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County receives \$70,000 for fuel mitigation around Big Sky

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Madison County director of emergency management Chris Mumme approached the Madison County commissioners at the regular board meeting on Jan. 26 to update the commissioners on a plan for fuel mitigation in the Madison Valley, specifically starting in Big Sky and Moonlight Basin and possibly moving down Jack Creek Road

toward the valley in the future.

"We formed a committee with some individuals in the area and this was one thing we decided was important," Mumme said about the plan. "We want to make it safer for our fire trucks and the fire trucks out of Big Sky."

The plan is funded by a \$70,000 Department of Natural Resources and Conservation grant – Mumme said he will receive an additional \$50,000 within the next year.

The DNRC grant money, which is through the Western Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program, will be used to "reduce wildfire risks on non-federal lands within Madison County communities," according to the grant agreement.

"We're going to start up in Moonlight Basin and Big Sky," Mumme explained. "Then work our way down Jack Creek Road."

Mumme has until Dec. 31, 2016, to use the funds. The actual fuel mitigation work will be

done by contractors – Mumme is working with Lone Mountain Land Company based out of Big Sky to complete the project, using the DNRC grant money.

"I have been doing this fuel mitigation since 2007 through grants from the DNRC and (Bureau of Land Management)," Mumme said. "I have covered areas all over Madison County."

The work will treat up to 50 acres – to start – of road, 100 feet on each side of the road in Big Sky area subdivisions.

"Treatment will be clearing the understory, spacing crowns of 30 feet or more and limbing trees up 12 feet from the ground," he said. "This treatment is to create a safe ingress/egress for inhabitants and emergency services."

Commissioner Jim Hart said the terrain around Big Sky, Moonlight Basin and the Jack Creek Road is "tricky" because of the mountains and the fact that many trees grow right next to roads and driveways.

"With trees right next to the road on both sides, if there's a fire it could bounce across the road," Hart said. "On top of that, firefighting apparatus would not be able to get up the road."

Hart said the work will not involve clear cutting trees, but will make the forest around the roads less dense.

"They will pick and choose to make the area less dense," Hart concluded. "And then clean up the dead and dying trees that are strewn on the ground."

The region 3 citizen's advisory council focuses on public outreach

Citizens works with Fish, Wildlife and Parks to educate public about hunter ethics

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When the region 3 Fish, Wildlife and Parks citizen's advisory council met in December 2014 following Montana's general big game hunting season, much of the conversation focused on hunter ethic violations.

"There were a bunch of violations last season," said Ruby Valley sportsman and CAC member Dan Crismore. "The elk were moving to the flats in big bunches and people just circled them and had shootouts."

The FWP CAC is a group of region 3 sportsmen, landowners, environmentalists and community members who meet quarterly to discuss FWP-related issues that impact the area.

As a passionate hunter, Crismore said shootouts on

the flats – which are stretches of arid land located out of the mountains in many of Montana's valleys – bother him.

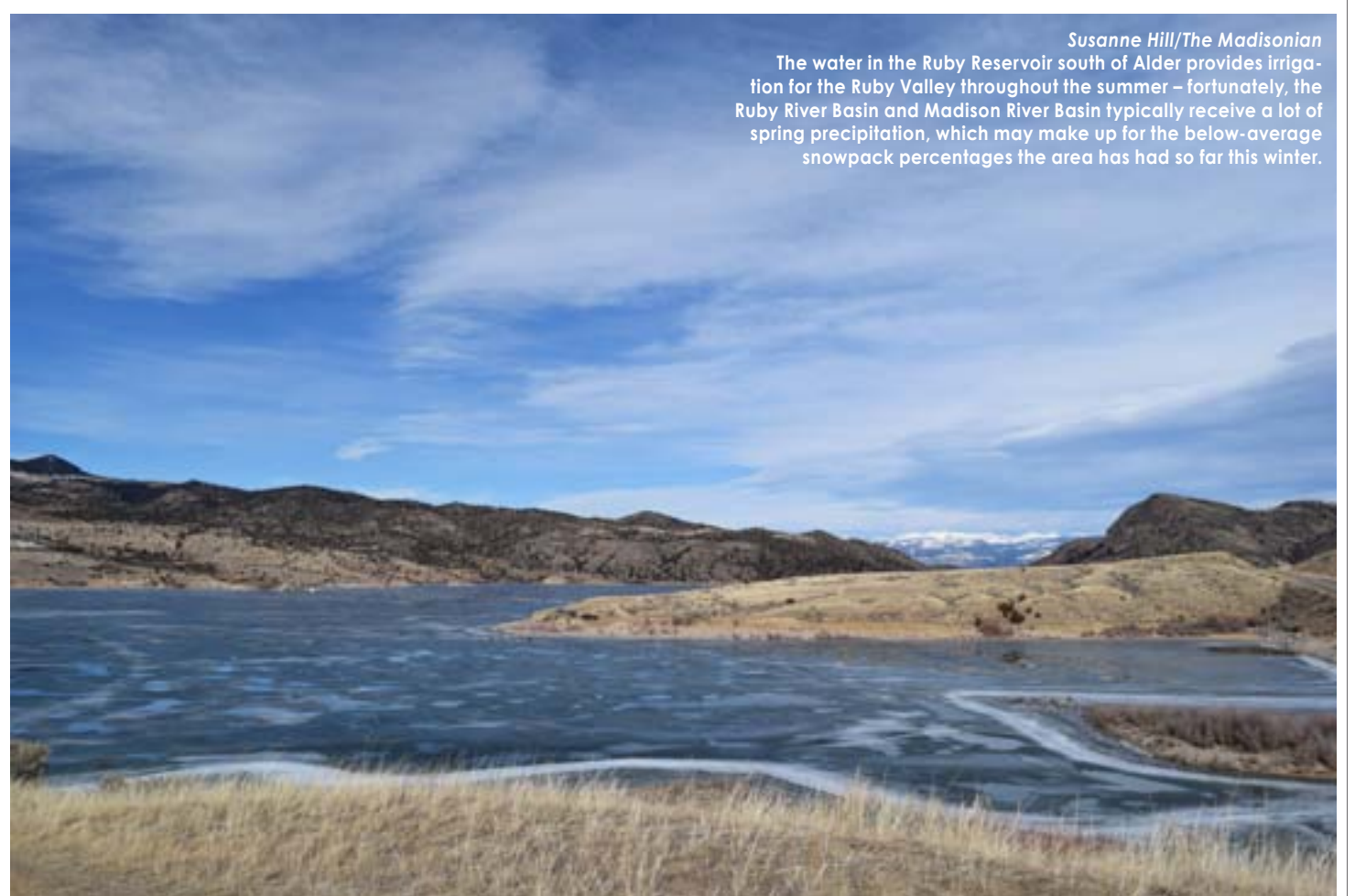
"When people do that, you lose a lot of elk," he said. "Folks are just shooting to shoot and wind up crippling a lot of animals. And it's usually in visible places so the public sees it."

The CAC held a special meeting in Bozeman at FWP region 3 headquarters on Jan. 22 to formulate a "plan of attack" to address issues with hunter ethics, Crismore said.

"First we created sub-committees," he said. "Some people are working on funding, some on delivery, others on the message."

Crismore is part of the committee focusing on the message, working on slogans and catchphrases to catch the

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Susanne Hill/The Madisonian
The water in the Ruby Reservoir south of Alder provides irrigation for the Ruby Valley throughout the summer – fortunately, the Ruby River Basin and Madison River Basin typically receive a lot of spring precipitation, which may make up for the below-average snowpack percentages the area has had so far this winter.

Snowpack in Madison, Ruby still below average

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A warm, dry January in Southwest Montana means snowpack percentages in the Madison and Ruby river basins are below normal, according to Lucas Zukiewicz, water specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"We had some snowfall in the first week of January in both basins," Zukiewicz explained. "We briefly got closer to normal, but since then the weather had not yielded much snowfall in the area and we are continuing to fall more below normal."

"Normal" snowpack percentages are the averages from 1981 – 2010 for each day, Zukiewicz said. Zukiewicz could not report specific snowpack percentages for each basin when he spoke with *The*

Madisonian on Jan. 26 because the NRCS is currently having technical issues with one of the master stations that report data for the region, he said.

"A few sites haven't reported and we're currently working on fixing the problem," he said. "Still the general trend is that we are below normal."

Zukiewicz said the below average numbers are not a huge concern.

"Thinking back to just last year, we were below normal in both basins in December and January," he said. "(The Ruby and Madison river basins) are often favored by spring precipitation, especially in the last couple years. It's nothing we can't make up."

There is still time to accumulate snow before the melt, Zukiewicz said.

"Lower elevations will start melting the first two weeks of April," he said.

"The bulk of the snow doesn't transition to water melt until the latter part of April. We have time."

Another kind of snowpack

Snowpack percentages are important in forecasting spring runoff conditions and the actual snow on the ground is also important to backcountry recreationists.

Eric Knoff with the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center said he skied near Hebgan Lake on Friday, Jan. 23, and found stable snow.

"I didn't see any avalanches at all," Knoff said. "We've had intermittent snow throughout January without major storms and that's been good for the snowpack."

Though the GNFC primarily serves Gallatin County, Madison County backcountry enthusiasts still use the center's informa-

tion about snowpack and avalanche conditions when planning excursions into the Tobacco Root Mountain and Madison Mountain ranges.

Earlier this winter, the snowpack was less stable.

"We had snow in November and really cold temperatures before Thanksgiving, which faceted the snow," Knoff said. "Then we got those big storms late in November and early December that piled on that weak layer at the ground."

December weather benefitted the stability of the snowpack, first with warm weather and then snow later in the month.

"The bottom layers are strong and stable for the most part," Knoff said. "Our main concerns are weak layers in the top one-foot or so – we do have a few weak layers near the surface."

Commissioners set county office hours

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At their regular board meeting on Jan. 26, the Madison County commissioners voted to set county office hours from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Chairman Jim Hart opened a public hearing, but no one from the public was present to comment.

"The statute says we have to hold a public hearing," said administrative assistant Laurie Buyan. "Even though it's the same as we do every year."

The resolution states that all county offices – including

the office of the county commissioners and all other offices under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners – will be "open for business from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except legal holidays unless permission to vary from these hours has been granted by the board of commissioners and the closure has been legally noticed."

Commissioner Dave Schulz moved to approve resolution 5-2015 setting county office hours, and Hart seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ron Nye was absent, but Schulz and Hart voted in favor of the resolution, which passed.

New interpretive trail on Jack Creek Preserve connects existing trail system

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A new trail east of Ennis – open this spring – is a step in making the Madison Mountain Range more accessible to outdoor enthusiasts.

The new Low Pass Trail is the result of a tentative agreement between the Jack Creek

Preserve Foundation and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, according to BDNF public information officer Leona Rodreick.

"The Low Pass Trail connects the existing South Jack Creek Trail with the Spanish Creek Trail," Rodreick stated in a press release. "The JCPF has already constructed the trail with the assistance of a grant

from Northwestern Energy. This interpretive nature trail has future plans to include signs that will identify area flora and fauna as well as educate publics about conservation issues."

Jon Fossel, co-founder of the JCPF, said the trail loosely follows an old Forest Service trail, which was abandoned in the mid to late 1980s.

"We received a grant for


\$14,010 from Northwestern Energy to rebuild the trail," Fossel explained. "It's an interpretive nature trail where people can get educated while enjoying the outdoors."

"(Fossel) contacted us," Madison District Ranger Dale Olsen said. "It will be a handy for people accessing the network of trails."

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Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
A new trail in the Madison Mountain Range – the Low Pass Trail – connects the existing Jack Creek Trail with the Spanish Peaks Trail in the Jack Creek Preserve.


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public's attention and education everyone about ethics.

"There are a lot of ideas floating around," he said. "I really like, 'hunter pride, hunter proud'."

Though the outreach campaign is still in preliminary stages, Crismore said the CAC foresees an advertising campaign with posters, newspaper ads, magazine ads and public service announcements on TV.

Region 3 supervisor Sam Sheppard said the

FWP could not be "more happy" that the CAC is tackling this specific issue.

"It's an issue that transcends the FWP but also impacts us a lot," Sheppard said. "The fact that ethics struck such a chord with (the CAC) is great - they've taken it on as a cause."

Sheppard said he has confidence the diverse group of members will bring multiple perspectives, from conservation to ranching, to the discussion.

"This will be something tangible that makes a difference,"

he said. "It's sending the right message from the right people."

Though Crismore said he could not speak for all the members of the council, he is excited to tackle hunting ethics because it is a topic he - and all true sportsmen - care about.

"Some people aren't hunting the right way," he said. "They are killing more than they need and then game goes to waste. Right after this hunting season, we decided to get motivated and do something about it. We're leading the

charge to get something done."

Recently, the CAC's primary purpose has been to provide feedback to the FWP and share information, but Crismore said everyone on the council is excited to accomplish something tangible.

"We're going from sitting and listening to what fish and game is doing to actually accomplishing something," he said. "We're changing roles from spectator to getting our hands dirty - we're excited about that."

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The JCPF board voted unanimously to enter into a permanent easement with the Forest Service at their last meeting, Fossil explained. The Forest Service will provide maintenance on the trail, but the preserve will be responsible for the upkeep of

the informational kiosks at both ends of the trail - the interpretive trail has 20 signposts and a corresponding brochure.

Olsen said the Forest Service plans to use the trail to train Montana Conservation Corp members, who come to the area to assist with trail maintenance.

"This is an easy (trail) to maintain," he said. "Because of its low elevation, we'll be able to get folks in there early and train them."

Olsen added the Madison Ranger District is not interested in adding more trails to the Madison Mountain

Range, which he said already has good access from Bear Creek, Indian Creek and Papoose Creek, specifically.

"We're at our maintenance capacity," he said. "We're not looking to add a lot, we're just focusing on maintaining what we have."

Great Expectations



Susanne Hill/The Madisonian

At an open house at the Sheridan Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 25, Sheridan community members gathered to discuss the library and learn about the current expansion project, Sheridan Preservation and Assistance in Community Education (S.P.A.C.E.). Numerous community members and group representatives spoke to the group to explain how the library is important to them. Pictured is Paul Marsh discussing the library's Tuesday newspaper reading group and various experiences he has enjoyed at the Sheridan library.

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Here is a hint for this week's photo - you will find this famous spring creek in the Madison Valley. Now, who knows it? Call 682-7755 with a guess!



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Twin Bridges students focus on leadership skills at BPA competition

Submitted by Kjersten Sandru
TWIN BRIDGES BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

A fresh blanket of snow carpeted the ground as the bus rolled to a stop outside Helena College of Technology on Dec. 17, 2014, and a tide of high school students dressed in business attire filtered through the main entrance clutching their resumes and briefcases. Inside, the atmosphere had a sense of professionalism with an edge of competition. Ditching hoodies and jeans for suits and ties for the day, the Twin Bridges Business Profession-

als of America prepared for the region four competition. Competing against ten other schools from class AA – Capitol High – down to class C – Ennis – 21 Twin Bridges BPAers qualified for the State Leadership Conference in Billings on March 8 – 10. In addition, 17 members of the chapter qualified in non-judged events for the state conference. The judged events included interview skills, advanced interview skills, administrative support research, digital media production, extemporaneous speech, human resource management, parliamentary procedure team,

presentation management team, video production team and prepared speech. The non-judged events were administrative support team, desktop publishing, keyboarding productions, word processing and spreadsheet applications. The mission of BPA, according to the national charter, is to give high school students a taste of the business world and better prepare them for their future careers. It teaches business etiquette, leadership skills and communications, while opening doors of possibility for teens across the nation. The organization also focuses largely on volunteering and, more specifically, on fundraising for the Special Olympics. Twin Bridges BPA is advised by Jody Sandru and has 31 members in its second year as a chapter. Officers for the 2014-2015

school year are Nolan Konen, president; Paige Phillips, vice president; Sami Nicholls, secretary; Spencer Stewart, treasurer; Michael Walsh, parliamentarian; Julia Cox, sergeant of arms; Kjersten

Sandru, reporter; Mariah Mays and Tristen Guillot, student council representatives. The chapter is preparing to compete at the state level for a spot at the National Leadership Conference in

Anaheim, Calif., in May. "Students are putting the final touches on their state projects, and we are ready to continue our excellence at the next level," said J. Sandru.



Courtesy of Kjersten Sandru
Twin Bridges Business Professionals of America officers: Back row – Julia Cox, sergeant of arms; Spencer Stewart, treasurer; Nolan Konen, president; Michael Walsh, parliamentarian. Front row – Paige Phillips, vice president; Sami Nicholls, secretary; Mariah Mays, student council representative; Kjersten Sandru, reporter. Not pictured – Tristen Guillot, student council representative.

Big Sky Watershed Corps member works in Madison mountains Jack Creek Preserve Foundation gets a hand from Meredith Hardy

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*Editor's note: Madison County is home to three new Big Sky Watershed Corps members this year. Last week we met David Stout – check back next week for the third member.

Meredith Hardy's move to the Madison Mountain Range is her first trip out west. Hardy, who graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's of science in biological sciences, will spend the next year as the new Big Sky Watershed Corps member stationed at the Jack Creek Preserve Foundation. "I received an email that mentioned the (BSWC), looking for individuals who graduated with biology degrees," she said, explaining

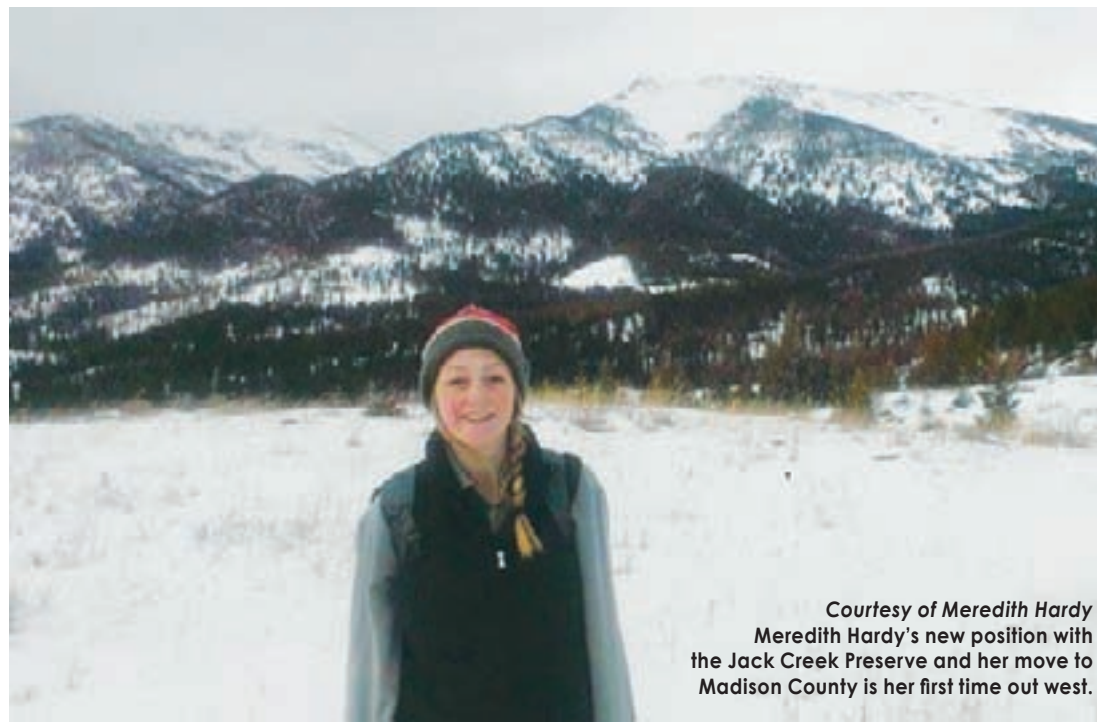
her history with the program. "I just thought, 'what a great opportunity to get experience out of college and get a professional experience'." The BSWC is an Ameri-corps program that places members in a Montana watershed community, where they are supervised while assisting with projects ranging from data collection to water monitoring and more. Hardy grew up in Maine and spent a good part of her life backpacking, rock climbing and white-water kayaking – she has always been passionate about the outdoors. "Originally, I got into biology thinking about a medical career," she said. "But as I moved through my classes I started focusing on the outdoors." While at the JCPF, Hardy will focus much of her time and energy on programming,

event planning, outreach and organizing the preserve's youth summer camps. "She's going to provide a whole lot of help with programming on our end," said JCPF executive director Katie Coleman. "She will work on setting up events for us." One event Hardy is excited to coordinate – weather providing – is a full moon cross-country ski. She is also going to focus on outreach in the schools, specifically getting kids interested in archery. "I'm really excited about the camps in the summer," she said. "I can't wait to work with the kids. I'm just perfecting my archery skills so I can teach them as well." In addition to her work with the preserve, Hardy said she is going to work closely with the Madison Conservation District to assist with water monitoring programs, attend

conferences and plan events. "It's great to have (Hardy's) excitement and enthusiasm,"

Coleman said. "She'll be a lot of help re-establishing relationships in the area

that have been lacking for the last couple of years. She is excited and eager."



Courtesy of Meredith Hardy
Meredith Hardy's new position with the Jack Creek Preserve and her move to Madison County is her first time out west.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM HELENA

By Rep. Ray Shaw
HOUSE DISTRICT 71

Hello from Helena – I hope things are going well at home. I belong to an Agriculture Caucus that is looking into ways to solve funding issues, other than just on the backs of livestock producers. Since agriculture is Montana's number one industry, we need to come up with some responsible solu-

tions. These talks are ongoing, so I'll have more to report later. Another issue that affects Southwest Montana is the Governor's sage grouse plan. It is in its final stages. It is imperative we pass this bill to keep the bird off the Endangered Species List. A listing would give the federal government control over the bird when the state of Montana needs the control – we can manage that bird

ourselves. If it goes on the list, it will raise many issues with the livestock industry because more than 50 percent of the birds are on private property. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Water Compact has been approved by the Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission. It is now being drafted in bill form and looks to be introduced to the Legislature for consideration around

the first part of February. If approved, the compact would protect and quantify all existing water rights for those tribes. House Bill 5, the Build Montana Act, is the infrastructure funding bill that will help with much needed repairs to sewer systems, roads, bridges, irrigation projects and more all across the state. The bill will need some cleanup to make it work, but it is a good bill.

There will be some bonding and cash involved with the bill. This bill is looking ahead for the future of Montana. There is money for the Jefferson Slough and Pipestone Creek Restoration projects along with money for Virginia City and Nevada City restoration work also up for discussion in the Legislature this session. Keep an eye out for more updates from the capitol.



Rep. Ray Shaw

Legislature seeks to take partisanship out of enforcement of campaign laws

By Sen. Debby Barrett
SENATE DISTRICT 36

Imagine for a moment that you have just been accused of a crime. You're completely innocent, but are forced to go to court to prove it. However right before your trial begins you find out that the person accusing you of the crime appointed the judge presiding over your case. Do you think you will get a fair trial? Such an unfortunate situation may sound like a scenario from some far away dictatorship, but believe it or not this is exactly how political campaign complaints are handled in Montana. One person has the power to arbitrarily enforce the state's campaign regulations, while facing absolutely no

outside scrutiny. But according to Montana law that's not how things are supposed to be. The state Commissioner of Political Practices is a single person appointed by the Governor, and is supposed to be approved by the Senate. But the last time the Montana Senate confirmed a commissioner of political practices was in 2007, over four election cycles ago. Since then, four commissioners have been appointed by governors, each after the legislature completed its biennial session, allowing that individual to operate with the full authority of the office even though they were never confirmed by the Senate. The lack of legislative oversight in the activities of the office of political practices

has allowed extreme partisanship to influence the decisions and direction of the office, and it is now a serious concern that the campaign laws of our state are no longer in place to ensure fair electioneering, but rather to influence the outcome of races for public office. The importance of an objective political practices commissioner is obvious. If an active partisan holds the position it is nearly impossible to achieve even the appearance of an unbiased decision, let alone actually ensure one. And that places the entire office into question. The state's previous four political practices commissioners never faced the scrutiny of a senate confirmation hearing and vote, allowing the governor to circumvent the

laws that are in place to ensure the selection of an objective commissioner. Because none of these four individuals had to face a confirmation vote, there was nothing preventing the sitting governor from appointing someone that would carry out a political agenda, rather than someone who would administer campaign laws in an unbiased fashion. The COPP clearly needs reform, and the legislature intends to do something about it. Last week, Sen. Dee Brown, R-Hungry Horse, introduced Senate Bill 16, a proposal that would create much needed safeguards for the COPP selection process, removing some of the partisanship present within the position. Senate Bill 16 would pro-

hibit any nominee for the COPP position from having funded for any political candidate, served as an officer for a political party or committee, or participated in the management or conduct of a campaign by a candidate at any time in the two years prior to their nomination. And Senate Bill 16 not only tightens the partisan activity restrictions of the COPP position, it also requires that the governor choose from a list of nominees compiled by a bi-partisan committee. By removing the partisan politics out of the Office of Political Practices, we promote fair, objective administration of our campaign laws. That is the best way to encourage participation in government by the citizens of our state,

and it's also the best way to ensure ethical campaigning by everyone involved. After all, a fair and unbiased government starts with fair and unbiased elections.



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Cyclists should pay for Montana highways too

Dear Editor,

Today I was approached by a lady that said she was from the University of Montana while I was fueling up my vehicle at the Exxon station downtown Ennis. She asked if I had about 30 seconds to answer questions about bicycling in the area. I am aware of the ongoing debate about the use of bicycles on the highways of Montana that have been a concern to me for many years. She was asking questions that appeared more towards favoring bicycles on the highways and not the concerns from the motorists. I

myself enjoy bicycling in the area but use common sense by staying on roads with shoulders or staying within residential areas due to the fact that most of the highways in the areas do not have an adequate shoulder for the bicycles to utilize. I have encountered bicycles on the V.C. hill that ride side-by-side – as you come around the corner and find yourself behind some bicyclers doing five miles an hour when you are doing 60, you have nowhere to go but across the double yellow line and possibly have an accident with an oncoming vehicle or end up being forced off the road yourself. I am not saying

all bicyclers abuse the right to use the highways, but it is the few that are causing concerns in the area.

I think some of the bicyclers in their own mind feel that if you hit me, I am going to sue you and take everything you have. But that is not very easy to do after you are killed by a motorist that could not stop in time. Or worst of all, a family in the oncoming car is killed by the motorist trying to swerve out of the way.

I have always thought that the signs that say 'share the road with a bicycle,' should say instead, 'share the road, share the taxes.'

If the bicyclers want shoul-

ders on the thousands of miles of highways in Montana they should pay for them. One way would be license all bicycles that use the highways within the state of Montana. This would not only help to improve our highways and make them safer for the bicyclers and the motorists, and would make it easier to identify the cyclists that abuse the right to use the highways.

And remember, common sense is not common to everyone.

Ken Holbrook
Ennis

Regarding the recent fire in Ennis

Dear Editor,

I feel someone should have given a special thank you to all of the firefighters from here and away.

Having a fire with a head start, these men and women gave up their time once again to fight a tough fire. They saved one half of the building, a great achievement. Do we show our appreciation

to this special group of people often enough? I do not think so. We do not even realize all the hours they put in. They have training, testing, educating young personnel, cleaning and re-packing

the fire truck. They spend many hours gathering experience like the fire they just survived.

Gerald Saltzer
Ennis

Sportsmanship an important part of athletics

Dear Editor,

Kudos to Kurtis Koenig on his article in the Jan. 22 *The Madisonian*, "Ennis, Sheridan match up, about more than

basketball." The essay brought a tear to my eye, as it dealt with good sportsmanship, grace and courage. I was proud of the Ennis coach who benched his first string to give other play-

ers a chance to play and level the playing field. I felt proud of the six young girls from Sheridan who exhibited such courage to stay the course. Thanks for the insight

and lessons learned, Mr. Teacher, an A plus.

Phyllis Wasick
Ennis

Thank you for support during difficult time

The family of George Beeky Albrecht would like to thank all of the friends, family and neighbors who donated food and

offered condolences; everyone who came to visit and spend time to make his last days happier and more comfortable; and the

caregivers and staff at Tobacco Root and McCarty mountains and worked in the Butte mines as a sampler before starting college at Western. He noted that he made so much money he was able to buy a new car and throw several fine parties. The car, a yellow convertible, was a good investment for it attracted the attention of Virginia Irvine, a Dillon high school teacher who later became Virginia Dale and the mother of their two daughters, Paulette and Virginia II. Hal graduated from Western and continued on, receiving a master's degree in education from the University of Montana at Missoula.

and care throughout the years.

Sincerely,
The Family of Beeky Albrecht

OBITUARIES

Hal Joseph Dale April 19, 1923 - January 17, 2015



Hal Joseph Dale entered the world April 19, 1923, and left it Jan. 17, 2015, living 91 exuberant, creative, dream-plotting years.

He was born in Abe, Mont., (now population 0), a town named by his father to be the first Montana town in the alphabet. It was a town of five ranch families on Ruby Creek of the Madison River. He began life there with an older sister and two older brothers on a small ranch. Finally, according to his sister, their dad decided it was time his children were "learning to do something besides chase cows and catch jackrabbits." He wanted them to be "civilized" so the family moved to Virginia City. His dad became undersheriff there and Hal spent his early years of civilization roaming the streets of Virginia City with his friend Bob. Sleight riding down forbidden streets, playing in abandoned buggy shops, generally creating little

boy trouble that formed the early foundation for a life of curiosity and toying with equipment.

Hal joined the Air Force and was in the Asiatic Pacific Theater from 1943 - 1945. He then mined with his brothers in the Tobacco Root and McCarty mountains and worked in the Butte mines as a sampler before starting college at Western. He noted that he made so much money he was able to buy a new car and throw several fine parties. The car, a yellow convertible, was a good investment for it attracted the attention of Virginia Irvine, a Dillon high school teacher who later became Virginia Dale and the mother of their two daughters, Paulette and Virginia II. Hal graduated from Western and continued on, receiving a master's degree in education from the University of Montana at Missoula.

Hal and Virginia based themselves in Missoula until retirement and then moved back to Dillon where they lived the past 30 years.

Hal's professional life began as an eighth-grade science teacher at Paxson School in Missoula. He became Superintendent of Cold Springs school when it was still its own district. He spent 25 years as a teacher and elementary school principal mainly in Missoula. During that time he said of himself he had a penchant for being president of

organizations. He was president of the Missoula Elementary Montana Education Association, Western District of MEA, Missoula County Campfire Council (head campfire girl as he called himself), Board of Directors Missoula PTA Council, Missoula Exchange Club, Board of Directors Yellowstone District Exchange Club, U of M Chapter Phi Delta Kappa. He was a member of the Vestry for Holy Spirit Episcopal Parish. He became a small plane pilot during his time in Missoula.

Upon retirement Hal, in partnership with his brother Claude Dale, inspired by his brother Dick Dale, developed an old gold mining camp in Belle Canyon of the Tobacco Root Mountains. They hauled pipe, banged themselves up, and dug a ditch long enough to create their own hydroelectric system. The camp housing was restored from mouse and rat ownership to human residents. Hal, as an avid hiker, patented his own hiking pole design that included hiking, cross-country, downhill and another pole for the disabled. He developed his own exercise program too. At age 65 he climbed to the top of Mount Whitney in California.

Hal loved words (he studied the dictionary) and was a clever purveyor of phrases like: "proud to be associated with you," "the best is yet to come," "life is just

for the hell of it," "to more days as good as this one," "is our business finished," and "love, bye." He was a warm loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, an energetic armchair miner, schemer and dreamer. He would get out of the armchair and go directly into action, backhoeing for gold on the side of a mountain into his 90th year. He was a lover of classical music, a builder of pole swings and Kool-Aid stands for his daughters, a teacher of bulldozer driving and rifle shooting with his granddaughter. He had a charmed life as he said, "riding in God's pocket." He has not left the pocket but is riding to a destination back to where he and all of us return. We say to him, "the best is yet to come," "be of good cheer" (his brother's saying), "our business is finished," and "love, bye."

Hal is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughters Paulette Dale Hutcheon and Virginia Dale; son in law Dan Gabig; granddaughter Madison Gabig; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were in Dillon at St. James Episcopal Parish on Saturday, Jan. 24. Ashes will be scattered at a later date in his beloved Belle Canyon. Memorials are suggested to the University of Montana Foundation or Barrett Hospital Home Health Care in Dillon.

Condolences may be expressed at helenafunerals.com.

Gloria Lombardi April 3, 1936 - January 21, 2015

Gloria Lombardi passed on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, 2015, following a long battle with cancer. She was born April 3, 1936, in a farmhouse east of Sheridan to Nifty and Lillian Costle. She lived her entire life in the valley. She is survived by her husband Bob Lombardi; her son and daughter-in-law Lee and Pollann Bruner of Butte; and her three grandchildren Robert, Michael and John. She was preceded in death by her sons Stephen and Michael.

She attended 12 years of school in Sheridan and graduated from Western Montana College in Dillon. She taught school for 20 years in the Twin Bridges and Sheridan districts. Gloria was

very active in community service throughout her entire life. She served on the 4-H council for many years, helped establish the scouting program in Twin Bridges, served on the Twin Bridges City Council and with her friends ran the poultry and rabbit projects at the Madison County Fair. She was a lifelong member of Christ Church in Sheridan.

Gloria and Bob farmed outside of Whitehall. She raised cattle, sold eggs and was very proud of her small flock of purebred rambouillet ewes.

Gloria enjoyed playing cards every week with her friends, going to the players in Virginia City, drives through the Upper Ruby, family dinners,

horseback riding, holidays and Mass on Sunday. She will be deeply missed by her family, her friends and the community.

Services were held on Monday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. at K&L Mortuary in Sheridan.

dan, internment followed at the Sheridan Cemetery and a reception at the community hall, Christ Church Sheridan.

Memorials may be made to Christ Church, P.O. Box 152, Sheridan, Montana 59749.

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Community gathers to learn about Meals on Wheels

Submitted by Candy Vincent
MADISON VALLEY MANOR

On Jan. 19 at the Madison Valley Manor, the Ennis community gathered for a steak lunch in support of the Meals on Wheels program. AmeriCorps members grilled the donated ribeyes and the MVM prepared the side dishes and desserts.

The MOW community program is available to anyone over the age of 60 regardless of income. For those who are

not able to get out it provides delivered meals within the immediate Ennis area, a friendly quick visit and the opportunity to make sure everything is going well for those folks. For those that are able to attend the lunches located at the manor it provides a social outlet and the chance to make new friends while having a nutritional meal. It also gives folks an easy opportunity to visit with the MVM residents.

Since Jan. 19 was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which

is a national day of service, the AmeriCorps members from around the county came together to lend a hand with MOW, a program that provides seniors from the area with quality meals and a great social opportunity.

On Monday, there were four AmeriCorps members – Sara Moore, Meredith Hardy, Stephanie Lynn and Dave Stout – who serve with the Big Sky Watershed Corps and helped out in addition to Demetrius Fassas, a representative of FoodCorps.

A Sincere Thank You To Our Amazing Community

Parents and Family of Evelyn Cox would like to say Thank You for the heartfelt generosity and donations they've received over the course of the past month. The kindness they have felt from Community has been overwhelming. A huge thank you goes out to many of the local businesses and individuals that supported our recent benefit auction by donating gift certificates as well as other items making it a huge success. Thank You to Dave & Kassie Marsh for dedicating their evening raising money at the live auction-- please know you are both very much appreciated.

We also wanted to extend our gratitude to the Shack for their generous donation of the amazing rolls and the \$25 gift certificate. Most importantly we want to thank each and every person that came and supported Evelyn on January 10th at the fairgrounds in Twin Bridges as well everyone that helped with the lighting of the candles in December. From your kind words, warm smile and prayers to the generous donations, food, and auction items please know your kindness hasn't gone unnoticed.

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GIRLS

Ennis Lady Mustangs 42, Lima 27

The Lady Mustangs jumped out to a six point first quarter lead against Lima last weekend. Ennis held the Lady Bears to a single three-pointer to open the game. However, the Lady Bears were not going down without a fight.

Lima responded with a 10 point second quarter while the Lady Mustang offense managed to pad their lead by an extra two. Ennis went to the locker room up 21-13.

In the third and fourth stanzas, the Lady 'Stangs gradually added to their lead, finishing off the Bears 42-27. Ennis shot only 35 percent from the free-throw line, but Taylre Sitz managed 75 percent. She would finish with 11 points to pace the Mustangs.

Caitlin Klatt added eight points and Brigit Croft tallied seven in the win.

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| Ennis | 9 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 42 |
| Lima | 3 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 27 |

Ennis Lady Mustangs 53, West Yellowstone 32

After a slow start, the Lady 'Stangs went to work behind a 17 point performance from Caitlin Klatt to cruise past the Wolverines last weekend.

Neither team could really get anything going in the first quarter but Ennis escaped the low-scoring period with a two point lead. Then Klatt went to work.

She and Danyel Martin (who finished with nine points for the Mustangs) combined for nine points in the second quarter to spur the Mustang charge. At the break, the Lady 'Stangs owned a 23-10 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Wolverines got hot. Raining down four three-pointers, the Wolverines put together a 16 point fourth quarter. However, the Lady Mustangs did as well. Ennis put down the potential comeback and secured the conference win.

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| Ennis | 6 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 53 |
| West | 4 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 32 |

Harrison Lady Wildcats 44, Lone Peak 23

Three Lady Wildcats scored in double digits, and the Lady 'Cat defense continued to shine in a blowout victory over Lone Peak last weekend.

Harrison held the Bighorns to only two points in the first quarter and enjoyed an 18-9 half time lead. Britt Cooper led the way for the Lady 'Cats with her 12 points. Alecia Panagakis closed out a stellar weekend with 11 buckets of her own. Addie Nesbit also contributed 11 in the win.

Harrison continues to play perfect ball with just a few short weeks remaining in the season.

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| Harrison | 10 | 8 | 11 | 15 | 44 |
| Lone Peak | 2 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 23 |

Twin Bridges Falcons 55, Gardiner 62

The Lady Falcons' final quarter rally was cut short, and Twin Bridges dropped their second-straight conference game last weekend.

Twin Bridges trailed by four points in the initial quarter, but they erased that deficit with a strong second stanza.

The ballgame was all knotted up at 29 as the teams went to their locker rooms.

The third quarter was all Gardiner as they doubled Twin Bridges' score and earned a sizeable enough lead to make the distance in the end.

The comeback-minded Falcons fought back in the fourth quarter, outscoring their opponents. However, the rally was not enough to make the difference in the end.

Ten Lady Falcons scored points in the battle. Julia Cox led the way with 11 points while Madyson Beagle, Jessica George, Mara Johnson and Cassidy Wetzel each earned seven.

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| Twin | 16 | 13 | 9 | 17 | 55 |
| Gardiner | 20 | 9 | 18 | 15 | 62 |

Sheridan Lady Panthers vs. White Sulphur Springs

No statistics were made available at press time.

Sheridan Lady Panthers vs. Lone Peak

No statistics were made available at press time.

BOYS

Harrison Wildcats 38, Lone Peak 46

The Harrison boys could not hold on to a first quarter lead as they dropped another close game last weekend.

The Wildcats were up 11-4 in the first quarter, but a sputtering second led to a 19-15

deficit at the break. A balanced attack in the third period provided an opportunity for the 'Cats to claw back into the game, but the sharp-shooting 'Horns had other plans.

Down 31-25 at the start of the final quarter, the Wildcats could not have expected Lone Peak to make good on nine of 13 free throws. Despite Jed Fike's 11 point fourth quarter, the Wildcats could not make up the distance.

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| Fike | 11 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 38 |
| Lone Peak | 4 | 15 | 18 | 15 | 46 |

Ennis Mustangs 76, Lima 43

Ty Morgan only scored one of Ennis's 26 first quarter points, but he made up for that in the next two as he paced the Mustangs' victory over Lima last weekend with 20 points.

Ennis followed an explosive first quarter with a nearly equally damaging second. Morgan netted eight of his points in that game and nine different Mustangs found points in the first half. At the break, Ennis led, 46-17.

Ennis put the game out of reach with a strong showing in the second half, and cruised to a huge conference victory.

The Mustangs will play Twin Bridges and Manhattan Christian next week. A win over either team could make seeding for the district tournament very interesting.

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| Ennis | 26 | 20 | 13 | 17 | 76 |
| Lima | 10 | 7 | 15 | 11 | 43 |

Ennis Mustangs 58,**West Yellowstone 16**

Gavin McKittrick ignited for 24 points in Ennis's win against West Yellowstone last weekend and he did it all from behind the arc.

McKittrick stroked five three-pointers in the second quarter alone en route to his career night. He picked up his eighth in the third quarter.

The Mustang defense held the Wolverines to five or fewer points in each quarter. Jake Knack and Walker McKittrick each added nine points in the win.

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| Ennis | 18 | 27 | 9 | 4 | 58 |
| West | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 16 |

Sheridan Panthers 35, Lone Peak 71

Colter Kenworthy's eight point first quarter spurred a strong initial showing by the Panthers who trailed by only four points in the first quarter, but they could not hang with the Bighorns in the second half.

Sheridan only managed five points in the second period while Lone Peak pounded out 18.

Down 34-17 at the break, the Panthers were held to only four third-quarter points. Sheridan hung with the 'Horns in the fourth quarter, but it was too little too late.

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| Sheridan | 12 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 35 |
| Lone Peak | 16 | 18 | 24 | 12 | 71 |

Sheridan Panthers 14, White Sulphur Springs 59

The Hornets clobbered Sheridan in conference basket-

ball action last weekend. White Sulphur Springs shot out to a 22-7 first quarter lead, a lead they added to with a 23 point second quarter explosion.

The Panthers struggled to find a way to score and were held to only four points in the second half.

Cam Haag paced the Panthers with seven points while Colter Kenworthy added four and Sam Wood contributed three in the loss.

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| Sheridan | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 14 |
| WSS | 22 | 23 | 3 | 7 | 59 |

Twin Bridges Falcons 68, Gardiner 53

Despite trailing at the conclusion of the first quarter, the Falcons rallied to earn a convincing win over a tough Gardiner team last weekend.

Down 14-19 after the first stanza, Twin Bridges doubled the Bruin's second quarter output to go into the locker room with a 32-28 edge.

Nolan Konen and Tracen Eggers combined for 42 points with Eggers earning game scoring honors with his 23 buckets. The Falcons shot only 50 percent from the free-throw line, but the fast-paced boys would not be denied a crucial conference win.

Cooper Christensen added 12 points in the victory. Ennis will visit Twin Bridges on Thursday and the Falcons will try to repeat their early-season victory over the Mustangs. A win for the Falcons would put them in the driver's seat for a potential conference crown.

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| Twin | 14 | 18 | 17 | 19 | 68 |
| Gardiner | 19 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 53 |



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WILDCAT/FALCON SHOWDOWN

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Falcons stay perfect with win over Wildcats

The Twin Bridges Falcons overcame poor shooting in the first half to eventually hit their stride and put away a hotly contested game against the visiting Harrison Wildcats last Thursday.

The Falcons shot poorly in the first quarter and Harrison did little better but managed to hang on to a slim lead at quarter's end.

The tide began to shift in the second. Harrison's largest lead of the game occurred in the first few minutes of quarter two when they were up by five. A key component of this fray occurred between the bruising battlers in the key. Twin Bridges' Michael Walsh and Harrison's John Ervin continuously fought a crucial battle for position in the key. It was crucial because, in this game, whoever could secure the most second and third chances at a shot would likely be the victor.

Though the inside play was fierce, both teams continued to try to shoot through their slumps and gain superiority from the perimeter. Nolan Konen buried a three-pointer with 4:50 remaining in the quarter to bring the Falcons within two. His bomb was answered by Jed Fike with a deep three of his own and the battle was on.

On multiple occasions Twin Bridges struggled to move the ball around which yielded a few "butterfinger" moments of which the Wildcats took advantage. For a full minute the teams raced from end to end struggling to gain an advantage.

That advantage finally came when Tracen Eggers snagged a rebound off of a missed free-throw attempt, which he promptly put back for two in order to bring the Falcons to within two points again.

Eggers, who finished with 19 points, continued to make



Nancy Nesbit/The Madisonian
Nolan Konen of Twin Bridges played great defense, but Jed Fike still laid in this pretty shot.

things happen. He earned a coveted shot at a three-point play with less than three minutes remaining the quarter.

But then Fike went wild. In the span of 15 seconds, Fike acquired two steals and as many layup attempts. Unfortunately his chances to give his Wildcats a six point advantage rattled off the rim.

Konen, at 2:37, struck gold on a nifty drive through Harrison's zone defense and tied up the game. He and Fike would trade three-pointers as the clock ticked down.

The athletically played quarter ended with Twin Bridges going to the locker room up 33-31.

Konen struck first one minute in, and, despite missing three shots in a row from the

paint, the Falcons found themselves on a 4-0 run. Daly Nesbitt got on the board for Harrison to break the run, but the Falcons kicked it in overdrive and rallied for a 9-0 run punctuated by a huge Konen three-ball.

The Falcons had sucked into the middle of the key and forced the Wildcats to shoot the long ball. Many attempts to work the ball inside were met with a Walsh deflection. Harrison struggled with outside shooting, and the longer rebounds, often akin to longer shots, played right into the Falcons' hand.

Their transition offense began to take control of the game, and Harrison limped away from the third quarter down 49-34.

Harrison had a few tricks up their sleeve.

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Sports continued on A7

Sports continued from A6

Dropping into full court pressure, the Wildcats seemed to knock the Falcons off balance. Meanwhile, the Wildcats began to find their mark a little more readily in the final quarter.

The Falcons settled into their routine press-breaker and things began to click. At the three minute mark, the Falcon lead reached 20 and the game was well in hand.

Konen led his Falcons, and all scorers, with 24 points. Nine players scored points for the deep Falcons who will try to gain a second win over Ennis on Thursday.

Harrison was led by Fike and his 20 points while Nesbit finished with 10.

Twin Bridges earned a key conference win over Harrison 68-43.

Twin Bridges 10 23 16 19 68
Harrison 14 17 3 9 43

Lady Wildcats take charge of conference with win over Lady Falcons

It was a game with conference championship ramifications and the Lady Falcons and the Lady Wildcats did not disappoint in a tightly contested matchup of the undefeateds last Thursday. Boasting perfect records, the two teams put forth an exhibition in stamina, athleticism and grit, which fans can certainly expect when an immovable object meets with an incredible force.

After controlling the tip-off, Britt Cooper went to work quickly for her Wildcats with a layup. Making it look easy, Megan Skillman popped in a 15-footer to give Harrison a 4-0 lead.

Then Megan Martin got her Falcons on the board with a deuce and a free-throw just in case there were any doubters among the riled Twin Bridges faithful, and the battle was on.

Twin Bridges leapt into its feared full court press, which has led to the demise of numerous teams.

But the Lady 'Cats were ready for them.

"We changed our press a bit just for this team," said Cooper. "We kinda knew what they were going to do with their zone press, so we wanted to be ready."

And they were ready.

Harrison patiently dropped into their newly minted

press break and found themselves in position to drop some easy buckets, but they could not make it rain.

"We weren't making our bunnies," said head coach Lisa Cooper. "Things just weren't falling for us."

They were not falling for either side, which begs the question: Good defense or poor shooting?

Both teams have consistently held many of their opponents to single digit quarters all season long.

This game was not unique.

At the end of the first quarter Harrison led Twin Bridges 9-6. B. Cooper, a top-scorer in the conference had more blocked shots than she did field goals, and what is more, she served up more potential assists than her team scored collectively in the quarter.

They were potential assists because even shots from two-foot land were rattling out of the hoop.

"If someone is open, I'm gonna give them the ball," B. Cooper said. "I don't want to force shots."

She picked her shots well. With 15 ticks left, she

drove the lane and was hammered. Her completed three-point play gave Harrison the lead they would take into the second stanza.

Enter Alecia Panagakis. With both teams struggling to add numbers to the point column, Panagakis looked for opportunities to pick a few pockets.

"[Panagakis] is feeling that she is a senior and it is her time to really contribute," said L. Cooper. "Yhis year she has taken upon herself to give it her all. She is tenacious on defense."

Whatever Panagakis's secret is, she applied it with great results, earning two steals in the first minute of the second quarter which she took to the house to spark an eight point Wildcat run.

Falcon Julia Cox put an end to the Wildcat feeding frenzy with a ten-footer at 6:10.

Then the Falcon defense found its stride.

Playing a mix of man defense and full-court zone trap, Twin Bridges went on the offensive.

Cassidy Wetzel scored six consecutive points to bring Twin to within five.

"We were trying to get [B.

Cooper] the ball at the high post," said coach Cooper, "we wanted to use a mismatch, but we couldn't get her the ball."

As the Falcons chipped away at Harrison's lead, sure-handed Panagakis reported to the bench because of foul trouble and the pace of the game became frantic.

The final 2:30 of the half looked more like a solid conditioning session replete with blood-runs and whistle-stops.

In the end, Harrison improved their first quarter margin by one point as the two exhausted teams retired for the break. The Lady 'Cats led 22-18.

The Lady Falcons went to work quickly in the third period. Wetzel brought her Falcons to within one point with a solid 15-footer. Neither team, however, had an easy time finding the bottom of the net.

Twin Bridges' stifling pressure began to wear down the Lady Wildcats as the conditioning drill continued throughout a low-scoring quarter.

This may have played right into Harrison's hand.

"They love to play basketball, coach Cooper said, "so they are going to play harder when they need to play harder."

With one minute remaining in the quarter, both coaches unloaded their benches in what appeared to the onlooker as an opportunity to extend the rest of their rainmakers for what promised to be a tantalizing fourth quarter.

With 26 seconds remaining Jessica George pulled up for a 15-footer to tie the game. Harrison would snag a quick bucket in the final seconds to set a 30-28 stage for the final period.

Having been quiet from the perimeter all night, B. Cooper found her mark from behind the mark at 6:40 to put Harrison up by five, but Wetzel went on a four point run of her own to allow the Falcons to claw right back into the battle.

And then another hero emerged for the 'Cats.

Taya DeFrance picked off an errant pass at 3:40 and chucked it down court to Panagakis. Two plays later she picked up a sweet Addie Nesbit assist and parked the ball for two to put the Wildcats up 35-37.

Then with 11.8 seconds left, DeFrance buried both ends of a 1-1 to seal the deal.

"That was the play of the game," L. Cooper said. Panagakis agreed, say-

ing, "when she got fouled and came up with those free throws, that sealed it."

And seal the game it did. Harrison won the contest 37-35.

"I thought the girls battled and did some things to help us out," said L. Cooper, "other than shooting poorly, we did the little things we needed to do."

It came down to the little things.

The Falcons made good on 41 percent of their free-throws while Harrison picked up 50 percent. Twin Bridges counted 28 percent of their shots while Harrison managed 29.5 percent. In a game decided by two points, those little numbers can mean big things.

And do not forget the X-Factor.

"When we play a team like Twin Bridges, I don't have to do anything to get the girls

amped up," L. Cooper said. "This just in their nature."

B. Cooper thought it might have been chemistry.

"We play a ton in the summer," she said, "we've been playing together since the fifth grade. We've kinda got a feel for each other through the years."

B. Cooper led her team with 13 points. Panagakis followed with 10. But Twin Bridges had heroes of their own.

Seven Falcons scored in the contest. Wetzel earned game scoring honors with her 14 points, and Megan Martin added nine.

L. Cooper summed up the game with one word. It can be attributed to each of the athletes that put it all on the line last Thursday. In the games to come between these two teams, it is likely that it will be the key factor then too.

"Perseverance," she said.



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Alecia Panagakis gets a three point shot off before defender Madyson Beagley can set up.

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TWIN BRIDGES ORATORICAL CONTEST



Submitted by Gail Banks

On Jan. 21, the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program speech contest was held at the high school in Twin Bridges. Phil Vial, a senior, was the winner of the contest. Vial gave two speeches - his prepared speech was titled, "The Right to Vote," and dealt with the 19th amendment. His assigned speech, which was randomly drawn, was on the fifth amendment and dealt with a citizen's legal rights and protection from illegal prosecution. On Jan. 31, Vial will represent Twin Bridges at the American Legion District Six Oratorical contest in Townsend.

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Photo courtesy of Keri Kensinger. Ice fisherman on Ennis Lake on Jan. 22, 2015.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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The Ennis Schools student of the week this week is eighth-grade student, **Alyssa West**. Alyssa is an excellent student with outstanding grades. She is also a positive role model and sets a great example for her peers as well as students in the younger grades. She has a great smile and is kind to others. Alyssa has two younger brothers and does a lot to help them be successful in school and life as well. Alyssa, thanks for all you do and for being a part of our school! Keep up the great work!

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The Owners of the theater John & Shannon Heckler said just wait for the 10,000th ticket to be sold! We thank everyone for your support!

Ray and Terry Dickinson were surprised to get the award for the 5000th ticket sold at the Madison Theater the afternoon of January 25th 2015. The theater re-opened after extensive renovation on May 23rd, 2014.



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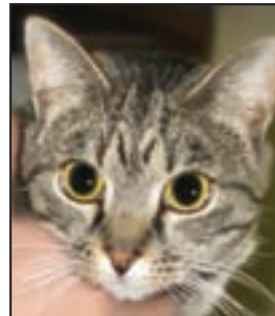
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4 RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



ED & ENID

We've been adopted together! Couldn't wait to let you know. We are so excited. Lovely lady came in and we made up to her right away. (We know how to pick our people!) Both of us just really liked her and she liked us. Oh, she looked at some others, but she came back to us. Loaded us up and took us home to Madison County with her. So, you see, we did the right thing not going with anyone else.



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Saturday



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Sunday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Highs 25 to 35.

Monday



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Quote of the Week:

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The Sportsman's Lodge is an important piece of Ennis history – Otis and Laura Crooker built the resort in the 1940s.

Courtesy of Stephanie Vujovich
Laura and Otis Crooker in 1954 with baby Stephanie outside the Sportsman's Lodge.

Courtesy of Stephanie Vujovich
Otis and Laura Crooker inside the Sportsman's Lodge in 1960.

Courtesy of the Sportsman's Lodge
The resort was celebrating its 70th year in operation in 2015 before it was damaged by a fire.

Remembering an important piece of Ennis history

Abigail Dennis
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Otis and Laura Crooker had a vision. In 1945, the Crookers worked to turn their vision into a reality, constructing the Sportsman's Lodge in Ennis.

"My mom and dad built the main building first and then built the cabins around it in the horseshoe shape," remembers Stephanie Vujovich, the Crooker's daughter. "My dad was a flight instructor during the war and started building it at the end of the war."

On the early morning of Jan. 20, a fire destroyed the restaurant portion of the structure – the bar/casino area sustained heavy damage but was saved along with all the cabins.

When the Crookers completed the lodge, it was the only building other than the old high school located in upper Ennis – back then, the entire town was contained in what is currently downtown, Vujovich said.

"My dad was a handy guy so he and my mom and a few other people peeled all the logs and stacked them," she said. "There's a lot of history there – a lot of my family history there. My whole family worked there." Vujovich's lineage is entrenched in the county,

her family homesteaded in the Madison Valley in 1886, approximately 30 miles south of Ennis.

After World War II, Otis and Laura worked to accumulate the land where the Sportsman's Lodge is located – parcel by parcel they purchased around 50 acres. Flying was a part of Otis's life, and that did not end after the war. Part of his vision for the Sportsman's Lodge included an airstrip, which operated from 1945 to 2006.

"Guests of the resort used it – it was the only airport in Ennis until they built the county airport south of town," Vujovich said. "It was a private airstrip but used often."

When the Crookers ran the establishment, the bar was in the basement, where Otis also hosted "live gaming" nights with blackjack and craps.

"Live gaming was never legal in Montana, but it was overlooked in many areas," Vujovich said. "Most of the bars in Ennis had it."

Though the authorities "cracked down" on live gaming in the early 1960s, the Sportsman's Lodge remained the "place to be," Vujovich said.

"We had a lot of repeat clientele, the famous and the infamous," she said. "There was always live music and dancing ... Bing Crosby would come fish in the summer and play the piano in the basement."

All fires of commercial nature that exceed \$250,000 in damages or seem suspicious are called into the Montana State Fire Marshal Office, according to Ennis fire chief Shawn Christensen.

"This clearly fit in the commercial category, so the inspector came down to look at it," Christensen said.

State inspector Pat Clinch arrived on scene around 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 20 and left that afternoon, Christensen added.

"The fire is still under investigation," Clinch said. "We are still following

up on a few things."

Though Clinch said he could not confirm a timeline on when information about the cause of the fire would be determined, that information will be disseminated through the Ennis fire department when it becomes available.

Christensen said he spoke with part owner Don Lindeberg following the fire and Lindeberg said he had every intention to try to rebuild as soon as possible.

"He's hoping to be done by June," Christensen said. "That's my understanding. He wants to be back up in business."

Lindeberg said he

is currently waiting on inspections, but plans to have the bar/casino part of the establishment reopened by March 1. Rebuilding the restaurant will take a little more time, but Lindeberg said he is hoping to be back in operation by June 1.

"It's an icon – this year is 70 years since it opened," Lindeberg said, explaining why rebuilding is important. "I've had calls from people across the United States talking about visits they made here. It's history."

Vujovich agreed, saying the lodge is a huge part of the town's history.

"My mom and dad were

very hardworking and embodied the entrepreneurial spirit," she said. "They started out with very little money and purchased the land as they could afford to do so, working very long hours for many years to achieve their goal."

Lindeberg said many community members have visited the Lodge since the fire, asking to go in a photograph the building, many of them crying.

"It really breaks my heart to see the burned ruins of the building," Vujovich concluded. "So many stores and memories for so many locals and visitors."



In the early morning hours of Jan. 20, the Sportsman's Lodge in Ennis caught fire.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

HEALTH & WELLNESS

5 quick tips to avoid common dieting pitfalls

Submitted by StatePoint

Weight loss goals are easier to make than to achieve. Life can often seem at odds with your health

and wellness goals. Luckily, there are plenty of ways to avoid common pitfalls.

• **Snack and drink smart:** When you are on-the-go, easy protein-packed snacks

will help you stay on track. Try beef jerky, low-fat string cheese or 100 calorie packs of almonds. Fiber-rich whole-grains, fruits and vegetables can also

help keep hunger at bay.

Calories from drinks add up fast. Stick with dry wines, as they often have fewer calories than sweeter varieties. Light beers, with approximately 100 calories for every 12-ounce serving, are also a good choice. If you prefer cocktails, use calorie-free mixers, such as seltzer.

• **Make it easy:** Dieting should be easy. Most people often complain they fail at diets because they need to constantly count calories, or weigh and measure foods.

Look for programs that help you stick to your goals by offering

convenience and support.

• **Eat out, right:** Eating out is sometimes unavoidable. Just be sure to check out a restaurant's nutrition information online before you go, so you can make wise choices.

Make substitutions like salad, with dressing on the side, instead of fries and do not be afraid to ask if a menu item can be modified. Also, be mindful of portion sizes. Take half your meal home and enjoy it for tomorrow's lunch.

• **Facing the scale:** Weight fluctuates throughout the day. Weigh yourself at the same

time of day in similar weight clothing to get the most accurate readings. Remember though, the number on the scale will not always reflect your hard work. Focus instead on healthy, positive changes and how you feel.

• **Aim for 30:** Squeeze 30 minutes of activity into your day. Walk during lunch, jump rope during your favorite nightly TV show or turn on music and dance around the house.

Remember, everyone falls off the wagon from time to time, but it is always the perfect time to commit to your weight loss goals.

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Debatable diet

Questioning modern winter eating practices



I know vegetables are essential for good health and during the warmer months I eat them without complaint. On the other hand, I'd almost rather endure a rotor rooter colonoscopy than eat vegetables during the winter months. Be that as it may, the ominous results of my last cholesterol test caused me to reexamine my position. As if the elevated numbers themselves weren't alarming enough, my doctor also issued me a stern warning. I don't recall what he said verbatim, but I do distinctly remember hearing the disquieting terms, "premature demise" and "playing TAPS over my bones!"

Having thus gained my undivided attention, the candid physician went on to admit that he wasn't nuts about eating vegetables in winter either. Hence, he suggested an alternative method to attain their cholesterol-lowering health benefits without having to insert the dirt-birthered fodder into my mouth and actually chew on it. In short, he encouraged me to try vegetable juicing. Duly inspired, I scurried to the nearest grocery store, purchased a mishmash of veggies and headed home. Not one to worry about such trifling matters as recipes; I quickly sliced, diced and chopped said dead plant life into something resembling culinary compost. I then threw the entire conglomeration into a blender along with a cup of water. After only three minutes of crushing, grinding and grating, I triumphantly held the life-prolonging potion in my hand. Then, with visions of immortality dancing in my mind, I raised it to my waiting lips.

At the risk of being indelicate, the disgusting concoction looked, smelled and tasted like putrid, purple, pond scum, scraped off a dead alligator in a Louisiana bayou. I sprinted to the bathroom and snorted the vile substance into the commode from where it was

sent swooshing to its rightful destination. Never would I have dreamed that mouthwash could curdle. I gargled through an entire bottle before my taste buds revived.

Then, while laboriously picking strands of celery from between my teeth, a thought occurred that I never before considered. I wondered how Montana's Native Americans, who lived here for centuries before the advent of canning and refrigeration, survived the long, harsh winters without fresh vegetables. Subsequent research uncovered some interesting facts.

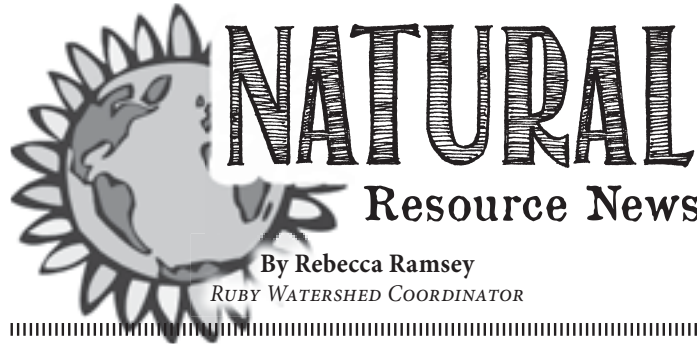
For instance, I learned that Montana Indians didn't farm. So, dried, wild carrots and onions, gathered during the summer, were the only vegetables available in winter. Other than that, to supplement their meat-based winter diet, the Indians dined on dried roots, camas bulbs, berries, bitterroot and various nuts. In other words, they lived within the natural scheme of things, where Mother Earth provided just the right foods to sustain them in the environment in which they dwelt.

Faced with such revealing evidence, I wondered if the fact that there aren't any celery, squash and cucumber sprouting through our January snow drifts is the very reason I don't crave them. Could it be that my instinctive aversion to winter veggies is an entirely normal evolutionary reaction? Could it be that I was never intended to consume a vegetable-laden diet during the winter?

In the end, despite cholesterol concerns, I was moved to readopt my original, anti-modern, eating practices position. No doubt debatable diet supporters will disagree with my learned opinion. Nevertheless, I'm pretty sure one slurp of putrid, purple pond scum will encourage them to seriously consider my point of view.

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By Rebecca Ramsey
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

SERVE SOMEBODY

Water is our most precious resource. Every living being depends on clean and abundant water to survive: every blade of grass, every animal, every insect, every soil microbe and every human. Water is essential to the cycle of life. Last week, I found multiple opportunities to think about water, how very important it is to our communities



and how it is used. First of all, the tragic oil spill on the Yellowstone River, which contaminated the river (affecting the fish, the aquatic insects that fish eat, the plant life in the river and on its banks) and the drinking water for the town of Glendive. We humans rely on fuel to operate in our lives, but we are completely

reliant on water to survive. There is no easy solution for prevention of this kind of occurrence, no easy solution for cleanup and it certainly wasn't easy for the residents of Glendive – human or otherwise – when they found out their water was unusable. It will not be easy to determine the long-term effects on the river

and its inhabitants either.

Secondly, the fire at the Sportsman's Lodge in Ennis, which used more than 400,000 gallons of water on one building, according to several sources including *The Madisonian* article on the incident. One of the firemen on the scene from the Virginia City volunteer fire department, David Bacon, said that at the height of the blaze they were applying 2,000 gallons per minute. That fire was fought with hoses that were hooked onto the municipal hydrants. To put this into perspective, the municipal water tank for the whole town of Virginia City holds 500,000 gallons of water. Fire suppression is not something that enters my mind when I think about water use ... yet this tragedy made me think about that very important use.

Thirdly, speaking of Virginia City, the Town of Virginia City has recently begun

updating their source water protection plan. I have been participating in the planning meetings as they have started to review their plan, which was created back in 2000. Source water protection plans are put in place to prevent contamination of a public water supply, and what measures would be taken in the case of an emergency and the water supply would be polluted, or eliminated. This is a collaborative, scientific process and the discussion and thought behind these plans is fascinating.

I think for the most part, we humans take water for granted. We are so lucky in Montana to be in a headwaters state – where the water for a huge portion of our nation comes from the mountains in western Montana, draining west to the Columbia River Basin and east to the Missouri River Basin. We are surrounded by clean, clear, abundant water. Even our streams, which are classified as impaired, are still aesthetically beautiful and are providing a source of life to plants, animals and humans.

It is our responsibility to support our water systems, to keep them clean and continually able to provide an abundance of water for all. It is our responsibility to learn about what effect each of us has on water. It is our responsibility to remember that water is our most precious resource and its supply (snow and rain) is beyond our control, but how we use it is ours to determine.



Gardener's Notebook: Indoor gardening

By Zelpha Boyd

Not much I can do outside today. Yesterday I worked in the non-heated greenhouse, pulling up dead plant stalks. It was refreshing to be outdoors doing something. This cabin fever is getting to me and I can hardly wait to plant spinach both in the garden and in the greenhouse.

So I may as well work with the houseplants. I have orchids blooming – which is such a pleasure on these cold and chilly days. I'm not an orchid grower, but these seem to like the conditions here. I bought several of them from Planet Natural on sale. The plants are in plastic food trays in a vinyl covered indoor greenhouse. The humidity of the water underneath keeps them hydrated, just like – well nearly like – in the wild. Orchids like the damp conditions. With every watering they get a diluted solution of an organic plant food. They really don't take much care – just removing dead leaves and blossoms and keeping the watered.

Last fall I saved several

Geraniums from the garden. As they grow and become leggy, I take cuttings and get some more plants started. This keeps the mother plant in shape, as well as providing more plants for outside this summer. With the cuttings, I dip the ends in a rooting hormone and simply place them in a small pot of good potting

soil. By keeping it moist, soon new growth appears. They may even bloom before being set outside.

With the African Violets, up keep is helpful to keep them blooming. Removing old, damaged or out-of-place leaves keeps the plants in a round desirable shape. Sometimes extra crowns will begin to grow. These need to

be clipped out. As with all my houseplants, I water them about twice a week with a weak solution of plant food – sometimes from the top and sometimes from the bottom.

My houseplants add so much pleasure with their blossoms and greenery. They really do boost my morale on wintery days. Makes me feel like I'm really gardening!



AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

A very dear friend Gloria Lombardi, passed away this past week. I first met Gloria when she was teaching in Twin Bridges – she and her son Lee lived in Twin Bridges. Then she met Robert Lombardi, who lived right next to my family, and married him. Years later, I worked with Gloria at the Madison County Fair, back when Gloria, Pat and Jeanette

Redfield and Cheryl Bacon ran the poultry and rabbit departments and the petting zoo. There were so many birds and animals entered those days – we usually had to borrow cages from the Bozeman fair to house them all. Working at the fair with Gloria and her crew was a learning experience and entertaining time. Now so many of them are gone. When John and Lori

Broksle's little daughter Aubrey passed away at a very young age it was Gloria that decided to start a playground for the area children right next to the petting zoo and poultry building at the fairgrounds. Gloria knew how much Aubrey loved the animals there so Gloria started the ABC Fund (Aubrey Broksle Center) and starting taking donations. The ABC playground was built with the many donations that Gloria and friends brought in; today it hosts children of all ages at fair time as well as year round.

That was Gloria, if something needed to be done that she believed in, she would take the bull by the horns and get it going. At the funeral, Lee said, "Mom was just Gloria." And she was that, she just lived how she wanted. If she believed she wanted to do something she did it. She raised one of the finest young men anyone would ever meet, Lee Bruner, an honest attorney, good man, son, husband

and father. Which brings us to those grandsons ... wow, did she love them.

My own kids thought the world of Gloria; she was so good with kids. She was always teaching, even just visiting her she made most things into a lesson. My kids just loved her lambs, which made Gloria so happy because she loved her little herd of sheep too. My youngest picked a little bum black lamb one year as his favorite. So Gloria gave it to him. When the black lamb matured after shearing, Gloria had it carded and spun into a black sweater for Luke with a book of lessons and pictures on every step of how the sweater was made.

I remember one time that my boys invited Gloria down for breakfast; they were making pancakes on a Sunday morning and wanted her to come eat with us. She said she would come even though it meant she would have to miss Sunday mass. Like I said, always a teacher, always a lesson. She would give up things

important to her to make a family member or friend happy. Well, I bet our maker has lots of peacocks and sheep on his farm in the heavens nowadays with Gloria smiling her big smile right next to those she cared about who preceded her. I'm going to miss her ...

So what have we learned this week? Be there for someone else – a happy life is about giving more than you take. That if we could look into each other's hearts and understand the unique challenges each of us faces, I think we would treat each other much more gently, with more love, patience, tolerance and care.

Super bowl time! Sorry, but I just want to see the new Clydesdale commercial! Best of luck to area speech and drama students at the state competition this week.

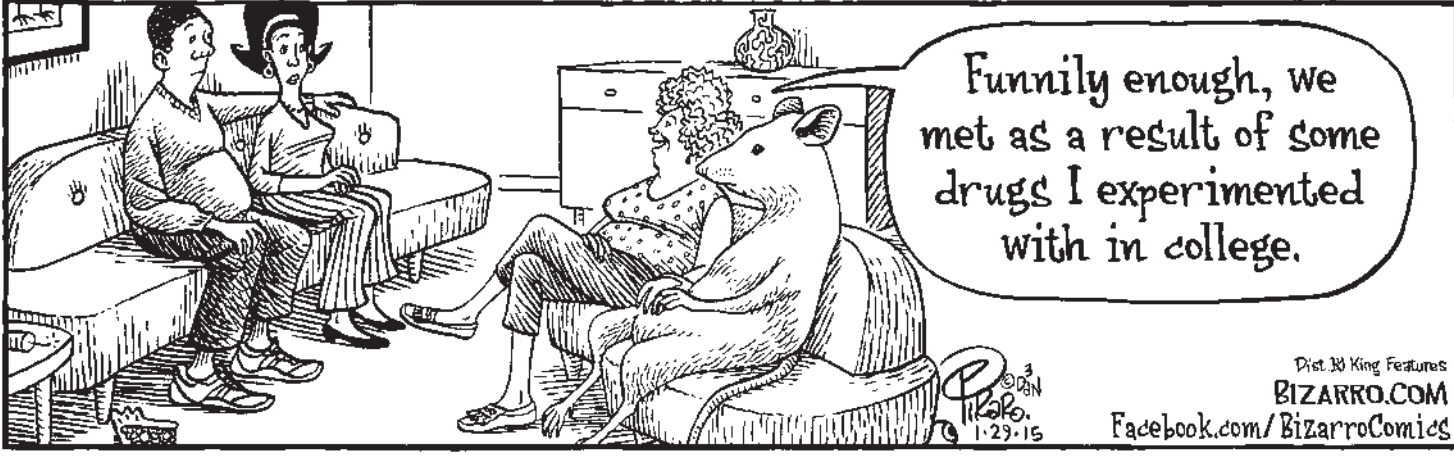
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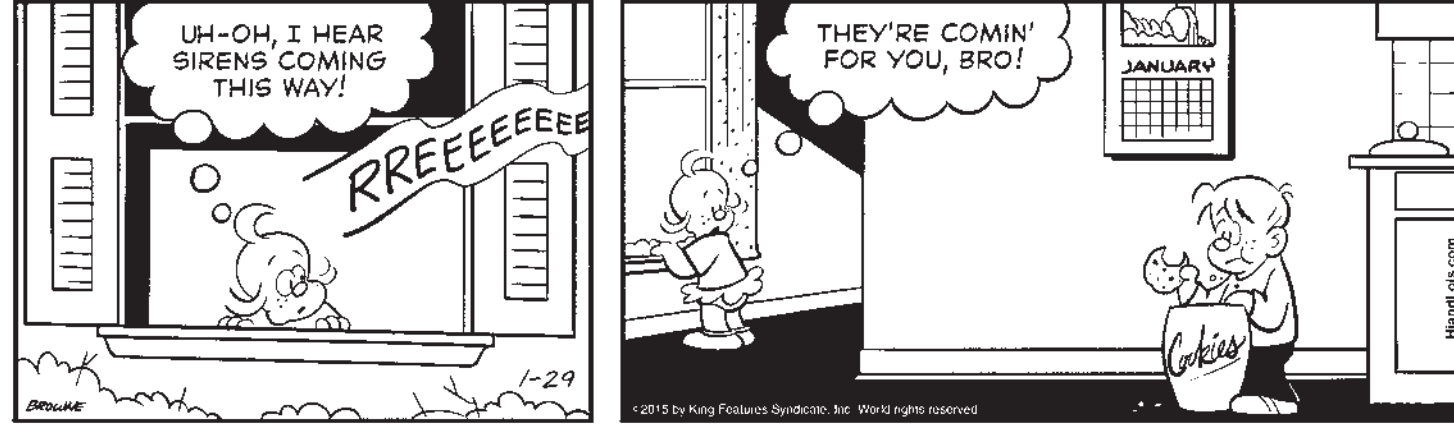
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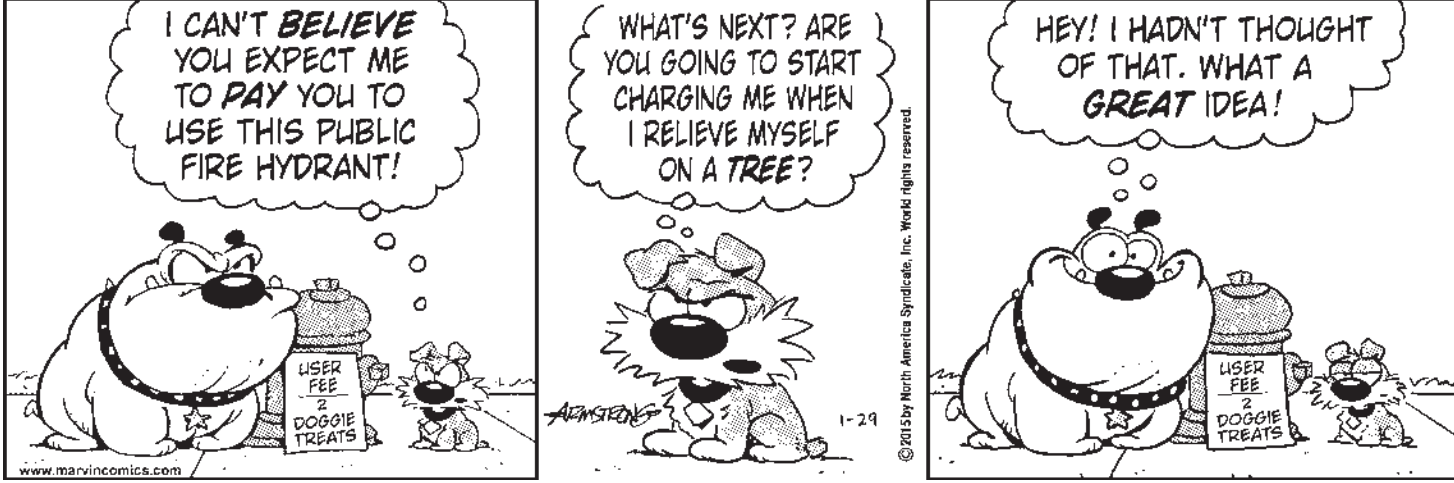
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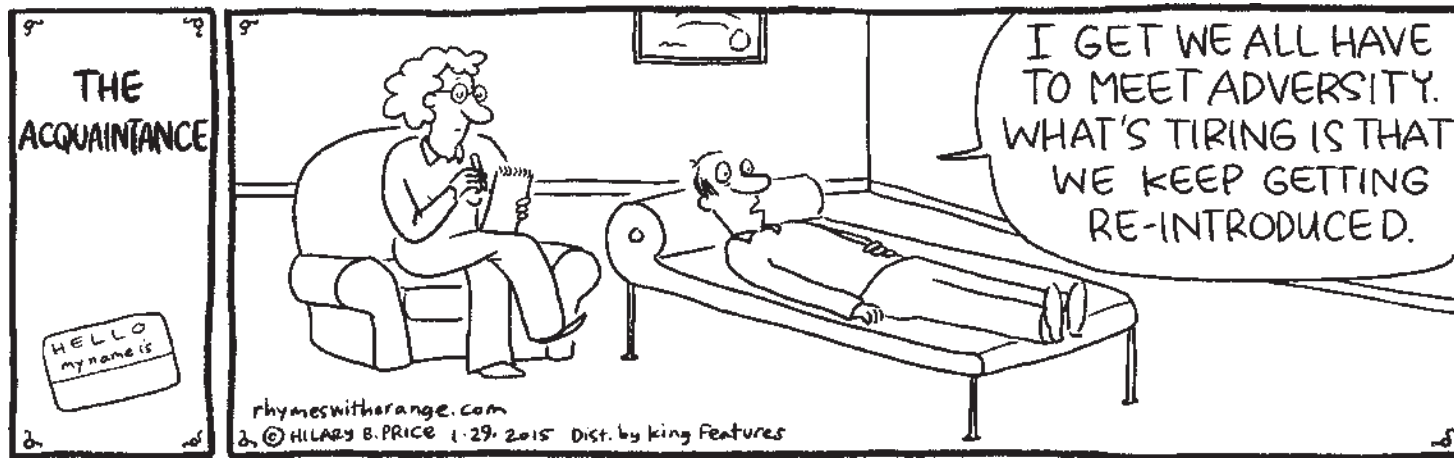
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Amy Jajliardo
Buxton, ME (pop. 53,128)

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- Janet

Amy's Veggie Fettuccine Alfredo

What You Need

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 3 carrots, julienned/sliced thin
- 1 small can of mushrooms, with their juice
- 1/4 c water
- 1/2 tsp chicken bouillon (opt)
- 1/4 c butter
- 1/4 - 1/2 c flour
- 2 c half and half
- 1/3 c cooking sherry
- 1 pinch nutmeg
- 1/2 c Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 lb cooked fettuccine noodles

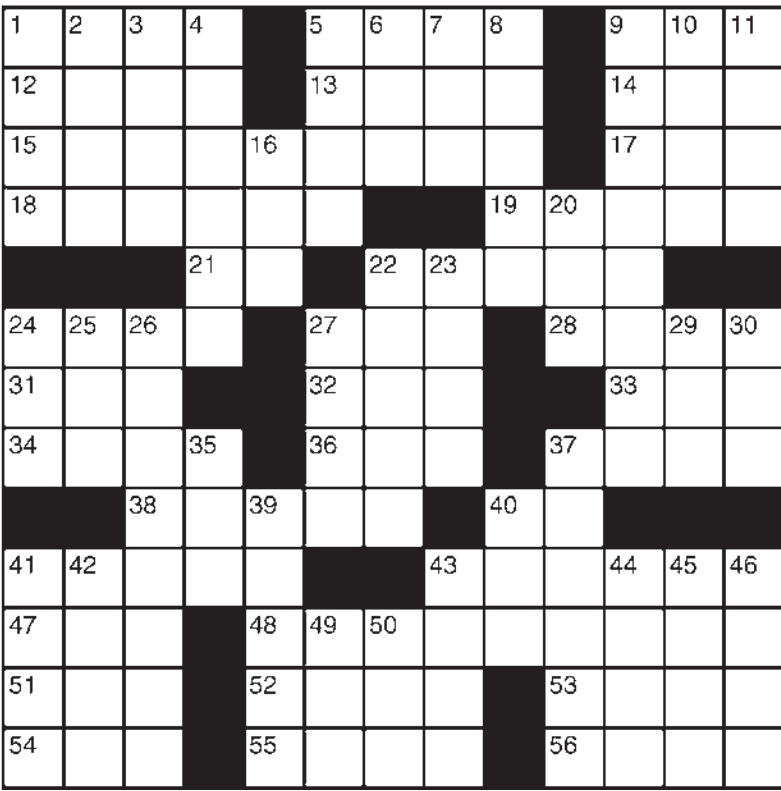
Directions

- Heat oil in skillet. Add onions and saute. After 3 min., add sugar to caramelize onions. Cook 2 more min. Add peppers and garlic. Cook about 5 min. until softened and browned.
- Add carrots, mushrooms (with their liquid), water and bouillon. Cover and cook 8 min. or until carrots are softened. Remove cover and continue cooking to evaporate liquid.
- While noodles are cooking, melt butter in small saucepan. Add flour and mix with whisk, cooking for 2-3 min. You'll want to add enough flour to get a thick paste.
- Add half and half, sherry, nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring continuously, until sauce thickens. Add Parmesan and mix well.
- Combine noodles, vegetables and sauce. Serve.

Submitted by: Amy Jajliardo, Buxton, ME (pop. 53,128)
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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
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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 & HIRTSO, 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 & Hirtsco
PO BOX 28
Dillon, Montana 59725
(Pub. Jan. 22, 29, Feb 5, 2015) dwh
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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 Ficek
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
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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:
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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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NOTICE
The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting the week of February 9, 2015, as they will be attending the Montana Association of Counties Midwinter Conference in Helena, Montana. Because Monday, February 16, 2015, is a holiday and the Courthouse and County Offices will be closed, the regular meeting for that week will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on April 3, 2015, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:
Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Passamari Heights Subdivision, Phase 1. Located in the S1/2 SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 5 West, P.M.M., according to Plat Book 4, Page 252, records of Madison County, Montana
Deanna M Noon, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to American Land Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on June 01, 2007 and recorded on June 04, 2007 as Document No. 120284. The beneficial interest is currently held by Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA). First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana.
The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$770.43, beginning April 1, 2014, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of October 31, 2014 is \$115,910.46 principal, interest at the rate of 6.00% now totaling \$4,628.48, escrow advances of \$819.38, suspense balance of \$-651.25 and other fees and expenses advanced of \$2,395.21, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$19.05 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.
The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse

such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any.
Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.
The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.
The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.
The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Dated: November 20, 2014
Dalia Martinez
Assistant Secretary,
First American Title Company of Montana, Inc.
Successor Trustee
Title Financial Specialty Services
PO Box 339
Blackfoot ID 83221
STATE OF Idaho)
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County of Bingham)
On this 20th day of November, 2014, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.
Lisa J Tornabene
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission expires: 11/6/2018
(Pub. Jan. 29, Feb 5, 12 2015) mk
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on March 20, 2015, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:
That portion of Lot 9, Block 1 of the Yeo Addition to the Town of Sheridan, according to the official plat of the survey thereof now on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana, described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 9 at a point on the Westerly side of Washington Street in the said Town; thence running in a Northwesterly direction over and along the Easterly side of Lot 9 a distance of 80 feet to

the Northeast corner of said Lot 9; thence in a Southwesterly direction over and along the North line of said Lot 9 a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence in a Southeasterly direction parallel to the East line of the said Lot 9 a distance of 80 feet to the point of intersection with the South line of said Lot 9; thence in a Northeasterly direction over and along the South line of said Lot 9 a distance of 100 feet to the place of beginning.
Deed Reference: Book 231, page 845
Donald L Edmisten, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to American Land Title Company of Montana, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on August 17, 2009 and recorded on August 17, 2009 as Document No. 132597. The beneficial interest is currently held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$672.11, beginning June 1, 2014, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of September 26, 2014 is \$111,487.21 principal, interest at the rate of 5.375% totaling \$2407.92, late charges in the amount of \$80.64, escrow advances of \$391.90, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$51.01, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$16.65 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.
The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse

such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any.
Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.
The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.
The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be

due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.
The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Dated: November 12, 2014
Lisa J Tornabene
Assistant Secretary,
First American Title Company, LLC
Successor Trustee
Title Financial Specialty Services
PO Box 339
Blackfoot ID 83221
STATE OF Idaho)
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County of Bingham)
On this 12 day of November, 2014, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Lisa J Tornabene, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.
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New tags allow wolf-pelt transport to Canada

Submitted by Tom Palmer
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

With the recent approval from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana wolf hunters and trappers who harvest wolves will now obtain internationally recognized pelt tags to allow for the export of wolf pelts directly

out of country, usually to Canadian fur auction houses. Montana's CITES wolf-pelt tags were obtained under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, an international agreement between governments. Its aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of CITES-listed

wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival. "This is a big change from the past couple of years in terms of hunter and trapper harvest opportunity to sell wolf pelts," said Brian Giddings, statewide furbearer coordinator for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena. Any hunter or trapper who harvests a wolf taken

during the 2014-2015 season – Sept. 6, 2014, through Feb. 28, 2015 – can now have it tagged with a CITES pelt tag. As a condition of CITES approval, however, no prior season harvested wolf can receive a CITES tag, Giddings said. Additionally, Montana's wolf CITES tags cannot be used for any other method

of mortality such as road-killed, federal Wildlife Services' control action, landowner/livestock control, or incidental take. Nor can CITES tags be used for wolves taken on Tribal lands. Hunters and trappers have strict reporting requirements. Upon the harvest of a wolf, hunters and trappers must call 1-877-FWP-WILD within

24 hours to file a report. Wolf pelts must be tagged within 10 days of harvest. State tags issued earlier this hunting and trapping season can be replaced with the new wolf CITES tags by contacting the nearest FWP regional office. Once one receives a wolf CITES tag the old state-issued wolf tag can be removed and discarded.

Ennis Arts Association announces 2015 budget

Submitted by Patsy Eckert
ENNIS ART ASSOCIATION

The Ennis Arts Association held its annual budget meeting on Jan. 6 and the budget is set for 2016. For the coming year, the

EAA will support multiple art happenings and scholarships. The following is a list of event and recipients for 2015. Three art-related awards to the Ennis School Science Fair for the artistic use of color and overall design of the display.

- Help support two performances of Shakespeare in the schools.
- Donation of books and art tapes to the library.
- Community choir for music purchases.
- Donation to the Good

Thymes summer camp. Three awards to the Madison County Fair. Youth scholarships for continuing education and workshops, including fine art, photography, culinary arts, fashion design, computer design,

architecture, music, literature, drama, elementary education, welding, sculpture and pottery. Adult scholarships for continuing education. Musicians for the arts festival. A memorial fund for members.

The EAA meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more information, visit the EAA website at www.ennisartsassociation.org.

Update on Madison bighorn transplant

Submitted by Andrea Jones
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Information regarding the current location of the bighorn sheep relocated to the Wolf Creek drainage from the Quake Lake area is made possible through the use of the new lifecycle collar

technology. This enables the Fish, Wildlife and Parks to download GPS signals almost daily from the (10) collared bighorn sheep. This has been a helpful feature as the released bighorn have been exploring deep into wilderness canyons and high onto nearby mountains. Further

monitoring will include a helicopter flight in spring, concurrent with the mule deer count in the Madison Valley. In summary – 10 collars were placed on ewes in the 52 sheep were transplanted. Six collars are in the Wolf Creek area. Two collars moved

to an intermediate winter range to the south, near Moose and Sun Creeks, where they joined a small band of wintering bighorn. These bighorn were introduced to this area in the 1990s, and number about 30-40. This is an unintended benefit of the transplant – some new genetics may be

brought to this intermediate, small winter range. Two collars bounce between Papoose Creek, a new area where we have not yet documented bighorn, and Moose and Sun Creeks. By summer, some of the bighorn may indeed return to their previous winter range by

Quake Lake. But as long as the majority remains in Wolf Creek as they have so far, this transplant will be a success. Wolf Creek may need to be augmented with an additional transplant in 2015-2016 to help the new population establish, as suggested in the 2013-2014 environmental assessment.

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- Sunday School 10:15 am

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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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MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
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THURSDAY JANUARY 29

FWP speaker, Sheridan
Head to the Sheridan school library at 7 p.m. to learn more about big game numbers in the Ruby Valley from Fish, Wildlife and Parks area biologist, Dean Waltee.

WEDS FEB 4 THROUGH MARCH 4

Bible Study, Ennis
Rocky Mountain Baptist Church hosts a 5 week bible study at the church on 606 Comely Way.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7

Mental Health Discussion, Ennis
11 a.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Featured topic will

be OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder). Lisa Brubaker, licensed therapist, will lead the discussion. She will talk about how depression as well as other behaviors are a component of the disorder. Everyone is welcome to this Friends of the Library sponsored discussion.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

Business After Hours, Ennis
5 p.m. BAH hosted by Madison River Foundation. Come out and meet the new Executive Director Liz Davis.

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis
The Madison Valley Book Club will meet Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Madison

Valley Public Library to discuss the book *The End of Your Life Book Club*, by Will Schwalbe. Judy Miller will lead the discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FRI-SAT-SUN FEBRUARY 13-15

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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.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

Pancake Dinner, Jeffers
5 - 7 p.m. The Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers is holding its annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. The men of Trinity will be cooking. Tickets are available at the door.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

Open mic night, Sheridan
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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Monday, unless noted, public welcome. 9:30 a.m. Annex Building

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.
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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
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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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6-8 PM
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JANUARY 6, 7, 14, 20, 21, 28
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