be Responsible", "Be Respectful", and "Be Safe." Noah is an awesome Falcon! Noah is the son of Janice and Johnny Harbor of Twin Bridges.

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SECTION B

Thursday, January 10, 2013

A New Home



The Assembly of God Church.



Charles Tucker standing at the first area of demolition in the basement, the future Youth Center.

Photos by Allison Clark

Pastor plans to 'revive' community youth center

Allison Clark
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After several years, since closing up shop at the Masonic Lodge, Ennis will have a new home for a community youth center at the Assembly of God Church in Ennis come February. Charles Tucker, pastor at the church, has taken on this new venture and plans to transform the basement of their church into the latest place kids in the community can visit, play and be safe while doing so.

Tucker's life's work up until now has revolved around preaching the gospel. With his latest project, he is simply opening the doors to kids in the community, allowing them to have a free place to gather, socialize, play games and just be teenagers without any outside pressure.

"The kids need something to do," says Tucker. "They've got the bowling alley now, they've got the movie theatre, and all of those things cost money. Kids will be able to come here and play pool, ping pong, read, hopefully get some help with their homework. And most all of it will be free."

Tucker has spoken with several businesses and parents in the community and feels the excitement from them about getting the youth center going again. The biggest hurdle will be whether they have enough

money to open it. The Lion's Club, which ran the previous youth center in the basement of the Masonic Lodge, estimated to Tucker that they spent \$1300 monthly to keep it in operation.

There are some costs Tucker is hoping to alleviate with the help from outside sources. For instance, he plans to talk to the sheriff's department and the city police to help with background checks for volunteers and workers, something that normally costs anywhere from \$35 to \$135.

"If the county will do that, it will save us startup money right away," remarks Tucker. "We're hoping we can do a lot of fun things for the kids, like pool tournaments, ping pong tournaments. That sort of thing, which they did some of before."

Previously, the Lion's Club paid a director to oversee the center, a cost that Tucker hopes to eventually overtake when he hires a director for the new center. However, he is expecting lower overall monthly expenses considering the church is already insured and it's a newer building, so the heating should cost less. Money is not Tucker's only concern.

"I heard about the youth center a few months ago and started checking to find out why it closed," states Tucker. "But, as it turned out, it didn't

close due to lack of finances, it closed due to lack of people to work in it."

When he approached the Lion's Club and told them about his idea to move the center into the church basement, the Club made everything available to them that was in the previous center, including 2 pool tables, 2 foosball tables and a pingpong table.

Along with those items, Tucker has board games, books, even a projector and console for up to four kids to play "Guitar Hero" at the same time.

"We will start next week with remodeling and hopefully open the first part of February," says Tucker. "We are a small church. I know it's a big building, but we have a small congregation. We just need the community to get behind it and support it financially and with volunteers."

The church alone does not have the finances to back the center, but they do plan to come up with the volunteers to help run it as well as provide the facility.

Remodeling the basement will be the largest part of the project. At one time it housed a large children's ministry with separate spaces for different classes, which the church has since moved upstairs. The basement is already equipped with a full kitchen

and bathrooms. A few interior walls will need to be removed to create the space needed for everything else. Tucker says the space in the church basement is equivalent to the old space in the Masonic Lodge.

Tucker plans to run the center just like they ran the last one. He is unsure of what the hours will be at this time, but with hope he wants to try and run seven days a week and as many hours a day as they can find volunteers to supervise the center.

"Again, it's going to be open to everybody," notes Tucker. "The church will be responsible for it. It's not just for church kids; it's for everybody in the community."

The center already has volunteers signed up that were actually involved back when the Lion's Club ran it. Now, these volunteers are active and working in the community and want to support the center to help keep it open.

Tucker reiterates, "It's not a church service, as far as we're going to come in and open in prayer and sing songs and take an offering. It's a church service in the fact that we are doing it for the community."

His ultimate hope is that the center can offer free food and beverages for the kids as well. The kids will have access to the rather large fellowship hall upstairs, which also has a



The future site of the Youth Center.

full kitchen and tables where they can eat or study.

Tucker still needs more volunteers to help with demolition project in the basement. Painting and re-carpeting will need to be done as well before the center can open its doors.

"I know there are kids in the community that need a safe place to come, a free place to play," said Tucker. "We will have good adult supervision here. We expect them to act

like teenagers. We don't expect them to come in here and act like adults."

Anyone interested in volunteering to help get the Center up and running, donating time when the Center gets started, or wants to donate to the Center is encouraged to contact Charles Tucker at 589-4107 or send mail to PO Box 705, Ennis 59729 with a notation for the Youth Center.

Senior lunch programs bring communities together

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THE MADISONIAN
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While the people who live in Madison County are spread few and far between, many of the elderly residents in the community are brought together each week by senior lunch programs designed to offer them an affordable, well balanced meal as well as a chance to get together and visit with friends and neighbors.

Although most people don't often take the time out of their day to sit down and enjoy lunch, senior citizens are often faced with just the opposite, having all the time in the world and not much to do. And for those who live alone, preparing a full meal for one or two people can be a difficult burden. So when they have a chance to meet up with friends and sit down for lunch, the food itself becomes secondary to the social aspect of talking with folks around town on a daily basis, and nobody knows that better than Ennis resident Dianne Keller.

For 28 years, Keller has been preparing senior lunches at the Ennis Town Hall every Tuesday through Friday. On average, about 25 people come to eat and visit with their peers around town, and for those who can't make it, the program offers to deliver meals to them. The program asks for a four-dollar donation per meal, and people give what they can.

"There are a lot of senior citizens here in Ennis and Madison County, and a lot of them are alone," said Keller. "I think it's very important."

Just over the hill in Virginia City, Jacqui Marotta enjoys a sandwich with two friends at the Virginia City Creamery. After they finish eating, they each enjoy a scoop of chocolate ice cream as they sit and visit with each other. Marotta says the senior lunch programs are a great networking tool for elderly residents to stay connected with each other. If nothing more than a welcome opportunity just to get out of the house.

"You find out what's going on in the community, so you have an opportunity to go to

those events," she said.

The Creamery offers senior lunches for \$3 starting at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday for anyone over the age of 60. For owner Mark Weber, the lunch program offers a chance for him to visit with the handful of year-round residents in the small historic town that thrives in the summer but is pretty darn quiet in the winter.

"There is a lot of visiting going on, catching up with the gossip and all of that kind of thing," Weber said of the lunch program. "I've got five or six tables in here, but when they come in they're all one."

"I think these people getting together just kind of takes some of the winter blues away," he added.

At the Senior Citizens Food and Service Center in Sheridan, local elderly residents have been showing up to enjoy lunch and each other's company for 35 years. Head cook Shirley Talbott serves between 35 and 40 meals Monday through Friday, and approximately 15 of those are delivered to people who can't make it into the senior

center for various reasons. The center asks patrons for a \$3.50 donation for their meal and \$4 for deliveries, but anything and everything is appreciated. The dining room area seats up to 28 people, but often folks come in just to chat even if they aren't hungry.

"That's half the reason they come in is for the social aspect," said Talbott. "It gives them something to get up for, it gives them a chance to visit with their friends, have a good solid meal and that sort of thing."

Just down the road at the Wagon Wheel in Twin Bridges, the kitchen stays busy on Tuesday and Friday with a similar program serving senior lunches. Going on four years now, owner Wanda Osborne serves more than a dozen meals on average to local seniors, and the Twin Bridges Senior Community Center delivers to a handful of

those who are unable to come to the restaurant. The menu varies throughout the week with the option of a soup and salad bar, and donations for the meals are given to the Senior Community Center.

"Some of the gentlemen who are widowed or don't really want to cook for themselves have the option to go have a different meal that is economically feasible for them on a fixed income," Osborne

said of the senior lunch program.

"And it's kind of a social event because they get to chat with their peers, and most of them show up forty-five minutes to an hour early before lunch and they all sit together and have a conversation. That was part of the purpose," she continued.

"They seem to enjoy it, so that makes it worth while to me."



From left: Karla Boyd, Jacqui Marotta and Faye Rutherford enjoy chocolate ice cream for dessert after meeting for lunch at the Virginia City Creamery. Photo by Ben Coulter

HARRISON VS. ENNIS



Harrison/Willow Creek Lady Wildcat Britt Cooper (15) blocks a shot from Ennis Lady Mustang Kourtney Dietz (10) during the third quarter of Friday night's varsity basketball game in Harrison. The Lady Wildcats beat the Lady Mustangs 26-24.

Photos by Ben Coulter
Varsity girls basketball players from Ennis and Harrison/Willow Creek fight for a rebound Friday night in Harrison. The Ennis Lady Mustangs lost to the Harrison/Willow Creek Lady Wildcats 24-26.



Lady Wildcats beat Lady Mustangs with a lot of hustle, defense

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The Harrison / Willow Creek Lady Wildcats took on the Ennis Lady Mustangs in an epic matchup Friday night in Harrison, narrowly escaping with a 26-24 win as both teams fought to out play one another with hustle and aggressive defense.

Harrison junior Kristen White led the Wildcats with a game-high seven points, five rebounds and three steals on their way to victory. Going in to the game White said the team's focus was on executing the offense, but the Lady Mustangs' defense made that more difficult than

they expected.

"They played really scrappy," said White. "They definitely are a really good defensive team."

Ennis junior Haley Nestegard put up a team high six points for the Lady Mustangs, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Lady Wildcats in the low scoring game. Ennis could very well have put up enough points for the win were it not for Harrison sophomore Britt Cooper, who blocked four shots and put up five points for the Lady Wildcats in their winning effort. At one point, it almost seemed that Cooper put up an obstacle that Ennis could not find a way to get around.

"I counted four, and I wasn't watching the whole time," White said of Cooper's blocked shots. "We like that she's on our team."

Cooper said the Lady Wildcats' strategy was to force turnovers from Ennis and minimize their own mistakes, and she credited the Lady Mustangs for their effort.

"They were really good defenders," she said. "They wouldn't let us in the paint."

While she humbly accepted credit for her role in the game's outcome, Cooper rejected the notion that she's a defensive star.

"That's my weak spot," Cooper explained of her individual game. "I can block, but I can't move my feet."

When asked how the Lady Wildcats would carry the momentum coming off

of Friday night's win, Cooper paused a moment before responding.

"Keep our heads, keep fighting through everything, never give up and try our best," she said.

SCORING SUMMARY

ENNIS
Dietz 2 pts.
Martello 4 pts.
Griffis, K. 5 pts.
Nestegard 6 pts.
McNally 2 pts.
Fredrickson 5 pts.

HARRISON / WILLOW CREEK
Panagakis 1 pts.
White 7 pts.
Cooper 5 pts.
Nesbit, J. 4 pts.
DeFrance 1 pt.
Nesbit, A. 2 pts.
Wilson 6 pts.

Ennis Lady Mustang Chelsea Martello (12) shoots a free throw as Harrison/Willow Creek Lady Wildcat Alecia Panagakis (5) and Lady Mustang Mariah Fredrickson (left) watch in the closing seconds of Friday night's game against the Harrison Wildcats. Harrison beat Ennis by a final score of 26-24.

BOX SCORES

January 4		SHERIDAN	
GIRLS		Lee	6 pts. 4 reb.
Twin Bridges 67, Whitehall 36		Degel	2 pts. 5 reb.
Ennis 24, Harrison 26		Lueck	10 pts. 5 reb.
Sheridan 16, Manhattan 16		Evans	4 pts. 4 reb.
Christian 51		Schwend	6 pts. 4 reb.
SHERIDAN		BOYS	
Lee	2 pts. 1 reb.	Twin Bridges 50, Lone Peak 37	
Degel	7 pts. 6 reb.	Sheridan 43, Gardiner 65	
Lueck	3 pts. 6 reb.	Ennis 63, White Sulphur Springs 54	
Schwend	4 pts. 5 reb.	Harrison / Willow Creek 70, West Yellowstone 52	
BOYS			
Twin Bridges 30, Whitehall 55			
Sheridan 43, Manhattan 49			
Christian 49			
Ennis 56, Harrison / Willow Creek 63			
January 5			
GIRLS			
Ennis 46, White Sulphur Springs 36			
Harrison / Willow Creek 50, West Yellowstone 28			
Sheridan 28, Gardiner 56			



BOYS BASKETBALL



Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcat Levi Strickland (00) takes the ball to the hoop between Ennis Mustangs Tucker Ott (left) and Colten Clark (right) Friday night in Harrison. The Mustangs beat the Wildcats 56-41.

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Ask the Expert

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

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

WEBSITE DESIGNER

Q: It has been a month since the completion of the website to market my home décor products. I've received a few local phone orders but haven't made any sales from my website. What should I do?

A: In our digital age, a website is an important component of a marketing plan. However, it is not the golden key. Successful product marketing includes a combination of digital and print media, plus some old-fashioned sales efforts. Besides your website, your initial digital resources are social networking (Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn, Pinterest), and business listing services (Google Places, Manta, Bing and your local chamber). For print media, consider creating a brochure of your products for distribution to local realtors. New homeowners are an excellent target market for home décor ideas. Look into Made in Montana or local art shows as sales venues. Your website is your 24/7 showroom but it doesn't need to be your only sales venue.



Debra McNeill, Owner
TOBACCO ROOT GRAFFICS • 406-684-5344

AUCTIONS

Q: Auction, private treaty or estate/garage sale for asset liquidation, which is best?

A: For good quality items, especially entire estates or ranch liquidations (living or deceased), live auction has significant advantages. At auction, MANY buyers are bidding against each other at the SAME time for the SAME items. This drives the prices up as opposed to estate/garage/private sales where someone sets a price for each item (which may be lower than they would have brought at auction in the first place) then perspective buyers come one at a time offering you even less. Inevitably many items remain unsold on the last day of these 'sales' and must be offered at 1/2 price or just 'hailed off'. A professional auction service will turn EVERYTHING into cash by the end of the auction AND usually pay for itself 'and then some' with the higher prices realized from live bidding competition! See our reference letters from many happy sellers at WWW.HAGEDORNAUCTION.COM



SCOTT HAGEDORN, AUCTIONEER
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DENTISTRY

Q: What can you tell me about Grinding (bruxism) and/or Clenching?

A: The main contributor is stress, like a new job, financial issues or when a loved one dies. Chewing gum often or lifting heavy things will also overwork these facial muscles. The worst cases are usually drug abusers. Most people do not detect that they have a problem because it is most often expressed while a person sleeps. Tell tail signs are chipped or broken teeth, flattened teeth, and sore facial muscles or teeth when you wake up. Before destroying your teeth further, go see your dentist and get a mouth guard. The cost ranges depending on the type needed from \$400-800. Botox is another option that can sometimes help by itself or in combination with the retainers. Insurances usually will not pay for these. A combination of these with relaxation techniques like deep breathing and yoga will save you a lot of pain and thousands of dollars from broken teeth.



Muriel K. Nikkels, DDS
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ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Q: I would like to see my home from a remote location without spending a fortune on cameras and peripherals.

A: There is now a wireless camera system that you can do exactly that. As long as you have internet service to your home or business. The cameras are completely wireless and are at this time made for indoor only. The basic system will cost you less than \$450 which will include 2 cameras, the gateway and the first year of cloud storage of up to 250MB. The cameras are motion activated so you don't have to watch through hours of recordings to find what you are looking for. You can set email alerts that tell you when there is motion detected and you can also download the free app to view cameras from your phone or mobile device. The system is easy to set up and is expandable with additional cameras and gateways.



Dan Kenworthy, Owner
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EYE CARE

Q: Why do my eyes constantly water?

A: You may not believe it, but one of the main causes of watery eyes is DRY EYE. You still ask, "Dr. Sarah, How can my eyes be dry if they're constantly tearing??" The tear film is a natural lubricant which keeps our eyes moist and our vision clear. One of the most important layers of the tear film is produced within glands in our eyelids. This layer prevents tears from evaporating off the eye. When your glands in your eyelids become clogged then your tears will evaporate quickly. This causes a chain reaction where a message is sent to the brain to make more tears; a large amount of tears are produced; tears roll onto your cheek instead of stay within your eye. Can it be treated??? Stay tuned for next month's ASK THE EXPERT to find out what to do about watery eyes OR visit Dr. Sarah at Ennis Eye Clinic to have your eyelid glands evaluated.



Dr. Sarah Kirkpatrick
ENNIS EYE CLINIC • 406-682-4208

ROOFING

Q: We are in need of a new roof now but isn't it better to wait until spring?

A: You could definitely wait until spring, but if you are in need of a new roof now, it's as good a time as any. Spring does bring warmer temperatures but it also brings wet weather. While it may be cold in the winter months sometimes it can be drier. There are plenty of contractors that work through winter so the main obstacle really is committing to do it. So come on by or check us out on the web and get some great ideas for roofing/siding or the interior of your home. Have a great 2013, we look forward to seeing you soon.



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YOUR EXPERTISE

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GENERAL HEALTH

Q: Why doesn't my medical provider prescribe antibiotics to treat my bronchitis?

A: It is important to know that there are two main types of infections that medical providers treat: viral and bacterial. Some bacterial infections, such as "strep throat" are treated appropriately with antibiotics. But viruses are not sensitive to antibiotics. There are antiviral medications that are helpful only in very specific circumstances, such as herpes. The great majority of bronchitis infections are caused by viruses, and except in certain circumstances, such as chronic emphysema, antibiotics do not make the infection improve any faster. Supporting your body as it fights the viral bronchitis is important and treating the symptoms can help you feel better. Fluids, rest, humidity, and cough medications can help you improve. Often the infection will last four to seven days, with the cough sometimes lasting several weeks. Despite the popular opinion, yellow or green phlegm does not necessarily mean bacterial infection.

Avoiding antibiotics, unless definitely indicated, prevents antibiotic reactions and decreases the likelihood of resistant germs.

Dr. Patricia Moran, MD
MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER • 406-682-4223



PHARMACY

A Healthier Approach to the New Year

It's another new year, and you know what that means...New Year's Resolution. But this year try rethinking your approach. Start with one goal at a time, and make a solid plan. One way to be more effective is to create SMART goals.

Specific. Write down exactly what you plan to do as well as when and how often. **Measurable.** If a goal is measurable, you can know when you've succeeded. **Attainable.** Set yourself up for success by setting goals that are truly attainable. **Relevant.** Is this really a goal you are interested in, not someone else's. **Time-bound.** It's human nature to put things off so remember to set specific deadlines.

You are also more likely to succeed if you are clear about why you want to make a particular change and know how it will benefit you. Identify your support system and ask for help when you need it. Need more ideas about lifestyle changes you can make? Stop by the pharmacy and we can discuss your goals.



Marie Hajny, Owner
ENNIS PHARMACY • 406-682-4246

CHIROPRACTIC

Q: Is numbness or tingling in the hands or feet a problem a Chiropractor can help with?

A: Yes, absolutely. The nerves that originate in our spinal cord run out between vertebral segments down our arms and legs to supply certain body parts with feeling and motion. When there is any disconnect along the nerve supply, numbness or tingling can occur. Often times, muscle weakness and pain can accompany the tingling. When a specific vertebral segment is not moving properly, this disconnect is seen. A chiropractor is trained to find these areas of immobility and assess to determine if that is the cause of your nerve discomfort. By putting motion back into the specific areas, the nerve is able to function more optimally and supply the area being affected. If you are having trouble with any numbness or tingling, please call Dr. Kate at 682-5634 to see if she can help.



Dr. Kate Althans, Chiropractor
ALTHANS CHIROPRACTIC & FUNCTIONAL NUTRITION • 406-682-5634

SKIN CARE

I have been a Licensed Esthetician for 10 years and get lots of questions about bikini waxing. Here are the answers to a few.

Does it hurt? It can be uncomfortable, but as I tell all my new clients, "I have repeat clients, lots and lots of them". Still nervous, take 2 ibuprofen 30 minutes before appointment. How long does it last? 4-6 weeks is the general time between appointments. Hair needs to be 1/4" long for it to be waxed. This includes grow-out time.

Are there different types? Yes, A traditional bikini wax is any hair that would hang out of a bikini. A Brazilian bikini wax removes all hair from the front and underneath of the pubic area and back-side (yes, butt). There are several names for waxes in between, but those are not important. Discuss with the Esthetician what you want.

Didn't answer your question? Friend me on Facebook Waning Waxing, or call me 570-4683.



Lisa Roberts, Licensed Esthetician
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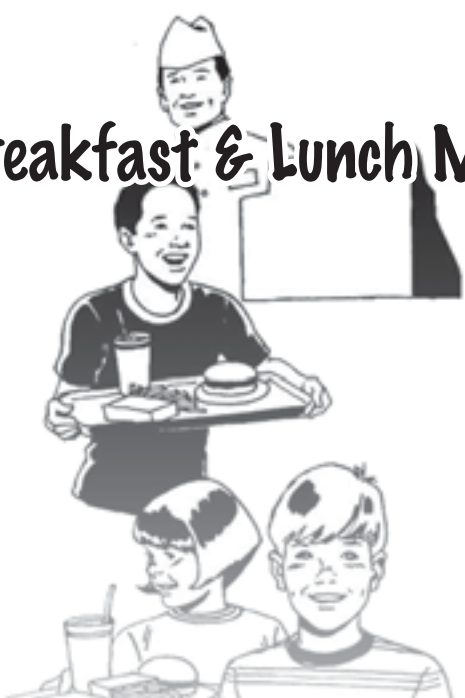
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Breakfast & Lunch Menu



ENNIS

Lunch includes: fresh salad/fruit bar & milk
Thursday - January 10
 Breakfast - Cinnamon roll
 Lunch - Beef stroganoff
Friday - January 11
 Breakfast - Scrambled eggs & bagel
 Lunch - BBQ pork sandwich
Monday - January 14
 Breakfast - Donuts
 Lunch - Spaghetti
Tuesday - January 15
 Breakfast - Waffle & sausage link
 Lunch - Hot dog & chili
Wednesday - January 16
 Breakfast - Cinnamon roll
 Lunch - Chicken strips & mac n cheese

HARRISON

Thursday - January 10
 Breakfast - Malt-o-meal
 Lunch - Chicken nuggets, tots
Friday - January 11
 Breakfast - Cereal
 Lunch - Chef salad, roll
Monday - January 14
 Breakfast - Pancakes, sausage
 Lunch - Raviolis, fries
Tuesday - January 15
 Breakfast - Bagels, cream cheese, yogurt
 Lunch - Breakfast for lunch
Wednesday - January 16
 Breakfast - Pigs in a blanket
 Lunch - Hoagie sandwich, fruit

SHERIDAN

Breakfast Buffet: Toast, bagel or muffin, fruit, yogurt, eggs, hot & cold cereal, milk, juice (first & last day of week includes: eggs, ham, sausage or bacon)

Lunches include: vegetables, fruit and milk
Thursday - January 10
 Breakfast - Biscuit & sausage gravy
 Lunch - Cheesy potatoes & ham
Friday - January 11
 NO SCHOOL
Monday - January 14
 Breakfast - Cheesy eggs & ham, fruit
 Lunch - Chicken alfredo, green beans
Tuesday - January 15
 Breakfast - Cream of wheat, sausage pattie
 Lunch - Potato with ham soup, chef salad
Wednesday - January 16
 Breakfast - French toast stick, yogurt
 Lunch - Corn dog, seasoned peas

TWIN BRIDGES

All breakfast menus include: toast, fruit, milk, juice
 All lunch menus include: salad bar, fruit, cold milk
Thursday - January 10
 Breakfast - Choice of cereal
 Lunch - Sub sandwiches
Friday - January 11
 Breakfast - Cinnamon pizza
 Lunch - Chili, fritos
Monday - January 14
 NO SCHOOL
Tuesday - January 15
 Breakfast - Choice of cereal, jo jos
 Lunch - Chicken strips, seasoned rice
Wednesday - January 16
 Breakfast - Biscuits & gravy
 Lunch - Pizza, jello

Sustainably Sadie

Sarah Miller,
FOR THE MADISONIAN

The Story of Stuff

A good friend recommended that I check out the "Story of Stuff" you tube video. A 21-minute low-budget (part of the sustainability endeavor) documentary-style film discusses how since the 1950s governments and, to a larger extent, corporations have forced stuff onto us through planned obsolescence and perceived obsolescence. The film goes on to explain that having to replace items every six months, and that fashion trends change in order to label those who are behind the times and those who are "with it" are causing irreparable harm to our planet.

If you have twenty minutes to spare, check out "Story of Stuff" and if it inspires you...go on to cruise the website, storyofstuff.com. My searching of the website led me to a clip of Annie Leonard (author of Story of Stuff) being interviewed by Stephen Colbert on the Colbert Report. Leonard says in the

interview that we don't have to give up our "stuff" but that we should have greater reverence for our stuff and how it affects the environmental health of our planet.

"Can shopping save the world?" The storyofstuff.com website offers the project's newest movie and a short synopsis, "The Story of Change."

The Story of Change urges viewers to put down their credit cards and to start exercising their citizen muscles to build a more sustainable, just and fulfilling world. A shorter film referred to as Episode 1 of Season 2, it offers that to make real change we shouldn't feel guilty about not always being able to afford the greenest products but that we should become part of the larger movement that demands change from the governing bodies. The larger movement is made up of different types of "Changemaker Personalities:" Builders, Communicators, Investigators, Nurturers, Networkers, and Resisters. The website offers a quiz that helps you to identify which type of Changemaker you are. I took the quiz (who doesn't love personality quizzes) and guess what? Nurturer! I know

- you're totally surprised.

So, if you're interested in this sustainability stuff, if you want to learn more about positive ways you can make a difference and help to preserve the planet for future generations, check out storyofstuff.com. Watch the videos and become the change you wish to see in the world (thank you Gandhi). And feel free to share your sustainable successes by posting comments at www.sustainablysadie.blogspot.com. (I will have time to update the blog soon, I promise) or emailing sustainablysadie@hotmail.com. I know that in our small community there are many people making sustainable choices every day. The values from pre-1950, "stewardship, resourcefulness and thrift" as mentioned in the film, are alive and well here in southwest Montana as well as the focus on Local Living Economies. You have every right to brag about how you are saving the planet by shopping at your local second-hand store, about your amazing recycling endeavors and how your random acts of kindness are preserving this place we call home.

Twin Bits - from Twin Bridges Schools calendar:

Jan. 9 - 11: Semester tests.
 Thurs., Jan. 10: Wrestling

mixer at Corvallis, 5 p.m.; VFW meeting at Montana Room, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 11: End of second quarter/first semester; early out, 12:30 p.m.; wrestling mixer at Dillon, 1 p.m.; BB at Lima, 5:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 12: Speech and Drama meet at Laurel, leave Friday p.m. after bus routes; BB w/ Sheridan at home, GBGB, 2:30 p.m.; Little Dribblers (girls) play at half-time of varsity games.

Mon., Jan. 14: No school; Trailblazers 4-H meets in Lunch Room, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 15: BB w/ Boulder at home "C" squads, B-5:45 p.m./G-7 p.m.; JrHi BBB at Whitehall, 4 p.m.; reg. school board meeting at Montana Room, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 16: Speech and Drama Open House for public at Montana Room, 7 p.m.

Thurs Jan 17: JrHi BBB @ Townsend, 4 pm

Fri., Jan. 18: FFA attending KMON contests at Cascade/Great Falls; wrestling Class A duals at Belgrade; BB w/Harrison at home GBGB, 2:30 p.m.; Little Dribblers (boys) play at half-time of varsity games.

Sat., Jan. 19: FFA attending KMON contests at Cascade/ Great Falls; wrestling at Belgrade; JrHi BBB at TB tourney; BB at Gardiner GBGB, 2:30 p.m.

I'm here to share news and events for the Ruby Valley. Contact me at 684-5222, at above Sustainably Sadie addresses or snail mail, Box 491, TB 59754.



Our Manor

by Karen Classen

"Brand-New World"
By Claire Mitchell

*There's a brand-new world outside my door,
A world I've never seen before.*

*A pure white world no foot has trod,
A world that still belongs to God.*

*A reverent world, where even trees
Are offering prayers on*

*bended knees,
Their heads bowed low, till sun's caress
Shall bid them rise, His name to bless.*

*This virgin world before me lies
To make my own through loving eyes;*

*I drink it deep, so deep, and then
I give it back to God again.*

2013 can open many doors, with new adventures and new opportunities for all of us. We have the chance to rectify our past mistakes and gain new perspective in what we see! What occupies our time can be very exciting as we express our love all around.

Hopefully Heaven's glorious light will touch all of us this year as we spread the New

Year's greetings. We can share these special ideas with each other.

Our monthly birthday party includes: Me, Bev M., Ed W. and Allen R. Be sure to join us on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate these births with music and food.

God bless you all and I hope this new year will be prosperous for everyone!

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St. Mary, Laurin
 Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.

Deacon Andy Dorrington,
 Pastoral Administrator ~ 842-5588

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 12:10 p.m.
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 11:20 a.m.
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 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Adult Bible Study and Prayer

Wednesday (Kids/Youth)
 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)
 Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)
 Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

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 Worship 11:00 a.m.

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T H E B E S T C H R I S T M A S E V E R

By Beau Dyer

6TH GRADE, ENNIS SCHOOLS

My name is Beau Dyer and my life has been full of surprises...good, bad and indifferent.

But all of it has taught me what I want to be and don't want to be. Nothing comes easy and if it does, it's probably not worth it.

At least that's what my grandpa says. He's silly, but he's true and he doesn't even have to be my grandpa, but he wants

to. That's because blood isn't thicker than water. He chose to be my grandpa almost six years ago, and he's the best one ever!

My grandpa is 78 years old, and he lives in Missouri. On Christmas and all year through, I think of my grandpa and how much I love him and he loves me. Sometimes you just meet people you belong to no matter what the circumstances are. I'm so proud that he calls me his granddaughter, and all the times I've spend with him and will spend are priceless! To me that's

what Christmas is about. This is the time of year when you should LOVE BIG. It seems like your heart is stretched thousands of miles, but yet it feels bigger than ever. That's the most wonderful feeling. We should all think of each other like it's Christmas everyday.

I am so blessed and grateful to have my grandpa. And on Christmas I hope that everyone has someone to love, like I love him. During Christmas time a good memory I have is the time in Missouri when I

was at my grandpa's with my mom, brother, my brothers' dad, stepsister and two stepbrothers. I love to remember that one very special Christmas time because I remember waking up that morning to the smell of bacon, eggs and toast. I remember how good it felt to see my mom, grandpa and my brothers' dad all standing in the kitchen talking and cooking. That was also a very wonderful feeling to have.

I truly do hope that everyone has a wonderful family to love like I love mine!

Generosity of the Ruby Valley and beyond

From Doris Fischer
RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The Ruby Valley Food Pantry directors extend a heartfelt thank you to folks in the Ruby Valley and beyond, for their generosity throughout 2012 and especially during the recent holiday season.

Here's a sampling of the many ways in which local residents, businesses, and organizations made it possible this year for the Food Pantry to serve an increasing number of individuals and families in need:

Pantry space furnished by the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship in Sheridan, since the program's inception in 2000.

Cash donations, from \$1 on up. Notable this year was the holiday time generosity of area businesses, particularly the Town Pump Charitable Foundation, through its "Be a Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" annual matching funds program; the Northwestern Energy charitable giving program; and the Prudential Montana Real Estate agents of Twin Bridges, Sheridan, and Virginia City.

Donations of beef, pork, and turkeys; holiday rolls and breads; canned goods and dried foodstuffs; fresh produce from Jackson's Garden; potatoes from local farms; personal hygiene items like toilet paper and toothbrushes; outdoor sign design services; freezers and freezer space.

Food/cash drives sponsored by USDA-NRCS,

Madison County employees, Twin Bridges FCCLA, Sheridan High School carolers, and Sheridan Stroll crafters.

The cash offerings, food drop locations, and volunteers provided by several area churches.

Other food drop locations, including Walter's IGA in Sheridan, Main Street Market in Twin Bridges, and Granny's Country Market in Silver Star.

Important logistical support from Walter's IGA, Jensen's Market in Sheridan, and McLeod's Mercantile in Sheridan.

Referrals of people in need to the Food Pantry.

Unfortunately, some of our local residents live in poverty and face hunger on a routine basis. Others experience a job loss or other financial blow that makes putting food on the table an unexpected challenge for an undetermined length of time. Whatever the situation, the Ruby Valley Food Pantry exists to serve those in need in the greater Ruby Valley. Everyone is welcome.

The Ruby Valley Food Pantry is located at the New Beginnings Church, 114 N. Main Street in Sheridan. Hours of operation are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Pantry board members are: Wannetta Birdsill, Kerstin Clark, Becky DiGiovanna, Doris Fischer, Susan Hansen, Tanya Kozimer, Nannette Logie, Sandy Taylor, and Jim Wallace. The Pantry's mailing address is P.O. Box 637, Sheridan, MT 59749. For more information, contact 842-7161 or 842-5783.

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Small changes can lead to healthier habits

By Debra McNeill
RUBY VALLEY HOSPITAL

Aunt Cora's fudge! Cousin Joy's peanut brittle! Grandpa Harry's hyper-jalapeno nachos! Food is a big part of our holiday celebrations and we may be wearing it well into the New Year. Even if your New Year's resolutions don't include losing a few pounds, you might want to consider some simple modifications to your eating and lifestyle habits.

The health care providers at the Ruby Valley and Twin Bridges Medical Clinics recommend that their patients shift their eating habits toward a Mediterranean style diet. Kathy Tetrault, physician assistant, said, "When compared with a low fat or low

carb diet, the Mediterranean diet has been shown in studies to result in more weight loss and better long-term weight maintenance." In addition to weight loss benefits, research has associated the Mediterranean diet with reduced incidents of cancer and Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and cardiovascular diseases!

The Mediterranean diet emphasizes eating more fruits, vegetables, whole grain breads and pastas, fish and poultry. Herbs and spices are recommended substitutes for salt. Red meat consumption should be reduced to once a week, or less. Fish should be part of the meal at least twice a week and lake trout is a very healthy choice. Rather than spreading butter on your

whole grain bread, try dipping it in olive oil flavored with basil, garlic or red chilies. Tahini, which is made from ground sesame seeds, is also a tasty alternative to butter. The bottom line is to switch to healthier fats, carbs and meats while eating more fruits and vegetables.

What about venison and elk? For many Madison County residents, game meat is a major source of protein but you'll be hard-pressed to find a Mediterranean dish that includes elk steaks or venison burger. Chris Hartsfield, FNP-BC says, "Natural meats like elk and deer are much better than beef that has been raised and treated with antibiotics or steroids. Anything natural or grass fed is much better for

you." Natural meats are easily substituted for beef or chicken in many recipes and are very healthy so long as they aren't breaded and fried. It's also important to limit or even omit adding fat when processing your game meat into burger. Tetrault concurs, "Usually when I talk to patients about this diet, I do recommend leaner red meats like venison, elk and grass fed beef. It is a healthier alternative that is absolutely appropriate for this area."

She also recommends that her patients focus their grocery shopping on the perimeter of the store. "The outer circle of a grocery store is typically where all of the fresher foods are located." Staying on the

perimeter of the store makes it easier to avoid the boxed, prepared and junk food located in the center aisles!

Getting enough exercise does not require a gym membership or a big lifestyle change. A reasonable plan consists of 40 minutes of exercise most days of the week. In fact, you don't have to work out for a solid 40 minute set. Tetrault advises that you can obtain the "same benefit from 10 minutes of exercise, four times throughout the day. High intensity exercise isn't necessary. Walking is appropriate."

Another healthy habit to cultivate is limiting TV time to less than ten hours per week. This is one of the biggest contributors to inactivity.

Recreational computer use also falls into the "TV time" allocation.

To sum up: More fruits and vegetables; switch to whole grains from processed wheat; switch to poultry and fish from red meat; elk, venison and grass fed meats are a good substitute for beef; switch to olive oil and tahini from butter; switch to herbs and spices from salt; exercise a total of 40 minutes per day, most days of the week and limit recreational screen time (TV and computer) to 10 hours per week.

For more information about the Mediterranean diet, please visit www.rubyvalleyhospital.com.

The Ruby Valley Hospital wishes you a very happy and healthy New Year!



Visitor restrictions related to influenza enforced at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

From Connie Martin
Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

BOZEMAN - Effective Tuesday, Jan. 8, visitor restrictions at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital are in effect due to the influenza virus. Children under the age of 18 are asked not to visit the hospital, as they are most susceptible to this virus. Children are, however, allowed in physician clinics on the Highland Health Park/Bozeman Deaconess medical

campus. Influenza is highly transmittable and a major cause of acute bronchitis and pneumonia. It is transmitted through contact with infected respiratory secretions, usually by way of the hands. Strict hand washing is the most important method of prevention.

The restrictions will continue to help control the spread of influenza in the hospital. Those who have symptoms of upper respiratory

infection, cough or fever should not visit the hospital, and hospital employees will ask visitors with such symptoms to leave.

The hospital appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding, and will inform the public when the visitor restrictions are lifted.

Please check the Bozeman Deaconess website at www.bozemandeaconess.org or <http://www.bozemandeaconess.org> for updates.

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Madison Valley History Association Christmas celebration

By Don Black
M.V. History Assoc.

The Madison Valley History Association hosted its annual Christmas program and dinner on Dec. 20 at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers.

In its historic 110th Christmas season of the church site, Father Keith Axberg presented a spirited narrative of the celebration of nativity, traditions, facts versus myths and its relevance to today's society. We appreciate such a talented man in our community.

David Hoag was the host of the event and gave a special introduction of Rev. Axberg plus a lively and humorous description of the MVHA board member's duties. The board members and spouses served a traditional Christmas dinner of baked ham, roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy and beverages.

A poignant moment was felt by all when Larry Love sang an acapella solo of Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire. Festivities concluded with gift wrapped



presents and the singing of carols. Pamela Kimmy of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce was our special guest and the MVHA thanks Judy Herrick for making the Trinity Church Hall open to us. The Jan. 17

program will feature the Bear Creek School, with Mona Durham sharing the historical events of the school and Karen Shores relating her own family memoirs and events.

and First Madison Valley Bank for making all this possible. Happy New Year to the Madison Valley!

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WEDNESDAY Jan 9

Books and Babies, Ennis

Books and Babies is for babies, toddlers and their caregivers and is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library. Books, music, songs, nursery rhymes, lullabies and toys. For more information call 682-7244.

TOPS, Ennis

TOPS members weigh in at 9 a.m. with a program at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the Madison Valley Medical Center. For more information, call Jeannie at 682-3299.

School board meeting, Ennis

The regular meeting of the Ennis School Board will be at 5 p.m.

THURSDAY Jan 10

Senior meals, Virginia City

Senior meals now being served in Virginia City for citizens 60 and over every Tuesday and Thursday at the Creamery for a nominal fee of \$3. Lunches served between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

M.V. Book Club meeting, Jeffers

The Madison Valley Book Club will meet at Trinity Church

in Jeffers at noon for our annual potluck luncheon. We will not discuss a book at this meeting but will choose the books to be read for the coming year. Attend this fun and exciting event where we plan for the coming year and enjoy a delicious lunch. Bring a contribution to the meal, the list of nominated books and be prepared to vote for your favorites. If you have any questions contact Judy at 599-1145.

United Vets meeting, Twin Bridges

The United Veterans of Twin Bridges will be having a meeting in the Montana Room at the school at 7:30 pm. The main agenda is to finish forming the group under the new name and to also invite veterans to join the group. Any veterans may join active or not, and there is no time period required to join. Please consider joining if you are a veteran. Any questions call Bill Gibson.

Sports schedule

For a full listing of area sports go to: www.outpostevents.net

FRIDAY Jan 11

Meals for seniors, Twin Bridges

The TBS&CC provides Meals for Seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Sign-in is requested

and donation can be provided.

Soil health workshop rsvp due, Sheridan

Join the NRCS and RVCD for a soil health workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 15 in the Moiraine Center of the Philanthropy River Building in Sheridan from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Featuring a panel of local producers who will be sharing their own experiences on topics such as lowering input costs, reducing erosion, building organic matter and more! Lunch will be provided, and the workshop is free! RSVP to Dan or Trisha at 842-5741.

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Live music, Norris Hot Springs

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SATURDAY Jan 12

Karaoke, Ennis

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Dorothy Bradley birthday, Sheridan

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Darnell Godfrey birthday, Twin Bridges

Family and friends are invited to the Jefferson building at the M.C. Fairgrounds to wish Darnell a happy 70th birthday from 2-6 p.m.

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SUNDAY Jan 13

Library presentation, Sheridan

The Friends of the Sheridan Library will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program "A Trapper's Tale" with John Stapler at 5:30 p.m. at the library. The presentation is free and open to the public. Stapler has interpreted mountain main history for over 30 years; he is an active living history volunteer with the Nevada City Living History Museum, and has spent many hours of research on the early history of Montana. For more information, please call the Sheridan Library at 842-5770.

Live music, Norris Hot Springs

El Kabong is Richard Reisser and Mark Dixon, who have been runnin' buddies for over 35 years. They call their music Acoustic Groove for Thinkin' Folks. Please welcome them back to the Poolside Stage! Music starts at 7 p.m. for more information go to: www.norrishot-springs.com

MONDAY Jan 14

Town Council meeting, Sheridan

The Sheridan Town Council will meet at 6 p.m. at town hall.

Livestock and land health presentation rsvp due, Ennis

Madison Conservation District and NRCS present a workshop series on Livestock and Land Health presented by local producers and land managers. The presentation will be Jan. 17 at the Madison Valley Baptist Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., lunch is included. Call 682-3181 or mwc@3rivers.net to rsvp.

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Books and Babies, Virginia City

Books and Babies at the County Library at 217 Idaho St. every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Mothers or caregivers bring your little ones, birth to 3 years, for playtime, stories and singing.



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THE FOLLOWING LEGALLY DESCRIBED TRUST PROPERTY TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will, on 04/12/2013, at the hour of 02:00 PM, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the following described real property which the Grantor has or had power to convey at the time of execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor, his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charge by the trustee at the following place: the North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace St., Virginia City, MT. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Trust Indenture in which RICKY J BARGIONI, TRUSTEE FOR THE RICKY J. BARGIONI TRUST, UNDER TRUST INSTRUMENT DATED MAY 10, 2006 FOR THE BENEFIT OF RICKY J. BARGIONI, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 4304 E. CAMPBELL AVENUE, APT #2016, PHOENIX, AZ 85018 AND MARK DREW BROOKS, TRUSTEE FOR THE MARK-DREW BROOKS TRUST, UNDER TRUST INSTRUMENT DATED MAY 10, 2006 FOR THE BENEFIT OF MARK DREW BROOKS., WHOSE ADDRESS IS 4304 E. CAMPBELL AVENUE APT. # 2016 PHOENIX, AZ 85018 as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to FIRST BOULDER VALLEY BANK as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to FIRST MADISON VALLEY BANK, as Beneficiary by Trust Indenture Dated 01/14/2009 and recorded 01/15/2009, in document No. 129760 in Book/Reel/Volume Number N/A at Page Number N/A in the office of the Clerk and Recorder Madison County, Montana; being more particularly described as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, P.M.M., MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED AS "TRACT B-1" ON CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 7 OF SURVEYS, PAGE 2001-BA, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA. Property Address: 5 JEFFERS LOOP ROAD, ENNIS, MT 59729. The beneficial interest under said Trust Deed and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRY-

WIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP. There is a default by the Grantor or other person(s) owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the default for which foreclosure is made is Grantor's failure to pay the monthly installment which became due on 08/01/2010, and all subsequent installments together with late charges as set forth in said Note and Deed of Trust, advances, assessments and attorney fees, if any, TOGETHER WITH ANY DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF RECURRING OBLIGATIONS AS THEY BECOME DUE. By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable said sums being the following: The unpaid principal balance of \$264,340.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 5.00% per annum from 08/01/2010 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, escrow advances, attorney fees and costs, and any other sums incurred or advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Trust Indenture. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds to this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation Dated: 11/29/2012, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Successor Trustee, 2380 Performance Dr. TX2-984-0407, Richardson, TX 75082 T.S. NO. 12-0075482 FEI NO. 1006.166816 (Pub. Dec. 27, 2012, Jan. 3, 10, 2013) fei

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE:

THE FOLLOWING LEGALLY DESCRIBED TRUST PROPERTY TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will, on 04/16/2013, at the hour of 02:00 PM, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the following described real property which the Grantor has or had

power to convey at the time of execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor, his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charge by the trustee at the following place: the North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace St., Virginia City, MT. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Trust Indenture in which VAN PUCKETT, AND HEATHER PUCKETT, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to CHARLES J PETERSON as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary by Trust Indenture Dated 12/20/2005 and recorded 12/27/2005, in document No. 110873 in Book/Reel/Volume Number 549 at Page Number 982 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder Madison County, Montana; being more particularly described as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 19 AND ALL OF LOT 20 IN BLOCK 9 OF THE TOWNSITE OF TWIN BRIDGES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE SURVEY THEREOF NOW ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF MONTANA. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS: THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 19 AND ALL OF LOT 20 IN BLOCK 9 OF THE TOWNSITE OF TWIN BRIDGES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE SURVEY THEREOF NOW ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF MONTANA. (DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 162, PAGE 239). Property Address: 304 S MAIN ST, Twin Bridges, MT 59754. The beneficial interest under said Trust Deed and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP. There is a default by the Grantor or other person(s) owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the default for which foreclosure is made is Grantor's failure to pay the monthly installment which became due on 02/01/2012, and all subsequent installments together with late charges as set forth in said

Note and Deed of Trust, advances, assessments and attorney fees, if any, TOGETHER WITH ANY DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF RECURRING OBLIGATIONS AS THEY BECOME DUE. By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable said sums being the following: The unpaid principal balance of \$178,987.57 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.25% per annum from 02/01/2012 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, escrow advances, attorney fees and costs, and any other sums incurred or advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Trust Indenture. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds to this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation Dated: 11/30/2012, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Successor Trustee, 2380 Performance Dr. TX2-984-0407, Richardson, TX 75082 T.S. NO. 12-0028664 FEI NO. 1006.156474 (Pub. Dec. 27, 2012, Jan. 3, 10, 2013) fei

at 10:15 A.M. Volume 242 of Records on page 6 records of Madison County, Montana. Said unit to be used for residential purposes only David Andrew Ross Jr., as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to American Land Title Co, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Big Sky Western Bank, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on June 10, 1999 and recorded on June 16, 1999 on Book 431 and Page 117-125 as Document No. 071969. The beneficial interest is currently held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$543.01, beginning November 1, 2011, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of October 7, 2012 is \$63861.40 principal, interest at the rate of 7.25000% now totaling \$4,718.75, late charges in the amount of \$104.90, escrow advances of \$756.10, suspense balance of \$-30.00 and other fees and expenses advanced of \$91.00, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$12.68 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without

any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: October 26, 2012 Lisa J Tornabene Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company, LLC Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services P.O. Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho ss. County of Bingham On this 26th day of October, 2012, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Lisa J Tornabene, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. Shannon Gavin Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Commission expires: 01/19/2018 Chase V Ross 41954.151 (Pub. Jan. 10, 17, 24, 2103) mk

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Sports schedule

For a full listing of area sporting events go to: www.outpostevents.net

School board meeting, Twin Bridges

The Twin Bridges School Board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Montana Room.

WEDNESDAY Jan 16

Books and Babies, Ennis

Books and Babies is for babies, toddlers and their caregivers and is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library. Books, music, songs, nursery rhymes, lullabies and toys. For more information call 682-7244.

TOPS, Ennis

TOPS members weigh in at 9 a.m. with a program at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the Madison Valley Medical Center. For more information, call Jeannie at 682-3299.

THURSDAY Jan 17

Senior meals, Virginia City

Senior meals now being served in Virginia City for citizens 60 and over every Tuesday and Thursday at the Creamery for a nominal fee of \$3. Lunches served between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

M.V. History Assoc. presentation, Ennis

Join us for the Bear Creek School history and exhibit at the First Madison Valley Bank at 4 p.m. Featured speakers are Mona Durham and Karen Shores.

Sports schedule

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FRIDAY Jan 18

Meals for seniors, Twin Bridges

The TBS&CC provides Meals for Seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Wag-

on Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Sign-in is requested and donation can be provided.

Sports schedule

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Live music, Norris Hot Springs

Bozeman's Shea Stewart performs a distinctive blend of "stripped-down" acoustic blues and Americana. Perfect music to soak to! Music starts at 7 p.m. for more info go to: www.norrihotsprings.com

SATURDAY Jan 19

Library presentation, Ennis

Lexi Sundell will present her new book *Creating Exceptional Colors in Acrylics*: how to make color choices that will take you painting to a new level at 11 a.m. in the Thexton Community room.

Concealed weapons class, Ennis

NRA certified instructor concealed weapons classes scheduled for Jan.19 and Feb. 9, held at Shedhorn Sports at 9 a.m. Please call 406-682-4210 to sign up and info.

Winter Chautauqua, Virginia City

The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center will host the first Winter Chautauqua in the intimate, historic Ball Room with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and performances starting at 7:30 p.m. Those wishing to be on stage are encouraged to contact Toni James to make reservations at 406-843-5454, email: ranksmerc@yahoo.com or ellinghouse.org. The Elling House is located at the upper end of East Idaho Street, up the hill from the Virginia City Fire Dept. Admission is by donation and open to the public.

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Blood drive, Sheridan

Sheridan Community Blood drive sponsored by the R.V. Hospital Auxiliary will be held at Bethany Hall from 1 - 6 p.m. Cookies will be donated by Shootin' Shamrocks 4H. Contact Kathy Flick at 842-5128 or log onto www.bloodhero.com (sponsor code: SheridanMT) to schedule an appointment. Please bring you photo ID and/or donor card. Walk-ins are welcome.

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