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FWP Commission adopts brucellosis working group recommendations

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During a December 10 meeting in Helena, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks commissioners unanimously adopted fundamental guidelines for elk management in areas with brucellosis.

The guidelines were presented by the Elk Brucellosis Working Group, a panel of 12 volunteers. The group was tasked by the FWP Commission with identifying a problem statement, fundamental objectives and potential management options for elk populations where brucellosis has been identified and there is concern about transmission of the disease to domestic livestock. The brucella abortus bacteria has been known to cause elk, bison and domestic cattle to abort fetuses before they can be carried to term.

The main issue identified in the working group's problem

statement is the threat brucellosis presents to the region's livestock industry. The disease limits marketing options for livestock produced in the designated surveillance area because of the stigma associated with brucellosis. As a result, landowner tolerance of elk is affected by the increased direct and indirect costs associated with repeated testing, possible quarantine and changes in land use due to disease regulation.

The working group also raised issue with elk management tools developed by the FWP commission because of coordinating actions or a lack thereof by multiple agencies, jurisdictions and interest groups associated with the management of brucellosis that are outside the jurisdiction of the commission as well as incomplete understanding of elk behavior, movement, seroprevalence and distribution of disease within a population.

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Commissioners establish open burn season for 2013

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At their regular meeting in Virginia City on Tuesday the Madison County Commissioners adopted Resolution 4-2013 establishing the 2013 Fire Season and related fees and burn permits for Madison County.

As outlined by Montana Code Annotated Section 7-33-2205, the county governing body may, at its discretion, establish fire season annually, during which time no person may ignite or set a fire, slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris-burning fire or open

fire within the county protection areas or any forest, range, or croplands without having obtained an official permit to ignite or set such fire from the recognized protection agency for that protection area.

Failure to obtain a written permit or permission from the recognized protection agency for that protection area is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500.00 fine and/or six months in the county jail, according to MCA Section 7-33-2206.

The 2013 open burn season will be in effect for Madison County from March 1 through November 30. Residents may

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Ennis school board prepares for budgeting

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At their regular meeting for January on Wednesday, the Ennis School Board discussed the benefit of using a committee of people from around the community to work through the annual budgeting process for the district.

Superintendent John Overstreet established a budget committee this year made up of school administrators, board members and teachers as well as six people from the local community. The goals for the budget committee are to work transparently and to be open and up front with the community when

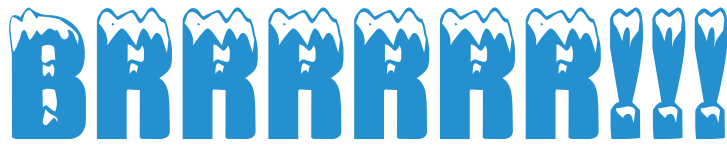
it comes to the school district's budget.

"A lot of it is going to be repeat, kind of teaching the community and the teachers about the budget process but board members are welcome to be involved," Overstreet said.

Other goals for the budget committee include discussing ways to work more efficiently within a tight budget, brainstorming ideas for excess Adult Education funds and familiarizing the community with the process.

"I've used this before in the past and I think it helps get the community more involved with the school district," Overstreet

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A snowplow drives down Main Street in Ennis on Thursday evening.

Photos by Ben Coulter

Winter weather hits southwest Montana region

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Travel conditions around Madison County and southwest Montana were limited last week after a severe winter storm rolled into the region on Thursday, blanketing the area with snow and closing schools in Harrison and Twin Bridges on Friday.

While the Natural Resource Conservation Service weather station in Bozeman only reported a little over four inches from the storm, snow accumulation throughout the region varied due to high winds. The weather station at Albro Lake in the Tobacco Root Mountains recorded over 15" from the storm cycle, said warning coordination meteorologist Chris Foltz with the National Weather Service forecast office in Great



Traffic moves slowly through Ennis on Highway 287 during a severe snow storm on Thursday afternoon.

Falls.

Foltz explained that the recent storm system originated over the Pacific Ocean before moving across the Pacific Northwest and into Montana early last week. The weather was a result of two cold fronts, one

that arrived with the initial storm system from the Pacific and another arctic front that arrived later in the day on Thursday, he said.

"The first cold front went through on

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Barrett reports busy start to Montana's 63rd Legislative Session

By Senator Debby Barrett

Montana's 63rd Legislative Session is official. The newly elected members of the Senate,



Senator Debby Barrett

including me, were sworn into office on Monday, Jan. 7. By Wednesday we were holding bill hearings in our Senate Standing Committees.

This session, my committee assignments include: Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Standing Committee Monday-Friday at 8 a.m. I will be in the Natural Resources Committee on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons at 3 p.m. and I will be in the Fish and Game Committee on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3 p.m. The Senate and House Floor Sessions are held Monday-Friday at 1 p.m.

However, this Tuesday afternoon I will miss most of the Fish and Game Committee because my first two Senate Bills are both scheduled to be heard at the same time in two different Senate Committees. SB 31 "Revised definition of eligible renew-

able resource" will be heard in the Energy and Telecommunications Committee and SB 72 "Revise the livestock per-capita assessment date" will be heard in the Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Committee.

Besides having two bills scheduled in two different committees at the same time, a student from the UM School of Journalism has been assigned to interview me. She left me a voicemail asking to meet with me at that same time on Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately, this is a typical day for a Senator—and I will find the time to meet all three commitments.

Montana's new governor presented his budget proposal and his spending priorities for the next biennium. He proposes a \$500 million—half-a-billion—spending increase from the last biennium to this biennium. This is the largest increase

ever proposed in state spending! Fortunately, his budget proposal is only a starting place for the discussions and decisions that will take place for the next 90 days.

Each session I am reminded what a wonderful yet strange place Montana is. For instance, to bring our over \$4 billion insolvency up to date in the state's pension plans, the governor is proposing to use natural resource revenue. To address the education community's concerns for K-12 funding issues, there is a proposal to use natural resource revenue. And, to address the state's infrastructure and state building needs, you guessed it...natural resource revenue is to be the answer here, too.

I am uncertain at this time if all of these proposals to increase spending are focused on

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Barrett Hospital and Healthcare announces annual awards

Jim Gleason, executive director
BARRETT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

DILLON - Barrett Hospital and HealthCare adheres to a set of "I-CARE" values, which are guiding principles for every employee. These values serve as a guide for interaction with patients, co-workers, vendors and everyone who comes in contact with the Hospital and its employees. These values are an important part of the hospital culture, are part of employee training and orientation and are a large component of the annual performance appraisal process. The "I-CARE" values are as follows: I - Integrity; C - Com-

passion; A-Adaptability; R- Respect; E- Excellence.

Employees nominate their peers for "I-CARE" Awards. An employee committee reviews each nomination and makes selections based on the number and strength of the nominations as well as personal observations. The 2012 "I-CARE" Award winners are:

Integrity, Dr. Burke Hansen; Compassion, Damien Guillen; Adaptability, Daryn Engesser; Respect, Leslee Amos; Excellence, Shawn Ward.

In addition, the Hospital recognized the following departments for their role in implementing a new patient reg-

istration program at the Barrett Hospital and HealthCare Clinic.

Next Gen Implementation: A cooperative and monumental effort by Provider-Based Clinic; Information Technology; Fiscal Services; Patient Financial Services; Health Information Management.

Employees were also recognized for their years of service:

Years of Service Awards:

5 year: Dinesh Badouraly, Joan Bourdon, Tammy Brickzin, Paula Davis, Ashley Engesser, Wendy Forseth, Larry Goss, Dr. Mick Lifson, Pam Goss, Robin Johnson, Susan Kemper, Shelly King, Karen Koonter, Camille Landon, Neal Maxfield, Cindy

Ricks, Rachel Webb.

10 year: Dr. Burke Hansen, Deb Hursh, Vickie Lansing, Nissa Miller, Dr. Gregory Moore, Jodi Skradski, Sandy Svoboda, Jody Webster, Gary Williams.

15 year: Becky DeBoer, Deb Simonson, Patricia Carrick.

20 year: Judy Glueckert, Marie Holt, Angela Keck, Dan Keller, Pat Maki, Pat Sherry, Craig Simpson, Shawn Ward, Sheryl Woods.

25 year: Sharon Chapman, Dennis Hatfield.

30 year: Carol Botsford.

35 year: Linda Meeker.

PPL Montana continues work on Hebgen Dam intake structure project

From PPL Montana

WEST YELLOWSTONE - Construction on the Hebgen Dam intake structure project has continued successfully through late 2012.

"We have been closely monitoring the cofferdam since high stresses were discovered in August 2012," said David Hoffman, director of external affairs for PPL Montana. "The dewatering wells that were installed have been effective at reducing stresses on the cofferdam and no additional concerns have arisen."

New equipment was installed to allow PPL Montana to observe and record data from the cofferdam in real time, even after work has been suspended

for the season.

Work has also been completed on several sections of reinforced concrete that will be part of the permanent rehabilitated structure. New structural concrete construction will continue through the 2013 season. The new concrete structure is extensively anchored to the existing structure and is heavily reinforced. The work sequence required the concrete to be placed on subsequent lifts from the bottom up.

And, in addition to the usual tasks that facilitate material delivery, worker access and safety, activities such as shoring, formwork, tying rebar, drilling and epoxying dowels, and jackhammering were used to support the concrete placement.

"In addition to the concrete construction, plans are currently in place to construct additional multi-strand anchors behind the intake structure and above the water line this winter," Hoffman said. "We are proud that PPL Montana's commitment to safety is a top priority."

PPL Montana also reminds the general public to be very cautious on ice near the dam. Ice has formed later than normal this year on all area lakes. At Hebgen, the ice near the spillway by the public access site will be thin for some time after flow is switched from the spillway to the intake. PPL Montana will coordinate with Gallatin National Forest to open the Hebgen Dam access site for ice fishing in mid-January.

PPL has 500 employees in Montana who generate and sell electricity. PPL Montana operates coal-fired power plants at Colstrip and Billings, as well as 11 hydroelectric power plants along Rosebud Creek and the Missouri, Madison, Clark Fork and Flathead rivers. It has a combined generating capacity of about 1,200 megawatts and has offices in Billings, Butte and Helena. PPL EnergyPlus operates a trading floor in Butte that markets and sells power in the wholesale and retail energy market. PPL Montana and PPL EnergyPlus are subsidiaries of PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL). More information about PPL Montana is available at www.pplmontana.com.

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Wednesday night, which kind of set the stage with the colder air in place so when the precipitation began it was pretty much snow," said Foltz. "Then the much colder air came in late on Thursday and into Friday when we really had the coldest air from this particular system"

Because of limited visibility, road crews in Twin Bridges were not able to get out until Friday and

Saturday, said District 2 foreman Shane Escott. School bus routes are typically the top priority for snowplows, followed by higher traffic roads and outlying areas after that. It was difficult to judge how much snow accumulated at the lower elevations because high winds caused significant snowdrifts to form.

"We got enough to create a lot of problems on most of our roads," Escott said. "It's hard to say because none of it came

straight down."

The District 2 road crews operate three road graders, two pickup trucks with snowplows and sanders to keep the roads clear, as well as a bulldozer when the conditions call for it. Crews work to clear as much snow as they can before putting down a mixture of sand and salt on icy roadways in high traffic areas. Escott advised motorists to use caution when travelling in winter conditions as well as stay home and wait for

roads and weather conditions to clear unless, of course, there is an emergency.

Foltz said the regional weather forecast calls for warmer temperatures with highs near 40 degrees over the next week.

"We'll get a storm system like this, but then after we'll get what is called a ridge of high pressure build into the area, which promotes warmer temperatures and calmer conditions," said Foltz.

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the state's current natural resource revenue, or if these proposals are narrowly focused on the increases of natural resource revenue. No matter which it is, natural resource revenue today is currently going into the general fund to pay for existing state programs and services. Thus, there will be huge trade-offs to be faced, and legislators will need to prioritize just where and how this revenue is most needed.

What is truly amazing to me is that in Montana we have hundreds of non-profits focused

on regulating natural resources out of existence or at least greatly reducing their production. Many of the members and supporters of these non-profits are indeed among the Montana citizens demanding the growth of more government and increased spending. As I pointed out, they are always commanding ever more of the natural resource industries. There are over 60 of these narrowly focused non-profit organizations in Bozeman alone.

As usual, the education community is up and running at full speed. The first week I

received a stack of form letters sent by e-mail and phone messages urging my support of an education reform and funding bill that I have never seen. In fact, I don't believe it has been written yet, and is still in the drafting process. According to the messages I have received, LC 132 will use the state's natural resource revenue to increase funding to K-12 schools and will also provide local property tax relief. I am looking forward to seeing the bill and having it vetted in the Education Committees in the House and the Senate.

I too hope LC 132 proves

to be the answer to all of the concerns and issues facing K-12 education funding and reform. This state's K-12 education funding laws are among the most convoluted laws in statute. They are in dire need of reform, and have been for decades. I will proceed very cautiously with any changes to our current laws because one of my biggest fears as a legislator is to make a bad situation even worse. I am here to create long-term solutions, not short-term fixes and therefore, it is necessary to carefully examine all proposed legislation.

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From the problem statement the working group identified three fundamental objectives for elk management. These objectives include minimizing the risk of transmission from elk to livestock by problematic concentrations of wildlife and encouraging efforts to develop a more effective vaccine. Efforts to adjust the density of certain elk populations not only reduce the risk of transmission from elk to cattle, but also elk to elk, according to the recommended guidelines.

The second fundamental objective is maximize the acceptability of elk management guidelines in the designated sur-

veillance area for sportspersons, wildlife enthusiasts, landowners and livestock producers to be determined by a satisfaction survey. The working group recognized the need for and value of diverse representation in local working groups in order to identify the range of different perspectives. The third fundamental objective is to maximize the cost effectiveness for the management process and routinely assess performance and efforts relative to stated objectives.

The working group also developed a list of proposed alternative actions for additional elk distribution management, recognizing that the greatest pe-

riod of risk for transmission of brucellosis is from mid-January to mid-June. Management activities such as hunting, habitat alteration, spatial and temporal separation and research and education would revolve around that specific time period instead of year round. FWP commissioners also urged members of the public to participate in smaller localized working groups within the designated surveillance area to develop management options for specific areas frequented by both elk and cattle. Brucellosis can be transmitted when livestock graze in an area where afterbirth from cow elk with the disease has temporarily contaminated the

ground.

FWP District 2 Commissioner Dan Vermillion expressed his hope that members of the public will be actively involved with local working groups to address the brucellosis issue, but admitted that difficult times await and the issue cannot be resolved overnight.

"I also think this is a great way to move forward and minimize the risk of transmission," he said.

Commissioners also said that FWP staff will need to report back to them on their progress related to the issue of brucellosis in elk this summer and upon request in the future.

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obtain a burn permit by contacting the local fire chief of their respective district, calling 1-406-843-4212, or going online to www.burnpermits.mt.gov. For burn permits between December 1 and February 28 residents must obtain

written permission from the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Montana.

The annual cost for each burn permit is \$15 and may be used multiple times during the same year. Madison County Director of Emergency Management Chris Mumme said

the money collected from fire permits sold over the last year helps to pay for training for fire department personnel.

Mumme also encouraged landowners to be mindful of their location to the floodplain as winter progresses and take precautions for high water as they see fit, such as stocking

up on sandbags. Empty sandbags can be purchased online at <http://shop.washingtonsandbag.com/>.

"Basically it is up to the individual and the private landowner to take care of their own property," Mumme said.

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explained. "Also if we do have to run a mill levy or transfer some funds, that committee can help us get it passed in the community because they've been a part of it."

"We're not going to analyze every line item and decide where we're going to spend our money, but it's kind of an advisory board that will help make some recommendations to the school board when they make the final

decisions," Overstreet said of the budget committee.

Overstreet also suggested training for new board members who are serving on the Negotiation Committee and asked the board for input as to his level of involvement in the negotiation process. He explained that every school district is different when it comes to the superintendent's role in negotiations with teachers and classified staff—that role can range from a middleman

that facilitates the flow of communication between sides to the person who leads the negotiation process.

"We have two new board members, Mr. George and Mr. Clark, that are on the committee so I think we need to meet as a board first before we turn them loose with the teachers to negotiate," said Overstreet.

Board trustees Mike McKittrick, Craig George, Jim McNally and Bill Clark all agreed that

they would like to see Overstreet be actively involved in the negotiations process because of his experience and the overall role he plays in the school district.

"So far my relationship has been good with the teachers and the board, so I think it will work well," Overstreet said, adding that negotiations can often be a difficult task. "It seems that there are always some hard feelings, but it's a necessary part of the process."

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE



Muhammad Nizamani (center, right) covers a teammate during a C-squad basketball scrimmage Friday afternoon in Ennis.



Ennis sophomore Muhammad Nizamani takes a break from studying in the school library on Friday afternoon.

Ennis student earns scholarship to learn benefits of social media

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Ennis High School sophomore Muhammad Nizamani was recently awarded one of 25 scholarships from 400 applicants nationwide to attend a week-long technology camp this spring to learn about using social media applications as a means to bring about democratic change in their home countries.

Nizamani, originally from Matli, Sindh Province in Pakistan, has spent the year living with host Dave Kelley and attending school in Ennis. While his time here has been a unique and diverse ex-

perience, including learning to play basketball and seeing snow on the ground for the first time, Nizamani has kept his eyes open to the future as he makes the most of this time here.

When he travels to Vermont this April to participate in the Global New Media Lab Youth Tech Camp, Nizamani, who's family back home are wheat farmers, plans to use Facebook to generate a dialogue with wheat farmers here in Montana. His hope is that the discussion will help facilitate improved farming methods and techniques back home.

"Wheat is essential to feed and clothe the people of Pakistan," said Nizamani. "I

want to connect people from MSU and Montana who are experts in agriculture to the farmers, because my family grows wheat and they are dependent on agriculture."

"The Tech Camp will help me to exchange information, and they will let me know what are the efficient methods of growing wheat and other crops," he said.

In addition to his regular classes and the tech camp coming in April, Nizamani has also turned out for basketball and participates with the speech and debate team. While he's seen it played on television, basketball is foreign to Nizamani. Back home in Pakistan, traditional sports include cricket and soccer.

But with the help of his teammates and coaches, Muhammad has learned the sport quickly and puts his full effort into drills at practice just like everyone else. And while getting up at 4 a.m. for speech and debate tournaments may wear him out a little, the program has also helped Nizamani improve his English language skill tremendously.

When asked whether or not he was nervous coming to learn a new culture in a different country half way around the world, Nizamani said he was not nervous but rather

overwhelmed by a sense of curiosity.

"It was just to learn more about other people and cultures, to understand their feelings and to share my culture," he said. "I was just curious to learn and to see a totally different world."

Nizamani came to Ennis through an international exchange program with PH International, a non-profit organization that works to "build strong global communities by fostering civic engagement,

cross-cultural learning and increased opportunities in the digital age," according to the organization's website. And as for why it is important to participate in such cultural exchange programs, the answer is simple to Muhammad Nizamani.

"The young generations of the present are the future of any country," he said. "I'm lucky to be here because it's a small town, and you can engage in the nature and it's just totally beautiful."

Sheridan School Board hears student reports, hires track coaches

By Linda E. Walter
DISTRICT CLERK, SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

The Board of Trustees for School District No. 5 held their regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8. Chairman Jeffery Marsh welcomed the Trustees and the audience.

Executive student council president Chase Berry and treasurer secretary Brant Marsh presented information from the Sheridan Student Advisory Nominal Group Technique regarding More Focus on Needs of Students. This student group will continue to provide follow-up on

meeting the needs of students. In conjunction with the student report, school counselor Laurie Bartoletti talked about student needs and presented a survey performed by Sheridan students regarding the role of student aspirations in today's schools. Superintendent Harding

provided information regarding our Sheridan Schools technology program.

Undersheriff Roger Thompson gave the Sheridan Trustees a presentation on "Law Enforcement Response to School Hostage/Active Shooter Incidents." The Sheridan Trustees hired

Bobby Wick as head varsity track coach, and hired Shawn Regnerus as assistant varsity track coach.

Principal Rod Stout gave his monthly report covering attendance data, Students of the Month, athletics and upcoming events.

Superintendent Harding reported on building and maintenance, transparency of the budgets and the budget process.

The next regular school board meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Media Technology Center in the Charles B. Murray Building.

BLM Issues new policy regarding conditions on wild horse and burro sales

From Tom Gorey
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Land Management today announced a policy – in the form of what's known as an interim Instruction Memorandum – regarding new conditions and restrictions on wild horse and burro sales. The new policy was prompted by the BLM's overall effort to improve its management and care of wild horses and burros that roam Western public rangelands.

"Today's announcement marks another step forward in our agency's steady improvement in ensuring the health and

humane treatment of wild horses and burros, both on and off the range," said BLM Acting Director Mike Pool.

The new policy, which is effective immediately, will remain so until the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program publishes additional guidance on wild horse and burro sales.

The policy stipulates that: No more than four wild horses and/or wild burros may be bought by an individual or group within a six-month period from the BLM without prior approval of the Bureau's assistant director for Renewable Resources and Planning.

When buying wild horses and/or wild burros, purchasers must describe where they intend to keep the animals for the first six months following the sale. Without prior approval from the assistant director, the BLM will not sell more than four animals destined for a single location in this six-month period.

Buyers must provide transportation for the purchased animal from the BLM's short-term holding corrals or other locations to its new home. Specifics regarding acceptable trailers can be obtained from the new interim policy, which is posted at: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/>

en/info/regulations/Instruction_Memos_and_Bulletins/national_instruction/2013/IM_2013-032.html

The BLM will inspect trailers and reserves the right to refuse loading if the trailer does not ensure the safety and humane transport of the animal.

The BLM encourages anyone who has observed inhumane treatment or the sale to a slaughterhouse of a federally protected wild horse or burro, or who has factual information about such an incident, to contact the Bureau at wildhorse@blm.gov or 866-4MUSTANGS (866-468-7826) with your name, contact

information, and specific information about what you saw or know about.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American

jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

January 6, 2013 thru January 12, 2013

January 6, 2013
Deputy dispatched to wildlife complaint in 300 blk Water St
Dispatched EA for transfer to Bozeman
Received unfounded 911 call
Deputy dispatched to welfare check in Sheridan
Received unfounded 911 call
Received animal complaint on Mt Hwy 359 at US Hwy 287
Received traffic complaint on Mt Hwy 84 at US Hwy 287
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 49
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 45

January 7, 2013
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 51
Received suspicious circumstances complaint in 100 blk E Ennis Lake Rd

Dispatched RVA to 100 blk W Cover St
Received unfounded 911 call
Received unfounded 911 call
Deputy dispatched to missing person complaint at Ennis High School
Dispatched SFD for life flight landing at Ruby Valley Hospital
Deputy dispatched to wildlife complaint on Mt Hwy 287 by Barker Apts

January 8, 2013
T/s on Main St, Harrison
Received an alarm on Paige Ranch Rd
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances at Harrison School
Deputy dispatched to an alarm

in 100 blk W Williams St
Received an alarm in 300 blk Madison St
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 67
Deputy dispatched to welfare check in 100 blk E 2nd Ave

January 9, 2013
Received report of transport to MVMC by private vehicle from Hill Top Trl
Received an alarm in 300 blk W Main St, Ennis
Received unfounded 911 call
Received wildlife complaint on Jessica Ln
T/s on Main St, Harrison
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 44

January 10, 2013
T/s on Mt Hwy 287 at Ramshorn

Creek
Received unfounded 911 call
Received report of slide off accident on Mt Hwy 55 at Waterloo Rd
Dispatched EFD to propane gas odor in 50 blk Haypress Lake Trl
Dispatched HQRU & EA to Main St, Harrison
Dispatched HFD to vehicle accident on US Hwy 287 at Mt Hwy 84
Received unfounded 911 call
Received unfounded 911 call
Received unfounded 911 call
Deputy dispatched to public assist by Junc of Mt Hwy 55 & Mt Hwy 41
Deputy dispatched to traffic complaint on Norris Hill

Deputy dispatched to traffic complaint in Bear Trap
Received dog complaint in 3400 blk Mt Hwy 287
Dispatched RVA & TBQRU to Mt Hwy 41 MM 48
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 52

January 11, 2013
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances in 20 blk Duncan District Rd
Deputy dispatched to vehicle accident at Mt Hwy 287 MM 13
Deputy dispatched to public assist at Mt Hwy 287 MM 27

January 12, 2013
Received suspicious circumstances complaint on Main St, Ennis

Received report of broken down vehicle at Mt Hwy 41 MM 48
Received unfounded 911 call
Dispatched EFD to report of propane odor in 500 blk W Fagin St
Dispatched RVA & TBQRU to 300 blk S Madison St
Deputy dispatched to disturbance in 60 blk Jessica Ln
Received animal complaint in Alder
Received fireworks complaint in Ennis

The Sheriff's Office made 9 traffic stops and received 47 calls for service between January 6, 2013 and January 12, 2013.

We don't have to be afraid of our government

Dear Editor,

I won't get into Bill Hanley's rambling letter blaming all of society's problems on the "decision makers." (I guess he's referring to the Founding Fathers who guaranteed all those rights). What most concerns me is the anger and fear expressed

because some Americans are trying desperately to curtail the epidemic of gun violence that continues to tear our communities apart. We all need to take a deep breath and consider:

No one (at least no one with any authority) is suggesting or even considering taking away anyone's guns...not in this coun-

try.

The Founders could not possibly have visualized life as it is in the 21st century. In the 1780s, it took Benjamin Franklin nine days to get from Boston to Philadelphia. Most people raised their own food, and there were no chemicals or preservatives. There were no cars,

trains, airplanes, phones, TVs, computers, or NEWS...and the most dangerous weapons were erratic muzzleloaders.

No matter what we do, it won't change anything immediately, but we can't just continue doing nothing. It's a cultural problem and it will take years, generations...after we lost

600,000 of our best men and The Emancipation Proclamation was signed into law, it took 100 years to pass the Civil Rights Act. And 50 years later, we're still trying to overcome racism.

Ours is the most benevolent government in the history of the Earth. For all its failings, we still don't have to be afraid

of it. And in this country, WE are the government. We're all in it together and that means protecting each other's rights...even if that includes sensible regulations along the way that affect all of us.

Walt Long
Virginia City

When are we going to wake up and smell the coffee?

Dear Editor,

Last winter I attended a meeting at the Montana Department of Livestock to discuss wolf depredation, and a proposal to add 25 million dollars to the Farm Bill to cover livestock losses. On the morning of the hearing, I awakened early and downloaded information, including financial, off the websites of the two environmental organizations (Natural Resource Defense

Council & Defenders of Wildlife) that had lobbied most actively for introduction of Canadian Gray Wolves. These groups had made commitments to pay livestock producers for wolf depredation as an added incentive to resistant political leaders.

When I arrived at the meeting a gentleman at the other end of the room, was stressing the need to provide funding in the Farm Bill to cover livestock losses. I asked, "Why aren't the

NRDC and Defenders of Wildlife paying for these losses as they had originally agreed?" His response was; "We only agreed to pay for depredation losses until delisting and besides, we can't afford it...we don't have that kind of money." We can't afford it? Who was this guy that seemed to have so much influence on the Board, was directing the discussion and referred to the environmental groups as we? It turned out he was a Virginia based at-

torney for the NRDC named Bob Harrison. He had requested the meeting and seemed to be very much in charge. I mentioned that NRDC raised 531+ million dollars during a 2010-2011 fundraising effort to get the wolves RELISTED. Mr. Harrison unsuccessfully tried to refute my information until I showed the group NRDC's latest audited financial statement. I also learned that Michael Leahy, the Rocky Mountain Regional Director for Defenders

of Wildlife was serving as a current voting member on the Livestock Loss Board. I came away from that meeting, knowing that the foxes really were in charge of the henhouse.

When the draft Farm Bill came out several months later, the \$25 million dollars had been added, but not one dollar had been included for livestock losses or lethal controls of wolves. The funding was directed toward hazing and other non-lethal experi-

mental efforts to reduce depredation, with the lion's share of the funding going to environmental groups. Somehow they had managed to pass the buck, or more accurately, 25 million bucks, to American taxpayers and were positioned to reap whatever financial benefit resulted from the effort. When are we going to wake up and smell the coffee?

Dan A. Happel
Commissioner - District 2

Granny Lueck also supports ice rink

Dear Editor,

Loved reading the great article on the Virginia City ice skating rink updates (1/3/13)! The funding for the improvements was also made possible by a committee of V.C. gals who "hosted" the Granny Lueck Memorial Golf Tournament

a couple summers ago.

That committee has given over \$1,900 to the ice rink for equipment and improvements. Thank you Granny Lueck Tournament and Madison Meadows Golf Course!

Micki Benedict
Virginia City

Close Up kids thank the community

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the community for your support in the Close Up fireworks fundraiser.

The Sheridan Close Up kids and parents

A wonderful blessing

Dear Editor,

To all of our wonderful friends and family - thank you so much for all of your prayers, cards and gifts of food.

Your support for Larry and me during my recent "open heart" surgery and since I got home has been a wonderful blessing.

May God bless you, each and every one.
Carrol Young

Should only act on behalf of Madison County

Dear Editor,

We learn from Commissioner Dan Happel's recent letter that we in Madison County have much to fear. It seems that rather than exercise the general authority given by law to county commissioners to take care of county business, he has returned to his global conspiracy theories and

will be attempting to use his position as a Madison County spokesman to save us from "forces beyond our state borders." He says he will protect my life, liberty and private property. He is not responsible for such - I am. He is responsible for my public services in Madison County.

Mr. Happel advocated several unconstitutional proposals

of the last legislature, such as the expanded State sovereignty resolution, jury nullification, gold and silver backed currency, the "birther" documentation of candidate eligibility, recall of the 16th Amendment and many of the far-right bill drafts that were fortunately defeated. His letter identifying future targets seems to indicate that he will continue to speak for his agenda positions.

Happel's recently drafted Resolution 33-2012 is called a Large Predator Policy, but the essence of it is to establish coordination supremacy with State and

Federal laws, which has the same intent as the previously drafted and failed unconstitutional 2011 bill SB117. State predator policy is now established in Sec. 87-1-217 MCA. A current draft LC0441 considering "coordination is now being prepared at the legislature and the county should wait and give that preference."

Mr. Happel is a thoughtful and serious representative for county business. However, he openly acknowledges his anti-government political persuasion, and says that we must fear policies crafted or enforced by State

and Federal agencies, environmental special interests, tax-exempt foundations, even "vision statements." He has every right to his personal opinions, but it is problematic if he speaks on radical positions when he represents himself as a Madison County commissioner. As representatives of our county, it is hoped that the each Commissioner will clarify their personal stand on legislation and act only in unison on behalf of Madison County. We must trust that the other two sitting commissioners will continue to take moderate positions that have

always served our local government well and that they will be wary of extreme positions.

It is ironic that as a government official, Mr. Happel's exercises such anti-government paranoia. His suspicious perception of our State's and Nation's laws makes one wonder what part of America has not worked out for him. It is interesting to note that Mr. Happel swears to uphold the Constitution above all else except when he wants to change it.

Pat Bradley
Twin Bridges

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Thank you to the friends and family of John Simpson

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who attended John's funeral and came to say farewell to him and pay their last respects. He loved his Montana and all his friends, family, co-workers, and classmates. He never tired of tell-

ing me stories of experiences he had with all of you and some were great and some were sad, especially when he had to dig graves for children and friends.

We travelled many places on our mission trips but Sheridan and Twin were always home. Although we didn't get back there as

much as we wanted, it always felt like we were finally home when we got there. We loved hiking, rock hunting, and especially fishing on the high mountain lakes and the Ruby Reservoir.

Now he is gone and I miss him so much, but I know that I will see him again one day.

Thank you all for loving him and being his friend all these years. May God bless all of you.

Suzanne C. Simpson
Overton, Nevada

OBITUARY

Michael O'Rourke June 4, 1926 - Dec. 21, 2012

Michael Joseph O'Rourke, 86, passed away peacefully on Dec. 21, 2012 in Butte, after a brief illness. Michael, also known as Mick or Mickey to his family and friends, was born on June 4, 1926 in Butte to Michael A. and Julia (Sullivan) O'Rourke.

He married his high school sweetheart, Rae (Kelly) O'Rourke on Nov. 15, 1947 in St. Lawrence O'Toole's Catholic Church. Growing up in Butte, Mick graduated from St. Mary's Grade School in 1940 and Boys Central High School in 1944. After high school Mike enlisted

in the U. S. Merchant Marines and served his country proudly on board merchant ships transporting munitions and supplies to troops in the Pacific Theater. Mick worked as a car man with the Great Northern Railroad/Burlington Northern for over 40 years retiring in 1988. In Mick's younger years he worked on the Madison River dam in the Bear Trap and he and Rae and their children spent many years camping and fishing in the Madison area. For more than 30 years they have enjoyed spending time at their summer place in McAllister, with family and

friends.

Mick was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Julia O'Rourke; his beloved son, Michael W. O'Rourke; his siblings, and other close family members.

Mick is survived by his dearly loved wife and sweetheart of 65 years, Rae; their children, Maureen and Les Holmes, Terri and Dennis Lester, Pat O'Rourke and Jody Pomroy, and Darlene O'Rourke; his nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and sister, Mary Strom.

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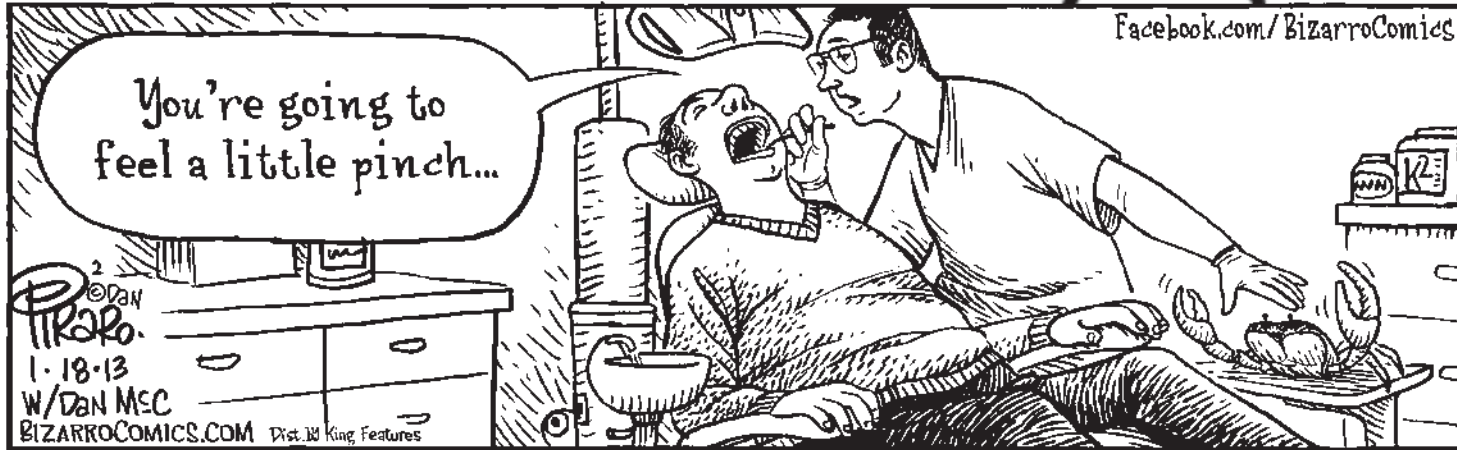
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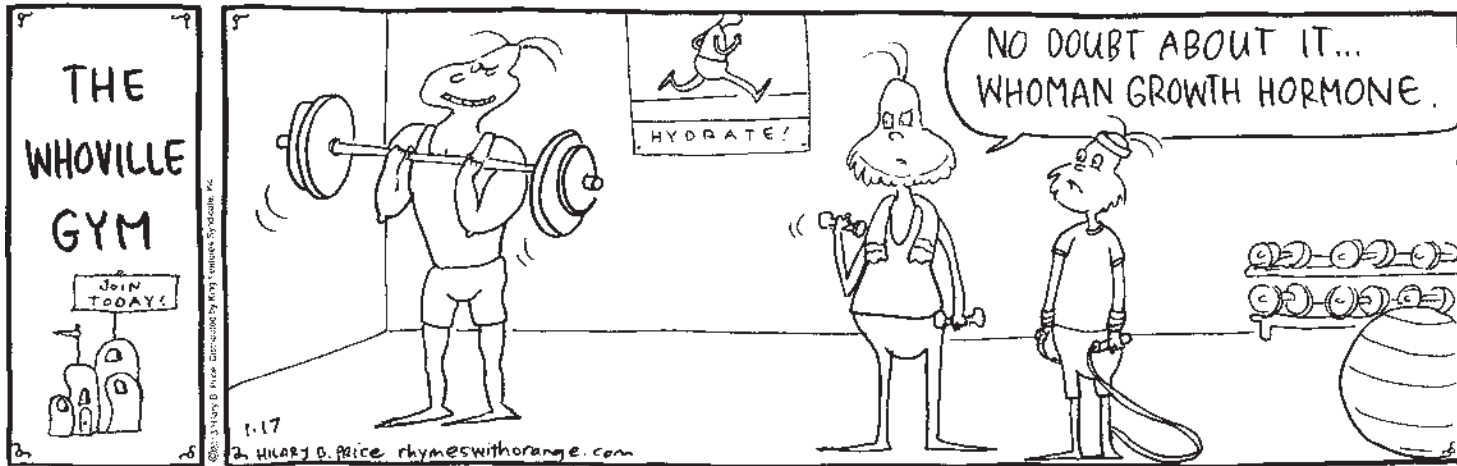
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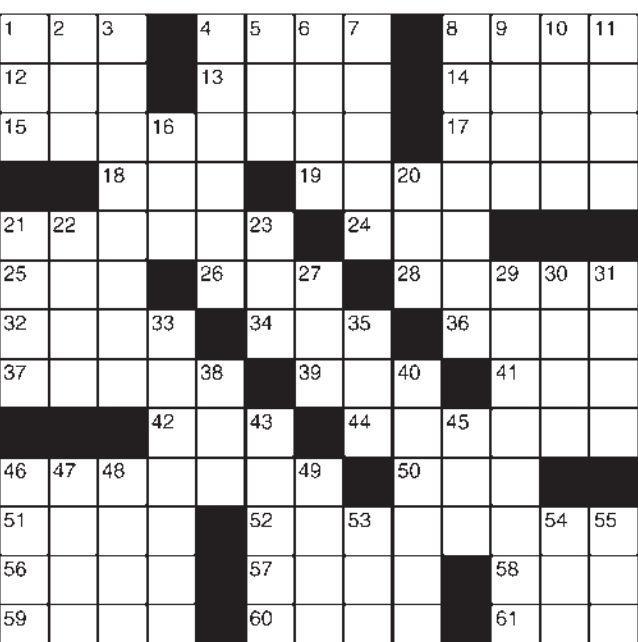
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F = O

Dear Maddy,

I know it is customary to tip while dining out but what other occurrences in daily life constitute a tip?

Curious in Madison County

Dear Curious,

Unless you live a life of coat checking and valet parking the opportunities for tipping will be pretty condensed. A tip is typically given to a person or company that provides you with a service. The tip is generally determined by the level of service given: anywhere from 10-20% or more. There is no rule across the board that states a tip needs to be a certain percentage but try and tip fairly. If your waiter provides lousy service at dinner then your tip should reflect that. After all, you wouldn't want them to think they did a wonderful job and

to keep up the cruddy service, right? On the other hand, if they went out of their way to make your evening out an enjoyable experience, then thank them for that. There are certain industries that rely heavily on tips to survive (front of the line positions) and then there are those that consider a tip to be more like a bonus, saying "You did a great job!" Services like the mechanic or newspaper delivery don't expect tips all the time but to say thank you at the end of the year with a little something extra is always a nice gesture. Again, living where we do does not offer a ton of tipping opportunities but take care of the people who take care of you!

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have known.

This program is sponsored by a National Endowment for the Arts "Big Read" grant, in partnership with Arts Midwest and the Montana Historical Society, pairing Willa Cather's My Antonia with Girl from the Gulches: The Story of Mary Ronan edited by Ellen Baumler. The grant distributes books and supports visiting scholars and public programs at eight rural Montana high schools.

Twin Bridges Public Library presents local artists

From Kathryn Nielsen
TWIN BRIDGES LIBRARY

The Friends of the Twin Bridges Public Library on display on Debra's Art Wall, proudly present during the month of January, paintings by the Twin Bridges 4th grade art class:

Axton Anderson, Shawn Head, Hadley Johnson, Delilah Puckett, Raychel Rhyner, Ruby Rossiter, Hunter Sager, Kyie Salerno, Gracie Sams, Carl Shaw and Bailey Stockett.

Their art is really quite impressive. Please stop in and check it out.

Students of the Month

From Sheridan Schools

Sheridan Schools is very pleased to announce the Students of the Month.

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preciate all you do for Sheridan Schools!

December 2012: K - Daniel Dietrich; 1st grade - Kialar Madison; 2nd grade - Claira Haag; 3rd - Caitlyn Galiger; 4th grade - Desaray Tipton; 5th grade - Michael McCormack; 6th grade - Moxon Lee; 7th grade - Destiny Fabel; 8th grade - Sydney Parr; 9th grade - Ashton Russell; 10th grade - Caleb Bowey; 11th grade - Cody Boucher; 12th grade - Chase Grover.

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MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday	Sunny. Highs 25 to 30. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.
Friday	Partly cloudy. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 10 to 20.
Saturday	Partly cloudy. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 10 to 20.
Sunday	Partly cloudy. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 10 to 20.
Monday	Partly cloudy. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 10 to 20.

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SECTION B

Thursday, January 17, 2013

Connecting to Community & Customers



Sarah Calhoun gives a presentation on her product, Red Ants Pants, to a group of budding entrepreneurs in West Yellowstone.



Photos by Allison Clark

Red Ants Pants founder inspires female business owners

By Allison Clark
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Over seventy women and a few men converged in West Yellowstone's lounge at Madison Crossing for Sarah Calhoun's presentation last Saturday.

Stories of women around the world that have been inspired by her product and stories of Calhoun's journey of how she got where she is today kept her audience captivated. Her sense of humor and down to earth qualities only added to the positive atmosphere at the luncheon.

The West Yellowstone Foundation invited Calhoun to speak to a group of entrepreneurs and business women about what inspired her to create a company in rural Montana, not only to serve women's needs, but to serve and work in a small community like White

Sulphur Springs, where the Red Ants Pants store resides.

Her company, Red Ants Pants, is work wear designed specifically for women. The store opened in 2006 on Main Street in White Sulphur Springs where Calhoun has her office as well as RAP products for sale.

She proudly runs her business on three points: integrity, keeping production on American soil and connecting personally with all of her customers. Having set up shop in rural Montana and not selling her pants out wholesale, she is able to keep a personal connection with the women (and men) that wear her clothes as well as keep all of her production within the country's borders.

Having grown up on a family farm in a small town in Connecticut, earning her degree in Environmental Studies and spending five years working outdoor jobs,

Calhoun understands the challenges that working women have to be able to complete their jobs successfully wearing ill-fitting clothes.

"Ever since the gold rush, women have been wearing men's pants when they need to get serious work done," says Calhoun. Armed with the information that there were other women in the same situation as her, Red Ants Pants was formed.

When asked why she chose Montana, Calhoun remarks that she had never been to Montana, "but liked the idea of it. There's something about the wildness of it, and you can still be somewhat of a pioneer out here. It's authentic and it's real."

At 33, Calhoun has been honored by the Montana Ambassadors as Entrepreneur of the Year for 2011 and last May, the U.S. Small Business

Administration named her as its National Women in Business champion. And still, she takes the time to speak to women entrepreneurs and inspire them to set and reach for their goals.

A piece of advice she gives these days is to "have a really honest conversation with yourself about where you want to be personally in your life, both location and with relationships and communities."

This philosophy combined with her passion for small towns is what ultimately drew her to rural Montana.

"I think there's something really neat that happens in a small community where everyone is accountable for their actions. It has to happen in places like West Yellowstone and White Sulphur Springs," says Calhoun. "You know who can tow you out. You know who has the piece of

equipment you need. People aren't going to let their neighbors get sick or hungry or go without the medical care they need, because they are your neighbors and you know them. We are forced to be more communal, and I think that's an important part of humanity."

Knowing her resources as far as skills and connections within her community are what help her run a successful business.

Calhoun has taken many risks up until now to make her niche business a success. From designing a bucking ant that resembles a mechanical bull, to organizing a music festival that for the last two years that has brought names like Lyle Lovett, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Emmy Lou Harris and Taj Mahal to White Sulphur Springs, no project seems too big or small for her.

"It's easy for me to think outside of the box because

I haven't been trained traditionally at all," says Calhoun. "I don't even know what the box is to think inside of it."

The Red Ants Pants Music Festival will see its third year this summer, with proceeds going to the Red Ants Pants Foundation. Calhoun began the Foundation to support women's leadership, to preserve and support working family farms and ranches and to enrich rural communities. Over 6,000 fans showed up the first year of the Festival.

Calhoun maintains that her skill to connect with her community and her customers is what makes Red Ants Pants and the Foundation so successful. The testimonials from women around the world that not only wear her product, but hold the same values that her product represents are living proof of that.

Tax season is coming

By Kate Schwend
FOR THE MADISONIAN

You knew it was coming: tax season is just around the corner, and despite the Fiscal Cliff issues and new tax legislation passed on New Year's, the IRS has announced that it will begin accepting the majority of tax forms on Jan. 30.

Federal 1040 forms, which are used by the majority of households, will be ready to file electronically or by mail on Jan. 30. However, there are a few more complicated forms affected by the new tax legislation that won't be ready for processing until late February. These forms include Form 5965 for residential energy credits, Form 4562 for Depreciation and Amortization, and Form 3800 for general business credit. A specific date for when these forms are ready will be announced on the IRS website, www.irs.gov.

Meanwhile, you can get a head start on your Montana taxes, which will be ready for filing electronically on Jan. 22. Paper forms can be picked up after Jan. 14 at libraries, post offices, county offices, and some banks. However, forms submitted by mail won't be processed until Feb. 4.

Both offices recommend filing electronically, as electronic forms are much easier for them to process and therefore can be handled much sooner, which means that you'll get your return much sooner. There's no IRS website for e-filing federal forms, but most major accounting firms, such as H&R Block and TurboTax, offer free federal tax filing on their websites. These websites are easy to sign up for and use, and can automatically fill in a lot of your information, plus they often double check to make sure you're getting all the deductions you deserve. They also can file your state return without making you re-enter your information, but this service is often for a fee. However, free e-filing of simple Montana forms can be done at www.revenue.mt.gov by clicking on Taxpayer Access Point.

By combining e-filing with Direct Deposit information, tax returns are usually processed and deposited in your bank account within 10 days, which can make tax season seem as short as Christmas break.



December update from TRMCC

By Roseann Troyer
TRMCC

We began our dazzling December with the festooning of green and red paper chains, green garland and twinkling Christmas trees.

Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center was ablaze with lights; the fuzzy stockings were hung above the fireplace and wreaths welcomed everyone into our cozy abode.

Dec. 4 found staff and residents at the Resident Council meeting chatting about Christmas and what they hoped to receive for being so good.

On Dec. 7, several residents were frosting and decorating sugar cookies for sons and daughters. It was a fun undertaking and everyone had cookies ready to go by 3:30 p.m.

Manicures and Christmas cards were the focus of the next week. The activities department helped our residents sign and mail Christmas cards to loved ones.

Excitement mounted as Dec. 15 arrived – the day of our resident Christmas party! We put our best hand forward; every resident had received a manicure. Makeup was applied, hair curled and good clothes were worn for the colorful, noisy party.

The buffet was loaded with all varieties of delicacies: meat, cheese, fresh salads, decadent chocolate confections and fruity

punch. A special unexpected treat was a Christmas carol sung by Cory Tucker, the grandson of one of our residents. Our very spiffy Santa arrived and distributed the gaily-wrapped gifts. During the party the TRMCC Auxiliary held their big Christmas raffle and there were several happy winners. Folks donated everything from 50 pounds of spuds to chocolate pizza! The afternoon went by much too fast. Everyone said it was the best ever party!

The next event was a very musical visit from both the Twin Bridges and Sheridan High School choirs. The students sang from a book of traditional carols. It was the ideal setting; the choir singing in front of the hearth while our residents listened and clapped with approval.

The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb came to entertain everyone the afternoon of Dec. 21. The band was attired in Christmas Santa hats as they played traditional western and religious Christmas carols. The dining room floor was cleared and a lot of people had fun dancing with or without their wheel chairs! The festivities lasted 'til after 4 p.m., then it was time to turn the dance floor back into a dining room. It was a very memorable event – thank you Ruby Valley Boys and Barb!

New Year's Eve was celebrated with a Happy Hour, complete with having some bubbly, a cold beverage and some tasty treats.

Now we jump into January 2013! Happy New Year!



TRMCC resident, Jessie Simonsen, decorating Christmas cookies for her family. Millie Olson and Willa Lipsy work on their cookies in the background.

SHERIDAN VS. TWIN BRIDGES



Twin Bridges sophomore Julia Cox (2) defends against a pass from Lady Panther Jonnie Lee Saturday night. The Lady Falcons beat the Lady Panthers 60-39.



Twin Bridges senior Jesse Pferth drives to the basket for a layup Saturday night against Sheridan.

Twin Bridges basketball claims solid wins over Sheridan

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The Twin Bridges varsity basketball programs put on an impressive display of dominance at home on Saturday night, beating the Sheridan Panthers soundly as they looked to carry their momentum into the second half of their respective seasons.

Hannah Konen, the lone senior on the Twin Bridges Lady Falcon's roster, led her team in scoring with 15 points on the way to 60-39 win over the Lady Panthers in the 5:30 p.m. game. Feeling

the pressure of having more experience than her teammates Konen naturally assumed the leadership role having played varsity as an underclassman, and she credited the Lady Panthers defense for putting up a good fight.

"They did a really good job breaking our zone, so we definitely had to stop that and go back into man," Konen said of the Lady Falcon's defensive strategy.

Konen said that defense was the key to success for Twin Bridges, and added that it's also an area where her team can improve.

"Its always defense for us," she said. "Forcing

turnovers and getting lay ups, that's what we mostly always concentrate on every game."

While it felt good to get the win against local rival Sheridan, Konen did not dwell on it for long as she looked forward to the remainder of the Lady Falcons basketball season.

"We're just going to have to concentrate on getting better. We've improved so much already, but our man to man defense has to get better," she said. "I think if we can win next week against Gardiner and Harrison, that's really going to give us some momentum and push us through tournaments."

During the 7 p.m. boys' game, the Twin Bridges Falcons took an early lead against a young Sheridan Panthers squad and never looked back. The Falcons took advantage of their speed and used it to run away to a 73-19 victory, with senior Cole Miotke leading the team with a game high points. Afterwards, Miotke credited the teams agility and quickness during transition play with the win.

"We're a fast team, we don't have much size so we like to get out on the break

a lot," he said. "I don't think anybody can play with us when we run the ball."

Falcons head coach Brad Elser said the team struggled to come back focused after Christmas vacation, and Saturday was a big test to see what they would do the rest of the season.

"After getting snowed in and games cancelled and school cancelled, it's one of those ones where you come in to coach a little scared of what's going to happen," Elser said. "We didn't show up last week and we really struggled, so it was one of those gut check times for our seniors."

BASKETBALL

ROUNDUP

<p>GIRLS</p> <p>JANUARY 10</p> <p>Harrison / Willow Creek 30, Shields Valley 41</p> <p>White, B. 5 pts. White, K. 9 pts. Cooper 7 pts. Nesbit 9 pts.</p> <p>JANUARY 12</p> <p>Ennis 28, Gardiner 57</p> <p>Harrison / Willow Creek 36, Manhattan Christian 25</p> <p>White, B. 5 pts. White, K. 4 pts. Cooper 9 pts. Nesbit, J. 14 pts. Nesbit, A. 4 pts.</p> <p>Sheridan 39, Twin Bridges 60</p> <p>Lee 2 asst., 1 stl. Degel 7 pts., 3 reb., 3 stl., 1 blk.</p>	<p>Zetler 1 reb. Lueck 12 pts., 4 reb., 1 stl. Evans 8 pts., 10 reb., 2 stl. Shields 4 pts., 4 reb., 1 stl. Woirhaye 1 stl. Schwend 8 pts., 2 asst., 7 reb., 2 stl. Cox 9 pts. Phillips 9 pts. George 2 pts. Konen 15 pts. Ashcraft 14 pts. Wetzel 2 pts. Williams 4 pts. Martin 2 pts. Griebenow 5 pts.</p> <p>BOYS</p> <p>JANUARY 10</p> <p>Harrison / Willow Creek 51, Shields Valley 56</p> <p>JANUARY 12</p> <p>Ennis 79, Gardiner 60</p> <p>Goodman 13 pts., 4 asst., 4 reb., 1 stl. McKittrick, W. 1 pt., 1 asst., 2 reb., 6 stl. Bullock 26 pts., 1</p>	<p>asst., 6 reb. Ott 2 pts., 3 asst., 2 reb., 1 stl. Sullivan 27 pts., 3 asst., 9 reb., 3 stl. Croy 2 pts., 1 asst., 6 pts., 1 asst., 3 reb. Clark 2 pts., 4 reb. Leo 1 reb.</p> <p>Sheridan 19, Twin Bridges 73</p> <p>Marsh 5 pts. Wood 1 pt. Kenworthy 6 pts. Fabricius 2 pts. Browne 5 pts.</p> <p>Konen 2 pts. Pferth, J. 1 pt. Myers 3 pts. Miotke 26 pts. Cox 17 pts. Guillot 2 pts. Orrin 8 pts. Pferth, M. 6 pts. Johnson 3 pts. Hirst 5 pts.</p>
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TRANSPORTATION



Photo by Regan Goettle

ECCS took an imaginary trip to all of the places in our dreams as we rode out to the Madison Valley airport, where Troy of Chase Aviation took the time to show us around and answer any questions about airplanes. Thank you so much for showing our kids a good time by letting them sit in the aircraft and pretend to be pilots going wherever their imagination took them. Places such as California and Kalispell were on the list. This experience sparked conversations of times where family and friends have visited using this means of transportation, which is the theme for January. We will continue to learn more about transportation and its importance in our lives as we move through these cold days of January. See you out there in the wild blue yonder!

COLUMNS

Sustainably Sadie

Sarah Miller,
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Winter Walk

As the thermometer returns to the positive side of zero, I think we will all be a little anxious to get outside for some fresh air and sunshine. I recommend one of my favorite places for a walk...the walking path around the Fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. I am so grateful for the paved path that follows the Beaverhead River, sneaks under Highway 41 and then parallels the back entrance to the Madison County Fairgrounds.

On a much needed (and doctor ordered) outdoor

highway.

The paved path is perfect for the young ones' first bike ride, a brisk walk with the stroller or for an even braver endeavor—breaking out the roller blades. The path passes by two playgrounds, the baseball field, 4-H livestock barns, and a small pond complete with fairytale-esque bridge. The gazebo back by the baseball fields and blue playground equipment is a sweet place for a picnic.

Right now, the field at

excursion with my boys last week, I got to see three mink while walking on the path. Two were playing and soaking up sun rays on an island of ice just downstream from the rest area and the third was gathering moss for its home near the tunnel that runs under the

Jessen Park has been flooded and the ice is nice—perfect for a family skate day. The area across the river from Twin Bridges offers a plethora of healthy, outdoor activity. During warmer weather, many fisherman and river enthusiasts take off from the boat launch. And how much fun in the summertime to hop in inner tubes at the south end of path, float down the Beaverhead, get out at the boat ramp, run up the path and playfully float downriver again.

Our wide-open spaces offer many opportunities to get out and enjoy Mother Nature and fresh air. The path is nice in that it gets us Twin Bridges citizens away from the constant semi-truck traffic that rumbles through town. I'm one all for a good dirt road walk but it is nice to be walking or biking with the kids and to not have to worry about motorized traffic. It is a lot easier to use a scooter on the paved path as opposed to dusty

back roads.

You may, however, encounter an abundance of foot traffic: residents and travelers stretching their legs and walking their dogs. Enjoy a smile from a local and patronize one of the awesome local businesses. It is a great resource that we are blessed to have in our small town.

What are your favorite winter activities? How do you stay sane during the long winter months? Share your sustainable secrets to avoiding the winter doldrums at www.sustainablysadie.blogspot.com or email sustainablysadie@hotmail.com. Thanks for reading and sharing your suggestions.

Twin Bits

The next TBCA meeting will be Friday, Jan. 18 at The Old Hotel in TB, 8:30 a.m.

From TBS calendar:

Thurs. Jan. 17: JrHi BBB at Townsend, 4 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 18: FFA attending

KMON contests at Cascade/ Great Falls; Wrestling Class A Duals at Belgrade; BB w/ Harrison at Home BGBG, 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 BGBG, 2:30 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 22: BB at Butte "C" squads, B-5 p.m.; G-7 p.m.; JrHi Boys BB w/ Cardwell at Home, MP gym, 4 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 23: Big Read Presentation, MP gym; Big Hole Ditch Assoc. Mtg (Dick Marshall) at MT Room, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 24: Wrestling Meet at Butte High, 6 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 25: BB at WSS, GBGB, 2:30 p.m.

Sat.

Jan. 26: JrHi BBB at Harrison

Tourney; BB w/ West Yellowstone at Home, BGBG; Little Dribblers (girls) play at half-time of the varsity games.

Tues. Jan. 29: JrHi BBB w/ Ennis at Home, 4 p.m.; District FFA at Clyde Park, 5 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 30: Elementary Science Fair at MP gym.

Thurs. Jan. 31: JrHi BBB at Three Forks Tourney; Elementary Science Fair Awards, MP Gym, 8:20 a.m.

Fri. Feb. 1: BB at Manhattan Christian, GBGB, 4 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 2: JrHi BBB at Three Forks Tourney; Wrestling Divisional Tourney at Dillon; BB w/ Ennis at Home, BGBG, 2:30 p.m.; FFA Alumni Silent Dessert Auction, Gym Lobby, 3 p.m.; Little Dribblers (boys) play at half-time of varsity games.



HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Living the Dream

Some reminiscences of a prized fantasy

As a young man, I often wished I had lived during the time of the mountain men. True, it was an era of uncommon danger and short lifespans. It was also a rare period in history when a man could live free as a rogue wind. The concept of such unbridled freedom captivated me.

Over time, my frequent surrenders to fantasy became more loco. Things got so bad that, one day, I caught myself imagining the following list of famous mountain men: Jim Bridger, Jedediah Smith, Jim Colter, Liver-eating Johnson...Art Kehler.

Even to the hearing impaired, it was painfully evident my pilgrim-like name sounded as out of character as a chipmunk's chirp amidst howling wolves. Consequently, I decided to adopt a more authentic-sounding, mountain man moniker.

Initially, I considered preceding my name with a regional association, such as, Absaroka Art or Kootenay Kehler. Unsatisfied, I contemplated such fearsome labels as Cutthroat Kehler and Kidney-eating Kehler. Still, sadly, neither my first nor last name possessed a "frontier Americana" ring.

Then, out of the blue, I remembered that mountain men often wore some of the same clothing as Native Americans. Additionally, I knew those free-trappers waded extensively in beaver ponds. Logic held that such prolonged wearing of wet apparel would lead to fungal growth. Accordingly, I settled on the historically-credible alias, Moldy Moccasin.

Unflattering but true, mountain men were also renowned for concocting outrageous lies, concerning their wilderness exploits. Therefore, to further imitate my heroes, I scripted the following personal, mountain yarn:

"While in swaddling, abandoned in a thirty-below Whereupon, I by a lone she-fetched up on of Wolverine at the tender I bit the butt out great-great-the griz that bit Jim Bridger!"

As I saw storied liars of have required firewater to soul-stirring tale of wilderness survival. Thus, with that shameless fabrication, a symbolic link was created between this modern-day,



Art Kehler

still a babe I was snowdrift on zero day. was adopted wolf and the banks Creek. And, age of twelve, of the great-grandson of the butt out of

it, even the yore would considerable top my

wanna-be mountain man and the genuine article.

Further living the dream, I read a book on game tracking. Then, one summer day, I retreated to the mountains behind Norris to practice my newfound skills. Time seemed irrelevant as a set of meandering elk tracks led me over hill and dale and through deep woods. Eventually, I spied the spike bull, bedded in the timber. With my chest bulged with pride, I turned for home and discovered...I was lost!

Keenly aware that, if word of this awkward dilemma spread, my frontiersman's reputation would suffer a heap of mockery, I grimly sought to establish direction. Craftily, I noted on which side of the trees moss grew. With a skillful eye, I calculated shadow angles. While walking, I adeptly sniffed the air for the scent of discarded, trailside, firewater bottles and baccy tins - to no avail. Finally, as hallucinations of pepperoni-pemmican rendezvoused in my mind, I heard the putter of an off-road vehicle. Reassuring myself it was really the moss that steered me to the trail, I lit out for the flatlands.

Many moons have passed since that day. Now, with his pseudo-mountain man days long past, Moldy Moccasin is content to sit by the fireplace and dream about living the dream. As for Art Kehler, he still puts words to such dreams.

Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories and poetry, have been published in regional newspapers and literary magazines.

CommodityInsite.com

By Jerry Welch for THE MADISONIAN

COMMODITY PRICES ARE A FUNCTION OF GLOBAL GROWTH

In their first publication for 2013, 'Money Observer' stated, "It might seem churlish to complain about the mediocre returns delivered by commodities in 2012 given the consistently strong performance of this asset class over the past decade. Still, this is not what we were told to expect by bulls who sold investors the idea of the commodities 'super cycle.' They promised us it would last a great deal longer."

The head of commodity research for Citigroup voiced similar concerns. "It is now clear that the commodity super cycle is

over. No longer will a pure long-only strategy bring the returns expected in 2002 to 2008. Nor will conditions approximating those of the last decade return any time soon."

Bloomberg News, rubbing salt in the wound pointed out that, "The Standard & Poor's Index of 24 raw materials, which has increased almost fourfold since 2001, is up less than one percent this year as growth slowed in economies including China, the world's biggest consumer of cotton, soybeans and copper. In week ended Nov. 13, money managers lowered bets on a

commodity rally for a sixth straight week, the longest slump since the depths of the global recession four years ago, Commodity Futures Trading Commission data show."

No doubt, commodities did poorly in 2012, experiencing a decline for the first time in four years. The CRB Index, however, began leaking when it hit an all time high in April, 2011 at 691. In 2012, it peaked in February at 605, fell to 502 in June, rallied a few months but traded down to 551 in late December. And from the high set in 2011 to the low set in 2012, the Index slipped more than 27 percent.

During 2012, despite historic high prices for markets such as soybeans and corn, the year was highlighted by massive liquidation of long positions by the infamous funds. They began a liquidation phase in earnest during the summer and across the board, commodity prices took a beating into the final

weeks of the year. It was long liquidation that caused the CRB Index to post a yearly loss.

On the bright side, according to the most up-to-date Commodity Futures Trading Commission data, hedge funds and other money managers have recently increased their bullish bets for the first time since November because economic indicators show accelerating growth in the U.S. and China for the fourth consecutive month. Thus, the funds that play commodities only on the long side of the ledger as well as those that play both sides have suddenly acquired a more positive outlook for commodities.

A senior investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management in Seattle said, "In 2012, we had a lot of liquidating by hedge funds, but there's an incentive to reverse that because of growth in emerging markets and especially China. It's going to be a good year for commodities." And I cannot

disagree as I said the same thing in my December column in this very newspaper.

Also from Money Observer: "By contrast, the most interesting commodity play of all in 2013 could be 'softs' - foodstuffs. It is not just that global population growth is a powerful driver of demand, but also that the middle classes are swelling in numbers in places such as China and Africa, boosting demand for protein from cattle (and the feed they consume). Moreover, while soft commodities have generally not benefited from the super cycle in such dramatic style, prices have corrected this year."

My up-beat outlook for the commodity markets depends on renewed economic growth on a global scale as the United States and China should lead the world economies out of the doldrums. Supporting my viewpoint is the head of commodities research at

Credit Suisse stating, "Changes in broad measures of commodity prices are almost always and everywhere a function of global growth."

As long as the economies of the U.S. and China continue to improve as they have been doing, increased demand should underpin commodity values, keeping prices at historically high plateaus. After all, commodity values, "are almost always... a function of global growth." It will be no different in the new year.

If there is a difference ahead, it rests with individual commodities in short supply making them vulnerable to upward price spikes should demand be larger than expected. As the U.S. and Chinese economies forge ahead, 2013 will be a good one for commodities. It will be especially exciting for those markets in short supply.

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRELINE

With temperatures dripping down to sub-zero last week, many home utility systems were stressed to their limits and beyond, to the point of failure.

The Madison Valley Rural Fire Department responded to two calls for service last week. The theme for the week seemed to be gas odors.

On Jan. 10, at 1:28 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to the report of a gas odor on Haypress Lake Trail. The MVRFD responded a Rescue with four firefighters to the incident. Two additional firefighters responded in a private vehicle. It was determined that the odor was due to sewage system problems.

The MVRFD was dispatched to the report of a propane leak on West Fagin St. at 10:43 a.m. on Jan. 12. The MVRFD responded an Engine and a Command with six firefighters to the incident. One additional firefighter stood-by at Station 1 with further resources. Firefighters used a four gas monitor to check for high levels of explosive gas. No dangerous levels of gas were detected. The

cause may have been due to a faulty furnace. The incident was referred to Northern Energy who responded to the incident.

Here are a few reminders from the MVRFD on winter safety. As the weather turns colder, it's necessary to take a few extra precautions to protect your home and family. Use these tips to stay safe all winter long.

Home Heating

- Have heating equipment, including furnaces, fireplaces and coal or wood stoves checked annually and cleaned as recommended.

- Use a sturdy fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.

- Install a spark arrester on top of your chimney to keep sparks from starting a fire on your roof or outside your home.

- Burn only well-seasoned wood in a fireplace or wood stove. Use paper or kindling to start the fire — not flammable liquids. And don't use artificial logs in wood stoves.

- Use space heaters with care. Place them on a firm, sturdy,

noncombustible surface—at least three feet from flammable objects such as wallpaper, draperies and paper.

- Always turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to sleep.

- Place portable generators outside your house, and away from windows, doors or vents. Also keep clear from trees or leaves.

- Never use a stovetop or oven to heat your home.

If you have any questions or concerns, Madison Valley Rural Fire Chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Remember, you can get up-to-date emergency information at the Madison County Montana Emergency Information web site, at <http://madison.homestead.com/>. Please visit our home page at www.mvrfd.org/. Remember to sign our guest book and let us know what you think.



The REAL ESTATE CORNER

The Madison Valley – 2012 in Review (part I)

Melinda Merrill
PRUDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Education and information allows you to make good choices that fit your life. As I look at 2012 market stats I could capsule it in one word "stabilized."

There were 51 home sales in 2012 with an average in-town house (16) selling for \$150,000+/. Out of town homes (35 sales) sold for an average of \$290,000. The number of sales has increased 30 percent and prices are stable when looking at a three-year average. Bare land sales are only up three percent in the number of sales (29 in 2012) and your local real estate agent can give you specific information as to your area of interest.

While I find these statistics very informative what I really wanted to see was how we have

done over the past 10 years. In 2002 the average in town house sold for \$96,261, therefore we have increased 59 percent in a 10-year period. Out of town home sales in 2002 averaged \$183,800, therefore we have increased 53 percent in a 10-year period. Bare land statistics are much harder to track due to lack of number of sales for the average but a sneak peek still shows me that Shining Mountains Unit I is up 78 percent, Virginia City Ranches up 472 percent, Troutdale up 246 percent, and the Valley Garden Golf Course lots are up 48 percent - all in comparison to 2002.

So, what does this mean for you? Real estate is still one of the best investments going! Owning a home, versus renting, currently gives you a tax advantage along with your investment. Owning bare

land is almost like having a savings account that is earning 4 to 47 percent per year. Being

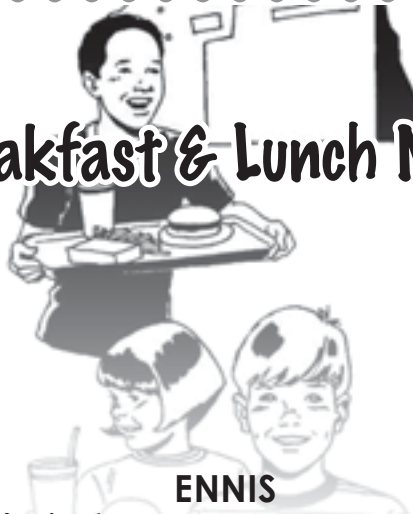


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educated and informed gives you the opportunity to make good quality decisions for your future. Contact your favorite local REALTOR today for more information!

***All figures have been compiled from present and past MLS activity and personal knowledge - please feel free to contact me for exact information and data structure.*

Breakfast & Lunch Menu



ENNIS

Lunch includes: fresh salad/fruit bar & milk
Thursday - January 17

Breakfast - Ham & cheese omelette
 Lunch - Chicken & rice soup, cheese breadstick
Friday - January 18

Breakfast - Pancakes & sausage
 Lunch - Hamburger & smiley potatoes
Monday - January 21

Breakfast - Breakfast hot pocket
 Lunch - Nachos
Tuesday - January 22

Breakfast - French toast & ham
 Lunch - Chicken fried steak & mashed potatoes
Wednesday - January 23

Breakfast - Biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns
 Lunch - Lasagna

HARRISON

Thursday - January 17

Breakfast - Hot or cold cereal
 Lunch - Cheeseburger soup, veggies
Friday - January 18

Breakfast - Muffins
 Lunch - Chicken enchiladas, veggies
Monday - January 21

Breakfast - Sausage, egg sandwich
 Lunch - Pizza, veggies
Tuesday - January 22

Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, yogurt
 Lunch - Tacos, fruit
Wednesday - January 23

Breakfast - Hot or cold cereal
 Lunch - French dips, fries

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 17

Breakfast - Cereal bar, sausage link
 Lunch - Chicken pattie, bun, smashed potatoes
Friday - January 18

NO SCHOOL

Monday - January 21

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, bacon
 Lunch - Spaghetti, spinach & romaine salad
Tuesday - January 22

Breakfast - Whole wheat pancake
 Lunch - Bean burrito, green leaf lettuce
Wednesday - January 23

Breakfast - Hot or cold cereal
 Lunch - Sloppy joe on a bun, baked beans

TWIN BRIDGES

All breakfast menus include: toast, fruit, milk, juice
 All lunch menus include: salad bar, fruit, cold milk

Thursday - January 17

Breakfast - Choice of cereal, oatmeal
 Lunch - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes
Friday - January 18

Breakfast - Egg muffins, sausage or ham
 Lunch - Hot ham & cheese sandwich
Monday - January 21

Breakfast - Breakfast pizza
 Lunch - Spaghetti, garlic toast
Tuesday - January 22

Breakfast - Choice of cereal, jo-jos
 Lunch - Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese
Wednesday - January 23

Breakfast - French toast
 Lunch - Roast pork, mashed potatoes

Ennis Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, January 16 - Breaded baked pollack fish fillets, rice, spinach, cole slaw, bread, cake

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AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

Well we certainly did get snowed on and hit this last week! Thursday morning I left my home at 5:30 in the morning and it was quite nice. Clear sky in the 30s; I thought ole' weatherman blew it again. So, I left home with tennis shoes on. By the time I got to Silver Star it had already started to rain/snow, but still not that bad. By about 9:00, wow, did things change rapidly and it wasn't to the good. Hard to believe how much snow could fall in such a short amount of time.

I had a doctor's appointment for my grandson, Gus, at 1:15, and really did think about cancelling, but really wanted to get him his flu shot, so gathered him up and headed to Sheridan in horrible snow blowing, slick roads. Got to the doctor, and there was a message for me that school was letting out early at 2:00, I needed to be there to drive bus. Thank gosh it didn't take too long for Gus' appointment, and we headed back to Twin. Weather was worse than 30 minutes earlier, and visibility was really getting bad. Dropped Gus off, hurried to bus barn, to drive my route. It was like each minute it was getting worse and the wind blowing harder. I have to say in 26 years of driving school bus I have never had a worse route trip than Thursday getting those kids home safely. Visibility was like zero between Twin and Sheridan. You would slowly creep along and then there would be a car half on and half off the highway, but you couldn't see it until you were right at it. There just weren't any choices - drive and pray. Hope to gosh, that no one would run into the back of the bus. Guess it is the law that you aren't suppose to put praying and school together, well come arrest me, cause believe me

I was doing a lot of praying to get those kids home safely!

After got done with driving that afternoon, I thought I better head for home, to make sure it wasn't froze up in my house from those blowing winds. I drove across Twin Bridges to my office to get my dogs and stuff and just buried my car in a snowdrift right off the road. My son, Luke, was watching from his house and called me and said, "You are not driving home, you are staying at my house tonight." I was rather relieved, to say the truth, by then my tennis shoe fit feet were absolutely froze stiff. Luke picked me, and my two mutts, up and took us to his house. Sat back in his warm house, listened to the wind howling outside and watched Lonesome Dove on the TV. My oldest son, Davey, called and said he was just staying in Whitehall when he got off work that same day. He couldn't make it to my house with the drifts to stay, so he just stayed in a motel, because he had to be back at work at the mine by 6 the next morning. It kind of reminded me of some of the snowstorms the area used to have.

Byron Bayers was telling me about one big storm that came in like the one last week in, February of 1936. It was a north blizzard and the temperature dropped to around 50 below zero. The school couldn't even get the kids home; they had to stay at the school for three days, until they could safely get the kids home. Byron said people who got stuck in the storm trying to get to Waterloo and surrounding areas, stayed at his parent's house during that storm, until it broke. That storm was also when the mail airplane from Seattle to Salt Lake

City got lost in the storm. They got into big trouble and had to land at Twin Bridges. But not at the airport - right out on the county road that used to travel north to south, between Twin Bridges and the dump. They landed that mail plane with no windshield, so they could see; just imagine that and how cold it would have been. The pilot said he didn't even know what state he was in, when he landed that plane in the storm. Area town men went up and got the men from the plane and took them back to Twin Bridges until the storm passed days later. See things can always be worse!

I am still driving my truck; roads are still just terrible between Twin and Whitehall. My boys did get my car unstuck, but my engine compartment is full of snow though. Think I will stick to the 4-wheel drive, and I purchased the "Return of Lonesome Dove" today, for the next time I can't get home in a snowstorm.

So, what else have we learned this week? Make sure in

winter months your kids dress weather wise, shorts don't cut it; cars, trucks and buses can break down. On the other hand, you have different fingers. Politicians and diapers need to be changed regularly, usually for the same reason. A penny saved is a government oversight. The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment. The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends. The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Isn't it nice with gas prices down below \$3? Time to start adding up receipts for deductions on your taxes, that will be due sooner than we want. Did you ever notice, when you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs'?

"If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame."



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CERT awareness and training

By Melinda Tichenor

Citizen Corps Council is a national organization started after the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the United States. The purpose of the group is to help organize the many volunteers and volunteer groups to be able to be more effective in their efforts to help their communities in the event of a disaster. The national Citizen Corps Council is coordinated through the Department of Homeland Security.

The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through public education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

The four components of the Citizen Corps Council are Volunteers is Police Service (VIPS), Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), USA on Watch (formally Neighborhood Watch) and Medical Reserve Corps.

Madison County Citizen

Corps Council is a grass roots organization of volunteers who are willing to donate a small amount of time to help meet the goals of the Citizen Corps Council, public education, training, and volunteer service in their communities.

Madison County Citizen Corps Council is a sub committee of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).

A disaster will severely restrict or overwhelm our county's responders like the Quick Response Units, Ambulance, Sheriff Deputies, and the Search and Rescue Units. In a large emergency the EMS and law enforcement system in Madison County will not be able help everyone in the communities immediately.

Services such as communication, transportation, and utilities might be disrupted which would restrict the ability of our county units to respond to the affected areas. So for a short time, say three days, individuals, households, and neighborhoods will need to rely on their own resources for food, water, first aid and shelter. Community

Emergency Response Team training covers basic skills that are important to know in an emergency whether it is natural or manmade, keeping in mind at all time not to make yourself a victim.

The CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. The CERT course is taught in the community by a trained team of local first responders.

Be part of the Community Emergency Response Teams. There is a CERT training offered at Harrison Feb. 2, 9 and 10, at the Harrison Fire Hall or take part of the training on the Internet. This 20-hour course will consist of nine modules:

- Unit 1:** Disaster Preparedness
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- Unit 6:** CERT Organization
- Unit 7:** Disaster Psychology
- Unit 8:** Terrorism and CERT
- Unit 9:** Course Review and Disaster Simulation

CERT info: <http://www.citizen corps.gov/cert/>
CERT Training: <http://www.citizen corps.gov/cert/IS317/>
For more information please contact Melinda Tichenor 581-5716, madcoccc@3rivers.net.



MADISON COUNTY • HEALTH NEWS

Flu Season is here

From Christine Durham
RN BSN, M.C. Public Health Department

Confirmed cases of influenza are on the rise. Although in Madison County we've had several cases, some communities have been hard hit. What are the best ways to prevent influenza? First, of course, is to get a flu shot. Madison County Public Health still has doses of vaccine available, as do most of the health care providers in the county. If you haven't already had your flu shot, call today to schedule an appointment.

In addition to being properly immunized, there are other ways to protect yourself from the flu. Hand washing is one of the most basic ways to stay healthy. However, often we don't wash our hands thoroughly or properly. Many times people consider running

their hands under water with maybe a quick swipe of soap is adequate hand washing. Not so. To properly wash hands, one must use soap and scrub all surfaces of the hands. Be sure to include fingernails and between fingers. It really doesn't matter what kind of soap you use; the key is vigorous scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. How long is 20 seconds? Try singing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" or the "Happy Birthday Song" as you scrub your hands. That's about the 20

second minimum. Ok, now you've washed your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds. It's time to dry your hands. In a public rest room, some pre-wash preparation is necessary to keep from undoing all the work you've just done. Before you begin washing, make certain that you have a paper towel available without having to touch the towel dispenser after your hands are clean. Once you've washed your hands, use your pre-dispensed towel to turn off the water faucets. Use that same towel to dispense another clean towel to dry your hands and then to turn the doorknob on the restroom door.

Speaking of doorknobs, they are usually considered the dirtiest items in our homes. Wash your doorknobs frequently. Keeping a supply of sanitizer wipes

handy makes the job simple. And then, there's our desk surfaces, both at work and at home. When's the last time you cleaned your keyboard? How about your telephone handset? These are all simple, quick, and easy ways to minimize the possibility of getting the flu. Of course, trying to avoid people who are ill is important as well.

If, after all of this prevention activity, you still get the flu, take care of yourself and stay home. No one works effectively when they are ill, and no one wants to catch whatever disease you are carrying with you. There are treatments to shorten the course of influenza. Only your

health care provider can know if these medications will be helpful for you, so if you think

you may have the flu, contact your health care provider early.



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The Elling House announces first Winter Chautauqua

From The Elling House

The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center will host the first Winter Chautauqua in the intimate, historic Ball Room on Jan. 19.

The Virginia City Winter Chautauqua season will continue monthly with the final Chautauqua on April 20. The monthly event begins with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and performances starting at 7:30 p.m.

First popularized in the

19th and 20th centuries, the Chautauqua is hailed as a sharing of entertainment and intellectual knowledge – Teddy Roosevelt claimed it was “the most American thing in America.” Today the tradition continues with a variety of writers, musicians and special topic speakers taking center stage at the Elling House.

The Chautauqua is open to all seeking entertainment, intellectual or spiritual growth and local culture. Each participant performs one or two

songs or a five minute reading. Nightly performances highlight 10 reserved spots with two swing spots available for impromptu appearances. Those wishing to be on stage are encouraged to contact Toni James to make reservations at 406-843-5454, email: ranksmcerc@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.

Ennis artist to speak about new book at MV Public Library

From Lucy Ennis

Lexi Sundell, Ennis artist, has published a book in Sept. 2012.

It is Creating Exceptional Colors in Acrylics: how to make color choices that will take your painting to a new level. Both amateurs and professionals will value this idea-filled book for its innovated ways to produce canvases on unusual luminosity and dramatic contrasts. Sundell brings a welcome clarity to the many new choices of color and

paint varieties that have recently become available. She explains the specifics of new colors and shows ways to apply them that will put a stamp of individuality on each artist's painting. The Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library will present her with her new book on Jan. 19. The program will be at 11 a.m. in the Thexton Community Room. Sundell will have copies of her book for purchase and will be happy to autograph copies. It has been published by Barron's Educational Series for \$21.99.

Lexi Sundell is an internationally known acrylic artist and teacher who lives and works in Ennis. Her award-winning works appear in collections around the world - many of them exhibited in museums and at major art shows. Her paintings, which are known especially for the luminosity of their colors, often feature flowers from her extensive gardens. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about how she creates her wonderful art pieces.

Bear Creek School, topic for history association program

By Don Black
MADISON VALLEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Madison Valley History Association will present its first program of the new year with a featured historical talk and exhibit of the Bear Creek School.

Life long Madison Valley resident Mona Durham will give an accounting of the history of that school that she attended a few years back and some memories of local families then and now. Next

will be Karen Shores speaking about her own family's past and then proceed upstairs to share her insight of the First Madison Valley Bank History Wall – The Bear Creek School which is currently on display there.

As audience members go upstairs to see this exhibit, they will be able to ask questions of that wall display. Durham and Shores have been longtime members of the MVHA and we are glad to present these ladies in their talk of this one room Montana

school house.

If you or your family attended the Bear Creek School, please feel invited to come and enjoy a story or two. The meeting will conclude downstairs at 5:00 p.m. with the ticket drawing. Mary Oliver has made it possible for us to utilize both areas for this special event. Don Black will host the program on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 17, starting at 4 p.m. at the First Madison Valley Bank. The public is invited to attend this free meeting.

Madison Wranglers 4-H Club news

By Tyler Sciuchetti

Guess what? Our leader Stacy Croy was named Leader of the Year!

Our club represented really well this year. We received quite a few awards for outstanding projects!

The November meeting was held in the high school home economics room. Some of our officers gave reports. Our parliamentarian officer, Jamie Christensen, had the

group play a flash card game with key words to help us understand how parliamentary procedure works in a fun way.

Next our safety officer, Shelby Klein, showed us how to make a homemade first aid kit. She showed us what to pack in it, and where you should store it, such as your car, camper and home. Then our health officer, Kayla Coffman, talked about keeping germs away by washing your hands long enough to sing the

“Happy Birthday” song two times.

In December we had our club Christmas party at the Fish Bowl Lanes. It was so much fun! We had pizza and bowled. If we knocked down an orange pin we got prizes. What a great way to end the year!

Our next meeting is Jan. 21 in the school lunchroom at 6:30 p.m.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Submitted by Matt Hill
Quake Lake.

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. Aquatic Center meeting, Ennis

The Madison Valley Aquatic Center members will meet at 8:15 a.m. at First Madison Valley Bank. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

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.

Fair board meeting, Twin Bridges

There will be a Madison County Fair Board meeting at 6 p.m. at the Fair Office.

Sports schedule

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

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 Waggon 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

For full sports schedules go to: www.outpostevents.net

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.

Wilderness walk reservations due, Ennis

The Montana Wilderness Association is offering guided snowshoe walks across some of the state's most magnificent

backcountry. Meet at 9 a.m., at the Valley Bank parking lot at the west end of Main Street. RSVP to leader: Bob Bayley, 682-4102, bayley@3rivers.net. Our walk will commence at the Gallatin National Forest Cabin Creek Campground situated just below the dam at the outlet to Hebgen Lake. The complete 2013 Winter Wilderness Walks schedule can be downloaded at www.wildmontana.org. For more information on the Winter Wilderness Walks program, call the Montana Wilderness Assoc. office in Helena at 406-443-7350 or email mwa@wildmontana.org.

Bannack Association meeting/dinner, Dillon

At the Elk's Lodge, the annual Bannack Assoc. meeting and dinner will be held. The social hour will begin at 4:30, business meeting at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and is free for all association members. Come join the Bannack Assoc. for a fun evening and help support the preservation of Bannack State Park. Please RSVP, call the park at 834-3413.

Kids 'N' Snow, West Yellowstone

Don't miss a special weekend filled full of fun activities for kids (parents & grandparents, too). Practice snowshoeing with a ranger, make a s'more and ice skate, have fun on cross country ski's, meet a raptor and other special kids programs at Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center. Take a snow coach sampler into the Yellowstone Park over the snow. For more information and to pre-register please visit our

website: www.kidsnsnow.org

Karaoke, Ennis

Come to the Longbranch Saloon for "Terioke" karaoke with Sunrise Entertainment starting at 8 p.m.

Live music, Norris Hot Springs

Bozo Mojo's repertoire includes: 30s swing, Latin tangos, lively fiddle tunes, up-tempo/outlandish vocals, vintage jug band, and even Irish done a la swing! An eclectic mix, guaranteed to please. Music starts at 7 p.m. for more info go to: www.norrihotsprings.com

Sports schedule

For full sports schedules go to: www.outpostevents.net

SUNDAY Jan 20

Live music, Norris Hot Springs

It's always fun when the daddy of Thermal Grass comes back to the Norris stage! It doesn't get better than Tom Murphy on the mandolin! Music starts at 7 p.m. for more info go to: www.norrihotsprings.com

MONDAY Jan 21

Mad-Gals meeting reservations due, Ennis

Mad-Gals will be held at the

Kozy Korner Cafe in 4 Corners on Jan. 24. Members please call your reservations to Ethelyn at 682-4348 or Jackie at 682-5510 by noon.

TUESDAY Jan 22

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.

Senior meals, Twin Bridges

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

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.

Park District meeting, Ennis

The next Park District Scoping meeting will be at the Fire Hall at 7pm.

Commissioner's meeting, Virginia City

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on March 4, 2013, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:

Unit 6-B of Hill Condominium as shown and designated on those certain Basic Unit Floor Plans and Site Map recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. TOGETHER WITH an undivided 0.6969 percentile interest in and to the Common Areas and Facilities as shown and designated in said Basic Unit Floor Plans and Site map being a portion of a tract of land located in SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, M.P.M., Madison County, Montana, which tract is more particularly described as EXHIBIT "A" in the Declaration of Hill Condominium recorded June 21, 1974 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 expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
Probate No. DP-29-12-32
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF IRENE E. GRADEN,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be mailed to ERB & SUENRAM, PLLC, Attorneys for the Co-Personal Representatives, P.O. Box 1366, Dillon, Montana 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

DATED this 27th day of November, 2012.
/s/ Sheryn A. Foster
Sheryn A. Foster
Co-Personal Representative
1409 Shenandoah Drive
Boise, ID 83712
/s/ Charene J. Emond
Charene J. Emond
Co-Personal Representative
700 9th Ave. SW
Great Falls, MT 59404
(Pub. Jan. 17, 24, 31, 2013) es

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Town of Virginia City will hold a public hearing to discuss water and sewer rate changes on January 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the Rehearsal Hall on W. Idaho Street. For more information or questions, please contact Nancy Stewart at the Virginia City Town Hall, 406-843-5321 or send written comments to P.O. Box 35, Virginia City, MT 59755.
(Pub. Jan. 17, 2013) vc

PUBLIC NOTICE
The terms of two (2) trustees of Sheridan School District No. 5 will expire this year: two (2) from Sheridan. Trustees are elected for three years. Anyone qualified and interested in running for these positions may pick up a nominating petition in the elementary school office. The petitions must be turned into the elementary school office prior to 4:00 p.m. March 28, 2013, not less than forty (40) days before the election on May 7, 2013.
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(Pub. Jan. 17, 24, 31, 2013) ss

INVITATION TO BID
SHERIDAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud at 4:00 P.M., current Mountain Time, on Thursday, February 7, 2013, by the District Clerk, in the Elementary Cafeteria, Madison County School District No. 5, Sheridan Public School, 211 Madison Street, Sheridan, MT 59749 for;
Sheridan Public School
Exterior Siding
Sheridan, MT
After this time no bids will be received, and all timely bids will be opened and read aloud. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the public opening. All bids submitted or delivered after the stated time will not be opened.

Bids will be received for the work under one General Construction Contract, and shall be submitted on the form provided with the contract documents, copies of which may be secured at **Spectrum Group Architects, P.C., 3203 Third Avenue North, Suite 200, Billings, Montana 59101 or at Sheridan Public School, 211 Madison Street, Sheridan, MT 59749** upon receipt of the written "REQUEST FOR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS" and a deposit of One-hundred Dollars (\$100.00) as a guarantee of the safe return of the bid documents (including addenda) in good condition with Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) refundable. No refund will be made on documents returned later than ten (10) days after the Bid Date, or on documents received in unusable condition. The bid must be sealed in a manila envelope, be plainly marked "Sealed Bid for Sheridan Public School - Exterior Siding", and contain the name and address of the bidder.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security made in favor of Madison County School District No. 5, Sheridan Public Schools in the amount of 10% of the bid, in one of the permissible forms outlined in §§ 18-1-201 et seq., MCA, and the successful bidder will be required to furnish appropriate performance and payment bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract sum as outlined in §§ 18-2-201, et seq., MCA. The successful bidders will also be required to possess a Montana Public Contractor's Registration of the appropriate category prior to executing any contract, and all subcontractors will be required to possess a Registration number prior to starting any work on the project. In addition to these requirements, bidders are advised that the project is also subject to the following requirements, the nature of which are more fully addressed in the Contract Documents:

- MT Prevailing Wage Requirements
- MT Resident and Product Preferences

The successful bidder will be required to pay the State of Montana a sum equal to 1% of the gross receipts from the public contract during the income year for which the Contractors registration number is issued.

No bidder may withdraw its bid after the scheduled time for the receipt and opening of bids except as may be otherwise noted in

the Contract Documents. No bidder may withdraw his bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the bid opening. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and/or all responses, to waive any and/or all informalities or technicalities, and to act in the best interest of the School District.
Done by the order of the Board of Trustees Madison County School District No. 5, Sheridan Public School
211 Madison Street
Sheridan, MT 59749
Linda E. Walter
District Clerk
(Pub. Jan. 17, 24, 2013) ss

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Ruby Valley Hospital
A public meeting will be held to review the Ruby Valley Hospital's plan to file an application for Federal Assistance for the Ruby Valley Hospital's new hospital project with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Loan program. The public meeting will be held at 7:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center meeting room, 326 Madison Street, Sheridan, MT. If you have questions please contact John Semingson, Administrator at (406) 842-5453.
(Pub. Jan. 17, 24, 2013) rvh

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Madison County seeks proposals and statements of qualification for engineering services to design and provide construction oversight of a trail within the Mustang Trail System. Both the design and construction oversight will be provided by one firm. This section of trail, titled the Golf Course Connection, will connect the Madison Meadow Golf Course Area to the Ennis School Campus, and will be split into two construction phases. Experience with CTEP, Safe Routes to School, and RTP grants is mandatory. All proposals must be received by Madison County by February 4, 2013 by 1:00 pm MST. For more information on proposal requirements, contact Madison County Commissioners Office at (406)-843-4277 or P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755. Proposals will be opened by the Board of Commissioners on February 5, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
(Pub. Jan. 17, 24, 2013) mb

PUBLIC NOTICE
MADISON COUNTY AIRPORT - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Madison County is soliciting statements of qualifications and experience (SOQ) to be used in selecting a Principal Consultant to provide Airport Engineering and Planning Services for Madison County's Airports. Services are outlined in FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14D, including engineering or planning services for all phases and required incidental services for projects, which may be multiple-grant funded. The contract for consulting services is expected to be for a five-year period. The services to be provided may include, but are not limited to, the planning, design, construction inspection, coordination, and administration of all project stages for the following projects:

1. Pavement Construction, Rehabilitation, and Maintenance
2. Lighting, Signage, Navaid, and Electrical Improvements
3. Land Acquisition
4. Environmental Documentation
5. Complete Aeronautical Surveys
6. Airport Layout Plan (ALP) / Master Plan Update
7. Capital Improvement Planning (CIP)
8. Revenue Generation Facilities (Hangars, Fuel System)
9. Fencing, Gates, and Drainage Improvements
10. Acquire Snow Removal Equipment and Buildings

Written comments must be received by the end of the hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Madison County Commissioners at P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755, faxed to 406-843-5517, or e-mailed to madco@madison.mt.gov.
Copies of the document are available for review at: Madison County Commissioners Office and Madison County Planning Office; Madison County Courthouse; libraries in Virginia City, Twin Bridges, Sheridan and Ennis; Big Sky Owners Association; and Big Sky Fire Department.
(Pub. Jan. 17, 24, 2013) mcc

PUBLIC HEARING
MADISON COUNTY GROWTH POLICY 2012 UPDATE
The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 32-2012, a resolution of intention to adopt the Madison County Growth Policy 2012 Update. A public hearing will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, in the Courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Montana, before the Commissioners take final action.
Copies of the document are available for review at: Madison County Commissioners Office and Madison County Planning Office; Madison County Courthouse; libraries in Virginia City, Twin Bridges, Sheridan and Ennis; Big Sky Owners Association; and Big Sky Fire Department.
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FOR RENT: Quaint 2 bedroom, 1 bath country home in McAllister. NS/NP, \$650/mo. Call 682-3850. 4-tfc

FOR RENT: New 2 bedroom, 1 bath Duplex for rent in Ennis near school. Wood floors, tile bathroom, washer and dryer, energy efficient. Tenant responsible for all utilities except sewer and water which are included. No smoking or pets. Available Feb. 1. \$600 a month. Call Paul 581-7878 or Gary 581-3531. 11-tfc

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT: 1,300 sq. ft. (former First Madison Valley Bank drive-thru) 217 Williams, Ennis. \$550 per month. Call Bill Mercer at 406-581-5574. 6-e/o

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FOR RENT: East Hugel, Ennis: 2 bedroom mobile, W/D, furnished, you pay propane and power, \$400 per month, plus deposit. Phone 682-7345. 11-tfc

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath log cabin on 3 acres, heated garage, just outside of Ennis, \$750 per month. Call Christine at 600-6379. 11-tfc

FOR RENT: In Sheridan, walking distance to downtown, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, all major appliances, water & sewer included, \$475 per month. Call 670-6911. 11-tfc

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HELP WANTED

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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.

Documentary film, Ennis

The Madison Valley Public Library will present, "Heist: Who Stole the American Dream" a documentary film exposing the root of the economic crisis at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Sports schedule

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

**WEDNESDAY
Jan 23**

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.

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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.

Sheridan school presentation, Sheridan

"I Remember Alder Gulch", a performance by Historian Ellen Baumler, will take place at 7 p.m. in the high school library/media center. Interpretive historian Ellen Baumler portrays Mary Ronan, whose award winning reminiscence includes her childhood adventures in Virginia City.

Documentary film, Sheridan

The Sheridan Public Library will present, "Heist: Who Stole the American Dream" a documentary film exposing the root of the economic crisis at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

**THURSDAY
Jan 24**

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.

Cocktail night, Ennis

Willie's Distillery will feature a cocktail night from 5 - 8 p.m. Come taste the latest brew from Willie's at 312 E. Main St.

M.V. Medical Center meeting, Ennis

The annual meeting for Madison Valley Medical Center will be held at 7 p.m. in the lower level conference room at Madison Valley Medical Center. All community members are invited to come.

Sports schedule

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

**FRIDAY
Jan 25**

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.

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CHC Interim CEO

Butte native Jessica Hoff has been selected by the Butte Community Health Center's board of directors as the interim chief executive officer. She replaces longtime CEO Cindy Stergar who now is the health and human services adviser for Gov. Steve Bullock.

As interim director, Hoff will be responsible for the organization that includes primary medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services for more than 18,000 patients in Southwestern Montana and includes clinics in Butte, Sheridan and Dillon. The private nonprofit employs more than 150 people.

Hoff is a three-year veteran of the CHC and is a registered nurse who also holds a bachelor's degree from

Montana Tech. She and her husband, Jason, have three children, Abbi, Maddi, and Aaron.

Madison Square Athletic Club

It's not too late to get started on that New Year's resolution to get in shape. Madison Square Athletic Club has some great January specials just for you. During the month of January, two people get three months of membership for just \$200.

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Virginia City Creamery

Don't forget about the lunch menu at the Virginia City Creamery this winter. Open Monday through Friday

from 9-4p.m., they serve hot sandwiches, daily soups, espresso, cinnamon rolls and, of course, their famous ice cream. Call 843-5515 for more information.

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