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SPORTSMAN'S LODGE IN ENNIS BURNS

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The front dining room of the Sportsman's Lodge in Ennis was destroyed by a fire on Jan. 20; the bar and casino area sustained burn and smoke damage.



In the early morning hours of Jan. 20, the Ennis restaurant and bar caught fire

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Madison County dispatch was contacted at approximately 2:40 a.m. on Jan. 20 with reports of a fire at the Sportsman's Lodge in Ennis, according to Sheriff Roger Thompson.

"The Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, along with the Harrison and Virginia City fire departments, responded," Thompson told *The Madisonian*. "The Ennis Ambulance was in support." The Madison County Sheriff's Office was also a first responder and assisted with directing traffic.

Though Thompson said he could not confirm if the building was a "total loss," he did say the main structure was heavily damaged. The call for assistance came from an employee, Thompson said. There were no injuries.

Madison County director of emergency management Chris Mumme said the Sheridan and Heben Basin fire departments arrived on scene to help as well.

"The dining room area is a total loss," Mumme said. "The back bar area and casino have a lot of smoke and heat damage – the extent of the damage is not determined."

Mumme said Ennis fire chief Shawn Christensen was the incident commander – Christensen organized an exterior defensive attack, essentially, the firefighters surrounded the establishment to contain the flames and were able to save all the cabins that surround the restaurant.

"(Christensen) really appreciates the efforts from all the fire departments and everyone who helped out," Mumme said.

More than 400,000 gallons of water were expended fighting the fire and the Madison County maintenance department and the Montana Department of Transportation arrived to spread gravel on the area to prevent firefighters from slipping on ice, which was a result of the amount of water used and cold temperatures.

Mumme said the fire was contained around 7:30 a.m., and crews were finishing mop up around noon on Tuesday.

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Sheridan Library moves forward with construction of addition

The first phase of construction will provide a climate-controlled room for archives

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The Sheridan Public Library is the local repository for thousands of historical articles, documents and photos relating to the Ruby Valley, according to Friends of the Library member Carol Delisi.

"We don't have a museum or a place right in Sheridan for these historical documents, or even all the photos," Delisi said, explaining why the library board and friends came up with the idea for an expansion. "We don't have a great place to store them."

The library's project – Sheridan Preservation and Assistance in Community Education (S.P.A.C.E.) – just began its first phase, which will construct a state-approved archive space for the historical collection.

When completed, the expansion will be a 528 square foot archival area, which will be an addition on the north side of the library building. Delisi said phase one should be completed by the end of April. The estimated cost for the construction and furnishing of the archival room is \$95,000 – the fundraising campaign already has \$73,000 and grant writer Diana Smith is still working on grants to bridge the funding gap, Delisi added.

Before the project was finalized, the library board and friends of the library reached out to the community.

"We asked the community what they thought was important," Delisi said. "Everyone wanted a safe place to store Sheridan's history. The other important part was being able to access that history. If people

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Future funding unsure for USGS Varney Bridge gage

Without funding, the USGS gage near Varney Bridge will not operate next season

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The United States Geological Survey water-monitoring gage located near the Varney Bridge will not operate this year because previous funding sources can no longer pay for it, according to Madison Watershed Coordinator Sunni Heikes-Knapton.

"It's an important piece of information for all kinds of people who use the river," Heikes-Knapton said. "It got 24,000 web hits just last year."

In 2010, a group of various organizations like the

Madison River Foundation, the Madison Conservation District, PPL Montana and the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology partnered with the USGS to reactivate the Varney Bridge gage, Heikes-Knapton said. USGS gages collect information on water flow, water temperatures, air temperatures and more.

"The previous supporters have run out of money," Heikes-Knapton said. "Unless we find another source to support it, it will be shut down."

Ennis resident John Way is a fly-fishing guide who owns

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SADIE IS HOME

After more than 4 months without his companion dog, Bobby Bock and Sadie are reunited

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Christmas Eve 2014 was one of the worst nights of Bobby Bock's life. Bock, who lives in Ennis, said Christmas is usually his favorite holiday, but this year he was without his companion dog and best friend, a golden retriever named Sadie.

Sadie was taken from Bock's yard at the south end of downtown Ennis on Sept. 12 at approximately 10 a.m.

The town instantly rallied around Bock, creating flyers and posting them all over the area and sharing the

information via Facebook.

If Christmas Eve was one of Bock's worst nights, Christmas Day was one of his best days.

One of Bock's friends in Ennis received an anonymous call from someone in California who had seen photos of Sadie shared on Facebook and thought he or she knew where

the dog was. After a little more digging, Bock's friends uncovered a Facebook profile of a man living in California who traveled around Montana, Wyoming and Idaho earlier in 2014 and returned home with a golden retriever.

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Photo courtesy of Kelly Kivlin
Sadie the golden retriever is Bobby Bock's best friend and companion dog.

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want to do research, they will be able to go in there easily and get to the documents.”

Library board member Carol Lee Swager said the new archive room will preserve documents that are important to the whole town.

“We’re preserving all the old records that go back to the 1800s for the city, the fire department and the woman’s club,” Swager said. “Some of them are even stored underneath my house right now.”

Swager said many documents were temporarily stored in a small room at the fire department, but she took them several years ago to keep them safe at her home.

“Everyone is interested in the preservation,” she said. “But people will get more and more interested when they see how they will be able to access them.”

Phase two

Though phase one is in the works, phase two will happen much farther down the road.

“The larger portion is phase two,” Delisi explained. “It will include an expansion area for books and an expanded children’s reading area. The other thing we’re really looking forward to is a community room because many groups use the library and put on programs.”

The estimated budget for phase two is \$681,750 – fundraising for that has not started yet, but Delisi said the library received a donation from the James Cox Kennedy Foundation for \$250,000 for the construc-

tion of the community room.

“We haven’t started the capital campaign for phase two,” she said. “We will start that after the completion of phase one.”

With the completion of phase one, library director Bill Talbott said the library will also work toward digitizing all the documents, which will be an “ongoing process.”

“Generally, the project will more than triple our floor space,” he added. “It will give us the opportunity to use the library in new and exciting ways.”



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The current Sheridan Public Library does not have room for the town’s archives, which is why an addition is currently under construction.

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a fly shop in town. Way is also on the Montana State Board of Outfitters. He said the Varney gage is incredibly important for the fly-fishing community.

“Most of the guides I know look at the gage,” he said. “The guides in Ennis use that portion of the river more than the rest and (the gage) gives us an accurate reading of what’s

happening in our backyard.”

Way prints out the USGS information daily and even has copies available for people to pick up at his shop downtown.

“It tells us flow and change in flow in real time,” he said. “Especially in the spring and early summer, when flows are drastically changing, it’s really important.”

The Varney gage covers the Madison River along the most recreated stretch of river, Heikes-Knapton said. It is the only gage between the one south of Cameron near the Sun Ranch and the Ennis Dam, north of town – nearly a 50 mile stretch of river, Heikes-Knapton added.

The gage has run from March through October

every year since 2010 and it costs \$11,000 to monitor and distribute the information.

Way said losing that information will make his job – and the job of all Madison River fishing guides – harder.

“It’s an important tool in our arsenal,” he said. “It’s a reference point on the river to look at.”

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“They said, ‘We think it’s Sadie but you need to come look at the computer and see what you think,’” Bock said. “The first picture they showed me, I knew it was her.”

The man who took Sadie created a Facebook photo album journaling his tour of the Western states, and Bock said the first photo with a golden retriever was taken approximately 15 miles south of Ennis 10 minutes after Sadie disappeared on Sept. 12.

“He claimed he found her all muddy and matted but that’s not true,” Bock said. “She is always with me.”

Four days before Christmas, Bock turned to prayer for comfort in a dark time. He lit a candle and placed a photo of Sadie with photos of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

“Four days later that call came in,” Bock said. “I can’t think that’s a coincidence.”

Bock contacted the Madison County Sheriff’s Office to figure out a next step. He and six friends wrote letters ensuring with 100 percent confidence that the dog in the photos on Facebook was Sadie and gave those to the sheriff as well – the

sheriff then contacted the sheriff’s department in California.

While the two sheriff’s offices were communicating, a friend of a friend living in California contacted the man who had Sadie directly and requested he take the dog to a specific veterinary clinic in California to guarantee she was in good health. The date of the vet appointment was initially Jan. 6 – if the man brought Sadie in without issue, Bock said he would not press charges. However, when the veterinary clinic had an opening on Monday, Jan. 5, and the man was contacted to bring Sadie in earlier, he balked at the idea, Bock said.

The California sheriff’s office went to the man’s house and told him if he refused to bring Sadie to the vet, they would issue a warrant, Bock said.

Two of Bock’s Ennis friends got a rental car from the Noack’s, free of charge, and traveled to California with Bock in tow to pick up Sadie.

“That’s just one of the many examples of how kind-hearted and incredible the people of Madison County are,” Bock said of the couple who helped him. “The whole thing has been a miracle.”

The instant Sadie heard

Bock’s voice she was her lively self, tail wagging and jumping to get to him. Now, the best friends are home and Bock said

he is still “beside himself.”


“I still just look at her when she’s by my chair and go, ‘Sadie, is this real?’”



Photo courtesy of Kelly Kivlin
 When Bobby Bock was reunited with his dog, Sadie, he said he could hardly believe it was real.

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BIG SKY WATERSHED CORPS MEMBER GETS TO WORK IN RUBY VALLEY

David Stout will focus on a drought resiliency program for the next year

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**Editor's note: Madison County is home to three new Big Sky Watershed Corps members this year – we will be introducing one a week for the next three weeks. First, meet David Stout.*

This is not David Stout's first rodeo. He previously worked with the Big Sky Watershed Corps in 2012 for the Lower Musselshell Conservation District based out of Roundup.

"I worked with different partners in the watershed focusing on ground water quality and surface water quality along the river and helping irrigators," Stout explained. "I also did some riparian re-vegetation work

and bank stabilization."

The BSWC is an Ameri-corps program that places members in a Montana watershed community, where they are under the supervision of a supervisor while assisting with projects ranging from data collection to water monitoring and more.

Stout grew up in northern Illinois and graduated college from DePaul University in Chicago. Stout initially worked for a conservation district in Illinois and then started working for Applied Ecological Services, focusing on ecosystem restoration across the Midwest.

"The Montana Conservation Corps is well known throughout the country as an excellent organization to work with," Stout said, explaining why he turned his thoughts to the west. "I come from eco-

logical restoration and I really like working in watershed management. I heard about the opportunity in the Ruby (Valley) and applying was an easy decision to make."

During his 11 month term, Stout will focus most of his efforts on creating a drought resiliency program – essentially, he will be working on ways to use the Ruby Valley as a model for creating drought resilience throughout a watershed.

"I'm going to be doing a lot of project based work," he said. "First, I'll be taking inventory of all the data we have already because there has been a lot of really great work done in the Ruby on everything from surface water to ground water ... using that as a stepping stone to create projects that will have a cumulative impact

on the amount of water and the quality of that water is the best way to do it."

Stout said he hopes to implement some of the project ideas by the end of his term.

Ruby Watershed Coordinator Rebecca Ramsey said she is excited to have Stout serving with the organization.

"He is going to be doing an inventory of the Ruby watershed including what information is available such as various maps and studies to really tell the story of the history of agriculture in the Ruby Valley and what it looks like currently and what it may look like in the future," Ramsey said. "Then he is going to identify potential projects and then implement them and create a plan for implementation in the future."



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Ramsey
David Stout works at his office in Sheridan.

TWIN BRIDGES 8TH-GRADER PLACES FIRST IN STATEWIDE CONTEST

Blu Keim's essay for the Montana Mining Association discussed minerals and metals in the digital world

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"When you log onto your computer desktop, do you ever sit and wonder about what made your Internet access possible?" Twin Bridges eighth-grader Blu Keim introduced an essay about minerals, metals and the world of technology with that simple question.

Keim likes math. She also plays basketball and runs track and cross-country. This year, as part of her science grade, Keim and the rest of her class participated in statewide contest hosted by

the Montana Mining Association (MMA) – in late December, the MMA informed Keim and the school that she had placed first out of all the eighth-graders who participated across the state.

"It took us all about two and a half weeks to research the topic and write it," Keim said. "It was a big part of our science grade."

The essay prompt focused on exploring what role mineral and metal mining has in the digital world.

"Mining is how Montana got its start," Keim said, explaining the importance mining has on the state. "There was gold in Vir-

ginia City and copper in Butte."



What Keim discovered throughout her research is that mining is an important piece of Montana's history, but is also relevant in the world today.

"If you snap a picture of your gourmet dinner to Pinterest or text a silly face to your best friend, your cyber-actions are transported into the digital world by the help of minerals," Keim writes in her essay. "The minerals Arsenic and Gallium are used to make the amplifier and receiver in a cellular phone, allowing us to send and receive pictures and texts from and on our mobile phones."

In her essay conclusion, Keim comes to the realization that mining is incredibly important in the modern world.

"Realizing how far the world has come just because of these small, maybe even microscopic minerals and metals, seems like a miraculous event to the human race. Also, remembering that without prospectors and miners of the early days, humans would not have the helpful technology such as mobile phones, computers, or even the internet, that we all take for granted every now and again."

Twin Bridges Elementary School principal Brian Smith

said Keim is an excellent student and a leader in her class.

"She has a terrific attitude about school and excels outside the classroom as well," Smith said. "Her winning this award is a testament to her work ethic and her prowess in school and her writing ability."

Placing first in the contest was a "surprise," Keim said. For her writing, she received a \$400 check from the MMA – which she is not yet sure how she will spend – and will travel to Fairmont in May to read her essay to the mining association at their annual conference.

SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD

Sheridan uses state grant to improve school safety

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The Sheridan school board unanimously voted to approve the purchase and installation of magnetic locks on all 11 of the school's exterior doors at their regular board meeting on Jan. 13, 2015.

"We've been getting a lot of bids from different outfits to use magnetic locks on all exterior doors," Superintendent

Mike Wetherbee explained. "The doors work with fobs – a computer chip opens the door and they can be deactivated if a key goes missing."

Another perk of the system allows both school secretaries to lockdown the building with the click of a button.

The school board approved a bid for \$38,000 for the 11 exterior doors, Wetherbee explained. He added the project will be completed in February.

The money for the project

is from a building reserve fund for the purposes of safety and security improvements, according to school clerk Becky Larsen.

"The district was able to make transfers ... from each general fund at the end of FY13 and FY14," Larsen told *The Madisonian*. "The original transfer amounts for FY13 were \$7,000 on the high school side and \$44,200 on the elementary school side. The transfer amounts in FY14 were

\$6,600 for the high school and \$4,000 for the elementary."

The board was able to make the transfer following the 2013 legislative session, where Senate Bill 348 was passed – the bill allowed school districts to transfer funds from any budgeted or non-budgeted fund, except the debt service fund or retirement fund for the purpose of safety improvements, Larsen said.

"This money needs to be expended by June 30,

2015, or it will need to be transferred back to the originating fund," she added.

Board chairperson Rhonda Boyd said the school board created a safety committee at least two years ago – the new door system is just one project the board hopes to complete.

"School safety has obviously been in media headlines for years now," Boyd said. "We have concerned parents, students and community members. It's something that needs to

be part of what we focus on in the school. Hopefully a crisis will never happen, but it's important to have a plan."

Up next on Wetherbee's agenda? Putting an interior door in the elementary to divide the classrooms from the front of the building, which is often used by the community.

"Our elementary is relatively safe as it is," he said. "But we're looking at putting in doors to create an access restriction point."

LEGISLATIVE FEATURE

Medicaid expansion: More than a legislative re-run

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Rep. Pat Noonan, D-Ramsay, does not see a good reason why Montana should not use federal money available under the Affordable Care Act for Medicaid expansion.

"We've all paid into this," Noonan said. "To get no return on our investment does not seem like a smart move."

Noonan says the money that would be coming back is money Montanans paid in taxes, and he will have to say that a lot in the next few months. He is going to be the sponsor of Gov. Steve Bullock's Medicaid expansion proposal, which will use the additional federal funding.

The plan would provide health care to as many as 70,000 uninsured Montanans and would cost the state nothing until 2017. That year, the state would pick up 5 percent of the cost and the federal government would pay 95 percent. After that, the state would eventually pay 10 percent.

With the current system,

the state pays 1/3 of the cost. In fiscal year 2013, the total cost of Montana Medicaid exceeded \$992 million. State projections say the cost will exceed \$1 billion this fiscal year and reach \$1.2 billion by 2016 under the current system.

Any new proposal that uses funds available under the Affordable Care Act will face a challenge from Republicans who are not comfortable with the conditions that come with the money – such as having Medicaid cover people earning up to 138 percent of the poverty level (around \$15,800 per year) and ceding control over the program to the federal government.

A small group of Republicans met several times over the interim and brainstormed ways to provide a solution without accepting more federal funds. Members of the group say the expansion offered under the Affordable Care Act is a disincentive for people to work, and that a state-based solution would be better.

Either way, the different proposals on expansion seek to fill a coverage gap for people

who earn between 50 and 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$11,500 a year. People earning less than \$6,000 a year can get Medicaid now, and people earning more than \$11,500 a year are eligible for coverage through the insurance exchange.

This battle might sound like a re-run. A bill to expand Medicaid with the plan under the Affordable Care Act failed in 2013 after a mistaken vote left the bill to die in committee.

One thing the Democrats have pledged to do differently this time is to get the bill moving earlier. In 2013, it did not see a committee hearing until March, and was essentially dead by the end of the month.

"There's a concerted effort to get the discussion moving sooner than last time," said Senate Minority Leader Jon Sesso, D-Butte.

But still, accepting federal money with the conditions of the Affordable Care Act faces considerable Republican opposition.

"Obamacare expansion is lazy," said Rep. Art Wittich, R-

Bozeman, one of the members of the informal working group.

Wittich and others have said covering people earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level is too much, and is a disincentive to work. He'd rather the Medicaid be capped out at 100 percent of the federal poverty level and be reformed to a type of managed care, in which a case worker helps the people on Medicaid make health care decisions.

Sen. Fred Thomas, R-Stevensville, agreed with Wittich. Thomas said he wants Medicaid to cover only the poorest and most vulnerable people – like veterans, people with disabilities and parents who earn less than \$11,500 a year. He said expansion under the Affordable Care Act would make "able-bodied childless adults" eligible for Medicaid.

He also said the state would be able to pay for case workers with the savings they would create by choosing quality low-cost options for Medicaid recipients. And if that did not work, he said the \$300 million "rainy day fund"

Gov. Bullock insisted on 2013 session – and asked for again this session – could cover it.

"Obviously the money's there to take care of this," Thomas said.

Some Republicans are not totally against accepting available federal money, however.

Sen. Ed Buttrey, R-Great Falls, said he does not have a problem with accepting federal funds, but he has the same problem with the eligibility that Thomas does. He said the plan will have to address that for him to vote for it.

"It's going to have to be more than an all-inclusive plan," Buttrey said. "I'd like to have a plan where need is required."

Bullock's Medicaid expansion bill will likely start in the House Human Services committee, which is chaired by Rep. Wittich and controlled by a 10-7 Republican majority. This is where the rules deal negotiated in the first week may be instrumental. It gives both parties six chances to move a bill out of committee and onto the floor with 51 votes – the

move usually requires 60.

Legislators have said that at least 10 Republicans, if not more, would join with the Democrats to get the bill to the floor for debate, and that accepting federal funds has a chance to make it through both houses.

Noonan said that just shows that more people are realizing that a solution needs to be reached on this issue.

"Even some of the most staunchest critics have realized nothing is not an option," he said.

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Concern with anonymous complaints to conservation district

Dear Editor,

I read with consternation the article in the Jan. 14, 2014 edition of *The Madisonian* regarding a recent policy change of the Madison Conservation District. The conservation district is the agency issuing permits (Section 310) for construction or other activity that might encroach upon waterways or bodies in the Madison Valley. The CD is also tasked with issuing penalty orders for those that might have violated the Section 310 permit regulations. Heretofore, if a citizen observed a violation of the Section 310 permit regulations, the citizen would

be required to visit the conservation district office, prepare a complaint form and provide his or her name and other contact information. The conservation district has decided that going forward it will undertake investigation and enforcement on complaints made anonymously.

Last year I obtained a Section 310 permit for an improvement on my property and found the conservation district to be attentive, cordial, timely and professional. With that said, I find the conservation district's decision to act upon anonymous complaints to be out of character for Montana but also in conflict with the principles of our

Constitution. The Sixth Amendment provides the accused in a criminal matter the right to be "confronted with the witnesses against him." Yes, I understand a Section 310 fine levied by the conservation district likely does not rise to the level of a criminal prosecution, yet this does not diminish the rationale behind the Sixth Amendment's requirements. It is simply that every person should be able to confront and examine those that would complain against him or her. In every tyranny a weapon of the powerful has been use of anonymous complaints.

The conservation district says the rationale is that some

persons are afraid of making complaints. Is there a systemic pattern of threats or intimidation infesting the good will and honesty of our county? If so, I would like to know about it. The scale of justice demands that the rights of the accused be given greater weight in this matter.

I suggest the conservation district alter its policy and take complaints over the phone but as a condition of acting upon the same that it obtain the contact information of the complainant.

Jay Bingham
McAllister

Thanks to the Alder Rural Fire Department

We would like to take a moment to thank the Alder Rural Fire Department. We appreciate your quick response and all the help you gave us when we had a fire at our home on Jan. 6.

Many thanks,
Andy and Marilyn Verhove
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OBITUARIES

Sherry Moran Claypool July 1942 - January 15, 2015



A true gem in the Ruby Valley, Sherry Moran Claypool, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 73 years young.

On a rainy day in July Sherry was born on the Moran Ranch in Alder to parents Leonard and Mildred Moran. She went to school in Alder and continued in Sheridan.

Surrounded by friends and family on Nov. 22, 1959, Sherry married the love of her life, Frank Claypool in

Laurin. Sherry and Frank were ranchers in the Ruby Valley for more than 50 years. In addition to her love of the ranch, Sherry also shared her love and talents with the Alder Veterinary Clinic and the Sheridan School District.

Survivors include her loving husband, Frank, and their wonderful children: Patti of Livingston, Karen of Forsyth, Nancy (David) of Dixon, David of Firestone, Colo., Janet (Ryan) of Mis-soula and Ben (Jill) of

Johnstown, Colo. She will greatly miss her nine beautiful grandchildren: Andy, Addy, Isaac, Jennifer, Brian, Connor, Nathan, Clara and Lilah.

A celebration of Sherry's life will be held at the Alder Fire Hall on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. The family welcomes everyone to bring any notes or cards for the family, but most importantly, favorite memories. Private family placement of ashes will take place at a later date.

George "Becky" Albrecht May 13, 1922 - January 13, 2015



George "Becky" Albrecht, 92, of Alder died Jan. 13, 2015, at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan.

Becky was born May 13, 1922, to Hans and Blanche Albrecht in Sheridan. He spent the majority of his life in the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, trapper and cook. I guess you could say he loved to feed people. If he knew of some-

one who might be in need, he would make sure they had something to eat. Even as a child he fished and hunted to help feed his family.

Becky married Betty Jacob Felton on Dec. 15, 1949. Together they raised their four daughters.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty, his parents, eight brothers and sisters, son David and daughter Kimberly. He is survived by his

brother Bud; three daughters Dixie (Wayne), Carol (Victor) and Sandy (Richard); eight grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 19, 2015, at 2 p.m. from the K&L Mortuary Chapel at Sheridan with Rev. Frank Wesselius officiating. Interment with military honors followed in the Taylor Cemetery at Alder.

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Submitted by Tom Palmer
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

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"It is illegal to move bait fish between states," said

Eileen Ryce, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. "While this regulation is particularly easy to forget for anglers who may cross state lines during a single fishing trip, it is critical these days that we all take responsibility for monitoring our use of baitfish."

For details on the use of live bait in Montana check the Montana fishing regulations online at fwp.mt.gov.

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3 Ennis High School athletes recruited for college athletics

By Kurtis Koenig
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Kyler Elliot
Ennis High School student Kyler Elliot will take his baseball skills to Corban University in Salem, Ore., next year.

Elliot played for the Gallatin Valley Outlaws, a local co-op team, for the past several years. He also attended showcase tournaments in Arizona, Oregon and Washington.

"I wanted to go play where there were big programs," Elliot said.

The head coach of Corban University recognized his abilities and offered Elliot a chance to play ball for his NAIA program.

"He started a tournament for players out of Washington, Montana, Idaho and Oregon that allowed kids to play in front of college and pro scouts," Elliot said. "He liked what he saw and contacted me."

The head coach traveled to Montana to watch Elliot play,

which ultimately lead to a scholarship offer, Elliot said.

Elliot will play outfield, but he is also listed as a possible first baseman.

The steep tuition price tag for Corban is \$37,000 per year. Elliot's scholarship will cover \$20,000 of that. He plans to major in business, which he plans to add to after graduation, Elliot said.

Wylie Leo

Wylie Leo recently signed a letter of intent to play football for Montana Tech.

The Ennis High School standout was recruited to play running back for the 'Diggers while he pursues a degree in environmental engineering.

"Originally, I talked to recruiting coordinator Doug Schleeman," Leo said, "I talked more with the head coach [Chuck Morrell] when I was on a college visit."

Although Leo says he did not realize it was happening, the Orediggers have had their eye on him since the state championship game

played in November of 2013.

"(The Orediggers' coaching staff) watched a couple games this season," Leo said, "little to my knowledge, but they said they would be glad to have me."

Leo will receive a half tuition scholarship next season while he redshirts.

Now that Leo will be donning 'Digger green there is a good chance that he might get to square off against some of his old teammates (Walker McKittrick signed a letter of intent to play for University of Montana Western).

"It'll be different (playing Walker)," Leo said, "but I get a chance to play with some of my old rivals, so it will be a whole new experience for me."

Jake Lohrenz

Jake Lohrenz will parlay his pitching skills to the field in York, Neb., after graduating from Ennis High School.

The NAIA school will provide \$5,500 worth of scholarship money for Lohrenz's strong right arm, an amount that could be bumped to

as much as \$9,000 once he makes the varsity squad.

"The nice thing about York is that they have a (Junior Varsity) with 30-plus games," Lohrenz said, "that increases my chance of making varsity."

According to Lohrenz, the York coach estimates that a spot on varsity can be attained by the end of next season or possibly the year after.

The caliber of York's program is battle-tested.

"They played in the NAIA World Series two years ago and they've finished runner-up in their district for the past two years," Lohrenz said. "Up until that point, they won the division two years in a row."

Lohrenz will be a "PO" which is baseball-speak for "(right hand) pitcher only," but he may get to swing the lumber as well.

"The coach saw my video and said he thought I was good enough to use as a DH (designated hitter) too," Lohrenz said.

Lohrenz will start fall ball in 2015 as soon as he makes the journey to Nebraska, he said.

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Madison Valley History Association learns about Montana Centennial Train

Submitted by Larry Love
MADISON VALLEY
HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Madison Valley History Association had its first regular meeting of 2015. President Larry Love welcomed everyone back with a happy, healthy New Year.

After brief announcements, the program was on the Montana Centennial Train of 1964. This was probably Montana's biggest publicity stunt to promote the state. This was to celebrate Montana becoming a territory in 1864. The train consisted of about 25 railroad cars with murals of Montana's event painted on the sides. Inside the railroad cars were items, pictures and stories of Montana. They took along about 75 head of horses, mules and passengers who paid \$500 each to go. The train traveled through 18 states and culminated on Long Island, N.Y. The exhibits stayed there as part on the display for the World Fair in 1965 in the Montana Pavilion. This occurred during the term of Governor Tim Babcock. A lot of Montana dignitaries were on board, including

politicians, singers, cowboys, ranchers, farmers and others. It cost the state about \$500,000 and was worth every dollar of it. Some of the local people

who were on that train were Neil and Maud Morgan, Al and Violet Thexton, Pauline Hacker and Ida Schooler. The Madison Valley Side Saddle

Club was there and led many of the parades they were in.

The MVHA would like everyone to know the meetings are open to the public.



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Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 23 Alder
Welfare Check in 200 Blk Ruby St Sheridan

Jan. 12
Accident on MT Hwy 359 near Cardwell
Public Safety Complaint on Duncan District Rd Sheridan
Dog Complaint on S Rainbow Pt McAllister

Jan. 13
Wildlife Complaint US Hwy 287 MM 65 Norris

Alarm on Nye Rd Twin Bridges
Threats/Harassment in 200 Blk N Second St Ennis

Jan. 14
Vehicle on Roadway on MT Hwy 287 MM 32 Sheridan
VIN Inspection in 200 Blk S Boulder Rd Cardwell
Welfare Check on Laurin Loop Rd Sheridan
VIN Inspection on Britton Way Sheridan
Civil Service in 500 Blk Centennial Dr Sheridan

Jan. 15
Suspicious Person/Circumstance at Town Pump Ennis
Controlled Burn in Mammoth
Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 84 MM 16 Norris
Dog Complaint in 600 Blk

Middle Rd Sheridan
Unfounded 911 Call Virginia City
Welfare Check on S Boulder Rd Cardwell
Power Pole Sparking on Seyler Ln Twin Bridges
Controlled Burn on Cemetery Ln Ennis
Suspicious Person/Circumstance at Sher-mont Manor Sheridan
Wildlife Complaint in Laurin
Coroner Call in Alder

Jan. 16
Coroner Call in Sheridan
Unfounded 911 Call Spur Rd and Antler Ridge Rd Big Sky
Animal Problem at US Hwy 287 MM 73

Jan. 17
Suspicious Person/Circumstance in 200 Blk

Ruby St Sheridan
Suspicious Person/Circumstance on Cemetery Hill Rd Cardwell
Traffic Complaint at Norris Hot Springs Norris
Trespassing at 2300 Blk MT Hwy 41 S Twin Bridges
Unfounded 911 Call on Ruby St Sheridan
Public Safety Complaint in 200 Blk Pop-pleton St Sheridan
Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 4
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LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Gov. Bullock's top bills get hearings, bills proposed for increasing penalties for indecent exposure, injuring police horses and hunting violations

Submitted by Michael Wright
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In the second week of the 64th Montana Legislature, two initiatives from Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock's budget were opened up in joint appropriations subcommittees.

Bullock's infrastructure bill, the Build Montana act, got its first hearing in the joint subcommittee on long-range planning. Rep. Jeffrey Welborn, R-Dillon, the bill's sponsor, said it would invest more than \$380 million through a mix of cash and bonding, which he and other proponents of the bill lauded as a smart business decision.

"We do infrastructure, it's our job to do infrastructure," said Dan Villa, Bullock's budget director.

Contractors, architects and bankers spoke in support of using a mixture of bonding and cash to fund the bill. Many said Montana's good credit rating and low interest rates make this the right time to borrow.

Sen. Rick Ripley, R-Wolf Creek, vice chair of the committee, said the biggest debate over House Bill 5 will be whether the funding comes from borrowing money in the form of bonds or spending cash.

"I think bonding will be one of the biggest issues. I'd just as soon pay for it up front if we can," Ripley said.

The bill includes projects across Montana. More than \$68 million is allocated for projects in Eastern Montana. In 2013, Bullock vetoed a bill that would have provided around \$35 million in infrastructure projects to Eastern Montana.

Parts of the measure require a 3/4 majority vote on the House floor. That could lead to

projects being split into separate bills if some legislators do not support parts of the bill.

Villa urged the committee to leave the projects in one bill.

Hearings on mental health programs also opened this week, and brought in a line of people who urged legislators to put money into local care options instead of the state institutions like the state hospital in Warm Springs and the nursing home in Lewistown.

Gov. Bullock's budget allocates money for updates to both of those facilities, and does include some funding for local mental health care.

Chief Justice Mike McGrath speaks on the state of the judiciary and judiciary committees ramp up

Montana's Chief Justice Mike McGrath gave the State of the Judiciary address to a joint floor session of the legislature during the second week, saying a decreased budget had hurt the judiciary.

He said budget cuts had led to a personnel shortage in some departments, a court backlog and inadequate staff training. He also spoke about the value of having three branches of government for a system of checks and balances.

"An independent, adequately funded judiciary is key to a constitutional democracy," McGrath said.

Aside from that, the judiciary committees in both houses saw a lot of action this week.

The Senate Judiciary committee looked at a bill that would strengthen the law that prohibits secretly filming or watching someone when they have an expectation of privacy, even if that is in public.

Lewis and Clark County

Deputy County Attorney Luke Berger gave an example of a local case in which a man had hidden cameras in a women's bathroom and had more than 90 videos of women.

However, media organizations raised concerns that the statute might be too broad, and may prevent reporters from doing their jobs. Some language prohibited loitering around someone's home without his or her knowledge.

"It's sometimes important for them to be in front of somebody's house," said Dewey Bruce, president of the Montana Broadcasters Association.

The Attorney General's office requested the bill, and the office's legislative liaison Jon Bennion said he would be willing to work with the media on that concern, but did not think it was a big problem.

"Often it's easy to see a boogeyman where there isn't one," Bennion said.

A bill to include electronic communication in the indecent exposure statute drew support from prosecutors and victims' advocates in a Senate Judiciary hearing Wednesday.

The bill would criminalize indecent exposure by e-mail and other electronic communication and strengthens the penalty in cases where the victim is a minor.

The House Judiciary committee heard a bill that would create a voucher program to help get housing for people on parole who might not have other options at the time of their release.

"The idea of getting people into good housing situations is critical," said Rep. Margie MacDonald, D-Billings, the bill's sponsor.

Supporters testified that finding a new

home for paroled criminals helps ensure they will not be repeat offenders.

Bills seek to change election laws

The Senate State Administration committee saw two campaign bills Wednesday.

One would prohibit the placing of campaign signs on private property.

Commissioner of Political Practices Jonathan Motl said campaign sign placement is a frequent complaint his office hears.

Another bill seeks to update Montana law to match a 2012 court decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The court struck down a 1935 law prohibiting political parties from endorsing judicial candidates and making independent expenditures in those races. The decision left in place a ban on direct contributions.

The bill matches what the court decided in 2012 — allowing parties to endorse judicial candidates and make independent expenditures in those races, but leaving in place the ban on direct contribution and coordination with the candidates.

"What's on the books needs to conform with the courts," Motl said. His office requested both bills.

Lawmakers hear proposals for increasing fees for off-road use, strengthening penalties for hunting violations, allowing electronic signatures for hunting licenses

The House Fish and Game committee heard a bill to bump up the fees on out-of-staters who ride off-road vehicles in Montana.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Jeffrey Welborn, R-Dillon, would raise the fee for an out of state off-road vehicle permit

from \$5 to \$25, similar to fees charged by other states. Proponents of the bill said the proceeds would be used for trail maintenance and possibly noxious weed control.

Another bill would increase penalties on hunters who hunt from the road and landowners harassing hunters.

"This bill attempts to cut both ways," said Kelly Flynn, R-Townsend, the sponsor of the bill.

Flynn added that the bill comes after a hunting season marked by an increasing problem of hunters who chase large herds of elk along roads and sometimes even block roads to shoot into the center of the herd.

Wildlife organizations and sportsmen spoke in support of the bill. Lawrence Sickerson, a sportsman, spoke against the bill, saying it did not have enough teeth against landowners.

Sickerson told a story of going hunting with his son on public land and being harassed by a nearby landowner. He said the man who harassed him was fined \$135 and was allowed to go on his way, a penalty Sickerson thought was too little.

"They have a vested interest to bully and buffalo people away from hunting," Sickerson said.

Another bill to allow electronic signatures on hunting and fishing licenses passed out of the Senate.

Bills address raw honey sales, police horse protection

The House Judiciary committee took up a bill Monday to offer protection to police horses.

Livingston police officer Jessika Kynnett spoke to the committee about her horse Larry, the only police horse in the state.

"Larry does have his own badge," Kynnett said.

The bill, sponsored by Rep.

Margie MacDonald, D-Billings, would criminalize harming a police horse and fine the offender thousands of dollars. It would protect horses to the same degree dogs and police officers themselves are protected.

The bill was tabled in committee after Representatives asked if the fine was strong enough.

The Senate Agriculture committee also had a little fun this week when it heard a bill to allow raw honey to be sold at farmers' markets.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Lea Whitford, D-Cut Bank, would simply add raw honey to the list of unlicensed products that can be sold at farmers' markets in the state. It corrects a discrepancy between federal and state law. Federal law says raw honey is OK for sale, while the state law does not directly address it.

"In state law, the word honey is missing," said Cort Jensen, representing the Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Public Health and Human Services was in support of the bill, and says there are not health differences between raw and processed honey.

Montana has about 200 registered beekeepers, according to the Department of Agriculture. Beekeepers with less than 10 colonies are not required to register, and therefore are not included in the count.

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
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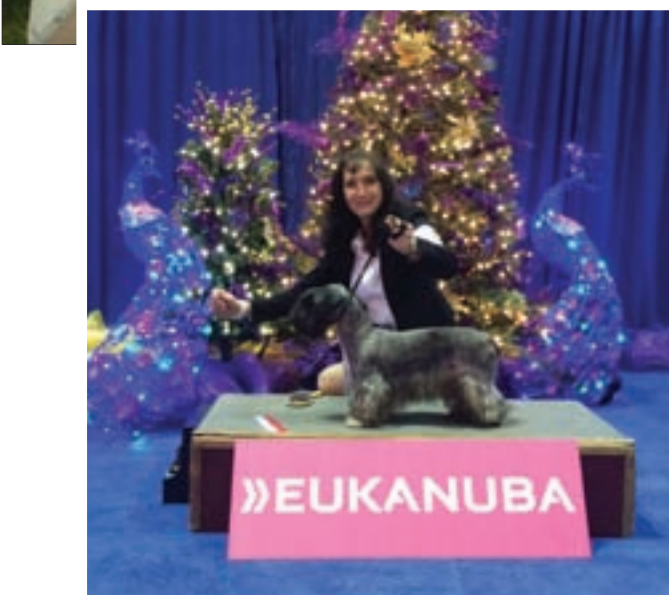
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BIG HORNS ON THE MOVE



Courtesy of Kathy Coontz
 On Jan. 6, 52 bighorn sheep were relocated from the Quake Lake area to the Wolf Creek drainage in the Madison Mountain Range by Fish, Wildlife and Parks, assisted by multiple volunteers.



Courtesy of Julie Gritten

McAllister resident Julie Gritten and her dog, China, are traveling to New York City in February for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

McAllister dog heads to Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Submitted by Julie Gritten


McAllister resident Julie Gritten and her young dog Champion CC's Angel Eye "China," will show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City in February.

China is a Cesky Terrier, which is a relatively new American Kennel Club breed. She recently received her

championship points at the world famous terrier week, Montgomery, last October in Pennsylvania at the age of 15 months. China went on to the Eukanuba National Championships in Orlando, Fla., winning even more points to qualify her for the Crufts International Dog Show in London March of 2015 and 2016.

It takes an enormous amount of work and travel

to get China to this point in her beginning career as a top show dog. In 2014, she was the top class female in her breed as a puppy. Gritten bought her from a breeder in Sweden as a 4-month-old puppy and she is owner/handled all the way meaning no professional ever handles her, but Gritten shows with China against professionals.



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo courtesy of Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian. The Madison County sky was on fire at sunset in Ennis a week ago.

4 PAWS RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



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Ruby Valley Hospital participates in national efforts for safer care

Submitted by Debra McNeill
RUBY VALLEY HOSPITAL

A new report from the Department of Health and Human Services shows that hospital stays are safer now than they were four years ago. Since 2010, 50,000 hospital deaths have been prevented nationwide, a savings of \$12 billion in health care costs. Patients are now at a lower risk for getting infections, being administered a drug incorrectly or being harmed during their hospital stay. The report also showed that hospital-acquired conditions were reduced by 1.3 million between 2010 and 2013.

Hospitals are finding innovative solutions to protect patients and their families. Ruby Valley Hospital partners with Mountain-Pacific Quality Health and Montana's Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization to actively participate in lo-

cal and national health care quality initiatives. These initiatives include reducing hospital readmission rates, reducing adverse drug events and preventing healthcare-associated infections.

"Delivery of safe patient care is always our number one priority at Ruby Valley Hospital. Currently we have implemented a new fall prevention program and have been very successful in reducing patient falls within the hospital," said Ted Woirhaye, RN, director of nursing.

Though patient care is improving, there is still work to be done. Ruby Valley Hospital is dedicated to continuing this trend of safer patient care.

"Areas we are currently in the process of improving are safer medication administration systems and decreasing hospital acquired infections," commented Woirhaye.

Critical medication administrations are double

checked for accuracy to assure patient safety. For more information regarding what Ruby Valley

Hospital is doing to improve patient care, please contact Woirhaye at 842-5453.



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Sunday



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Quote of the Week:

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Envisioning the future



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The Madison County commissioners – Dave Schulz, Jim Hart and Ron Nye – tour the construction site for the new courthouse annex on Jan. 12.

The building has a guaranteed maximum price of \$4,272,905 but the actual price tag may be less if the entire contingency fund is not used.

Commissioner Jim Hart (right) examines building plans with one of the project's architects.

County offices, like the clerk and recorder, will have more room for personnel and storage when they move into the new annex in June 2015.

Commissioners tour courthouse annex construction

Abigail Dennis
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The construction for the Madison County courthouse annex project is approximately halfway done – according to Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz, the county will be able to occupy the building in June 2015. “The project is timely and on schedule,” Schulz

said. “We hired the right people – the quality of work is great.” The commissioners meet with general contractors Langlas & Associates bi-weekly to tour the construction site and receive updates about the project, Schulz said. “We have a responsibility to keep communication open,” he explained. The project was

necessary because the commissioners have an “obligation to provide functional workspace for county staff,” Schulz said. “The public will also be able to access county offices with ease,” he added. “The new building will have an elevator.” The project has a guaranteed maximum price of \$4,272,905, which was agreed upon by the commissioners and

Langlas & Associates. That guaranteed maximum price includes contingency funds so the bill from the project has the potential to be less if those contingency funds are not completely used. According to information from Ben Walker with Langlas & Associates, the county’s contingency fund was approximately \$190,000 – the project has already dipped into those funds and used \$85,003.34.

“We’ve had several change orders,” Schulz said. “Small things, like changing rebar size in the foundation and other minor alterations to make the project even better. We still have more than half of the funds left.” Schulz said many county employees are excited about the June 2015 move-in date. “We’ve taken a number of staff through,” he said. “We’re encouraged by what we see and everyone

is getting excited.” Chief financial officer Vicki Tilstra is one county employee who has participated in a walkthrough. “I’m excited,” Tilstra said. “This project is important for the county – we’re running out of room. Especially for offices like the clerk and recorder and the treasurer that need more storage, this is important.”

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Five things families with college bound students should consider

Submitted by StatePoint

Transitioning to college life can be difficult on both students and families. From new expenses to a new lifestyle, being prepared for what lies ahead can help you avoid common bumps in the road.

Here are five things families with college-bound students should consider:

- Getting involved: Being away from home and making new friends can

seem daunting. Encourage your student to get involved in school activities and events. From joining the campus paper to running for student government, there are a range of extracurricular opportunities that can lead to new friendships, help students maintain an active calendar and round out one's classroom education.

- Health and wellness: Late nights spent studying instead of sleeping as well as crowded dorm rooms

can be a prescription for colds and flu. Check out on-campus and local health care options before your student gets sick. No one wants to scramble to research medical options when he or she is not feeling well. Many campuses offer student insurance. See what makes the most sense for your family. Locate a nearby pharmacist before visiting the doctor so you can provide that information at your appointment.

- Financing College:

College may be one of your family's biggest investments to date. Whether that describes your family or not, there is no doubt about it, higher education comes with a big price tag. It is never too late in the process to seek out new financing options, even if your child is already away out school.

From filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, to exploring private loans, free online resources can help guide

you through the process. Check out resources designed for college-bound students and their families.

- Staying in touch: You are busy. Your kid is busy. But regular check-ins with your student can help you know that everything is going well. Set up a weekly appointment to chat by phone and get the scoop – just make sure your student's phone plan allows for sufficient texting and calling.
- Money management:

For many students, college is the first time they will gain some financial independence. Set your kids up for success by teaching them how to establish a workable budget. A checking and savings account designed for college students can help them stay on track.

Do not let the transition to college catch your family off guard. Parents can make the transition easier for students by striking the right balance of "letting go" and staying involved.

Resolve to learn more about wine in 2015

Submitted by StatePoint

Have you always wanted to learn about wine? In 2015, consider expanding your knowledge of wine as a great New Year's resolution.

Christopher Silva, CEO of a winery in Sonoma, Calif., offers the following tips for

wine newbies and enthusiasts alike to get started on getting to know wine better in 2015:

- Join a club. A wine club, either through specifically one winery or company that features an international selection, is a great way to have a variety of hand-picked, quality wines delivered to

your doorstep. Whether you decide to stick with one varietal or try many, a wine club can cater to your wishes or help you expand your horizons wisely.

- Take notes. Sipping on some vino? Record your impressions of the flavors in a "wine diary." Remember

to clear your palate first with something neutral, such as crackers. You will know whether to revisit the wine in the future, as well as learn to become more mindful of what you are drinking.

- Seek variety. For a broad overview of wine, it is important to become

familiar with the major varietals, which for white wines include Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, and for red wines, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel.

- Travel. Go right to the source and consider planning a trip to wine country. Many vineyards host tours, have

tasting rooms and offer education programs. A winery is also a great place to find top-notch wine pairings.

By resolving to explore the world of wine, you can make everything from casual weeknight meals to festive parties more delicious in 2015.

FAMILY LIVES

Kids are not getting enough sleep

Submitted by StatePoint

While parents understand the value of good sleep, a majority find it difficult to ensure their kids get enough quality sleep

each night, according to a recent survey of parents across the country.

From using electronic devices in bed to a lack of bedroom routines, there are plenty of reasons kids are

not getting enough sleep. But high-quality sleep is important, with the majority of parents saying that sleep impacts their child's performance in school and in extracurricular activities.



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COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Finding possibilities in the valley

"Impossible isn't something that is true to a thing. It's something that is true to the person doing it."

— Source Unknown

Sometimes people can't just leave well enough alone. I got up the other day in time to wake the roosters, as is my custom, and when I went online to check the news, it had changed. I don't mean the news had changed (which I expect it to, otherwise it wouldn't be news – it would be "olds" and that would be pretty boring. Come to think of it, the news IS pretty boring because – wait for it – there really is nothing new under the sun). What I meant is that they had changed the graphics, links, layout and everything.

The people who supply me with my news had changed the way their front page

looks. I don't remember them telling me they were going to change it. I had no warning and, as a result, 2015 got off to a very rocky start for me.

It's not that I don't like change or am resistant to it. Heck, I change my clothes every day and shower so that the new day's dirt will have someplace clean on which to cling.

When you get right down to it, I don't even mind the changes that took place online when I wasn't looking. They simply caught me by surprise and require me to hop around the front page differently than I did before. It is neither good nor bad; it is just different and requires me to respond differently – and that's where the problem lies.

It isn't that the news viewer changed; it's that I need to. Me! Worse yet, I had to listen to my gray matter grumbling for hours on end about it.

"Pete. Pete. Pete! Wake up Pete! Something's happening out there; you've got to see this. They're calling for All Hands on Deck! Heck, they're even waking up the gray-haired gray matter to lend a hand. It's a real five-alarm disaster looming. Fonts have changed, graphics have moved around and links are hiding where we've got to scroll around to find them. For Keith's sake, Pete: GET UP!"

Let me assure my readers,

you do NOT want to be alone inside my head when those cells get agitated. That is one dangerous neighborhood. It's so tough I call it Noah's Ark, because you either travel in pairs or you just don't go there.

Anyway, once I got past the first 30 seconds or so of sheer terror, panic and horror, the frontal cortex, cerebrum, cerebellum and rest of the Yee Haw gang settled down and started to work out the new patterns for finding what I was looking for (AKA football scores and previews of coming mayhem) and life returned to normal. I still don't care for the new-fangled layout, but I'm getting used to it and should be fine until Christmas or thereabouts when they will no doubt roll out some new and improved way of irritating me to no end.

But that's life, isn't it? Things always change. In fact, one might even call such changes a "public service" as one's need to adapt keeps the brain functioning better, just as working on puzzles is said to sharpen the mind (or as Nietzsche put it, "That which does not kill us makes us stronger" – which I would amend to say, "That which does not kill us does, none-the-less, make us crazier").

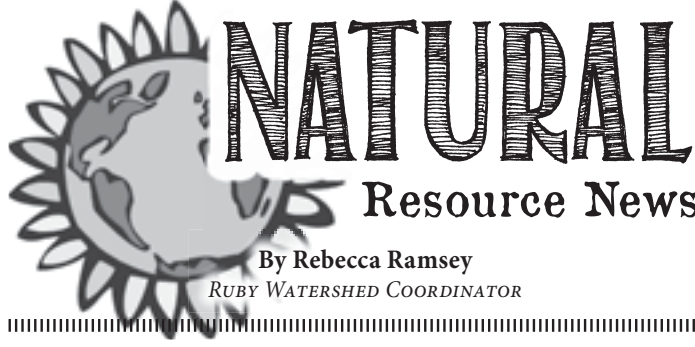
The fact is that while we may be resistant to change, change is mostly a positive thing in life. Changing good habits for bad habits leads to improvements in mind, body and soul. Many people make resolutions for the New Year during the first few days of January but struggle to keep them (for a wide variety of reasons).

That's why I really like taking life a day at a time. I find facing a year to be an impossible task, but if I take things a day at a time, it is far more manageable.

It is like the old story of the big game hunter who shot and killed an elephant. Standing by his trophy he wondered, "How am I going to eat all that meat?" His guide answered, "One bite at a time."

It's not the "thing" that's impossible, it's the person's attitude and that I can keep positive in this, our ever-changing valley.

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



By Rebecca Ramsey

RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

SERVE SOMEBODY

This week I am reflecting on the concept of service within our communities.

Last week, our Big Sky Watershed Corps Member, David Stout, as well as Sara Moore with the Wildlife



Rebecca Ramsey

Conservation Society Community Partnerships Program in Ennis, Chris Carparelli with the Beaverhead Watershed Committee in Dillon and 17 other young men and women who are serving an 11 month term of service in conservation organizations across Montana, took their pledge to service as Americorps members and we all learned about the Americorps program that is the umbrella over BSWC. Americorps engages more

than 75,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, community and faith-based groups across the country. Since the program's founding in 1994, more than 900,000 Americorps members have contributed more than 1.2 billion hours in service across America while tackling pressing problems and mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve.

This week kicked off with the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's life. King said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" King devoted his life to equality, social justice, economic advancement and opportunity for all. He left a legacy and a challenge to all Americans to do what is right, to do what we can to make America the best country it can be, to play an

active role in strengthening our communities and doing well for each other and walk together as family. His words and actions are an example to live by.

We live in a community that is in need of service. I work for an organization that relies almost entirely on volunteers and donations. Madison County is full of worthy causes and organizations and hundreds of ways that you could serve. Live in a house made of wood? Volunteer for your local fire department. Love our local history? Volunteer for the Montana Heritage Commission on a preservation crew. Maybe you are concerned about health care? Volunteer on the hospital foundation board. Maybe you were once unemployed and hungry? Volunteer for, and donate to, the food pantry. I could go on and on!

However, since this is the Natural Resource News, perhaps you are interested in the environment, agriculture or recreating outdoors? Contact your local conservation district!

Perhaps you want to sign up to collect water samples and help determine the quality of our waterways, or of project effectiveness? Perhaps you are a photographer or a web designer or a writer or worked as a fundraiser before you retired. There are also so many wonderful organizations in the area that focus on fish, wildlife, weeds, cattle ranching, sheep ranching, backcountry recreation – all in need of volunteers. Our local, state

and federal land management agencies are often in need of some sort of service – give them a call. Or call your local conservation district – we can help put you in touch with the organization that interests you.

Don't like the idea of committing to an organization? Get to know your neighbors. Ranchers could use your help – from fixing fence, to picking up hay or making supper for a big crew at various times of year and at events like branding. Know some folks who live near a river or creek? Help pack sandbags during times of high water. Big snow? Shovel a neighbor's driveway. Check in on senior friends or friends with sick children who may need prescriptions picked up or food delivered to their homes.

If you don't like groups of people, or interacting with others, you can still provide service to your community! Do something on your own, like picking up trash on trails and rivers or on the streets in your neighborhood. Recycle or compost all the waste you accumulate in your home. Adopt a pet from a local animal shelter. Write letters to members of our armed forces overseas. Everyone can do something.

Let's all take this time to reflect on ourselves and what abilities, talent, time and gifts we can share with others. As Bob Dylan once said, "You're gonna' have to serve somebody."

CYCLING IN THE WINTER

By Aaron Davis



As I ride along the snow-covered dirt road, pedaling hard to keep my mountain bike at 15 miles per hour, an oncoming truck passes me. I glance up to wave to them as I always try to do just in time to see the drivers gawking expression. "Are you crazy?" it seems to say, "riding a bike in 20 degree weather?" Well, yes, maybe I am but after three winters, I am more than accustomed to that look.

There is a paradigm of thought that tells us cycling is a summer sport – while it is certainly easier to ride in the summer, new cycling equipment and better apparel are causing an increase in this outside-the-box variation of the sport. Studded bike tires and wide tired fat bikes (think a mountain bike with dirt bike tires) better allow riding on snow and ice and have extended the season for the typical cyclist. Basically, if you can cross country ski in 20 degrees you can bike in it too.

Why ride in winter? Regardless of the

weather, you benefit greatly by riding a bike more. The exercise alone is an almost unimaginable reward. The very act of going from place to place by bike gets your heart pumping, blood flowing and calories burning. As any runner, hiker or walker (not the zombie) will tell you the same paths take on a new visual essence with each passing season.

How do I get started?

Three area bike clubs have web pages where you can make contact with riders for advice. Gallatin Valley Bike Club out of Bozeman, Highlands Bicycle Club based out of Butte and Ruby Valley Cycling Club in Sheridan all have members who participate in winter riding.

How do I keep warm? Essentially, keep the ears, feet and hands warm and dress in layers. Carry a

small backpack with water, snacks and extra clothing. This also provides storage for current clothing in case you have overdressed. Keep in mind this rule of thumb: if you are not cold when you start you will be too hot at the end.

Winter riding is not without hazards but with a little knowledge and preparation it can be an eye-opening and rewarding experience.



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

What a week for area schools. From the community discussion in Twin Bridges about the former Harrison student to a bomb threat in Dillon, it's proof again that bad things don't always happen to other people in other areas – we have things we need to concern ourselves about right here in Southwest Montana. There have been so many shootings and bombings in our

world lately. Parents have a reason to be concerned about their children 24/7.

Let's think about second, third and fourth chances. I think many people struggle to find the balance between showing mercy and enabling a harmful person to continue harming. When someone continues to unrepentantly violate another person's boundaries, a wise person learns to

set firmer boundaries. If a man is repeatedly punching you in the face, you can forgive him, but you don't stand within arm's distance until he has proven over time that he has changed.

Giving someone a second chance means we give him another chance to earn our trust. But that does not mean we instantly forget what experience has taught us. Trust must be earned over time and we are foolish if we give trust prematurely. I just really feel that when we have wronged someone, we have no right to demand another chance. But we should work to earn another chance by continued demonstration of repentance, honesty and change.

I liked a quote I read this week that said, "Sometimes giving someone a second chance is like giving them an extra bullet in the gun because they missed you the first time."

I liked a part of the Pope's talk this week – Pope Francis suggested there are limits to freedom

of expression, saying in response to the Charlie Hebdo terror attack that "one cannot make fun of faith" and that anyone who throws insults can expect a "punch."

The pontiff said that both freedom of faith and freedom of speech were fundamental human rights and that "every religion has its dignity."

"One cannot provoke, one cannot insult other people's faith, one cannot make fun of faith," he said. "There is a limit – on freedom of expression there are limits." This is where common sense steps in.

Times have changed so much. I know that makes me sound like an old timer. Whatever, it is so true and much of the change isn't for the better. Some of us were talking about the children's center in Twin Bridges when the kids went to school with the local kids. Some of those kids were tough, troubled kids. They knew how to fight, steal items from the local stores and find ways to run away, but bringing firearms to school didn't

happen. Right and wrong limits were still very defined.

My goodness, what are the chances of a dad and his daughter having brain cancer tumors at the same time in their lives! I would just like to scream "why why why?" So many special thoughts and prayers go out to Sarah Clark Miller from Twin Bridges and her dad Robert Clark from Waterloo.

So what have we learned this week? Don't bet on things that you don't know for sure. No one is perfect; everyone has a crack. Not all scars show, not all wounds heal, not all illnesses can be seen, not all pain is obvious – remember this before passing judgment on another. You are not responsible for other people's happiness. Love is not what you say, love is what you do. Pay attention the miracles today and every day!

Best of luck to all speech and drama students heading to divisionals in Three Forks this weekend. Only a month away from area basketball tournaments.

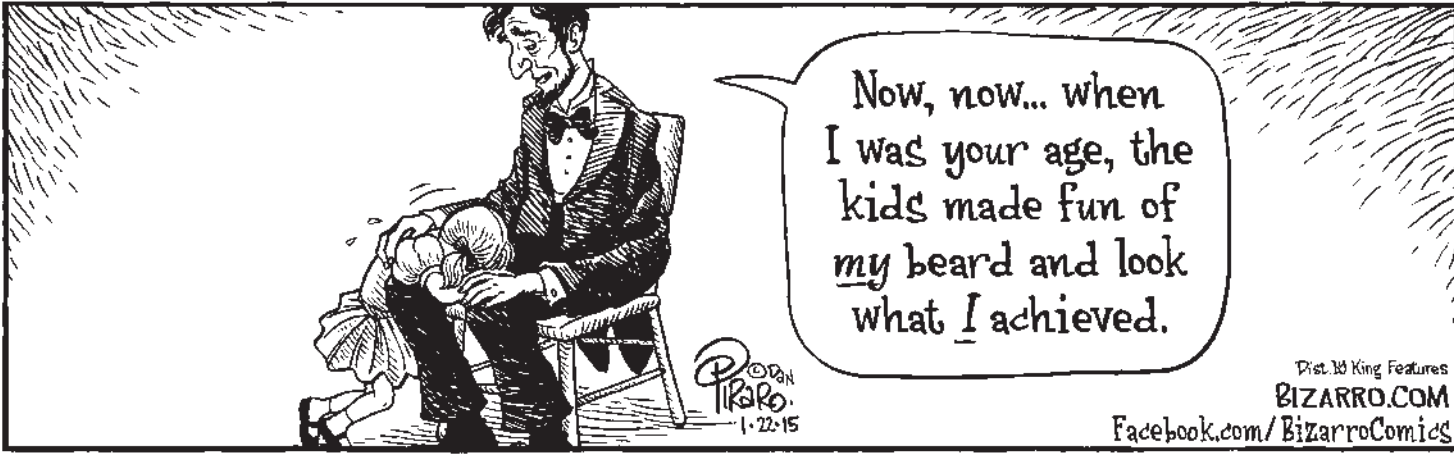
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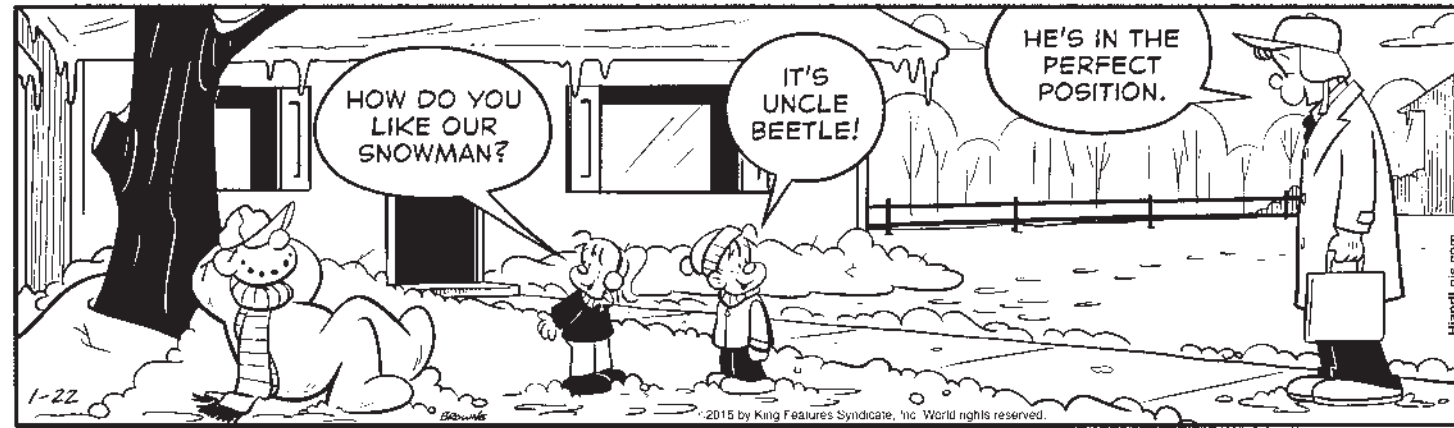
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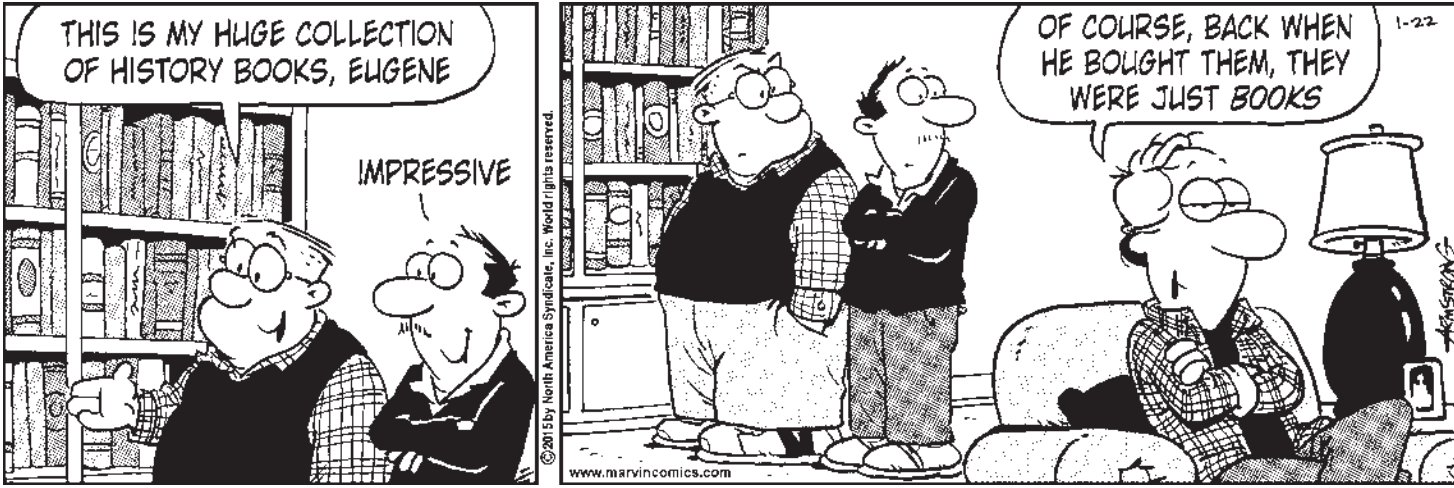
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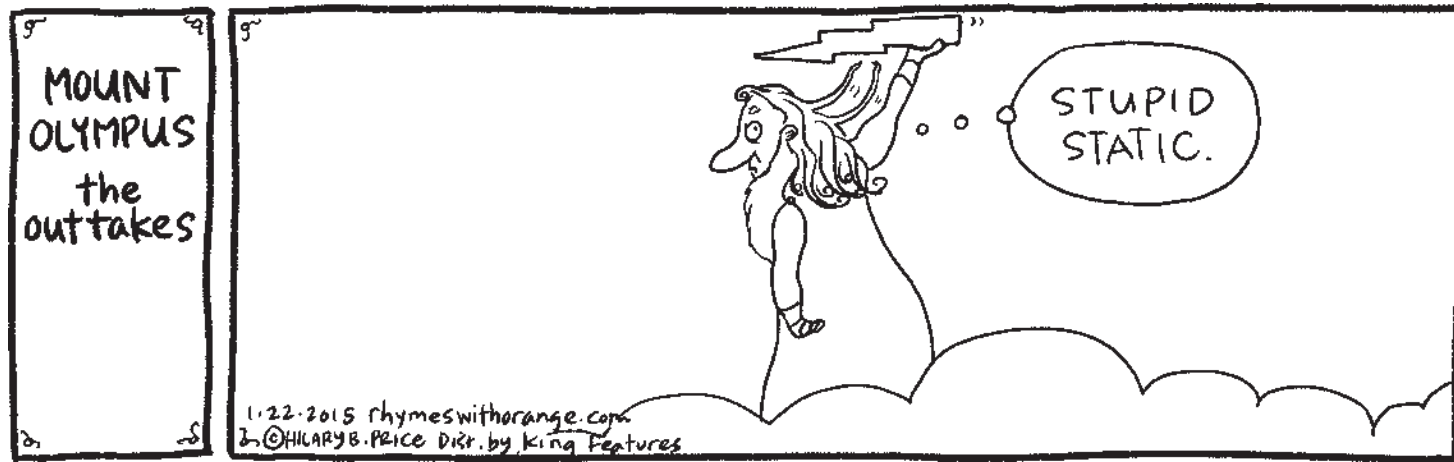
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K=A

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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
 By Janet Tharpe

Game-Day Favorite Panko Crusted Spinach and Artichoke Dip

"This recipe is a keeper!"

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Eddie Szczerba
 Ossining, NY (pop. 25,060)

- Janet

Panko Crusted Spinach and Artichoke Dip

What You Need

- 1 pkg frozen chopped spinach
- 1 can artichoke hearts, 14 oz.
- 1 can white beans, 15 oz.
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 c cream cheese
- 2 c Asiago cheese, grated
- 3/4 c sour cream
- 1/2 c mayonnaise
- 1 tsp lemon rind, grated
- 1 pinch salt and pepper
- 3 tbsp panko bread crumbs

Directions

- Start by defrosting and squeezing water out of spinach.
- Open and drain cans of artichokes and white beans.
- Combine drained spinach with grated cheese and chopped artichoke hearts.
- Place the beans, spinach and artichoke hearts in a food processor and pulse together until well combined (don't over mix). Then, mix with the remaining ingredients (except for the panko bread crumbs).
- Lightly grease or spray a 2 quart baking dish. Fold in mixture.
- Top with panko bread crumbs.
- Bake in a pre-heated 375 degree oven uncovered for 25 minutes.
- Serve immediately with pita chips, crackers or crostini.

Submitted by: **Eddie Szczerba, Ossining, NY (pop. 25,060)**
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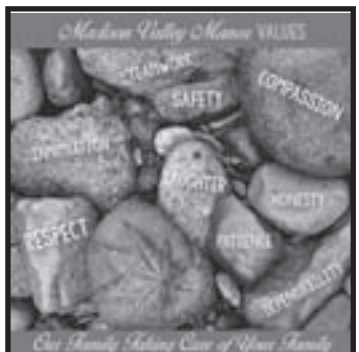
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON IN RE ESTATE OF: LEONARD RALPH HUCKABA, Deceased
 Probate No. DP-2014-35
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must either be mailed to Susanne Huckaba, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at c/o Berg Law Firm, One West Main, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
 Dated: Dec. 22, 2014
 Berg, Lilly & Tollefsen, P.C.
 /s/ Rienne McElya
 Attorney for
 Personal Representative
 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.
 Signed this 23 day of December, 2014.
 /s/ Susanne Huckaba
 26 Highway 359
 Cardwell, MT 59721
 (Pub. Jan 8, 15, 22 2015) bit
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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Hospital District meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015 in the lower level conference room of Madison Valley Medical Center, 305 N Main Street, Ennis, MT. The public citizens of the hospital district are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.
 (Pub. Jan 15, 22, 2015) mvmc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 26, 2015, at 11:00, in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Broadway Annex in Virginia City, Montana, to receive public comment on a resolution establishing County office hours.
 Copies of the resolution are available for public review and comment at the Madison County Commissioners' Office and posted on the Madison County website, www.madison.mt.gov.
 Comments on the resolution are welcome. Written public comments may be submitted or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; faxed to (406) 843-5517; or emailed to madco@madison.mt.gov. Written comments must be received by close of the January 26, 2015, public hearing.
 (Pub. Jan 15, 22, 2015) mcc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: BYRAM DeLLOYD OWENS, also known as BYRAM D. OWENS, Deceased
 Cause No. DP-29-2014-27
 That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must either be mailed to LESLIE EUGENE OWENS, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 2856, Norris, MT 59745, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
 Dated: December 23, 2014
 /s/ LESLIE EUGENE OWENS
 Personal Representative
 STATE OF MONTANA)
 :ss
 COUNTY OF MADISON)
 LESLIE EUGENE OWENS, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:
 That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
 /s/ LESLIE EUGENE OWENS
 Personal Representative
 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 23rd day of December, 2014.
 /s/ Janet R. Cookson
 Notary Public for the State of Montana
 Residing at: Ennis, MT
 My Commission expires: 1/30/2017 (SEAL)
 Personal Representative's Attorney:
 Karen McMullin
 Post Office Box 55
 Ennis, MT 59729
 Telephone: (406) 682-7878
 (Pub. January 15, 22, 29, 2014) km

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD H. MILLS, Deceased.
 Probate No: DP-29-14-19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must either be mailed to JOHN WARREN, DAVIS, WARREN & HRITSCO, P.O. Box 28, Dillon, MT 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.
 Dated January 13, 2015
 /s/ HOWARD W. MILLS
 Personal Representative
 Personal Representative's Attorney
 John Warren
 Davis, Warren & Hritsco
 PO BOX 28
 Dillon, Montana 59725
 (Pub. Jan. 22, 29, Feb 5, 2015) dwh

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: GEORGE JOSEPH KLEINSCHMIDT, also known as GEORGE J. KLEINSCHMIDT, Deceased
 Cause No. DP-29-2015-1
 That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must either be mailed to JULIE M. DIETHELM, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 1034 Riverside Drive S.E., St. Cloud, MN 56304 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
 Dated: December 30, 2014
 /s/ JULIE M. DIETHELM
 Personal Representative
 STATE OF MINNESOTA)
 :ss
 COUNTY OF STEARNS)
 JULIE M. DIETHELM, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:
 That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
 /s/ JULIE M. DIETHELM
 Personal Representative
 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 30TH day of December, 2014.
 /s/ Kent David Fick
 Notary Public for the State of Minnesota
 Residing at: Wells Fargo
 My Commission expires: 1/31/2018 (SEAL)
 Personal Representative's Attorney:
 Karen McMullin
 Post Office Box 55
 Ennis, MT 59729
 Telephone: (406) 682-7878
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Madison County is accepting Request for Proposal for a new Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Unified Communications System. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is being used to obtain proposals for replacement of the current telephony system in use at Madison County's Offices located in the County Courthouse, Broadway Annex and Thompson-Hickman Library. The County is seeking to replace the current Nortel PBX phone system with a VoIP (or IP PBX) system. The VoIP system will be able of providing phone service to the Courthouse, new Annex building and Library as well as capable of providing future expansion of service to the counties outlying offices.
 Parties interested in submitting a proposal may obtain more detailed information from the County's IT Department by calling (406) 843-4254, or the Counties website at www.madison.mt.gov located under Public Notices.
 (Pub. Jan. 22, 29, Feb 5, 2015) mct

BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT

AGENDA FOR JANUARY REGULAR MEETING
 Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - 8:30 AM
 Fire Station No. 1
 Introduction of visitors and guests
 1.Call to Order
 2.Public Comment
 3.Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:
 a.Approval of draft minutes of December 17, 2014 Regular Meeting
 b.Financial Reports for December 2014
 c.Monthly Financial Statements
 d.Check Register: Checks 6114463 - 6114528
 4.Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat
 5.Correspondence
 6.New Business
 a.Recent Flooding along Gallatin River - Discussion & Possible Action Required
 b.2015-16 Resort Tax Application - Discussion & Possible Action Required
 c.Administrative Position/Social Security Issue - Discussion & Possible Action Required
 7.Unfinished Business

a.2015-16 Budget Committee - Discussion & Possible Action Required
 b.BSFD Station #2/Big Sky Resort - Discussion & Possible Action Required
 c.Collective Bargaining Agreement/Contract Negotiations Committee - Discussion & Possible Action Required
 d.Budget Amendment/No Smoke System - Tabled 8/27/14
 e.Mission Lifeline Grant - Discussion & Possible Action Required
 8.Other Business
 a.Election of Trustees - Update
 9.Public Comment
 10.Date for next regular meeting - February 25, 2015 @ 8:30 AM
 11.Adjourn
 (Pub. Jan. 22, 2015) bsfd

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Board of Trustees for Ennis Public Schools, Ennis, Montana will receive sealed proposals from general contractors for the furnishing of labor, tools, materials, and equipment necessary for the construction of the following:
 ENNIS SCHOOLS SECURITY PROJECTS - REBID ENNIS, MONTANA
 Bids will be received for a single General Contract, including Electrical work.
 Such sealed bids or proposals will be filed in the office of the Ennis High School, Ennis, Montana, until 2:00 PM, local time, THURSDAY< JANUARY 29, 2015, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.
 Bid shall be submitted on the form provided with the Contract Documents. Contract Documents may be secured at DDPowers, Architect, 2424 Rancho Road, Billings, MT 59102, upon deposit of \$100.00 per set, 100% refundable, if returned within twenty (20) days after the bid opening in re-usable condition, including all addenda.
 Bids shall be accompanied by bid security in accordance with Instructions to Bidders for 10% of the total bid. Said sum to be in the form of lawful monies of the United States or a cashier's check payable to the Owner, within ten (10) days of the bid's acceptance. Performance Bond and Material Payment Bond, each in an amount not less than 100% of the contract price.
 The Contractor and their sub-contractors will comply with the Montana Contractor's Law and shall have a Certificate of Registration from the State of Montana, Department of Labor and Industry, Employment Relations Division. Contractors shall comply with all fair labor practices and must meet the requirements of State of Montana Statutes, among which require that preference be given to the employment of Montana Residents, and must pay the prevailing rate of wages to workers performing labor on the contract.
 Pursuant to Section 15-50-206(2)(3), MCA, the Owner is required to withhold one percent of all payments due to the Contractor and is required to transmit such moneys to the Montana Department of Revenue as part of the public contractor's license fee. In like fashion, the Contractor is required to withhold one percent from payments to subcontractors.
 Preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, and provisions produced, manufactured, supplied or grown in Montana, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the State. No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids, except as noted in the Instructions to Bidders.
 The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, to evaluate the bids submitted and to accept the proposal, which best serves the interest of the Owner.
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HUMAN RESOURCES COUNCIL DISTRICT XII
 Will be holding their ANNUAL BOARD MEETING Thursday, January 22, 2015 At the Emma Park Neighborhood Center 25 W. Silver Street Butte, Montana 59701 Board meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. For further information please Feel free to call HRC, Dist XII at 406-533-6855

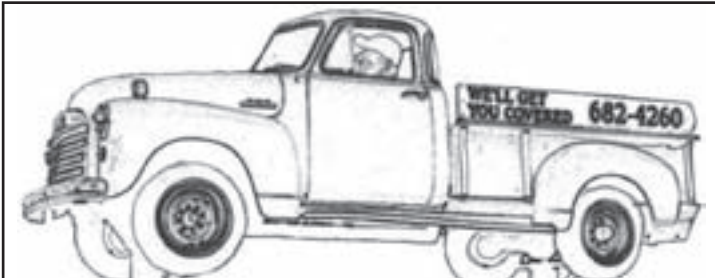


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Dillon couple sentenced as leaders of major poaching ring

Submitted by Andrea Jones
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Charles "Bill" Foster and his wife, Sally, were sentenced last Thursday for their role in one of the biggest fish and wildlife related cases in Southwest Montana in recent years. The Fosters were the last violators among the 17 co-defendants to be sentenced in this case, which has now brought over \$30,000 in fines and restitution.

The prosecution of these cases was based on a three-year investigation into the Fosters' activities. Fish, Wildlife and Parks investigators discovered over 30 illegally taken deer and elk, as well as 65 fish over the legal possession limit. They also determined the Fosters allowed nonresident family members to hunt using their tags and assisted friends and local residents in unlawful hunting and fishing activities.

In Thursday's district court proceedings in Dillon, Judge Loren Tucker sentenced C. Foster to six months of house arrest (with a conditional 10-year suspended sentence with the Department of Corrections). C. Foster also lost all hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for life (this means within Montana and 43 other Wildlife Violator

Compact States). In addition, he cannot accompany anyone hunting, fishing or trapping for 10 years.

For her part, S. Foster was given a five-year suspended sentence, lost her hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for ten years and cannot accompany anyone hunting, fishing or trapping for five years.

Jointly, the Fosters were also fined \$2,500 and will be responsible for \$9,150 in restitution for the unlawfully taken fish and game animals. All unlawfully taken fish and game animal parts were forfeited to the state.

"It is a good day for the people who enjoy Montana's fish and wildlife resources, knowing that the Fosters were held accountable for the violations they committed over a ten year period," said lead FWP investigator Chad Murphy.

In August, C. Foster pleaded guilty to four felony counts of unlawful possession of game animals and one felony count of tampering with evidence. At that time, he admitted to numerous crimes including failing to tag animals, transfer of hunting licenses and taking over-limits of game animals. The tampering charged stemmed from his hiding of

his camera's memory card from investigators. The card stored numerous pictures

of the unlawful hunting and fishing violations. S. Foster pleaded guilty

in August to two felony counts of unlawful possession of game animals and one

count of misdemeanor fishing without a license.



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12:10 p.m.
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MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES
The TBS&CC provides meals for seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Donations for meals are appreciated.

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
The Church of Word and Sacrament
Visitors Welcome
Pastor Ken Stensrud
Thanksgiving Service 11.26 7 p.m.
• Sunday Service 9:00 am
• Bible Study 10:15 am
• Sunday School 10:15 am
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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Ennis Branch
Sacrament Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
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THURSDAY JANUARY 22

Hat and mitten drive, Madison County

12 a.m. - Feb. 14. Prudential Montana Real Estate is sponsoring the third Have A Heart Hat and Mitten Drive! Please donate new or gently used hats and mittens! Donations will be collected until Feb. 14. Donated items will then be distributed to Madison County Schools and made available to students in need of a hat or warm pair of mittens. Please see our ad in *The Madisonian* for more information.

Annual hospital district meeting, Ennis

7 p.m. at Madison Valley Medical Center. MVMC hosts the annual hospital district meeting. Public welcome.

Mad Gals monthly meeting, Ennis

Social hour at 12:30 p.m. and lunch at 1 p.m., at Alley Bistro. Call by Jan. 19 at noon to reserve your spot.

FRIDAY JANUARY 23

Game night at Christ Church, Sheridan

6 - 8 p.m., at Parish Hall behind Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan. Join us for another game night in the Parish Hall at Christ Church. We've got Scrabble, Cribbage, Candyland, Rummikub, Dominoes, Sorry and many more fun games for kids and adults. We'll be serving our famous flavored popcorn and other refreshments. If you have a special game you like, please bring it! We're always eager

to learn a new game.

SATURDAY JANUARY 24

Open Mic Night, Sheridan

7 p.m. at The Shovel and Spoon. Open mic for musicians, poets and story tellers - all performers welcome. PA and microphones will be available if needed. Food is available. Call 842-7999 for more information.

SUNDAY JANUARY 25

Library gathering, Sheridan

The Friends of the Sheridan Library will be hosting a gathering with presentations by locals and information on the new archival expansion on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Sheridan Library.

Refreshments will be served. Open to the public. Please call 842-5770 with questions.

MONDAY JANUARY 26

Cameron Community Club, Cameron

Cameron Community Club annual meeting and board election. 1 p.m. at Blue Moon Saloon.

TUESDAY JANUARY 27

Landowner Workshop on Water, Ennis

12 - 2 p.m., in the basement of First Madison Valley Bank. Attendees will learn about the processes that influence groundwater in the Madison Valley. RSVP by Jan. 23 for a head count. Sunni@madisoncd.com.

org or 682-3181.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Meeting, Ennis

At 7:00 p.m. Meeting at VFW Post.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

Open mic night, Sheridan

7 p.m. at The Shovel and Spoon. Open mic for musicians, poets and story tellers - all performers welcome. PA and microphones will be available if needed. Food is available. Call 842-7999 for more information.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

Open mic night, Sheridan

7 p.m. at The Shovel

and Spoon. Open mic for musicians, poets and story tellers - all performers welcome. PA and microphones will be available if needed. Food is available. Call 842-7999 for more information.

SATURDAY APRIL 12

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Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
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TUESDAYS

Fly-tying Roundtable, Ennis
Come one, come all. Tuesday nights 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Ray Plante's cabinet shop at 113 Antelope Meadows.

Lego Club, Ennis
Come to the Madison Valley Public Library to join, build and create every Tuesday after school until 5:00. No club on Dec. 23 & 30.

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City
Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in County Commissioner's conference room in Broadway Annex.

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City
Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

WEDNESDAYS

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School Info @ 685-3481

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-in, 9:00 a.m. Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis
Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

Grief Support Group, Ennis
Everyone welcome. Meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
Regular monthly meeting noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church on 287 N.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

FRIDAYS

Story Time, Ennis
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