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## Fatal car accident between Ennis and McAllister

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On Nov. 30 around 4 p.m. the Madison County Sheriff's Office began receiving calls reporting an erratic driver heading southbound on the

wrong side of the road. According to Undersheriff Roger Thompson, reports and calls first started coming from the McAllister area and moved south along Highway 287, following the vehicle's path.

A collision occurred while officers were en route, result-

ing in the death of 66-year-old Michael Robinson of Bozeman.

The erratic driver "struck [Robinson] while he was moving to the side of the road," said Undersheriff Thompson, who was the first on the scene. "It was a partially sideways—but

also head-on-impact and [Robinson's] vehicle was thrown probably 16 feet. The other driver veered off into a field and was trapped in his car."

Robinson was pronounced dead on scene. The driver of the erratic vehicle was trapped until the fire department ar-

rived. According to a report from the Sheriff's Office, the offender was extracted from the vehicle, taken to Madison Valley Medical Center and then life-flighted to Bozeman, where he was in stable condition as of Sunday, Dec. 1 and expected to be released shortly.

The Sheriff's Office was unable to release information about the offender because the Montana Highway Patrol is currently investigating the incident. Undersheriff Thompson did confirm that the man was 79 years old and from the Ennis area.



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## Managing brucellosis discussed at local level

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At the Madison Elk Working Group meeting on Dec. 2, landowners, ranchers, sportsmen, community members and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) officials met to discuss the tools available to prevent livestock-elk co-mingling.

Quentin Kujala, FWP, was in attendance to present the FWP commission-endorsed general 2014 work plan for elk management in areas with brucellosis.

Kujala explained that FWP established a statewide citizen's working group to discuss handling brucellosis and elk distribution.

"We plan to use hunter harvest and presence to move elk in small numbers out of co-mingling situations, among other things," Kujala said. "Now we're looking for local expertise, history, values and understanding to put these presented tools on the ground to address the risk."

According to Kujala, the plan is not an endorsement of moving elk on a large scale. It is not about population management—it is about distribution

management to cut back on co-mingling situations. The plan presents tools to solving the issue of co-mingling from fencing efforts to small-scale lethal elk management removals.

Managing brucellosis in Madison County is difficult for a few particular reasons. It is primarily hard to get very specific in the area because co-mingling can happen all over the flats—not necessarily in pinpointed, regular events.

The general plan currently endorsed by the FWP commission can either be adopted by the group or amended to make it more applicable to circumstanc-

es in Madison County.

John Scully from Jeffers brought up concerns with the current plan, which states lethal removals of elk must end after April 30.

"Can we push that date back?" Scully asked. "Livestock is most at risk of brucellosis transmissions in the late spring; that is when we need to manage elk distribution."

Scully then suggested discussing and adapting the plan for Madison Valley at the landowner meeting the first week of January, after explaining that

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## GMO presentation in Sheridan opens discussion about organic farming

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Chris Hardy is on a mission. Born in rural Iowa, Hardy spent the majority of his young adult life in the Ruby Valley once his parents moved to Sheridan. Hardy now lives in Jackson County, Ore., and his passion is understanding and combating Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO), especially in the agriculture community.

Hardy addressed a crowd of approximately 20 people at the Sheridan Public Library on Monday, Dec. 2.

"GMOs are not something that can be turned around down the road," Hardy explained. "We are currently at a fork in the road

where we must choose whether to genetically modify our entire food supply or not."

A GMO is an organism whose genetic integrity has been altered through biotechnology—most often with the intention of producing a convenient, pesticide-resistant crop, according to Hardy. Plants like corn, cotton, soybeans and alfalfa have been genetically modified and patented by corporations like Monsanto and Syngenta.

According to Hardy, these corporations are convincing farmers that their GMO product will produce a high yield with minimal effort—a fact that is often true. Since many of the GMO crops are created to be resistant to herbicides and Roundup weed killer, farmers have the option to

spray their entire field with ease. In Hardy's opinion, that ease is not a positive. Hardy says plant-

ing genetically modified crops is a "Pandora's box."

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Photo by Abigail Dennis

Chris Hardy leads a discussion and Q&A about genetically modified crops at the Sheridan Public Library.

## Eggers pleads not guilty to all charges

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Tanner Wesley Eggers plead not guilty to one count of Vehicular Homicide While Under the Influence, three counts of Negligent Endangerment and a violation of the Montana Seatbelt Use Act (Seatbelt Violation) in district court on Monday.

The charges stemmed from a Sept. 8, 2013, single vehicle accident near Twin Bridges and were filed against Eggers last month. The crash resulted in one fatality.

Eggers' attorney David L. Vicevich asked district court

judge Loren Tucker to adjust a few of Eggers' bond conditions to accommodate his work schedule and budget. Tucker agreed to set Eggers' curfew at 9 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. to allow him enough time to return home to Twin Bridges from Dillon. He will also be required to pay for a SOBERLINK device and the associated program costs. With SOBERLINK, Eggers will be tested randomly three times a day for alcohol and drugs. The device also has GPS tracking capabilities to assure Eggers remains in the state, follows curfew and stays away from bars or

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## BLM seeks public comment on mine waste removal near Nevada City

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The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Dillon Field Office is accepting public comments on a proposal to remove about 1,000 tons of waste dump material from a location about two miles north of Nevada City. The BLM will accept public comments on the proposal until Dec. 26, 2013.

"It's a really small project," BLM geologist Bob Gunderson said. "We have done them a whole lot bigger."

The material would be removed from an unpatented mining claim during a 20-day time period and ultimately hauled to the Golden Sunlight Mine east of Whitehall for final processing with two to three truckloads of material each day. Gunderson said the trucks will use existing roads and the truck traffic will be limited in quantity and frequency.

Although there may be somewhat elevated levels of metals in the waste rock, the concentrations

will not pose a public health issue, BLM Public Affairs Specialist David Abrams said. Golden Sunlight Mine will extract what metals it can. Following processing at Golden Sunlight's mill, the waste material will be placed in a lined, permitted tailings facility at the Golden Sunlight Mine.

The BLM is processing the applicant's plan of operations in accordance with federal regulations. If the operation were approved as submitted, removal would begin after Jan. 1, 2014, depending on weather and would be completed in 2014. Gunderson said BLM is required to have an environmental assessment and 30-day comment period prior to the extraction of minerals.

For more information or to submit comments, please contact Robert Gunderson at the Dillon Field Office at (406) 683-8000, or by email to MT\_Dillon\_FO@blm.gov with "Mapleton Waste Removal" in the subject line.

Abrams advises that before including your address, phone

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## Sheridan and Twin Bridges postpone community Christmas strolls

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The Sheridan Christmas Stroll has been postponed until Friday, Dec. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. The Main Street Improvement Team decided to push the event back so people could enjoy the stroll without battling the impending winter storm

this week.

The Twin Bridges Community Association (TBCA) indefinitely postponed their 2013 Christmas Stroll due to a severe weather forecast later in the week. At this time, there are no plans to reschedule the event, but the TBCA will open discussion about planning a community event for 2014 at their next meeting on Jan. 8.

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other establishments that sell and serve alcohol.

According to court documents, the maximum penalty for Vehicular Homicide While Under the Influence, which is a felony, 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. The three counts of Negligent Endangerment each have a maximum penalty of a term not to

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sportsmen and people with varied backgrounds and interests will all be invited to attend and share their opinions.

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"We do not know if they are safe for human consumption," Hardy said. "And then you throw in the factor of cross pollination from GMO crops to natural crops—that is unpredictable but once it is out there, it is out there."

Hardy then cited another concern that goes hand in hand with the expansion of GMO crops in his opinion.

"There are hidden costs in GMOs," he said. "Farmers are sinking money into the technology to keep up and stay competitive—it is a vicious cycle."

Hardy used the example of

exceed one year in county jail, a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, or both. The maximum punishment provided by law for a Seatbelt Violation is a fine of \$20. The last four charges are all misdemeanors.

Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen told Tucker he believed Eggers' bond should remain at \$50,000 despite his attorney's request it be lowered. Christensen noted that Eggers had two prior Minor In Possession (MIP) citations and was

in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—might

With winter bearing down fast and spring right around the corner, establishing a working plan is a time sensitive issue.

"If this group can come up

illness and antibiotics to explain the potential trouble with GMOs.

"When you keep taking antibiotics, germs get more resistant and then you must keep coming up with different, newer drugs," he said. "That cycle is happening in the agricultural world."

Tom Walter, who owns Walter's IGA in Sheridan, attended Hardy's talk at the library. His family is entering its 125th year of serving the Sheridan area as grocers. Though Walter and his wife are in favor of GMO-free products, he believes the reality of living in rural Montana makes that lifestyle nearly impossible.

"I do not think we can get away with it," Walter said, dis-

concerned he may not fully comply with his bond conditions.

Vicevich told the court that because Eggers is young and lives at home with his father he did not have many assets or funds of his own to put toward the bond. Tucker ordered that Eggers post \$5,000 to the court instead of a bondsman in the belief that this was a large enough percentage of the \$50,000 bond to keep Eggers in compliance with his bond conditions as well as possibly putting the money toward

be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying

with a list of shortcomings in the default work plan then suggestions to fix those shortcomings, it can be taken to the January or February FWP commission-

cussing genetically modified food sources. "It is nearly impossible to find an organic food distributor out here, and then with organics the prices climb and people are not willing to pay that around here."

Walter and his wife do offer some organic options at the store. They provide organic heirloom tomato seeds so people who want to steer clear of GMOs can plant and produce their own.

"We would like to get away from modified food," Walter explained. "It is nearly impossible though because there is too much big money behind GMO food so organics are much more expensive."

restitution if he is convicted.

"The money would be from the generosity of his family members," Vicevich said of the \$5,000. He assured Tucker that Eggers was aware that if he failed to follow all the bond conditions, he could be arrested.

Eggers, who was booked in the Madison County Sheriff's Office following his initial appearance on Monday, will make another court appearance in the future, but it has not yet been scheduled.

information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

ers meeting," Kujala explained. "Then the adapted plan would go out to public comment and could be approved at the next month's meeting."

Hardy believes getting access to GMO-free food is all about community demand. In southwest Montana farming is not as widespread as places in the Midwest, but consumers in the area are still purchasing and consuming genetically enhanced food.

"People have to demand the food they want... otherwise catering to just a few people who want non-GMO or organic food is difficult," Hardy said. "It takes work to look for this stuff, but if enough people go into the local store and start asking for a GMO-free product, it would be possible."

## County discusses adding third 911 answering station

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A little more than a year after moving into a new dispatch center, the 911 communications for Madison County looks to upgrade again. This time the improvement they want is the simple addition of a third 911 answering station and new phone system.

According to Madison County Communications Coordinator Steve DiGiovanna, the current system only allows for two answering stations. The two are enough during the majority of the year, but the number of increased calls during the summer months necessitates a third.

"Southwest Montana, particularly Madison County, is really two counties in one—summer

and winter," DiGiovanna said. "Our dispatchers are working 40-50 hours a week in the summer and the phones are busy as heck. We need a third station for when the first two are tied up. The county's population more than doubles in the summer and we have distinct needs."

DiGiovanna presented the Board of Madison County Commissioners with information about the Experient phone system at its Tuesday meeting. He said the possible new system would be cost-effective because Experient, which is based out of Denver, Colo., is all-inclusive with maintenance and training. DiGiovanna added that adding a third station under the current system would be costly but that cost can almost be entirely recouped if the county chooses Experient or a similar sys-

tem.

Experient provides an IP based 911 controller. The company develops, installs and operates its system in cities and counties across the country and boasts a track record of never having a system down.

Commissioner Dan Hoppel said the 911 communications works well, which was proven especially during the wildfires the past two years. But Hoppel said he is sure there is something to be done to maintain and improve the system, stating that nothing is foolproof.

The dispatch center is more than 1,400 square feet and has a commercial grade diesel generator that is able to power the entire building and backs up power. When a call comes in to the 911 center, the communications of-

ficers must interpret the caller's information and determine the proper agency or department to notify. Communications officers rotate through in shifts throughout the week. The addition of a third 911 answering station would require an additional position to staff during the summer when it would see the most use, according to DiGiovanna.

"You call 911, it comes here," DiGiovanna said last October after the move to the new center. "And this is the only place it comes. We better be able to answer the call of duty when someone expects us to do it, and we better be able to do it right."

The commissioners took no action on the matter and will resume discussion of a potential system upgrade at a future meeting.

## Hunting season draws to a close; landowners and sportsmen debate next year

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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) biologist Julie Cunningham presented preliminary check station data for the 2013 hunting season in districts 360 and 362 to the Madison Elk Working Group on Dec. 2. The FWP ran a check station from 10 a.m. until dark every weekend of the hunting season. According to Cunningham, during that time, 56 total elk were recorded, a greater amount than the 40 checked through the stations in 2012. (Cunningham's preliminary numbers dealt only with elk harvested in hunting districts 360 and 362, though it is important to note that hunters who harvested in other hunting districts could check their kills through Madison County check stations.)

Hunters also had the option to report their harvests via phone. Over the course of the season, the FWP received 69 reports. Cunningham cautioned that the check station and call-in data is just a sampling of the actual harvest and a great underestimate. More accurate numbers will be available in spring 2014 after the FWP completes their spring hunter harvest survey.

After presenting the approximately 40 people in attendance with the preliminary figures, Cunningham opened the floor to a general discussion about the 2013 hunting season as a whole.

Madison Valley hunting outfitter Tim Beardsley raised the question of ethical hunting and brought up concerns with hunting safety around Jack Creek Road.

"I observed a lot of unethical hunting," Beardsley explained to

the group. "When there is bull hunting allowed on the Cameron Flats, those bulls are running with cow herds and the hunters are just opening fire and wounding cows in the process of trying to get one bull."

Beardsley was emphatic about how dangerous traveling Jack Creek Road is during hunting season because of the number of hunters and the reality that some violate regulations and even fire from the road, which is illegal.

FWP area game warden Ryan Gosse expanded on Beardsley's point.

"Maybe the best way to handle that is by getting to hunters and educating them about helping us catch violators," Gosse said. "It can be as simple as getting a license plate or any information from the public that will help us identify violators."

Gosse continued his report on hunting season stating that it was a relatively slow year enforcement wise.

"There were a lot more trespassing issues than usual," he

said. "Some happened unknowingly, but some did it knowingly for sure."

Gosse also brought up a potential solution for the issue of public safety on Jack Creek Road during hunting season. Limiting the areas where hunters are allowed to leave their vehicles might slow down traffic.

"Maybe we can just limit parking," Gosse said. "If hunters had specific areas where they were allowed to park it would slow them down—they would not be able to do the drive, hop out and shoot."

The Madison Elk Working Group meeting segued into a discussion about upcoming damage hunts after concluding a wrap up of the 2013 season. Damage hunts are scheduled when ranchers and landowners contact the FWP and request a certain number of hunters to disperse any elk on the land that are causing damage.

"If you as a landowner feel like you are sustaining damage because of elk, that's when you call," Cunningham explained.

According to Cunningham,

in years past, anywhere between 40 and 200 hunters have participated in damage hunts—it primarily depends on weather conditions and if elk are moving down to the flats or not.

Land and ranches along the valley are currently in the process of being divided into blocks with certain landowners in control of each block. Then, as damage occurs, the FWP pulls game damage hunters from a first-come-first-serve list that was established in the summer. If a landowner has a certain issue with a specific hunter that gets pulled for their area, the FWP will work to accommodate the landowner.

Damage hunts are primarily four days long and hunters receive 24-hour notice.

With winter weather impending in the valley, the Madison Elk Working Group is quickly compiling a list of participating ranches and land to establish a method for requesting damage hunts. They hope to complete their map and plan and start hunts as early as Dec. 10.

2013 R3 Check Station Season Summary														
Check Station	Hunters	White-tailed Deer				Mule Deer				Elk			Hunters w/ Game	
		M	F	Juv	Tot.	M	F	Juv	Tot.	M	F	Juv		Tot.
Alder*	928	21	18	0	39	18	3	0	21	24	34	4	62	12.7%
Cameron	2212	9	9	5	23	32	1	0	33	97	67	16	181	10.7%
Clyde Park**	762	15	7	1	23	26	10	0	36	8	12	1	21	10.5%
Divide	1484	6	3	2	11	44	17	2	63	42	24	2	68	9.6%
Gallatin***	447	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	11	1	0	12	3.1%
Livingston****	97	1	3	0	4	2	1	0	3	7	0	1	8	15.5%
Mill Creek****	852	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	21	3	2	26	3.5%
Silver City	3029	37	11	6	54	55	6	1	62	24	36	8	68	6.1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9811</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>8.4%</b>

\*Alder was open only 3 weekends/several hunters harvested more than one animal

\*\*Clyde Park was open only 2 weekends

\*\*\*Gallatin was open only 2 weekends

\*\*\*\*Livingston was open the first weekend only

\*\*\*\*\*Mill Creek was closed during the fourth weekend

MORE NEWS

# Pre-trial conference date set for McCourt case

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District court judge Loren Tucker granted a renewed motion for continuance in Jared McCourt's felony sexual assault case on Dec. 2 and a Pre-trial Conference was set for Dec. 30. A trial date will be set at that time.

McCourt, 19, was arrested in July on a charge of felony sexual assault. According to court documents, he allegedly sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl twice during the late evening and/or early morning of July 29 and July 30 at the home of the girl's friend. She told Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Ian Hallenius during an interview on July 31 that she

had been uncomfortable and did not consent to McCourt's alleged actions. McCourt denied the assault when Hallenius spoke with him that same day.

J. Blaine Anderson, Jr., McCourt's attorney, told Tucker on Monday that a sexual offender evaluation of McCourt is in progress and he said he hopes it will result in an amendment of the sexual assault charges. He

added that because of the evaluation he would need time—about a month—for it to be completed and to negotiate with Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen prior to the Pre-trial Conference. Tucker agreed to this, but addressed a concern.

"Mr. McCourt has been in jail a lengthy amount of time and has not made bond, nor is there a possibility of release on

his own recognizance," Tucker said, concerned about McCourt's right to a speedy trial. He asked if McCourt understood he would be jailed longer and if he was okay with that. McCourt said he was.

According to Montana law—45-5-502(3), MCA—if the victim of sexual assault is less than 16 years old and the offender is three or more years

older than the victim, the offense of sexual assault is a felony. In this case, the offender can be punished by life imprisonment or by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of not less than four years or more than 100 years and may be fined not more than \$50,000. McCourt continues to be held at the Gallatin County Detention Center on a \$20,000 bond.



ECCS NEWS

We had a busy November here at Ennis Community Children's School (ECCS). Although it came and went too quickly, we enjoyed learning about the solar system and American Indians. Our special guests Ken Hall and Joe Smithson shared some wonderful stories and artifacts about American Indians in Montana. We loved the beautiful music Hall played for us and were fascinated by the arrowheads and pictures Smithson showed. At the Museum of the Rockies, we were able to have a special space lesson. We loved learning about the stars, making asteroids and setting off stomp rockets. We are so very thankful for our wonderful community and want to thank everyone for their support. Be sure to see us at our Christmas Program on Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. in the elementary school gym.

Submitted by Amber Marks

## Pre-Construction Safety Review goes before commissioners for resolution

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The Board of Madison County Commissioners approved a resolution at its Tuesday meeting to require a Pre-Construction Safety Review for new construction in the county.

The Pre-Construction Safety Review (PCSR) is a form filled out by a representative of Madison County and the district fire chief, according to Madison County Director of Emergency Management Chris Mumme.

Mumme said the PCSR is designed to promote fire safe and accessible construction by advising developers and owners, prior to the process of building the structure, of actions they may take to improve the safety of the structure. They will be advised on proper techniques and options prior to construction of a structure or driveway that can provide information to first responders in case of an emergency and make them more effective in protecting life and property. Mumme said that educating developers and owners of potential con-

sequences of inappropriate development within the Wildland Urban Interface is beneficial to many people.

"This is not a permit and there is no fee attached," Mumme said. "This form is strictly for the purposes stated and will be signed off by the owner and will be a permanent record in the planning office."

The records are kept to show what was recommended in the PCSR to developers, builders and owners in case of any questions or disputes later on.

Chief William Farhat of Big Sky Fire presented the idea

of the PCSR to the Fire Chief Council of Madison County at a previous planning board meeting in Big Sky.

"There were residences built with inadequate access-driveways too steep or narrow or without the knowledge of the fire department," Madison County Planning Director Charity Fechter said.

Farhat said his department advised Madison County officials that Gallatin County uses a land use permit which gives the fire department the opportunity to address their concerns, especially regarding emergency

access and defensible space. Madison County does not have zoning and therefore did not have a similar process in place to address these issues.

The idea was accepted by the Madison County Fire Chief Council, then taken to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and then to the Madison County Planning Board. Mumme described the form as "informational" to the homeowner and, after much review, the planning board signed off on the form, sending it to the commissioners.

The Madison County Com-

missioners said they felt the PCSR should be countywide and not just for the Big Sky area since the entire county is subject to wildfire and there are limited resources to fight structure and wildland fires.

"Fire-safe construction improves public safety and decreases the risks to people, property and firefighters," the commissioners' resolution states. "The PCSR will provide prior knowledge of factors that can affect public health and safety of property owners and fire-fighters prior to construction."

## Commissioners trim budget for courthouse annex

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The Board of Madison County Commissioners discussed and scaled back the budget for the to-be-constructed courthouse annex with ThinkOne Architects staff and general contractor Langlas & Associates during its Dec. 3 meeting.

The discussion focused on big picture of costs for the entire project now that the commissioners, architects and contractor have looked at the full scope of

possible project cost.

Commissioner Dan Happel said there is nearly \$1 million or more tied up in the building's foundation and the necessary site work. All parties have discussed several other options, including the possibility of the county taking the entire parking area out of the contract. The county would do the work with county equipment and crews. Happel said he would want ThinkOne to provide some assistance to guarantee proper engineering.

That \$1 million in the foundation is about one-fourth of the

estimated \$4 million total project cost. The commissioners said they would like to see it even lower than that although they are unsure what the final cost of the parking lot property will be.

With those marching orders, ThinkOne and Langlas said they are close to the commissioners' goal of \$3.75 million, but have some work to do. The commissioners reminded them that the county wants to be careful about the budget to ensure they do not ask taxpayers for money for the project. Funds for the project have been saved in a capital im-

provement fund for years solely for the purpose of building new administrative offices.

In order to lower the costs, the county will also get the building site in pad-ready condition. That could happen as early as this winter if the commissioners finalize a deal with the Montana Heritage Commission for the land purchase. The commissioners also decided to keep lighting in front of the annex and not include any poles. They will also have basic required lighting in the parking lot.

Board chair Jim Hart said

the county would absorb the dumpster costs and dumping fees for the project. The sanitation fee will also be waived because the county has its own. Tom Shaffer, who works for the county's facilities and maintenance office, said the county could easily help with the final cleaning of the windows. That total cost was previously estimated to be about \$9,000.

The commissioners, ThinkOne and Langlas agreed that the project is within striking distance of the budgetary goal and the savings will not affect

the look or feel of the building.

"We have not affected the building size or plans really," commissioner Dave Schulz said.

Construction of the annex is anticipated to begin in spring 2014. The annex will house county offices currently spread out in Virginia City and alleviate the problem of cramped offices in the courthouse. The courthouse will go back to being used solely for its original intent—legal proceedings like court hearings. The Sheriff's Office and county jail will remain at the courthouse.

## ANNUAL MADISON VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB HOLIDAY BAZAAR



Community members "shopped locally" on Small Business Saturday during the annual Madison Valley Woman's Club Holiday Bazaar.

Photos by Abigail Dennis

# Federal regulatory process hurts small businesses

Dear Editor,

The process that federal regulations go through from proposal to enactment is simply baffling. There are seemingly countless comment periods, public hearings and reviews. Keeping up with the process is simply impossible for any small business in Montana. But with 739

regulations that directly affect small businesses under consideration by various federal agencies, it's a process that Montana small businesses can ill afford to miss.

When a regulation goes into effect, it's in effect for everyone, from the largest conglomerate down to the mom and pop corner store. With teams of lobbyists

and lawyers, big businesses can have a great deal of influence on how a new regulation is crafted. They have a voice in the process, but more often than not small businesses do not. And what's best for a large organization isn't always good for a small one.

In my northwest corner of the Treasure State, regulations from federal agencies like the

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and the EPA have had a devastating impact on what once was a thriving economy based on natural resources. Too often in the world of mining permits, rules get changed and goal posts get moved in the middle of the game—leaving businesses to cope with the losses that result.

Increasing the transparency and accountability of the regulatory process, formalizing the types of objective data to be used in the analysis and development of regulations, and studying the unique impacts that a regulation might have on smaller business are all reforms that would go a long way to improving the situation of Montana's small busi-

nesses. There's a growing sentiment in Washington for real regulatory reform. Let's all encourage our Montana congressional delegation to get involved as early advocates for small business.

Sincerely,  
Rep. Mike Cuffe, HD 2  
Montana State Legislature

## Time running out to keep Sheridan doctor

Dear Editor,

I am writing a letter of my concern for our Dr. Kelli Christensen who is the doctor for the Community Health Center in Sheridan, which is connected to the Community Health Center in Butte. Dr. Kelli has been such a great addition as a health care provider to many of us here and we have been hearing that due to problems with the administration we may be losing this dear lady. I want to encourage everyone in Sheridan to stand up for and

fight to keep her. She has helped us so much. Please get informed about this situation and find out what each person can do to keep her. If anyone knows about signing petitions or whatever it takes to get this situation off the back burner and into the public eye please, lets find out what to do about this. Thanks and please be concerned as we are running out of time.

Sue Funk  
Sheridan

## OBITUARIES

### Judy Marie Roedel Aug. 6, 1953-Nov. 26, 2013



Life isn't about the destination, but the journey that gets us there.

The most amazing, incredible, funny, kind, strong, compassionate, wonderful wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend, Judy Marie Roedel, "Jude", left us on Nov. 26, 2013. Her journey began on Aug. 6, 1953 in Ennis where she was born to Frank and Hetty Carlson. She attended Ennis Elementary and graduated from Ennis High School in 1971. After high school, she attended Montana State University-Western in Dillon pursuing an elementary teaching degree.

In the spring of 1972 she met the love her life, Dwayne Roedel, and on Nov. 24, 1973,

they were married. For the first two years of their marriage, Judy worked at the talc mine. Then, for the next 38 years she worked at First Madison Valley Bank. In October of 1976, they welcomed their daughter, Heather.

She loved her yard and flowers, pets, walking, reading, road trips seeing anything new she could and spending time with those she loved. The moments with her daughter were the ones she cherished most. She was an amazing cook and baker, smart, yet so funny and a pure heart of gold. Her presence in all of our lives will be greatly

missed.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Dwayne, her daughter Heather, son-in-law James Mitchell, brother Jim Carlson and many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held on Dec. 7, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the Ennis Grade School Multipurpose Room, with Ken Stendsrud officiating.

In lieu of flowers and cards, donations in her memory can be made to the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah, 84741 (best-friends.org); or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

### Doris E. McCall Nov. 23, 1941-Nov. 30, 2013

Doris E. McCall was born in Bakersfield, Calif. to John H. McCall and Geraldine D. Tennison on Nov. 23, 1941. She passed away due to complications of cancer on Nov. 30, 2013 in Bozeman, Mont.

with her daughter Angie by her side.

Doris is survived by her three children Richard Sparks (Doris), Carolyn White (Boo), Angie Sparks (Donna Rae), brothers Mel McCall (Sue),

and John McCall all of Montana, sister Carol Spears (Joe) of Oklahoma, brothers Randy Horton (Eva) and Kenny Horton (Kathy) of California, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Many remember her as the "pie lady" in recent years. She will be missed dearly but we know she is out of pain and at peace with the Lord.

No service is planned at this time.

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## MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

November 24 through November 30

Nov. 24

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 36  
T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 63

SAR activated for rescue on Jefferson River south of Silver Star

Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint on Centennial St

Received report of vehicle accident on Madison Ave

Dispatched EA to 100 blk E Hugel St

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 78

Received disturbance complaint in 100 blk N Mallory St

T/s in 800 blk Madison Ave

Received unfounded 911 call

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 50

T/s on E Main St, Ennis

Received request to assist other agency on Mt Hwy 41 south of Twin Bridges

Nov. 25

Vehicle inspection requested in 200 blk Mill Creek Rd

Deputy dispatched to criminal mischief complaint in 100 blk W Main St, Ennis

Deputy dispatched to theft complaint on Main St, Sheridan

Received wildlife complaint in 60 blk Wisconsin Creek Rd W

Received request for rescue up Standard Creek

Deputy dispatched to report of found property in West Fork parking area

Received unfounded 911 call

Received unfounded 911 call

Deputy dispatched to unusual circumstances complaint in 200 blk Mill Creek Rd

Nov. 26

Received traffic complaint on US Hwy 287 Norris area

Received an alarm in 300 blk E Armitage St

Deputy dispatched to wildlife complaint on Bear Gulch Rd

Received unfounded 911 call

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 58

Received an alarm in 300 blk E Armitage St

Vehicle inspection at Sheridan High School

Received unfounded 911 call

Received animal complaint on Ruby Rock Subdivision

T/s on US Hwy 287 by Madison Foods

Received unfounded 911 call

Dispatched RVA to 300 blk Mill St

Nov. 27

Received animal complaint at Mt Hwy 41 MM 19

T/s on US Hwy 287 Norris

Received animal complaint at Mt Hwy 287 MM 20

Vehicle inspection in 200 blk Mill Creek Rd

T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 37

T/s on Mt Hwy 287 at Nevada City

T/s on Twin Bridges Dump Rd

Dispatched EA to FX Ranch Rd

T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 46

Deputy dispatched to wildlife complaint in 100 blk Wet Georgia Rd St

Dispatched VCFD to 1400 blk Mt Hwy 287

Received report of an alarm in 100 blk Charles Ave

Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint on Atkins Ln

Nov. 28

Deputy dispatched to an alarm in 100 blk W Main St, Ennis

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 67

T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 47

Received animal complaint at Mt Hwy 41 MM 16

Deputy dispatched to animal complaint on Mt Hwy 287 by Varney Rd

T/s on Silver Spring Rd

Deputy dispatched to dog complaint on Cedar Ct

Received custodial interference complaint in 300 blk Mill St

Nov. 29

T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 51

T/s at Mt Hwy 41 MM 47

T/s on US Hwy 287 at Jeffers Rd

Received unfounded 911 call

Received unfounded 911 call

Received wildlife complaint in 4600 blk Mt Hwy 41

Dispatched VCFD to an alarm in 1400 blk Mt Hwy 287

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 64

T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 25

Received unfounded 911 call

T/s at Mt Hwy 287 MM 37

Nov. 30

Vehicle inspection requested in 100 blk Center St

T/s on US Hwy 287 at Hot Springs Loop

Received an alarm in 300 blk Duncan District Rd

Deputy dispatched to traffic complaint at US Hwy 287 MM 51

Received unfounded 911 call

Deputy dispatched to suspicious circumstances complaint on Bench Rd

T/s at US Hwy 287 MM 55

Dispatched RVA for transfer to Butte

Received animal complaint on N Meadow Creek Rd

The Sheriff's Office made 24 traffic stops and received 52 calls for service between Nov. 24 and Nov. 30.

## Virginia City December events

Submitted by Janet Allestad  
VIRGINIA CITY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Historic Virginia City will again host holiday activities between Thanksgiving and the New Year.

Virginia City townspeople are collecting greens and creating wonderful decorations for the town as it might have been in the late 1860s.

On Dec. 7, Rank's Mercantile will be having a special Open House from 1 - 4 p.m. with live music, specials on Christmas items and hors d'oeuvres. A Christmas Tree Cutting party is planned for Dec. 7, followed by a warm up party with a Free Chili Feed at the Virginia City Opera House at 6 p.m. Finish Saturday evening by watching the classic Christmas movie, *Miracle on 34th Street* at the Opera House starting at 7 p.m. Bringing a blanket is encouraged. On Dec.

8 at the Parish Hall of St. Paul's, there will be the Community Cookie Exchange from 2 - 4 p.m. Sharing cookies, recipes and the season's warm feelings is the goal of this event.

A kids gingerbread house workshop and competition is on Dec. 14 at the Parish Hall of St. Paul's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with adults encouraged to enter a gingerbread house until 2 p.m. Judging will start at 2 p.m. with prizes given at 2:15 p.m. Adult supervision will be provided if anyone wants to shop downtown. The farmer's market at the Artisan's Guild is the same day. Stop by and check out the fire baked goodies, homemade condiments and crafts.

An ice-skating party and weenie roast is planned for Dec. 15. If the weather is not cooperating for the ice rink, the community is still invited to the weenie roast, s'mores and fun around the fire. The Virginia City Chamber

of Commerce is providing the food items. Donations for the local food pantry will be accepted graciously.

Mark Weber and his family will welcome St. Nicholas at the Virginia City Creamery from 4 - 6 p.m. Area children are welcome to share their wish list, enjoy ice cream and have their pictures taken with St. Nick.

Virginia City's Community Potluck Dinner is set for Dec. 20 at the Elks Club. Meat will be provided and special Christmas flavored ice cream will be provided by Virginia City Creamery. The community is encouraged to bring a food dish to share. St. Nicholas will be sharing candy canes after dinner. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the holiday season.

Dec. 21 is Christmas story hour and Christmas craft time at the Thompson-Hickman County Library. Starting at 11 a.m., children will be treated to Victorian

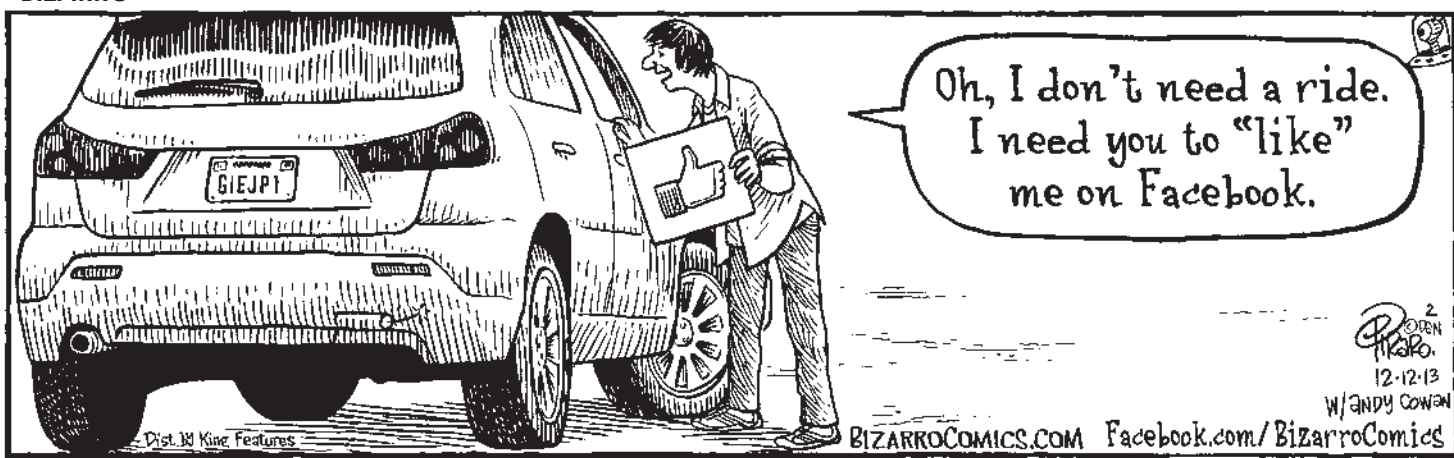
Christmas stories while decorating a Christmas stocking to take home.

An ice-skating party at City Park is scheduled for Dec. 21 starting 2 p.m. with hot cocoa, snacks and a fire. The public is invited to watch the classic Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Opera House starting at 7 p.m., snacks and hot beverages will be available.

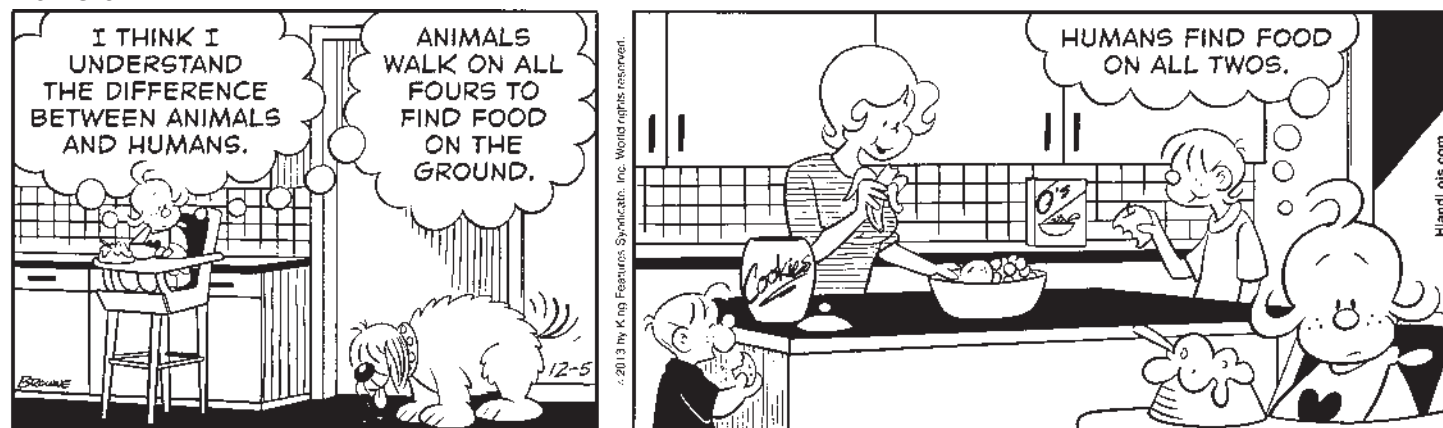
Everyone is invited to St. Paul's Episcopal Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24.

The Masonic Lodge of Virginia City will play host to the Holiday Gala on Dec. 28 with a sit down turkey dinner followed by a grand ball. Contact Janet Allestad to obtain tickets. Watch for more details for all of these events or call Janet Allestad at 660-1453 or the Virginia City Area Chamber of Commerce at 843-5555.

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 By Janet Tharpe

### A Sure-Fire Family Favorite Slow Cooked Pot Roast

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Slow cooker recipes have become popular again, and I couldn't be happier. It's just so easy to make a wonderful family meal. And Teresa Jacobson's Family Favorite Slow Cooked Pot Roast is a slow cooker recipe your family will love. The addition of creamed soup makes a wonderful gravy. On a cold winter's night, this is a perfect dinner. See step-by-step photos of Teresa's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: [www.justapinch.com/potroast](http://www.justapinch.com/potroast) You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

Family Favorite Slow Cooked Pot Roast - Janet

- What You Need**
- 1 chuck roast (2-4 pounds)
  - 2 can(s) cream of chicken soup (10.75 oz. each)
  - 3-6 oz baby carrots
  - 4 oz sliced mushrooms
  - 2 russet potatoes, cut into spears (opt.)
- Directions**
- Place all ingredients into crock-pot. Do not add water!
  - Cook on high for 5-6 hours or on low for 8 hours.
  - If desired, skim off any fat.
  - If necessary, after removing meat and veggies, whisk in a tablespoon of flour to gravy to thicken it.
  - We love this served with mashed potatoes.

Submitted by: Teresa Jacobson, Jacksonville, FL (Pop. 821,784)  
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## Natural, rustic decorations adorn Virginia City

Submitted by Chris Leonard  
ELLING HOUSE ARTS & HUMANITIES

Each year, as the days grow shorter, the air colder and Christmas nears, a handful of hearty Virginia City's finest breathe life, light and color into the town through a variety of natural trimmings and decorations.

The town has been decorating for the holidays, in one way or another, for more than 20 years. No one knows for sure, but sometime in the mid-1990s local legend Roger Williams began hanging pine boughs on

the town's lampposts. Since that time, the tradition has grown and evolved into a year-long process of gathering materials, creating swag, spray and wreaths, hanging the decorations at strategic locations around town and recycling the materials once the holidays expire.

In the springtime, as the snow melts in the gulch and surrounding hillsides, townspeople begin prospecting for materials on horseback, on foot and in cars. The goal is to remember the secret spots where they saw those red dogwood branches, the ba-

by's breath, the globe thistle, the delphinium, the yarrow, hydrangeas and on and on and on. More than 20 local trees, grasses and berries are used in the process. Once fall arrives, the artists head back to the hills and gather the materials. The loot is then piled in strategic locations, depending on who is creating and what location they are decorating.

There are a number of ways that one can experience the magical Virginia City holiday scene. The town decorations hang from mid-November through January. Local business will be open dur-

ing Christmas strolls for several events through December 22. In addition to the town decorations and strolls, folk artists Debbie Rogers, Chris Stadler and a number of other local volunteers spend more than 50 hours each year decorating the Elling House. The team's goal is to preserve the life and color from summer and "magically" set it loose again in the darkness of winter. This year's Elling House theme is red and gold and will be on display for the annual Splendid Feast held on Dec. 13 and 14. Call 406-843-5454 for more information.

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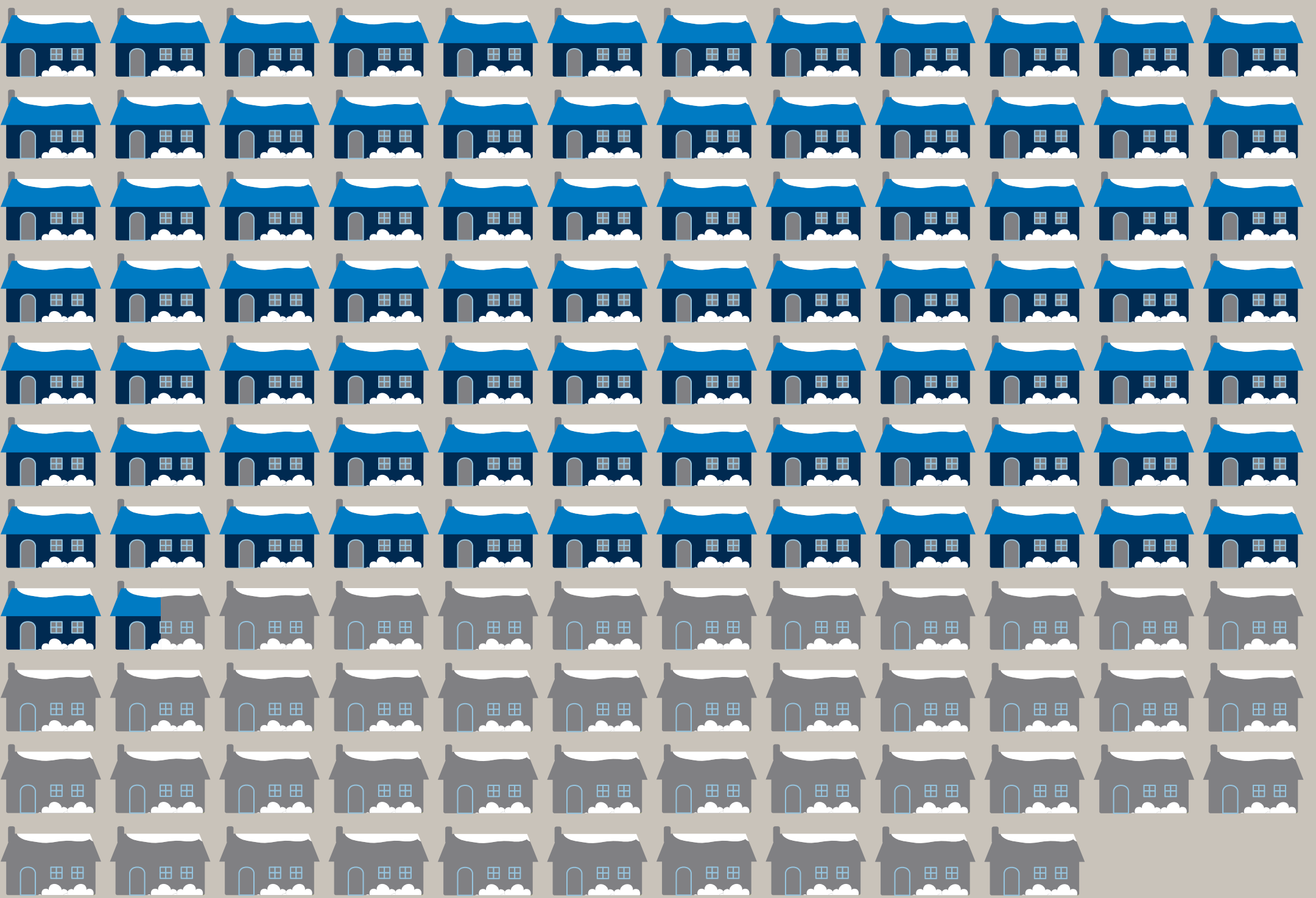
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### Run Four Turkey 2013



Third Annual Run Four Turkey for the Madison Valley Food Bank and Mountain Road Walk

Submitted by Sunni Heikes-Knapton

The 3rd annual event was held Nov 28 in Ennis. The event raised \$785 and 70 pounds of food for the Madison Valley Caring and Sharing Food Bank, which resulted in a total of \$1,570 with the match from Town Pump. Forty-one walkers and runners participated, with an additional four people who donated but did not run. Local sponsors provided prizes and refreshments.

Cassidy Straszewski was overall women's winner, and Steve Knack was the overall men's winner. Andrew Allen was the overall youth male winner, and Maida Knapton was the overall youth female winner.

## RV FFA ANNUAL AUCTION



Photo submitted by Nicholas Haag

On Nov. 24 the Ruby Valley FFA held its annual auction and chili feed. The auction was very successful. Loren Tucker was the auctioneer and did an excellent job. The Ruby Valley FFA chapter and alumni would like to thank Lauren Tucker for auctioneering, and all the people and businesses that donated and bought items.

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# Montana Shakespeare in the Schools comes to Ennis

Submitted by Lila Michael  
MONTANA SHAKESPEARE  
IN THE SCHOOLS

The Ennis Arts Association in conjunction with the Imerys Talc Mine is bringing Montana Shakespeare in the Schools to Ennis for an open to the public showing of the touring Shakespeare comedy, "The Two Gentlemen of Verona."

The show will be held at the Ennis High School gym, Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free and there will be a brief talk back with the actors after the performance.

Celebrating its 21st season with this production, Montana Shakespeare in the Schools will perform Shakespeare's boisterous comedy to nearly 12,000 students in communities throughout Montana and Wyoming as a part of its annual fall tour, which began Oct. 11. The 10-week tour is the first of two educational outreach programs being offered by Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, which is based at Montana State University during this academic year. The fall tour will conclude in late December.

"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" is thought to be one of the earliest plays of the Shakespearean cannon. It follows the riotous exploits of Valentine and Proteus, best friends who test the bonds of loyalty and honor when they fall for the same girl. Much humor and romance ensues while the different sets of lovers and their servants try to untangle the mess. Disguises, dogs and desperate measures add frantic fun to the gentlemen's adventures. In order to accommodate schools' scheduling needs productions are trimmed to 75 minutes.

Director of Educational Programs, Susan Dickerson said, "the primary goal of Shakespeare in the Schools (SIS) is to bring live, professional performances of Shake-

peare's plays to middle and high schools across Montana and Wyoming with an emphasis on rural, underserved areas. Because of Shakespeare in the Schools' commitment to rural outreach SIS was able to reach nearly 25 percent of all high school students in Montana in 2012."

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks and Schools resident designer Tom Watson created a dynamic traveling set, which works in the varied spaces the production plays. Costume designer Claudia Boddy returns for her fourth season with SIS with costumes from the glittering 1920s. Michael Gonring, a beloved alumnus of all three of Shakespeare in the Parks tours, is company manager and will be playing the canine-owning clown Launce.

Montana Shakespeare in the Schools began in 1993 with two professional actors per-

forming scenes from Shakespeare's plays with minimal costumes and scenery. It has grown to include an eight-member professional company that offers a full Shakespearean production complete with rich, originally designed costumes and scenery, as well as a talk back session and a full complement of workshops.

This special public showing of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" is sponsored locally by the Ennis Arts Association and the Imerys Talc Mine.

Montana Shakespeare in the Schools is also funded in part by the Montana Arts Council: Artists in Schools and Communities and the Homer A. and Mildred S. Scott Foundation.

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Submitted by Jeanne Connolly  
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

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The closure notice for the

hunt came shortly after Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks officials received word that the pre-established harvest quota for the districts combined had been met.

For more information, visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov, click on "Hunting" then under Hunting Guides click on "Mountain Lion" or call the toll free number at 1-800-385-7826.

# Community Choir prepares holiday themed concerts

Submitted by Andrew Scruggs  
ENNIS SCHOOLS

Classic holiday songs are in the line up for both of the upcoming free performances by our very own Ennis Community Choir. Much like Santa's elves, 15 members of our community and surrounding area have been travelling to Ennis High School to rehearse as often as four hours each week, preparing holiday songs.

These 15 members travel from as far away as Pony, Mont. and all contribute greatly to the sparkle and zing of the performance. If you are in the mood for some holiday cheer, come join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Virginia City or 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8 at Madison Valley Presbyterian Church. Accompaniment by Vickey Gordon and directed by Andrew Scruggs.

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<b>Sunday</b>	Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the low 20s and lows in the mid single digits.
<b>Monday</b>	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper teens and lows in the mid single digits.

*Quote of the Week:*  
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# NAMING FERRIS PEAK



In 1889, when the picture was taken, the Hermsmeyer family owned the property; in the background is the original home Jane Ferris lived in on the property.



The Fenton House during the summer of 2012.

Photo courtesy of Kathleen Wuelfing.

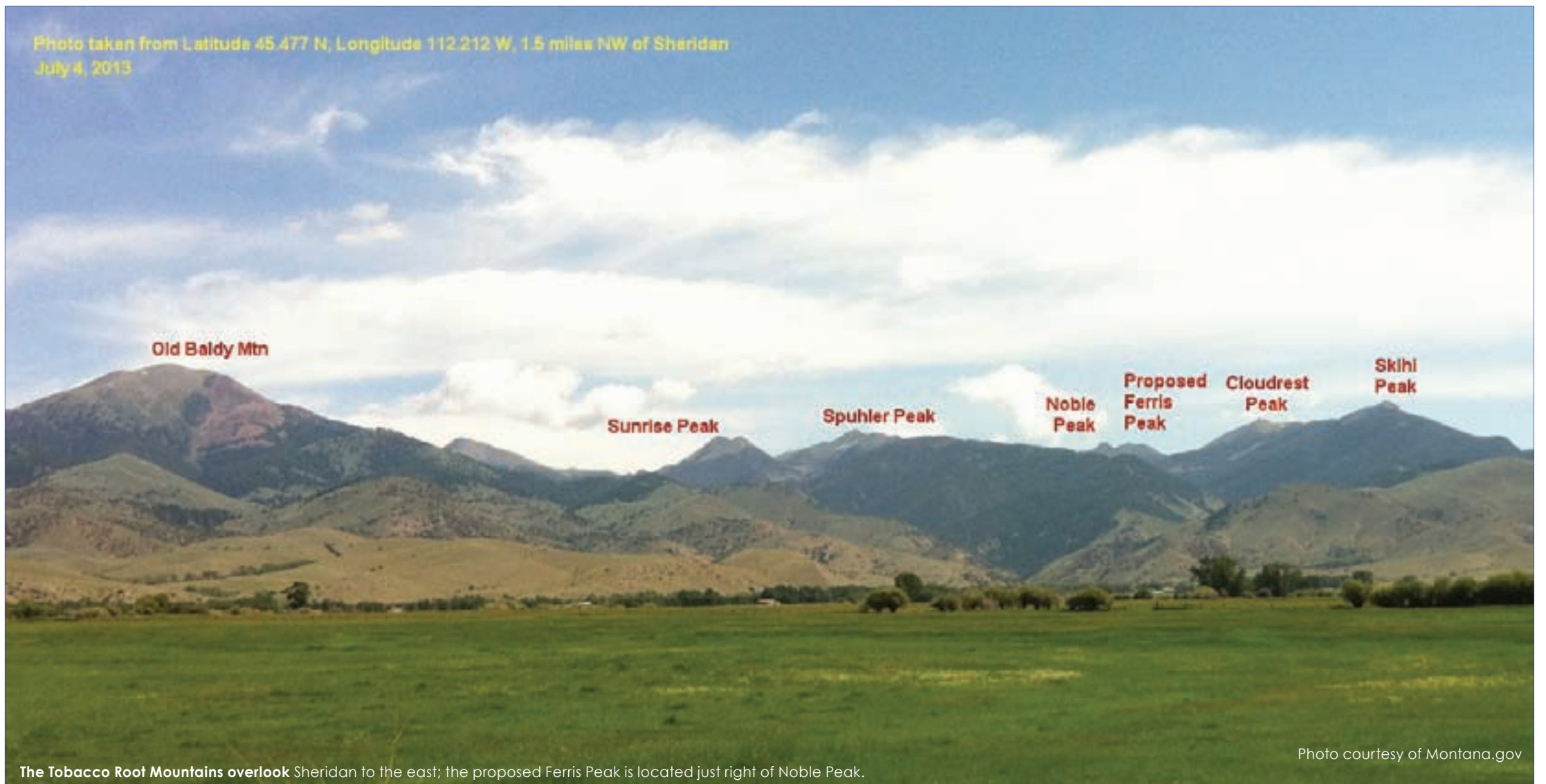


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The Tobacco Root Mountains overlook Sheridan to the east; the proposed Ferris Peak is located just right of Noble Peak.

Photo courtesy of Montana.gov

## Ruby Valley history may lead to naming of Tobacco Root Mountain peak

Abigail Dennis  
THE MADISONIAN  
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In 1866, a widow by the name of Jane Ferris moved to Sheridan with her two small children. She worked as a housekeeper for John Barber on a homestead two miles west of the town. When Barber passed away, he left the property to Ferris, who then used the 1841 Preemption Act to secure land and a home for her and her children.

Ferris was successful in securing the land for her family but passed away before the government officially awarded her the Montana homestead. She left behind two orphaned children, 13-year-old Millicent Ferris and a 15-year-old son. Though there are no records of Ferris's son after his mother's death, the Noble family took in Millicent and she eventually fell in love with and married Herbert Noble.

The newlywed Nobles moved back to the Ferris homestead where they lived and raised a family through the early 1880s.

Now, nearly 150 years later, Noble family descendants have pushed to give the name Ferris Peak to an unnamed mountain in the Tobacco Roots—honoring their ancestor. The Ferris homestead that is located two miles west of Sheridan is now known as the Fenton House. Kathleen Wuelfing of Sheridan is the current owner of the Fenton House, which she remodeled during 2006 and 2007.

"Just after I had remodeled, a gentleman by the name of Gary Noble came to Sheridan tracing his family history," Wuelfing said. "He was looking for places to stay and stumbled across a description of the [Fenton House]. After that, it did not take him long to realize the Jane Ferris we described on the website was his great, great grandmother."

Gary Noble quickly involved his father, Bob, and sister, Carla, in his search for family history in the Sheridan area and the Nobles pieced together the history of the Fenton House and homestead with Wuelfing's help.

The Hermsmeyer family occupied the property after the Ferris/Noble family left in the late 1800s. The Hermsmeyers improved the homestead with several additions and buildings that make up the property to this day. The property then witnessed a series of owners from the 1917 until 1937, when Stanley and Helen Fenton took ownership.

"They were my grandparents and they bought the property

and moved there with my great grandparents," Wuelfing explained.

Wuelfing's connection with the property is deeper than a love for her family's home. Her Fenton grandparents were invested in the community and got involved in the Twin Bridges orphanage from 1946 to 1951, throwing birthday parties for the kids at the ranch.

"A lot of my motivation came from wanting to preserve the history of those birthday parties," Wuelfing said. "It is my family's property and legacy."

Once Wuelfing and the Noble family descendants made contact in 2008 and fully uncovered their linked histories on the homestead, they decided the storied past of the Fenton House should be remembered. Wuelfing had successfully gotten the house listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but the Nobles had a different idea.

"Bob [Noble] and his daughter Carla decided that they would love to see their ancestor [Jane Ferris] honored," Wuelfing said. "There is an unnamed peak right next to Noble Peak and we have been working on getting it named Ferris Peak—many women of the area do not get the same credit that the men of the time do."

Wuelfing was the Noble's contact in Sheridan, so she started working toward building local support for naming the mountain.

"I met with the [county] commissioners in the spring of 2013 to start getting people interested," Wuelfing said. "Then I enlisted the help of Ted Darby and we went to the Sheridan Town Council and started getting local support for naming the peak."

The major push behind Wuelfing's plea for the peak naming was because of Jane Ferris's unique history as an early Montana settler. According to Wuelfing's research and the application she submitted to the National Register of Historic Places, Ferris's successful use of the 1841 Preemption Act mostly likely made her the only woman in Sheridan-area history to use preemption to secure land during Montana's formative settling decades.

According to Wuelfing's application, the law "was meant to encourage settlement in the American West by widows and heads of household on any 160 acres of un-surveyed land" and as the only woman in the area to use the act, the "ranch [is] historically significant within the context of the rural settlement patterns as well as women's history during the late 19th century."

This fact convinced the National Register of Historic Places to list the ranch, and Wuelfing believes it is the main validity for naming a peak in the Tobacco Roots after Ferris.

The Noble/Wuelfing application to the Montana State Naming Advisor's Office is still pending, but Wuelfing and Bob Noble expect a decision around the first of the year. Since the community backed the request, it is likely the mountain will officially be named Ferris Peak.



The current Fenton House was remodeled in 2006 and 2007 by Kathleen Wuelfing but retains the homestead's original integrity and character.

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## Give kids the gift of a good night's sleep

Submitted by StatePoint

When your children have trouble sleeping at night it can be just as tiring for you as it is for your little ones. And no matter what the source of the issue is, a full night's sleep is important for everybody's physical and mental health.

But during the busy holiday season, unpredictable sleeping schedules and big family gatherings can contribute to poor sleep. Take steps to help children rest better at night this season by trying these sleep tips to make bedtime easier for

the whole family.

#### Stay Active

Do not be afraid to tire children out. When they are not attending school or their regular activities, they are not expending as much energy. During the winter break, take long walks or simply visit the park each day for a game of tag, catch or a bike ride.

Keep your kids mentally active, as well. Instead of zoning out in front of the television, encourage them to read, write or paint. A full day of activity means your children will be ready for some shut-

eye by bedtime.

#### Mindful Eating

Everyone knows that caffeine before bedtime is a no-no. While your children are probably not coffee drinkers, do not forget that soda and chocolate contain caffeine too. While it can be tricky to mind one's eating habits during the holidays, try to avoid feeding kids sugary or spicy foods before bedtime, as both can have a tossing and turning effect.

#### Rituals

A schedule helps the body know when to be alert

and when to be sleepy. Over the holidays, do not let kids deviate too much from their regular routine.

Nighttime rituals, such as bedtime reading, can help create a sleepy mood at night. Anxieties may make sleep a troublesome prospect for some kids, so another great bedtime ritual is simply spending time talking with your kids each night. This gives them the opportunity to open up and discuss what is bothering them.

With a few tricks, you can make bedtime more fun for kids.

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## Smart media use for kids

Submitted by StatePoint

From TV to smart phones to social media, our lives are dominated by 24/7 media exposure. Despite this, many children and teens have few rules around their media use.

While media consumption by itself is not the leading cause of any health problem in the U.S., it can contribute to numerous health risks, according to experts. At the same time, kids can learn many positive things from "pro-social" media. The key is to teach children to make healthy media choices.

"It is time for a renewed commitment to change the way we address media use," says Dr. Thomas K. McInerney, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "In the same way you may need to guide children on how to eat nutritiously, you can foster a healthy media diet."

In a digital world ever in flux, the AAP is offering some key tips for families looking to

make smarter media choices.

Make a media use plan, including mealtime and bedtime "curfews" for media devices. Media use plans take into account not only the quantity, but the quality and location of media use. Screens should be kept out of kids' bedrooms.

Excessive media use has been associated with obesity, lack of sleep, school problems, aggression and other behavior issues. Limit entertainment screen time to less than one or two hours per day.

For children under 2, substitute unstructured play and human interaction for screen time. The opportunity to think creatively, problem solve and develop reasoning and motor skills is more valuable for the developing brain than passive media intake.

Take an active role in your children's media education by co-viewing programs with them and discussing values. You may consider having your own profile on the social media sites

your children use. By Facebook "friending" your kids, you can monitor their online presence.

Keep the computer in a public part of your home so you can check on what your kids are doing online and how much time they are spending there.

Look for media choices that are educational, or teach good values, such as empathy, racial and ethnic tolerance, and interpersonal skills.

If you are unsure of the quality of the "media diet" in your household, consult with your children's pediatrician on what your kids are viewing, how much time they are spending with media, and privacy and safety issues associated with social media and Internet use.

A healthy media diet balances the risks of too much media on your child's growth and progress with some of the pro-social benefits media offer. Be mindful of how your children interact with media and take steps for healthful choices.

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# SPORTS



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Senior captain Reid Farnes (10) addresses the team after their 50-0 win over Drummond.



Photo by Faith Moldan

Nolan Konen (7), attempts to run past a group of Panther players during the first half of a game in Twin Bridges this season.

## Ennis Mustangs named to all-state team

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After an undefeated season and a state title, eight Ennis Mustangs were named to Montana's Class C 8-man all-state team.

Connor Sullivan, Derek Wham, Roy Moen, Walker McKittrick, Reid Farnes, Wes Goodman, Chad Johnson and Braydon McKittrick were all named all-state.

Sullivan led the

Mustangs' offense with 1,299 all-purpose yards for the season—an average of more than 100 yards per game.

Close on Sullivan's tail was Johnson, with 942 total yards. Moen posted 915 yards for the season, the majority of which were rushing. Goodman had 348 total yards, rushing for 335 during the course of the season. Junior quarterback Walker McKittrick had 627 rushing yards and a total of 858 all-purpose yards.

The players and coaches are always quick to credit the unsung heroes of the Mustangs' team—the offensive line, which was led by Wham and B. McKittrick and was integral in all of the offense's successes.

On the defensive side of the ball, Moen led the team in sacks, bringing in five on the season. Farnes and B. McKittrick were close behind with 3.5 sacks apiece. Farnes led the team in total tackles with 72 for the season.

## All-conference football results

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With last week's championship games, the 2013 high school football season drew to a close and coaches and players waited to hear the outcomes of post-season honors. The Ennis Mustangs, Twin Bridges Falcons and Sheridan Panthers swept the Southern Class C (West) all-conference results.

Ennis's championship winning team took the most honors with nine defensive mentions and eight offensive mentions—not counting

an honorable mention for Reid Farnes on offense. On the defensive end for the Mustangs, Wylie Leo, Connor Sullivan, Wes Goodman, Derek Wham, Roy Moen, Reid Farnes and Braydon McKittrick were named first team all conference. Walker McKittrick and Braydon McKittrick were named second team all conference. The Mustangs' game winning offense also received recognition. Goodman, Moen, Wham, Sullivan and Trevor Cross were named first team all conference. W. McKittrick, B. McKittrick and Chad Johnson were named second

Players from Twin Bridges Falcons received multiple honorable mentions on both offense and defense. Garrett Armstrong, Gabe Johnson, Nolan Konen, J.D. Melhoff, Michael Walsh, Zach Amos and Phil Vial received honorable mentions on the defensive end, while Amos, Walsh and Vial also received honorable mentions for their work on offense. Xavier Harris from Sheridan was named second team defensive all conference and received an honorable mention for his work as quarterback for the Panthers.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO BASKETBALL SEASON a preview

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### Harrison-Willow Creek Wildcats

Coach Lisa Cooper's girl's basketball squad returns three all-conference players this year and sports a number of other players who look to gain more playing time this season and add to the team's depth. Jaci Nesbit and Britt Cooper earned all-conference honors last year and were also all-state second and first team, respectively. Kristen White is the third all-conference player coming back for the Wildcats. The Wildcats, who finished 16-7 last

year, add transfer student Brooke Griffis to their roster. Griffis joins Addie Nesbit, Alecia Panagakis, Megan Skillman, Taya DeFrance, Gabby Arcangeli, Hailey Hokanson and Sierra Panagakis as players to watch during the season. Harrison-Willow Creek placed second at the district tournament last year. The team graduated two seniors—Becca White and Tori Wilson.

"We should have a strong team this year," Coach Cooper said. "We will have skilled players at all positions and a quick defense."

After graduating five players last year, Harrison-Willow Creek boy's basketball coach Jason Roed is looking to returners Garrett Petersen, John Brennan, Brett Petersen and Josh Nye to step up their game. G. Petersen and Brennan are both seniors.

"They both bring a great amount of experience and leadership to this team. We want to be a competitive team with great defensive intensity. Our younger players will need to fill some roles that are open after graduating five seniors last year," Roed said.

Those younger players include Jed Fike, Chas Buus and Daly Nesbit. The Wildcats look to improve upon their 8-14 record from last year.

### Ennis Mustangs

Nick Burgess takes over the girl's basketball team as coach to a team that last year was very young and did not have much varsity experience. Now with more time on the floor under their belts, the Mustangs will show other teams just what they learned from the previous season that saw them battle within the district, but fail to advance far in the post season. The Mustangs finished fifth in the district last season with an overall record of 10-10.

"We are looking forward to a very exciting year of Lady Mustang basketball," Burgess said. "We have 18 girls out and they are eager to start the new season."

Of those 18, five are returning seniors. The Mustangs lost five players from last year's roster, so Burgess said the team would look to fill those spots. He added that the girls are hungry and working hard toward the upcoming season. A smaller sized team again this season, Burgess said the Mustangs will be speedy and play tough defense and fast paced basketball.

Size, athleticism and experience is on the Ennis Mustangs' side this boy's basketball season, but coach Zach Jepson said that does not mean they can count out any of the other teams in the talented 8-C district.

"One of our goals is to finish as the no. 1 seed going into the district tournament. To accomplish that, we will have to unseat Twin Bridges as reigning district champs and hold off a very talented and deep Manhattan Christian team. Gardiner and Shields Valley will

look to challenge for one of the top five seeds as well," Jepson said. He added that Lone Peak, Harrison, and White Sulphur Springs are well coached and have shown great improvement the past couple of seasons. Jepson also said fans can bet that teams like Sheridan, West Yellowstone and Lima will look to knock off a top team come tournament time.

The veteran team returns seniors Connor Sullivan,

and failing to qualify for the state tournament.

### Sheridan Panthers

Wendy Fabel moves up from assistant coach for the Panther's previous season to lead girl's basketball this year. The Panthers closed out the 2012-13 season with an overall record of 5-18. They lost standout Brooke Lueck to graduation. Fabel credited her as an asset on and off the court.

April Degel is the lone returning starter for the young team. She is a junior and eldest member of the team that boasts three sophomores, four freshmen and two eighth-graders.

"Our team this year is an amazing group of girls who will play with no limits and improve every time they are on the court. They are a young team and with them comes a refreshing new outlook on the program this year," Fabel said.

The team's youth and inexperience means the Panthers are approaching the season with a bit of a "small ball" style and will hopefully grow from there, according to Fabel. She said the team will be extensively reviewing motion offense and other options that will work well for the younger girls.

First year boy's basketball coach Chad Elser said he is excited to work with the Panthers to finish better than the team's 3-16 overall record from last year.

"We hope to have a fun year and improve upon last season's record," Elser said. "The boys have been positive and are hard workers."

Returning for the Panthers are seniors Seth Green, Cheyenne Fuller and Brant Marsh. Senior Xavier Harris also joined the team. Juniors Sam Wood and Colter Kentworthy gained playing experience last year and return as well.

The Panthers graduated Brandon Burke, Mike Tilstra and Eric Browne last year.

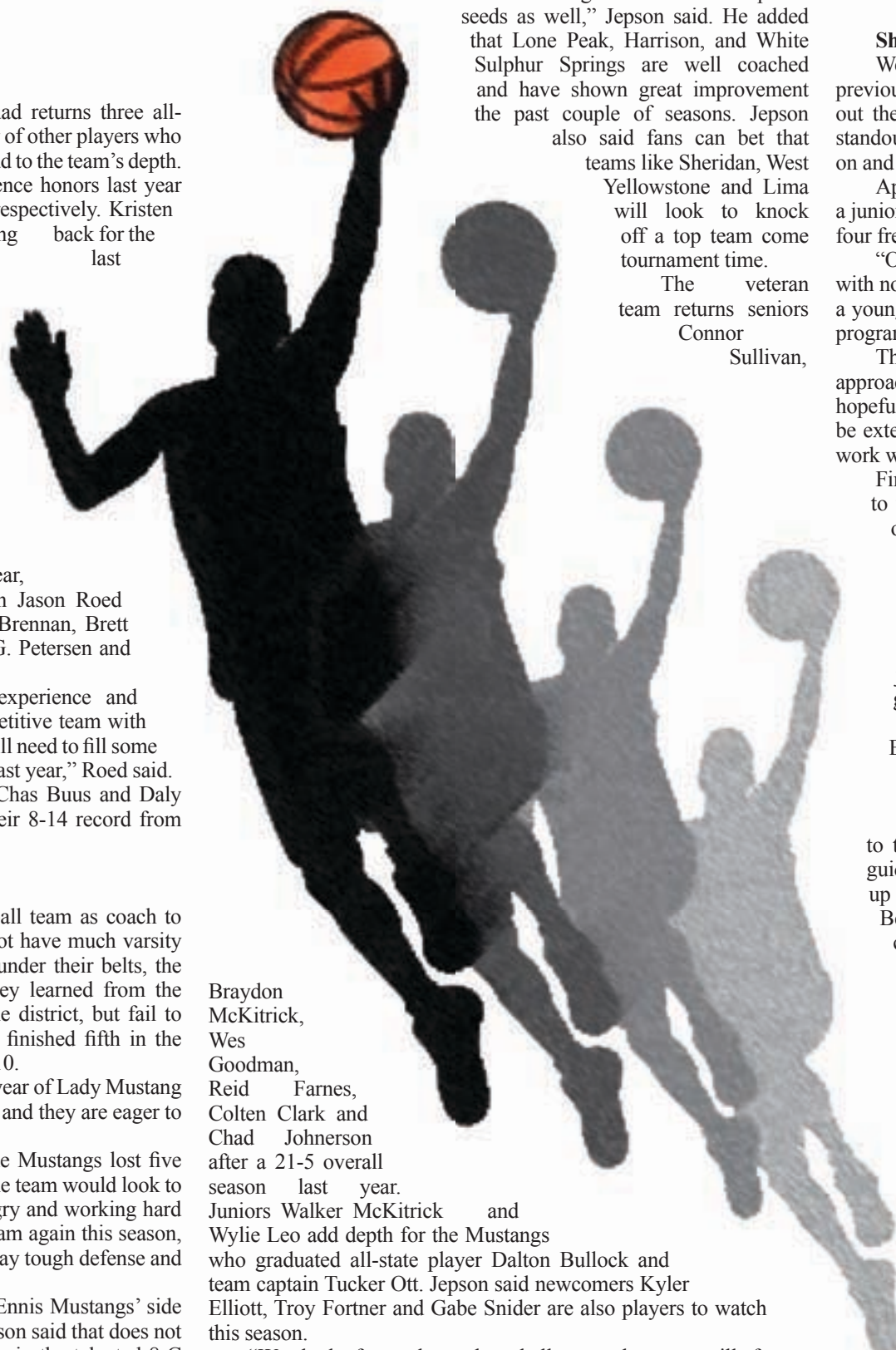
### Twin Bridges Falcons

The Falcons' girl's basketball team earned a repeat trip to the state tournament last year under head coach Rob Lott's guidance. They placed third in the tournament and were runners up the previous year. Both years the Falcons' season ended to the Belt Lady Huskies from the north. The Falcons continue to be competitive and successful year after year despite graduating standout players like Peyton Ferris and Hannah Konen the past two years. Harrison-Willow Creek put the pressure on the Falcons in the district championship game, but the Falcons kept cool and pulled out the victory, which has been typical of the team in recent years.

Matt Ashley has a lot to work with as he coaches the boy's Falcon team that advanced from the district tournament to the divisional tournament last year. The Falcons, who ended the season 19-5 overall, lost their opening-round game at divisionals, but remained competitive and notched a win before losing out.

"We lost a large group of seniors last year to graduation, but have a strong group ready to step up," Ashley said. That group includes seniors Jerricho Broksie and Garrett Armstrong as well as a large group of juniors.

Ashley said the team will play physical and aggressive defense and has to make good decisions with the ball on offense. He added that he sees a lot of potential in the team this season and in the next few.



Braydon McKittrick, Wes Goodman, Reid Farnes, Colten Clark and Chad Johnson after a 21-5 overall season last year. Juniors Walker McKittrick and Wylie Leo add depth for the Mustangs who graduated all-state player Dalton Bullock and team captain Tucker Ott. Jepson said newcomers Kyler Elliott, Troy Fortner and Gabe Snider are also players to watch this season.

"We look forward to the challenges that we will face, overcoming them with a "team" first mentality, and having success come tournament time," Jepson said.

The Mustangs finished third at the district tournament and third at the divisional tournament after falling to Arlee in a challenge game

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# Ruby Valley asks for Toys for Tots donations

Submitted by Ed Walter  
 RUBY VALLEY TOYS FOR TOTS

It is Christmas time again, and the Ruby Valley Marine Corps League's Toys for Tots program is looking for both donations and for families that are struggling and in need of toys.

We cover the area between Waterloo and Virginia City and have Toys for Tots drop boxes in businesses in both Twin Bridges and Sheridan. Some cash donation jars are

in place around the valley, just look for the Toys for Tots boxes and donation jars at local businesses.

We will be accepting new, unwrapped toys and cash donations through Dec. 20. For any questions on donations and for those families in need, please contact either Ed Walter at 684-5179 or Bill Hanley at 684-5287.

We will be distributing the toys to families in need on Dec. 21 from Hanley's house in Jefferson Acres.

# Montana wildlife management areas closed

Submitted by Andrea Jones  
 MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks reminds recreationists that most Region 3 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)—those managed as big game winter range—closed to all public entry at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1.

In Region 3, there is one exception to the winter closure noted above. A portion of Mount Haggin WMA is open to cross-country snowmobile use from Dec. 2 to May 15, 2014 (see the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest travel map for details).

WMAs not managed specifically for big game winter range (such as waterfowl and wetlands) remain open for public use year-round. Those WMAs include Canyon Ferry, Lake Helena and Silver Gate.

The WMAs closed for the winter season will reopen at noon on May 15, 2014.

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By Art Kehler  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

## Memorable misadventures Recollections of less-than-ideal hunting excursions

Like many Montanans, I've endured some less-than-ideal hunting excursions. For instance, there was the morning I was hunting with a companion near Norris. Before long, my partner shot a deer not far from Pony Gulch. After gutting the buck, we attached a drag rope and drug it to the rim of the gulch. Always eager to minimize exertion, my companion opted to shove his critter over the rim and let it slide to the bottom. Noting the nearly vertical slope, I retreated from the edge a short distance before cautioning him to be mindful of his footing.



Art Kehler

When launched, the carcass streaked downward. Regrettably, the young man had failed to notice he was standing on the knotted, loose end of the drag rope. Thus, when the rope drew taught, his right foot was yanked from under him. In a flash, my cohort vanished from sight.

Within seconds, the top of a small pine tree, that rose just above the rim, violently whipped downward, and then ricocheted back. Presently, the most dreadful groan ever to besiege my ears, wafted above the gulch. Concerned, I raced to the rim's edge and gaped down. Not twenty yards below sat my blue-faced partner, straddling the still quivering tree. Meanwhile, far below, the deer's carcass bounced indifferently onward. Clearly it was not the time to say "I told you so!"

Only after a series of deep breaths followed by a reassuring, physical self-examination, was the shaken hunter able to recover his deer. For some time after, he spoke with a noticeable soprano lilt.

Yet another misfortune happened in the Camp Creek area near Potosi Canyon. While hunting the woods for elk, I stepped over a sizable fallen tree. Lo and behold, just as my lead foot ascended the tree's far side, a hulking cow moose rose up mere feet away. The hair on the back of her neck stood on end as steam

from her nostrils blew past my ears. With my 30-06 still slung, had the situation turned violent, I wouldn't have had time to shoot. As time stood still, my life flashed before my eyes, and it wasn't a pretty collage. Finally, to my immense relief, the cow stormed off in a huff. Subsequently, I resolved never to forget "Moose don't like surprises!"

Another mishap transpired when I was hunting with a friend near Sterling. The morning was bitter cold with snow falling heavily. After reaching the desired location, I parked my full-cab, white Jeep in a meadow. As was customary, we struck out in opposite directions.

After an hour of fruitless effort, I turned back toward the vehicle. About halfway, I encountered my pal. He announced that he had bagged a large buck deer and breathlessly recounted the details of the stalk and kill. Then he nonchalantly mentioned how the critter had frozen stiff while being drug. So, instead of forcing it into the back of the cab, my trusted pal had stood the rigid, five-point buck alongside my snow-white Jeep, in the midst of a snow storm and departed.

Instantly, I pictured successive hunters, thrilled at their good fortune, blasting at what looked to be a large buck standing in a meadow. Next, I envisioned my treasured Jeep profusely perforated with gaping bullet holes. A spirited discussion regarding the merits of intelligent forethought ensued as we hot-footed to the meadow. Just as we reached the Jeep, a truck appeared on a nearby hill.

Certainly such misadventures are cause for considerable angst. Nonetheless, in the end, they're also what makes my less-than-ideal hunting excursions so memorable.

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by Gail Banks

I love cooking for family and friends during the holidays; heck anytime really. Cooking for just me is not as fun as cooking for a bunch. I had to laugh at my oldest son Davey. He tells me before Thanksgiving dinner, "Mom now remember you are just cooking for us, not the Army." But they all bring containers to take food home after the dinner.

Years ago Mary Clark and Lucille Zahn who lived in Twin Bridges would make gooey cinnamon rolls for their big families and would always bring me a few. My goodness, they were so good. Years later Mary moved back to Twin and I remembered about the rolls and how good they were so I asked her how she made them so gooey. She was pretty ill at that time and told me that she couldn't remember and to ask Lucille. So I called Lucille and asked her. She said, "I don't remember, but I think I added cream." So the only thing to do is start experimenting.

I got it finally. Just the right amount of heavy cream, brown sugar and Karo syrup on the bottom of the pan and you will have the gooiest cinnamon rolls ever. They are great for breakfast treats for the holidays and also a good way to know that your kids will come home and visit. First thing two of my boys Adam and Luke said when confirming time for Thanksgiving dinner is, "Mom, you are making the messy cinnamon rolls, aren't you?" Love it.

Don't forget about any donations to the area Toys for Tots program can be made to Ed Walter or Bill Hanley in Twin Bridges this year. It is almost time to be distributing toys.

Also don't forget the annual Veterans Christmas dinner and party for the community, on Sunday Dec. 15. Tickets are available at most businesses in Twin Bridges and Sheridan. This is the big fundraiser for the veterans each year; with proceeds going right back into the community.

It is the 75th anniversary of the Wizard of Oz movie. I can remember watching that movie once a year when I was growing up. Always in the fall it would play on TV. I was in the Hallmark store this week and they had the movie for sale but in color now. I couldn't help myself and just had to get it for old time sake. Still don't like those ugly, creepy flying monkeys. But the song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" really is a beautiful song. I could listen to that daily.

Hard to believe that there is only three weeks left until the Christmas

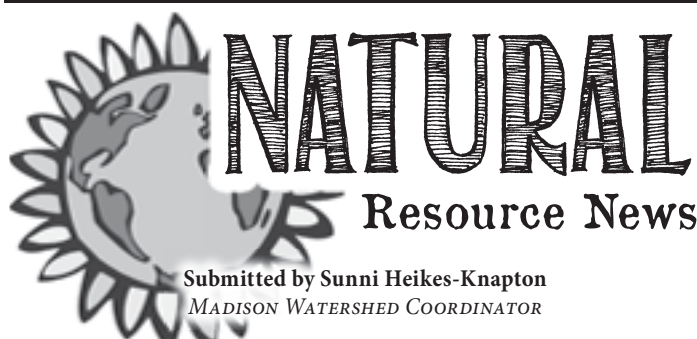
holiday. Time to get the Christmas music playing. I have been digging out all my Christmas music CDs from my hiding places, because by the time I finally quit playing them in January all of my kids are trying to get hold of the CDs and do away with them.

I have an old wind up Edison phonograph that every once in a while I wind up and play the old music. It is funny though to wind it up. I wind it up too tight and the music plays so fast and funny, but then if I don't wind it much, the music is so slow. Not sure if that is just how they worked or if my winder is broke. I was listening to a song last night, "Shower and Shine, it's Saturday Night." Woohoo!

So what have we learned this week? That if the weather man is right, we are going to be pretty cold this week. Live your life and forget your age. Putting your phone away and listening to those talking to you has an "app" for that. It is called respect! Take care of your thoughts when you are alone, and take care of your words when you are with someone. Nature is cheaper than therapy! It doesn't matter how old you are an empty Christmas wrapping tube is so fun to bonk someone on the head with! Gratitude is a memory of the heart.

Lots of Christmas events happening these next few weeks. Watch The Madisonian for dates and times in your communities.

"Where there is love and encouragement, there are always little miracles!"



Submitted by Sunni Heikes-Knapton  
MADISON WATERSHED COORDINATOR

### Get to know your conservation districts

The old saying goes: necessity is the mother of invention. We all know how it works when something critically needs our attention. We develop creative solutions that perhaps wouldn't be considered before. Coincidentally, it also describes well the history and function of conservation districts.

We have to go back to the 1930s to begin the story. During this period, the Dust Bowl was ravaging the country, sending millions of tons of topsoil from recently plowed grasslands rolling across the country in what became known as "Black Blizzards." The millions of acres of land that was so productive during moisture

rich years when crop prices where high essentially took to the wind when drought conditions persisted, crops failed and none of the deep rooted native species remained to hold the soil in place. The conditions resulted in both an economic and ecological disaster of massive proportions.

Here is where we see the mother of invention enter the picture. The significant consequences of the Dust Bowl resulted in a national framework to ensure that such conditions would not be seen again, and a local effort was recognized as part of the solution.

According to the National Association of Conservation Districts, "Congress

unanimously passed legislation declaring soil and water conservation a national policy and priority. Because nearly three-fourths of the continental United States is privately owned, Congress realized that only active, voluntary support from landowners would guarantee the success of conservation work on private land. In 1937, President Roosevelt wrote the governors of all the states recommending legislation that would allow local landowners to form soil conservation districts."

These conservation districts were the local answer for the development and demonstration agricultural practices that conserved soil and water so future soil loss would be avoided. Practices that were embraced by these conservation districts were more widely accepted because of the local nature of the effort. People were learning together with their neighbors to develop local solutions that work, rather than being directed from above.

Today, the 3,000 national conservation districts serve in the same local capacity, but they encompass a broader scope of work. Some areas still remain focused on soil

and water conservation efforts, while others have realized that their local needs also include forestry, wetlands, wildlife habitat and even storm water management for urban areas. In Montana, 58 local conservation districts are also tasked with permitting under the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act.

But what about our region of southwest Montana? The area is generally covered by six conservation districts: Beaverhead in Dillon; Ruby Valley in Sheridan; Mile High in Butte; Jefferson Valley in Whitehall; Madison in Ennis; and Broadwater in Townsend. Each board includes seven supervisors who consider conservation needs in the area and develop local solutions for these needs. Many boards work closely with other entities, including NRCS, Extension, USFS, and BLM.

While necessity played a hand in the long-ago invention of conservation districts, the need for these efforts remains strong today. Take a moment to get to know your own local conservation district and how they are meeting the needs of the local landowners for conservation of soil, water, and other related resources.

## Montana's Night Sky

By Richard Stouffer  
FOR THE MADISONIAN  
UPDATE ON COMET ISON

The hoped for highlight for the Montana night sky in December of a bright naked eye comet did not materialize. Comet ISON did not survive its close encounter with the sun on Thanksgiving Day. At first there was hope that the comet survived when spacecraft picked up a fan-

shaped tail the day after Thanksgiving. Now, however, a cloud of debris is all that remains. This cloud is fading rapidly and is currently only visible in the most sensitive cameras of spacecraft. Even so, scientists are still hoping to learn something from the comet as satellites including the Hubble Telescope will attempt to view whatever remains of Comet ISON. You may yet be able to see Comet ISON in these images from Hubble and other spacecraft.



Courtesy of astronomy.com

# Through the WINDOW OF THE ARCHIVES

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

Christmas is upon us with all its color and joy, and the magic and wonder of it all plus the sparkling tree, the limp socks hanging in a row, the sound of carols. Perhaps "White Christmas," or "Here comes Santa Clause" and letters to Santa in the mail with the multitude of Christmas cards. Of course it's hard to convince some kids there is more to Christmas than Santa, Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the story of the Little Match Girl—does this take you back for Christmas aboard the memory

train? Now, I want to bring you the wonderful memories written by Fannie.

These remembrances were written by Fannie Forbis Irving Russel and titled, "My First Year in Montana (1864-1865)."

She lived in Camden Point, Missouri and was married to David Leroy Irving of Buchanan County, Missouri at 17 years old.

"Father owned 30 slaves and 640 acres of rich farm land in Platt County, Missouri. When Lincoln issued the

Emancipation Proclamation, my father stood before them showing them the paper and said they were all free men, but that he could not run his plantation without their help. If they would stay he offered them wages and a plot of ground.

They thought that freedom brought with it a sort of heaven so we awakened one morning to find them gone.

Father was a candidate for Southern Congress and was constantly harassed so when gold was discovered at Bannack, Idaho Territory,

Father, lured by the stories of wealth and by hope of release from the horrors of war, equipped 30 Studebaker ox-wagons and joined a train that was headed west. The date was May 16, 1864.

While we were on the plains, gold was discovered in Alder Gulch, and the new territory called Montana. We changed our destination and arrived in Virginia City on September 25, 1864.

Our first Christmas in Montana was spent at Mrs. Lucas's. We planned to wear our best clothes. The dinner was to be at two o'clock. I shall never forget the glow of the fire in the great fireplace and the bread rolls in a pan on the spacious hearth.

The table was made of boards and sat fifteen people with linen cloth, all the dishes that were available. I was asked

to bring knives and forks and spoons, and in the center was a cake of butter. It was the first butter I had seen here. No one touched it.

I invited Mrs. Lucas's Christmas guests to our house for New Year's and we had to borrow dishes from the whole settlement. Mrs. Lucas brought the pat of butter and here again it was too precious to be eaten. Again, no one touched it.

The menu was venison roast, stewed beans, hominy and lights rolls. And for dessert there was ice cream, eggless, butterless cake and poor man's pudding which had no eggs, no sugar, no butter, and no milk and was better than many plum puddings that I have had."

**I thought you might enjoy the poor man's pudding recipe.**

- 1 cup of suet
- 1 cup of New Orleans

- molasses
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup currants
- 1 cup of water—1 tsp. soda
- 3 cups of flour—1 tsp. salt

I will not enclose the process for making the pudding for I am sure it will not be on your Christmas or New Year's menus.

We celebrate Christmas in so many different ways. The welcoming of family and friends, beautiful presents stacked under the sparkling trees and the scent of spicy pine. And don't forget the mistletoe and peppermint sticks as each of us celebrate our road to Christmas. I wish you all a memory filled day and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Jack, Christina, Dave, Dan and Jim plus all our friends and supporters of the library. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

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**SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS**

**SHERIDAN**

**Monday, Dec 9**  
 Breakfast: Waffle stix OR yogurt  
 Lunch: Hot dogs

**Tuesday, Dec 10**  
 Breakfast: Cold/hot cereal  
 Lunch: Sloppy joes

**Wednesday, Dec 11**  
 Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy  
 Lunch: Pizza

**Thursday, Dec 12**  
 Breakfast: Sausage and eggs  
 Lunch: Chicken alfredo

**Friday, Dec 13**  
 NO SCHOOL

**TWIN BRIDGES**

**Monday, Dec 9**  
 Breakfast: Blueberry pancakes  
 Lunch: Crispy chicken

**Tuesday, Dec 10**  
 Breakfast: Choice of cereal  
 Lunch: Roast pork

**Wednesday, Dec 11**  
 Breakfast: Egg and sausage muffins  
 Lunch: Soup or chili

**Thursday, Dec 12**  
 Breakfast: Choice of cereal  
 Lunch: Sub sandwiches

**Friday, Dec 13**  
 Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy  
 Lunch: Pizza

**ENNIS**

**Monday, Dec 9**  
 Breakfast: Muffins  
 Lunch: Chicken ala king

**Tuesday, Dec 10**  
 Breakfast: French toast and ham  
 Lunch: Hamburgers and fries

**Wednesday, Dec 11**  
 Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls  
 Lunch: Beef fingers

**Thursday, Dec 12**  
 Breakfast: Ham and cheese omelette  
 Lunch: Chicken fried steak

**Friday, Dec 13**  
 Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage  
 Lunch: Holiday dinner

**HARRISON**

**Monday, Dec 9**  
 Breakfast: Pigs in a blanket  
 Lunch: Pizza

**Tuesday, Dec 10**  
 Breakfast: Bagels and cream cheese  
 Lunch: Taco Tuesday

**Wednesday, Dec 11**  
 Breakfast: Cinnamon roll  
 Lunch: Chicken pot pie

**Thursday, Dec 12**  
 Breakfast: Pancakes  
 Lunch: Soup, salad and sandwich

**Friday, Dec 13**  
 Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich  
 Lunch: Chicken BLT

**Find Fellowship With Us**

**Rocky Mountain Baptist Church**  
 Vern Grotzke, Pastor  
 682-4949

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6 p.m.  
 Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 6 p.m.

606 Comley Way, Ennis  
 6 Blocks South of City Complex

Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

**Dayspring Church**  
 Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School/Nursery  
**Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship**  
 Joel Trenkle/Pastor  
 Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com  
 596-0707 • 3648 Hwy 287  
 Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

**HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Harrison, Montana  
 Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.  
 Pastor Joe Miller  
 Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!



**Madison Valley Presbyterian Church**  
 WORSHIP  
 September - April ~ 11 a.m.  
 May - August ~ 9 a.m.  
**Everyone Welcome**  
 Rev. Jean M. Johnson  
 682-4355 ~ Ennis  
 Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

**MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
**Liturgy Schedule**  
**St. Patrick, Ennis**  
 Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.  
**St. Mary, Laurin**  
 Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m.  
 Deacon Andy Dorrington,  
 Pastoral Administrator ~ 842-5588

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
 The Church of Word and Sacrament  
 Visitors Welcome  
 Pastor Ken Stensrud  
 • Sunday Service 9:00 am  
 • Bible Study 10:15 am  
 • Sunday School 10:15 am  
 Corner of Madison and Armitage St.  
 Ennis, Montana 406-682-4990

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
 Ennis Branch  
 Sacrament Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
 R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.  
 Family History Center  
 682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614  
 Pres. Thompson 682-7415  
 133 MT Hwy 287

**Christian Science Society**  
 Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
 Testimony Meetings 1 p.m.  
**ALL WELCOME**  
 Each week a Bible lesson full of healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service.  
 4983 US Hwy 287 N • Ennis, Montana  
 www.spirituality.com

**NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
 Your Local Assembly of God Church  
 114 N. Main, Sheridan  
 842-5845  
 Pastor Lonnie Horn  
 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. (Children's Ministry)  
 Tuesday Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Adult Bible Study and Prayer  
 Wednesday (Kids/Youth) 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)  
 Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)  
 Youth Group (7th-12th grade)  
 Ruby Valley Food Pantry Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon  
 New Hope Pregnancy Support Center Call Kathleen at 596-1080  
 We are a church dedicated to serving this valley!

**FISHERS OF MEN**  
 MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 Phil 2:16  
 Holding forth the word of life:  
**Dr. Ray Teston**  
 Pastor  
 Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.  
 5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT  
 Phone 682-4244 SBC  
**MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Aides for the hearing impaired

**Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish**  
 Invites You To Worship With Us  
 Pastor Ben Nardi  
 Office: (406)842-5934  
 Home: (406)842-7732  
**Church of the Valley**  
 Twin Bridges  
 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
 Worship 11:00 a.m.  
**Bethel UMC**  
 Sheridan  
 Worship 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
 Extreme Faith Youth Group  
 Sunday Evenings  
**Ready Set Grow Preschool**  
 Contact Kaycee Gilman 842-5311

**THE BAHAI FAITH**  
 Man can receive no greater gift than this, that he rejoice another's heart. I beg of God that ye will be bringers of joy, even as are the angels in Heaven.  
 451-3923 or 1-800-UNITE  
 www.baha'i.org

**ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Love God, Love People  
**Pastor Charles Tucker**  
**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
 Schedule  
 Bible Study  
 Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
 Children's Church 10:45  
 402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT  
 589-4107

**Madison County Episcopal Churches**  
 In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
**Join Us for Sunday Worship!**  
**Trinity** Jeffers/Ennis **11:00 a.m.**  
**St. Paul's** Virginia City **9:00 a.m.**  
**Christ Church** Sheridan **10:00 a.m.**  
 www.rvec.org  
 Prayer requests:  
 682-4788 843-5296 842-7713

**Grace Community Fellowship**  
 WEARING AND SHARING THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD  
 In Association with The Conservative Baptists Of America  
**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Alder School**  
 Tel. 406-842-5915

**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.

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

**RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN**  
 Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - noon. Located at 114 N. Main St. in New Beginnings. Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doris at 842-7161 or Wannetta at 842-5783 for more information.

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 CALL 682-5097 or 682-7023

**"Keep it Simple."**  
**A.A. MEETING**  
 Bethany Hall, Sheridan  
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 Faced with a drinking problem?  
 Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.  
 SUazN - 10 a.m., No Smoking, Virginia City Library  
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 682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis  
 843-5352 Virginia City

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 Meets every Saturday at 6 p.m. & starts with a meal.  
**DAYSRING MISSION**  
 3648 Hwy 287, Sheridan  
 596-0707

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## 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 Geyser 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)mvrfd

## 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 Krueer 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 KRUEER, 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

## 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 required to appear and answer the complaint of Judy Maynard, plaintiff, filed with the clerk of this court, within 60 days after the first publication of this summons, and set forth what interest or lien, if any, you have in or upon that certain real property or any part of the real property situated in the county of Madison, state of Montana, particularly described as follows: Lot 167 of the Virginia City Ranches Subdivision, the plat of which is of record in the offices of the Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana, in Book 4 of Plats, pages 82 thru 84. The lot is generally located in Section 24 of Township 6 South, Range 2 West, of the principal Montana meridian, Madison County, Montana.

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

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

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 intersection 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 said North line of Eighth Avenue 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

## 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)(g), 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,

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 ) :ss 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, know 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 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:

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Reference is hereby made to that certain trust indenture/deed of trust ("Deed of Trust") dated 03/28/05, recorded as Instrument No. 105395 Book 529, Page 721, mortgage records of Madison County, Montana in which Brian K. Iriye and Kelly A. Iriye was Grantor, Washington Mutual Bank fsb, a federal association was Beneficiary and Security Title Company, a Montana corporation was Trustee. First American Title Insurance Company has succeeded Security Title Company, a Montana corporation as Successor Trustee. The Deed of Trust encumbers real property ("Property") located in Madison County, Montana, more particularly described as follows: Lot 23 of Final Plat of Spanish Peaks Resort Subdivision, Phase 2, in Madison County, Montana, according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in Book 4 of Plats, page 500. By written instrument recorded as Instrument No. , beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust was assigned to . Beneficiary has declared the Grantor in default of the terms of the Deed of Trust and the promissory note ("Note") secured by the Deed of Trust because of Grantor's failure timely to pay all monthly installments of principal, interest and, if applicable, escrow reserves for taxes and/or insurance as required by the Note and Deed of Trust. According to the Beneficiary, the obligation evidenced by the Note ("Loan") is now due for the 08/01/12 installment payment and all monthly installment payments due thereafter. As of October 23, 2013, the amount necessary to fully satisfy the Loan was \$510,298.75. This amount includes the outstanding principal balance of \$459,629.42, plus accrued interest, accrued late charges, accrued escrow installments for insurance and/or taxes (if any) and advances for the protection of beneficiary's security interest (if any). Because of the defaults stated above, Beneficiary has elected to sell the Property to satisfy the Loan and has instructed Successor Trustee to commence sale proceedings. Successor Trustee will sell the Property at public auction the North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace St., Virginia City, MT 59755, City of Virginia City on February 25, 2014 at 2:00 P.M., Mountain Time. The sale is a public sale and any person, including Beneficiary and except-

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## HELP WANTED

### Planning Board Position Opening

The Town of Ennis Planning Board has a vacancy to fill and is looking for an interested person to serve on the board. This is a volunteer position. The open position is for a person who resides outside of the town limits, but within the limits over which the planning board has jurisdiction. The Planning Board deals with matters of Town Growth, Zoning, Subdivisions as well as numerous other functions. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Board for the Town of Ennis, send a letter of interest to: Town of Ennis Planning Board, Box 147, Ennis, MT. 59729, or drop off at Ennis Town Hall. Deadline for application is December 11, 2013. If you have any questions regarding the position please contact Ennis Town Hall @ 682-4287. 5-2-b

**OPERATIONS MANAGER**  
Needed for West Yellowstone, MT Hospitality company. Rewarding, stable work environment. [troberson@yellowstonevacations.com](mailto:troberson@yellowstonevacations.com) 37-tfc-b

Wanted: Nanny in Harrison area to start early 2014. Monday through Thursday. Contact (406) 660-0566 4-4-p

Head Bartender Wanted, 40 hrs per week. Apply in person at Cardwell Store, or send resume to [cardwellstore@outlook.com](mailto:cardwellstore@outlook.com). 3-tfc-b

### NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:

The Madison County Board of Commissioners has vacancies on the Big Hole River Advisory Board, the Big Sky Mountains, Trails, Recreation, and Parks District Board, the Planning Board, one position representing the Town of Twin Bridges, and one position representing the Sheridan area, and the Public Health Board representing the Sheridan/Alder/Virginia City area (Commission District 1). If you are interested in serving on any of these boards please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, by email at [madco@madison.mt.gov](mailto:madco@madison.mt.gov), or visit our website at [www.madison.mt.gov](http://www.madison.mt.gov). 6-2-b

### Request for Catering Bids for Courthouse Christmas Party:

Madison County will be accepting bid proposals to prepare and serve a holiday meal for the County Employees' Christmas party, for approximately 85-100 people, to be held at the Elks Lodge in Virginia City, Montana, on January 10, 2014, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Typical menu items include a meat entrée with an optional poultry or fish item also being offered. Potato, salad, bread, and dessert should also be included with the price of the meal. Please contact the Commissioners' office at 406-843-4277 or email at [madco@madison.mt.gov](mailto:madco@madison.mt.gov) if you have questions. Please submit completed bids to the Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755, by December 16, 2013. 6-2-b

**RUBY VALLEY HOSPITAL**  
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FOR RENT: Call Apex Management at 682-7112 or 581-0103 for long term or vacation rentals in Ennis and the Madison Valley. 1-tfc

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#### APARTMENTS:

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## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4

**Children's Reading Programs, Ennis**  
Books and Babies 10:30 a.m., Story Time for Toddlers 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library 682-7244

**Wreath Design Class, Ennis**  
Leslie Lukas hosts at Copper Door, 1 – 3 p.m. Call 682-4722 for more details and to reserve your spot.

**Ladies Night, Ennis**  
Copper Door hosts a night for you and your girlfriends. Wine and appetizers will be available. 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

**Live Theatre, Ennis**  
Montana Shakespeare in the Schools presents: "The Two Gentlemen of Verona", a comedy. Sponsored by The Ennis Arts Association and Imerys Talc Mine. Free and open to the public. 9:30 a.m. Ennis High School Gym.

**Christmas**

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

**Christmas Stroll, Twin Bridges**  
CANCELLED/POSTPONED

**Veteran's Meeting, Twin Bridges**  
7 p.m. Montana Room, Twin Bridges School 684-5245

**Community Concert, Virginia City**  
Ennis Community Choir presents: "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" St. Paul's Episcopal Church 7 p.m.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

**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.

**Christmas Strolls, Virginia City**  
Visit The Dancing Buffalo, The Artisan's Guild, Rank's Mercantile and Elling Gold Exchange while holiday shopping. Hours vary per business. Check out Outpost Events online for hours. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22. Annie 843-5933, Toni, 843-5454.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Moose pair near Cameron. Photo by John White

**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.

**Tree Cutting Party, Virginia City**  
Group Christmas tree cutting party up Alder's Gulch. Meet in lot by Pioneer Bar at 1 p.m. Bring tools to cut a tree and snacks.

**Open House, Virginia City**  
Everyone invited to join in for some holiday cheer, live music and sales galore. Rank's Mercantile 1 p.m. 843-5454

**Warm-Up Party, Virginia City**  
Virginia City Opera House, Chili feed at 6

p.m. Showing: "Miracle on 34th Street" 7p.m. Bring blankets.

**Live Music, Norris**  
Archer (Singer/Songwriter) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

**Movie Night, Ennis**  
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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

**Cookie Exchange, Virginia City**  
Bring three dozen cookies with recipes to share. Prizes for best cookie display. St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2 p.m.

**Community**

**Concert, Ennis**  
Ennis Community Choir presents: "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" Madison Valley Presbyterian Church 2:30 p.m.

**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.

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**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 officer elections. Please bring a salad or dessert for the pot luck lunch. Jan: 682-4177

**Winter Workshop Series, Ennis**  
Madison Conservation District welcomes Rachel Endecott, MSU Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, to present on Expected Progeny Differences and Cattle Selection. 12 p.m. First Madison Valley Bank Basement Room.

**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

**Christmas Stroll, West Yellowstone**  
9th Annual Parade of Lights, visit from Santa, meet the sled dogs and their mushers and shopping. 5:30 – 9 p.m. Downtown West Yellowstone.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 13**

**Christmas Strolls, Virginia City**  
Visit The Dancing Buffalo, The Artisan's Guild, Rank's Mercantile and Elling Gold Exchange while holiday shopping. Hours vary per business. Check out Outpost Events online for hours. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22. Annie 843-5933, Toni, 843-5454.

**Christmas Stroll, Sheridan**  
Sponsored by the Main Street Improvement, enjoy specials throughout participating

businesses, carolers, hayrides and photo ops with Santa. 5:30 – 9 p.m. Main Street. 842-5790

**Splendid Feasts, Virginia City**  
The annual tradition continues on Dec. 13 and 14, with Janet Marsh as guest chef. 6:30 p.m. \$50 per person. RSVP to 843-5454. For complete details, visit Outpost Events online or The Elling House website.

**Live Music, Norris**  
Joe Schwem (Originals) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14**

**Kids'N'Snow Weekend, West Yellowstone**  
Sled dog races, "Birds of Prey" presentation, snow-shoe program, races, snowmobile rides s'mores, skating and more. The fun starts at 9 a.m. Visit the Kids'N'Snow website for details.

**Gingerbread Workshop, Virginia City**  
The VC Chamber presents a Gingerbread House Workshop for the whole family. 10 a.m. St. Paul's Parish Hall. Public welcome.

**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. 2 p.m. Copper Door. RSVP to 682-4722 as space is limited.

**Ice Skating Party, Virginia City**  
Weather dependent, there will be skating, food, drinks and memories to be made. Family event. 2 p.m. Sterling Pace Park.

**Photos with St. Nick, Virginia City**  
Join Jolly Ol' St. Nick for ice cream and photos. 2 – 4 p.m. Virginia City Creamery.

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

**Live Music, Norris**  
You Knew Me When (Folk) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

**MONDAY DECEMBER 16**

**School Board Meeting, Twin Bridges**  
7 p.m. Montana Room, Twin Bridges School, 684-5613.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 17**

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**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. Second floor of Ennis Café. Ron 600-6081

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18**

**Live Music, Ennis**  
Jerry Joseph & Steven Drizos (Rock) Gravel Bar 9 p.m. 682-5553

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 20**

**Christmas Strolls, Virginia City**  
Last weekend to visit The Dancing Buffalo and The Artisan's Guild while holiday shopping. Hours vary. Check out Outpost Events online for hours. Annie 843-5933, Toni, 843-5454.

**Community Dinner, Virginia City**  
Pot Luck Dinner, bring a side dish to share. Meat and ice cream provided. 5:30 p.m. Elks Club.

**Live Music, Norris**  
Charlie Denison (Soul) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 21**

**Story Hour, Virginia City**  
Classic Christmas stories, stocking decorating and a special visit from Santa. 11 a.m. Thompson-Hickman County Library.

**Ice Skating Party, Virginia City**  
Skating, warm-up fire, snacks and hot beverages. 1 p.m. Sterling Pace Park.



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**SHERIDAN**  
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