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The Ennis Mustangs proudly pose with their trophy after winning the 2013-2014 Class C State Championship with a score of 68-56 against the Wibaux Longhorns.

Ennis Mustangs finish undefeated season with state title

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From their opening drive to the final seconds of the game, the Ennis Mustangs never trailed the Wibaux Longhorns in the Class C 8-man State Championship game on Nov. 23.

In 1982 Wibaux left a state championship game without the first place trophy—losing it to

the scrappy Ennis Mustangs. Now, 31 years later, history has repeated itself.

In their first championship appearance in 30 years—and first win in 31—the Ennis Mustangs rose to the occasion and played a hard-fought game for the title. Junior Walker McKittrick, who totaled 566 all-purpose yards and had a hand in all 10 of his team's touchdowns, led the determined group.

McKittrick scored six running touchdowns, returned a punt and had three passes to senior Chad Johnson that resulted in points.

"[Walker] is an exceptionally talented athlete and as he's progressed through his first year as a varsity quarterback, his speed in reading defenses and accuracy in how he throws has made defenses worry," said Ennis Head Coach Jay Fredrickson.

"He gets a lot of well-deserved personal accolades—obviously—but in my heart of hearts I know he is all about the team."

Ennis kicked the ball off to the Longhorns to start the game and then held the Wibaux squad scoreless on its first drive. The Mustangs amped up play early—wrapping up their opening drive with a 51-yard McKittrick pass to Johnson for the score and an opening lead.

Wibaux proved why they were undefeated in the regular season, returning the Mustang's drive with a 77-yard run and a touchdown to tie the game with three minutes left in the first quarter.

Undeterred by the Longhorns, Ennis marched back down the field and took the lead 14-6 at the end of the first quarter.

A minute into the second quarter, McKittrick returned

Wibaux's punt 58 yards for a touchdown for a score of 22-6.

"I just kept saying, 'that's not enough, that's not enough... we need a defensive stop and we need to score again,'" Fredrickson stated. "I never felt any breathing room. Wibaux dialed us in defensively and they were tough to stop."

By halftime, McKittrick had

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Madison County officials part of Big Sky area housing study

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Earlier this month, community leaders from Gallatin County and Madison County gathered to

discuss the goals of the Big Sky Housing Development plan in an effort to bring more affordable housing to the Big Sky area.

In order to find out the actual scope of housing need, the group solicited requests for pro-

posal from consultants to conduct a study to determine the trend of growth. Mike Ducuennois of Yellowstone Club, who is also part of the planning group, told the Madison County Planning Board on Monday that the

group chose Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. The company has a background in mountain ski town demographics, according to Ducuennois. Economic & Planning Systems previously worked in Aspen, Telluride and Jackson

Hole.

"They just went through their first round of interviews," Ducuennois said. "Data collection is starting and will generate something meaningful for the community."

The Madison County commissioners and Madison County Planning Director Charity Fechter attended the meeting. Fechter said she agrees with Ducuennois that the study favors everyone in

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Thanksgiving dinners around the county welcome all

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"There's no reason anyone should be alone on Thanksgiving," claims Kathy Flick, co-chair of Bethel Methodist Church's annual Thanksgiving meal. "And there's no reason someone should have to cook a big meal if they don't want to."

The Bethel Methodist Church will serve a full Thanksgiving

meal at Bethany Hall in Sheridan at precisely 12 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28.

"The food is all donated by the people of our church," Flick explained. "In the past, we've had as many as 100 people attend, but lately it's been more like 40 or 50."

Feeding that many mouths still requires planning and coordination. Flick says church members automatically sign up—the annual dinner first started in the late 80s and members are used to

the routine.

"I always do a turkey with stuffing and gravy," Flick said. "People bring everything though—salad, mashed potatoes, all the trimmings—you get more choices here than if you cook at home."

Though Flick and co-chair Laurie Rogers appreciate people calling in advance so they have an idea of how many are attending, an RSVP is not a requirement.

"We always have enough for extra," Flick said.

On the other side of the county, Madison Valley Baptist Church in Ennis is also hosting a Thanksgiving dinner, open to the public and free of charge.

Located at the church on Highway 287 in Ennis, the meal is served between 1 and 4 p.m. Maria Lake is working with her daughter to coordinate the event. In years past, the church would host a holiday dinner on a Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas, but Lake said the need to have a meal

available on Thanksgiving Thursday was more important.

"This is the second year we've done it on Thanksgiving Day," Lake said. "It's for people who just want to get out and celebrate the holiday with others, but also for people who might not have the ability or means to cook a big meal at home."

Church and community members volunteer to serve food and clean up after the meal. The church, community members and

Madison Foods provide and prepare all the food.

"We cook all the meat and some side dishes at the church, but people are encouraged to prepare dishes at home and bring them to be heated up," Lake said.

According to Flick, the meal attracts many of the same people every year, but it is always a welcome sight to see new faces.

"Everyone is welcome," she said. "I mean, it's Thanksgiving."

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run the ball in two more times and the Mustangs exited the field leading 34-20.

McKitrick opened the second half utilizing Johnson, Connor Sullivan and Reid Farnes to take the ball down the field, eventually running it in for a 40-20 lead.

By the end of the game, senior Farnes had five catches for a total of 86 receiving yards.

"Farnes is a warrior," Coach Fredrickson explained. "That boy was playing on bad knees and a beat up ankle—he only stepped out of the game long enough to get it taped and then he was back in."

Remaining a modest team player, Farnes credited the Mustangs' senior leadership with being the determining factor in the game.

"I mean, there was [Sullivan] with a huge interception and our line—[B. McKitrick] and [Wham]—they were outsized all game but they fought that whole game," Farnes said. "And then Gabe Leum made a huge stop

on our special teams... we're all seniors and it really depended on our leadership."

Wibaux's formidable defense double-teamed Sullivan and worked hard to shut him down so McKitrick was able to find Johnson for two more touchdowns in the third quarter alone.

"[Sullivan] is the best receiver in the state," Coach Fredrickson emphasized. "They had to double up on him and when they dedicated so much of their defense there, it opened up Johnson on the other side."

With a little more than three minutes left in the game, Wibaux scored a touchdown and brought the score to 60-48. Then, after a clever inside kick and a lucky recovery, Wibaux drove to the end zone again and the score was 60-56—a close four-point game with just over two minutes left.

The Mustangs, however, were unflinching. For the final drive of the game, McKitrick led his team down the field and scored on a two-yard run—the Mustang's 10th touchdown, bringing the final score to 68-56.

Fans were cautioned to stay clear of the field until after the trophy ceremony. Once the Mustangs had their championship plaque in hand, cheering fans rushed the field to celebrate with the team.

Fredrickson was quick to give credit to the Mustang's offensive line.

"The Wibaux defensive line was big, strong and aggressive," he said. "We have some unsung heroes up front that made our passing and running game possible—as far as I'm concerned, the best Class C offensive lineman in the state is Derek Wham and our guards Braydon McKitrick and Trevor Cross just kept battling."

Wibaux has a long, storied history of winning Class C 8-man championship titles. Fredrickson attributes that to intense community pride and long-term coaches, as well as talented athletes.

"We knew they were going to be a tough team and that we were going to have to play hard all four quarters," he said. "We absolutely respect [Wibaux] but in the end—and this is not

arrogance, but the truth—Ennis is the best team in the state and these kids have the bragging rights now. They should feel good in a humble way about beating one of the best teams in a shootout game and one of the best championships there has ever been."

For the Mustangs' 11 graduating seniors, a state title was a perfect way to conclude an impressive season.

"The coaches and the team made this season fun all the way through, and worthwhile," Sullivan explained. "I have the utmost respect for Wibaux—they're a hell of a ball club and they gave us a fight, but that's how a championship game should always be played... down in the trenches."

Farnes echoed his teammate's sentiment.

"The fact that we won a state championship didn't really hit us at the time, but now, two days later, our dreams completely came true," he said. "Winning the championship was a real goal but an unreal game—being awake at that moment was better than dreaming."



Photo by Faith Moldan

Walker McKitrick outruns a group of Wibaux players.



Photo by Faith Moldan

Connor Sullivan (5) makes a play for the ball against Wibaux's Conner Leach (24) and Jacob Bakken (14).



Photo by Abigail Dennis

Reid Farnes (10) takes the ball down the field in second the quarter. He had five catches for 86 yards in the game.

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the area and will grow the community.

Employee housing for places like Big Sky Resort and Moonlight Basin is part of the study. Ducuennis said this is an effort to get middle managers a place to live closer to their work and keep

housing affordable. He said some people make about \$60,000 a year and cannot afford a place to live in Big Sky now.

Resort tax monies funded the study, which came in under budget. Ducuennis said the group is reserving the remainder of the money for any legal needs there may be at the study's conclusion.

In other Madison County Planning Board news, Dorothy Davis resigned from the board. She is the third to resign in almost as many months. Lane Adamson resigned from the board due to a move out of the country and Clyde Carroll resigned shortly thereafter.

Rita Owens of Ennis replaced Adamson on the board and Carroll's

position has not been filled. The board formed a nominating committee during Monday's meeting to find a replacement for Carroll and Davis.

The next regularly scheduled planning board meeting is set for Jan. 27, 2014, at 6 p.m. in the Madison County Broadway Annex or Madison County Courthouse.

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Charges filed in district court for tire slashing

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Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall filed charges of criminal mischief and obstructing a peace officer against Jonathan Scott Morgan stemming from a Nov. 1 incident and arrest. The first charge is a felony and the second a misdemeanor.

Morgan, a 40-year-old Ravalli County resident, allegedly slashed the tires of two hospital employees' vehicles and the tires on the trailer carrying Megan's Car. Estimated damages are more than \$1,500, according to court documents.

Morgan could be fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000 or be imprisoned for no more than 10 years in the state prison, or both, if found guilty of the criminal mischief charge. The misdemeanor charge is punishable with a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or both.

Morgan's initial appearance is set for Monday, Dec. 2.

MORE NEWS

Locals support country of origin labeling for beef

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Shoes, electronics and many other products American consumers buy regularly are labeled with their country of origin. Local beef producers, retailers and government officials believe beef should be labeled the same way for various reasons.

Madison County Commissioner Dave Schulz moved to prepare a letter of support to the Montana Association of Counties' agriculture committee supporting the Montana Stockgrowers' efforts in Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) at the commissioners' Nov. 12 meeting. The other two commissioners agreed.

"Country of Origin Labeling for beef is twofold," Schulz said. "It is a safety protection for consumers and also helps people to know exactly what they are getting."

Schulz said he believes COOL can help mitigate any issues that arise if there is bad beef affecting the public. He said it would make it easier to trace the beef's origin and figure out what created the problem.

One hundred percent American meat is the goal at Deemo's Meats in Ennis. Owner Chris Di'Michele said COOL is a helpful tool for him and consumers.

"I wish more meat here could say Montana on it," Di'Michele said. "I live here and I choose to support producers here."

There are certain local and national groups who are putting forth a concerted effort to negate COOL, according to Schulz. Three of the more local groups are run out of Billings-Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stock-growers of America and the Western Organization of Resource Councils.

The North American Meat Association claims that COOL imposes burdens on its industry with little to no benefit. The American Meat Institute also weighed in. It argued that beef from Canada and Mexico is no different than U.S. beef. The institute said it worried meat from other countries would be discriminated against because of COOL.

"It seems to be very controversial and I read a lot about it," Twin Bridges beef producer Rick Sandru said of

COOL.

Sandru said he believes consumers should have the right to know where their meat comes from just like everything else they buy. He added that he does not think COOL will be a detriment to trade between the United States and other countries. Sandru said he does not believe or buy into the idea that "beef's beef." Schulz said he agreed, and the two noted that they and possibly other consumers can tell the difference between beef from different countries and even different parts of the United States. Sandru said he had some concern too because other countries do not have the same protocol as the U.S.

"We want to support local producers and protect people's health," Schulz said.

Photo by Faith Moldan
The Madison County commissioners recently supported country of origin labeling. Local producers and retailers support the effort too.



Twin Bridges elementary incorporates technology into the classroom

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At the Nov. 18 school board meeting, Twin Bridges K-8 principal Brian Smith informed the board members of new strides teachers are making toward integrating technology into their

classrooms.

"More teachers have become interested in taking iPad courses after school," Smith explained. "Their interest is creating a nice, positive buzz and with technology in lesson plans; kids are getting to learn how to work it."

Helping young students get familiarity with different tech-

nology and screen time using iPads and computers is important for one key reason, according to Smith.

"It's helpful in preparing kids to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment online later," Smith said. "The familiarity with testing on technology is important."

The Smarter Balanced As-

essment is a consortium focused on developing standardized tests in accordance with Common Core State Standards in participating states. Montana is a participating state. Once the assessments are fully developed, they will be administered to students via computers.

Though the school board

meeting was relatively straightforward, high school Future Farmers of America (FFA) members addressed the board and community members in attendance about their recent trip to Louisville, Ky., for the FFA National Convention.

According to board chairperson and one of the trip's chapter-

ones, Dave Ashcraft, nine kids made the journey to Tennessee and Kentucky.

"We flew into Nashville and then traveled up to Kentucky for the convention," Ashcraft explained. "We went to the Grand Ole Opry and the Churchill Downs so it was a great trip—the kids had a lot of fun."

Single car accident in September leads to court charges

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The State of Montana filed an Information charging Tanner Wesley Eggers of one felony and four misdemeanors on Nov. 14, following an investigation pertaining to a single car accident that happened near Twin Bridges in September.

According to the state's in-

vestigation and an Affidavit in Support of Motion for Leave to File an Information on Sept. 8, 2013, a little after three in the morning, Eggers was allegedly driving a truck on the Melrose-Twin Bridges cutoff road seven miles west of Twin Bridges with four passengers—three in the truck's single cab and one in the truck bed.

According to the filed Information, Michael Pferthsh,

19-year-old Twin Bridges graduate, was riding in the bed of the truck without any kind of restraint when the vehicle slid off the side of the road, rolled three quarters of a complete roll and came to a rest on the driver's side, ejecting Pferthsh from the truck bed and pinning him under the vehicle. Though Eggers attempted to resuscitate Pferthsh, he was unsuccessful, according to a statement from Madison

County Deputy Clay Garrison, the first law enforcement officer on the scene.

Chris Christensen, Madison County Attorney brought the charges against Eggers to the court for the State of Montana, filing an Affidavit in Support of Motion for Leave to File an Information on Nov. 6 and an Information listing charges on Nov. 14. Eggers is charged with one count of Vehicular Homicide

While Under the Influence—a felony; three counts of Negligent Endangerment—misdemeanors; and one misdemeanor for being in violation of the Montana Seatbelt Use Act (Seatbelt Violation).

According to the filed Information, the maximum penalty for Vehicular Homicide while Under the Influence is imprisonment in a state prison for a term not to exceed 30 years or a fine in an amount not to exceed

\$50,000, or both. For the three counts of Negligent Endangerment, the maximum penalty for a person convicted is imprisonment in county jail for a term not to exceed one year, a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, or both. Maximum punishment provided by law for a Seatbelt Violation is a fine of \$20.

Eggers is to make an initial appearance before the court on Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. in Virginia City.

Commissioners discuss private, public road access

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In a large, rural area like Madison County it can be easy to get lost or turned around, possibly stumbling onto what appears to be a public road.

Public roads in Madison County are generally marked with proper signage, but other paths are marked as well, like driveways and private roads. Accessing these non-public roadways causes issues—torn up roads, increased noise and invasion of private property.

According to Madison County Planning Director Charity Fechter, public roads have generally unrestricted travel

by the public at large. Some roads may be publicly or privately maintained as well. Most subdivision roads fall into this category. Rural Improvement District roads may fall into this category—landowners pay an assessment for specific road maintenance.

Madison County Sheriff Dave Schenk commented at a recent Board of Madison County Commissioners meeting that he and Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen have discussed this issue at length and that it is the responsibility of the landowner to post the road or property as "Private Property" and "No Trespassing" to protect their rights. He said private roads may have restricted travel

for certain individuals or groups. All private roads have private maintenance and access may be seasonal. This designation applies to private driveways.

Karen Brown, Geographic Information System specialist for the county, said she can classify new roads named as a "driveway" versus "public road" on her database, but that does not necessarily help GPS units differentiate between a public and private road. Fechter commented that some areas in the state use a different color road name sign, such as blue, to differentiate between public and private roads. This could be an option for Madison County.

The issue is complicated due to the fact that driveways

that lead to three or more structures are named for the benefit of emergency responders and other users. When a road is named, it can mislead the public into thinking that it is a public road or a county road, Fechter said. Dan Doornbos, Alder Fire Department Chief, stated that state law allows fire departments to access all property.

"Roads may be easements or separate tracts. Easements allow the use of the property for the easement purpose, but the underlying ownership does not change," Fechter said. "With a road easement, the property owner still owns the property but cannot put anything in the easement that would prohibit its use for road purposes. People

sometimes forget this when they locate their improvements (sheds, barns, fences, corrals, gardens) which can be a problem when the road is used."

Commissioner Jim Hart noted that subdivision roads are designated as public roads but are not county roads. Christensen stated it does not matter what they are called, if property owners do not want the public driving a road, they need to mark it as private. If it is questioned, it will end up in court. He further stated that he does not think the commissioners should do a resolution or an ordinance telling people to mark their roads as private. Brown asked if signs on county roads that make them look private, such as "Ranch

Access Only," is illegal. Christensen confirmed that it is.

Fechter said the county's subdivision regulations require public access to roads in subdivisions, but they are usually privately maintained. If there is access to a county road, a county access encroachment permit is required. Access to state highways also requires a permit from the Montana Department of Transportation. Fechter added that one of the first questions to come up when talking with people about a potential subdivision is access.

The commissioners took no action on this issue. Their next scheduled meeting is Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Broadway Annex in Virginia City.

National planning report could mean cuts, closure for Ennis hatchery

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During the past year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) conducted a review of the 70 fish hatcheries in the National Fish Hatchery System. This review, which was done to ensure needs of the hatcheries are met with a declining budget, included the Ennis National Fish Hatchery.

"This has pretty serious implications for Montana federal hatcheries," Connie Keeler-Foster, the project leader at The Ennis National Fish Hatchery, said. The review was completed in the spring 2013.

While the USFWS has said there would be no hatchery closures during the current fiscal year (FY), but ongoing analysis of continued budget challenges—deficit spending, budget cuts and increased expenses—could mean cuts and closures in the future. USFWS has identified the highest priority programs and determined

the ideal number of hatcheries and employees needed to support USFWS work and priorities based on current funding levels and possible future funding cuts or increases. The Ennis hatchery currently has six full-time employees.

The USFWS review document—National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS): Strategic Hatchery and Workforce Planning Report—is not a decision-making document, but rather describes findings and potential actions that could put the system on more sound and sustainable footing. Any cuts or closures would take effect as soon as FY2015, which begins Oct. 1, 2014, if Congress does not provide NFHS resources identified in the president's FY2014 Budget Request.

Review team members collected and examined information about species produced, staffing levels, staffing needs, organizational structure, operational budgets and assets among the hatcheries. The team also established a clear

set of priorities for the NFHS. The report identifies the NFHS's focus on five priorities including: recovery of species federally listed as threatened or endangered; restoration of imperiled aquatic species; tribal trust responsibilities; other propagation programs for native species; and other propagation programs for non-native species.

The Ennis hatchery, which has more than 3,000 visitors annually, differs from most hatcheries in the country. Most hatcheries produce fish of different sizes and then stock the fish into public bodies of water for anglers to try and catch. The Ennis Hatchery, on the other hand, operates a broodstock hatchery and is the largest in the USFWS National Broodstock Program. It is also one of only two rainbow trout broodstock hatcheries in the federal hatchery system. Broodstock are adult fish that produce eggs and sperm. Ennis' hatchery produces seven different types of rainbow trout broodstock—

McConaughy, Eagle Lake, Shasta, Erwin/Arlee Cross, Fish Lake, Arlee and Harrison Lake. Broodstock and fingerling rainbow trout are also used to stock lakes and reservoirs once they reach a certain size and age. Millions of fish eggs are transported each year too.

The report states that Ennis is one of three hatcheries that would likely be severely affected by all of the options for the broodstock program "because much of the propagation of these facilities falls into the lowest priority category (non-native species)."

As a result of this great effect, the review team recommended that the unique importance and interdependent nature of these facilities be identified. Ennis' hatchery would experience major capacity reduction under each reduction scenario. The hatchery would feel the effects too from reprioritization with level funding or a 5 percent increase and the facility would not func-

tion as a national program under any of the scenarios.

"Each facility plays a unique role in the management of their particular strains and species," the review team said.

In alternate options one and two, the report states that the Ennis National Fish Hatchery would remain operational. Option three would keep the hatchery temporarily operational until a phased egg reduction plan could be implemented.

According to USFWS Director Dan Ashe, the report makes note of why the hatchery system is unable to meet its mission responsibilities in the current budget climate. Ashe also said that the agency intends to take immediate actions to prevent possible closures, but added that additional actions may be necessary to address long-term funding shortfalls. He called previous and current short-term actions a "Band-Aid" that cannot heal the challenges that have reached a breaking point.

Laury Parramore of the USFWS said national fish hatchery operations have been greatly impacted by sequestration, which reduced the NFHS budget, in the face of increasing operations costs. If sequestration continues into FY2014, the service will have lost close to \$6 million in appropriations for hatchery operations funding since FY2012, while operations costs have continued to rise.

The report can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/home/feature/2013/pdf/NFHSReviewCoverPageandReport.pdf>. The appendices can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/home/feature/2013/pdf/NFHSReportAppendices.pdf>.

The Ennis National Fish Hatchery is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a self-guided tour available. Guided tours are also available if scheduled in advance. Please call 682-4847 for more information about the hatchery.

Thankful for living in this community full of giving

Dear Editor,

Good grief, sometimes the world seems such an absurd place what with otherwise normal people doing truly stupid things just to get some publicity, undisciplined celebrities wiggling on stage in next to no clothes, sports stars cheating in limitless ways and getting into trouble with the police and government officials

doing whatever it is that they do.

But, the world isn't really like that at least not here in rural SW Montana. All that worldly nonsense does is to cause me to think about how lucky I am to live in a small community in Madison County. It is where life is truly filled with those that deserve publicity. Our community is filled with residents that embody generosity, humility, and hospitality.

They are legendary individuals who are truly deserving of recognition. I was reminded again of this fact this last week.

Last Wednesday evening, our little village rallied around a great cause to help the Miller family in their time of need. It seemed as if the entire town came out that chilly evening to support the cause, and it was incredibly inspiring to see the love and

warmth the citizens of this small place could produce. People from all across the valley gave generously of their time, talent and resources.

There are so many of our friends and neighbors here in our little neck of the woods who are quietly serving our community and families like the Millers without recognition or anything in return. I for one appreciate all

those who selflessly participate in community events whether that is done by donating their time, their money, talents and/or resources. You all deserve the limelight in my opinion.

There are those in the big world who pity us for living a sheltered existence without the glitz and glamor of the so called super stars and city lights but, I for one am thankful for living in

this community. I appreciate and am overwhelmingly grateful for having the opportunity to coexist with people like those that supported the Miller family. You are worthy of accolades much larger than any Pulitzer, Vince Lombardi Trophy or Oscar, at least in my estimation.

Jack Leber
Twin Bridges

Recent thefts at Nearly New distressing and heartbreaking

Dear Editor,

The Madison Valley Woman's Club, which was founded in April of 1920, has been supporting charitable organizations in the Madison Valley since its inception. Our major fundraising enterprise is the Nearly New Shoppe located on Main Street in En-

nis. Through the efforts and dedication of our hard working volunteers, the Madison Valley Woman's Club was able to make charitable donations to 31 different organizations during the 2012-2013 fiscal year, which totaled approximately \$60,000.

This being said, it is with great sorrow, we inform the public that the

Nearly New has been experiencing storewide theft. During the period of Nov. 13 to Nov. 18, two Madison County history books were taken from a Nearly New display case in the front of the store. These books were property of the Woman's Club and were memorabilia of our club. The intrinsic value of these books is

priceless.

We are heartbroken and hurt that anyone would take these items from the store. In addition to the loss we have sustained within the store, continued theft from the donation box is taking place. Removing items from the Nearly New, whether it is from the store or donation box, is

stealing funds from the 31 charitable organizations we currently support.

It is most distressing and hurtful to the club that this is happening at all in the Town of Ennis. Most importantly, it is upsetting to the numerous volunteers who make these donations possible through their hard work and dedication.

We would like the history books returned to the Nearly New, no questions asked and no prosecutions to take place. Simply return them.

The Executive Board
Madison Valley
Woman's Club

Ennis Chief of Police apologizes for sticker situation

Dear Editor,

The Ennis Police Department has the responsibility for enforcing parking rules and regulations in the Town of Ennis. This is not a popular job. Illegally or improperly parked vehicles may seem like a minor matter,

however, in an emergency, these minor violations become serious problems. Public safety vehicles need to safely access and leave emergency scenes or the roadways need to be clear to expedite the flow of traffic for an unexpected evacuation. This duty is most important at events where

there is a large gathering of people—such as a high school game.

During the recent state high school football game, 12 improperly or illegally parked vehicles were given written warnings. Due to the normal windy climate in Ennis, the EPD sometimes uses orange stickers to warn the drivers or owners of illegally or improperly parked vehicles. When used, they are applied to the glass, and not to the metal,

to prevent potentially damaging any paint. In the past, these stickers have always peeled right off. Apparently, the cool temperatures on Saturday were just right and caused the stickers to adhere more than ever before. The EPD did not become aware of the issue until the game was over and it was rightfully brought to our attention.

The EPD admits when mistakes are made and we want to

make this right with the public. As Chief of Police, I offer my personal apology to the persons inconvenienced by the well-adhering stickers. The orange stickers have been thrown away and they will no longer be used. The reserve officer was shocked and horrified when he found out the stickers did not peel right off. He has offered to personally apologize and assist anyone who needs help in removing these

stickers. He will be on-shift this Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the EPD.

The EPD does not want this incident to detract from Saturday's amazing and memorable event—our Ennis Mustangs becoming State Champions!

Respectfully,
Scott Newell
Chief of Police

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New leadership for Ruby Valley Toys for Tots

Dear Editor,

Retired Marine Ed Walter of Twin Bridges will assume the command of the Marines who have managed the Ruby Valley Toys for Tots from Virginia City to Waterloo. Anyone in this area who knows of any needy children who could use a morale pick-up

during the holidays, please call Walter at 684-5179, Joe Degel at 842-5192, Bill Hanley 684-5287 or Jim Paul at 684-5183. Due to a kidney failure, MSGT Hanley will aid Walter this year and wants the Santa Distribution Day at his house for the last time on Sunday, Dec. 22. This will be the 11th year for our program.

Families in the Virginia City and Alder area can sign up at Chicks in Alder. I'd like to thank the people of Ruby Valley. In the past you made it possible for as many children as 138 to enjoy a happier Christmas. We got the toys, but you found those needy kids. Please continue the good work with Walter.

Our collection boxes will be at the banks, 3Rivers Quik Stop in TB, Blue Anchor, The Shack, TB High School and the Main Street Market in TB until Dec. 20.

Bill Hanley,
Past Toys for Tots Leader
Ruby Valley

Thank you

Thank you for the overwhelming, loving and generous support from our community and all who attended, contributed and organized the Sarah Miller Benefit - "Date Night for Sadie's Sake."

Our hearts are full and words cannot fully express our sincere appreciation. We are all truly blessed to live in this community.

Sarah and Justin Miller,
Eva, Benjamin and Ruben
Robert and Leslie Clark

Still time to fix Montana's Medicaid program

Dear Editor,

Last spring extreme conservative leadership blocked a bipartisan compromise to accept federal funds and expand Montana's Medicaid program to give 70,000 uninsured Montanans access to healthcare.

This decision was reckless and will cause real harm to Montanans, our rural hospitals and our local economies. Because we rejected federal dollars, Montana's money will go to other states like North Dakota, New Jersey and California. Because we rejected this money, Montana's will have to wait to access care. That has an enormous human impact on

our families and neighbors, but it also increases the cost of healthcare for everyone else.

The good news is we still have time to fix this! The Montana Legislature can come back to Helena and get the job done before even one Montanan has to wait an extra day for care, and before one of our tax dollars goes to another state. Legislators who want to find a solution should work with Governor Bullock to put the health and wellbeing of Montanans ahead of politics. Work together on a compromise and then come back to Helena and get it done.

Karen Shores, Cameron
Janet Allestead, Virginia City

OBITUARIES

Larry "Shag" Allen Schulz Sept. 30, 1936 - Nov. 17, 2013



Larry ("Shag") Allen Schulz passed away peacefully at the Tobacco Root Valley Care Facility in Sheridan, Mont. on Nov. 17, 2013, four years after a severe stroke. Larry was born in Sheridan, Mont. on Sept. 30, 1936 to Lawrence Schulz and Juanita Glaser Schulz. He grew up in Sheridan with his older brother, Norman Schulz, and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1954. Larry participated in all types of high school activities and athletics, including playing baseball in Butte when he also worked in the Butte Mines. Larry was

honored with his induction into the Butte Athletic Hall of Fame.

Upon graduation, Larry went to the University of Montana on a full-ride baseball scholarship, where he was active in the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Larry played semi-professional baseball for the Bellingham Bells until he suffered serious injuries in a car accident. Larry returned to the University of Montana where he completed degrees in history and math in 1958 and went on to complete a master's in school administration in 1959. He married Vicki (Fey) Schulz in 1964 and they had two children, Derek and Katie.

After beginning his teaching career at Great Falls High, Larry and his family moved to Kalispell in 1968 where he was a counselor at Linderman Junior High and Flathead High School from 1968-69 and from 1970 to 1985 "Mr. Schulz" was first vice principal and then principal. Larry eventually finished his career where he started, as the principal of Linderman until he retired in 1991.

"Mr. Schulz" spent many hours at his schools helping and supporting kids and teachers and warmly greeted the students when he walked the hallways and cheered them on at their activities. Larry also spent many years coaching local baseball teams and never missed a Flathead High sporting event. He participated in civic organizations in the Flathead such as the Optimist Club, of which he was regional president, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Larry was chosen by the National Association of Principals to represent Montana at the United States Congress for several years.

Upon his retirement, Larry enjoyed watching all sporting events, hunting and fishing and being part of the Back Country Horseman organization and the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse. Later in life, Larry spent winters in Mesa, Ariz., and enjoyed traveling to see old friends and family and of course make plenty of new friends. He never missed a Grizzly football game and truly

loved his alma mater.

Larry is survived by his son, Derek Schulz, and daughter, Katie Schulz, as well as his three granddaughters, Marlow Schulz, Allie Schulz, and Lauren Schulz, and his niece, Vicki Hudson, and nephew, Mike Schulz. Larry was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Norman.

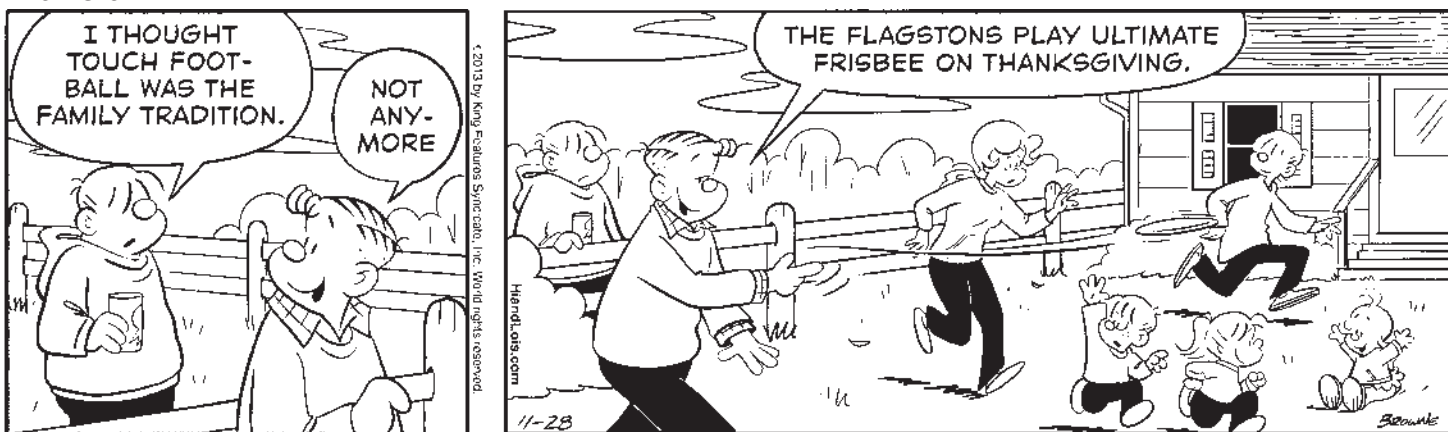
There was a Memorial Service for Larry on Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at 11 a.m. at the Bethel Church in Sheridan. Please direct any memorials to the American Legion Baseball Organization, Tobacco Root Valley Care Facility, or Sheridan QRU.

As we reflect on Larry's life and achievements, we will always remember his love and appreciation of the outdoors, his dedication to education and how he went out of his way to lend a hand when needed. So when you are riding horseback, fishing or cheering on your baseball team, think of Larry.

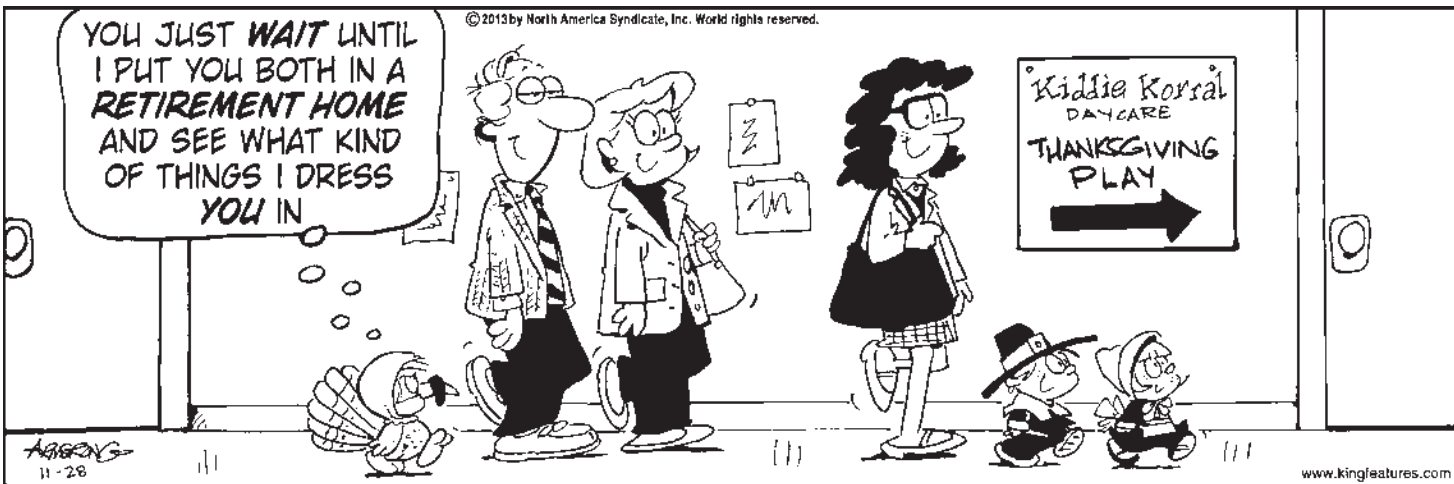
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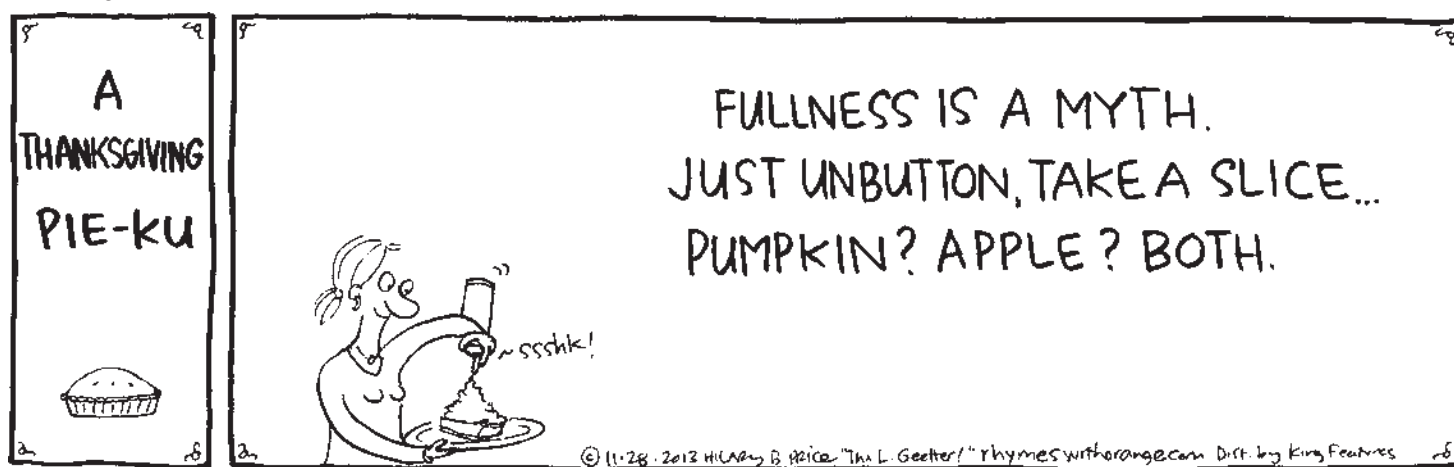
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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Simply Irresistible Creamy Almond Bars

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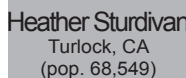
Want to impress your friends and family this holiday season with your baking skills?

Make sure you try home cook Heather Sturdivan's Creamy Almond Bars. These little bars are slices of delight! Next time I make these, I may experiment a little. I bet lemon or orange extract flavors would be wonderful too.

See step-by-step photos of Heather's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

www.justapinch.com/almond

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...



Heather Sturdivan
Turlock, CA (pop. 68,549)

Creamy Almond Bars

- Janet

- What You Need**
- CRUST**
 2 c flour
 1 c butter, softened
 1/2 c powdered sugar
- FILLING**
 8 oz regular cream cheese, softened
 1/2 c sugar
 2 eggs
 2 tsp almond extract
- FROSTING**
 1 1/2 c powdered sugar
 1/2 c butter, softened
 1 1/2 tbsp milk
 1 tsp almond extract
 Sliced almonds
- Directions**
- Mix and press crust ingredients into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.
 - Meanwhile, beat cream cheese and sugar for the filling with an electric mixer until smooth.
 - Add the rest of the filling ingredients and beat until just mixed.
 - Pour filling mixture over crust and bake for another 15 minutes.
 - Combine all frosting ingredients with a mixer.
 - Frost bars when they are cool and top with sliced almonds, if desired.
 - Cut into 24 squares and serve immediately or serve chilled. Store in refrigerator.
 - These bars freeze very well!

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Ennis students participate in Peace Poster Contest

Submitted by Jim Forsberg
 ENNIS LIONS CLUB
 The Ennis Lions Club annual Peace Poster Contest was a big hit with the Ennis sixth and seventh-graders. The contest is a worldwide event sponsored by Lions Clubs International

to help encourage the peace awareness to youths worldwide. This year's theme was "Our World, Our Future." Judging is based on student's artwork, originality and interpretation of the theme.
 The winning posters belong to seventh-grader Max

Trapp and sixth-grader Kennedy Davis. Their posters have been sent off to another level of judging with winners from all over Montana—the winner from that group is sent on to be judged with posters from Canada and then on to the international level where the

grand prize winner will receive \$5,000 and a trip to the United Nations. Runners up from the sixth and seventh grades were Kara Elliott, Minda Crickmer, Emmy Grekul and Kyle Lohrenz. Posters will be on display in the Ennis post office over the Christmas holiday.

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Bears prepare for hibernation

Submitted by Leona Rodreck
 BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

We have entered the last week of hunting season and the question of whether bears are hibernating is on the mind of savvy sportsmen. To be safe, we never count on bears to hibernate until December, though many den earlier. Every year hunters are surprised to see bears out and about in late November, and report that bears are slow-moving late in the year, but still foraging for food and happy to find and defend a carcass or gut pile. Female bears will generally den earlier to protect their cubs or to begin gestation and male bears may stay awake longer to search for late season food.

Did you know that bears in warm climates do not hibernate, or will only hibernate for a few days a year? The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone keeps their bears awake all year by continuing to feed them. Hibernation in the wild is triggered by inclement weather, reduction in food availability, and photoperiodism (reduction in daylight hours). Black bears generally choose simple dens

– hollowed trees, under brush or logs, in caves, culverts or under buildings. Grizzly bears often have more complex dens that require excavation with their specialized claws.

No other animal hibernates quite like bears do. Most hibernators significantly reduce their body temperature and metabolic rates and have to wake their body several times during the winter to eliminate built up wastes. Bears only reduce their temperature partly and they do not urinate or defecate. They convert the ammonia in urea (a waste that can be toxic) to amino acids, which rebuild their muscles and prevent atrophy over the long sedentary period. Bear hibernation is being researched for medical application and scientific advancements such as sending astronauts on long space voyages.

Bears generally wake up in March and April. If you do not store attractants during the winter, make sure you start again March 1. Put away bird feeders, trash bins, pet foods and all other attractants outside your home. Remember Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest offices loan bear-resistant containers for use free of charge.

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New ballot measure would expand health care for families

Submitted by Lori Chovanak
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MONTANA NURSES ASSOCIATION

A group of health care providers, small businesses, veterans and advocates known as the Healthy Montana Initiative filed a ballot initiative with the Secretary of State on Nov. 21 to provide affordable and efficient

health care to nearly 70,000 Montanans.

If approved, the ballot measure would expand the state's Medicaid program to thousands of hotel and restaurant employees, ranch hands, veterans, and child and home-health care workers. Similar to Healthy Montana Kids, a program implemented over-

whelmingly by voters in 2008, the Healthy Montana Initiative would provide good insurance to Montanan families who earn up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$26,951 a year for a family of three.

The Healthy Montana Initiative would have a positive impact for both the state budget and the economy. The measure

could create nearly 12,000 jobs and reduce the costs of care for the uninsured. The federal government would cover 100 percent of the cost of expanding health care for the first three years, beginning January 2014. Afterward, Montana's share of the costs would never exceed 10 percent, with additional expenses offset by savings.

Monitoring to continue in winter at Mt. Jefferson

Submitted by Leona Rodreck
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest manages many special areas in southwest Montana. Mt. Jefferson, located northwest of Island Park, Idaho, in Montana is one of those special areas. In 2009 the Revised Forest Plan (RFP) allocated the north half of the approximately 4,500 acre Mt. Jefferson area as recommended wilderness. The southern part was allocated to summer non-motorized status while allowing snowmobiling during the winter season.

The RFP directed the Forest to monitor use of the Mt. Jefferson area to assess use of the area, and to determine if snowmobile users were honoring the closure of the northern portion. The Forest Service has been working with snowmobile user groups to support and self-police the closure. However, monitoring since

the signing of the Forest Plan in 2009 indicates the snowmobile closure in the northern portion is consistently violated during the winter months.

"For the 2013-14 winter season, the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF intends to allow snowmobile use of the southern portion of the Mt. Jefferson area," said Acting Forest Supervisor Tim Garcia. "We will also continue to closely monitor closure boundaries which were put in place after extensive public involvement and as designated in the 2009 RFP to provide for quiet winter recreation and wildlife habitat. A decision of whether to continue to allow winter motorized use in the area will be made after this season."

For more information, contact the Madison Ranger District in Ennis at (406) 682-4253, or the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Headquarters office in Dillon at (406) 683-3900.

Red Cross asks for winter blood donations

Submitted by Carmen Madsen
AMERICAN RED CROSS

The holidays bring families and friends together to share in celebrations and special times of giving. But for families dealing with a cancer diagnosis or other major illness, the holidays can be difficult.

The American Red Cross' Give Something that Means Something winter campaign runs through Jan. 6, 2014, and encourages eligible donors to give something meaningful this holiday season by donating blood or platelets for hospital patients in need.

"Historically, during the winter months of November, December and January, fewer donors make the time to give blood due to competing seasonal activities, celebrations and holiday shopping," said Julia Wulf, CEO of the Red Cross Lewis and Clark Blood Services Region. "By doing something that doesn't cost a thing, you can give an amazing gift—you can offer hope to a patient in need."

Blood donors are encouraged to invite a loved one to follow in their footsteps and donate blood this holiday season.

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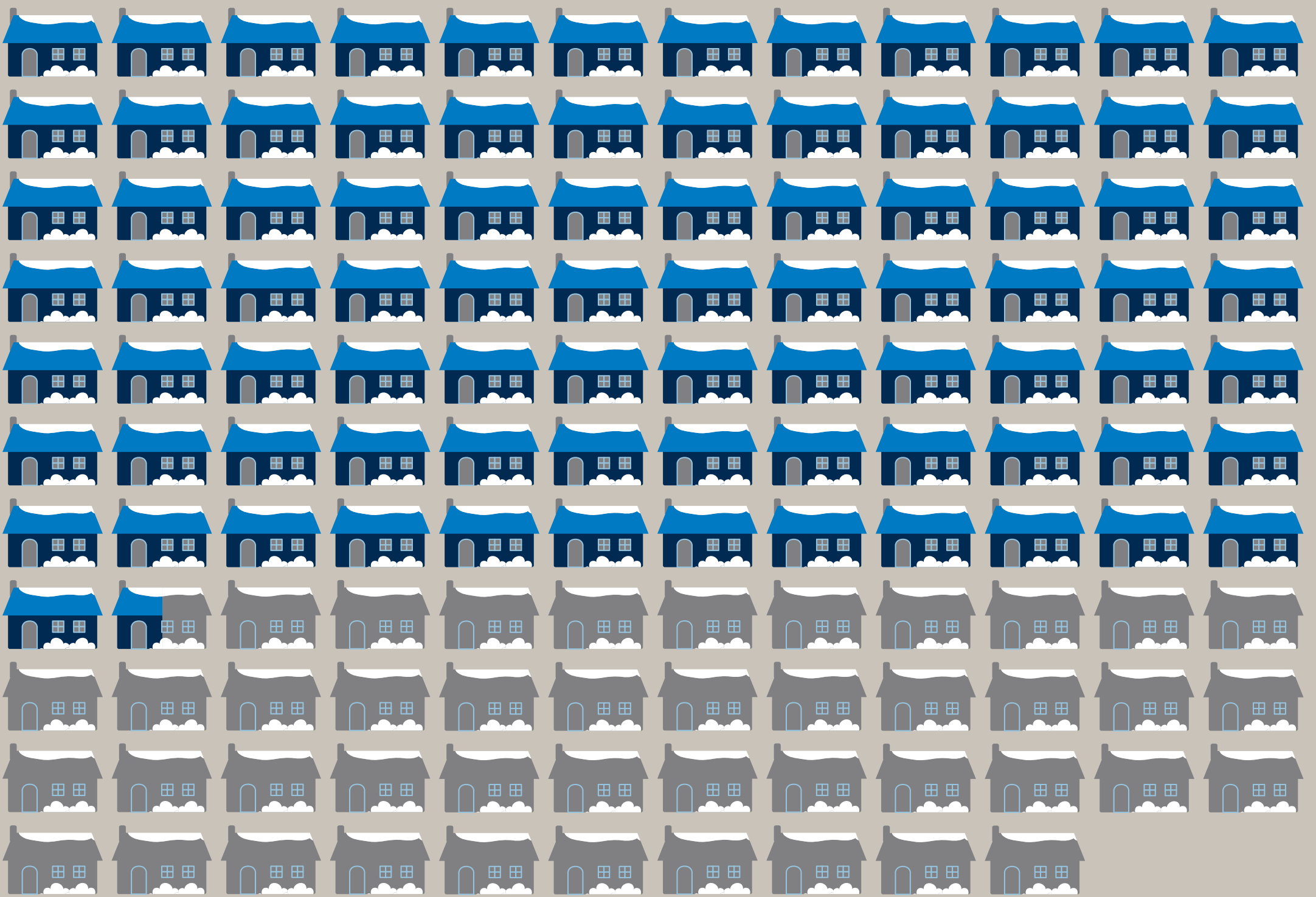
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Submitted by Carla Wisler
Hanna McParland, clarinet-playing sophomore at Sheridan High School, is in the school band and choir. McParland was selected to join the All Star Wind Ensemble for the University of Montana, where she went through 12 hours of rehearsal with renowned conductors, played with the Griz marching band, walked through the football tunnel with the band, played The Star-Spangled Banner with guest artist Rex Richardson, played "America" and the fight song with the Griz marching band and even made it onto the teletron.

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JOHN DEERE AG EXPO



On Nov. 14-16 the Ruby Valley FFA chapter attended the John Deere Ag Expo in Bozeman. At the expo the students competed in livestock and horse judging, meats, mechanics, food science, extemporaneous speaking, sales, parliamentary procedure, and quiz bowl. The livestock team placed 1st as a team. Brant Marsh placed 5th, Celeste Hagen achieved 8th, Xavier Harris placed 13th and Sam Wood placed 125th. The mechanics team placed 2nd with Charlie Smart in 9th, Austin Huttinga in 14th and Nick Haag in 19th. In sales, Caleb Bowey placed 11th, individually. The students also participated in a dance, leadership workshops and watched an MSU Bobcats football game in the cold November night.

Submitted by Nicholas Haag



Sheridan hires new district clerk

Submitted by Kim Harding
SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

After serving as District Clerk for over 28 years, Linda Walter has officially retired to spend more time with her yard, friends and family. Before leaving, Walter took time to train Becky Larsen, mother of four and wife of an active duty Montana National Guardsman.

Larsen notes she likes her work environment and working in the same school as her children. She enjoys the challenging, yet gratifying work of Sheridan District Clerk.

Her son, Ben, is an eighth-grader who plays football, basketball, runs track, plays the trombone and guitar, while trying his best to hide his Lego fiend

lifestyle. Four-year old Charlie attends pre-school, loves trains, Legos and chocolate milk.

Larsen's fourth-grader, Faith, also plays basketball and volleyball. Faith won Sheridan's hoop shoot, plays the piano and loves animals. Grace is in sixth grade and spends time fly-fishing, petting her rabbit, playing basketball and volleyball and playing the trumpet. Faith and Grace are both 4-H members.

At times, we find clerk Becky Larsen, who is a sci-fi guru, believing she is Doctor Who or pretending she is an Avenger.

All in all, our financial records, along with payroll and federal grants have all been meticulously accounted for. Welcome, Becky.

Reflecting on the 2013 wildfire season

Submitted by Jon P. Agner
FIRE MANAGEMENT OFFICER,
MADISON RANGER DISTRICT

With wildfire season behind us and the smoke replaced by the crisp fall air, there's time to reflect on what was a challenging year. Nationally, there were 29 wildland firefighter fatalities. These tragedies will be reviewed extensively and lessons learned will be applied in the 2014 fire season. Locally, we enjoyed a number of successes. This is directly attributable to the outstanding cooperation of our interagency partners: the local county fire departments; Mad-

ison County officials; the Montana DNRC; the Bureau of Land Management and others.

By the time fire season arrived in Southwest Montana local fire crews and managers were well versed. Many had already spent six to eight weeks fighting fires throughout the southwestern U.S. and Colorado. Madison Ranger District crewmembers worked side by side with the Granite Mountain Hot Shots in Arizona just four days before nineteen of them perished, a bitter reminder of the hazards inherent to fighting wildfires. The strategy and tactics we employ are designed to minimize risk,

while fighting fires aggressively. It is a delicate balance.

The response to the Indian Creek Fire near Sheridan was an excellent example of cooperation. The prompt action by many agencies and volunteer firefighters was the key to minimizing losses. Some fortunate, well-timed weather helped too.

The Eureka Fire in the southern Gravelly Mountain Range presented a number of risk management challenges. This lightning caused fire was reported on Aug. 12, within 45 minutes of the report firefighters were on scene. The fire transitioned quickly from torching individual trees

to a crown fire. It burned in 200-year-old white bark pine stands consisting of 80 percent standing dead trees (snags). Firefighters are killed almost every year by falling snags and the thousands of snags present on the Eureka Fire presented significant challenges. While the burning of these dead trees can be ecologically beneficial, the conditions in mid-August were extreme. Under wetter conditions, or at a different time of year, another good management option from a risk management, cost efficiency and ecological perspective would have been to manage the fire with a less aggressive confine strat-

egy. However, due to the conditions, other fires burning regionally and nationally, and the fire's potential to spot and burn into the Madison Valley, full perimeter suppression was chosen as the management strategy for Eureka.

In the end, there were no serious injuries to firefighters and the fire was successfully contained. The historic West Fork Cabin and other structures were successfully protected and the fire did not make it to the Madison Valley. It was a successful interagency effort. Particularly important was the interagency evacuation preparation and planning that ensued.

Initial post-burn analysis indicates the Eureka Fire effects were mostly beneficial from an ecological standpoint. Beneficial use of fire in these stands could be achieved by prescribed burning when it is not in the middle of fire season, under more optimal parameters and conditions. Such prescribed fire would be significantly less expensive than the suppression efforts of the Eureka Fire, and expose much less risk to the public and firefighters. We are pursuing such actions, but there are obstacles to implementation. In spite of the obstacles, we will keep pushing to complete this important work.



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Norma E. Miller
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Norma E. Miller, age 92, of Ennis passed away Nov. 19, 2013 at her home.

Norma was born Nov. 19, 1921, the daughter of Herbert A. and Bonnie Howard Williams at Hardin, Mont. She spent her youth at family farm north of Hardin and attended a country school (Fairview), Hardin High School and graduated from Billings Business College.

On Nov. 8, 1945 she married Edward F. Miller at the Baptist Parsonage in Crow Agency, Mont. They lived on farms and ranches north of Hardin until 1954 when they moved to Radersburg, and then to Ennis in 1956.

Edward preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1987. Two

brothers and three sisters also preceded her in death.

Norma was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Hardin and VFW Auxiliary in Ennis. She loved bowling.

Survivors include her two sons Lynn (Kay) Miller of Lewiston, Idaho and Larry (Becky) Miller of Colstrip, grandson Rees Miller of Anchorage, Alaska, two granddaughters Gillian and Phoebe Miller both of Colstrip, two great-grandchildren Josie and Ryan and five nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a service will be held later this summer.

K&L Mortuaries & Crematory of Ennis assisted with arrangements.

Road kill salvage permits now available online

Submitted by Tom Palmer
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Montana wildlife officials said permits to salvage deer, elk, antelope or moose killed in vehicular collisions are now available online.

The new law that allows for the salvage of road killed wildlife for food became effective in October. The permit system, which is now approved and operational, allows individuals to pick up road killed wildlife. The permit must be completed within 24 hours of salvage. Only deer, elk, antelope or moose killed in vehicular collisions can be salvaged.

If a person is involved in a vehicle-animal collision, the Montana Highway Patrol and some other law enforcement officers responding to the collision will have the ability to process a permit on site. If not, one must apply for a permit online.

One can salvage an animal that he or she did not hit. Anyone who salvages a road killed deer, elk, antelope or moose will be required to remove the entire animal from where it is found. Parts or viscera cannot be left on site. The salvaged animal must be used for one's own consumption and cannot be donated to others, used for bait or pet food.

To obtain a permit one must first agree to an affirmation to the conditions for the salvage and possession of vehicle killed wildlife. A law enforcement officer may require inspection of the animal, parts and meat and may request the person with a permit take the animal to the site where the animal was picked up.

For more information, and to obtain a salvage permit, visit Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks online at fwp.mt.gov. Click "Fish & Wildlife," and then click "Licenses and Permits."

MVHA celebrates holiday traditions

Submitted by Larry L. Love,
MVHA PRESIDENT

The November meeting of the Madison Valley History Association (MVHA) got off to a very good start. After a brief business meeting, Tom Erdie gave a short, entertaining and informative talk on the Jack Creek ski run.

Come and join us for the

History of the Valley sometime. Stop at our booth on Saturday, Nov. 30 at the annual holiday bazaar in the Ennis elementary school gym. The MVHA is always open to suggestions for programs, so just let us know. See you at our Christmas potluck on the Dec. 19 for "Traditions of Christmas" at the Trinity Church at 12:30 p.m. Stay tuned for details.

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Monday
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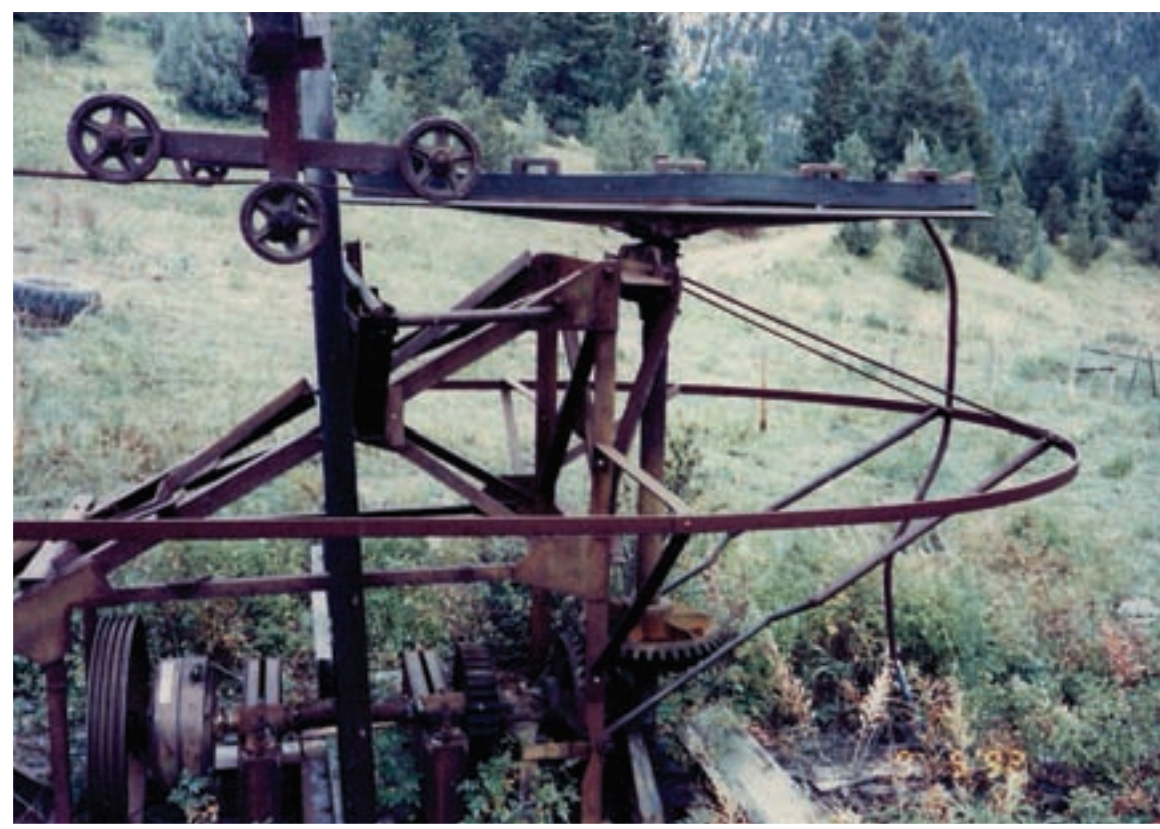
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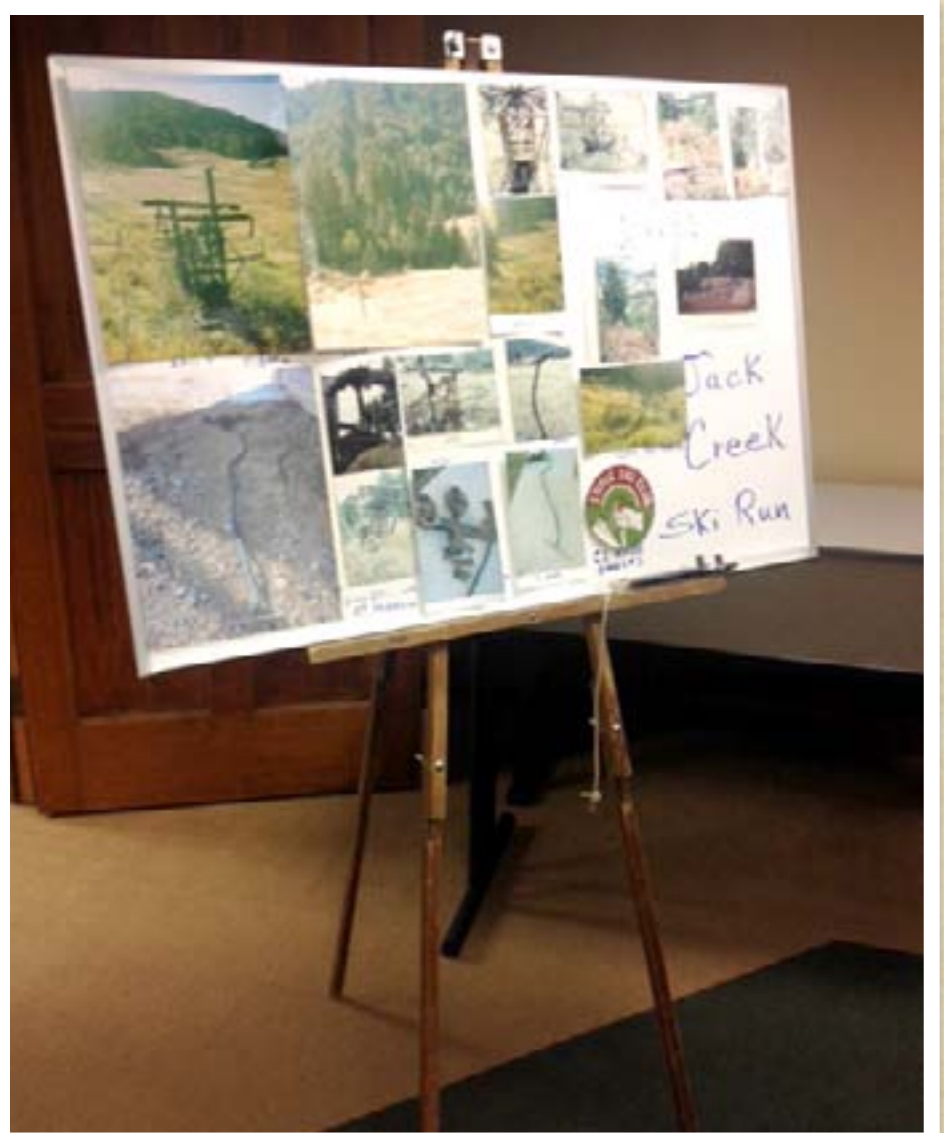
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Leftover machinery from the metal cable tow to the top of Jack Creek Ski Hill is still visible in the area.



Though the ski hill was closed in the late 60s or early 70s, remnants of the lifts and cable tows are still in the area.



Madison Valley History Association members collected photos from the community to showcase Jack Creek Ski Hill at their November meeting.



Former skier Claude Angle filmed people on the hill in the 1940s on 16 mm film. The film was converted to DVD and presented at the MVHA meeting.

Community members reminisce about Jack Creek Ski Hill

Abigail Dennis
THE MADISONIAN

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In 1954, 12-year-old Tom Erdie woke up early every Saturday morning during the winter. He lived just off First Street in Ennis and he loved to ski. Erdie would pull on his Levi's and thick socks—packing a couple extra for later in the day—and head to Main Street with skis on his shoulder, where he would meet his high school-aged friend Ralph Norway who would drive an old, grey bus to Jack Creek Ski Hill.

"These were the days before nice waterproof clothes," Erdie explained during the Madison Valley History Association's (MVHA) presentation about the ski hill on Thursday, Nov. 21. "You knew you were going to get wet and you knew you would be

cold."

The boy's bus would pick up other avid skiers en route through Jeffers to the ski hill. Skiers would congregate at the Jack Creek lodge—or 'shack' as some would describe it—before strapping on heavy, 6-foot-long skis and hitting the slope.

In the years before ski lifts and trams, men, women and children used a metal cable tow to reach the top of the run.

"In the morning right at the beginning of the day it was fine," Erdie said. "But as the day went on your gloves would get wet—and this was in the time of leather gloves—so it got harder and harder."

Since Erdie was only 12, he was too short to catch the cable tow and had to tag along behind a bigger boy who would grab the cable and pull it closer to

the ground, within Erdie's reach.

The metal cable tow was a dangerous way to reach the top of the hill. The towline was infamous for catching skiers' clothes and chewing them up—sometimes people lost entire jackets and shirts when the cable twisted into the cloth in a way that did not allow for escape. Erdie remembers one ski season when a friend with long hair got her tresses tangled in the towline. With her long hair wrapped in the cable, the woman was towed along until her hair eventually ripped out and continued up and down the hill attached to the towline.

"There was hair left on the cable that entire [ski] season," Erdie said.

By midday, soaked, shivering skiers would congregate at the lodge. Erdie remembers the potbelly wood stove everyone used as

a source of heat.

"By midafternoon you could not get close enough to that wood stove because by then you were wet and cold," Erdie said. "We could not pull enough chairs around there to keep everyone warm—and we all had our extra gloves and socks warming on it too."

Mornings with 10 to 12 inches of new snow proved a different problem for the skiers at Jack Creek.

"Some people skied powder, but you had to get some of [the hill] packed," Erdie explained.

As many as 20 skiers would line up ski tip to end and slowly move up the hill sideways—if you were willing to pack snow up and down the hill at least once, expert skier Gene Saier would let you hop in on a lesson.

MVHA President Larry Love also reminisced

about the ski run during the presentation. The hill would pull between 30 and 40 people on weekend days during the winter, according to Love. When safety precautions became more regulated in later years, the first adaptation was implementing a T-bar to replace the metal tow cable. "There were a lot of issues with that icy, wet cable," Love said. "When we got the T-bar, things eased up."

T-bar lifts are still used on bunny hills today. Skiers snag the upside down 'T' and sit on the intersection—a safe, comfortable way to get up the ski run.

Nearly 40 people packed the conference room at First Madison Valley Bank in Ennis to share personal stories about when Jack Creek was a ski run. Love's uncle—Claude Angle—filmed portions of the hill

on 16-millimeter film in the 1940s when activity at the hill peaked.

Love was able to digitize and convert that film to a DVD, and the presentation concluded with a 10-minute video of skiers on the hill.

Audience members were able to identify many people featured in the video, like brothers Volker and Aldrich Saier, both of whom were great skiers.

The Jack Creek Ski Hill was closed in the late 60s or early 70s when other ski hills started opening near Bozeman and Big Sky, according to Love.

"There were no young people around to take over as the old, original crew got older," Love explained. "They couldn't maintain the equipment or make money to pay for the updated T-bar lift."



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NEWS FROM *Madison County* PUBLIC HEALTH

Communicable diseases on the rise in Madison County

Submitted by Christine Durham
MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The most visible thing Madison County Public Health Department does is give shots. We give immunizations in our office in Virginia City and go to schools, clinics and businesses throughout the county all year.

One of the many other services we provide is tracking communicable diseases. This is done not only to keep an eye on trends and statistics, but more importantly to identify sources

in order to prevent the spread of disease. We track all kinds of communicable disease, including sexually transmitted disease. This year we have seen a marked increase in the numbers of chlamydia cases in our county. So far in 2013, we have had 18 confirmed cases.

The bad news is that this is a big increase; the disease is easily transmitted by sexual contact and if left untreated, chlamydia can have serious consequences. Untreated chlamydia in men can cause burning, irritation, infertility

and proctitis. In women it can cause swelling, bleeding, infertility, ectopic pregnancy, pre-term delivery and increased risk of acquiring HIV infection. Infants born to mothers with untreated chlamydia are at high risk of acquiring eye infections and pneumonia. Additional bad news includes the fact that gonorrhea outbreaks are occurring, especially in eastern Montana. However, the occurrence of gonorrhea is moving westward.

The good news is that chlamydia is easily treated.

Usually, a short course of antibiotics will clear the infection. However, sexual partners have to be treated at the same time or cross infection will occur again and again. To prevent being infected with chlamydia, it is important to limit the number of sexual partners and regularly use a condom.

If you have questions or concerns, be sure to contact your health care provider or call the Madison County Public Health Department 843-4295.

Holidays can be stressful for seniors: advice for caregivers

Submitted by Statepoint Media

The holidays may be filled with joy, but for the ever-growing number of aging Americans and those who care for them this otherwise celebratory season can be mired in challenges.

The stress of visitors, eventful meals, gift giving and social obligations can be overwhelming for anyone, but especially for those juggling busy schedules with caring for an elderly family member.

An estimated 15 million Americans are sandwiched between two generations and working to support both, according to the Pew Research Center. Known as the "Sandwich Generation," these adults struggle to balance caring for their children and their elderly parents.

"Staying organized is especially important during this time of year to ensure that loved ones are not ignored in the hustle and bustle of the season," says Mark Armstrong, founder and CEO of ComForcare Senior Services, an international senior care franchise that provides in-home, non-medical care to seniors and others in need of assistance.

Armstrong is offering some juggling tips for family caregivers:

- Map out doctor's appointments, prescription pick-up dates, school holiday pageants and other planned events on a calendar or on your smart phone to avoid double booking and overextending yourself.

- Members of the sandwich generation often feel they don't spend enough time with their children because they are busy caring for their parents and vice versa. Combat this issue with intergenerational activities, such as decorating the home, trimming the tree, planning the menu or wrapping presents.

- Caring for another human being for an extended period of time can take its toll on even the most caring and nurturing of people. Do not be afraid to ask for help. It may mean alternating days with a relative or bringing in a professional caregiver.

- Watch out for these red flags that could mean your aging relative is in need of additional assistance: mismatched, wrinkled or soiled clothing, weight loss

or gain, trouble remembering names or an unclean home.

- Discuss the possibility of hiring a professional caregiver to relieve some strain on you, especially around the holidays. In the long-term, a caregiver can help your loved one age safely and comfortably in his or her own home, by providing a wide range of non-medical home care services, including help with bathing, hairstyling and dressing, incontinence care, medication reminders,

chores and light exercise assistance.

Look for a company that offers a wide range of services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

- Even you need some care sometimes. Set aside "me" time every day to do something just for you and you will be able to return to your caregiving duties refreshed and ready to help.

This holiday season, take the time to address the challenges facing you and your aging loved one.



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3 RIVERS AWARDS \$15,000



Submitted by Heather Puckett

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative has awarded Sheridan School District \$15,000 to develop their television production curriculum. Community outreach coordinator Susan Wilson, customer relations specialist Kevin McWilliams and local board member Ty Cobb presented the check to the student body on November 21, 2013. Mrs. Puckett, Business and Technology teacher for the Sheridan School, said, "We are very excited about this opportunity that has been given to us by 3 Rivers. Through their generosity, our students will have the ability to investigate the many aspects of video production. Media literacy is an identified need in our society. Students will utilize critical thinking, collaboration, problem solving, written and oral communication, research and time management." The students are looking forward to producing programs that will be broadcast on 3 Rivers TV's Local Access Channel 10.

Unemployment rate down 5.2 percent

Submitted by Mike Wessler
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Montana's unemployment rate dropped down to 5.2 percent in October after holding at 5.3 percent since July. The national unemployment rate was 7.3 percent this October. The federal government shutdown prevented the release of labor market information for November. "Montana's businesses and workers are leading the nation in our economic recovery, as the state's unemployment rate steadily improves," Governor Steve Bullock said. "The Montana work-ethic and entrepreneurial spirit continues to give our state an economic advantage." "Montana added about 750 jobs in September, suggesting that the economy is continuing its upswing despite the rancor in Washington," said Labor Commissioner Pam Bucy. Total employment, which includes payroll employment plus agricultural and self-employed workers, added 767 jobs in September, but posted a 57 job loss in October. Over-the-year total employment gains remain positive, with Montana adding 1,722 jobs since

October of 2012, for a growth rate of 0.4 percent. Although employment continues to expand in Montana during 2013, the job growth rate this year is slower than the above-average job growth of 2.2 percent during 2012. Payroll employment estimates suggest small job losses in both September and October of 800 jobs and 400 jobs, respectively. Job losses for October occurred fully within government employment, likely a result of the federal government shutdown. September job losses occurred in the Professional and Business Services Industry, which has generally posted rapid job growth throughout the last year. Employment in Professional and Business Services remains roughly 2,000 jobs higher than last year with a rapid growth rate of 4.4 percent over the year. Prices fell by 0.1 percent in October due to a 2.9 percent decline in gasoline prices. In September, energy prices drove up consumer prices by 0.2 percent, so prices have been fairly flat over the two month period. Core inflation, measured by the all items less food and energy index, rose by 0.1 percent in both September and October.

Business Briefs

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Sara Racine
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Saturday, Nov. 30 has been deemed Small Business Saturday across the nation. It is a day

everyone is encouraged to shop locally to support their community and its businesses. With the holidays upon us, there is bound to be someone on your list you have yet to check off and you are likely to find a perfect gift in one of dozens

of locally owned businesses in Madison County. Most businesses will have specials in celebration of the day and with the holidays just around the corner. Check out the calendar for bazaars or auctions going on as well. You can find almost

anything you are looking for between the two valleys, so this Saturday plan on shopping small. You can feel good knowing you supported your neighbors and got that much loved gift right here in Madison County.



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Madison Valley Public Library adds new books

Submitted by Kathy Knack
 MADISON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

With a donation from the employees of Imerys Talc American Mine in Cameron, savvy shopping and free

shipping, library staff added 55 new hardcover large print books to the collection. Genres include general fiction, mystery and westerns. Authors include Fern Michaels, Karen Kingsbury, Will Henry and

William Johnstone to name a few. Once staff has processed the books for circulation, they will be on the new bookshelves. The Ennis Arts Association also made a generous donation of new art books and DVDs.

Please note new interim library hours. Beginning Monday, Dec. 2, the library will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays.

FWP seeks comment on chronic wasting disease assessment

Submitted by Tom Palmer
 MONTANA FISH,
 WILDLIFE & PARKS

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is seeking comment on an update of the state's action plan to manage chronic wasting disease (CWD) should it occur in Montana wildlife.

The draft environmental assessment evaluates a rewrite of FWP's CWD management plan that's been in place since

2005. CWD is an always fatal disease of the central nervous system of captive and free-ranging mule deer, white-tailed deer, moose and elk. The ailment belongs to a group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies that are not fully understood.

Over the past 15 years, FWP has tested more than 17,000 wild elk, moose and deer in Montana for CWD and has not yet found any evidence of it.

The two primary changes to the plan include the removal of "depopulation" of wildlife herds as a management option and the addition of risk management responses if CWD is ever detected.

The update reflects research and management lessons learned from other areas already infected with CWD in wildlife. FWP has not selected a preferred alternative and will evaluate public comments prior to making a final decision.

CWD has been found in free-ranging deer in 18 states, including Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota. It has also been found in Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 13. Comment via FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov. Click Hunting. Or mail to FWP-Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Public Comment, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701. For more information, call 406-444-7722.

Jack Creek Preserve Foundation welcomes new member to board of directors

Submitted by Sara Stephens
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Robert Beck recently became a member of Jack Creek Preserve (JCP) Foundation's Board of Directors. A Montana resident for the past 37 years, Beck is an avid sportsman. When asked about why he decided to act on the board of directors for JCP he said, "I support the vision to promote the outdoor lifestyle and believe their grassroots approach to educate youth

serves a purpose on a grander scale than relying on parental guidance alone. It is important that the next generations understand the benefits of hunting and fishing. With many misguided groups attempting to restrict and/or eliminate outdoor sports, it is incumbent upon us to support, promote and defend what we know is the correct path forward. What the Fossels have started and what the foundation will continue certainly helps achieve that end."

Beck's career originated in construction management and evolved to operations management. He is currently self-employed providing sales management for Imerys Industrial Minerals.

Also joining Jack Creek Preserve Foundation's Board of Directors are Peggy Taylor, Larry H. Holle and Timothy McKenna.

Jack Creek Preserve Foundation has hired a new executive director as well.

Sara Stephens has more than 10 years of senior level

non-profit management experience, a passion for education and a love of conservation. Stephens is excited to bring increased awareness about what the preserve is and how the community, educators and other organizations can access it.

Stephens is committed to building and supporting communities that thrive. Contact her if you have a partnership opportunity idea at info@jackcreekpreserve.org or (406) 995-7550.

WEEKEND #5 5-YR COMPARISON															
Check Station	Year	Hunters	White-tailed Deer				Mule Deer				Elk				Hunters w/ Game
			M	F	Juv	Tot.	M	F	Juv	Tot.	M	F	Juv	Tot.	
Alder	2013														
	2012														
	2011		Did not operate.												
	2010		Did not operate.												
	2009		Did not operate.												
Cameron	2013	281	1	1	1	3	9	0	0	9	15	7	0	23	12.5%
	2012	269	2	1	0	3	5	0	0	5	12	1	0	13	7.8%
	2011	604	3	2	0	5	11	0	0	11	19	13	0	32	7.9%
	2010	525	3	2	0	5	4	2	0	6	51	88	0	139	28.6%
	2009	583	3	6		9	7	1		8	9	30		39	9.6%
Divide	2013	215	1	2	0	3	10	2	1	13	6	5	0	11	12.6%
	2012	222	3	2	0	5	10	1	0	11	8	4	1	13	13.1%
	2011	193	1	0	0	1	11	4	0	15	10	2	1	13	15.0%
	2010	220	0	0	1	1	9	2	1	12	7	2	0	9	10.0%
	2009	325	1	3		4	3	4	3	10	6	12	2	20	10.5%
Gallatin	2013		Did not operate.												
	2012		Did not operate.												
	2011	125	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	0	1	6	6.4%
	2010	133	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	12	6	0	18	15.8%
	2009		Did not operate.												
Livingston	2013		Did not operate.												
	2012		Did not operate.												
	2011	300	9	5	2	16	9	2	0	11	15	8	1	24	17.0%
	2010		Did not operate.												
	2009		Did not operate.												
Mill Creek	2013	137	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	1	0	4	4.4%
	2012	115	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	2	2	0	4	6.1%
	2011	121	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	1	2	0	3	5.8%
	2010	139	2	1	0	3	5	0	0	5	5	2	0	7	10.8%
	2009	237	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	4.2%
Silver City	2013	527	5	4	2	11	14	0	1	15	3	18	2	23	9.3%
	2012	448	4	2	0	6	10	3	0	13	1	6	2	9	6.3%
	2011	519	5	1	0	6	19	8	1	28	6	15	3	24	11.2%
	2010	548	5	2	1	8	19	3	0	22	2	17	7	26	10.2%
	2009	509	4	2	0	6	18	3	2	23	2	3	1	6	6.9%

5th weekend of big game season brings good harvest numbers in Region 3

Submitted by Andrea Jones
 MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Cold. Clear. Calm. These three words describe the conditions facing hunters in the second to last weekend of the big game season. Region 3 operated four game check stations (Cameron, Divide, Mill Creek and Silver City) seeing greater overall hunter success than the prior weekend (more

than 10 percent of hunters harvested game, compared with 7.4 percent the week before).

The most significant change in success rate came at the Divide station, which checked in 16 deer and 11 elk in a weekend, which saw 215 hunters pass through. The majority of those hunters harvested buck mule deer.

At Cameron, success was back up to 12.5 percent

after a slow weekend number four where just 5.2 percent of hunters passed through with game. Hunters took 15 bull elk and seven cows. Meanwhile, nine mule deer buck were harvested along with three white-tailed deer.

Area Biologist Julie Cunningham says hunters reported seeing notably more mule deer in the Madison.

"You would expect folks

to see more given they are in the rut, but we heard that repeatedly over the weekend," she said. "Plus, we checked one of the biggest mule deer I've seen."

Meanwhile, at Silver City, which typically sees the highest number of hunters come through, success took a jump to 9.3 percent of hunters harvesting game compared with 7 percent the week before.

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COLUMNS

This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Blowhards in the Valley

"You are the salt of the earth ... the light of the world."
Matthew 5

I stepped out of the car the other day to run into the post office to grab my mail when the wind blew my hat off my head and across the parking lot.

That was most disconcerting, as my hat and head generally stay connected unless I intend otherwise. Further, as much as the wind blows around these parts, I can't remember the last time it was able to blow my hat off. I will admit there is less to hold it on these days. Still, I didn't put it on my head to have some blowhard knock it off and make me go chase after it.

But, that's life. We must stay ever vigilant. There are powers at work over which we have no control.

Take Thanksgiving, for instance. By an act of Congress we are called to order on the fourth

Thursday of November and commanded to give thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. That causes me to wonder, though: If we are so thankful for all we have, why do so many go out the day after (or the evening of) the Thanksgiving holiday to buy so much more?

If we are truly thankful, does it make sense to trample one another for the sake of being the first into the store, or one of the lucky few to grab hold of the season's "hottest" new "must-have"?

Every year it is the same thing. We gather, we feast and then we join the brotherhood and sisterhood of National Berserkers for a month of berserkery.

I mentioned last time that it is my desire this year to make things different. I really want to experience the holiday season this time 'round the block in a completely holy and wholesome fashion.

The down side, if there is one, is that it may not "feel" like Christmas if one isn't going bonkers.

What's the fun, you may ask, in putting up a string of lights and a wreath on the house that doesn't throw the nation's electrical grid into an emergency overdrive?

What's the fun, you may ask, of walking through the

house where every other ornament and decoration doesn't break out into song or season's greetings?

What's the fun, you may ask, of bringing out just a few holy treasures to help one focus on the birth of Messiah?

Do we dare live a month without Frosty and friends? Will Santa really get lost if Rudolph isn't there to guide his sleigh? Will the world really stop turning if we leave some (or most) of our seasonal junk in those storage tubs out in the garage, shed or storage room?

The fun, I think, might be found in taking charge of the holiday—and not vice versa. The holiday season will blow through, like it always does, and people will become stranger than normal, as they always do this time of year.



By Rev. Keith Axberg

But for me, it will be enough to simply keep my hat on too, that'll be oh so sweet. How to take charge, though, there's the rub.

In his great Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Salt was quite valuable in Jesus' day. People were often paid in salt. The word salary comes from the word salt. Jesus seems to be saying that it is we (human beings) who are of great value. It isn't our money or possessions, but we ourselves.

Maybe if we spent more time spicing up our community with peace, joy and goodwill towards all—being salt—and less time being combative or assaultive, the world would be a bit more pleasant for our being here. Maybe if we spent more time twinkling in life, and less time putting twinkling lights on our homes, the world would be a bit brighter for our being here.

The wind blows where it will. It serves to remind us there are powers at work around us over which we have no control, but keeping one hand on our hat, and keeping our head when the wind blows, are both things we can do if we choose to here in this, our valley.

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



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

Remember that it is Thanksgiving, not Thankshopping. So here we are the Thanksgiving holiday. Been reading for nearly a month the things that area people are so thankful for, and it seems that family, health and friends seem to top the lists. I found a really neat saying about the holiday this week, "What do people in heaven do for the holidays? They come to earth and spend it with you! So save a space at the table or the couch, where ever, for them. You won't be able to see them, but they will be there."

I was reading a new approach to gift giving this week. It makes sense to me. So I will in a short story, explain the idea of a new gift giving tradition idea. Think about only giving gifts of genuine concern for other American workers. Not all gifts have to be gift wrapped in fancy paper that probably came from overseas and produced at the expense of American labor. A few gift ideas: a gift certificate to a local American hair salon or barber, a gym membership,

certificate to get their car detailed, gift certificates to local restaurants, or to get their oil changed, a cleaning lady for a day, crafts made by a local person, all work done by American workers. Gift giving should be about caring about who made that gift; in that we show we care about the United States, we the people, all the small businesses, all the communities and with that many benefits do come right back to us all. Thus we have the new gift giving American tradition. As I said, sounds like a good idea to me.

My co-workers and I were cooking for a school awards dinner last week and we got to talking about all the health warnings that are out there. You can't eat pork-swine flu. You can't eat chicken-bird flu. You can't eat beef-mad cow. You can't eat eggs-salmonella. Can't eat fish-heavy metal poisons in their waters. Can't eat fruits and veggies-E coli, insecticides and herbicides. Looks to me like the only things left to eat are ice cream and chocolates. Remember that stressed spelled backwards is "desserts."

I just love the common sense that children have; they look at things so clearly. I was watching as my little 2-year-old, granddaughter Lilly was jumping on the couch, even though her mom had told her not to. Her mom says to her from the kitchen, "I better not see you jumping on that couch again!" Lilly answers as she even jumps harder, "Then close your eyes, Momma." Simple as that.

I have been cleaning out closets and dresser drawers now for a month. It is taking me so long because I have to stop and look and think about most everything I dig out. Then I have to decide if I am keeping it, giving it to one of my kids or throwing it

away. I have decided that so many things that I have kept only mean something to me, my kids would have no idea why I have some things. I had a lamp of my grandma's she gave me when she moved to live with her daughter in Walla Walla, Wash. I was so upset that she was leaving, that the lamp only reminded me of that, but yet she had gave it to me. This week, I took it out and threw it away, along with a green knitted poodle dog, that someone had given my mom when she was so ill. I thought that I would feel really bad, but I didn't. They had nothing to do with good memories of two people that meant the world to me, so gone along with a lot of other items.

But in this grand clean out month, I found my big bag of marbles, my ice skates, my old 4-H record book, my baby book, and some wonderful pictures that I thought I had lost forever. It was certainly worth it.

So what have we learned this week? The best gift around a Christmas tree is the presence of family. If you are shopping on Thanksgiving, you are part of the problem. Struggles are required in order to survive in life and become a better person, because in order to stand up, you have to know what falling down is like. It is not only in knowing how to ride, it also in knowing how to fall off. Happy Thanksgiving. Don't let the many turkeys in life get you down.

Do have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and remember the reason for the season.

I have one friend that told me the thing they are really thankful for is an elastic waistband on pants at Thanksgiving. How true!

"There is always something to be thankful for."



Submitted by Sunni Heikes-Knapton
MADISON WATERSHED COORDINATOR

Watching snow fall from the comfort of your chair

Throughout the wintery western states, an interesting learning opportunity comes to us during this time of year. Our mountains wear a cloak of white from regular snowfall, but valley bottoms often remain dryer and lacking in the accumulated snowfall. It's sometimes hard to imagine how much snow has fallen in these higher elevations,

but determining these amounts is simple and insightful.

Tracking snowfall amounts is as easy as turning on a television and tuning in to your favorite channel. Only for this case, the television is your computer and your favorite channel is the NRCS SNOTEL website (www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snow). The term SNOTEL

is short for Snow Telemetry, and this automated system is designed to collect snowpack and related climatic data in the Western U.S. and Alaska.

When you first pull up the website, you will be able to choose which state you are interested in. Once you decide, a map of the selected state will appear featuring several dots indicating current SNOTEL sites. When you decide which site is of interest to you, clicking on the dot will bring up the most current data for that site.

For each site, critical weather information is collected hourly and can be displayed in a wide range of formats. Users can pull up historic data ranging from the past seven days to several decades of data. Common parameters include temperature highs and lows, several relating to precipitation. One of the best ways to start is to click on "last 7 days" for the

standard sensors.

The information on snow amounts is displayed in three important formats: snow depth, snow water content, and precipitation accumulation. By looking at this information, one can see not only how deep the snow is, but also how much moisture that snow contains and how much has accumulated this season.

Besides being interesting for people curious about the conditions in the mountains, SNOTEL data is also helpful for telling the future. After all, overall depth and snow moisture amounts translate to how much water we see flowing past us in warmer months in our rivers and streams.

So spend a little time today looking at the information available to us all courtesy of the NRCS. You may be surprised by the stories to be told in high mountain locations.

The most exciting highlight for the Montana night sky in December is the potential of a bright naked-eye comet, Comet ISON. This comet is a sun-grazing comet that passes less than one solar diameter away from the sun at about noon on Thanksgiving Day. If Comet ISON survives its trip around the sun, it could put on a spectacular display in the early morning skies of early December. What will be left of the comet after its close approach to the sun? It could be a comet with a long tail easily visible to the naked eye. It could also break up and vanish entirely or be some somewhere in between. Comet ISON is very rare as comets go in that it comes from the very edge of the solar system (about 2,500 times further away than Pluto) and has been travelling toward the sun for about a million years. Astronomers from around the world are hopeful that a spectacular comet emerges in early December. If it does survive, look to the east-southeast about a half hour before sunrise during the first two weeks of December. The best days to see the comet are probably between about Dec. 7 and 11 when it will rise more than an hour before sunrise, but

still be bright enough from its solar encounter to be near peak brightness. The darker skies will make spotting the comet much easier. Comet ISON makes its closest approach to Earth on Dec. 26 when it will be above the horizon all night long, but by then, it will probably be visible only with binoculars or telescope regardless of how it emerges from its close encounter with the sun.

A second highlight of the Montana night sky in December is the Geminid meteor shower, one of the best meteor showers of the year. The Geminids will peak on the morning of Dec. 14, when upwards of 60 or more meteors per hour can be seen. The best time for observing the shower this year is after about 5:20 in the morning when the moon sets until the first light of dawn over an hour later. To observe the meteor shower, dress as warmly as possible, go outside to the darkest site you can find, get out your easy chair and blanket, look straight up in the sky facing north and enjoy. You will be looking not at dust

from a passing comet, as is the case in other meteor showers, but instead at debris caused by an object identified as 3,200 Phaethon, which is thought to be a Pallasian asteroid.

Planetary highlights start with Venus, which sets almost three hours after sunset as the month begins. Brilliant Venus shines at its brightest at this time and then begins to rapidly close toward the sun, setting only about an hour and a half before sunset as the month ends.

Venus, which goes through phases like the moon, becomes a thin crescent by month's end as it nears its closest approach to Earth. If you have a good set of binoculars, you may be able to detect the crescent of Venus by late in the month by holding your binoculars as steady as possible. On the other side of the sky, brilliant Jupiter rises about the same time as Venus sets as the month begins and at about sunset by the end of the month. Just a few degrees above Jupiter are Castor and Pollux, the two almost equally bright stars in the constellation Gemini. Next up

in the sky is reddish Mars, which rises about 1:20 a.m. as the month begins and about 12:40 a.m. by the end of the month. Mars is located between the triangular hindquarters of the constellation Leo and Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo. Following Mars in the night sky is Saturn, the furthest away of the naked eye planets. Saturn rises about 5:45 a.m. as December begins and about 4:00 a.m. as the month ends. Saturn may be found well below Spica, on the opposite side of the bluish star from Mars. After Saturn, speedy Mercury rises about an hour before the sun as December begins and sinks into the solar glare about a week later.

Look for the moon between Mercury and Saturn on Dec. 1. The tail of Comet ISON may be visible to their left as well. The moon will be to the upper right of Venus on Dec. 5 and to the right of Jupiter on Dec. 18. The moon is full on Dec. 17 will be to the upper right of Saturn on Dec. 28.

The sun sets at its earliest time for the year on Dec. 9 and arrives at the winter solstice at 10:11 a.m. on Dec. 21, the shortest day of the year, when winter begins in the Northern Hemisphere.

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MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRELINE
By Steve Orr | MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Whether it is the long awaited winter lull, or just the calm before the storm, requests for service for the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department dropped noticeably over the last week. The MVRFD received only one request for service.

On Nov. 16 at 7:35 p.m., the MVRFD was dispatched to the report of a semi-truck that had spun out near mile marker 60 on U.S. Hwy 287 (on the Norris Hill). The MVRFD responded a command and a rescue with two firefighters to assist with traffic control. The MVRFD response was canceled en route when the Montana Department of Transportation was able to handle the incident without further resources.

The MVRFD had the honor of escorting the victorious Ennis Mustangs football team into

town upon its return from its State Class C semifinal win over the Charlo Vikings on Nov. 16. We congratulate the Mustangs on their State Class C football championship title.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) are teaming up on a campaign to promote fire safety during winter months. There are typically more home fires and home fire deaths in cooler months. Safety information is offered on a host of topics under the umbrella "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires". It is aimed at raising awareness of winter fire risks and providing tools and information that can be used to reduce these risks. For tip sheets, videos and other information on how to prevent cooking, heating and other types of fires, visit www.nfpa.org/winter and www.usfa.fema.gov/winter for an extensive list of resources.

With Thanksgiving coming up, here are a few

of the tips provided by the NFPA and USFA:

- Safety tips
- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit

a candle.

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Turkey fryers
- NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers. If you do use an outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryer, use it outside any structures, including garages and away from any flammable materials.

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.

FWP Region 3 seeks applicants for CAC

Submitted by Andrea Jones
MONTANA FISH,
WILDLIFE & PARKS

The deadline to submit applications for the Region 3 Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is Friday, Nov. 29. To obtain an application, visit the Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Region 3 office in Bozeman, call 406-994-4042, or email anjones@mt.gov. FWP Region 3 managers will select the new members and all applicants will be notified by mail by the end of the year about the results of the selection process.

FWP is interested in selecting members from

a pool of candidates who represent a variety of interests and communities within the region. Applicants will be asked to provide an overview of their interests and involvement in natural resource issues. Finalists may be asked to interview by phone or in person.

At the end of this year, the Region 3 CAC will be losing representation from the tourism industry, the conservation community and members with fishing and hunting interests. Geographically speaking, some representatives from the Butte and Bozeman community will be terming

out while the committee does not have a representative from the Dillon area at this time.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee helps FWP achieve its goals by sharing information, ideas, emerging trends and initiatives from the public in a setting that welcomes differing points of view. Citizen advisors serve in a voluntary capacity with meals and travel expenses provided. Half-day meetings are held quarterly in Bozeman. All meetings are open to the public.

Specifically, the functions of the CAC are to:

- Help promote Montana's strong hunting, fishing,

trapping and outdoor recreation traditions.

- Give citizens more direct input into FWP decisions.

- Provide a forum for ongoing two-way communication with our neighbors and communities in southwest Montana.

- Help FWP personnel maintain and improve responsiveness to the public.

- Help FWP identify emerging issues.

- Provide advice and perspective on important resource and management issues.

- Assist FWP with crafting local, sustainable solutions on regional and statewide issues.

Jack Creek Preserve announces building dedication for outdoor education center

Submitted by Dottie Fossel
BOARD CO-CHAIR

Dottie Fossel, co-chairman of Jack Creek Preserve Foundation, announce that by unanimous vote of its board of directors at its Nov. 2 meeting, to name the recently completed building the Jon S. Fossel Outdoor Education Center.

Through Jon's dedication and hard work with contractors and donors, his dream of a facility to educate youth and educators who teach youth the value of habitat protection,

wildlife management and the role of hunter conservationists has come true.

Through Jack Creek Preserve Foundation's collaboration with Madison Conservation District, Madison River Foundation, Madison Valley Ranch Lands Group, Big Sky Resort Area District, Big Sky Community Corporation, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Foundation, Ennis and Big Sky schools, Safari Club International and Montana State University education programs and youth camps are made possible.

In 2005, Jon Fossel and Dottie Fossel of Ennis donated 4,600 acres of ecologically significant habitat spanning private land and connecting two portions of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area.

Jack Creek Preserve is dedicated to giving people a deep appreciation for the importance of conserving wildlife and their habitat by providing a wide array of educational opportunities focused on the positive values of wildlife management, land stewardship and hunter conservationists. Simply, Jack

Creek Preserve is focused on conservation and education. The new Jon S. Fossel Outdoor Education Center will serve as a headquarters for youth, educators and adults to exchange, engage and learn about conservation, habitat restoration, water quality monitoring and more.

For more information on renting the facility or on how to get involved, go to www.jackcreekpreserve.org or contact Sara Stephens, Executive Director, at info@jackcreekpreserve.org or at (406) 995-7550.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

SHERIDAN

Monday, Dec 2

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy
Lunch: Corn dog

Tuesday, Dec 3

Breakfast: Waffle stix
Lunch: Spaghetti

Wednesday, Dec 4

Breakfast: Bagels with egg and cheese
Lunch: Pork rib patty

Thursday, Dec 5

Breakfast: Pop tarts
Lunch: Chicken wraps

Friday, Dec 6

NO SCHOOL

TWIN BRIDGES

Monday, Dec 2

Breakfast: Hot pockets with salsa
Lunch: BBQ Riblet

Tuesday, Dec 3

Breakfast: Choice of cereal
Lunch: Chicken rice bowl

Wednesday, Dec 4

Breakfast: Frech toast
Lunch: Corn dogs

Thursday, Dec 5

Breakfast: Choice of cereal
Lunch: Ravioli

Friday, Dec 6

Breakfast: Ham and cheese omelets
Lunch: Beefy nachos

ENNIS

Monday, Dec 2

Breakfast: Breakfast hot pocket
Lunch: Waffles and sausage

Tuesday, Dec 3

Breakfast: Waffles and sausage links
Lunch: Nachos

Wednesday, Dec 4

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy
Lunch: Spaghetti and breadsticks

Thursday, Dec 5

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls
Lunch: Chicken pita sandwich, tater tots

Friday, Dec 6

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and toast
Lunch: Pizza

HARRISON

Monday, Dec 2

Breakfast: French toast
Lunch: Chicken nuggets

Tuesday, Dec 3

Breakfast: Bagels and cream cheese
Lunch: Cheeseburgers

Wednesday, Dec 4

Breakfast: Muffins, cereal
Lunch: Chicken alfredo

Thursday, Dec 5

Breakfast: Waffles, fruit
Lunch: KFC bowl

Friday, Dec 6

Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich
Lunch: Hot dogs, tater tots

AREA SENIOR MEALS

SENIOR MEALS, VIRGINIA CITY

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF VACANCY

There is a vacant trustee position in Sheridan School District No. 5 (Alder). Anyone qualified and interested in filling this vacant position until the May 6, 2014 Annual Election may pick up a nomination petition in the elementary school office.

The petitions must be turned into the elementary school office prior to 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2013. (Pub. Nov. 14, 21, 28, 2013) ss

NOW ACCEPTING BIDS

The Madison Valley Rural Fire District (MVRFD) is now accepting bids for the construction of 4,560 SF Station #3 to be located on Lot 317, Fish Hatchery Road, Shining Mountains Subdivision, near Varney, MT. Please call (406) 682-7142 to reserve one set of hard copy project Plans, Bidding Documents, and a CD copy of the plans that can be picked up at DRG Architects, P.C., located at 3B Geysers Street, Ennis, MT 59729 during regular business hours any time before the Bid Due date. Sealed Bids will be due at the architect's office noted above by 5:00 P.M. on December 13, 2013. All Sealed Bids will be opened and Bids recorded before the public at a public meeting to be held at 6:00 P.M. on December 13, 2013 at the MVRFD Station #1, located on Hwy. 287 North of the Ennis City limits. The Madison Valley Rural Fire District may choose at its discretion to interview one or more bidders prior to awarding a contract. No winner will be announced at the public meeting on December 13, 2013, but the winning Bid will be notified by phone and mail and announced at a later date at the Madison Valley Rural Fire District's discretion. This project is required to conform to 18-2-403 of the Montana Code annotated 2013 including standard prevailing wages for the district. (Pub. Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2013)mrvfd

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: DAVID EDWARD REIFENBERGER, Deceased Cause No. B NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to MARY JO REIFENBERGER CHANDLER, Personal Representative, C/O Kruer Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: November 19, 2013 I declare under perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. //s//STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUER, Attorney for Personal Representative (Pub. Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 12 2013) sk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: RICHARD C. NOACK, Deceased Cause No. DP-29-2013-39 That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to ALAN S. NOACK, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 431, Ennis, MT 59729, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: November 5, 2013 //s//ALAN S. NOACK

Personal Representative STATE OF MONTANA) :ss COUNTY OF MADISON) ALAN S. NOACK, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana. //s//ALAN S. NOACK Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5th day of November, 2013. //s//Janet R. Cookson Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at: Ennis, MT My Commission expires: 1/30/2017 (SEAL) Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. November 28, Dec 5, 12 2013) km

BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCLAMATION

Sheridan School District #5 Madison, County, Montana At a regular meeting of the Sheridan Board of Trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, held November 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the C. B. Media Center, the following resolution was introduced: WHEREAS, the trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana have made the determination that as a result of an unanticipated enrollment increase, the district's budget for the Elementary General Fund does not provide sufficient financing to properly maintain and support the district for the entire current school year; and WHEREAS, the trustees have determined that an amendment to the Elementary General Fund budget in the amount of \$13,335.13 is necessary under the provisions of Section 20-9-161 (1), MCA; and for the purpose of teaching supplies and paraprofessional staff and WHEREAS, the anticipated source of financing the budget amendment expenditures shall be additional state assistance; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Sheridan School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, proclaims a need for an amendment to the Elementary General fund budget for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$13,335.13 under Section 20-9-161 (1), MCA, for the purpose identified above; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of School District No.5, Madison County, Montana, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on December 10, 2013, for the purpose of considering and adopting the budget amendment. (Pub. November 28 2013) ss

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

DV-29-13-54 LOREN TUCKER MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY JUDY MAYNARD, Plaintiff v. SHAYNE RYAN and CATHY STRAUGHN And all persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent. The State of Montana Sends Greetings to: all persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent: You are further notified that, unless you appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint: 1. Defendants, named and unnamed, and all persons claiming under them, be required to set forth the nature of their claims to the described real property. 2. All adverse claims to such real property be determined by an Order of this Court. 3. Order that the three living heirs of Emma Ryan, namely Judy Maynard, Cathy Straughn, and Shayne Ryan, own in fee simple, as tenants in common, and are entitled to the quiet and peaceful possession of such real property, and that Defendants, named and unnamed, and all persons claiming under them, have no estate, right, title, lien, or interest in or to the real property or any part of it. 4. Pursuant to an agreement between the Plaintiff Judy Maynard and the identified Defendants Shayne Ryan and Cathy Straughn, order the sale of the subject property, the net proceeds of which shall be distributed equally between Judy Maynard, Shayne Ryan, and Cathy Straughn, with the shares of the net proceeds from the sale for Shayne Ryan and Cathy Straughn to be reduced by their proportionate shares of the prior and current property taxes and by the fees and costs associated with the current quiet title action. 5. Enjoining all Defendants, named and unnamed, and all persons claiming under them, from asserting any adverse claim to Petitioners' title to the property. 6. Such other relief as this Court deems just and proper. The following persons are said to claim an interest in or lien upon said property, adverse to plaintiff: Mr. Shayne Ryan 409 Oak Street Junction City, KS 66441-3840 Cathy Straughn 795 Winchester Dr. Deer Lodge, MT 59722 WITNESS my hand and the seal of court this 15th day of October, 2013. //s//: Bundy K. Bailey, Clerk of Court Michael L. Rausch, Esq. SMITH,WALSH CLARKE & GREGOIRE, PLLP 104 2nd Street South, Suite 400 P.O. Box 2227 (406) 727-4100 (Pub. November 28, Dec 5, 12 2013) swcg

title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent: You are further notified that, unless you appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint: 1. Defendants, named and unnamed, and all persons claiming under them, be required to set forth the nature of their claims to the described real property. 2. All adverse claims to such real property be determined by an Order of this Court. 3. Order that the three living heirs of Emma Ryan, namely Judy Maynard, Cathy Straughn, and Shayne Ryan, own in fee simple, as tenants in common, and are entitled to the quiet and peaceful possession of such real property, and that Defendants, named and unnamed, and all persons claiming under them, have no estate, right, title, lien, or interest in or to the real property or any part of it. 4. Pursuant to an agreement between the Plaintiff Judy Maynard and the identified Defendants Shayne Ryan and Cathy Straughn, order the sale of the subject property, the net proceeds of which shall be distributed equally between Judy Maynard, Shayne Ryan, and Cathy Straughn, with the shares of the net proceeds from the sale for Shayne Ryan and Cathy Straughn to be reduced by their proportionate shares of the prior and current property taxes and by the fees and costs associated with the current quiet title action. 5. Enjoining all Defendants, named and unnamed, and all persons claiming under them, from asserting any adverse claim to Petitioners' title to the property. 6. Such other relief as this Court deems just and proper. The following persons are said to claim an interest in or lien upon said property, adverse to plaintiff: Mr. Shayne Ryan 409 Oak Street Junction City, KS 66441-3840 Cathy Straughn 795 Winchester Dr. Deer Lodge, MT 59722 WITNESS my hand and the seal of court this 15th day of October, 2013. //s//: Bundy K. Bailey, Clerk of Court Michael L. Rausch, Esq. SMITH,WALSH CLARKE & GREGOIRE, PLLP 104 2nd Street South, Suite 400 P.O. Box 2227 (406) 727-4100 (Pub. November 28, Dec 5, 12 2013) swcg

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LIQUOR LICENSING NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FOR MONTANA RETAIL ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION-BEER AND WINE GAMING RESTRICTED LICENSE NO. 25-749-4536-311

On October 25, 2013, Healing Waters Lodge of Montana, LLC - Members with 10% or more: Michael Geary and Laura G. Geary, filed an application for the transfer of a license to be used at HEALING WATERS LODGE OF MONTANA, 270 Tuke Lane, Twin Bridges, Madison County, Montana. Protests against an application must be (1) made in writing, (2) mailed to the Department of Revenue, Liquor Licensing, PO Box 1712, Helena, Montana 59624-1712, and (3) received and date stamped by the Department no later than the 16th day of December, 2013. Protests will be accepted from residents of the county from which the application originates, residents of adjoining Montana counties, or residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in subsection 16-4-207 (4)(d), MCA, are met. Each protestor is required to mail a separate letter of protest that contains in legible print, the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address. Each letter must be signed by the protestor. Protest petitions bearing the names and signatures of more than one protestor will not be considered. Protest letters must provide the license number, trade name, or applicant name associated with the license being protested for identification purposes. Protest letters must contain a clear statement of the writer's intent to protest the application. The grounds for protest of an application for a transfer of location are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA, for a denial of a license, and public convenience and necessity as set out in section 16-4-203, MCA. If the protested application is for a transfer of ownership not involving a transfer of location, the grounds for protest are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA. Protest letters which do not provide the information described in this paragraph will not be considered valid protest letters. Only those grounds for protest raised in valid protest letters will be considered at hearing. An individual's testimony will be limited to the grounds for protest raised in that individual's valid protest letter. If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(a), MCA, a hearing will be scheduled in Helena, Montana. If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(b), MCA, to determine public convenience and necessity, a hearing will be held in the county in which the proposed premises is located. All qualified protestors will be notified of the time, date and location of the hearing. Hearings are typically scheduled within 90 days following the protest deadline. If a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing are not received and all licensing criteria have been satisfied, the department may issue the license without holding a hearing. DATED: November 25, 2013 (Pub. November 28, December 5, 2013) som


NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on January 6, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana: A tract of land 110 feet by 160 feet in size located in the Normal Addition to the town of Twin Bridges, being more particularly described as follows: As an initial point beginning at a stone 12X6X6 inches, which said stone is located at the intersection of the center of Wray Street and the center of Eighth Avenue of the said Normal Addition; Thence East 45 feet to intersect the East line of said Wray Street; Thence North over and along the said East line of Wray Street a distance of 45 feet to the point of intersec-

tion with the North line of Eighth Avenue; Thence East over and along the North line of said Eighth Avenue a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein intended to be described. Thence continuing East on said North line of Eighth Avenue 110 feet; Thence North on a line parallel to the East line of said Wray Street a distance of 160 feet; Thence West on a line parallel to the East line of said Wray Street a distance of 110 feet; Thence South on a line parallel to the East line of Wray Street a distance of 160 feet to the place of beginning. It is intended that the foregoing description be the same property as heretofore described in Book 175, page 163, and Book 180, page 473, records of Madison County, Montana. Excluding a tract described in Book 215, page 215, records of Madison County, Montana, and as most recently conveyed on Personal Representative's Deed recorded in Book 271, page 657, records of Madison County, Montana. WILLIAM E MURRAY, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Charles J Peterson, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated January 27, 2005 and Recorded February 3, 2005 in Book 524, on Page 991, under Document No. 104009. The beneficial interest is currently held by Green Tree Servicing LLC. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$610.40, beginning March 1, 2013, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of July 28, 2013 is \$61,559.73 principal, interest at the rate of 5.875% now totaling \$1,774.52, late charges in the amount of \$20.80, escrow advances of \$755.47, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$45.00, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$9.91 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure

the default. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: August 29, 2013 Lisa J Tornabene Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company, LLC Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services P.O. Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho) County of Bingham) On this 29th day of August, 2013, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Lisa J Tornabene, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. Dalia Martinez Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Commission expires: 2/18/2014 Greentree Vs. Murray 42072.044 (Pub. November 28, December 5, 12 2013) apps


NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: NORMA AILEEN RADCLIFFE, also known as NORMA A. RADCLIFFE, Deceased Cause No. DP-29-2013-40 That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to PATRICIA A. TOY, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 389, Mountain Ranch, CA 95246, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: November 13, 2013 //s// PATRICIA A. TOY Personal Representative STATE OF CALIFORNIA) :ss COUNTY OF AMADOR) PATRICIA A. TOY, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana. //s// PATRICIA A. TOY Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to (or affirmed) before me this 13th day of November, 2013, by PATRICIA A. TOY, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before me. //s// Jeanne Dudak Notary Public for the State of California Residing at: Amador County My Commission expires: 2/25/2017 (SEAL) Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. November 28, Dec 5, 12 2013) km



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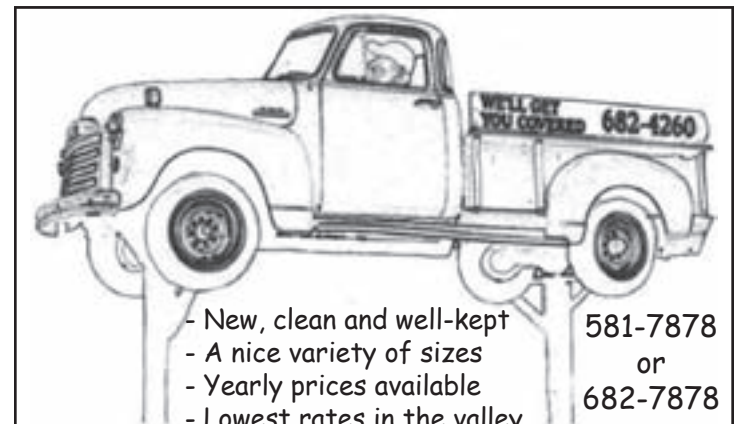
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Books and Babies 10:30 a.m., Story Time for Toddlers 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library 682-7244

Special Church Service, Ennis

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Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Dinner, Sheridan

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29

Movie Night, Ennis

Madison Theatre presents "Captain Phillips" rated PG-13. Show starts promptly at 7 p.m. 682-4023.

Live Music, Norris
Dan Dubuque (Soul) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

Holiday Bazaar, Ennis

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Chad Okrusch (Americana) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs.

Live Music, Ennis
Dave Walker Band (Blues/Rock) Gravel Bar, 8 p.m. 682-5553

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

Special Celebration, Sheridan

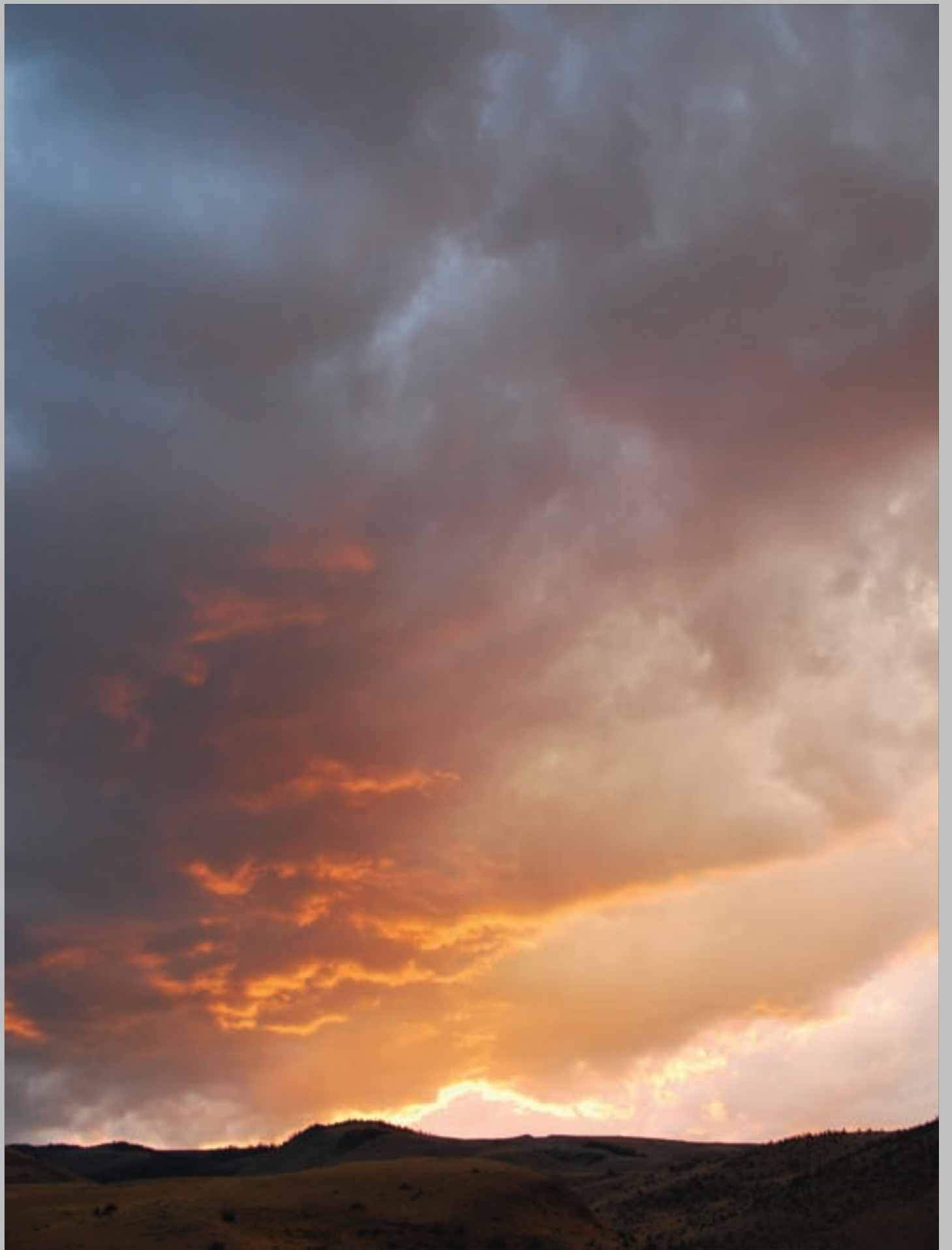
Celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, confirmations, a baptism and special service with Bishop Franklin Brookhart. 10 a.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 304 S Main St. 842-7713. See Outpost Events online for details.

Live Music, Norris

Tom Catmull (Americana) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs.

MONDAY DECEMBER 2

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Sunset over the Gravellys.
Photo by Jeannie Bolt

Giving Tree Deadline, Sheridan

The Ruby Valley Giving Tree entry deadline is at 5 p.m. Dec. 2 for Ruby Valley National Bank. Call Billie at 842-5044.

Lecture, Sheridan

An informative talk, sponsored

by Jackson's Community Garden, on genetic engineering of our food supply (GMO's) and how this affects you. Sheridan Library 7 p.m. 842-7717.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3

County Commissioners Meeting, Virginia City

9:30 a.m. Broadway Annex. Public welcome.

Fly Tying Roundtable, Ennis

Every Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., unless noted. Everyone welcome.

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Kindred Spirits Gift Gallery would like to take this time to thank all our loyal customers for their support and wish them a wonderful Thanksgiving! Please come see all the new and exciting items we have brought in! Holiday hours begin December 2nd. Monday thru Saturday from 10:30-5:30.

Remember to support Small Business Saturday November 20th! We will be serving hot cider and cookies for your enjoyment.

Thank you,
Ann Goldthwait
Kindred Spirits Gift Gallery

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Twin Bridges Christmas Stroll

Thursday, December 5th, 2013
4pm - 8pm

Schedule of Events
4-6 pm
Businesses Host Open Houses
Pictures with Santa at Main Street Market
5-7 pm
Hay Rides from along Main Street from Three Rivers Quik Stop to Sweetgrass Rods by Overland Stage Co.
5-8 pm
Music and Fire Pits in the City Park
5:30 until food is gone
Stew Feed (free of charge) in the City Park
Thanks to The Shack, The Old Hotel, The Wagon Wheel, Bausch's Potatoes, the Twin Bridges Rotarians and Main Street Market
Children's games at the City Park
Thanks to Twin Bridges Jr. Fireman, Madison County Sheriff's Office and the Johnson Kids
6:30 pm
Tree Lighting with Santa and Prize Drawing

Sponsored by
Twin Bridges Community Association Greater Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

B10 Thursday, November 28, 2013

11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library 682-7244

Ladies Night, Ennis

Copper Door hosts a night for you and your girlfriends. 4 p.m. 682-4722

Advent Services, Ennis

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will be holding advent services on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 7 p.m. with soup supper at 6 p.m. Corner of Armitage and Madison 682-4910

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5

Christmas Luncheon, Ennis

Madison Valley Woman's Club, 12 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church

Christmas Stroll, Twin Bridges

Meet with Santa, Christmas tree lighting, free chili feed, fire pit, children's games. 6 p.m. Twin Bridges City Park.

Veteran's Meeting, Twin Bridges

7 p.m. Montana Room, Twin Bridges School 684-5245

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

Christmas Stroll, Sheridan

Fundraiser Lunch, Ennis

True Value and Radio Shack are serving up a hotdog lunch for \$1 per plate. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. All proceeds and donations will go to the Ennis Food Bank.

Christmas Stroll, Ennis

An Ennis Chamber of Commerce sponsored event. Pictures with Santa, stories, music, Christmas tree lighting in Lion's Club Park and more. Downtown Ennis 3 - 8 p.m.

Movie Night, Ennis

Madison Theatre presents "Free Birds" rated PG. Movie starts promptly at 7 p.m. 682-4023

Live Music, Norris

Chad Ball (Folk) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

Astronomy Program, Twin Bridges

Big Sky Astronomy Club's student program discusses the Christmas Star. 7:30 p.m. 280 Wet Georgia Rd. 842-7722

Live Music, Ennis

Bret Mosley (Americana) Gravel Bar, 8 p.m. 682-5553

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

Pickleball Workshop, Ennis

Dan Okowski instructs the fastest growing sport in America. \$10 fee. EHS Gym, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 682-4258 to register.

Live Music, Norris

Archer (Singer/Songwriter) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

Live Music, Norris

Britchy (Acoustic) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

MONDAY DECEMBER 9

School Board Meeting, Harrison

7 p.m. Art Room, Harrison School 685-3428

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

County Commissioners Meeting, Virginia City

9:30 a.m. Broadway Annex. Public welcome.

Ennis Arts Association Meeting, Ennis

The annual Christmas party meeting for the EAA will be held

at the home of Jan Beekman at 10:30 a.m. Ornament exchange and office elections. Please bring a salad or dessert for the pot luck lunch. Jan: 682-4177

Board Meeting, Ennis

Madison Meadows Golf Course Board Meeting. 5 p.m. Community Room of FMVB.

Fly Tying Roundtable, Ennis

Every Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., unless noted. Everyone welcome. Second floor of Ennis Café. Ron 600-6081

School Board Meeting, Sheridan

7 p.m. CB Murray Room, Sheridan School 842-5302

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11

School Board Meeting, Ennis

5 p.m. Room #3, Ennis High School 682-4258

Cooking Class, Ennis

Jeremiah Lake instructs. \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. 6 p.m. Copper Door. 682-4722

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis

Madison Valley Manor, 1 p.m. Sun Room

Reading Group, Ennis

Lucy Ennis leads discussion of "Perma Red" by Debra Magpie Earling. 1 p.m. MVPL

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13

Live Music, Norris

Joe Schwem (Originals) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

Live Music, Norris

Shea Stewart (Blues) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

Cooking Class, Ennis

Kathy Shepard presents you with fun & easy holiday appetizers. \$20 per person. Copper Door RSVP to 682-4722 as space is limited.

Veteran's Dinner, Twin Bridges

55th annual community Christmas Dinner, 5 p.m. Twin Bridges School Cafeteria. 684-5245

GRAVEL BAR

FYI

Starting in December The G Bar will go to our winter hours Tuesday-Saturday closed Sunday and Monday

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Saturday NOVEMBER 30

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4pm-6pm

During Twin Bridges Christmas Stroll!

We Will be Open for the HOLIDAY

SEASON Beginning

Friday, Dec. 6th

Dinner: Thurs- Sat 5pm-9pm

Brunch: Sun 9am-2pm

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NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:
Fri 11/29 - Dan Dubuque
One Man Soul Band
Sat 11/30 - Chad Okrusch
Modern Folk
Sun 12/1 - Tom Catmull
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