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Chandler Hunt of Newport Beach, CA rides the rails.

Photo by Ben Coulter

Snowboarders slide rails, enjoy sandwiches at Moonlight Basin

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Dozens of contestants gathered at the Madison Village area at Moonlight Basin

on Saturday to participate in the Peanut Butter and Rail Jam presented by snowboard apparel company Volcom, risking health and happiness over an assortment of solid steel beams in hopes of impressing judges

with agility and individual style.

While the jam session format of 20-minute heats for each age division might have resembled an amateur circus,

the athletes calculated each and every move in order to advance to the next round. With three different features set up side by side, commonly referred to as rails or boxes, the riders pulled

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Body found in Beehive Basin identified

From Madison County Sheriff Department

VIRGINIA CITY—According to Madison County Sheriff Dave Schenk, the body found at Beehive Basin on Sunday, Jan. 20, by snowshoers has been identified as 47-year-old Chris Andrew Karantinos from Jefferson, South Dakota.

Snowshoers found Karantinos' body at approximately 9 a.m. and reported the incident to law enforcement. Karantinos was found near a trail frequently used by backcountry skiers and snowshoers. Big Sky Search and Rescue personnel and a helicopter assisted in removing Karantinos' body.

Sheriff Schenk stated that an autopsy was performed on Karantino and it was deter-

mined that Karantinos' death was self-inflicted.

"We have a lot of unanswered questions," says Sheriff Schenk. "While this incident does not appear to be suspicious, Gallatin County Big Sky Deputy Ted Quillen is investigating further into the details of the incident."

According to Gallatin County Deputy Coroner Ian Parker, Karantinos' body was turned over to Dokken Nelson Funeral Home in Bozeman and arrangements are being made to return him to South Dakota.

This has been a joint investigation between Gallatin and Madison Counties.

For further information contact Madison County Sheriff David Schenk at 406-843-5301.

Truck flips on MT Highway 287 near Norris

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Madison County authorities responded to a one-vehicle accident late Thursday afternoon south of Norris on MT Highway 287 when the driver of a full-size pickup truck lost control and went off the road.

The truck was travelling south toward Ennis when it hit a patch of ice and spun out on the straightaway before the climb up the Norris Hill, crossing the opposite lane of traffic. When Montana State Patrol Trooper Marcus Cook received the call from dispatch at 4:25 p.m. and arrived on the scene six minutes later, the truck was resting upside down in the ditch.

Cook explained that the four-wheel drive mechanism

in the GMC 2500 extended cab pickup truck was not engaged when the rear wheels of the truck spun out driving up a small incline in the roadway.

"The rear end of the vehicle slid out to the right, they entered the left ditch sideways and a-gured into the snow and it rolled over on to its top," said Cook.

The Montana State Patrol, Madison County Sheriff and personnel from the Harrison Volunteer Fire Department all responded to the scene, and the two adults and two dogs in the vehicle were not injured. Cook said the driver, who was from Phillipsburg, estimated he was travelling approximately 50 miles per hour at the time of the accident.

Sergeant Doug Young of the

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Commissioners approve special elections; discuss road improvements

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At their regular Tuesday meeting in Virginia City, the Madison County Commissioners reapproved two resolutions with corrections calling for special mail ballot elections in support of the Madison Valley Rural Fire District.

Resolution 5-2013 calls for an election on whether or

not the MVRFD should be allowed to increase its permanent maintenance mill levy by six mills. The increase in mills corresponds to the anticipated increased costs of maintaining fire protection, equipment and facilities in the district. The MVRFD estimates that the annual tax increase for a home valued at \$100,000 would be \$8.84, and for a home valued at \$200,000 the estimated tax increase would be \$17.67.

Resolution 6-2013 calls for an election on whether or not the MVRFD should incur a bonded indebtedness in a principal amount not to exceed \$985,000, payable over a term not to exceed ten years. The purpose is for the construction of a new fire station at Varney and the acquisition of refurbished apparatus for that station, as well as a new fire engine / rescue com-

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Wayne "Wano" Urbanas
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Ennis School Board discusses upcoming salary negotiations

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During a special meeting on Wednesday with the Ennis School Board negotiation committee, superintendent John Overstreet reviewed the district's master agreement with the Madison Valley Education Association in preparation for upcoming salary negotiations with the school's teachers.

Overstreet first addressed the sick leave policy and common bank of sick leave days shared by the district's teachers. Currently teachers are annually allowed 15 days at full salary for sick leave. Unused sick days from each year

are allowed to accumulate up to 85 days, which are available for use in addition to the 15 days for the present school year from the starting date of the contract.

After their first year, teachers will contribute one day per year per teacher to a common bank for sick leave allowance to be administered in association with the MVEA. Teachers with five years or less experience that have exhausted their sick leave may withdraw days for extended illness or injury as determined by the MVEA, provided that there are sufficient days available.

Overstreet suggested that the district revise the policy on

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Melinda Legg
Madison County
Superintendent of Schools

New county superintendent embraces administrative role

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Ennis resident Melinda Legg was recently hired as the new Madison County Superintendent of Schools after former superintendent Judy Osborn retired in January. Although she comes from more of a teaching background than school administration, Legg welcomes the opportunity to be involved in rural education throughout Madison County.

After moving to Montana

seasonally in 2005, Legg and her husband Dave relocated to Ennis full time in June 2011. Prior to that, Legg taught and served as math department head at a school in Inland Valley, CA. Before taking the county superintendent position she substitute taught at Sheridan, Alder, Belgrade, Harrison and Ennis, and in doing so Legg noticed a level of enthusiasm from the students about their own education that isn't always present in larger communities. In short, Legg feels that students here appreciate the fact that their education

will help them to become a productive member of society.

"It really isn't about their parents, their grades, their teachers, their superintendent," Legg reflected. "They seem to get that the education is about them."

While some might think that students from small rural school districts like those in Madison County might have limited opportunities, Legg sees it as just the opposite. With a smaller class size, she ex-

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Madison County Sheriff's Office was at the scene to provide assistance to Trooper Cook, and he said the accident could have been much worse than it was.

"If they would have flipped it, say on the road, instead of in the ditch, where it was a hard surface, there could have been serious injuries or death," Young said.

Both Young and Cook

urged motorists to use caution when travelling in winter conditions by driving slower, wearing seatbelts and not getting complacent as they drive down the highway.

"If you have four-wheel

drive and the road conditions are slick, engage the four-wheel drive," advised Cook. "Take your time, leave five minutes ahead. If you're uncertain of how slick the roads are, don't push it."

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out their best tricks on each feature. While some features were easily conquered the first time around, the others gave riders all they could handle. By noon, the contest had its first casualty

as a rider who took one of the rails head on and lost was carted away from the lodge on a backboard and into the back of an ambulance. But that didn't stop the judges from Volcom from turning up the volume on the sound

system and pushing the field to elevate their game.

At the end of the day, a handful of riders walked away with prizes while others were rewarded with a free T-shirt for

their efforts. Even those who didn't win still had a great time at this year's Volcom Peanut Butter and Rail Jam. It's hard not to when there are free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for everyone.

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bination unit that would service the entire MVRFD. The general obligation bonds would bear interest at a rate determined by the MVRFD Board of Trustees, and these would be payable semiannually. The estimated annual tax increase for a home in the district valued at \$100,000 would be \$12.38, while the estimated annual increase for a home valued at \$200,000 would be \$24.77. The special ballot election will be held on March 26, 2013.

During their meeting the Commissioners also met with Madison District Ranger Ken Harris, USDA Forest Service transportation planner Jim Yarbrough and Beaverhead Deerlodge recreation planner Jocelyn Dodge to discuss proposals for the Federal Lands Access Program. The program will provide

\$22.5 million statewide annually over the next five years for road improvements and enhancements to qualifying facilities, which include roads, trails and transit systems that provide access to federal lands.

Priority for the road improvement projects will be given based on a point system, but Commissioners were unprepared to submit a complete proposal because of the upcoming February 8 deadline. As a result they identified a top priority road in each of the county's three road districts: Mill Creek east of Sheridan in District One, South Boulder in District Two and the road between MT 287 and McAtee Bridge in District Three. The road to Cliff and Wade Lakes was identified as the second priority in District Three, and the planners in attendance agreed

to work with the Commissioners to submit proposals before the deadline.

The Commissioners also met with the new county sanitarian Wayne "Wano" Urbonas and solid waste foreman Denny Lueck to discuss the solid waste program. Urbonas had worked previously as an environmental health specialist for the Gallatin City-County Public Health Department and is a certified landfill operator, and he said his focus would be on meeting the needs of Madison County citizens to make sure that they have the availability of solid waste disposal and recycling.

"In my mind, its public safety first and worker safety as well, hand in hand," he said.

The Board also met with Madison County Sheriff Dave Schenk to sign a memorandum of

agreement between the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Ennis for law enforcement and public safety services. The MOA states that Ennis will pay to the county treasurer for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015 the sum equal to 17 mills upon the taxable valuation of the property assessed within the town in installments of one twelfth each, starting July 1, 2012 and continuing the first of the month thereafter until the full amount is paid to Madison County.

"If you really factored it out, it's the best deal that the town could have," said Schenk, emphasizing the importance of the service to the Ennis community. "They have law enforcement 24/7. They don't have to worry about their one officer being gone and nobody covering."

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plained, students have more opportunities to form relationships with each other and get the individual help they need from their teachers.

"Without a doubt, any ed-

ucator will tell you the key to the best education is small class size," she said. "Maybe it's a different education but it's not a lesser education, I don't think."

While she's still getting a feel for her administrative duties as county superintendent

of schools, one of the projects she working on right now will be the county spelling bee on February 27. She also hopes to connect with local home school programs and serve as a resource for parents, she said, and so far she is really enjoying her

work.

"I'm learning every day, asking a lot of questions," said Legg. "Any time you can open yourself up to something new, you're going to benefit from it."

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the sick leave bank to include all teachers who contribute to it, not just those with less than five years experience, and that the matter be discussed with the teachers.

"I feel if everybody contributes I think everybody's got the right to withdraw," he said.

The negotiation committee also discussed the personal leave policy, which states that teachers are annually allowed three days at full salary for personal reasons, which require their absence during working hours. Personal leave is granted in full-day and

half-day units. Overstreet suggested extending the personal leave policy from three days to five days, pointing out that classified staff is already allowed one and a quarter days per month for personal leave. The additional days would also allow teachers who have children in extracurricular activities to be more involved with their kids.

"We want teachers to be here, they should be here," Overstreet said. "Kids aren't getting as good of an education when they're not, but I don't think it would hurt to give an extra couple of days."

The committee also discussed current teacher salary index, and Overstreet applauded the district for bringing in new teachers on the fourth step of the index at a starting rate of \$29,406 per year. He said the rate higher than the base salary of \$25,350 helps to give new teachers a little break when they come to Ennis, but once they are here they are locked into the fourth step in the index until they get five years experience. Overstreet was concerned that this compression of the salary index does not consider the potential for increased cost of living, such as rent or health

insurance, and could make it difficult for new teachers to make ends meet.

Overstreet asked high school government and Spanish language teacher Ross Lingle for his thoughts on the salary index. Lingle said that while the compression was designed to attract new teachers at a higher starting salary, a discussion among teachers in the district indicated they are not in favor of it.

"Just because you don't have any cost of living increase, you don't have any increase from year to year and teachers are stuck at that same level," Lingle said.

Madison Valley History Association presents the Bear Creek Schoolhouse

By Don Black
MADISON VALLEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

It was just a look back to the good old days of those one room country schools on Jan. 17, as the Madison Valley History Association hosted a program of talks, historical facts, pictures, displays and archival text books.

The First Madison Valley Bank and its history wall were on center stage. After a brief business meeting, Bev Claassen made a surprise showing of her brother's Bear Creek School painting and framed document. She proudly presented it to Mona Durham and the Cameron School Center (old Bear Creek School building) for permanent hanging. She was carrying out Larry Zabel's last wishes to give it the school site. Also, it was one of the last two pieces that he painted, prior to his passing.

The first guest speaker was Mona Herrick Durham of Bear Creek School. Historically speaking, she told about the original log cabin school and then the Bear Creek one room schoolhouse that has been preserved to this day. Durham shared about the interior of the school, the outhouses (boys and girls), the swing sets and her classmates. A group of students would walk together to school and put all their lunch boxes on a pole, thus taking turns in carrying it. If the pole bearers were not pleased with a particular classmate, they simply took that student's lunch box off, left it on the road and continued to school. When the box was missed, that kid ran back to fetch it. She



Larry Zabel's painting, "Bear Creek School" was presented to Mona Durham and the Cameron School Center for permanent display by Zabel's sister Bev Claassen.

then talked about some of her teachers, with Lucy Winslow and Addie Storey being mentioned. School attendance varied greatly, but notably in the 1940s there were over 45 students registered. The audience was asked to raise their hands if they had attended the Bear Creek School and only one hand was raised, that of Mona Durham.

Karen Shores was the second guest speaker on the program. She dressed for her part as a country school teacher, complete with long skirt, blouse, and shoes with her hair pinned up in the traditional fashion of that time. She also toted a pencil and ruler. Shores read Roberta Carkeek Cheney's account of the Bear Creek School history story.

Cheney was Karen's mother, a well-known and widely published Montana author.

A good discussion followed and former Bear Creek resident Carol Orr came forward and shared her recollections of the school. She told of social events held there which often included dances. Larry Love added that his father Paul Love was often hired to play and sing for the dances. Orr quickly noted that when the musicians showed up, they got the word that there really wasn't money to pay them. In community spirit and good old day fashion, the band played on anyway. Jim Nelson, longtime resident of the area and school, was present and acknowledged for his decades of service to the school and com-

munity center.

The program concluded with viewing of the Bear Creek School wall history, the Carol Orr photo collections and the Bear Creek School painting by Larry Zabel.

Since 2007 the First Madison Valley Bank history wall has featured Ennis, Hutchins, Jeffers, Virginia City Players and Varney. Our special thanks go to Mary Oliver, Matt Hill and Tim Combs for making this possible in Ennis and the Madison Valley.

Our next MVHA program will be Feb. 21 and will be entitled, "Larry Zabel Reflections." We appreciate and thank The Madisonian and staff for their publications and support.

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Pipestone Creek project part of HD 71 update



Ray Shaw
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Hope everyone's New Year has gotten off to a great start.

First, I would like to thank all of you again for the opportunity to serve all the people in HD 71 and the great state of Montana. Believe me when I say that it is an honor and a privilege

that you have placed your trust in me. Things have been at a fast pace with a large learning curve for us first time legislators. I have the feeling that very shortly this fast pace is going to turn into a sprint.

For those of you who don't know, my committees are Fish Wildlife and Parks, Natural Resources and State Administra-

tion. These three committees are very interesting and very challenging at times - to be expected.

The Wolf Bill came out of the FWP committee and has passed the House 100 to 0. The main objectives of this bill is there is no buffer zone around the park, there is still trapping, use of calls, numerous tags and out of state hunters can now use the

tags within 24 hours; as everyone else.

I am also carrying a bill for the big Pipestone Creek project. People in the House and Senate have been generous enough to sign onto this bill. Much work needs to be completed on Pipestone Creek to reduce sediment loads, loss of ground water, getting the stream back to its historic

channel, and help alleviate flooding in Whitehall.

The Honeybee bill in the Senate died, so we no longer need to be concerned of this bill, and this is looked upon as great news for honey producers in our area and all over the state of Montana. I will be meeting with the DNRC, FWP, Department of Ag and other agencies about noxious and eva-

sive weeds, also money for wolf control and wolf collaring. There are many important issues concerning HD 71 on the schedule and in progress.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. If I don't have an answer for you I will work to find the answer. If you get up here to Helena please stop and visit. Look forward to hearing from you.

Legislative update from HD 72 includes wolf management, pension system

By Jeff Welborn (R) Whip
HD 72 - BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

Our Speaker of the House, Representative Mark Blasdel, began his term by saying he wanted to make the session more about work, and less about political gamesmanship.

This is a position that I share wholeheartedly. As we are through our second week, I'm happy to report that there seems to be a tone already set to do just that.

HB 73 a Wolf Management Bill co-sponsored by Representatives Flynn and Washburn made its way out of the FWP committee 21-0 and

second reading in the House on a historic 100-0 margin. Some of the key components of this legislation are multiple licenses, reducing the waiting period from five days to 24 hours to harvest a wolf after tag is purchased, the legal use of mechanical calls, cost reduction of non-resident licenses, and we've eliminated the FWP commission's ability to set no kill zones around Yellowstone and Glacier Parks.

This bill is a big step in managing a species that is problematic for both livestock producers and wildlife managers. It's the view of many that this will help reduce numbers

of the species, but will do it in a way that won't trigger unnecessary oversight by the federal government, or put Montana back in danger of having the species returned to the endangered species list. I encourage calls and letters to the Senate fish and game committee to seek their support as this bill works its way through the Senate. As chair for the Fish Wildlife and Parks committee, I want to thank the entire committee for their tireless efforts, and want to also compliment both co-sponsors for bringing together key pieces of this bill and working together for the benefit of both the livestock

industry and big game herds in Montana.

Proposals to repair the state pension system are front and center this session and are also working their way through the process. As many of you know, the state government has made promises in the past that we are faced with honoring. Because of poor performance in recent years from money markets, coupled with questionable policy decisions from past administrations, the account that pays those pensions is in financial trouble. We must fix this going forward, however that may be, but bottom line is we must honor all promises

already made.

A House/Senate joint subcommittee has been set up to work on the pension fund shortfall during this session. I will go on record as saying addressing the shortfall in Montana's pension fund is one of our most important duties this session.

Also on the horizon is a big step in long-term property tax reform. I also look forward to reporting on that as it works its way through the process.

I will be in touch in the coming weeks as these and other policy decisions are being debated, and how it affects those of you at home. Please

get in touch with me with any questions or concerns via e-mail at jeffwelborn@hotmail.com.



Jeff Welborn
HD72

Jan. 2013 Legislative Report provides optimism

By Debby Barrett

I am very optimistic that this session of the Montana Legislature will be quite productive and I am hopeful, at this time, that the outcome or benefit will be balanced throughout this large state. Although I have only had the opportunity to meet with Governor Bullock one time, I am aware that he is continuing to meet with both the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. This is a far cry and a huge improvement from the practices of the state's last governor.

Even further to his credit, the directors of the Executive Branch Agencies and their department heads are actually contacting legislators prior to their bill hearings and discussing with them the governor's support or his opposition in their bills.

This week alone, there are three great pieces of legislation coming out of the Senate that I am hopeful the Governor will sign. Two of these Senate Bills increase

greatly the state's ability to protect our most vulnerable populations of Montanans. SB 65 Sponsored by Art Wittich, (R) Bozeman, is an "Act broadening the list of persons to whom the Department of Public Health and Human Services may release child abuse or neglect case records; and requires that Department to provide specified information upon request from any reporter of alleged child abuse or neglect."

SB 134 Sponsored by John Brenden (R) Scobey, is an "Act revising the Montana Elder and Persons with Developmental Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act." This law states, "A person convicted of purposely or knowingly exploiting an older person or a person with a developmental disability in a case involving money, assets, or property in an amount of \$25,000 or more in value shall be fined an amount not more than \$50,000 or be imprisoned in a state prison for a term of not less than 1 year and not more than 10 years, or both.

The third bill, SB 53 sponsored

by Robin Driscoll (D) Billings, is an "Act revising penalties for certain misdemeanor offenses." This is a measure to strip jail time for some first-time misdemeanor offenders, leaving just the fines in place.

The state will no longer have to provide public defenders for those charged with the crimes. This will save money, ease crowding in jails, and free up overloaded and busy public defenders. The courts have said they will still be able to collect fees and restitution, and those who do not pay can be found in contempt of court and face further punishment.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have appointed a 12 member bi-partisan Joint-Select Committee on Pensions.

The state and local government pension funds face an unfunded liability or shortfall topping \$4 billion over the next 30 years. Addressing this shortfall will be a huge issue this

Session, especially since our last governor ignored this shortfall for 8 years.

The Joint-Select Committee on Pensions will be tasked with developing ideas and solutions to address this shortfall. The committee will engage stakeholders and members of the

public in an effort to thoroughly understand the challenges facing Montana public employees' pension funds. Our solution must: keep the promises we have made to our public employees, provide fairness to future employees, and be ever responsible and fair to

Montana taxpayers.

Also happening this week was a huge improvement to the budget process that is transparent, responsible, and accountable. For the first time in 8 years, the Senate Taxation Committee adopted and passed a Revenue Estimate to send to the House of Representatives for their input and approval. This is vital because the revenue estimate adopted by the legislature dictates the amount of spending the current legislature can spend, plus keep a surplus going forward.

Income taxes in Montana are somewhat surprisingly high, bringing in more revenue than has been projected. The discussion, and difference in perspective here, is that Governor Bullock wishes to spend this increase of revenue on government programs, hiring more state employees, and growing government. The danger with his direction is that the new growth built on a one time revenue surplus might not be sustainable going forward.

The path forward for the Republicans, who are in the majority in the House of Representatives and the Senate, is to provide some permanent tax relief to the state's taxpayers and invest a portion of this increase in revenue equitably in infrastructure projects in the counties.

I would like to end this week's report to you, on a much lighter note. In the Senate Fish & Game Committee last Thursday, we were holding a hearing on SB 118, sponsored by Fred Thomas (R) Stevensville, an "Act setting aside special license for residents 65 and older." Both the proponents and the opponents testifying on the bill all spoke of their hunting trips to SD 36. Finally I just had to ask, "Who, in this room, has not been hunting in the southwestern corner of the state in my Senate District?" Only three people in the room raised their hands—and this included everyone: the public, the senators, and the Senate Staff!

Montana lawmakers propose bipartisan Hunters Against Hunger Bill

From Senator Kendall Van Dyk

HELENA – Two state lawmakers, a Democrat and a Republican, have introduced a bill to create a voluntary program allowing Montana hunters to help end hunger.

Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D-Billings) and Rep. Jeff Welborn (R-Dillon) introduced SB 123, giving hunters the ability to donate \$1 or more to help end hunger when applying for their big

game license fee. This money will in turn be used for the processing of any wild game that is donated to this program for the benefit of food banks and shelters.

"This is the kind of solution that makes Montana a better place to live, work, hunt, fish and raise a family," said Van Dyk, the bill's primary sponsor and a lifelong hunter. "Montanans don't care if ideas are Democratic or Republican, they want

us to work together for common-sense solutions that make a real difference in their daily lives. This bill does just that."

SB 123 builds upon successful voluntary donation programs by directly connecting Montana's hunters to help those in need. It also enables hunters to expand their own hunting opportunities beyond their need to fill the freezer.

"As both a property owner and hunter, I wholeheartedly

support this effort to work together to find a real solution to end the hunger many Montanans face," said Welborn. "This will also help many landowners with an extra tool for reducing the large population of deer and elk on some private land, and in turn create an avenue for hunters to put the extra hunting opportunity to use for a great cause. It is also a way for the public to get involved in a voluntary way, without costing the tax payer a

dime." The House sponsor also said, "What we have here is an opportunity to put hunger in the cross hairs of every person who buys a hunting license."

Van Dyk and Welborn have pledged to work together with the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department, food banks, shelters, and meat processors, as well as hunters and landowners across the state to promote the program and raise public awareness for a great program.

The 2012 Montana Food Bank Network Client Hunger Survey shares that over 14.5 percent of Montanans are currently dealing with food insecurity across the state. Van Dyk had a similar bill in 2011, which passed overwhelmingly through the Senate but failed to pass the House FWP committee. Van Dyk and Welborn said they remain confident the support is there this session to pass the measure.

Funding available now for Montana projects

From UM Wilderness Institute

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Wilderness Institute is now accepting proposals for grants to support historical research, creative writing and wilderness studies projects that explore Montana's land and people.

The grants range from \$400 to \$1,000 and are awarded through the University's Matthew Hansen Endowment, which was established in 1984 as a memorial to Hansen and his ideals.

The deadline to submit proposals is March 1. Awards will be announced in April.

Projects should encourage mindful stewardship of the land and contribute to the preservation of Montana's heritage. Proposals from individuals will take precedence over those from institutions. The endowment committee recommends projects that can be completed in one year.

Hansen graduated with honors from UM with a degree in history in 1984. While at UM he completed the Wilderness and Civilization program and researched and wrote about the Metis and their settlement on the South Fork of the Teton River. After graduation, he worked for the Montana Historical Society collecting oral histories from around the state. He also worked as a backcountry packer for Smoke Elser in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He died of cancer in 1984 at the age of 23, and his family set up the endowment so that students could pursue studies in his interests. Hansen was the son of the late Missoula poet and teacher Ripley Schemm Hugo and the stepson of the late poet Richard Hugo.

For more information or instructions on how to apply, call the Wilderness Institute at 406-243-5361, e-mail mwi@cfc.umt.edu or visit <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi>.

MIRROR, MIRROR



Mirror me, mirror you was a game we played at Madison Square Athletic Club in front of the big mirror during M-week. Our friend Garrin is in front while his classmates try to copy his actions. What a fun way to let our energy out.

Photo by Regan Goettle

Refinery in North Dakota could save money

Dear Editor,

It seems everyone wants to bury a pipeline from Canada to Texas.

Has anyone thought of processing oil through a refinery in North Dakota and then deliver the finished product?

This seems to me it could really reduce cost of gas and other products throughout the United States from a more centralized area than out of Texas.

Lloyd DeBruycker
Dutton

Life without definition is life without freedom

Dear Editor,

Can life exist without definition? Can death exist without first having life?

The purpose of definitions is to bring order and boundaries to our life. There can be no ending or a beginning without a definition of what is to begin or end.

Do we not collectively recognize a property line as a

boundary of what is yours, or someone else? Without property lines, there is no designated right to prosper from the property within the borders of that which is owned.

When a defendant in the courts is charged with the crime of capital murder, and the civil authority cries out to condemn the person to death as punishment. I would suggest there

could be no death penalty without first a defined life at stake anymore than a crime of murder without the life of a victim first being defined into existence of the law.

To avoid this reality is to defy the laws of nature and nature's God. Without preservation of the basic property right to one's life defined in the culture and in Law, all freedoms are sub-

ject to the discretion of others. Science and religion both agree that human life begins at conception. Why do "we the people" allow our public servants to ignore the truth of nature and nature's God? It's 40 years past time to do what is right.

Bob Wagner
Harrison

Corrections

In last week's edition of The Madisonian, the article on Muhammad Khan Nizamani stated that he is here through PH International. He is actually here through the Center for Cultural Exchange (CCI). The technology camp he is attending in Vermont in April is put on and hosted by PH International.

In the January 10 edition, "Real estate market in Madison County shows encouraging upswing," a mining company was named as Ruby Valley Garnet LLC. The actual name of the company is Garnet USA, LLC.

OBITUARIES

Lawrence Ferdinand Nov. 25, 1925 - Dec. 9, 2012

Lawrence "Larry" Ferdinand, 87, of New Haven, Connecticut, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and World War II and Korean War Army veteran. Visiting Virginia City and the Big Sky Country of Montana played a very special and meaningful part in Larry's life.

Larry, his wife Evelyn (Evie), and children, Donna and Gary, began taking Au-

gust summer vacation trips out to the Western United States starting in 1967. Larry and Evie shared the driving across many states, averaging 500 miles per day. It would take them five days of driving to reach Montana. Larry and Evie believed it was the best way to see the United States. The visits to Montana, especially Virginia City and the people who lived there, touched Larry and his family's life. This became more than just an ordinary

vacation. It was a destination that was a truly special place in their hearts for the next 28 years and forever.

Over the years, Larry and his family met some of the most wonderful and memorable people, including local residents, who became lifelong friends. Larry, Evie and the kids would continue to plan to meet those friends year after year in Virginia City. They also kept in touch through phone calls and writing let-

ters—long before e-mail and the Internet came to be. Those were some of the most memorable times in their lives. Larry spoke so often about those trips and how much he loved them. He especially loved Virginia City and its rich history of the mining days and the era of the vigilantes.

In August 1977, Robert "Bob" Gohn, a close friend of Larry and his family, sponsored Larry's membership into the Virginia City Elks Lodge

#390. Larry was extremely proud and honored to be a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America for over 35 years. Larry was also a longtime member/donor of the Virginia City Preservation Alliance and the St. Labre Indian School.

Donations can be made in Larry's name to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.



Dale E. Clark passed away Jan. 11, 2013 in Chandler, Arizona.

Dale moved his family to Ennis in 1951 to help his father-in-law, P. Lee Bollinger, after Bollinger purchased the old Bozeman - Norris Telephone

Co. Over the next eight years, the two men moved the newly-named Madison Valley Telephone Co. from the age of old fashioned "crank - and - shout, Hello Central" telephone service to the modern dial-telephone age. After Lee Bollinger died, in

1959, Dale assumed ownership of the telephone company and provided service to the many people in the serving area (serving the county from south of Varney Bridge to north of Harrison and from halfway between Ennis and Virginia City east to

include what is now Big Sky Ski Resort), until the company was sold in 1972.

After the sale, Dale and Harriett moved to Wisconsin to work for Universal Telephone Company for several years. In the early 1980s, Dale and Har-

riett moved to Gaithersburg, Maryland to work for American Satellite Company in the telephone services division. After retirement, Dale and Harriett moved to Arizona.

Dale is survived by his wife, Harriett Clark; his daugh-

ter, Peggy Lea Redman; his son, Dale Clark; his granddaughters, Iris Redman and Lark Sundsmo; his grandsons, Cliff Redman and Glen Redman; his great-granddaughter, Alaina Sundsmo, and his great-grandson, Vincent Sundsmo.

Dale Clark

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MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG January 13, 2012 thru January 19, 2012

JANUARY 13, 2013

Deputy dispatched for public assist in Ennis
Received animal complaint on Jeffers Rd
Received report of vehicle accident on Second St, Ennis
Received request for assistance in 300 blk Wray St
Received unfounded 911 call T/s on US Hwy 287 at Lonesome Dove
Received unfounded 911 call

safety complaint at Mt Hwy 41 S MM 18
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 N MM 44
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Butte
Received report of vehicle accident on Jessica Ln
Dispatched TBQRU & RVA to vehicle accident at Mt Hwy 41 S MM 25
Dispatched RVA for transfer to Butte
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 N MM 45

Dispatched TBQRU & RVA to 300 blk N George St
T/s on US Hwy 287 at MVMC
Deputy dispatched to vehicle accident on Mt Hwy 287 VC Hill
T/s on Main St, Harrison
Deputy dispatched to wildlife complaint at Mt Hwy 287 MM 26
Received harassment complaint on Tash Ln
Dispatched EFD & EA to vehicle accident at US Hwy 287 MM 26
Received suspicious circumstances complaint at Sheridan Trailer Ct
T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 49
Coroner dispatched to 1000 blk Point of Rocks Rd
T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 40

Deputy dispatched to traffic complaint on Main St, Sheridan
Received fraud complaint on Mustang Rd
Received wildlife complaint on Kokanee Dr
Received traffic complaint at US Hwy 287 MM 19
Received suspicious circumstances complaint in 500 blk Ruby River Dr
Received unfounded 911 call
Deputy dispatched to welfare check in 3800 blk Mt Hwy 287
Deputy dispatched to assist other agency on Johnson Rd
Dispatched TBQRU & RVA to 300 blk Wray St

The Sheriff's Office made 13 traffic stops and received 44 calls for service between January 13, 2013 and January 19, 2013.

JANUARY 14, 2013

T/s at Mt Hwy 41 N MM 52
Deputy dispatched to traffic complaint Mt Hwy 287 MM 35

JANUARY 17, 2013

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 67
Dispatched RVA to horse accident on Duncan District Rd
Deputy dispatched to vehicle accident at Madison Valley Manor
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 47
Received request for assistance in Twin Lakes area
Dispatched RVA & SFD for air ambulance at Ruby Valley Hospital
Dispatched EA & HFD to vehicle accident at US Hwy 287 MM 64
T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 36
Received report of missing person off US Hwy 287 in Cameron area
Deputy dispatched to disturbance complaint in 200 blk William St
Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint on Two Bumps Rd

JANUARY 19, 2013

T/s at Bayers Ln MM 3

JANUARY 15, 2013

Deputy dispatched to public safety complaint at Mt Hwy 287 MM 30
Received wildlife complaint at US Hwy 287 MM 24
Dispatched RVA to 100 blk Hamilton St
Received civil complaint in 1600 blk Mt Hwy 41 S
Deputy dispatched to assist other agency at Sheridan Elementary School
Deputy dispatched to public assist in 1400 blk Mt Hwy 41 S

JANUARY 16, 2013

Received report of vehicle accident at Mt Hwy 84 MM 1
Deputy dispatched to animal complaint on Big Sky Rd
Deputy dispatched to public

JANUARY 18, 2013

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National ice fishing tournament and workshops on Hebgen Lake

From Jan Stoddard

WEST YELLOWSTONE CHAMBER/TBID

An official NAIFC (North American Ice Fishing Circuit) ice fishing qualifying tournament will be held Feb. 1-3, at Kirkwood Resort & Marina on Hebgen Lake, just outside of West Yellowstone. Winter's equivalent of summer's big time bass and walleye tournaments, an NAIFC tournament weekend is filled with seminars, a kid's workshops and the fishing competition itself.

The West Yellowstone/Hebgen Lake Tournament, like all NAIFC qualifiers, is a three-day event featuring two-thirds education and one-third competition with a maximum entry of 150, two-persons teams. Cash payouts of up to \$21,000 and equipment prizes will be awarded. Fishing workshops and seminars take place on Friday evening and Saturday, culminating with the World Class Competition on Sunday, Feb. 3.

The Friday night seminar begins with a social hour at 5 p.m. and the Seminar at 5:30 p.m. at West Yellowstone Holiday Inn Conference Center (315

Yellowstone Avenue), followed by dinner discussions in nearby restaurant/tavern locations with NAIFC Pro-Staff members. The free Seminar and group discussions, which are open to the public, are geared toward educating fishers to the world of tournament ice fishing.

These group tutorials will include specific techniques on how to catch fish during a tournament and include the chance to meet local fishermen familiar with Hebgen Lake, including nationally ranked ice fishermen. The groups will be invited to pre-fish on Hebgen Lake on Saturday morning, where the NAIFC Pro Staff will be demonstrating their fishing techniques used to compete in tournaments. On-ice practice continues throughout the day on Saturday.

The Rocky Mountain Ice Fishing Product Fair, featuring national manufacturers and regional suppliers, will be set up at the Holiday Inn Conference Center for both Friday and Saturday Nights.

As part of the tournament, NAIFC offers a special "Kid's Ice Camp," on Saturday morning, starting at 10 a.m. at the

Kirkwood Marina Boathouse. Kids will have the unique opportunity to learn to ice fish for free! The lesson starts inside the boathouse and, then, it's on to the ice to learn to fish with real pros. Sponsors provide equipment and prizes and all kids who sign up and participate receive complimentary ice rods and tackle from HT Enterprises to take home. Complimentary corn dogs and hot chocolate are on the menu for lunch.

Saturday includes team registration for the Tournament from 4:30-6:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in West Yellowstone, a social hour and complimentary dinner for all registered team members with cash bar. The Rules Meeting, which is mandatory for at least one member of each team, starts at 7 p.m. At the Rules Meeting, the exact starting time for the contest the following morning will be announced. Don't miss the 2nd Annual Calcutta Fund-raiser where you bet on your favorite teams to place and split the prize pot if they win.

The tournament starts on Sunday, with a check-in shortly after daylight. Teams go out on

the ice on Hebgen Lake from Kirkwood Resort & Marina in the order of their registration. Fishing continues until 1 p.m., when all must come off the ice for the weigh-in.

Weigh-in starts at 2 p.m. at the Hi Country Tavern & Grill overlooking Hebgen Lake. Tournament winners will be announced and awarded their cash prizes immediately following the weigh-in. Cash bar and food will be served, along with a fish cleaning contest and other fun, including pre-Super Bowl partying.

The Friday night seminar, Saturday on-ice demos, and Kids Clinic are free. Tournament team registration fee is \$200/team. Teams can pre-register at www.naifc.com or at the Holiday Inn Conference Center prior to the mandatory Saturday evening rules meeting. Kirkwood Marina is located on Hebgen Lake, 18 miles from the junction of Highways 101 and 287 north of West Yellowstone. For more information on the tournament and activities, go to www.westyellowstoneicefishing.com, or call (406) 646-7200.



Two Madison River fishing access sites closed due to flooding

From Andrea Jones

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

BOZEMAN — Jan. 16, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks closed the Ennis Fishing Access Site due to minor flood-

ing caused by ice jams on the Madison River. That is in addition to the prior closure of Valley Garden Fishing Access Site for the same reason.

Conditions at Ennis and Valley Garden Fishing Access Sites continue to pose safety

hazards. Water and ice from the Madison River continues to flood and collect at each of the sites. They will remain closed to the public until further notice.

Ice on rivers is extremely unstable. Recreationists are

urged to use caution around any bodies of water in southwest Montana throughout the winter and spring.

Ennis and Valley Garden FAS are just south of the Ennis along Highway 287.

Kids'N'Snow activity weekend in West Yellowstone

From Jan Stoddard

WEST YELLOWSTONE CHAMBER

February is the most popular Kids 'N' Snow weekend featuring a free ice fishing camp for kids at Kirkwood Resort & Marina on Hebgen Lake, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2.

All kids that attend will receive a free rod and setup from HT Enterprises, lessons from the NAIFC and local ice fishing pros, and even a chance to hit the ice and try out their new equipment.

The Kids'N'Snow program is offered one weekend each month during the winter. The program was created to offer kids the opportunity to get outside and try new winter activities, experience Yellowstone in winter, take winter kid's classes at the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, free movies, and more. Each weekend varies by activities and schedule so many families come for multiple weekends. Some activities have limited space so pre-registration is offered.

Saturday offers a full day of activities at the West Yellowstone Visitors Center starting at 9 a.m., with live raptors (birds of prey) from the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center.

Saturday and Sunday offer one of the most popular activities throughout the weekend, the "Snowcoach Sampler." West Yellowstone snowcoach tour companies offer a 2 1/2 hour ride over the snow into Yellowstone Park. Pre-Registration is required as space is limited. Saturday's trips are scheduled at 9:30 and 12:30.

At 10 a.m., join a Yellowstone Park ranger for a presentation about Yellowstone Park or take a snowshoe walk with USFS from the Boundary Trail.

At 11 a.m., head outdoors for a chance to ride in a dog sled pulled by real racing sled dogs. Klondike Dreams will be in front of the grizzly bear located across the street from the Chamber. Pre-registration is required for these rides due to limited availability.

At 1 p.m. is the "Produce a Predator" free presentation at the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center. It's tough to survive our long winters. Create your own winter-ready predator. Learn how predators adapt to be successful in winter, then use craft supplies to make a predator of your own! Held at the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center. Then meet the famous wolves and bears, participate in a scavenger hunt, or participate in Keeper Kids (additional \$2 charge). Located at 201

S. Canyon Street next to Imax Theater.

On Saturday at 1:30 p.m. you have a choice of two activities: kids 6-12 can try out a special kids-sized 120 snowmobile around a small restricted oval (adult must accompany children) or join a Yellowstone Park ranger for a 2 1/2 hour interpretive hike along the Riverside Trail. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Center for both events.

Warm up at 4 p.m. at the IMAX (kids 12 and under free) for a showing of "Yellowstone."

Don't miss Saturday evening's free S'mores & Skatin' & Sleddin' and M120 rides at the West Yellowstone ice rink. Warm-up with hot beverages, toast some marshmallows, and make your own S'more. All the fixings provided. Bring your own sled for our Kid's Sledding Hill.

Join the fun from 6-8:30 p.m. at the West Yellowstone Rendezvous Ski Trailhead Building. (A limited number of skates are available at the rink for use that night).

Sunday events include snow coach samplers at 9:30, 12:30 and 2.

Kids can also learn the FUN-damentals of cross country skiing at 11 a.m. The games are located at the Povah Center

located on Yellowstone Ave next to Rendezvous Ski Trailhead. Bring your own equipment or rent it by calling Free Heel and Wheel, Bud Lilly's or Alpen Guides. Make sure you mention you are with Kids'N'Snow.

At 1 p.m. check out Ready, Set, Snow at the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center. Discover how people and animals prepare and adapt for winter at the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center. Then draw your own pictures to show how they adapt. Meet the famous wolves and bears, participate in a scavenger hunt, or participate in Keeper Kids (additional \$2 charge). Located at 201 S. Canyon Street next to the IMAX Theatre

More M120 snowmobile rides will be offered from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday morning at the Visitors Center. Dress warm!

For more information on activities, expanded schedules, and to register for space limited activities, please go to www.kidsnsnow.org or call 406-640-0482.

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Bozeman voted number one ski town in United States

From Kali Gillette

Bozeman was named the number one ski town in the United States, according to results from the "Ski Town Throw Down," a social media contest from Powder Magazine that pitted such skiing giants as Aspen, Jackson Hole, Park City, Salt Lake City and others against each other.

The three resorts of Big Sky, Moonlight Basin and Bridger Bowl, combined with numerous direct flights in

and out of Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, an abundance of dry, light snow, a distinct lack of lift lines and down-home Montana friendliness blended perfectly to make Bozeman the reader-selected number one ski town in the country.

Early season snow—some of the best in the contiguous U.S.—and lots of it, helped the matter, as did favorable early-winter temperatures.

Bozeman advanced through the bracket-style tour-

namment via reader votes past noteworthy opponents Marquette, Michigan; Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico; Truckee, California; and even Canadian powder giant Fernie, a destination stop on British Columbia's famed "Powder Highway."

The first contest of its sort, Bozeman's selection as the U.S.'s number one ski town echoes Powder Magazine's 2010 ranking of the city as the number one place in North America to live and work if you're a skier.



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dear maddy

By The Madisonian
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Dear Maddy,

My parents moved closer to me a few years ago when they retired. I love having them close but I feel like I have to go visit them every weekend or they get upset with me. With the bustle of life I haven't made it over in a few weeks and now they are talking about moving back, claiming that "Montana just isn't for them". What should I do?

Worried in Wisdom

Dear Worried,

Last I checked it is not the job of a child to make their parents happy. Nor is it your parent's job to create your happiness. Your parents' choice to move was just that—their choice. Hoping to see you more could have been the motive for the move, but to make it the only reason is unfair to you and to them. I wouldn't

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RHYMES

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Filling out the FAFSA is a crucial step in the process to securing general and institutional

aid to help pay for postsecondary education. Volunteers at the local event dedicate their time to give families advice and provide assistance to complete the FAFSA. Experts from university financial aid offices and the Student Assistance Foundation will be available to help complete the FAFSA at the event.

In addition to providing per-

sonal support at our local event, this year's College Goal Montana will feature short videos to help you complete your FAFSA. You can access these videos at SmartAboutCollege.org. Families are also encouraged to get their taxes done as soon as possible but are able to complete the FAFSA using estimated tax information if taxes are not finished by Feb. 6.

All families should go to www.pin.ed.gov to get set up with a PIN at least a couple of days before the event.

Remember, this help is free of charge. Students/parents should contact Ross Lingle at Ennis High School, 682-4258; rlingle@ennisschools.org for more information, or visit SmartAboutCollege.org.

NURSE NANCY



Submitted by Ron Miller
"Nurse Nancy" aka Kitty Eneboe entertained the Madison Valley Woman's Club at their monthly meeting held Jan. 3. She explained the aging process and exhibited a bag full of items, which would be needed as we mature. Each item had an amusing, rhyming verse to accompany its emergence from her bag. Lots of laughs and knowing chuckles!

You Are Invited

Please come say good-bye and good luck to Dr. Sarah Googe who is retiring after many years of service to the residents and visitors of the Ruby Valley and Madison County. The Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation is proud to host an open house honoring Dr. Sarah and to introduce the new practitioner Dr. Kelli Christensen who has started receiving patients at the Community Health Center in Sheridan.

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Ruby Valley pizza fundraiser set for Jan. 26

From Karen Talley

R.V. Swimming Club's Annual Pizza Sale Fundraiser is set for Saturday, Jan. 26, during the Sheridan School basketball games.

Pre-orders are strongly recommended. Order forms

are available at Walter's IGA, Jensen's Market, Sheridan Schools, R.V. Hospital, McLeod Mercantile, Alder Market, Virginia City courthouse and Ruby Valley National Bank or email to flick_kaatz@hotmail.com.

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Screening of documentary film at local libraries

From Lucy Ennis

The United State of ALEC, a documentary film on ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) will be shown at Madison Valley Public Library and Sheridan Public Li-

brary. The venues will be Madison Valley Public Library on Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Thexton Community Room and Jan. 30 at Sheridan Public Library at 7 p.m. The libraries are showing the film to provide informa-

tion about things happening in the public realm and a place for discussion. There will be no charge for admission.

ALEC is a vast network of corporate lobbying and political action committees aimed to increase corporate profits at

public expense without public knowledge. Most of us have not heard anything about this organization and as an informed public we should take advantage of this opportunity to learn more. See you there.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County's annual gala coming in February


From Angela Van Slyke

Be the start of something big and help create positive relationships in the lives of Gallatin County children.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County invites the community to their annual gala fundraiser, Feb. 23 at the MSU SUB Ballroom.

This year's "Big Mardi Gras" gala will feature live and

silent auctions, Cajun cooking, delightful diversions and special entertainment by local zydeco and swing band, Bebe LeBoeuf! All proceeds stay in Gallatin County to help match children facing adversity with positive adult role models and mentors. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.bbbs-gc.org or call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 587-1216 and start something big in the life of a child!



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Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers.
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Friday
Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows 10 to 20. Highs 25 to 35.

Saturday
Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow.
Lows 15 to 25. Highs 30 to 40.

Sunday
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow.
Highs 25 to 35.

Monday
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow.
Highs 25 to 35.

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HARRISON VS. TWIN BRIDGES BASKETBALL, B2

SECTION B

Thursday, January 24, 2013

AmeriCorps volunteers join local watershed groups

By Kate Schwend
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Two AmeriCorps volunteers, Bre Bormemann and Ethan Kunard, have recently moved into the area to help our local watershed groups with capacity building. Both are members of the Big Sky Watershed Corps, which connects watershed groups in Montana with recent college graduates who can offer fresh ideas and on-the-ground program development. During their ten to twelve month employment, the volunteers work for poverty-level salaries in exchange for valuable job experience and connections with watershed groups. Local groups, in exchange, get educated, motivated, fresh faces to expand community involvement.

The fresh face in the Ruby Valley is Bre

Bormemann. Bormemann was hired by the Ruby Conservation District and Ruby Watershed Council to help develop a volunteer water quality monitoring program on the Ruby, similar to the Madison Stream Team in Ennis. She will be a great technical resource for the Ruby, as she has both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Environmental Engineering, with emphasis in water quality. Her other project in the Ruby will be developing water education and monitoring programs with the Alder School in conjunction with the Miller Ranch's Ruby Restoration Project.

Bormemann is originally from Southern California, but fell in love with Montana while working on a Montana Conservation Corps trail crew. Big Sky Watershed Corps is a

subset of MCC, so it was a great fit. An avid surfer, hiker, and rock climber, she also recently took up fly fishing with her father, which made the Ruby a big draw for her. She says she's looking forward to all the recreation opportunities in our area, seeing the wildlife, and learning to tie flies.

In the Madison, Ethan Kunard has been hired by the Madison Watershed Partnership and the Madison Conservation District to help with expanding natural resource education programs, as well as to continue previous volunteer Robby Robertson's efforts with the Madison Stream Team and water quality monitoring.

Kunard, originally from Kansas, earned a Bachelor's degree in Resource Conservation from the University of Montana this past spring. He has plenty

of experience with volunteer groups and natural resource education. He's also an avid hiker, as he spent a month hiking in the wilderness on the Colorado trail, and a musician. He says he's looking forward to exploring the area and hopefully connecting with local musicians.

There's no doubt that both of these volunteers will be active, engaged members of our communities, and that their involvement with our local watershed groups greatly benefit our area.



Sheridan Main Street project may be delayed

By Allison Clark
FOR THE MADISONIAN

The Sheridan Main Street Improvement Team may be forced to wait until fall for the Montana Department of Transportation to arrive and help rejuvenate the main street

business district by repaving main street in downtown Sheridan.

The project, which has been in the works since 2004, has been moved to the back burner a few times since then for several reasons, storm water storage among those.

"We were supposed to start in the spring of this year, and then they still needed to get the storm water storage figured out," according to the Maintenance Team Secretary, Kay Carter-Colwell. "We were back on, and then [the project] was delayed again."

At this point, they are hopeful for the fall of 2013, and are continuing their plans as such until they hear differently.

"But at this point, we don't have an official, undeniable start date," says Carter-Colwell.

The Maintenance Team met last Thursday and discussed their list of goals for the coming year. Their first priority is to continue to raise the rest of the money needed to purchase the remainder of the lamp posts that will adorn the sidewalks of Main

Street. They have over half of the lamp posts reserved by donations and pledges so far.

Their ultimate goal is to have historic lamp posts along Main Street with new sidewalks and renovations to improve the overall aesthetics of downtown Sheridan.

TWIN BRIDGES SPEECH & DRAMA



Photo by Gail Banks

The Twin Bridges Speech and Drama Team traveled to Missoula this past weekend for the Divisional competitions. Andrew George placed sixth in Impromptu Speaking to send him to State and Gabbi Stephens received first alternate to State in Serious Oral Interpretation. The entire team and coach will attend the State competition this weekend in Huntley Project. Andrew George and Gabbi Stephens will compete. Clay Stephens and Alice Gierm will be attending as timers, along with coach Cord Thurston.

Feeding the bears costs Big Sky resident big cash

Allison Clark
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Perhaps if Big Sky resident, Monroe Cameron had heeded the warning he received over two years ago from Fish, Wildlife and Parks Warden Brian Lloyd, he could have avoided yet another citation for feeding the bears and wildlife in his neighborhood. This past September, Cameron was warned again against setting out stocked birdfeeders, buckets of berries and bowls of dog food for a dog he does not own.

Neighbors and construction workers in the area became concerned when they noticed several bears and other animals taking to his property and contacted FWP to follow up on the sightings. If Cameron had done his research, he would have been aware of the warnings on the FWP website that say, "Once

a bear is food-trained, it is often impossible to un-train them." That is why biologists so often say, "a fed bear is a dead bear."

FWP Warden Ryan Gosse commented that the risks of this type of activity not only pose a threat to human safety, they pose threats to FWP staff, neighboring residents and the bears themselves.

"Each year our bear specialists and wardens make routine trips to the Big Sky community to explain the importance of securing attractants," says Gosse. "It may seem like common sense to some, but with others it requires constant reminders and potential citations. It's not fair to endanger other members of your community to get a close up view of wildlife."

FWP bear specialist Kevin Frey comments that feeding and allowing bears to habituate on private property

threatens their lives. Bears with continual contact with humans most likely end up euthanized, and most often due to human fault and not animal fault.

Warden Gosse made several visits to Cameron's property early last fall, and photos of the area confirmed the feedings.

This week, in Madison County Justice Court, Cameron pled guilty to unlawful supplemental feeding, which Montana Code clearly states that "after having received a previous warning, negligently failing to properly store supplemental feed attractants and allowing any cloven-hoofed ungulates, bears, or mountain lions access to the supplemental feed attractants" is a violation.

Cameron was subsequently fined \$285 for his failure to abide by the laws.

Ennis Speech, Drama and Debate send two to State

By Marilyn Jenkins
ENNIS SCHOOLS

Ennis Speech, Drama and Debate teams competed at the Southern Divisional Meet in Missoula on Jan. 19.

The team members competed in the following events:

Madison Owens and Kaylee Clemmons in Memorized Public Address; Mason Hamilton and Andie Pierce in Humorous Duo, placing seventh; Muhammad Nizamani in Original Oratory, placing second; Race Owens in Expository; Matthew Skillman, placing third, and Samantha Welch

in Lincoln Douglas Debate.

Although individual competition is Class B and C schools combined, sweepstakes' points for trophies are separate for B and C schools. Any first place scores in a preliminary round add into the sweepstakes with points for final placings.

In the sweepstakes results the Speech/Debate team took second place in Class C and the Drama team placed third in Class C.

Congratulations to all participants and good luck at state to Muhammad Nizamani and Matthew Skillman.



HARRISON VS. TWIN BRIDGES



Photos by Ben Coulter

Harrison / Willow Creek sophomore Britta Cooper (right) brings the ball upcourt as Twin Bridges sophomore Julia Cox (2) defends her Friday night in Twin Bridges. The Lady Falcons beat the Lady Wildcats 51-46.



Twin Bridges Falcons Max Orrin (21) and Michael Pferlsh (23) hang in the air momentarily after falling for a ball fake from Harrison / Willow Creek senior Garrett Petersen (32) in Twin Bridges on Friday night.



Harrison / Willow Creek senior Becca White (4) takes the ball to the basket as Twin Bridges senior Hannah Konen (20) tries to stop her Friday night in Twin Bridges.

Twin Bridges takes it to the hoop against Harrison/Willow Creek

Ben Coulter
THE MADISONIAN
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The Twin Bridges Falcons varsity boys' basketball team gave a dazzling performance of athleticism Friday night as they hosted the Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats, while the Lady Falcons game against the Lady Wildcats came down to the final seconds in a wild matchup that was ultimately determined by teamwork and hustle.

The boys' game got off to a fast start led by seven seniors on an experienced roster. With an emphasis on tight defense and a transition offense, the Falcons jumped out to an early 24-7 lead against the Wildcats in the first quarter. Senior C.J. Cox attributed his team's ability to put points up on the board to their defensive prowess and senior leadership.

"We're a tight knit group, and our experience definitely helps out a lot," said Cox. "It all starts off with our defense, and we like to get into a running game."

By halftime Twin Bridges lead Harrison/Willow Creek 45-20, and at times the Wildcats appeared to struggle moving the ball down court and executing their offense. The Falcons capitalized on the Wildcats lack of experience around the perimeter, and Cox estimated his team scored approximately 75 percent of their points off the fast break.

"We do a bunch of practice on just getting the board and going, looking up court," he said. "Don't spend a lot of time dribbling the ball up the floor when you can pass it to the open man at the other end."

Cox put up 18 points on the night, while teammate Cole Miotke scored a game-high 26. After the game Cox credited Miotke's ability to put up big numbers for the Falcons fast-paced transition offense.

"If he's hitting shots it's going to open up the other guys, and as soon as that happens then we'll get it in to them," said Cox.

The final score was Twin Bridges 75 and Harrison/Willow Creek 44.

The varsity girls' game was as much a display of hustle and determination as basketball skill when the Lady Falcons and Lady Wildcats took the gloves off and got down to business on the hardwood. Both teams demonstrated an aggressive style of defensive play that resulted in numerous points off the fast break. The game remained close in the first quarter with Harrison/Willow Creek leading host Twin Bridges 12-7, but by halftime the Falcons had taken a 27-20 lead over the Wildcats.

Harrison/Willow Creek coach Lisa Cooper said she told her team during halftime they needed to pick up the pace and take the fight to the Falcons all the way through the end of the game.

"I told them we need to run our press break and we need to have our middles be more aggressive," she said. "They didn't attack the basket like we want to."

By the end of the third quarter the Lady Wildcats had crept back to within four points of the lead and the game remained close until the final seconds with Twin Bridges coming away on top of Harrison/Willow Creek by a score of 51-46.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

JANUARY 17

BOYS
Ennis 61, Lone Peak 32

Goodman 7 pts., 3 reb., 3 asst., 1 stl.
Ott 2 pts., 2 asst., 1 stl.
Croy 10 pts., 3 reb.
Farnes 7 pts., 6 reb., 3 asst., 1 stl.
McKittrick 2 pts., 5 reb., 2 asst., 4 stl.
Bullock 8 pts., 1 asst., 2 stl.
Johnson 1 pt., 1 reb., 1 asst., 1 stl.
Sullivan 21 pts., 7 reb., 2 stl., 1 blk.
Leo 2 pts., 1 reb., 1 asst.
Clark 1 pt., 3 reb., 1 stl.

JANUARY 18

GIRLS
Sheridan 45, Lima 35
Twin Bridges 51, Harrison/Willow Creek 46

Cox 7 pts.
Konen 10 pts.
Ashcraft 2 pts.
Wetzel 1 pt.
Williams 3 pts.
Martin, Mo. 10 pts.
Martin, Me 5 pts.
Griebenow 13 pts.

White, B. 9 pts., 3 reb., 4 asst., 2 stl.
White, K. 7 pts., 2 reb., 1 asst.
Arcangeli 2 pts.
Cooper 12 pts., 15 reb., 2 asst., 5 stl.
Nesbit, J. 7 pts., 2 reb., 1 asst., 3 stl.
DeFrance 1 pt., 2 reb.
Nesbit, A. 2 pts., 1 stl.
Wilson 6 pts.

BOYS
Sheridan 37, Lima 47
Ennis 78, West Yellowstone 44

Goodman 4 reb., 3 asst., 4 stl.
Ott 2 reb., 2 asst.
Croy 8 pts., 4 reb., 3 asst.
Farnes 8 pts., 3 reb., 2 asst., 1 stl.
McKittrick 13 pts., 4 reb., 2 asst., 1 stl., 1 blk.
Bullock 14 pts., 5 reb., 9 asst., 5 stl.
Johnson 2 pts., 1 asst.
Sullivan 22 pts., 5 reb., 1 asst., 3 stl., 1 blk.
Leo 4 pts., 1 reb., 1 asst.
Clark 7 pts., 7 reb., 3 stl.

Twin Bridges 75, Harrison/Willow Creek 44

Konen 2 pts.
Pferlsh, J. 4 pts.
Miotke 26 pts.
Cox 18 pts.
Guillot 4 pts.
Orrin 6 pts.
Pferlsh, M. 8 pts.
Johnson 2 pts.
Hirst 5 pts.

Strickland 2 pts.
Von Bergen 12 pts.
Nye, J. 3 pts.
Strong, S. 6 pts.
Lehman 2 pts.
Peterson, G. 16 pts.
Peterson, B. 1 pt.
Moe 2 pts.

JANUARY 19

GIRLS
Ennis 49, West Yellowstone 26

Twin Bridges 43, Gardiner 37
Sheridan 30, White Sulphur Springs 39

Lee 1 pt., 6 reb., 2 stl.
Degel 11 pts., 8 reb., 1 asst., 1 stl.
Zetler 2 pts., 5 reb., 1 stl.
Lueck 10 pts., 3 reb., 7 stl.
Evans 6 pts., 9 reb., 1 stl., 1 blk.
Woirhaye 2 reb., 1 stl.

BOYS
Sheridan 32, White Sulphur Springs 63

Tilstra 7 pts.
Kenworthy 9 pts.
Wood 2 pts.
Browne 6 pts.
Fabricius 4 pts.
Fuller 2 pts.
Hamilton 2 pts.

Twin Bridges 68, Gardiner 58
Harrison/Willow Creek 32, Lone Peak 31

JANUARY 21

GIRLS
Sheridan 28, Ennis 45

Lee 2 pts.
Degel 2 pts.
Lueck 10 pts.
Evans 12 pts.
Woirhaye 2 pts.

Deitz 2 pts.
Martello 4 pts.
McKinney 4 pts.
Griffis, K. 6 pts.
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BOYS
Sheridan 35, Ennis 71

Burke 9 pts.
Marsh 4 pts.
Green 6 pts.
Tilstra 6 pts.
Wood 2 pts.
Kenworthy 2 pts.
Browne 6 pts.

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COLUMNS

Sustainably Sadie

Sarah Miller,
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Cold and Flu Season

I've heard it referred to as an "epidemic" - the worst flu season yet. For this family with a newborn, we've gone into seclusion in order to avoid germs. A fever for our little guy could be seriously dangerous - so we hide out and avoid public places as much as possible. Constant hand washing, carrying hand sanitizer in our pockets; we're taking all precautions to keep the flu out of our home.

That being said, we've all had an annoying cold this past week. It started with a sore throat. The boys both have runny noses. I've been drinking tea all day long, making sure to stay hydrated. I was thrilled to be able to get Ginger tea and Emergen-C from The Health Emporium in Sheridan. And amazing friends gave us local honey. Honey is a great way to treat sore throat and illness. It is an alternative to cough-suppressants, is anti-bacterial and anti-viral. Ginger will also calm a cough as well as soothe an upset stomach and strengthen the immune system.

My favorite treatment when feeling poorly is a Hot Toddy. My family recipe is a shot of whisky, lemon juice and honey in hot water. The warm, soothing

drink induces a restful sleep; it could be made without the alcohol, just lemon and honey in hot water can be equally healing. Even though we're hiding out, we've been doctor-advised to get fresh air daily. According to the Herbs & Oils blog that I follow on Facebook, a dose of cold air can also soothe a ferocious cough (<http://www.commonshome.com/home-remedies-for-coughs/>). Airing out the home can be a good idea for those, like us, cooped up during these flu-months. I try to air out the house during the warmest part of the day so the heating bill doesn't get too out of control and also right as we're about to head out the door so the boys don't get too chilled.

It is also a great time of year to make soup. Soup can be incredibly healing and simple to make. Sauté onions, garlic, carrots and celery in olive oil. Add grated ginger if you like.

A splash of wine, add broth or even just water. You can add some cooked meat or keep it vegetarian then spice up with your favorite hot sauce or chili powder. The spice will help fight off illness. Search Pinterest.com for other DIY cold/flu treatments. I've seen recipes for making your own vapor rubs or shower melts using essential oils, Eucalyptus and Peppermint. When baby Ruben seems especially stuffy in the middle of the night, I rub a couple of drops of Eucalyptus essential oil on his outfit (not directly on his sensitive, young skin). I also have rubbed the Eucalyptus onto my older son's feet then put on socks (as I have seen on the Internet) and it really seems to help his runny nose.

Share your secrets for fighting cold and flu season at www.sustainablysadie.blogspot.com or by emailing sustainablysadie@hotmail.com.

This, OUR VALLEY:

The Art of Being Wise

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.
- William James

Modern cars, don't you just love them?

Driving home the other night I needed to dim the lights on my dashboard but found myself looking everywhere for something that would do the job, but I couldn't find it. I pulled over and grabbed the owner's manual for some help, but it was a thousand pages of gobble-dee-

gook and an index that has never heard of such a thing as a dashboard dimmer switch (or any other term I could think of in the middle of the night).

It turns out that a little plunger on the dash that does other things (and which I have used regularly to do those "other things") also serves as the instrument panel's Light Adjustment device. Next to it was a symbol I had always assumed to be a small gear (it looks like a circle surrounded with teeth) is actually supposed

to be a light bulb (radiating light). Ah, now it makes sense!

Most of us know most of what we need to know in order to hop in a car and drive off the lot, but there are times it would be wise to sit down with the owner's manual and peruse it just for those little things we don't need often - but when we do, it is nice to know where to find them.

Life and faith are a lot like that. Most of us know what we need to know by the time we get out of kindergarten (as one book happily puts it), and yet there are times it would be wise to sit down with our owner's manual to read up on ideas and stories



Rev. Keith Axberg

that make living lovingly and faithfully a more likely outcome.

It all starts (and ends, I suspect) with attitude. Our attitude colors almost all of what we see. If we are fearful of the future, then we will curl ourselves up into a fetal position and try to protect anything and everything we've got. The Bible tells a number of stories of people thrown into prison for one reason or another (generally around matters of faith, and not so much for crimes of stealing or killing or such what-not), but instead of crying in their beer or bemoaning their predicaments, we find them

dimming their fear and gazing "out" at a future that may be bright instead.

One lad (Joseph) became the savior of those who sold him into slavery; three prayed quietly and were delivered from both hungry lions and a fiery furnace; yet another couple of fellows sang psalms and songs and, when an earthquake broke open their prison, they not only chose NOT to escape, but stopped their jailor from committing suicide!

These are not unusual stories. They are tales of people who are not afraid of their world; people who are not afraid for their future. They do not look to swords, assault weapons, or armies to deliver them; instead, they look only to the generous hand of God that has delivered countless generations in times of trial, and trust he will deliver them from the "valley of the shadow" as well.

I have lived in fear and I have

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, GBGB, 2:30 p.m.; FFA Alumni Silent Dessert Auction, gym lobby, 3 p.m.; Little Dribblers (boys) play at half-time of varsity games.

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By Jerry Welch for THE MADISONIAN

YES, DIDDLE IN THE MIDDLE

A year ago, this month, I forecast that in the first quarter of 2013, cattle futures would rise to at least \$141. Several times since making that forecast it seemed as if stars and planets would align properly, the bullish fundamentals join forces and my prediction would come to be.

But as it is often said, "the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray." And when it comes to the cattle market in recent months and my predictions, that old saying fits me to a T.

The cattle futures market, basis the June contract has been stuck in a range of approximately \$12 since last January. Prices have not been able to break through the

ceiling at \$134. Nor, fall below the floor firmly in place at \$122. At the close of trading this week, June cattle ended sharply lower, mid-range of the \$12 range the market has been locked into for the past year. And prices settled at a six-month low.

When prices are mid-range, the odds are 50-50; giving neither bulls or bears an edge. Which, of course, explains why one of the oldest of sayings by those that trade off technical or chart considerations is, "don't diddle in the middle."

The weakness is due to short-term demand problems, not a change in the long-term fundamentals that remain positive. Demand for beef has

weakened of late because the outbreak of flu on the East Coast is discouraging restaurant traffic, slowing demand. The slippage with demand has pushed the infamous commodity funds into liquidating a large portion of their massive long positions. Equally bearish is the fact that average dressed cattle weights remain at record high levels. The combination of those negative forces has convinced many that demand is weakening even though evidence shows supplies tightening.

Oftentimes, the best single source for market information is to view prices through the charts. The charts reveal the hopes and fears of all participants. However, when prices are in the middle of a range such as today's cattle market, our knowledge is at its lowest. In the middle of a trading range, anything can surface, pushing prices one way or another in a meaningful way.

Technically speaking, the cattle market is indeed at a point where prices could go either way. However, from a fundamental standpoint, beef production and cattle supplies will decline sharply in 2013 and 2014, which if correct, hints that the line of least resistance for prices is higher, not lower. The charts may appear dubious but from a supply/demand standpoint, the long-term outlook is indisputable.

The latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand estimates for 2013 project beef production slightly higher from those in the December report, but well below those from the past two years. A simpler way of viewing 2013 is to understand that beef production in 2012 was the lowest since 2005 and this year it is expected to be down another five percent; bullish statistics by any measure.

In addition, on February 1, the 2013 Cattle Inventory Report is due to be released and it should

provide an additional peek into the supply side for feeder cattle and beef production over the next year. If there are any signs cattle producers intend to retain more heifers from last year's calf crop, or intend to do so this year, supplies will tighten further over the near term making the big picture brighter yet.

As the U.S. economy improves and creates new jobs, the Chinese economy is also improving. Upward pressure on cattle prices will be unrelenting. In the case of China, they are emerging as a high-end beef user as their middle class grows and their diet embraces more red meat.

There is no doubt the resolve of the bulls is being tested now that cattle prices have plunged to a six-month low. Many a bull has thrown in the towel as the charts appear down and dirty bearish. Adding to the unease is the reality that the commodity

funds are in a liquidation phase, selling rallies, not buying breaks. The great worry with prices now hemorrhaging badly is clear. If the funds can push cattle prices to mid-range levels, it is also possible they can send prices crashing through the floor that has been inviolable for a year; or possibly, even lower. Nonetheless, I am viewing the recent decline with cattle futures as a major buying opportunity with prices perfectly mid-range. Yes, I am violating a most sacred rule. I am suggesting, shame on me, that cattle traders step up, buy the market and, "diddle in the middle."

I remain bullish the cattle market with an upside target of \$141 for late this quarter and possibly as high as \$150 in the final quarter of 2012. Cattle prices should be marching higher by the time the February 1 Inventory Report is released and fully digested by the trade.

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRELINE

With temperatures above freezing in the daytime and well below freezing at night, road surfaces around southwest Montana have become treacherous.

Icy road conditions were to blame for the only call for service received by the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department last week.

On Jan. 18 at 7:43 p.m. the MVRFD along with the Ennis Ambulance Service, Madison County Sheriff's Office, and the Montana Highway Patrol, was dispatched to a one-vehicle rollover accident at mile marker 26 on U.S. Hwy 287. The MVRFD responded a Rescue and a Command with eight firefighters from Station 1 and a Rescue and a Command with three firefighters from Station 2. Upon arrival firefighters found an SUV on its side but all four occupants out of the vehicle. Firefighters provided initial patient care and established traffic control operations until the vehicle could be recovered and towed from the scene. Firefighters encountered winds around 25 miles per hour, and the wind chill factor was near twenty below zero. MVRFD personnel were on scene for more than three hours before the road way could be made safe for normal traffic.

If you find yourself driving in the snow, stay alert, slow down and stay in control. These are the three key elements to safe driving in the snow. Here are some things to remember:

Do a maintenance check on your vehicle before making the trip. Check the vehicle battery, belts and hoses, anti-freeze, oil, lights, brakes, heater and defroster and check the exhaust system for leaks, which may allow carbon monoxide to enter the vehicle.

Plan your route ahead of time and give yourself extra travel time. Make sure someone knows your travel plans.

Wear comfortable clothing that does not restrict your movement while at the wheel. Keep warm clothing available for when you exit the vehicle. Always clear any snow and ice from all windows, lights, mirrors and the roof before driving. After starting the vehicle wait for the interior windows to clear of fog so you will have appropriate visibility.

Make sure there is sufficient windshield washer fluid in the vehicle reservoir and that it is rated for freezing temperatures.

It takes longer to stop on slippery surfaces, so add additional time to the three-

second rule. Slow down in snow and icy conditions, make turns slowly, and make all starts slow and smooth.

Remember that bridges and overpasses may freeze before the regular travel lanes of a roadway. Watch out for black ice, areas of the roadway that appear black and shiny and where your vehicle can suddenly lose traction. Slow down in these areas and keep your foot off the brakes.

If you get stuck or stranded, don't panic. Stay with your vehicle for safety and warmth. Wait for help to arrive. If you have a cell phone and are in an area with cell phone service, try calling for help. Try to always know your exact locations while driving.

Keep your clothing dry. Wet clothing can lead to dangerous loss of body heat.

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.

HOW IS THE MADISON VALLEY STACKING UP IN SOUTHWEST MONTANA? - 2012 IN REVIEW (PART I)

<p>Melinda Merrill PRUDENTIAL REAL ESTATE</p> <p>As you probably guessed from the last article I wrote - I am a numbers person. I like looking at the "big picture" so that I can make informed and educated decisions. Last I wrote on the specifics of the market of the Madison Valley for 2012...but how are we stacking up compared to other areas in SW Montana?</p> <p>Number of sales of Single Family Homes and average price:</p> <p>Billings: Up 18 percent - up 8 percent; Bitterroot: Up 11 percent - down 11 percent; Butte: Up 1 percent - up 2 percent; Gallatin: Up 12 percent - stable; Great Falls: Up 11 percent - up 8 percent; Helena: Up 28 percent - up</p>	<p>5 percent; Missoula: Up 31 percent - up 1 percent; Northwest: Up 25 percent - up 3 percent; Madison Valley: Up 30 percent - stable.</p> <p>Number of Bare Land Sales and average price:</p> <p>Billings: Up 61 percent - down 8 percent; Bitterroot: Up 6 percent - down 31 percent; Butte: Up 74 percent - down 35 percent; Gallatin: Up 74 percent - down 16 percent; Great Falls: Down 5 percent - up 20 percent; Helena: MLS does not track bare land sales; Missoula: Up 35 percent - down 42 percent; Northwest: Up 50 percent - down 9 percent; Madison Valley: Up 3 percent - stable.</p> <p>The Madison Valley has traditionally gone into and come out of real estate swings at a slower pace than</p>
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the cities around us. We traditionally have not had the extreme highs and lows. That said - it looks like real estate throughout southwest Montana is on the road to recovery. With continued low interest rates, decent inventory, and lowered prices, a buyer has a closing window of opportunity to invest right now in your future. Call your local REALTOR today to help you



Melinda Merrill

make your next move!

*Statistics are pulled from Montana's REALTOR's Digest - the annual publication (based on sales from 1/1/2012 to 10/31/2012) as well as the Stats compiled by Melinda Merrill from the local MLS (based on sales from 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012).

Flu outbreak prompts reminder from senior care experts

From **Debbie Hilt**
HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE

This flu season is shaping up to be one of the worst in decades – with the Centers for Disease Control already reporting widespread outbreaks in many states.

While anyone can get the flu, seniors are especially susceptible to the virus and are at greater risk for serious flu-related complications that can lead to hospitalization and even death. Ninety percent of flu-related deaths and more than half of flu-related hospitalizations occur in people age 65 and older.

“The flu can be very dangerous for seniors, so we are concerned about this recent outbreak,” said Jeff Huber, president of Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care® franchise network. “We encourage seniors and their families to take

extra precautions to protect themselves from the virus.”

To fight the flu, senior care experts recommend the following:

Get a flu shot: Experts strongly encourage all seniors and those in frequent contact with seniors to get vaccinated if they haven’t already done so. Medicare covers one vaccine per flu season.

Practice good hand washing: Wash hands with soap frequently, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water aren’t available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Cover coughs and sneezes: Droplets from a sneeze or a cough can travel up to six feet. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and dispose of the tissue immediately. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into the elbow, not the hands.

Stay in to stay well: If there’s an outbreak in

the area, avoid trips to crowded shopping centers or community events.

Avoid contact: Those with flu-like symptoms, especially school-aged children, should avoid contact with senior loved ones. Enlist the help of friends, neighbors or professional home caregivers to take over caregiving responsibilities, if necessary.

Rest well, eat well: Get plenty of sleep, drink plenty of fluids and eat healthy foods. Experts also recommend a diet rich in Vitamins C and D and plenty of exercise.

If senior loved ones begin to show symptoms of the flu, contact their health care provider immediately. Antiviral medications (like Tamiflu) are available to help make symptoms less severe.

For more information about senior and caregiver well-being, please visit www.caregiverstress.com.

Chill out for fitness this season

From **Beth Maniero**
TOPS CLUB, INC.

During this cold time of year, it can be natural to want to curl up inside and let your fitness routine take a backseat for the season.

But there’s no need to let the weather derail your journey to wellness. Consider the following recommendations from TOPS Club, Inc., the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, to work out creatively – and safely – in the outdoors this winter.

Prepare to head out: Outdoor winter workouts require a bit of preparation, depending on the conditions. Remember to dress warmly and in layers, paying particular attention to your hands, feet, and head. Avoid cotton and select a moisture-wicking material for your base layer; perspiration can make an individual feel even colder because the wetness chills from the temperature. Slather on a sunscreen containing at least SPF 15 or higher to protect against sunburn that can occur from exercising in snow or high altitudes. Also, don’t forget to wear a lip balm that contains sunscreen. Remember to stay hydrated and keep a bottle of water with you, even if you think you won’t get as sweaty as you might normally during a workout. Eat a light snack an hour or two before working out, to add energy and prevent distracting hunger pangs.

Warm up – indoors: Warm up for five to ten minutes before heading outdoors by stretching, doing jumping jacks, briskly walking, and more. In winter weather, muscles tighten and take longer to loosen than they do in warmer temperatures. Warm muscles also burn fat more readily than cold muscles and that muscle elasticity helps prevent injuries and hasten recovery.

Go for a hike: Providing a great conditioning workout, hiking can also be an escape from hectic city life. Focus on the climb of the hills, and enjoy nature’s beauty as you hike. Don’t forget to wear hiking shoes, and consider over-the-shoe traction devices and hiking poles to aid in stability.

Run for the season: Running isn’t just for warmer temps (although winter may not be the ideal time to begin practicing this sport). Purchase a pair of running shoes designed specifically for winter or an over-the-shoe traction device, which helps prevent falls, particularly on icy roads or trails. Reduced daylight means darker runs, so wear a headlamp and reflective gear as well.

Get out and play: Everyone can enjoy making snow angels, building an igloo, making snowmen, or having a snowball fight – and keep fit doing so. Build strength and get in a cardio workout by climbing up

a nearby hill while pulling a sled – and then racing down.

Shovel to slim: Shoveling snow is a surefire way to work up a sweat and burn off excess calories. However, if you have a history of heart problems, high cholesterol, or are a smoker, proceed with caution, as snow shoveling may cause a quick increase in heart rate and blood pressure. Push the snow as you shovel, instead of lifting it out of the way, to ease pressure on your back. If you must lift, be sure to lift from your legs and not your back, and pick up small shovels of snow at a time. Also take frequent breaks to allow your heart rate to level. Keeping these tips in mind will help ensure an effective and

safe workout.

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For the Birds: A Fun Bird Book of Long Ago

By Gail Cole

While we remain covered in a blanket of white with below zero temperatures, please remember to be considerate of the birds that choose to live through these winter months. If possible, offer a good quality seed, which is a combination of white proso and sunflower seed, especially while their natural food sources are covered. Remember, that any feeder must be up off the ground and hidden from deer and hawks. It is important to realize that no one travels by foot around town, through the forests and fields, keeping stats, counting all the little songbirds that died from starving each winter.

a short story in yet another old bird book I uncovered in Mom's library called, "The Burgess Bird Book for Children." This book, published in 1919, authored by Thornton W. Burgess, offers many color pages of songbirds.

Mr. Burgess begins with a warm dedication: "To the children and the birds of America, that the bonds of love and friendship between them may be strengthened." He then offers a preface, which I found so valuable that I wish to forward it to you: "This book was written to supply a definite need. Its primary purpose is to interest the little child in, and to make him acquainted with, those feathered friends he is most

likely to see. Because there is no method of approach to the child mind equal to the story, this method of conveying information has been adopted. So far as I am aware the book is unique in this respect. In its preparation an earnest effort has been made to present as far as possible the important facts regarding the appearance, habits and characteristics of our feathered neighbors. It is intended to be at once a storybook and an authoritative handbook. While it is intended for little children, it is hoped that children of larger growth may find in it much of both interest and helpfulness.

Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuertes, artist and naturalist, has marvelously supplemented such value as may lie in the text by his wonderful drawings in full color. They were made especially for this volume and are so accurate, so true to life, that study of them will enable any one to identify the

species shown. I am greatly indebted to Mr. Fuertes for his cooperation in the endeavor to make this book of real assistance to the beginner in the study of our native birds."

Author, Mr. Burgess, features Peter Rabbit as the main character, and his home is the "Old Orchard." I am jumping to chapter eleven, Drummers and Carpenters, where Peter Rabbit meets up with Yellow Wing the Flicker, and Jenny Wren. Peter has lots of questions to ask Yellow Wing but as he begins, Mrs. Yellow Wing is calling for dinner, and he leaves. Peter observes how the flicker bounds through the air just as Peter bounds over the ground. "I will recognize him from now on," states Peter, "yet he doesn't seem like a Woodpecker because he is on the ground so much. I must ask Jenny Wren about him."

A few days later, Peter was able to get answers to

his questions about Yellow Wing. Jenny Wren stated that Yellow Wing certainly was a woodpecker even though he spends most of his time on the ground, and reminded Peter scolding, "Tut, tut, tut, tut! Think a minute! Haven't you ever seen Redhead on the ground, picking up beechnuts in the fall?" About that time, Downy, smallest of the woodpecker family, made his entrance with a noisy rat-a-tat-tat sound. "A splendid drummer is Downy," stated Jenny Wren, "and he is just as good a carpenter because he made the very house I am occupying now."

Peter then asked, "Is he making a hole for a nest up there?" "Gracious, Peter," exclaimed Jenny Wren. "Do give us birds credit for a little common sense. If he were cutting a hole for a nest, everybody within hearing would know just where to look for it. When he cuts a hole for

a nest he doesn't make any more noise than is absolutely necessary. You don't see any chips flying, do you?"

Peter wasn't satisfied so he asked, "Is - is he hunting for worms in the wood?" Jenny Wren laughed and said, "Good land, Peter! What do you run and jump for in the spring? What is Mr. Wren singing for over there? Downy is drumming for precisely the same reason - happiness. He can't run and jump, and he can't sing, but he can drum."

There are many wonderful chapters in this book, "The Burgess Bird Book for Children" published almost a 100 years ago, and I plan to bring you many of them as we learn more and more about the precious authors of long ago, and their belief of the protection and survival of our songbirds through teaching. Thanks for reading.



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From Tanya Matson
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MSU campus visitation

From Jennifer Dunn
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOZEMAN - Montana State University in Bozeman will open its campus, classrooms and activities to potential students during MSU Friday, the university's campus visitation program, set for Friday, Feb. 1.

MSU Friday is a free event open to all high school juniors and seniors and their families. The program consists of several activities including tours, sample classes given by some of MSU's

best professors, meetings with academic departments, a display of organizations and special services, and presentations on programs, scholarships and financing a college education. Panels for parents and students are also scheduled.

Students may register online for MSU Friday at www.montana.edu/admissions/msufridayreg.shtml. For further information about MSU Friday, contact the MSU Office of Admissions at 1-888-MSU-CATS or (406) 994-2452.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Submitted by Heide Connor
Madison River at Varney Bridge.

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.

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.

Christmas Tree Burn, Twin Bridges

Welcome one, welcome all. Let's warm up with a Christmas tree bonfire at Jensen Park, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Hot dogs, hot chocolate and coffee will be supplied by the Twin Bridges Rotary Club but please bring a side dish or dessert to share with the community members. Don't forget your ice skates as there is ice in the pond this year!

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 Virgin-

ia 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 spirits from Willie's at 312 E. Main St. Visit www.williesdistillery.com for hours, information on products or visit the gift shop!

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

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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.

Sports schedule

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Live music, Norris Hot Springs

Valis plays original alternative with a lot of blues influences. Music starts at 7 p.m. For more information go to: [www.norri-shot-springs.com](http://www.norrishot-springs.com)

Star gazing, Twin Bridges

Public viewing through 10 and 14 inch telescopes at the Cottontail Observatory. If weather is bad the will be a class on The Messier Objects. The Observatory is at 280 Wet Georgia Road 3 miles east of Twin Bridges on Hwy 287 and 3 miles up on Wet Georgia Road. For more information contact Joe Witherspoon at 842-7722.

SATURDAY Jan 26

Pizza fundraiser, Sheridan

R.V. Swimming Club's Annual Pizza Sale Fundraiser is during

the Sheridan School basketball games. Pre-orders are strongly recommended. Order forms are available at Walter's IGA, Jensen's Market, Sheridan Schools, R.V. Hospital, McLeod Mercantile, Alder Store, Virginia City courthouse and Ruby Valley National Bank or email to flick_kaatz@hotmail.com.

Free ski, West Yellowstone

In partnership with the USFS and National Winter Trails Day, the trail fee will be waived for the Rendezvous Ski Trails. First timers to weekend warriors welcome! Free 1 hr. ski lessons at 10 a.m. and Noon. Come ready to ski and meet our instructors at the Rendezvous trail head building. Complimentary skis and snowshoe rentals on a first come/first served basis. Contact Free Heel & Wheel at (406) 646-7744 to make arrangements or visit them at info@freeheelandwheel.com.

Karaoke, Ennis

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

Live music, Norris Hot Springs

Luke Flansburg - Acoustic rock. Music starts at 7 p.m. For more info go to: www.norri-shot-springs.com

Sports schedule

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SUNDAY Jan 27

Live music, Norris Hot Springs

John Adam Smith Band. A potpourri of original songs weaved amid acoustic and electric strings, slides, and harmonies. Music starts at 7 p.m. For more info go to: www.norri-shot-springs.com

MONDAY Jan 28

Planning board meeting, Virginia City

The Madison County planning board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room.

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Commissioner's meeting, Virginia City

The Madison County Commissioners will hold a regular meeting in the conference room at 9:30 a.m.

M.C. growth policy update, Virginia City

Public hearing on M.C. growth policy update at 3 p.m. in the courtroom of the M.C. Courthouse.

Fly tying workshop, Ennis

Come join us every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. (except holidays) at the Ennis Cafe second floor. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Ron 600-6081.


Documentary film, Ennis

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Joint commission meeting, Twin Bridges

Madison/Jefferson joint commission meeting at 10 a.m. at Twin Bridges City Hall.

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MSU Friday, Bozeman

Montana State University in Bozeman will open its campus, classrooms and activities to potential students during MSU Friday, the university's campus visitation program. MSU Friday is a free event open to all high school juniors and seniors and their families. Students may register online for MSU Friday at www.montana.edu/admissions/msufridayreg.shtml. For further information about MSU Friday, contact the MSU Office of Admissions at 1-888-MSU-CATS or (406) 994-2452.

Ice fishing tournament, Hebgen Lake

Annual North American Ice Fishing Circuit Tournament at Hebgen Lake, Feb. 1, 2, 3. Two-thirds education and one-third competition with a maximum entry of 150 two-person teams.

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SUNDAY feb 3

Retirement party, Sheridan

Please join us in wishing Dr. Google happy retirement and greet Dr. Kelli Christensen at Bethany Hall from 2 - 5 p.m.

Super Bowl party, Ennis

Come to the Silver Dollar Saloon for a super party - potluck (bring your favorite dish), beer and drink specials, giveaways and good company.

Editor's note: The Madisonian is happy to put your event in the community calendar. Any community event is welcome. Please email community calendar events to events@madisoniannews.com

BusinessBriefs

Sara Racine
THE MADISONIAN
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Cocktail Night at Willie's Distillery

Grab your friends and head downtown Ennis this Thursday evening to Willie's Distillery for their inaugural Cocktail Night. Between 5-8p.m., come in and enjoy a signature cocktail made from one of Willie's own homemade spirits. The crew has been hard at work and they want you to see what they've been up to. Get there early and enjoy a cocktail while they last!

Ennis Teen Center Needs Your Help

While progress has been made on the new Teen Center

in Ennis, they are in need of your help. Financial support is needed to further the project and eventually get the doors open. Pastor Charles Tucker is asking for your tax-deductible donations to help move this project along. You can call 589-4107 or see the display ad in this week's paper for more information about where to send your donation.

Happy Feet Nail Salon

Happy Feet is excited to welcome back Susie of Big Sky Integrated Health. She's ready to serve you with a relaxing massage or invigorating pedicure. Call 682-3669 to

book your appointment.

Nancy Ruby's Yogamotion "Core Connection" Workshop

There is still space available in an amazing workshop being offered through Ennis Continuing Education. On Saturday, Jan. 26, join Nancy Ruby for a day of balance with her Core Connection workshop from 10:30 to 4:30pm in the Commons. Inquisitive beginners and avid practitioners welcome. The cost of this workshop is \$75. Call 682-4258 ext. 253 to sign up.

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