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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 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 so we were only able to get the

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## COMMUNITY CONCERN



Photo by Steve DiGiovanna

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 Googe.

The CHC is a private, not-for-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 my 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 initial-

ly because she was bombarded with questions from Sheridan-area residents.

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

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 evaluated 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 or does not meet 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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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

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

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 and Norris was the same, Young

said.

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 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, according to Morris.

## MC Public health department hires nurse

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The Board of Madison County Commissioners approved the recommendation 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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## A message from The Madisionian and Ross Winslow, photographer

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

The Madisionian apologizes to Mr. Winslow for the misrepresentation of his opinions regarding the bighorn sheep transplant—The Madisionian 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] photo:

I am not part of the anti-sheep 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. Reason-

able 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 flip-pant with the very resources that make living in and visiting Montana extraordinary.

Ross Winslow  
West Yellowstone

## Harrington explains resignation

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, 2013.

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 re-

gards 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  
Sheridan

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

Dear Editor,

In Mr. Harper's letter to The Madisionian 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

not change."

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 Valley.

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 respects.

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

problem.

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-in-place 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.

I have seen that bikes are not just for the fearless and the brave 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

any recent college graduate to spend a year serving America, especially in Montana. Learn about my experience at savemobile.org.

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

## Great care every step of the way

A heartfelt thank you to family and friends for all the calls, visits, flowers, food, candy, good wishes and help since my accident the day before Thanksgiving.

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

Idaho Falls hospital home care and now the Ennis hospital. I am indeed thankful and grateful to live where I do.

Merry Christmas to all!  
Lois Walsh  
Ennis

## Blue Moon throws a great Christmas party

The staff at Madison Valley Manor wishes to say thank you to Brenda, Jerry and Dustin Clark. We had our annual staff Christmas party at the Blue Moon in Cameron and once again they did a superb job. The food was excellent and so

was the entertainment. Thank you for a wonderful time.

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 Taylor.

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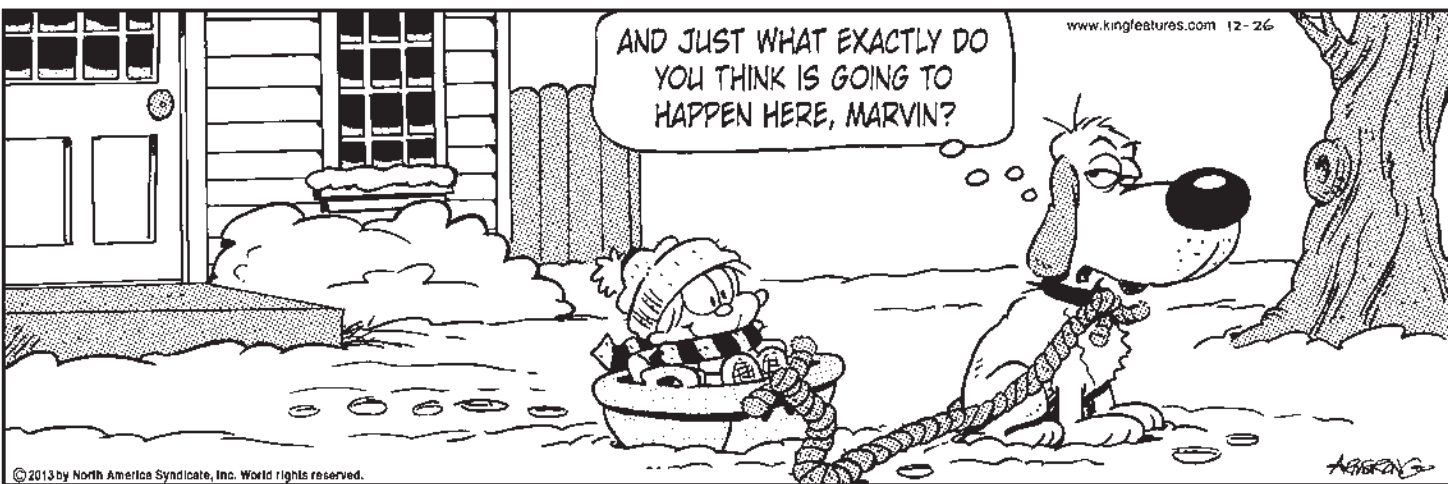
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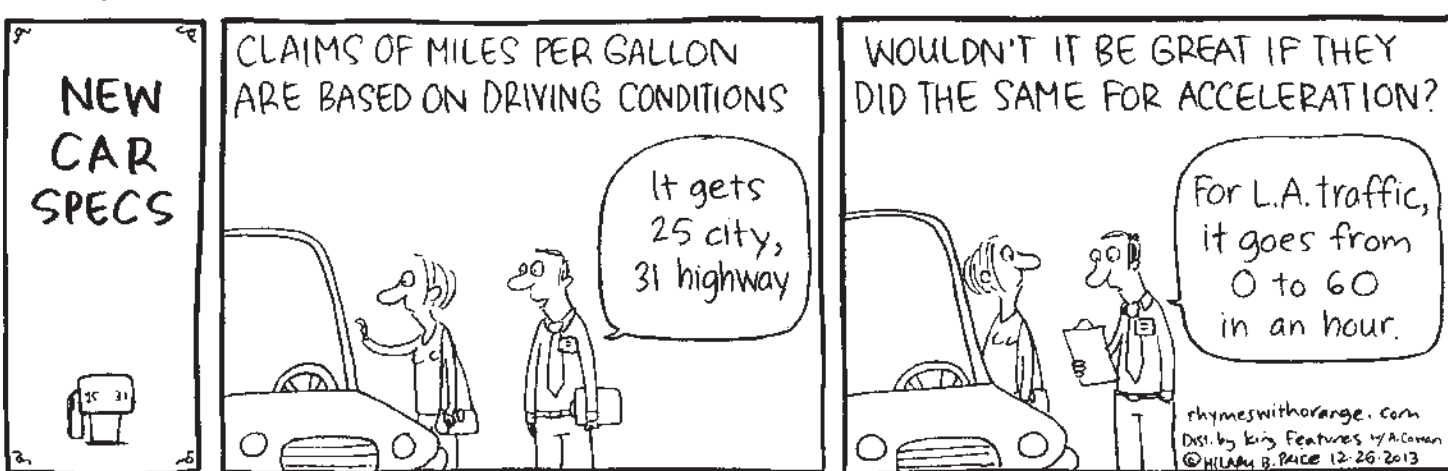
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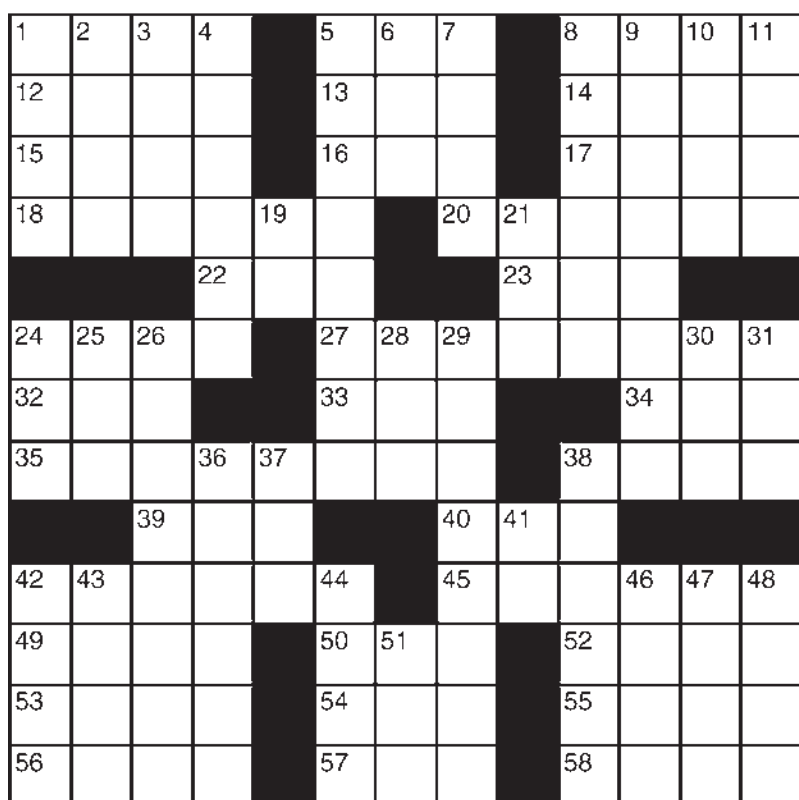
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By Janet Tharpe

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- Janet

### Mushroom Barley Soup

**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.

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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 Mountaineer-

ing 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 candidates.

"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 well-being 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



Photo by Gail Banks  
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 performing.

## Bannack skating pond scheduled to open

Submitted by Tom Lowe  
BANNACK STATE PARK

The Bannack ice skating pond 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. 26 through Jan. 1 for the Christmas vacation.

After Jan. 1, the skating pond will only be open on weekends 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

is a good selection of ice skates that are free to use. You can also watch Bannack videos in our warming house and children can enter the coloring contest.

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 and go ice-skating. Bannack State Park will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 so our employees can enjoy Christmas with their 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.



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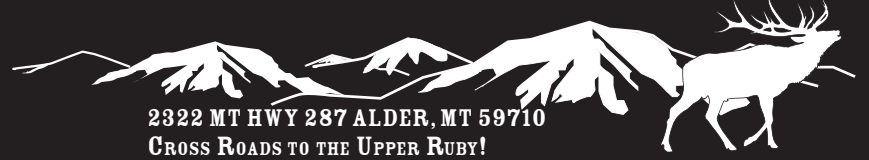
To register for a class call Emily at 842-5302.

# TOYS FOR TOTS



Submitted by Gail Banks  
 Pictured is Bill Hanley from Jefferson 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 will take the program over when Hanley decides to retire.

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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 sidewalk 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 renewal by Jan. 31, 2014. Town staff reminds dog owners that proof of rabies vaccination is necessary to receive a dog li-

cense.

Questions regarding these reminders can be obtained by calling Ennis Town Hall at 682-4287 or stopping by the office at 328 W. Main Street.

## 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

pizza party.

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

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**SCARED OF SANTA!?**

Photo by Gail Banks

Santa was attendance at the Veterans Community Christmas Dinner in Twin Bridges. Johnny, pictured, was not sure what to think of the man in red.

## 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 approved 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](mailto: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 your 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

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 birds.

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 February.

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The home of Wayne and Sandy Black, second place winners.

### 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 McKittrick 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 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.

- The Blue Heron Laurie and Jerry Taylor
- Javier Ramirez
- Kris Hauck
- Wayne and Sandy Black
- Sandi Johnson
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Sunday	Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 20 to 30. Lows 10 to 20.
Monday	Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 25 to 35.

*Quote of the Week:*

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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  
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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 month.

"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 to run.

"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  
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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 the 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" success.

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 well-deserved honor.

"From a 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 benefit.

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 be 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 reaction).

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 URIs 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 Academy of Pediatrics, published in the fall of 2013, that help a healthcare provider decide when antibiotics are necessary and when it is probably safe to hold off.

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 younger 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 all.

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 of "watchful waiting" for some patients which means treating 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

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 can 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 in the house, car or around the 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 the 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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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 recent appearance in the county. How do you stay healthy?

## Stay home when you are sick

The best ways to keep from getting sick are washing your hands thoroughly and frequently, covering your cough or sneeze by coughing or sneezing into your elbow or inner part of your arm and being immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. But what do you do if you get sick? How do you keep those around you from getting sick?

Wash your hands, cover your cough or sneeze and stay home. We are all guilty of going to work or school when we are sick. We feel we have too much to do. There may not be someone available to cover our duties when we are absent. We do not want to burden our co-workers 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.

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



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# SPORTS



Photos by Abigail Dennis

Senior Mustang Connor Sullivan drives to the basket for two points against a tough Twin Bridges defense.



Photo by Abigail Dennis

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

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 McKittrick 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 helped the Mustangs pull ahead in the third quarter, led by junior W. McKittrick. Sullivan had eight field goals and one free throw for a combined total of 17 points, while senior Braydon McKittrick racked up 11 points for the Mustangs. W. McKittrick 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

time.

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

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



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.

# BASKETBALL



**GIRLS**  
**Dec. 17**  
Sheridan 33 v. Lima 52  
Sheridan 13 5  
7 8—33  
Lima 8 16  
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 Woirhaye 2  
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

**Dec. 19**  
Twin Bridges 62 v. Ennis 21  
Twin Bridges 17 12  
15 18—62  
Ennis 4 8 8  
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 3  
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

Sheridan 13 West  
Yellowstone 57  
Sheridan 4 6 1  
2—13  
West 28 20 6  
3—57  
Sheridan - April Degel 3, Alexis Woirhaye 2, Cady Guinnane 2, Janie Smart 4, Mckenzy Shields 2  
West Yellowstone—Bailee Parker 4, Olivia Grosopodarek 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 3  
West Yellowstone- FT

Darby 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 12  
7—51  
Lone Peak 7 10 4  
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 Godoy 2.

Gardiner 59, Twin Bridges 55  
Twin Bridges 9 20 8  
18—55  
Gardiner 15 16 10  
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 7 13 6—43  
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 Marsh 16, Seth Green 12, Colter Kenworthy 7  
Lima—D'ee Mayer 20  
**Dec. 19**  
Twin Bridges 56 v. Ennis 73  
Twin Bridges 15 17  
11 13—56

Ennis 24 15 21  
13—73  
Twin Bridges—Nolan Konen 14, Tracen Eggers 3, Gabe Johnson 4, Woody Puckett 4, Jerricho Broksle 16, Tristen Guillot 4, Wesley Armstrong 5, Gibson Butler 4, Michael Walsh 1  
Ennis—Chad Johnson 6, Connor Sullivan 17, Brayden McKittrick 11, Reid Farnes 3, Walker McKittrick 23, Wes Goodman 5, Troy Fortner 2, Wylie Leo 6

Harrison 45 v. Lone Peak 49

**Dec. 20**  
Gardiner 73, Twin Bridges 57  
Twin Bridges -- Nolan Konen 9, Tracen Eggers 2, Gabe Johnson 6, Woody Puckett 12, Jerricho Broksle 13, Tristen Guillot 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 14.  
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 21  
16—70  
Lone Peak 8 6 14  
6—34  
Ennis — Chad Johnson 4, Connor Sullivan 13, Gabe Snider 5, Colten Clark 4, Braydon McKittrick 9, Reid Farnes 8, Walker McKittrick 14, Tyler Elliott 5, Wes Goodman 4, Troy Fortner 4.  
Lone Peak — Justin McKillop 4, Eddie Stantz 6, Quinn House 7, Trevor House 12, James Ramirez 5.

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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 provided the turkey and ham

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

The program part 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 Christmas tree as a family

outing by hitching up the team and going in the mountains and making homemade ice cream with everyone taking a 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. 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 Year.

## Christmas season at the Madison Valley Manor

Submitted by Julie Christensen  
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR,  
MADISON VALLEY MANOR

We had a wonderful turn 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 Bank. These contributions 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

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

savory.

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 Christmas.

## Our Manor

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  
heart.  
Brush out the dusty fears,

brush out

The cobwebs of your care,  
Till in the house that is  
your heart  
It's Christmas everywhere.  
Light every window up  
with love,  
And let your love shine  
through,  
That they who walk outside  
may share  
The blessed light with you.  
Then will the rooms with

joy be bright,

With peace the hearth be  
blessed,  
And Christ Himself will  
enter in  
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  
pretty.

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 main objective.

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

## Young Entrepreneur Foundation scholarship extends application deadline to January 2014

Submitted by Cynthia Magnuson  
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

non-renewable scholarships that recognize young people who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and 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 semi-finalists. 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-

finalist.

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

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 month.

"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 self-employed workers, added 856 jobs in November. Although employment continues to 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

energy index, rose by 0.2 percent in November, keeping inflation below historic levels.

Unemployment figures are seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted numbers remove the effects of events that follow a more or less regular month-to-month 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 1-800-541-3904.

COLUMNS

*This,*  
**OUR VALLEY:**

By Reverend Keith Axberg

**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 and—voilà—a tree that lights up right where we want it and when we want it.

That does seem to run against the 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 get lonely; there is the "I Love You" ornament our daughter made at the school for the deaf; there are the hollow egg upon which a parishioner painted the holy family, star, and 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 heart."

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.

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



**AROUND THE WOOD STOVE**

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 live.

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 baby boy.

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 gratitude."

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 life.

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 Mary.

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.... or try to."

**NATURAL Resource News**  
Submitted by Rebecca Ramsey  
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

*Going down the drain*

Often we put things down 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

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

- Cat litter
- Condoms
- Rags
- Chunks of garbage or food waste
- Cans, bottles, bottle caps
- Toys
- Storm drains or sump pump contents
- Food—even if you 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).
- 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 your 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, paint, 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.

Join them New Year's Day for a free hayride and chili feed.

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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 matter what cause, whether it be cancer

of the liver, stomach or the 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 high-frequency electrotherapy machine made by Frank S. Betz & Co. in Chicago, Ill. The levers and switches were attached to a rectangular marble slab, which was housed in a wooden cabinet with four legs.

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

jammed radio police calls. 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

there were still 10,000 in use. This rehabilitation method has been used for decades and is still used. Today health care professionals use diathermy to 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. Byam 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 1882. 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

The 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 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

as for a natural pool. MVAC 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  
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Lunch: Burritos

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 •High school diploma or GED  
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**NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:**  
 The Madison County Board of Commissioners has 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 the Sheridan/Alder/Virginia City area, the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, representing the 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](mailto:madco@madison.mt.gov), or visit our website at [www.madison.mt.gov](http://www.madison.mt.gov). 9-2-b

**OPERATIONS MANAGER**  
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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. 9-2-b

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Merry Christmas Ennis!

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

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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**  
Celebrating 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. Gardiner 2:30 p.m. Twin Bridges

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2:30 p.m.

**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 your team.

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

## 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.

## TUESDAY JANUARY 21

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

## 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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