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Ruby Valley Foundation dissolves after three years

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The Ruby Valley Foundation will formally dissolve in Jan. 2014, according to chairman

Jerry Aaker. The foundation was initially formed in 2010 as a way to get concrete results out of a Ruby Valley community-wide push to get residents enthused to

envision the future of the valley. "We followed that process up and thought it would be a good idea to form an organization," Aaker said. "There are lots of community foundations around the country and state—maybe 60 or 70 in Montana alone—so we formed an organization and

called it the Ruby Valley Foundation."

The foundation was set up under the Montana Community Foundation, headquartered in Helena. According to Aaker, the new committee's purpose was

to create an endowment, a good "chunk" of money, that would exist permanently so the proceeds could be used every year to support good causes around so we were only able to get the the Ruby Valley.

"We failed at one crucial

part of it," Aaker said, explaining the imminent dissolution. "We failed to convince the citizens to contribute to the endowment

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COMMUNITY CONCERN



Ruby Valley community members gathered at Sheridan Elementary School for a public meeting with Community Health Center CEO Jessica Hoff and board director Wayne Harper

Dr. Christensen resigns from CHC in Sheridan

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Dr. Kelli Christensen's last day at the Community Health Center (CHC) in Sheridan will be Dec. 31, 2013. Christensen came to Sheridan in November of 2012, replacing longtime doctor Sarah

The CHC is a private, notfor-profit health center based out of Butte, with branches in both Dillon and Sheridan. Nondi Harrington of Sheridan served on the CHC board for a year and a half until she submitted a letter of resignation just two weeks ago on Dec. 9.

"I was invited to be on the Community Health Center's board of directors to represent Sheridan and nearby communities in the Ruby Valley," she explained. "I got involved because I wanted to help out my community... unfortunately, due to events beyond control regarding Dr. Christensen's departure, I felt it necessary to resign from the board."

Harrington went on to explain that before she resigned, she submitted a list of community concerns and complaints to the other board members, though she never received a response. Harrington felt it necessary to submit the list initially because she was bombarded with questions from Sheridanarea residents.

"I get texts and emails regarding the situation to the point that it has become allconsuming of my time," she said. "I am even approached in public or people stop by my

Harrington cited the resignation of Christensen as one reason she stepped down, but

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School board awaits superintendent's decision

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Prior to the Dec. 11 regular Ennis school board meeting, the board and a few members of the public were present for Superintendent John Overstreet's annual evaluation.

Overstreet requested the public be part of the evaluation

review process. He also evalue expectations or does not meet ated his own performance and discussed his thoughts with the board.

The evaluation consists of eight questions regarding the expectations of an effective superintendent. The form states that board members reviewing the superintendent's performance are to rate each category as exceeds expectations, meets

expectations. There is room for comments after each question.

"He has vast knowledge of school funding and budgeting," trustee Maria Lake said. "There has been a healing of the school culture and community with his welcoming open door policy."

Overstreet said, overall, he thought he met or exceeded the expectations set before him,

but there were a few things he needed to do better. Those improvements included working on his patience, creating more staff development opportunities and reaching out to the media, among others.

The board asked Overstreet if he had determined whether or not he would return for the

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Ennis bird count participates for 55th year

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a.dennis@madisoniannews.com Ennis participated in the nationwide Christmas Bird Count

(CBC) for the 55th consecutive

year on Dec. 18. The CBC takes

place across the United States in

15-mile diameter circles that the

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national Audubon group has designated as good birding habitats.

Ennis' circle is located around Ennis Lake. Each year, Ennis and Bozeman-area birders break into four or five groups to cover the indicated ground in a single day. For the 2013 count, Audrey and Joel Evers from Bozeman joined Lester Klatt of Ennis in counting

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birds around the town of Ennis and a few miles north and south on Highway 287.

"[Klatt] really knows where all the feeders are, which is important in the winter because that is where the birds spend time," A. Evers explained. "This is my husband's and my fourth year participating in the Ennis count."

When asked how long he has participated in the Ennis CBC. Klatt said at least 30 years.

The Evers travel from Bozeman because Ennis is a small community and needs extra volunteers to cover the designated land.

In southwest Montana, Christmas Bird Counts happen

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Icy roads lead to minor accidents

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Area emergency personnel responded to two accidents near Norris Dec. 20 and 21 as roads continue to be icy and partially snow covered.

A semi jack-knifed around mile marker 64 on U.S. Highway 287 by the Norris dump on Friday, Dec. 20 due to icy road conditions, according to Madison County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Doug Young.

A vehicle was forced to go into the ditch to avoid being side-swiped by the semi, but was able to get out of the ditch without any damage to the vehicle. The Sheriff's office said the Montana Department of Transportation was trying to keep the roads sanded, but due to the high winds and blowing snow the sand did not stick. The road surface halfway between Harrison

Early the next morning around 7 a.m., a one-vehicle rollover happened about half a mile south of Norris. Paige Morris of the Sheriff's office said the driver was a 31-year-old male traveling from Canada to California to visit family for Christmas. According to Morris, the man's pickup slid on a patch of ice, which caused him to lose control of his truck and roll.

The driver only sustained minor injuries. The Sheriff's office, Harrison Fire Department and Ennis Ambulance arrived on the scene at about the same time, Morris said. She added that the Sheriff's office stayed on scene to help the wrecker hook up the damaged vehicle and also helped the driver gather his Christmas presents and luggage. The Sheriff's office delivered the driver's items from his vehicle to the repair shop and the driver made arrangements to continue his and Norris was the same, Young trip to California, Morris said.

Impaired judgment leads to stolen vehicle

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On the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 17, a 27-year-old man from Vermont was allegedly drinking at an Ennis bar. When he left the establishment, he supposedly drove off in the wrong vehicle, according to the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

In town working for a local mining operation, the man left Ennis in a vehicle that was not his and headed toward Virginia City, Paige Morris of the sheriff's office said. She added that the sheriff's office dispatch received notification of the incident around 6:30 p.m.

The Ennis Police Department and Madison County Sheriff's Office both responded to the call. While an Ennis officer spoke to the person whose vehicle had been stolen a sheriff's deputy on patrol in Virginia City saw the allegedly stolen vehicle and the suspect was stopped, according to Morris.

The deputy said, in official reports, that he could smell alcohol on the suspect and noticed multiple indicators of possible impairment.

While the deputy interviewed the suspect, the Ennis Police Department arrived on scene and continued the investigation,

Morris said. The suspect was arrested by the Ennis Police Department for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and DUI. He was then brought into the Madison County Sheriff's Office for booking, ac-

cording to Morris.

MC Public health department hires nurse

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The Board of Madison County Commissioners apthe recommendation proved from the county board of health to hire Lillian Bowery to fill the public health registered nurse position at the commissioners' Dec. 10 meeting.

Bowery, who attended high school in Ennis, said she was excited to return to the area and gain more experience in the public health field. She graduated from Montana State University.

Bowery is a registered nurse (RN) and has a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN).

"I wanted to come back and be closer to home," she said. She added that she is interested in the variety the public health position involves as well as the work with so many different individuals.

Bowery starts at the public health department on Jan. 6.

"I anticipate retiring in May, 2014, and having her on board now will allow adequate time for training," Christine Durham, Madison County public health

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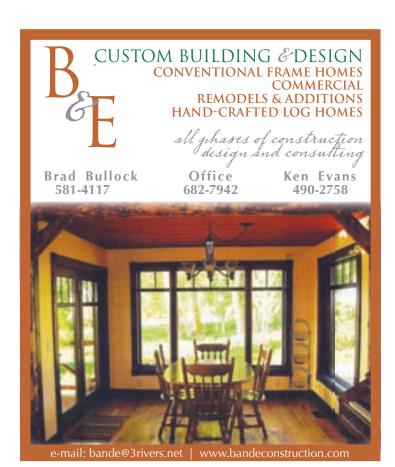
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the other CHC board member from the Sheridan-Twin Bridges area resigned in the last month as well. According to Harrington, Glen Brackett from Twin Bridges cited his age as the reason for resignation.

"Now there is not anyone from the area on the board," Harrington said. "The disconnect is just going to get bigger."

Janie Wasmann, Bridges resident and CHC patient, believes the CHC administration is "out of touch" with the Sheridan clinic's needs.

out here and see exactly how our community is run," she said. "We are a community of senior citizens and we cannot always hop in a car and drive to Bozeman, Dillon or Butte to see a doctor.'

"The CHC needs to come

Some CHC administrators traveled to Madison County on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m.— Jessica Hoff, CHC CEO, and Wayne Harper, CHC board chair, held a public meeting in Sheridan to address community concerns. The CHC's Amy Olson, clinical coordinator, and Don Foley, CFO, were also in attendance.

Approximately 70 community members were in attendance for the meeting, which lasted more than three hours in the elementary school cafeteria. Harper opened the discussion stating the board's goal remains "plain."

"Our goal remains to recruit a full-time doctor for the Sheridan clinic," he said. "In the interim we will have the clinic staffed by a physician's assistant (PA) with back up doctors for support in Dillon and Butte."

Harper said a huge concern of the CHC board and administration was that there would be an "uprising" in the community and that the people would leave the clinic and travel to different doctors in Dillon or Butte.

The questions from community members focused on a few specific points. First, why did Christensen feel the need to resign? Second, what—if anything—did the CHC administration do to try to convince her to stay in Sheridan? And finally, after Christensen leaves, why will the Sheridan clinic be without a doctor and instead staffed by a part-time PA?

According to Harper, the CHC received Christensen's letter of resignation on Sept. 30 and, from mid-October on, Hoff and the board were committed to looking for a replacement doctor.

"We have looked in the short amount of time we had to recruit," Hoff said. "We decided to bring a part-time PA in after we looked at the needs of the clinic."

According to Hoff and Harper, the CHC is committed to remaining in Sheridan to provide affordable health care to the Ruby Valley, but they expressed concern that the community would be unwilling to support the clinic after Christensen's res-

"It is so necessary we have a clinic here in our area and [the CHC] was great with [Christensen]," Wasmann said. "I will certainly give this new PA a try, but there will never be a replacement for [Christensen]."

Once Christensen arrived at the meeting after work, the people in attendance were curious to hear her reason for resignation.

"I had one-on-one meetings with [Hoff], medical director Shawna Yates and [Olson] where I was able to discuss some of the issues I was having," Christensen said. "At one of the meetings I mentioned that having a mid-level provider at the clinic would help me do both in-patient (hospital) and out-patient (clinic) medicine while serving the community and not turning people

At Wednesday's meeting, Christensen said she felt Hoff and the CHC administration were unwilling to listen to her ideas about improving revenue and better serving the commu-

However, at the meeting, Hoff said she offered support to Christensen and made compro-

"The Community Health Center did work with [Christensen] on many issues and communicated with her on a regular basis," Hoff said. "It is obvious from her comments during Wednesday's meeting that she does not feel we did enough to help her. While we disagree, it is her right to feel as she does."

acknowledged Harper the circumstances surrounding Christensen's resignation showed him there must be better communication between administrators and providers.

After listening to the public, Harper also committed to working with Christensen to see if there would be a potential of bringing her back in the future once she fulfills her recent oneyear commitment in Idaho.

When asked if she could be convinced to stay, Christensen said no because she made a commitment she planned to uphold.

"Coming back is not off the table," she said, though she made no commitments at the meeting to return to Sheridan. "But things would have to change. As a provider in Sheridan, I was not listened to or respected—each [satellite clinic] is different—listen and do not discount us."

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funds to a certain level-it was not enough to be sustainable."

According to Aaker, in the foundation's three short years, it granted approximately 12 grants to local community organizations. Midway through 2013, the group came to a point in the organization when they evaluated if it was reaching its goals.

"We did not have enough growth so we decided to disband and disburse our assets," Aaker said.

The foundation is currently

reviewing community requests for the remaining assets after doling out three recent grants to community organizations.

'We just delivered a check to the Ruby Valley Food Pantry for \$3,000, which will help them distribute their end of the year food baskets," Aaker said. "We also granted \$4,000 to the Ruby Valley swimming pool for an American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved mechanical lift to help people in and out of the swimming pool... and a smaller, \$1,500 grant to the Twin Bridges

Historical Association to help them repair the museum after the flood this summer."

Doris Fischer is a Ruby Valley resident and board member for the Ruby Valley Food Pantry.

"They have provided an enormous boost to the food pantry," Fischer said. "\$3,000 is a very significant gift to our program—it enabled us to offer Thanksgiving baskets to our clients and is now enabling us to give out Christmas food baskets. It is also helping us serve our clients through the winter months,

which is the hardest time of the year for people in need."

Aaker is incredibly appreciative of the Ruby Valley Foundation's committee, citing its hard work as what kept the group moving forward for the three years since it first organized.

"It is a shame, but we did not have the skills and capacity to do adequate fundraising," Aaker said. "We should have been able to attract citizens, but also major donors, to grow the endowment much further—we just were not able to do that."

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2014-2015 school year. Unsure and still weighing his options, Overstreet told the board he would have an answer for the trustees at the January board meeting.

"We would like one more year," board chair John Scully said. "If you are not able to entertain the idea of coming back,

we are supportive of that as well."

Overstreet said he thought it was only fair that he let the board know his decision sooner rather than later in order for the trustees to begin the search for a new superintendent before it was too late to garner interest in the position from high caliber candidates. He added that he

would keep working with principals Brian Hilton and John Sullivan with the chance of one of them becoming superintendent in the future.

Advertising for the superintendent position will happen whether or not Overstreet intends to come back. The trustees said they will interview candidates including Overstreet, if he puts in for the position, and decide from there. Scully said he was not sure if they would be able to find someone who measures up to Overstreet and what he has done for the school and community.

"If there is someone better, I would like to meet them," he said. "We would struggle without Mr. Overstreet's leadership."

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nurse, said. "We look forward to her joining our team."

Dr. Douglas Young, DVM, chairman of the board of health, said the board of health was not sure how many candidates they would have when the position was advertised and so board members and commissioners decided to advertise early in hopes the position would not be vacant before they were able to hire someone

in Bozeman, Livingston, Three

Forks, West Yellowstone and En-

nis. The information gathered

from each count is sent to the na-

tional Audubon group, where it

is compiled and distributed in a

of three full time people to round out the office staff and have it operate more efficiently. Currently, the office consists of Durham and Tammy Mahlstede, clerk. There is currently nobody in the director/administrator position, which puts Durham and Mahlstede in the position to do their normal duties such as running immunization clinics, billing clients and working with the board

Durham said that the de- of health among other duties, as partment will need a minimum well as taking on administering and has some extra formal traingrants and other director-type duties. Durham said this vacant position could mean more hiring in the future.

Commissioner Dan Happel sat in on the interviews for the nurse position and agreed with the board's selection of Bowery. Young said Bowery is a nice, well-spoken person who had excellent references that reinforced the board's impressions of her.

"She has a great work ethic Young said. He mentioned Bowery's preceptor training as an added bonus. Young said the training means Bowery elected to work in different fields of nursing that included some public health work. "With her current employment in Billings, it dovetails nicely," he said. "She will be able to work in the office and learn. It will be a great experience."

"This is a big event for people track of specific birds in their who like to bird and who keep area," A. Evers said.

Photo by Abigail Dennis Audrey Evers of Bozeman watches an immature bald eagle just south of



booklet—the statistics are used to

track bird population data. Magpies and finches were abundant near feeders across town, but the Evers and Klatt were first excited to see a Northern harrier, which is a bird of prey, behind

the El Western. By 10 a.m., the

birders had sighted and counted

five of the species. Two immature bald eagles were spotted flying south out of

"Eagles do not get the fully white head until they are four or five years old," A. Evers said. "We know these were in their first few years because of how mottled their feathers are."

The first Montana CBC took place in Bozeman in 1908—according to J. Evers, it consisted of one man on horseback, who was only able to count 10 birds, covering the entire area.

According to Robin Wolcott, who organizes and compiles the Ennis count, the final count for this year's CBC was 54 species.

"That is an average number," she said. "We had 56 last year and two years ago we had a monumental count of 73.'

Ennis Planning Board moves on with new members

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Board member resignations have necessitated changes to the Town of Ennis Planning Board.

Keri Kensinger is now the board chair and Mariah Oliver officially joined the board during the November meeting. The board still has two vacancies to fill. One open position is for an "out of town" seat, according to Kensinger and the other is to fill mayor-elect Becky Vujovich's seat on the board. A member of the town commission will take

Dave MacKenzie, with a little more than a year under his

her place.

belt, is the veteran member of the Town of Ennis Planning Board. Despite the revolving membership door and vacant seat, Kensinger and MacKenzie said they are excited and confident in the planning board and its abilities to service residents of Ennis.

"Our biggest goal is the growth policy," Kensinger said. "We should have the third draft on Jan. 10 and be able to line up the objectives and goals.'

The board is in the process of presenting growth policy information to more than 40 individuals, groups and businesses, including folks in Ennis and county personnel.

MacKenzie agreed with Kensinger. He said the board has a lot of people who are energized to move forward providing better input and with increased participation. MacKenzie added that as the longest-standing board member, he does not feel any added responsibility and appreciates Kensinger's willingness to step in and take the lead.

Starting next month the Madison County Planning Office staff—Leona Stredwick and Charity Fechter will aid the Ennis board. The county and town already have an inter-local agreement, but will amend it to include administrative duties on behalf of the county.

"It is just so we have a bit more knowledge to draw off of," MacKenzie said. "We are kind

of reinventing the board and we want to do it properly.'

Stredwick's and Fechter's services will cost the town \$200 per month for time and supplies set in the inter-local agreement. Anything beyond that will be an added cost.

According to Stredwick, she and Fechter came up with a number of hours in average month that their services would be needed and based it off of what they see at the county level. She said the amended inter-local agreement will have to be approved by the Ennis Town Commission and the Madison County commissioners before it is official.

Artist recovers missing horse sculptures near Townsend

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Jim Dolan's artwork can be seen in Ennis and across southwest Montana. Early last week, Dolan noticed some of his sculptureswere missing.

Dolan reported three horse sculptures stolen from the Bleu Horse hillside art installation near Three Forks on Dec. 16. The two horses and one colt are part of a 39-horse sculpture herd just off U.S. Highway 287.

According to Dolan and the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office, the horses were found a day later on a ranch 10 miles south of Townsend. Deputy Brandon Harris said the rancher was alerted to something suspicious when he noticed tracks in the snow. Those tracks led to the horse sculptures.

Minor repairs are necessary,

Dolan said of the slightly broken sculptures.

"They probably threw them out of a truck," he said of those responsible, explaining how the sculptures may have obtained damage. "I need to do some welding, but it will have to be warmer before they go back out. We will need a jackhammer too to get them into the ground."

Dolan estimated the sculptures to be worth about \$50,000-\$60,000. He said he was happy to have them back in his possession, although he created and displayed them for the people of Montana. His happiness continues as he hears from people across the state who were on the lookout for the sculptures and have offered help—in Dolan's words, they took ownership of the artwork, just as he had hoped of the project.

This level of theft and dam-

age is a first for Dolan. He said he has had smaller pieces of art taken from galleries before, but nothing of this nature. His work in Ennis is seen daily by folks travelling through town. A surveyor statue rests at the north end of town and a few horse and bear sculptures are located downtown. Dolan's most prominent sculpture is the fisherman at the intersection of U.S. 287 and MT 287.

There are still no suspects in the theft, Harris said about the continuing investigation. He said the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office has received many phone calls and tips, but continues to need more help from the public.

Anyone with relevant information is asked to call the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office at



Twin Bridges town council discusses old Montana Children's Center

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The Montana Children's Center is a former state-run complex located on the Beaverhead River just outside Twin Bridges. The facility served orphaned or neglected children until 1975, when it officially closed. Since the 70s, the complex has remained unused, but current owner Leslie Adams is interested in finding a buyer to repurpose the facility for future uses

At the Twin Bridges town council meeting on Dec. 10, May-

or Tom Hyndman and council member Dave Smith spoke to the council members about a previous meeting they had with Adams and County Commissioner Dan Hap-

Adams informed Hyndman, Smith and Happel that a general contractor approached her, representing a group that expressed interest in purchasing the facility. The group, however, had concerns about addressing water and sewer access to the area.

"It sounds to me from the letter the group sent that they want the town to foot the bill of putting all the infrastructure for the water and sewer lines in," Hyndman said. "The town does not put the system in—a developer is required to put it in according to state and town specs and then the town would eventually take it over and [the center] would just pay the operating and maintenance fees like everyone does.'

Adam's said she is not yet at liberty to name the interested group, but she did say they hope to transition the facility into a boarding school.

"They asked me to make assurances that we could bring the sewer and water systems over there and I told them I could not do that," Adams said. "In 2008 the town did an analysis of the systems across the river [where the facility is located] and determined there was not enough economic development to publically connect the area to the town's sewer system. Anyone who wanted to be connected must bring the line on their own to the town's system."

Led by Happel, the county commissioners sent a letter to the group, explaining Twin Bridges' predicament—the town is willing to help the group access funds through grants, but cannot afford to put the water and sewer system in place, not to mention that the installation of infrastructure on private property lies outside the town's jurisdiction anyway.

"As a public entity, we are not in the position to put taxpayer money into a private enterprise," Happel explained. "We cannot and will not do that. However, we can and will support in any way possible to help someone come in and get the project off the ground and moving.'

It is Happel's belief that now is the perfect time to utilize the complex.

'There is a tremendous amount of history over there now the children's center has been closed for nearly 40 years and some of the buildings are starting to deteriorate, so it is time to get something moving over there," he said. "It would be just a huge boost for the economy of Twin Bridges."

Adam's discussion with the group is in its preliminary stages—no specific negotiations have been made.

"I encouraged [the group] to be in contact with [Hyndman] and [Happel] regarding the sewer and water," Adams concluded. "I continue to have discussions with them and an Idaho investment group encouraging either to make a purchase offer."

Meals on Wheels moves to Madison Valley Manor

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Beginning midway through Jan. 2014, Meals on Wheels will move from its current location at Ennis Town Hall to the Madison Valley Manor.

"The nursing home is the logical place to go, but people are emotional about that," Shirley Storey, Meals on Wheels board president said. "The nursing home has the cooks and the room and the bathrooms that we need."

Meals on Wheels first began its search for a new home approximately seven months ago. Community members who eat at Meals on Wheels and recognize how valuable the program is to seniors in the area began helping board members look for an adequate place to move.

Zoe Todd first arrived in the area the same year as the Hebgen Lake earthquake—1959. Now, she is 78 years old and is concerned about the fate of Meals on

'We asked cafés, churches and restaurants but they either do not have the right setup for us or they have said no because it does not make sense financially for them," Todd said. "A lot of Meals on Wheels board exthe seniors that eat with us are not ready to go to the nursing home yet," she added emphatically, explaining why many people are emotional about the proposed move.

It is Todd's belief that the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall would suit the organization's needs because the seniors would have space and

time to stay after the meal and socialize—the only roadblock is that the VFW hall is in need of a new heating system, and Meals on Wheels is not in the position to purchase one.

"We depend entirely on community and government money," Storey said. "We do not have nearly enough to fund a big

Storey confirmed that the plored and exhausted Todd's alternatives to the nursing home solution, but eventually accepted the offer of a contract with the Madison Valley Manor.

"This change will not compromise the main purpose of the meals program," Storey said. "Volunteer workers will continue to deliver meals to the homebound... the Madison Valley

Manor location and use of their sunroom will enable Meals on Wheels to continue to serve nutritious, balanced meals to the seniors who want to dine together."

According to Storey, at its town hall location, Meals on Wheels currently employs two cooks, which will not be the case after the move to the nursing home. There, the program will utilize the services of the cooks already employed by the Madison Valley Manor.

The board of directors extends a sincere thank you to Diane Keller, head cook, for her exceptional dedication," Storey said. "We also appreciate the seven years of dedicated help from Ernest Talkish, assistant cook."

The program's last meal at Ennis Town Hall will be on Friday, Jan. 10. The following week, inventory and move its equipment to the Madison Valley Manor, according to Storey.

The tentative start date to begin serving meals at the Madison Valley Manor is Jan. 21 seniors attending should note the meals will be served in the sunroom, which has an entirely separate entrance from the nursing home resident area.

to begin with," Darcel Cook, administrator of the Manor said. "We have a wonderful, commercial kitchen and wanted to offer it if we could. Doing this will make us just that much more a part of the community."

There will be a period of transition for the program—after Meals on Wheels moves out

the board of directors will take of Town Hall and before they are completely set up in the Manor.

"In the week or so we have to postpone serving meals while we transition to the Manor, we will still continue delivering meals to those who receive that service," Storey clarified.

Todd spoke about the benefits of the program.

"People use [Meals on Wheels] for food but also to so-"We are thrilled to have [the cialize," she said. "It is important program]—it is why we offered to have a good meal at least once

> Meals on Wheels holiday closures:

Meals on Wheels will be closed Dec. 26, 27 and 31. It will also be closed Jan. 1.

The final meals at Ennis Town Hall before the move will be served on Jan. 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Carcass composting proposed in Madison County

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Kris Inman with the Wildlife Conservation Society was first alerted to Madison County's interest in carcass composting in October 2012. Local ranchers, watershed groups and conservation districts attended a workshop hosted by Blackfoot Challenge, a group that works to "better rural communities through cooperative conservation."

"Everyone came back talking about carcass composting and carcass pick up programs," Inman explained. "We realized that elsewhere in the state the programs work because they involve diverse partners."

The diverse partners involved in organizing and facilitating the implementation of carcass compost sites include conservation districts, watershed groups, county government, ranchers, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), according to

In the early part of 2013, interested parties began gathering those groups in Madison County and researching carcass composting. In May 2013, Madison County watershed groups, FWP representatives, MDT officials and Inman, as a representative of the Wildlife Conservation Society, traveled to Drummond to visit Granite County's compost-

'We spent half a day learning how it works from partner contributions to cost," Inman said. "When we returned, we continued conversations off and on over the summer, which is when folks get busy with other commit-

The group exploring the idea of a Madison County composting facility met in the fall and early winter this year—the two meetings were held in Dillon with interested parties from Beaverhead

"Basically, we have been discussing where likely sites would be if we had the facility in Madison County," Inman explained. "We have also talked about what it would take to get the infrastructure there. Though the Beaverhead and

Madison counties' programs will be separate, Inman said the information gathering would be simultaneous to take advantage of an information exchange.

When asked why Madison County would benefit from a carcass composting facility, Inman had multiple answers.

"From the ranching perspective, it is not a silver bullet for reducing the risk of livestock depredation from wolves and bears, but it is another tool in the toolbox for minimizing that loss. In the Ruby Valley in particular, the carcass composting facility would really benefit getting road kill away from the highway."

The current policy for removing road kill is a 'drag and hide,' which Inman said can create water quality issues in addition to being dangerous for other motorists if the carcass remains on the side of the road for an extended amount of time.

The facility would compost road kill and domestic animals separately to avoid any concerns about diseases, according to In-

"We are really trying to make "There are a lot of different sure everyone is on board before benefits—a wide range," she said. we set a timeline for implement-

ing things," Inman said.

Having anything in place for this calving season is unlikely, according to Inman, but getting the infrastructure in place by the spring of 2015 is a possibility.

The group initially discussed using the Jack Creek landfill as a site for the composting, but a lack of accessible water and windy conditions prompted them to take that area off the table for consideration. Now, according to Inman, the most likely site is the landfill at Twin Bridges, which is 1.5 miles east of the town.

"There is water close by and it does not have the wind issue," Inman explained. "There is a lot of road kill near there in the Ruby Valley so the facility would get

County Commissioner Jim Hart said all three commissioners "generally thought it was a good idea" and "preliminarily thought keep down the path."

Twin Bridges might be a good

"As we proceed, we would need to have a couple public meetings to see how the community feels about that," he added.

If the composting facility is placed at the site of a landfill, Inman said the county can pick up some of the operating cost—the county landfill employee could run it, since it only requires one or two hours per week to manage.

According to Hart, that is a possibility he has preliminarily discussed with the operator at the Twin Bridges landfill.

Inman emphasized that the diverse group collaborating on the project is still in the preliminary information gathering and planning stage.

"Generally speaking there is a lot of interest," she concluded. "If there was not, we would not

Court receives information for Maddison sentencing

Faith Moldan THE MADISONIAN news@madisoniannews.com

Judge Blair Jones and the Montana Fifth Judicial District Court is in possession of a presentence investigation (PSI) report and other documents that will be used to determine a sentence for Ryan David Maddison. There is not yet a sentencing date set.

Maddison pled guilty to three counts of criminal endangerment and waived the right to have a trial by jury on Aug. 26 when he went before Judge Jones. Charges against Maddison stem from an incident on Jan. 31, 2013. He allegedly pulled alongside a vehicle shouting before firing shots from a semiautomatic pistol in the vicinity of the car travelling south on MT Highway 287 between Alder and

Sheridan. According to court documents, Maddison followed the other vehicle when it pulled off the highway and confronted the driver before leaving.

The Adult Probation and Parole Bureau conducted the PSI and submitted a report on Dec. 17. As well as the PSI, an order granting unopposed motion to amend Maddison's conditions of release was filed in court Dec. 17. The order places Maddison under two additional conditions. He must re-enroll in the SCRAM program and seek professional mental health services recommended by the Gallatin Mental Health Center.

Friends and family members have written letters of support for Maddison, according to the clerk of district court. The letters are filed with the court and will be used during his sentencing hearing.

Each count of criminal endangerment Maddison pled guilty to holds the maximum possible penalty of a fine not to exceed \$50,000, or imprisonment in the state prison for a term not to exceed 10 years, or both. According to court documents, the County Attorney's Office, on each count, will not recommend a sentence greater than 10 years, with all but the first five years suspended. The

County Attorney's Office will also recommend that the sentences on each count run concurrently and that the court recommends the defendant is placed in boot camp.

At the plea change, the court dismissed Maddison's charges of assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest. Those dismissed charges will therefore not be included in his sentencing, according to the court.

A message from The Madisonian | Harrington explains resignation and Ross Winslow, photographer

The photo accompanying the bighorn sheep article on the front page of the Dec. 19 issue of The Madisonian was obtained through a second party and not directly from photographer Ross Winslow.

The Madisonian apologizes to Mr. Winslow for the misrepresentation of his opinions regarding the bighorn sheep transplant—The Madisonian understands the photograph was intended to be a lighthearted, enjoyable piece of artwork, not an image of controversy.

The following is a letter from Mr. Winslow expressing his opinion about the bighorn sheep transplant.

Dear Editor,

From the owner/photographer of the [bighorn sheep]

I am not part of the antisheep transplant lobby and do not support their views.

I am a wildlife photographer and advocate and live among the bighorns in the Quake Lake region. I believe that, when practical, wildlife has the right to be restored to its historical range where human encroachment contributed to its disappearance. Reasonable compensation to ranchers for loss of livestock and grass, etc. should of course be part of the complicated formula.

Ms. Roberts doesn't seem to understand that "managing" is exactly what the FWP is doing by redistributing local over-populations to other areas in their natural range. We should be careful not to be flippant with the very resources that make living in and visiting Montana extraordinary.

> Ross Winslow West Yellowstone

Dear Editor,

On Dec. 9, 2013, I resigned as a volunteer member of the Community Health Center (CHC) Board of Directors headquartered in Butte, Montana. I was appointed to the board in 2011, when Norman Frankland vacated his position on the board. My role as a board member was to represent the CHC in Sheridan and the Ruby Valley. My resignation was accepted by the President of the Board on Dec. 10, 2013.

The escalating discontent with regards to Dr. Christensen's unfortunate resignation, and the recent letters to the local newspapers regarding this situation placed me in a very uncomfortable and unfortunate position in my community. Over the past months, I have responded to remarks, accusations and general discontent towards the CHC in public and in the privacy of my home. Needless to say, people here are truly distraught, angry and feel negated that they are not only losing their physician but were not formally notified of Dr. Christensen's resignation in September 2013, with a scheduled departure date of Dec. 31, 2013. Many of her patients received formal notification that she was leaving as recently as Dec. 16,

My resignation is also due to a long list of concerns and transparency issues regarding the current management of the Community Health Center. In October and early November I carefully documented more than 30 community comments and concerns with regards to Dr. Christensen's untimely departure. I forwarded letters and comments to every CHC board member, with a hope that we could discuss some of the issues at hand. Since that time, I have heard from one board member, and not one word or the mere courtesy of a call from the CEO.

I am truly sorry that our community has lost a brilliant, compassionate physician and her family. I sincerely hope that CHC board and management will treat new board members from the Ruby Valley, the new CHC physician's assistant, and current staff members with the dignity and the professional respect they deserve.

> Thank you, Nondi Harrington

A local resident's response to CHC board chair's letter

Dear Editor,

In Mr. Harper's letter to The Madisonian Editor, he glosses over a management failure by CHC, stating, "...healthcare... will continue to change..." But, he would like us to believe that somehow "CHC's commitment (to the communities served) will

In this letter, he implies that "change" is the problem. CHC CEO Jessica Hoff offered a similar reasoning in her bulk mailed letter to residents. But the facts are clear. Change is not a problem for Ruby Valley residents. Ruby Valley residents made the change from Dr. Sarah Googe to

Dr. Kelli Christensen.

Now, we are losing Dr. Christensen. That's a problem.

However, Dr. Christensen is not the problem. Dr. Christensen is highly skilled and compassionate. She is also sensitive to the unique needs of rural primary care. She also has personal ties to the Ruby Valley, strength-

ening her involvement with the community. Dr. Christensen is a wonderful fit for the Ruby Val-

Examining the components, that brings me to CHC management. Mr. Harper's letter and the bulk mailed letter sent out by CHC CEO Jessica Hoff reveal insensitivity and even a sense of superiority to the Ruby Valley community. Somehow, Ruby Valley residents are to be massaged into believing it's okay to lose a talented doctor, a doctor the community likes and re-

I have to conclude that medical management out of touch with the local community is the

With Dr. Christensen's departure, I will be looking for another primary doctor, outside the CHC management system.

> Sincerely, Betty Staley Sheridan

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Accessible transportation is important for America

Dear Editor,

This year I have had the honor of serving as an AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) alleviating poverty in Montana. My position has been with the S.A.V.E. Foundation in Helena. I have had the opportunity to build community through partnerships and engagements in public transit and accessible bik-

ing and walking. In this role, I experienced how essential these aspects are to everyone's ability to be part of a healthy community, not just those with the greatest needs who VISTAs serve most.

My experience has revealed how public transportation is essential in empowering our growing senior population to age-inplace as they become unable to drive. As Montana continues to

grow, transit will be helpful for spending less time in traffic and more in the mountains.

just for the fearless and the brave bile.org. cyclists, but also as means of genuine transportation for children to get to school and peoples' ability to stay fit.

I'd like to thank this community and all the VISTAs serving across the state. I encourage

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again they did a superb job.

The food was excellent and so

any recent college graduate to spend a year serving America, especially in Montana. Learn I have seen that bikes are not about my experience at savemo-

> Sincerely, Matthew Cramer AmeriCorps VISTA S.A.V.E. Foundation

Great care every step of the way

good wishes and help since my accident the day before Thanks-

I have had great care every step of the way-family, ambulance service, helicopter crew,

A heartfelt thank you to Idaho Falls hospital home care family and friends for all the and now the Ennis hospital. I am calls, visits, flowers, food, candy, indeed thankful and grateful to

> Merry Christmas to all! Lois Walsh

great Christmas party The staff at Madison Val- was the entertainment. Thank ley Manor wishes to say thank you for a wonderful time. you to Brenda, Jerry and Dustin Clark. We had our annual staff

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The staff at Madison Valley Manor

OBITUARY

Mary Ramona "Mona" Edwards April 13, 1933-Dec. 21, 2013



Mary Ramona "Mona" Edwards passed away the evening of Dec. 21 at her Pony home. Mona was born to Elmer "Zeke" and Billie Boyd Grant on April 13, 1933. She attended school in Pony, Mont. and graduated from Harrison in 1951. Her nursing career began after graduating with her bachelor's degree from Carroll College in Helena. She met her husband, Robert R. Edwards, when he was a patient at St. James Hospital in Butte and they married March 17, 1955 in Pony at the Pony church. They enjoyed the remainder of their

lives on the family ranch outside of Pony.

Mona enjoyed pinochle, playing the lottery, working on the ranch, raking hay, spoiling her entourage of cats and following her kids and grandkids through years of basketball games.

Her husband Bob preceded her in death in 2006 and their surviving family includes their three children, Tom and Penny (Edwards) Suhr of Pony, Debbie Edwards of Las Vegas, and Rob Edwards of Pony, and grandchildren Duane and Jari (Suhr) Wock of Cardwell, Kevin and Bobbi (Suhr) Konen of Dillon, Jeff and Billi (Suhr) Taylor of Wilsall, Dustin Suhr of Spring Creek, Nev., and Madelyn Edwards of Helena, and great grandchildren Kale, Kylie, Kaitlyn and Kesslee Konen; Ethan, Parks and Weston Wock; and Shayne, Gaige and Mason Tay-

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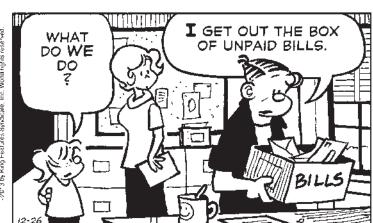
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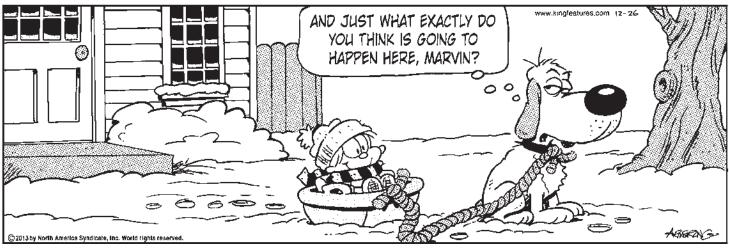
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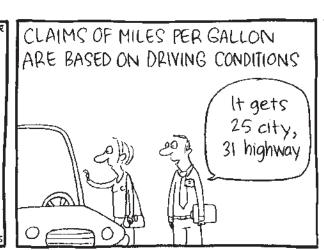






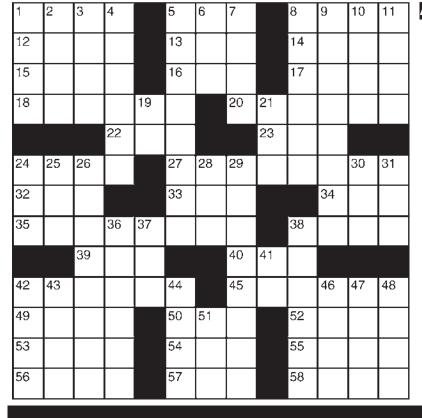
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By Janet Tharpe

Warm the Family Up with this Mushroom Barley Soup

"This soup warms your soul!"



Susan Thomas Wildwood, NJ (pop. 5,325)

S earching for a great, hearty soup to warm you up on those winter nights? Susan Thomas' Mushroom Barley Soup is a

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- Janet

Mushroom **Barley Soup**

a pinch"...

What You Need 1 lb fresh mushrooms

sliced

6 tbsp butter

1 c chopped onion 1 clove garlic, chopped

2 cans beef broth (10 oz) 5 soup cans water

3 tbsp tomato paste or ketchup 3/4 tsp salt

Fresh ground pepper to taste 1 bay leaf

1/2 c barley 1/4 c chopped parsley 1 1/2 c sliced celery and leaves

1 1/2 c sliced carrots 4 tbsp sherry

Directions

• Slice mushrooms. Set aside half of mushrooms.

• In large pot, melt 4 tbsp butter. Add one half mushrooms, onion, garlic. Saute 5 minutes.

• Stir in broth, water, tomato paste, salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Heat to boiling. Stir in barley. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 1 hour.

• Add parsley, celery and carrots, cook covered about 30 minutes longer until vegetables and barley are tender.

• In medium skillet, melt remaining 2 tbsp butter. Add remaining mushrooms. Saute 5 minutes. Add to soup along with sherry.

Submitted by: Susan Thomas, Wildwood, NJ (Pop. 5,325)

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Madison River Foundation hires executive director

Submitted by Richard Lessner MADISON RIVER FOUNDATION

The Madison River Foundation's Board of Directors announced that C. Hans Figi has been named executive director to succeed the retiring Richard Lessner. Lessner has served as executive director since 2007. Figi will assume the duties of executive director beginning in January 2014.

Figi currently works as fundraising and development consultant for a number of non-

profit organizations. He previously served as the development director for the historic Charterhouse School in Surrey, England. He now lives with his wife and two sons on a small farm near London.

Figi is very familiar with the Madison River ecosystem, having previously worked for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition in Bozeman. He also served on the board of the Montana Outdoor Science School and once worked as guide for the Telluride Mountaineering School in Colo. He owns a home in Bozeman. Figi attended high school in Switzerland and graduated from Carleton College in 1979 with a degree in economics.

After an extensive search, Figi was selected from among more than 40 applicants as the foundation's new executive director. Foundation directors conducted more than 20 interviews with potential candi-

"We are delighted that we were able to recruit someone of

Hans' background and qualifications for the position of executive director," foundation president David Bricker said. "He is especially interested in maintaining and building positive collaborations with all who have an interest in the wellbeing of the Madison River. We believe Hans has the right combination of skills and experience working with non-profit organizations to help lead the Foundation and build upon the progress we have made in recent years."

Holiday 'Dancing



The Shine Dance studio in Twin Bridges held their annual Christmas Dance recital in Twin Bridges. Pictured are some of the 2 to 3-year-old students

Bannack skating pond scheduled to open

Submitted by Tom Lowe BANNACK STATE PARK

The Bannack ice skating nond and warming house is tentatively scheduled to open Dec. 26, ice conditions permitting. Please call the park at 834-3413 to check on ice conditions before coming out. The skating pond will be

open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. is a good selection of ice skates nack and go ice-skating. Ban-26 through Jan. 1 for the Christmas vacation.

Il only he open on weekends enter the coloring contest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by special reservation for schools and community organizations. The warming house offers hot and cold drinks and candy and there

that are free to use. You can also watch Bannack videos in our Dec. 24 and 25 so our employees After Jan. 1, the skating pond warming house and children can can enjoy Christmas with their

Bring along some hot dogs and marshmallows to roast over the fire by the pond. Do not just stay at home with a case of cabin fever, bring the kids out to Ban-

nack State Park will be closed on families

Winter hours for the park are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Bannack State Park is located 25 miles southwest of Dillon, just four miles off Highway 287.



Photo submitted by Gail Banks

Veterans and many volunteers always help out at the annual Veterans dinner in Twin Bridges. Pictured are servers Jim Paull, Krista Beal, Frank Colwell and Ken Walsh making sure community members have lots of food on their plates for the dinner.



The 55th Annual Veterans Community Christmas dinner and party was held in Twin Bridges and was a total success.

Photo submitted by Gail Banks

TOYS FOR TOTS



Submitted by Gail Banks **Pictured is Bill Hanley from** Jeffereson Acres at the Veterans Dinner taking donations for the Marine's Toys For Tots program. Hanley thought 2012 was his last year doing Toys For Tots, but he was back again making sure families throughout the valley had help with toys for their kids. Jim Paull, Ed Walter, Joe Degel all helped Hanley. Walter

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The new state-of-the-art lift is specifically designed for a commercial aquatic facility and meets all the American with Disabilities Act Access guidelines. The new lift will be installed and ready for use next summer, 2014!

Thank you to the Board of Directors of the Ruby Valley Foundation for your generosity and support for our community and our swimming pool.

Sincerely

Sheridan Alder Parks & Recreation District Board of Directors

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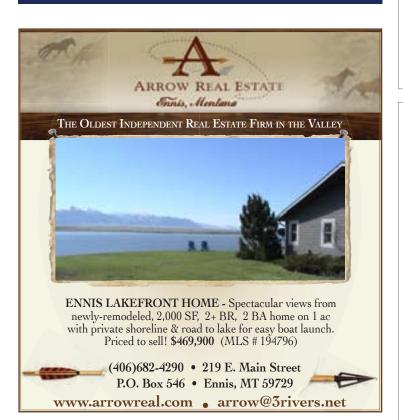
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Town of Ennis reminds residents about snow, ice ordinance and dog licenses

Submitted by Ginger Guinn Town of Ennis

Winter is upon us and the Town of Ennis would like to remind businesses and prop-

erty owners that the sidewalks snow and ice removal ordinance is in effect. When a storm occurs, removal of snow and ice should happen at the earliest possible time.

Dog tags for 2014 are now being issued and due for renecessary to receive a dog li- office at 328 W. Main Street.

Questions regarding these newal by Jan. 31, 2014. Town reminders can be obtained by staff reminds dog owners that calling Ennis Town Hall at proof of rabies vaccination is 682-4287 or stopping by the

FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS



Submitted by Jason Sillstrop HARRISON SCHOOLS

Harrison seventh-graders through the senior class par-

ticipated in a friendly food drive competition to collect non-perishables for the Ennis Food Bank. The final count was 672, with the junior class taking the prize—a

The winning junior class posed with all the food. From L to R: Jurgen Haenke, Megan Skillman, Brooke Griffis (front)

Britt Cooper, Gabriella Arcangeli (front), John Ervin, Alecia Panagakis (front), Jarrod Nye, Jed Fike, Brett Peterson and Casey Collins. Not pictured is junior Jon Strong.



Bureau of Land Management seeks public comment on Golden Sunlight Mine

Submitted by David Abrams Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Butte Field Office is evaluating a proposal to conduct exploration activities on more than five acres of BLM-administered lands north of Golden Sunlight Mine's existing mineral hill pit. The BLM will take public comment on the proposal until Jan. 18, 2014.

The exploration activities would involve road and drill pad construction totaling more than five acres in what is known as the Bonnie project area. The roads and drill pads will be reclaimed upon completion of the

project. The BLM is processing the applicant's plan of operations in accordance with federal regulations. If the operation is ap-

proved as submitted, activities

would begin after Jan. 18, 2014 and would be completed during the next two field seasons. The plan of operations is available for review at the Butte Field Office.

For more information or to submit comments, please contact Dave Williams or Joan Gabelman at the Butte Field Office 533-7600 or by email at drwillia@blm.gov with GSM Exploration in the subject line.

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dress, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including vour personal identifying information—might be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Montana hunting regulation proposals for next season up for review beginning in January

Submitted by Tom Palmer Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Montanans will have a number of opportunities to review and comment on 2014-2015 hunting regulation proposals by going on online now or by attending one of 43 public meetings beginning in January.

Last summer, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) held seven meetings across the state and received nearly 1,200 comments that led to several new hunting season proposals.

At the meetings in January, FWP will present proposals to aid the recovery of Montana's declining deer populations by reducing hunting pressure on antlerless mule deer and white-tailed deer. Wildlife managers surmise Montana's

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deer numbers are in decline statewide due to a number of unique circumstances—from the cyclical nature of mule deer populations to predation and disease and from drought to tough winter conditions. For the next two hunting seasons, with a few exceptions to address game damage issues, FWP proposes to convert general mule deer seasons to antlered-only, eliminate most mule deer or antlerless licenses and eliminate white-tailed deer B licenses in Regions 4 and 6 and in most of Region 5.

Details on the proposed hunting regulations are available on FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov. Click "2014-2015 Hunting Proposals," and find a complete calendar of meeting times and locations and additional information on each

proposal. The proposals encompass hunting season dates and nearly every huntable species in the state including antelope, black bear, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat, mountain lion and a variety of upland game

Comments may be submitted at the local meetings, which are set for Jan. 4 - 23, 2014 statewide, or online at fwp.mt.gov. Written comments may be sent to: FWP-Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Public Comment, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701. For questions not covered on the website, call 406-444-2612.

Comments are due by 5 p.m. on Jan. 24, 2014. The Fish & Wildlife Commission will adopt final regulations in Feb-

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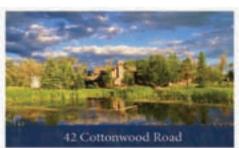
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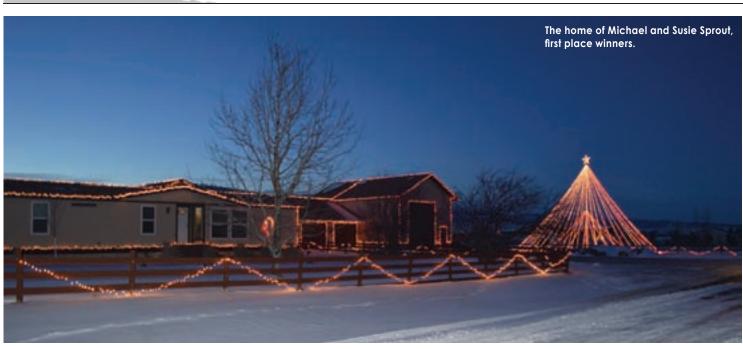
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Prudential announces winner of Christmas light contest

Submitted by Sarah Petersen
Prudential Montana Real Estate

Prudential Montana Real Estate is excited to announce its winners of their second annual, Get Your Lights On! Christmas light contest. The first place winner of this year's contest is Susie and Michael Sprout of Nicole Way, Ennis.

The second place winner is Wayne and Sandy Black of Armitage Street, Ennis. The third place winner is Mike and Cindy McKitrick of Centennial Drive, Ennis.

Cash prizes were given to the top three homes that displayed the best holiday spirit. Each winning homeowner was asked to pick their favorite charity and Prudential Montana Real Estate donated \$100 in their name. The following charities were selected: Madison Valley Caring and Sharing, Madison Valley Medical Center Founda-

tion and Madison Farm to Fork.

Prudential Montana Real

Prudential Montana Real Estate started gathering nominations on Friday, Nov. 29 through Wednesday, Dec. 18. Five Prudential Montana Real Estate agents and staff made up the judging committee. The judging committee drove around the valley taking pictures and looking at the outdoor holiday decorations on the evening of Dec. 18.

Below is a list of this year's

nominees.

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Wayne and Sandy Black
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Bob and Jode Briggs
Mike and Cindy McKitrick
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Friday



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK TWIN BRIDGES



The Twin Bridges JH student of the week is Kaleb Garrison. Kaleb is a responsible, hard-working, determined student who sets his goals high and isn't afraid to do whatever it takes to meet them. Not only does Kaleb excel academically but he is an outstanding classmate. It is not unusual for Kaleb to stop what he is working on to assist a classmate who may be struggling or just need a little help, and he does so willingly and patiently. Kaleb always appears to be in great humor and comes to class daily with a smile. He is a leader in his class and a great role model to younger students as well.

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MADISON COUNTY COACHES NAMED FALL COACHES OF THE YEAR BY MONTANA COACHES ASSOCIATION

Coach Nancy Gesling—a cross country legacy in **Twin Bridges**

Faith Moldan The Madisonian news@madisoniannews.com

Nancy Gesling is the first to say how difficult it is to repeat as the best in the state, but somehow she and the Twin Bridges girls' cross country team have done it.

For the second year in a row, Gesling and the Lady Falcons ran away with the Class C girls' cross country team title and Class C girls' cross country Coach of the Year. The Montana Coaches Association awarded the coaching title earlier this

"It's an honor," Gesling said. "I think it is nice the Montana Coaches Association recognizes the coaches."

Twin Bridges also holds the individual Class C girls' cross country title. Jessica George was the top runner among Class C participants at the state meet the past two years.

Gesling has coached the runners—junior high, high school, boys and girls—for five years. She said she made the decision to put her name in for the coaching position when she saw it advertised.

"I did not think Twin Bridges would have a (cross country) program," she said. Gesling added that when cross country started up five years ago she thought her experience running cross country and track, as well as coaching track for the Falcons, gave her a chance to acquire the cross country position.

Success was almost immediate for the boys' and girls' teams. During the program's first year, the girls finished seventh at state and moved up in the standings each subsequent year from sixth to third and then first the past two years.

The boys' cross country team continues to perform well and place high throughout the season, especially at the state



meet. They placed sixth their first year at state and then took fourth, third and second the next three years. This year, injuries hampered the Falcons' chances of another high finish. The boys placed 12th as a team this fall.

Besides injuries, Gesling said another challenge the runners face is being spread too thin. Some of the runners also compete in other fall sports—football or volleyball—and everyone must work around the other sports' schedules. Gesling said all the work to accommodate these different schedules is worth it, and she does her best to give as many kids as possible an opportunity

"The other sports are team sports and so they need to be there to practice their position," Gesling said. "I recognize that and the kids have to have pretty good commitment too.

Commitment is not lacking, according to Gesling. She credits the runners with putting in the time and work, which

helps her planning and coaching become beneficial in the end. Gesling said she can have the best plans, but if the kids do not execute them they will not work.

'The biggest fulfillment for me is seeing the kids do their best," she said.

Gesling also credits the program's success to the community. Not only do the runners cheer on their teammates and opponents, but she said parents and other community members also show great support for her and the Falcons.

Photo by Faith Moldan

Nancy Gesling, far right, has been coaching the Twin Bridges cross country team for five years. This is the second consecutive year she has been named Class C girls cross country coach of the year by the Montana Coaches Association.



Coach Fredrickson and his undefeated team display their state championship trophy.

Photo by Abigail Dennis

Coach Fredrickson—championship-winning football in Ennis

Abigail Dennis The Madisonian a.dennis@madisoniannews.com

After an undefeated season, a state championship and a good portion of the team being named all state for football, Ennis football coach Jay Fredrickson has one more accolade to add to the list.

The Montana Coaches Association (MCA) named Fredrickson Class C Fall

Coach of the Year for football. According to Don Olsen, executive director for the MCA, members of the association are sent a ballot with the top four finishers in each sport for each class to select a winner from.

"[Fredrickson] was not only the state champion, but he was also selected by a vote of his Class C peers for this honor," Olsen said. "Congratulations to [Fredrickson], the Mustangs

and the Ennis community." Fredrickson believes winning the state

championship assured his selection.

"Winning championship has been a dream of mine for a long time," he said. "As a coach, of course you are in it for the kids, but you also need to set your goal at winning a state championship... if you do not do that, you are not looking high enough.'

Fredrickson is quick to credit the group of boys he coached this year as making the season a "tremendous'

Ennis principal John Sullivan is the father of one of the boys Fredrickson coached, senior Connor Sullivan. As a parent and a school administrator, J. Sullivan believes the coach of the year award is a welldeserved honor.

"From parent's

standpoint, I was glad my kid had the opportunity to play for [Fredrickson]," he said. "More importantly than just teaching my kid to play football, he taught him how to play with his heart and develop as an individual."

It is J. Sullivan's opinion that Fredrickson taught the Mustangs how to win, but also how to lose graciously, remain good sportsmen and conduct themselves as mature, well-adjusted adults.

"[Fredrickson] and his coaching staff have put a tremendous amount of time into the program-with the kids but also planning and developing plays and everything," Sullivan said. "The coaching staff really deserves credit too. It takes the entire staff to win games and win awards. This is one [Fredrickson] will cherish and really deserves, but also one I am sure he will share with his staff.'

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Getting kids through winter's infections

Submitted by Katherine Tetrault, PA-C, MSPA-C, RUBY VALLEY MEDICAL CLINIC And Dayna K. Leavens, CPNP, MSN, CHC PEDIATRICS

First, it is the runny nose and cough. Then, they start to get a little crabby. Next thing you know, they are tugging at their ears and have a sore throat. It is a full on meltdown. Oh, and it is 2 a.m. on a Friday. No sleep for you. To anyone with kids, this is all too familiar. Is it just a cold? Teething? Strep throat? Ear infection? Sinusitis? Your first thought may be to find a provider to get the little one started on an antibiotic ASAP so you (and they) can start to feel better and get some sleep, right? Well, it turns out that may not be the go-to answer we have long thought. There are new guidelines that no longer recommend antibiotics routinely. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, it is estimated that as many as 10 million antibiotic prescriptions per year are directed toward respiratory conditions for which they are unlikely to provide

Before delving into that touchy topic, we should look at upper respiratory infections (includes the ears, nose, and throat) on a scientific level. Most people, unless they are medical providers or nurses, do not learn about this in school.

Upper respiratory infections (URIs) can be categorized into bacterial infections and viral infections.

A viral infection, caused by a virus, can include a wide variety of upper respiratory illnesses. Symptoms of a viral URI can include, but are not limited to, cough, nasal congestion that can start clear but change to yellowish green, sore throat, ear pain and fever. Symptoms of the common cold can be caused by viruses which include rhinovirus, corona virus, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza and many more. Viruses can make it very difficult to accurately diagnose the cause of an upper respiratory infection. Viruses also are frustrating because they can cause symptoms that last up to 10 days or longer and, aside from supportive care, there is not much available to treat a virus. A virus does not respond to an antibiotic. An antibiotic works to stop a bacterial infection by actually targeting the bacteria and preventing the bacteria from reproducing or by killing the bacteria. Since a virus infects the body differently than bacteria, an antibiotic is completely ineffective in stopping or killing the virus. Using an antibiotic for a viral infection can actually dangerous. Unnecessary antibiotic use can contribute to the growing problem of

antibiotic resistance, a situation where antibiotics are no longer effective against bacterial "superbugs" like common staph. Also, as with all medications, antibiotics can cause side effects. Side effects of antibiotics include antibiotic associated diarrhea, nausea, abdominal cramping, rashes, hepatitis (liver problems), cardiac (heart) problems and allergic reactions that can be deadly. (Anaphylaxis is the deadly form of an allergic

A bacterial infection, caused by bacteria, can cause symptoms similar to that of the viral URI. In fact, fever or color of the nasal drainage is not a reliable indicator of a bacterial infection. Bacterial include infections caused by strep pneumoniae, haemophilus influenza (this is a bacteria that is different from influenza, a virus) or other bacteria. Bacterial infections such as these do respond to antibiotics. However, with the increasing emergence of antibiotic resistant bacteria, it can become difficult to treat a simple bacterial URI. Because of this, pediatricians now rely more on vaccinations to help prevent some of these bacterial infections and further reduce the need for antibiotics. Children are routinely vaccinated against strep pneumonia (Prevnar 13), haemophilus influenzae (HIB) and pertussis (DTap / TDaP). Some vaccines are only necessary in childhood and some vaccines require periodic booster shots. You should check with your healthcare provider to make sure you and your children are up to date and adequately vaccinated to prevent some of these infections. Vaccination against these bacteria helps to reduce the likelihood of serious, invasive infection caused by the particular bacteria.

There are newly updated guidelines by the American of Pediatrics, Academy published in the fall of 2013, that help a healthcare provider decide when antibiotics are necessary and when it is probably safe to

URI symptoms can include cough, nasal congestion, sore throat, ear pain and fever. Upper respiratory infections are responsible for millions of office visits per year, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (Dec. 2013). When you look at the statistics regarding an upper respiratory tract infection, it is estimated that on average a child will experience 7-10 colds per year that will last approximately 10 days each and will typically occur between the months of October and April. Ask any day care provider or elementary school teacher their personal opinion, and they may say the

number is even higher. Management of an upper respiratory infection is typically supportive. This means that grandma's advice of chicken noodle soup, plenty of rest, hydration and treatment of symptoms is right on. Saline nose drops or saline nose sprays do help clear secretions and are recommended. In young children, a bulb syringe should be used with caution as damage to the inside of the nose can be caused by well-meaning but aggressive or improper suctioning. You should talk to your healthcare provider to have instruction of proper use and when it is appropriate to use a bulb syringe. You should also see your healthcare provider if the symptoms are not improving after 7-10 days, there are severe symptoms or trouble breathing. The American Academy of Pediatrics also recommends against the use of over-the-counter cough and cold medications in children vounger than 6 years of age due to the risk of accidental overdose and adverse effect. There is also evidence that suggests these medications don't work well at

Acute otitis media (middle ear infection) symptoms can include ear ache or pain, drainage from the ear, irritability and fever. The CDC estimates that there are 13 million cases of acute otitis media in the United States annually in children younger than age 5. Children are particularly prone to ear infections because a child's anatomy of the ear is slightly different than an adult's. An adult's eustachian tube is tipped so that it drains downward and facilitates drainage of fluid and mucous. A child's eustachian tubes (connection from the middle ear to the back of the throat) are essentially flat and do not drain as easily. With this anatomy in mind, having a baby or child sleep with the head of the bed elevated can help facilitate drainage and keep the upper airways clear.

Newer treatment guidelines recommend a change in the way ear infections are treated. The American Academy of Pediatrics is now recommending a period the pain with acetaminophen or ibuprofen and pain relieving ear drops but delaying antibiotics, in some situations, for 24 to 48 hours. Numerous studies demonstrate no improvement in symptoms or the length of an ear infection with antibiotics and some studies demonstrate that most ear infection will resolve without antibiotics. It is important to see your healthcare provider to determine if your child's health history and exam show when an antibiotic is necessary or if watchful waiting would be appropriate.

There are ways to try to additional information.

prevent an ear infection. It is not recommended for children to lay down with a bottle as the sucking action increases the risk of fluid being retained in the middle ear. In addition, having a child repeatedly blow their nose can cause fluid to be retained in the middle ear. Using saline drops or sprays to clear nasal congestion is recommended. Running a cool mist vaporizer in your child's sleeping environment, especially during the winter months when the air is very dry, can help the upper respiratory system clear mucous and viruses faster and help the nose function properly.

Strep pharyngitis (strep throat) is a specific diagnosis that is caused by the bacteria streptococcus. However, there are multiple bacterial and viral causes of nonspecific tonsillitis or pharyngitis. Regardless of the causative agent, the symptoms are similar with sore throat, congestion, fever, and at times, cough. Most cases of tonsillitis or pharyngitis will resolve without antibiotic treatment. There are specific guidelines for considering the possibility of strep as the cause and if strep is considered, the diagnosis should be confirmed with a rapid strep test or throat swab culture. Antibiotics are appropriate if the diagnosis of strep pharyngitis can be confirmed.

Sinusitis may be bacterial or viral in nature. It can be difficult to differentiate between the two and when antibiotics should be used. In general, if symptoms have lasted for more than 10 days, or are severe or worsening, then antibiotics may be considered. Symptoms typically include nasal congestion, cough and fever. You should discuss with your healthcare provider what would constitute severe or worsening symptoms. Otherwise, supportive care is generally recommended.

Remember, most upper respiratory infections be prevented with good hand washing with soap and warm water and appropriate immunizations. If you smoke and cannot quit, at least do not smoke of "watchful waiting" for some in the house, car or around the patients which means treating kids. It is also important to wear a smoking jacket that you take off when you come inside and to wash your hands after smoking. Exposure to cigarette smoke significantly increases risk for respiratory infections, wheezing, asthma, ear infections and other complications in children.

> If your child becomes ill, check with your healthcare provider for recommendations but keep in mind that an antibiotic is not always indicated or appropriate.

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Stay home when you are sick

Submitted by Christine Durham Madison County Public Health Nurse

It is cold and flu season. Pertussis (whooping cough) is prevalent in the area. Norovirus, or "stomach flu", has had a

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duties when we are absent. We do not want to burden our coworkers with extra work when we are not there. We do not want to miss the "perfect attendance" award. We do not want to miss pay. We do not want to use sick leave. But really, none of us is indispensable. And, staying home is the very best way to keep those you work with or go to school with from getting sick. It is also the best way to recover more quickly.

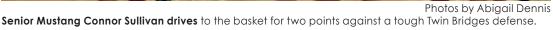
from getting sick?

Do yourself and those around you a favor. Stay home when you are sick.



SPORTS







Nolan Konen of the Falcons battles two Mustang defenders beneath the basket. Konen had 14 total points. The Mustangs and the Falcons go head to head

Abigail Dennis THE MADISONIAN a.dennis@madisoniannews.com

The Twin Bridges Falcons welcomed the Ennis Mustangs into their gym on Dec. 19 for five games of

The Twin Bridges girls' junior varsity team bested the Mustangs, but Ennis won both the boy's junior varsity and C-squad games.

When the varsity boys' teams took the court, Twin Bridges put the first points on the board. Ennis responded with two quick field goals before the Falcons took the lead with a 3-pointer from junior Nolan Konen. The Mustangs then responded with a 9-0 run, ending on a steal and basket by senior Connor Sullivan, which brought the score to 5-14—Ennis lead.

The Falcons returned fire, bringing the score to 24-25, Ennis, and forcing the Mustangs to call a time out.

Sullivan and junior Walker McKitrick for the Mustangs had back-to-back steals that resulted in points to make the score 24-31. The first half ended with the Mustangs ahead by seven—32-39.

Ennis' dominant senior players Mustangs pull ahead in the third quarter, led by junior W. McKitrick. Sullivan had eight field goals and one free throw for a combined total of 17 points, while senior Braydon McKitrick racked up 11 points for the Mustangs. W. McKitrick contributed to the scoreboard with 23 points of his own.

With just more than three minutes left in the game, the Mustang's head coach, Zach Jepson, pulled his starting seniors to give the rest of his bench playing

Senior Jerricho Broksle, who tallied 16 points, led the Falcons offense. Konen contributed 14 points to his team's score. Nearly every member of the 10-person Falcon Varsity team had points on the scoreboard during the game. Twin Bridges played the Mustangs close in the fourth quarter-each team scored 13 points to conclude the game 56-73, Ennis.

The Twin Bridges/Ennis match up continued as the varsity girls' teams concluded the night.

The Falcons bested the Mustangs 62-21, led by sophomore Megan Martin and senior Morgan Martin, who had 13 and 11 points, respectively. Sophomore Madyson Beagley had nine points during the game. Senior Kristen Ashcraft contributed seven to the Falcons' substantial lead.

The Mustangs relied on the leadership of senior Kayla Coffman, who had three field goals for six points. Senior Delaney McNally added to the Mustangs' total with five points of her own. Seniors Chelsea Martello and Mackenzie Davies put points on the board, as did sophomore MaKenzie Moen.

Twin Bridges Falcons v. Ennis Mustangs

T: 21

Boys—Varisty Twin Bridges 15 17 11 13 T: 56 Ennis 24 15 21 13 T: 73 Girls—Varsity Twin Bridges T: 62

Ennis



Photo by Abigail Dennis

Senior Delaney McNally brings the ball down court for the Mustangs in the first quarter of the game. McNally had five points against the winning Falcons.



GIRLS

Dec. 17 Sheridan 33 v. Lima 52 Sheridan 13 8-33

16 Lima 8 10 18-52 Sheridan-April Degel 13, Janie Smart 14, Alexis Woirhaye 6; 3 pt-April Degel 2, FT-April Degel 1, Janie Smart 4, Alexis

Lima-Sydney Greenslade 3, Skylar Martinell 9, Emilie Schroder 7, Kylee Weidinger 2, Emily Stosich 24, Katey Sutton 3, Kayla Stosich 4; 3pt-Emilie Schroder 1, Skylar Martinell 1, FT-Sydney Greenslade 1, Skylar Martinell 4, Emily Stosich 2, Katey Sutton 1

Woirhaye 2

Twin Bridges 62 v. Ennis 21 Twin Bridges 17

15 18—62 Ennis 1-21 Twin Bridges—Julia Cox 2, Paige Phillips 5, Madyson Beagley 9, Jessica George 4, Kristen Ashcraft 7, Morgan Martin

11. Alison Griebenow

3, Megan Martin 13, Cassidy Wetzel 8 Ennis—Delaney McNally 5, Nacole Martello 3, Kayla Coffman 6, M. Davies 2, McKenzie Moen

Harrison-Willow Creek 63 v. Lone Peak 29 Harrison-Willow Creek— Kristen White 18, Jaci Nesbit 13, Britt Cooper 13 Lone Peak—Luisa Locker 16, Dasha Bough 7

West Sheridan 13 Yellowstone 57 Sheridan 2—13 West 28 20 3-57

Sheridan - April Degel 3, Alexis Woirhaye 2, Cady Guinnane 2, Janie Smart 4, Mckenzy Shields 2 West Yellowstone-

Bailee Parker 4, Olivia Grospodarek 6, Darby Binfet 1, Kyla Binfet 6, Amber Dorich 10, Kelsey Young 16, Bridget Prichard 2, Jewlz Collins 10, Jillian Carter 2 Sheridan- FT April Degel

West YellowstoneDarby Binfet 1, Kyla Binfet 2, Kelsey Young 4, Jewlz Collins 1

3 PT Goals- Jewlz Collins 1

Dec. 20 Ennis 51, Lone Peak 25 Ennis 15 17 7—51

Lone Peak 7 10

4—25 Ennis — Kayla Coffman 14, Makenzie Moen 12, Mariah Fredrickson 7, Chelsea Martello 5, Taylre Sitz 4, Delaney McNally

3, Mackenzie Davies 2,

Kortney Dietz 2, Nacole Martello 2. Lone Peak — Luisa Locker 9, Karlie Perry 5, Dasha Bough 4, Bella Butler 3, Tehya Braun 2, Bianca

Gardiner 59, Twin Bridges

Godoy 2.

Twin Bridges 9 20 18—55 Gardiner 15 16 18—59 Twin Bridges (1-2, 0-1) — Juila Cox 4, Paige Phillips

2 Madison Beagley 1,

Jessica George 2, Kristin

Ashcraft 8, Cassidy

Wetzel 2, Morgan Martin

12. Megan Martin 10. Allison Griebenow 14. Gardiner (2-1, 1-0) — Kelly Harbach 10, Tess Thomas 16, Kelsey McDonald 2, Betsy Ordarte 4, Jesse Hafer 2, Hannah Dean 23, P.J. Thomas 2.

Harrison-Willow Creek 43, White Sulphur Springs 28 Harrison-Willow Creek 17 6—43 7 13 White Sulphur Springs 6

9 6 7—28 Harrison-Willow Creek Kristen White 4, Britt Cooper 16, Jaci Nesbit 22, Addie Nesbit 1. White Sulphur Springs — Jasmine Deal 5, Katie Nelson 5, Mesa Williams 10, Sarah Schlepp 2, Katrina Feddes 6.

BOYS

Dec. 17 Sheridan 46 v. Lima 43 Sheridan-Brant 16, Seth Green 12, Colter Kenworthy 7 Lima-D¬ee Mayer 20

Dec. 19

Twin Bridges 56 v. Ennis 73 Twin Bridges 15 11 13—56

Ennis 15 13—73 Twin Bridges—Nolan

Konen 14, Tracen Eggers Gabe Johnson 4, Woody Puckett 4, Jerricho Broksle 16, Tristen Guillot 4, Wesley Armstrong 5, Gibson Butler 4, Michael Walsh 1

Ennis—Chad Johnerson 6, Connor Sullivan 17, Brayden McKitrick 11, Reid Farnes 3, Walker McKitrick Wes Goodman 5, Troy Fortner 2, Wylie Leo 6

Harrison 45 v. Lone Peak

Dec. 20

Gardiner 73, Twin Bridges

Twin Bridges -- Nolan Konen 9, Tracen Eggers 2, Gabe Johnson 6, Woody Puckett 2, Jerricho Broksle 13, Tristen Gullot 12, Wesley Armstrong 5, Gibson Butler 6, Michael Walsh 2.

Gardiner -- Connor Wines 24, Eddie Rodarte 26, Nolan Darr 1, Nick Sabo 6, Parker Robinson 6, Wyatt Wilkinson 10.

White Sulphur Springs 57, Harrison 55

Harrison 8 14 20 13—55 White Sulphur Springs 14

15 12 16—57 Harrison — Josh Nye 1, Jed Fike 12, Jon Strong 2, Garrett Peterson 24, Brett Peterson 2, John Brennan

White Sulphur Springs — Jordan Barfuss 2, Ethan Nyhart 9, Derek Heggen 5, Jaren Kiff 7, Peyton Jones 4, Whitley West 15, Morgan Barfuss 15.

Ennis 70, Lone Peak 34 Ennis 17 16—70

Lone Peak 8 6 14 6-34

Ennis — Chad Johnerson 4, Connor Sullivan 13, Gabe Snider 5, Colten Clark 4, Braydon McKitrick 9, Reid Farnes 8, Walker McKitrick 14, Kyler Elliott 5, Wes Goodman 4, Troy Fortner 4.

Lone Peak — Justin McKillop 4, Eddie Stantz 6, Quinn House 7, Trevor House 12, James Ramirez

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MVHA holds annual Christmas luncheon

Submitted by Larry Love Madison Valley History ASSOCIATION

The Madison Valley History Association's (MVHA) Christmas luncheon in the Trinity Church in Jeffers was enjoyed by all. It was a great end to the year with a happy occasion. The MVHA

while the rest of the salads and desserts were furnished by the attending audience. We have great cooks. It was delicious.

program The consisted of people relating what some holiday traditions were in their families. Some of the traditions included oysters for breakfast, opening presents at different times, getting a

outing by hitching up the team and going in the mountains and making homemade ice cream with everyone taking a part crank on the ice cream maker. One of our members who lives in Aberdeen, Scotland and is related to Bobby Foreman sent his tradition of Christmas pudding or plum pudding that is served with the turkey meal. provided the turkey and ham Christmas tree as a family It is made with butter, eggs,

fruit and a little brandy. Roger White said this pudding was cooked for hours in a steamer and everyone had to help in stirring the mixture up.

Christmas songs ended our program with solos by Keith Axberg, Larry Love and the entire group singing Christmas carols. See you in January 2014. Happy New

Christmas season at the Madison Valley Manor

Submitted by Julie Christensen ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, Madison Valley Manor

out for our Christmas season at the Madison Valley Manor (MVM) this year. We wish to express our extreme gratitude for the many lovely donations from the community members for our annual Christmas store at the Manor and for the wonderful gifts from the giving tree at the First Madison Valley

of our gifts for the Christmas store, which we all appreciate very much.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, friends and family members gathered for the annual Christmas party and Santa delivered bags of goodies for all the residents. The kitchen provided a tantalizing spread of assorted treats both sweet and

Lastly, for the second year now, the Be A Santa To A Senior program through Home Instead in Bozeman provided the residents with special gifts as well. All the staff and residents of the Manor have much to be grateful for. Enjoy this holiday season and Merry

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Bank. These contributions We had a wonderful turn make such a positive difference in the lives of the folks who reside at the Manor.

As usual, the MVM auxiliary ladies did an awesome job with the beautiful wrapping

By Karen Claassen for The Madisonian

"Take Time This Christmas Day"

By James Dillet Freeman

Take time this Christmas

Day to go A little way apart

And with the hands of prayer prepare The house that is your

Brush out the dusty fears,

The cobwebs of your care, Till in the house that is blessed, vour heart

It's Christmas everywhere. Light every window up with love,

And let your love shine through,

That they who walk outside

The blessed light with you. Then will the rooms with joy be bright,

With peace the hearth be And Christ Himself will

To be your Christmas

Guest. Christmas is an opportunity

for giving and not getting. There is snow up on the mountains, on the grass and on the sidewalks, which is always white and

This is a time for special gifts, such as a touch, a hug, a kiss and a time to rejoice in our dear Savior's birth. There may be lots of presents under the tree even though that is not our

There decorations, the music is beautiful and we express our love to family and friends. What a great time of year.

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extends application deadline to January 2014 Submitted by Cynthia Magnuson scholarships non-renewable

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF Independent Business

High school seniors in the class of 2014 still have time to apply for scholarships offered by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Young Entrepreneur Foundation. The new deadline for applications is Jan. 6, 2014, giving eligible applicants an extra couple weeks to complete their applications over the holidays.

Each year, the NFIB Young Entrepreneur program offers that recognize young people have demonstrated spirit and entrepreneurial initiative with college scholarship, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The program was established to raise awareness among the nation's youth of the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the building of America.

Applicants for the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards must be graduating high school seniors who are entering their freshman year at an accredited two or four year university, college, technical or vocational institute in the fall of 2014. They must also demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative by having established a business of their own.

Applications will be accepted through the end of the day on Jan. 6, 2014. The independent selection

committee will review all applications and select semifinalists. Semi-finalists will be notified by the end of January. Semi-finalists are interviewed by an NFIB member, who will be assigned to each semi-

The award recipients are selected by an independent scholarship organization. Scholarships are merit-based, not based on financial need.

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation is committed to educating young people about the critical role of small business and the American free enterprise system. Since 2003, the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation has awarded more than 2,400 scholarships to graduating high school seniors totaling more than \$2.6 million.

Montana unemployment rate stable at 5.2 percent

Young Entrepreneur Foundation scholarship

Submitted by Ivie English GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, State of Montana

Montana's unemployment rate held steady at 5.2 percent in November. The state's rate has declined by half a percent over the last year. The national unemployment rate remains higher than Montana's rate at 7 percent in November, down 0.3 percentage points from the prior

"Montana's economy continues to perform better than the rest of the nation, steadily adding jobs for our workers," Governor Steve Bullock said. "Strong retail sales during this holiday season will help our economy gain momentum for the next year." "Retailers

hired more workers this holiday season than in prior years, which suggests greater confidence in our stronger economy," said Pam Bucy, labor commissioner.

Total employment, which includes payroll employment plus agricultural and selfemployed workers, added 856 jobs in November. Although employment continues expand in Montana during 2013, the job growth rate of 0.4 percent this year is slower than the above-average job growth of 2.2 percent during 2012.

Payroll employment indicates that job growth in the private sector was much stronger than growth overall.

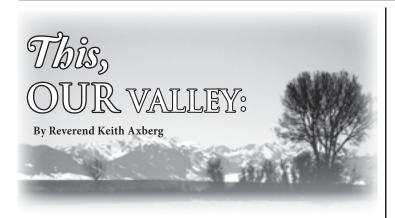
Private payroll employment increased by 1,400 jobs over the month, with broad-based gains over all sectors. Seasonal hiring in the retail sector is larger than prior years, suggesting retailers are expecting a stronger holiday sales season. Job losses in government offset the private sector job gains, with a loss of 700 jobs over the month in state and local government. All payroll jobs (both private and public) increased by 700 jobs since October.

The consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged in November. Energy prices declined, which offset increases in the food index. Core inflation, measured by the all items less food and percent in November, keeping inflation below historic levels. Unemployment figures are

energy index, rose by 0.2

seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted numbers remove the effects of events that follow a more or less regular month-tomonth pattern each year. These adjustments make nonseasonal patterns easier to identify. The margin of error for the unemployment rate is plus or minus 0.8 percentage points at the 90 percent confidence level. All questions relating to the calculation of unemployment rates should be directed to the Montana Department of Labor and Industry's Research and Analysis Bureau at 1-800-541-

COLUMNS



Christmas in the Valley

"Mary quietly treasured all these things in her heart and thought about them often.' Luke 2:19

Watch. Wait. Stay awake! These are the watchwords of Advent.

For the past several weeks my wife, Barb, and I have been pulling things out of the attic with which to decorate our home for the holidays.

Some, we just pull out and put up without much thought. I have one of those (do not stone me) trees that goes up in about

five minutes; the sections plug together, and the plug goes into a timer andvoila-a tree that lights up right where we want it and when we want it.

That does seem to run the against grain for we wilderness

types (using the term "we" very broadly), but it was forced

upon us by circumstances far beyond our control. When we moved to Michigan back in the 1990s, we bought our annual Christmas tree at a tree lot a few blocks from our house. We got it home and set it up, and as the silly thing thawed out it rained needles. It did not sprinkle needles; it was more of a tsunami of piney pokers. By morning, we had the skeletal remains of a tree and a deep dark green carpet comprised of fine noble fir detritus.

Aargh! It was late in the season (our tradition was to put the tree up a week to ten days before Christmas but we had been delayed by work and the hustle and bustle of the season until just a day or so before Christmas). What to do? We hit the mall and ran into Sears, where everything was sold out except for one floor model artificial tree. We didn't care. We bought it on the spot, dragged the pieces home in garbage bags (they couldn't find the box), set it up, threw on the lights, balls, and holy doodads and called it a year! We were done.

Well, it was not natural, but it worked. It lasted about 20 years, or 140 in doggie years, but we finally found it a new home and bought a replacement tree with the lights built in, and I will admit, I have never regretted it. When it goes up, I have no nicks or cuts, I have no sap gumming up my clothes (or hands) for the next three seasons, and best of all, I have

no needle trails making the indoors look like the outdoors.

It is pulling these treasures out little by little that I wanted to talk about. A few go up without much thought, but there is a story behind most of them.

There is the mouse angel (a Little Cheeser) that started us off on a decades-long hunt for the rest of the set pieces (making up my favorite nativity set). Silly as it sounds, it reminds me: Cheeses saves!

There is the nutcracker our son gave us so the other

> nutcracker wouldn't lonely; there is the "I Love You" ornament our daughter made at the school for the deaf; there are the hollow egg upon which parishioner painted family,

holy By Rev. Keith Axberg star. manger-that

has survived for nearly 30 years and Lord only knows how many moves; and a wax angel ornament we received from another parishioner that has survived more than two decades, despite our moves and the summer's heat in central California.

We pull these out and we cannot help but stop, look, and ponder the love that has been packed into all these things.

One could argue they are only things, but they are not. They are treasures, precious and dear. Even if fire or thief were to take them away, the memories would arise from the ashes. They are not the same of course, but they are just as real.

When Jesus was born, we are told his mama listened to the songs of the angels and the tales of the shepherds and "she treasured all these things in her

As we have pulled our treasures out of the attic, garage, closets, or sheds this season, I hope that you will have joined me in taking some time to ponder the mysteries of the child who was born for us. May you find joy in your stockings, peace under your trees, hope in your hearts, and love in your homes. Merry Christmas to all of you in this our valley, and beyond.

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by Gail Banks

Merry Christmas!

Miracles happen every single day to all of us. Some we let go as if we do not even notice and some are so pronounced we have to sit up and pay attention to them. Many things happen in our lives that we so wish we knew the reason why; some we never know why—guess it just isn't for us to know. But then sometimes we do learn the reasons, many times years later in life. That is just how it is. That is life!

I want to tell you a very true story this Christmas season because I feel it is truly a lesson in life and so much a miracle. Like I said, it is true and I do leave some identifying items out for I am not here to tell this story to condemn or throw stones at anyone or make any judgments. That is not the moral to this story, as we all know sometimes people make really bad decisions in their lives. Not all those people making those decisions are bad people but just in really bad places in their lives and not thinking about the consequences of their decisions.

This happened over 60 years ago in a neighboring town. My dad and mom had taken some items to a family where the mom was sick and had five kids to take care of. My dad did not go into the house, he said. He just walked around outside the home. Thinking that he was hearing baby kittens crying, he followed the sound to an old wood shed. He pushed the door open to only find a bunch of garbage, but still the muffled cry was coming from the shed. He kicked around in the garbage to

see if he could find the kittens, but only saw a blanket covered in blood. He said he pushed on the blanket a bit to see if kittens were in it, and could not believe what he saw. A newborn baby was wrapped in the blanket, still alive but definitely fighting to

He said so many thoughts were going through his head. Who could put a baby out in the shed to basically die? Did not take too long to put it together—the mom inside the house was very ill, lots of kids to take care, having marital problems.

He said he took the baby in his arms and walked right into the house. He showed his wife what he had found and they confronted the woman. Sobbing, she said she wanted nothing to do with the baby. Dad called the local doctor, Dr. Hill, and told him the entire story. Dr. Hill came over, talked with the woman and told them all that he would take the baby, make sure it was taken care of and find a home for the baby boy. That is the last time they ever heard of the baby. Now, like I said, this was 60 some years ago. Through the years, I learned of the story as a young girl, remembering my folks talking that they wish they knew whatever happened to that

A few months ago, the baby boy that I speak of was in the situation with his adopted family that his father was very ill and they told him the entire story of how they got him from Dr. Hill and adopted him. They only knew the town he came from and a last name. He called the first name in the phone book and got the son of the lady who hid him in the shed to die. The son knew about the baby, for he was in the home when it all happened. You can imagine the conversation. For the children that were in the home that knew what their mother had done, it was guilt lifting to know he was alive. The mother had passed by then, as had Dr. Hill.

After hearing the story as much as they knew, they got a hold of me and asked if he could call my dad and talk to him to hear the entire story. My dad is a very strong man—been through many sorrows in his life—but when I told him that the baby boy he found, now a grown man wanted to meet

him and talk to him, he teared up. Sixty years to find out the rest of the story.

A couple in Helena, where he was raised, adopted the baby boy. He moved to the Seattle area, married, has seven children and is a police officer in the Seattle force.

This Christmas my dad received a letter from him and also a letter from his wife. Just a quote I would like to share from the wife's letter. "Hank, by saving Chuck's life as a baby, you gave life and joy to so many—including his seven children. Chuck is a wonderful, talented, smart, compassionate man. He is a great cop, amazing father, loyal friend and incredible husband. On behalf of so many, I want to say thank you for saving his life and getting involved in something you had nothing to do with. You didn't have to! With much

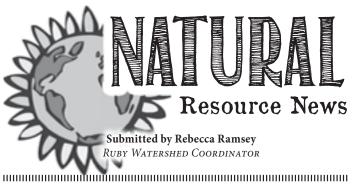
Need I say more? A miracle from our maker. I am so thankful that my nearly 91-year-old dad learned of the life of the baby boy. I only wish my mother would have, and Dr. Hill, before they passed. But then maybe they do know, and helped that baby along the way to a happy, deserving

So what else have we learned this week? Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I'm possible! We all know that mirrors do not lie, but we should be happy they do not laugh! He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. Do not count calories from Dec. 15 through Jan. 2! Do not despair if you are short on cash this holiday season—be creative. Looking back, you will discover that the Christmases when you had the least money were the ones that left you with the best memories! Let go of a problem you cannot solve and enjoy the holiday!

Happy birthday to Debbie Griebenow on Christmas day—turning the big 50! Good grief, and her mom's name was even

Do enjoy your Christmas season and remember the reason for the season! We have the snow, so make a snow angel. Play fox and geese in the snow. Enjoy!

"Throughout the season, give family and friends the gift of a sweet disposition....



Going down the drain

our drains or flush things down the toilet because we do not know where else to put them; it seems convenient and we think it cannot hurt anything. It is the "out of sight, out of mind" mentality that goes into disposing of our waste. But here is the thing—the only thing that should be going down the drains in your house is bath, dish and laundry water and human waste.

Whether you live in town and are hooked into a municipal sewer system, or you are on your own with some sort of septic system, you can do yourself a favor by paying attention to what you are putting down your drains and toilets. There are two major issues that occur when anything but your human waste

Often we put things down and waste water go down the drain—clogging of pipes in your house and in the delivery system to the treatment plant, and contamination of groundwater, surface water and your drinking water.

There are a whole slew of items that plumbers and public works employees have listed as things they have had to pull out of pipes and treatment lagoons, but here are some of the most abundant and damaging. Stop putting these down your drains or toilets:

- Feminine hygiene products and applicators
- Paper of any kind (including paper towels, facial tissue and shop towels) except toilet paper
 - Baby wipes, diapers Cigarette butts

have a garbage disposal, food particles can get hung up in the narrow pipes and bends

as they head to your treatment tanks or lagoons. Especially avoid coffee grounds, rice, stringy produce, eggshells, baking goods, dairy products, potato skins and pasta (all create buildups on their own).

Cat litter

Condoms

Chunks of garbage or

Cans, bottles, bottle

Storm drains or sump

Food-even if you

Rags

Toys

food waste

pump contents

caps

• Grease or oil of any kind, ever-Grease is the number one cause of sewer overflow and backups that can result in raw sewage overflowing into home—an expensive and unpleasant cleanup that has the potential for contact with disease-causing organisms, not to mention the increased operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments, causing higher bills for customers.

Increasingly, studies are showing contamination in our water sources from these things that are being dumped into drains and toilets.

- Prescription medications-wastewater treatment plants do not filter out these chemicals. Drug residue is affecting aquatic organisms and likely our own health.
- Solvents, turpentine, nail polish, nail polish remover
- Toxic chemicals such as anti-freeze or transmission fluids
- Corrosive substances that are acidic or caustic

So what can you do about all of this? Remember that only your bodily waste, kitchen, laundry and bath water should go out in the pipes of your house. Reduce your waste, reuse what you can, recycle what you can (paper, aluminum/steel cans, cardboard and No. 1 and No. 2 plastic in Madison County), compost natural materials, save food scraps to give your friends with chickens or pigs and take your prescription drugs to a disposal center. You can talk to your pharmacist or hospital about where to best dispose of drugs, and you can call the county sanitarian's office for any questions about disposing of other goods or chemical waste.

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New Year's Eve

Looking to make plans for this New Year's Eve? There are many options around the county.

Blue Moon Saloon in Cameron is having a dinner and dance, starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a buffet dinner. The In Back Steakhouse in Sheridan has a champagne special menu from 4 - 9 p.m. and reservations are recommended. Eat and then enjoy free jukebox plays and drink specials by calling 842-7632 and reserving your spot. They are also serving a New Year's Day breakfast buffet. Alder's favorite, Chick's Restaurant is having some amazing specials in addition to its regular menu: lobster, prime rib, prawn, Coho salmon and more. Call 842-7366 soon for reservations and to reserve your special meal.

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TAKING A LOOK BACK

Rehabilitation method has long, interesting history

Submitted by Kate Slawski and Taylor Schultz

Montana Heritage Commission

Practicing medicine in the late 1800s was filled with methods and machines that today would seem questionable and dangerous to the human body, but at the time were fresh and innovative. The electrotherapy machine located in the Dr. Don L. Byam house in Nevada City is one of those questionable creations. This machine uses electricity to heat or destroy tissue in the body through a method called diathermy. The Washington Times in October 1920 states, "Diathermic method actually seems to be the one most efficacious for the relief of organs in low physical condition no mater what cause, whether it be cancer

of the liver, stomach or the jammed radio police calls. intestines, large hemorrhages, blood poisoning, critical periods following serious sickness, etc." The three types of diathermy are microwave, shortwave and ultrasound, which were different positions on the radio frequency continuum. The Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) collection contains a highfrequency electrotherapy machine made by Frank S. Betz & Co. in Chicago, Ill. The levelers and switches were attached to a rectangular marble slab, which was housed in a wooden cabinet with four

Diathermy has also affected people in a nonmedical way as well. In 1954, according to the Popular Electronics Magazine, a Chicago woman's rented diathermy machine

Therefore, the police did not get the call in time notifying them of a bank robbery where a bank guard was killed and the criminal escaped with over \$10,000. That same year, there was a crash of a large airliner because a diathermy machine had interfered with landing signals. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) made public warnings about the diathermy machines affecting radar that helps prevent midair collisions between the airlines. These situations all happened with illegal diathermy machines due to the fact that in 1947 the FCC assigned only two radio frequencies for the machines. Owners had until 1953 to get rid of the machines that used the wrong frequencies, but it was estimated that in 1957

has been used for decades and is still used. Today health care professionals use diathermy to

there were still 10,000 in use.

This rehabilitation method

relieve pain, promote healing, reduce swelling, etc. Some of the devices used today use little to no heat at all. The model that is in the MHC collection is from the early 20th century, which means even though it is in the Byam house; it was never used by Dr. Byam during his lifetime. The Dr. Don L. Bvam resident in Nevada City was built in 1863 and housed the doctor and his family. Dr. Byam is well known for being an elected judge during the trial of George Ives in December 1863. Before his death in 1882, Dr. Byam held a medical practice and participated in mining where he had a claim in Bannock.

Madison Valley Aquatic Center pursues goal of building center in Madison Valley

Submitted by Jennifer Cashman Green **MVAC**

Madison Valley Aquatic Center (MVAC) had another busy and productive year, continuing in our goal of building an aquatic center here in the Madison Valley. We solicited accurate estimates of constructing our aquatic center from area construction companies. After

interviewing multiple firms as for a natural pool. MVAC and having many meetings, MVAC selected Langlas and Associates to assist us with the pricing for intermediary design and engineering questions that arise. Our most exciting news of the year would be the potential addition of a natural hot springs pool to the aquatic center. The hot water would be pumped from the artesian source, allowing MVAC to utilize the water as a heat source as well

has done a feasibility study and found that installation of the proposed system would pay itself off in approximately seven years, thus greatly reducing our carbon footprint and substantially decreasing the operating costs of the facility.

The MVAC capital campaign is also proceeding very well. We have been fortunate enough to meet with several potential donors and feel our project has been well received, generating multiple large donations. The MVAC board wants to wish you a Merry Christmas and looks forward to the community's future support. The MVAC monthly meetings are every third Thursday of each month at 8:15 a.m. at First Madison Valley Bank—please join us if you feel you have the time to donate to this cause.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

SHERIDAN

Monday, Dec 30 NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Dec. 31 NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Jan. 2

Breakfast: Cereal breakfast bar Lunch: Chicken strips

Friday, Jan. 3

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy Lunch: Tomato soup, ham and cheese roll

TWIN BRIDGES

Monday, Dec 30 NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Dec. 31 NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Jan. 2 Breakfast: Pop tart, yogurt Lunch: Burritos

Friday, Jan. 3

Breakfast: Cereal bar, breakfast pizza Lunch: Ham in potatoes

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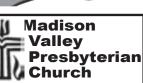
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10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** 9:00 a.m.





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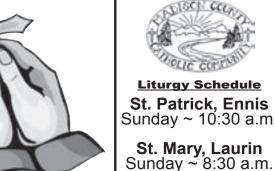
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> **Ruby Valley Food Pantry** Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION

The Town of Ennis is seeking an interested person to serve on the Ennis Town Commis-

The position requires the applicant to be a resident within the incorporated limits of the Town of Ennis. (The term being filled will go up for election at the next Municipal Election

for the Town of Ennis). If you are interested in this position, send a letter of interest to: Town of Ennis, PO Box 147. Ennis, MT. 59729, or it can be delivered to Ennis Town Hall. Deadline for letters of interest is December 30, 2013.

If you have any questions regarding this position you may call 682-4287 or come in to Town Hall during normal business hours. (Pub. Dec 12, 19, 26 2013) toe

NOTICE TO CREDITORS MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DIS COURT, MADISON COUNTY

IN RE ESTATE OF: JESSEE R. VON BERGEN, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever

Claims must either be mailed to Jaycee F. Von Bergen, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at Crowley Fleck PLLP, P. O. Box 797, Helena, MT 59624-0797, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct. //s// Jaycee F. Von Berger Personal Representative's Attorney: Daniel N. McLean Crowlev Fleck PLI P 900 North Last Chance Gulch,

Suite 200 P. O. Box 797 Helena, MT 59624-0797 Telephone: (406) 449-4165 (Pub. December 12, 19, 26 2013) cf

STATE OF MONTANA

COUNTY OF MADISON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE

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IN RE ESTATE OF CARLEEN G. CLARK, Deceased

Cause No. DP-29-2013-41

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

forever barred. Claims must either be mailed Barry Carter, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested c/o Braaksma & Miller, PLLC, 1283 North 14th Avenue, Suite 202, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

DATED this 6 day of December, 2013. /s/ Barry Carter Barry Carter Personal Representative Mark E. Miller BRAAKSMA & MILLER, PLLC 1283 North 14th Avenue Suite 202 Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 586-0839 mark@braaksmamillerlaw.com ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on January 28, 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

(Pub. December 12, 19, 26 2013) bm

Madison County, Montana: Lot 46B as shown on certificate of survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, page 940 (also known as Sportsman's Paradise No. 8) being a tract of land located in Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the clerk and recorder of Madison County,

Montana. Harold R. Peterson, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Stewart Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to IndyMac Bank, F.S. B., a federally chartered savings bank, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated February 24, 2004 and recorded on March 2, 2004 at 2:11 P.M., in Book 503 Records, Page 455. The beneficial interest is currently held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Com-

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SPMD 2004-A under the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2004. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Suc-cessor 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 \$621.39, beginning June 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 October 11, 2013 is \$82,607.24 principal, interest at the rate of 6.875% now totaling \$2,519.12, late charges in the amount of \$124.28 and other fees and expenses advanced of \$1,977.00, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$15.28 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, un less such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property

to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bank ruptcy 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 PUR-

Dated: September 23, 2013 Dalia Martinez Assistant Secretary First American Title Company, LLC Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho

County of Bingham

On this 23th day of September, 2013, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, know to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Succes sor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that he

Lisa J Tornabene Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Commission expires: Nov 6, 2018 Onewest Vs. Peterson 41482.883 (Pub. Dec 19, 26, 2013 & Jan 2, 2014) apps

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Ruby Valley Conservation District will change the meeting date for its regular first Wednesday of the month meeting to January 8, 2014 at the usual location, 402 South Main Street, Sheridan, Montana. Meeting time will be at 7:00 P.M. Shirley Galovic, District Administrator, (Pub. Dec 19, 26 2013) rvcd

MONTANA HERITAGE PRES-ERVATION AND DEVELOP-MENT COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-

1. On January 10th, 2014 at 1:00pm the Montana Heritage Commission will hold a public hearing at the Rehearsal Hall, located at 316 W. Idaho Street Virginia City, Montana, to consider the historical or non-historical value of the 0.689 acre parcel identified as VIRGINIA CITY ORIG TOWNSITE, S22, T06 S, R03 W, BLOCK 156, Lot 1 – 12 (parcel)

The Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission will be accepting public comment on the proposed sale of the

3. Concerned persons may submit their data. views, or arguments either orally or in writing at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to: Montana Heritage Preservation and Developmen Commission, P.O. Box 338 Virginia City, MT 59755, or e-mail mhc@mt.gov, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., January 9th 2013. (Needs to be the day before) 4. The Commission makes reasonable ac-

commodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to par-ticipate in a public hearing. Persons requiring accommodation need to contact the Commission concerning the nature of the accommodation. Please contact the Commis-

sion at 406-843-5247, mhc@mt.gov, or P.O. Box 338 Virginia City, Montana 59729. (Pub. Dec. 26, 2013, Jan. 2, 2014) mhc

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF A TAX TITLE PURSUANT TO MONT.

CODE ANN. § 15-18-413 Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §15-18-413 NO-TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. Dan Sebena and William Joseph Sebena of PO Box 835, Bozeman, Montana 59715. acquired the following-described real proplocated in Madison County, Montana by Tax Deed issued by the Madison County Treasurer on November 13, 2013, and recorded in the records of the Madison County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Mon tana on November 13, 2013 under Document No 153486

Lot 8 in Block 6 of the Original Townsite of Pony, Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of

record in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana;

2. As of the date of this Notice of Claim of a Tax Title, the estimated amount due on the property for delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and costs is: TAXES: \$103.58

PENALTY: \$ 1.33 **INTEREST: \$ 10.73** COST: \$641.20 TOTAL: \$756.84

3. For further specific information, reference must be made to the records in the office of the Madison County Treasurer Shelly Burke, P.O. Box 247, 100 East Wallace, Virginia City, Montana 59755; (406) 843-4212.

4. The name and address of record of the person in whose name the property was assessed or taxed is

The Heirs or Devisees of Hartman B. Manley. deceased, their interest being subject to the administration of the estate of said decedent (Address unknown) Hartman B. Manley PO Box 644

Hartman B. Manley 99 Frank Road, Trailer 31 Belgrade, Montana 59714

Pony, MT 59747

Manley Hartman c/o Vern Ballentyne 99 Frank Road, Trailer 31

Belgrade, MT 59714

Manley Hartman 99 Frank Road, Trailer 31 Belgrade, Montana 59714

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Joe Miles 99 Frank Road, Trailer 31 Belgrade, Montana 59714

5. Demand is made that the true owner shall within 30 days after the later of service or the first publication of the notice, pay to the county treasurer for use by the claimant the amount of taxes, interest, penalties, and costs as the same appear in the records of the County Treasurer to redeem the property or the true owner may bring a suit to quiet the true owner's title or to set aside the tax deed. /s/ Dan Sebena

Date: December 20, 2013 /s/ William Joseph Sebena Date: December 20, 2013 (Pub. Dec. 26, 2013, Jan. 2, 2014) bl&t

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 9, 2013, the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Sheridan, Montana (the "Town"), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the Town of Sheridan. Montana to Modify the Basis on Which Sewer Charges are Imposed and to Adjust Rates for the Users of

the System The Town Council (the "Council") has determined it is in the best interests of the Town to modify the basis on which sewer charges are

imposed and adjust the rates and charges for the use and availability of the System. The Town charges users of the System a monthly rate and charge for sewer service (the "Sewer Rate Charge") based on an equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU") methodolo-

The current Sewer Rate Charge is \$47.00

Effective as of the January 2014 billing, the Town proposes to modify its EDU methodology for imposing sewer rates and charges to be consistent with the methodology used for imposing rates and charges for the Town's water system. The EDU methodology will be based on the size of the water service line for each connection. For example, a 3/4 inch water service line, which is the standard water service line size for single family residential users, will be equal to 1 EDU. The following table shows the number of EDUs for each size of water service line: ... See chart below In addition to the Proposed Base Rate Charge, the Town proposes to add a monthly usage charge of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed per connection or proportionate charge for gallons of water consumed in excess of any 1,000 gallon increment (the "Proposed Usage Charge"). For each unmetered connection, the Town proposes to assume usage of 4,000 gallons of water per month, such that the Proposed Usage Charge for each unmetered connection will be \$8.00

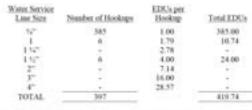
per month.
The monthly charge for the use and availability of the System is proposed to be the sum of the Proposed Base Rate Charge and the Proposed Usage Charge (such sum, the "Pro-

posed Monthly Charge").
For a user with a 3/4-inch metered water service using 4,000 gallons of water a month, the Proposed Monthly Charge would be \$51.00. For a user with a 1-inch metered water service using 4,000 gallons of water a month, the Proposed Monthly Charge would be \$84.97. For a user with a 1 ½-inch metered water service using 4,000 gallons of water a month, the Proposed Monthly Charge would be \$180.00. On January 13, 2014, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton Street, in Sheridan, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all protests against the proposed sewer rate

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Gail Leary, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Sheridan at (406) 842-5431.

Done by Order of the Council of the Town of Sheridan, Montana, this 9th day of December. 2013. /s/ Gail Leary

Town Clerk-Treasurer (Pub. Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 2014) tos



Effective as of the January 2014 billing, the Town proposes to amplement a base rate charge of \$43.00 per EDC as follows (the "Proposed Base Rate Charge"):

Water Service Line Size	Cost per EDU	Multiplier	Proposed Base Rate Charge
15"	\$43.00	1.00	\$ 43.00
1.15*	43.00	2.78	119.54
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4"	43.00	16.00	688.00 1.228.51



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the store and delivery vehicles

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•Previous experience propane sales preferred

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The Madison County Clerk and Recorder will be accepting applications for a Full time Clerk's position in the Clerk Recorder's Office. Applications, Job Description and Salary for this position may be obtained from the Madison County Clerk and Recorder by calling (406)843-4270. Applications must be submitted to the Madison County Clerk and Recorder. Deadline for this position is January 6, 2014. Wage follows Madison County Clerk schedule beginning at \$14.31. 9-2-b



Wanted: Dispatcher Full-Time 30-40 hrs/week Full Benefits

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To apply, submit application & resume to Sheriff's Dept. or County Finance Dept. in Virginia City Courthouse. Applications available

Applications available online: www.madison.mt.gov Accepting applications until the positions are filled. For more info: 843-4211 39-tfc-b

NOTICE OF BOARD

VACANCIES: The Madison County Board Commissioners vacancies on the Airport Board, representing the Twin Bridges area, the Big Hole River Advisory Board, the Big Sky Mountains, Trails, Recreation, and Parks District Board, the Planning Board, representing the Sheridan area, the Public Health Board representing Sheridan/Alder/Virginia City area, the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, representing Sheridan/Alder/Virginia City area, two positions on the Solid Waste Board, one representing the Twin Bridges, Harrison, Pony area, and one representing the Ennis area, and one position on the Taylor Cemetery Board. 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 , or visit our at www.madison. website mt.gov. 9-2-b

OPERATIONS MANAGER Needed for West Yellowstone, MT Hospitality company. Rewarding, stable work environment. rroberson@ yellowstonevacations.com 37-tfc-b

Head Bartender Wanted, 40 hrs per week. Starting wage \$10/hour. Apply in person at Cardwell Store, or send resume to cardwellstore@outlook.com. 3-tfc-b

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) The Ennis School District is seeking qualifications from engineering firms to design and provide construction oversight of parking lot improvements on school grounds. Both design and construction oversight will be provided by one firm. For more information, contact superintendent John Overstreet at (406)682-4258.

MISCELLANEOUS

Merry Christmas Ennis!

Joelle's thanks the community for its support and will be available for appointments. (406) 580-0109 or 596-0338 45-tfc-b

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FOR RENT: Large mobile home site 1 mile from Ennis. 100 x 150', water & sewer, country atmosphere, quiet. **NO DOGS**. 682-4854. 29-tfc

FOR RENT IN ENNIS: Office Space - 390 sq. ft. includes office, storage area & bathroom. Please contact Cindy at 682-3011 or 581-5372. 14-tfc

RENTAL in Harrison. 12 Center St, Harrison, 4 BD, 2BA, \$700 a mo. Call Baycroft's Prop. Mgmt, Inc. 406-560-3274 4-tfc-b

For rent in Ennis: 30x40 heated shop/storage. 581-7687 9-tfc-b

For Rent: 2 bed, includes W/D, half a block form Ennis Post Office. \$575/mo. Call 596-4596 9-2-p

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B9 Thursday, December 26, 2013

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

Free Christmas Dinner, Ennis

Sponsored by the Sciuchetti Family and friends of the community. Seniors, disabled and anyone who would like to celebrate is welcome. St. Patrick's Church. 12 – 3 p.m. Need a ride? 682-4775 for more info.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27

Live Music, Norris Billy Abel & Mandy Rowden (Acoustic) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

Holiday Film, Twin Bridges

Twin Bridges
Public Library
presents "The
Christmas Star"
compliments of
Joe Witherspoon.
3 p.m. Everyone
is welcome. Free.

Holiday Gala Dinner and Ball, Virginia City

Celebratina historic Christmas activity from the late 1860s. Turkey dinner and Grand Ball, music by Professor R. James Alexander's Music Ensemble. Formal or period attire requested. 21 yrs. and over. Tickets available now: 660-1453. 5:30 p.m. Masonic Lodge #1

Live Music, Norris Tommy Georges (Americana) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



"Sun Dog" Photo by Janet Dochnahl

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City

Public welcome. 9:30 a.m. Madison County Broadway Annex Building.

New Year's Eve Party, Cameron

Blue Moon Saloon invites you to a NYE buffet dinner and a dance. \$15 per person. 6:30 p.m. 682-4555

New Year's Eve Party, Ennis Students can join friends at

Ennis Fish Bowl to

ring in the New

Year. 8 p.m. – midnight. \$20 at the door includes unlimited fun, pizza and soda. 682-7406

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

THURSDAY JANUARY 2

MVWC Meeting, Ennis

Regular meeting of the Madison Valley Woman's Club, 12 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church.

FRIDAY JANUARY 3

HS Basketball
Harrison @
Sheridan
2:30 p.m.
Twin Bridges @
Shields Valley
2:30 p.m.
Ennis @ Lima
5:30 p.m.

Live Music, Norris John Adam Smith (Original Roots/ Folk) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SATURDAY JANUARY 4

HS Basketball

Twin Bridges vs.
West Yellowstone
1:30 p.m.
Sheridan @ Lone
Peak 2 p.m.
Ennis vs.
Manhattan
Christian
2:30 p.m.
Harrison vs.
Lima 5:30 p.m.

Live Music, Norris
Bozo Mojo

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

SUNDAY JANUARY 5

Live Music, Norris The Northern Boys (Folk/Fusion) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

MONDAY JANUARY 6

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City Public welcome.

9:30 a.m.
Madison County
Broadway
Annex Building.

THURSDAY JANUARY 9

Reading Group Meeting, Jeffers Annual potluck

lunch and 2014 book selections. 12 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church. 682-7244

HS Basketball, Ennis

Harrison @ Ennis 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY JANUARY 10

HS Basketball
Twin Bridges
vs. Whitehall

2:30 p.m.
Harrison vs. West
Yellowstone
2:30 p.m.
Ennis @ WSS
2:30 p.m.
Sheridan @
Manhattan
Christian 4 p.m.

Live Music, Norris Chad Okrusch (Modern Folk) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SATURDAY JANUARY 11

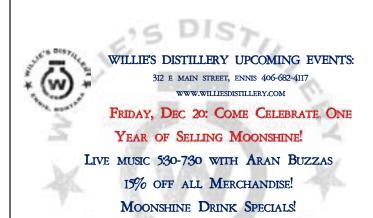
World Religion Class, Ennis

An ECE offered series. First of three: "Complementary Messages". 10 a.m. Ennis Jr. High School. 682-4237 to register.

HS Basketball Sheridan vs.

Sheridan vs. Gardiner 2:30 p.m. Twin Bridges

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Live Music, Norris Shea Stewart (Hill Country Blues) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SUNDAY JANUARY 12

Live Music, Norris Tom Murphy (Thermal Grass) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

MONDAY JANUARY 13

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City Public welcome. 9:30 a.m. Madison County Broadway Annex Building.

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

TUESDAY JANUARY 14

School Board Meeting, Sheridan Regular Meeting. 7 p.m. CB Murray

Room. 842-5302

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15

School Board Meeting, Ennis Regular meeting. 5 p.m. EHS, Room 3 682-4258

THURSDAY **JANUARY 16**

HS Basketball Harrison vs. Manhattan

Christian 2:30 p.m. Sheridan vs. Twin Bridges 4 p.m.

FRIDAY JANUARY 17

HS Basketball Ennis vs. Gardiner 2:30 p.m.

Harrison @ Shields Valley 2:30 p.m. Twin Bridges vs. Lima 5:30 p.m.

Ice Fishing Tournament. Hebgen Lake NAIFC Qualifier January 17 – 19. Demos, kids events, regional qualifier with cash prizes and awards. Visit the NAIFC website to register

Live Music, Norris Tommy Georges (Americana) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

your team.

SATURDAY JANUARY 18

World Religion Class, Ennis An ECE offered series. Second of three: "Exemplary Women". 10 a.m. Ennis Jr. High School. 682-

4237 to register.

HS Basketball, Sheridan Sheridan vs. Ennis 4 p.m.

Live Music, Norris Queen Mab (Celtic/Folk) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SUNDAY JANUARY 19

Live Music, Norris Free Radicals (Acoustic Blues/ Rock/Americana) 7 p.m. Norris **Hot Springs**

MONDAY JANUARY 20

Commissioner's Meeting. Virginia City Public welcome. 9:30 a.m. Madison County Broadway

Annex Building.

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TUESDAY JANUARY 21

School Board Meeting, Twin **Bridges** Regular Meeting. 7 p.m. Montana

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THURSDAY JANUARY 23

HS Basketball, **Ennis** Ennis vs. Lima 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY **JANUARY 24**

HS Basketball Harrison vs. Twin Bridges 2:30 p.m. Sheridan vs. Lone Peak 4 p.m. Ennis @ West Yellowstone 4 p.m.

Live Music, Norris Ian Arnold (Indie Acoustic) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SATURDAY **JANUARY 25**

World Religion Class, Ennis An ECE offered series. Three of three: "Auspicious Signs and Miracles". 10 a.m. Ennis Jr. High School. 682-4237.

HS Basketball Twin Bridges vs. Gardiner 2:30 p.m. Sheridan @ WSS 4 p.m. Harrison vs. Lone

Peak 4 p.m.

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

SUNDAY JANUARY 26

Live Music, Norris Coyote Gypsies (Eclectic Klezmer Blues) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

MONDAY JANUARY 27

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City Public welcome. 9:30 a.m. Madison County Broadway Annex Building.

FRIDAY **JANUARY 31**

HS Basketball Ennis vs. Twin Bridges 1 p.m. Harrison Vs. WSS 2:30 p.m. Sheridan @ Lima 5:30 p.m.

Live Music, Norris Aaron Williams (Rock/Reggae/ Folk) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1

Live Music, Norris Chad Ball (Folk/ Blues) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

Live Music, Norris 907 Britt/Britt Smith (Original Acoustic Americana) 7 p.m. Norris Hot Springs





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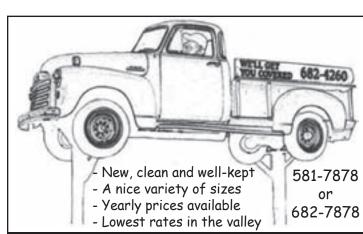
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