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THE MADISON RIVER

FWP shocks fish in three sections of river to monitor population

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The future is, inherently, unpredictable, which is why it is difficult for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologist Dave Moser to put into terms why monitoring fish populations is important.

"When you're collecting data, you don't know why you might need it in the future," Moser said. "We don't know what our needs will be."

On Aug. 31, FWP boats started shocking three sections of the Madison River to collect population data for brown and

rainbow trout. The work is set to be completed on Sept. 24.

"What we're doing is monitoring fish populations," Moser said. "We have sections we do every year, and some we don't do every year."

Every year, FWP collects data on the Pine Butte section, which is a three-mile long section that ends at Lyon's Bridge, the Varney section, from Varney Bridge to the Eight Mile fishing access site, and the Norris section, from Warm Springs to Cherry Creek.

According to Moser, the Norris section is examined in the spring, but the other two are looked at in the fall.

"This year, we're doing the McAtee section too," Moser added. "We did it five years ago, but we're shocking it again to get continuity of data."

Moser gave a few examples for why the data collection is important.

"When whirling disease set in years ago, we had a good set of data and a good grasp on what the fish should be doing," he said. "Or say we have a really bad drought or NorthWestern Energy can't put water through Hebgen (dam), we need those populations monitored."

The possibility of future emergencies, disease outbreaks and more is what

make the work important, Moser added.

"What if a truck carrying a toxic chemical falls in a stream?" Moser asked. "We have solid data and that could help us determine compensation in a court of law."

Why September

"There are a couple reasons we have to do it in September," Moser said. "The

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Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
McAtee Bridge pictured from the Madison River

GOVERNOR VISITS VIRGINIA AND NEVADA CITY



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Governor Steve Bullock (l) stands with his son, Cameron, and Living History Program volunteers after Saturday's reenactment of Jack Slade's end. "We haven't been here for almost two years and it's always nice to come down and see the history. And the kids got to have ice cream before lunch, so they liked that," said Gov. Bullock of his trip to Virginia and Nevada City with his family.

* Editor's note: Read more about the Living History Program and Jack Slade's end on B1 of this week's edition.

FORWARD THINKING

County purchases land near Ennis Airport with future expansion in mind

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"We're just planning for the next 30 or 40 years here," said Madison County commissioner Jim Hart, explaining why the county recently purchased a plot of land adjacent to the Ennis Airport. "We're just trying to think ahead so down the road, future commissioners and airport board members have room to grow if they need to."

On Monday, Aug. 31, the commissioners approved the purchase of the land, which cost \$98,000. The commis-

sioners also accepted a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to help cover the cost of the land purchase.

"FAA reimbursed the cost up to 90 percent for that piece of property," Hart said.

The property, which is 10.2 acres, does not factor into current expansion plans for the airport, which include apron and taxiway improvements and is scheduled to take place next spring.

"This is for future growth," Hart said. "We see around a 3 percent increase in use annually (at the Ennis Airport). We have to plan ahead."

Lance Bowser, engineer with Robert Peccia and Associates, the firm that handles engineering and construction on Madison County's airports, said the FAA money used to purchase the land was part of a much larger grant.

"Madison County accepted a \$211,500 FAA grant for the Ennis Big Sky Airport," Bowser said. "(The grant is) to complete an airport master plan study and acquire land for future apron, taxi lane and hangar development."

The entire grant covers 90 percent of the \$235,000 estimated total project

costs, Bowser explained.

"The acquired parcel is a critical piece to support long-term growth at the airport," he said. "The grant also includes completion of an airport master plan study. The study will focus on aviation forecasting, facility requirements, environmental considerations and public involvement. The study is being undertaken to help identify the current and future airport development needs, and identify an implementation plan and financial feasibility."

The master plan study will most likely be completed in the next six months, Bowser added.

Rescue on the reservoir

Ruby Valley Search and Rescue assist boaters on Ruby Reservoir

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Around 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30, Ruby Valley Search and Rescue received a call for assistance – on the Ruby Reservoir, a boat's engine died.

"There was a 1-year-old, a lady and a man in the boat," said Ruby Valley SAR president Bill Sinclair. "They were out there in 2-foot white caps, slammed up against a big rock."

Sinclair and three other SAR members – Tommy Luksha, Mike Tilstra and Mike

Gianfrancisco – launched Sinclair's boat from the east side of the reservoir at 2:25 p.m.

"(The boat we were rescuing) had blown to the northwest corner of the reservoir by that big rock cliff," Sinclair said. "We headed out and got across the lake, taking water in over the bow and over the back."

Sinclair and the other SAR members put the three people in the boat in life jackets and then attached a rope to their boat.

"We towed them over to the side on the east shore," he said. "We were back by 3:15. It was a successful rescue."

MOORE CREEK

Project back on track after issues with funding

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The scope of work for the project to replace the Moore Creek culverts in and around Ennis has been changed multiple times, but the Madison County commissioners finally have a handle on how it will look.

"We're going to replace all eight culverts," said commissioner Jim Hart. "We had a request out to (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and they are willing to take on additional cost."

The commissioners had to request additional funding for the project, because the lowest bid they received for the work came in approximately \$400,000 over budget, Hart explained.

The initial FEMA funding, combined with a Department of Natural Resources and Conservation grant, totaled around \$1 million, which was not enough to cover costs. Following the commissioners' request for additional funds, however, FEMA upped their contribution.

According to a FEMA letter, they will fund \$1,143,601.12, and the county is required to provide a 25 percent match – \$381,200.38.

"Ultimately, the max amount the county is going to be responsible for going

forward is around \$100,000," Hart said. "For our contribution, we have a (Montana Department of Transportation) grant for \$150,000 and one (grant) from the DNRC for \$100,000."

Hart explained the county has already spent between \$25,000 and \$35,000 on engineering costs, which leaves their contribution at around \$100,000.

"It will be a combination of finances and in-kind contributions," he said.

Flooding

"Even though Moore Creek only floods periodically, like any creek, it has created problems," Hart said, explaining the justification for the project. "It mostly floods in the downtown area, but also around some residences south and west of Main Street."

Hart said the creek floods because the culverts are too small – when the project is completed and the culverts are replaced, the chance of flooding – and hopefully the creek's floodplain – will decrease.

"It would take a few years to determine if the flood plain decreases, but a decreased floodplain would hopefully decrease the amount of flood insurance people would have to pay," he said. "A given residence that is now in the

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first is temperature. We don't want to shock fish when the water is above a certain temperature. It starts getting cool enough because the nights are longer in September."

Another reason ties directly to brown trout. Moser said brown trout in the Madison River spawn in October and November. "We don't want to disturb spawning so we have to get done before that starts," he said.

The final reason FWP shocks the river in September is because data has historically been collected in the fall – shocking at a different time of the year would add in a variable that would make the data less reliable.

To get a population estimate, FWP shocks the fish in a given section and captures them.

"We mark the fish, weigh them and measure them," Moser said. "We release them and then go back on later days and do two recapture runs. The proportion of marked fish to unmarked fish gives us an estimation of population size."

Impact on fishing

According to Moser, the captured fish are held in fresh water while they are weighed and measured.

"Then they go back in the stream," he said. "They recover within two minutes and swim away."

Moser said he does not think fishing is impacted by the shocking. "This is just anecdotal, but I know a (fishing) guide on the Beaverhead (river) who follows the shocking boat," Moser said. "It shouldn't impact whether the fish eats or not."

Shocking schedule
 Moser explained the current shocking schedule is subject to change depending on water and air temperatures. As of now, however, here is where FWP will be shocking through Sept. 24.

- Sept. 9 – Pine Butte
- Sept. 10 – Pine Butte
- Sept. 11 – Pine Butte
- Sept. 14 – Varney
- Sept. 15 – Varney
- Sept. 16 – Varney
- Sept. 17 – McAtee
- Sept. 18 – McAtee
- Sept. 21 – McAtee
- Sept. 22 – Pine Butte
- Sept. 23 – Pine Butte
- Sept. 24 – Pine Butte

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floodplain may, in a few years, be out of the flood area."

According to Jeremiah Theys, project manager with Great West Engineering, the current culverts are undersized. "Most of the culverts can

only handle up to a five-year storm event and the new ones will be upsized to handle larger storm events," he said.

Tentative timeline

Hart said he hopes the project will begin later this fall. "Last I heard, the contrac-

tor hopes to do the Main Street portion of it this fall," he said.

The culvert Hart is referring to is located at First Street and Main Street in downtown Ennis – the other seven culverts run southwest through town and eventually cross Montana Highway 287 by the Mormon Church.

"The rest will probably get done next spring," Hart said. "It's all still tentative."

Theys confirmed Hart's hope, saying construction will likely begin the first part of October and finish next summer.

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RESPONDING TO THE SCENE

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At 1:50 p.m. on Sept. 1, a vehicle waiting to turn left into the Madison Foods parking lot in Ennis was rear ended by a northbound car, the driver of which was not paying attention, according to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson. Fortunately, the only injury was a bloody nose, Thompson said. Pictured is a fire fighter with the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, who responded to the incident, along with the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the Montana Highway Patrol.

MANOR TO RECEIVE LAND DONATION FROM MEDICAL CENTER

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The Madison Valley Medical Center is in the process of creating an agreement with the Madison Valley Manor to donate a parcel of land, according to commissioner Jim Hart. "There is a stretch of property between the buildings, on the north side of the manor, that actually belongs to the hospital," Hart said. "(The manor's) propane tank and fuel tank are technically on hospital property."

Hart said the medical center is willing to donate that piece of property to the manor – the land is approximately 30 – 40 feet wide, and located between the manor building, and the manor's driveway. "It just makes more sense for the manor to own it," Hart said. The property is right outside the manor's kitchen, according to MVM administrator Darcel Cook. "At some point we would love to be able to expand that kitchen," Cook said. "To make it more user friendly for our staff. Those are future plans."

The hospital and the manor are also working together to create a plan to make their two buildings look like one cohesive campus. "We want the same lights in our parking lot that the hospital has," Cook said. "Eventually, we want to have one entrance – both use the entrance the hospital has now. We are both working to provide the best medical care for the community and we would like to look like one, continuous campus."

Medical center CEO John Bishop said the manor approached the hospital board requesting the land transfer, and the board voted unanimously to donate the property. "Madison Valley Manor plays a key role in helping to fulfill our mission to this community of improving its overall health and wellness," Bishop said. "They provide necessary services and fill an important part of the health care cycle for many of our fellow community members who are most in need."

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MORE NEWS:

The sweet relief of returning home

Hi readers,

At the end of August, my boyfriend and I packed up our truck, grabbed Calamity Jane (our pup) and hit the road, looking forward to a few days of R and R. He's a fishing guide so his summers are insanely busy ... which is a common theme for folks living in Madison County. The newspaper keeps me busy every day of the week, every week of the year, but for some reason, summer gets ridiculously busy. I love the hustle and the bustle, but I have to admit, it was nice to get away for a few days. We drove south through the county, eventually crossing Reynolds Pass and leaving Montana for Idaho. Eventually, we stopped in Victor, Idaho, and made it home base for our vacation. Fly fishing rods in hand, we explored the Henry's Fork, the South Fork of the Snake River and the Teton River. We slept in the truck bed in the shadow of the Tetons. We ate good food, tried a few local brews and – most importantly – we kept our phones on silent.

After three days of adventure, however, we were ready to head home. I was taken with Idaho and the places we explored, but there is no better feeling than coming home. For me anyway. While my boyfriend napped next to me in the passenger seat, I guided the truck north along Highway 287, winding along the Madison River, and I felt completely at peace.

Whenever I explore a new place, I find myself thinking it is the coolest, most beautiful spot in the world. But then I get back to Madison County and I realize we're the ones who have lucked out.

People from all over the world travel to Madison County to get away from their day-to-day lives. They come here to enjoy our natural resources and explore our history. Sometimes I forget that fact. We live in paradise – but I guess when you live in paradise for long enough, it becomes the norm.

That's one reason I love traveling elsewhere. I get to explore new places and that's great, but most of all, I return home with a renewed sense of appreciation for the place I call home – Madison County.

Abigail



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Far left: We had fun fishing a new river and catching cutthroat trout. **Center left:** Calamity Jane and I hardly knew what to do with ourselves with some time off. **Center right:** Living in the bed of a truck for a few days was a good break from normal life. **Far right:** My boyfriend, Mike Elliott, also hooked some monster brown trout on the Henry's Fork!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Shan Hoover: Giving back through companionship

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Shan Hoover has been working as a senior companion for nine years. She was stopped by Carol Braach at

the post office one day and was asked if she would be interested in helping with the senior companion program.

“(Braach) said she could use another senior companion and said that I’d fit the bill,” said Hoover.

Hoover has worked as a

caregiver most of her life, taking care of her mother and her late husband, and she never turns anyone away.

“If someone says they need help, I get them help,” she said.

As part of the program, Hoover takes her companions to lunch at the senior

center if they wish to go, helps with doctor appointments and getting prescriptions and sometimes she just takes her companions out for a drive. Her main goal is to make them feel comfortable.

“I’ve met a lot of special people and they all hold a special place in my heart,” she said. “The older they get, the more special they become.”

Hoover has always enjoyed helping others and bringing a sense of happiness wherever she goes.

After graduating from Billings Senior High and attending college in Washington, Hoover received a degree in secondary education with an emphasis

in art and physical education. She married her husband in 1964, moved to Sheridan and bought the old bowling alley, where she started adult and junior leagues.

“I loved the junior leagues,” Hoover said. “The kids were my favorite because they just loved bowling.”

For Hoover, it is all about making people smile – that is what she most enjoys when giving back to the community.

“The fact that I can make someone’s life a little easier and

a little happier is the greatest reward,” she said. “Letting people know that someone is there for them is important.”



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TIE ONE ON Fly fishing festival in Ennis



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On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 4 and 5, The Madison River Foundation hosted the Ennis on the Madison Fly Fishing Festival in downtown Ennis. The festival welcomed people from across the United States, for two days filled with lessons in fly tying, casting and more, in addition to multiple vendors and speakers.

OPINION

New speed limit needed for Varney Road

Dear Editor,

Ten years ago when the Varney Road was unpaved, a 35 mile per hour speed limit was reasonable. Today with pav-

ing and growing use, it is time to change the limit to 50 mph. Residents of Shining Mountains and Bullwheel, in addition to the river guides who regularly use the Varney Bridge, will appreci-

ate an opportunity to obey the law with a higher limit instead of sneaking onto 50 mph in fear of being apprehended by the law. I urge the transportation department to take another look

at the current limit and consider raising it in accordance with the condition and use of the road.

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Betty Bubany passed away peacefully at her home Sunday, Sept. 6.

Betty Bubany March 4, 1929 - September 6, 2015

Betty was the fourth child of nine born to Edward and Anna (Talbot) Kingrey, at Twin Bridges on March 4, 1929. She married John W. McDougall of Butte. She worked at Martha's Café while John was in the service. They later divorced. Betty subsequently married Anthony Bubany, Sr., and spent the remainder of her life living in Virginia City.

Betty did many things connected to the tourist trade there.

She worked during her spare time refinishing furniture, caring for the elderly and heading up fund raising for the volunteer fire department. She was involved in many additional activities.

Betty was preceded in passing by both husbands, son Anthony, Jr., granddaughter Amy Tibbs and grandson Ben Ashcraft.

She leaves behind her son John of Virginia City; daughters Elizabeth Smith of Broadview

and Juanita McCord of Ely, N.V.; grandsons David Smith and PO2 Jack Ashcraft; in addition to many great grandchildren; her siblings include sisters Ethel Bradley, Fay (Lindy) Fortunati, Gloria Mantha and brother Elwyn "Speed" Kingrey.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, at 1 p.m. from the K&L Mortuary Chapel at Sheridan. Interment will follow in the Nevada City Cemetery at Nevada City.

Leslie F. Jackson September 7, 1927 - September 3, 2015



Four score and seven years ago a bouncing baby boy was delivered to 108 Jefferson Street in Sheridan, to Leona and Frank Jackson. He arrived Sept. 7, 1927, and was named Leslie Fay Jackson. From that time he was a complete joy to his family as well as the entire community of Sheridan and surrounding areas.

He left us very early in the morning of Sept. 3, 2015, four days short of his 88th birthday.

Les attended the Sheridan Schools and graduated in 1945. He was employed with one of his life long friends, Ted Darby, at Madison's store as a clerk. In December of 1945 he volunteered for the United States Army Air Corps, where he served as an aircraft mechanic at Westover Field in Massachusetts. He served for one year and five months and was honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1947. Upon his return to Sheridan, he returned to Madison's store as a clerk and learned meat cutting and butchering skills. He also delivered groceries. He began helping his father in the operation of the Sheridan Bakery. The bakery sold to Bruce Pearson.

During this time, a beautiful young home economics teacher arrived in Sheridan. All of the young bachelors of Sheridan and the area obviously noticed this attractive young lady. Jackson was particularly entranced with Betty Eakman and a romance began despite much competition. After a few years, Betty returned to Great Falls near her home. During that hiatus, Les completed his education and began his teach-

ing career at Sheridan Middle School, teaching primarily seventh grade for 28 years. He continued his education to receive his masters degree. He was also involved in coaching and a ready volunteer for other civic or school activities. He was a lifetime member of Bethel Methodist Church, a member of the volunteer fire department for many years, a member of Kiwanis, a member of the city council, a member of American Legion Post 89 of Sheridan, a member and master several times of Sheridan Masonic Lodge #20 AF&AM, member of Westgate Masonic Lodge #27 AF&AM of Twin Bridges, life member of Ban-nack Historic Lodge #3-7-77 AF&AM and a life member of Virginia City Commandery #1.

In addition to his many activities, Les was a ready friend for anyone who needed his counsel or help. Les and his friend Ted Darby took on the responsibility of developing and organizing baseball leagues, primarily little league where they coached and inspired these young people and were good role models for them. They were also instrumental in developing teams of other age groups for baseball. In appreciation for all of their efforts, the local baseball advocates and others provided them with transportation and tickets for a major league baseball game in Minneapolis in 1966. During the late 60s Betty Eakman and Les renewed their communication and were ultimately married in Elko, N.V., in 1968. Betty again was employed at Sheridan High School while Les was still teaching. In 1972, Les and Betty purchased from the Glen Marsh family ranch a piece of property along Mill Creek on Mill Creek Road. It was about 10 acres and Mill Creek ventured throughout the narrow, long piece of property. It was covered with weeds, sagebrush and more than its share of the rocks - large and small - typical of the

Rocky Mountains. They began to clear the wild grass, stones, rocks and sagebrush. They hauled truckloads of topsoil as well as truckloads upon truckloads of cow manure. They toiled and mixed until they had beautiful fertile composted soil to begin their garden. They brought electricity to the property and had a good flowing well drilled, capable of irrigation of the tilled land. A good friend, Bud Ehlers, designed and built a water wheel and a small pond where they kept koi and other fish that could survive the winter. The classic, beautiful vegetables were surrounded with many varieties of beautiful flowers as well as a beautiful lawn area. A gazebo was constructed, as was a garage to store their tractor, supplies and garden implements and tools. With their love and care, the area blossomed into what is now known as Jackson's Garden.

While doing all the things they were doing, they also began to farm in Great Falls. They acquired land, developed a small herd of cattle and helped Betty's relatives in planting and harvesting large areas of grain. With their resources, the old family home was rehabilitated, and a beautiful delivery/nursery was built for the birthing and comfort of the newborn calves.

Betty and Les loved what they were doing, both at their new ranch and their precious Jackson's Garden. This commute continued until Betty passed away in 2002.

Les attempted to keep the projects going but with obvious loss of enthusiasm began to fall behind. In 2005, Chris and Frank McKeever came to the rescue and began enthusiastically to assist Les in the garden. The following year, more people joined the effort and by 2008 the efforts of those few friends returned the garden to much of its former glory. A nonprofit group was formed and Les gave the title

to Jackson's Garden to the volunteers who had assisted him over the years. The garden has prospered and grown more expansive and beautiful with the tender care of the volunteer group, all in memory of Betty and Les.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty Eakman Jackson; his mother Leona; his father Frank; and his brothers Frank Jr. and Arthur; as well as Frank Jr.'s son William Jackson.

He is survived by his loving sister Doris and her husband Dr. Ernest Bock of Sheridan; their children, niece Kathleen Marie Stewart (Don) of Fairfield, Calif. and nephew Thomas Arthur Bock of Pinos Altos, N.M.; Frank Jr.'s children, niece Nancy Willumsen (Cliff) of Australia, niece Janet Madaras (Ron) of Waco, Texas, and niece Peggy Kelly (Patrick) of Branchville, N.J.; and a great many great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Marge (Frank Jr.) of Waco, Texas; Betty's brother Bud Eakman (Frances); nephew Don Eakman; and numerous other members of Betty Eakman Jackson's family.

The funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at Bethel Methodist Church, Sheridan, with David Reintsma officiating. A reception will follow the services at Bethany Hall. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls at 3 p.m.

Any memorial gifts in memory of "Uncle Bing" would be appreciated to be directed to his beloved Bethel Methodist Church, Sheridan, MT 59749.

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SPORTS

RACING AROUND MADISON COUNTY Cross-country teams compete at Butte Central, Twin Bridges meets



Photo Courtesy Cori Koenig
Lane Sitz (center) races for Ennis at the Butte Central Meet.



Photo Courtesy Kaysha Young
Racers leave the starting line at the Butte Central Meet in Fairmont last week.

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BUTTE CENTRAL MEET

Both Ennis and Harrison cross-country teams traveled to Fairmont on Sept. 1 for the Butte Central Meet.

Wildcat times:

Taya DeFrance – 24:35
Derik DeFrance – 19:55

Mustang times:

Lane Sitz – 19:01
Race Owens – 19:24
Wade Luly – 22:08

TWIN BRIDGES MEET

Thirteen cross-country teams – including Sheridan,

Harrison and the home team of Twin Bridges – competed at the Twin Bridges Meet on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Twin Bridges cross-country coach Nancy Bell said the meet had a “good turnout and some decent competition,” with well-prepared, solid runners.

“We also had a junior high race with probably

60 kids,” Bell said. “We had a lot of kids there.”

The schools that attended the meet were Manhattan, Manhattan Christian, Park, Three Forks, Whitehall, Jefferson, Harrison, Granite, Sheridan, Twin Bridges, West Yellowstone, Anaconda and Gardiner.

Varsity boys top finishers:

1. Lenny McComas, Manhattan – 16:47.5
2. AJ Eckmann, Jefferson – 17:07.5
3. Hunter Flynn, Whitehall – 17:10.8
4. Tony Krogstad, Manhattan – 17:44.8
5. Colter Barney, Manhattan – 18:07.1

Varsity girls top finishers:

1. Bailee Parker, West Yellowstone – 18:34.2
2. Hannah Madson, Manhattan – 21:01.4
3. A18 (no name given), Anaconda – 21:25.1
4. Kendyl Pierson, Park – 21:31.3
5. Larissa Saarel, Park – 21:33.9

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

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ENNIS

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Ennis	30	20	6	0	56
Shields Valley	6	0	0	8	14

The Mustangs faced off against Shields Valley on Sept. 4 and came away victorious. “We were really trying to establish the run game this week,” said head coach Chris Hess. “They did a good job on that and cleaned a lot of stuff up from last week.”

Hess said the team is continually improving, which is a good thing.

Against Shields Valley, Hess said the offensive line stepped up.

“Overall, the offensive line did a really good job and helped us get that run game going,” he said.

On Friday, Sept. 11, the Mustangs welcome Park City to Ennis for their homecoming game.

“They are a tougher team, so we expect them to be more of a challenge,” Hess said. “It should be a good game.”

SHERIDAN

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Sheridan	0	8	0	6	14
St. Regis	7	18	12	7	44

“The team played tough football but made fumbles in the third quarter that led to easy scores by the Tigers,” said assistant football coach Mike Wetherbee about the Panther’s game against the St. Regis Tigers on Sept. 4.

Wetherbee said defensively, Zane Bowey and Moxon Lee were “standouts.”

On offense, Tristan Studeny scored two touchdowns – one rushing and one receiving.

Next week, the Panthers welcome Lincoln to Sheridan on Sept. 11.

HARRISON/WHITEHALL

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Harrison/Whitehall	7	13	0	14	34
Columbus	6	16	12	12	46

The Trojans lost last Friday in a close game.

“Offensively, we had things rolling,” said head coach Dan Lacey.

“Defensively, we were coming up a little short.”

Lacey said what “really killed” the team was turnovers.

“We had way too many of them,” he said. “We really need to win the turnover battle and tighten up our special teams. We’ve lost the turnover battle both games (this year) – we’re giving the ball away too much and not getting it back enough.”

Next Friday, the Trojans welcome Anaconda to Whitehall.

“They’re 0-2 and we’re 0-2,” Lacey said. “We’re both really hunting for that win.”

TWIN BRIDGES

	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	FINAL
Twin Bridges	22	13	14	14	63
Broadview	0	0	7	12	19

The Twin Bridges Falcons got off to a good start against Broadview for their first game of the season on Sept. 4.

After a 22-point first quarter, the Falcons expanded their lead with another 13 points in the second quarter, before Broadview was able to get on the board.

The Falcons ended the game with 240 rushing yards to Broadview’s 142.

Next week, the Falcons play their first home game when they welcome Shields Valley to Twin Bridges on Sept. 11.

VOLLEYBALL ROUND UP

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ENNIS

The Lady Mustangs faced off against White Sulphur Springs on Sept. 3, and after a slow start, were able to rally for five sets.

“The girls started off slow and struggled with passing,” said head coach Betty Klein. “But they never gave up and came back in the fifth set to win the game.”

The Mustangs also travelled to Belgrade for the Windy City tournament this weekend, playing teams from Class B and Class A.

“We played some tough teams and lost some close matches,” Klein said.

The Mustangs rounded out the match with 37 team kills – Caitlin Klatt, Jourdain Klein and Danyel Martin each grabbed nine, while Brigit Crok took home six aces and 13 digs for the team.

Ennis vs. White Sulphur Springs

- Set 1 18 - 25
- Set 2 25 - 21
- Set 3 25 - 20
- Set 4 22 - 25
- Set 5 15 - 13

HARRISON

Harrison played three sets against Shields Valley at home Thursday Sept. 3, winning all three. Coach Kyla Simon said all three sets were close and the teams ended up playing for extra points.

“All the games were played to above 25 and were really close,” she said.

Simon said the team saw great improvement on their passing from last weekend’s tournament play. Harrison had 35 kills in Thursday’s game, 12 of which came from Makenna Livezey. Addie Nesbit managed to grab two blocks against the Hornets and defensive player, Taya DeFrance, snagged 50 percent of the teams digs.

The Wildcats played Lone Peak on Saturday, Sept. 5, losing in four sets. Standout DeFrance racked up 11 kills and 20 digs against.

Harrison/Willow Creek vs. Shields Valley

- Set 1 25 - 23
- Set 2 27 - 25
- Set 3 26 - 24

Harrison/Willow Creek vs. Lone Peak

- Set 1 23 - 25
- Set 2 20 - 25
- Set 3 25 - 16
- Set 4 20 - 25

SHERIDAN

The Sheridan Panthers had their first home gaming against Shields Valley on Sept. 5. Only six of their 11 athletes played, and the team lost to Shields Valley.

“We have had many injuries, including one motorcycle accident, and Shields was able to pull away with the win in three,” said head coach April Wuelfing.

Tionna Schwend led the Panthers with two kills and five digs during Saturday’s game.

Sheridan vs. Shields Valley

- Set 1 13 - 25
- Set 2 8 - 25
- Set 3 23 - 25

TWIN BRIDGES

Twin Bridges also met White Sulphur Springs for some home court action on Friday, Sept. 4, and travelled to West Yellowstone on Saturday.

The Lady Falcons played well in Friday’s game, according to head coach Jen Kearns, but lost to White Sulphur Springs in three sets.

“We dug ourselves some big holes,” said Kearns.

The Falcons played under a new rotation during Friday’s game and introduced two freshman players into a varsity game.

“(The freshmen) really stepped up on Friday,” said Kearns.

The Falcons won in three sets on Saturday against West Yellowstone, despite having a couple players ill.

“We didn’t play as well as we should have or as well as we did the night before,” said Kearns. “But it worked out for us in the end.”

In both Friday and Saturday’s games, Cassidy Wetzel was the standout all around player with three of the team’s five blocks against White Sulphur Springs and eight of 12 kills against West Yellowstone.

Twin Bridges vs. White Sulphur Springs

- Set 1 19 - 25
- Set 2 19 - 25
- Set 3 20 - 25

Twin Bridges vs. West Yellowstone

- Set 1 25 - 16
- Set 2 25 - 13
- Set 3 25 - 18



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Dive into the area's real estate options!

WHY FILE A HOMESTEAD DECLARATION?

Submitted by Toni Bowen
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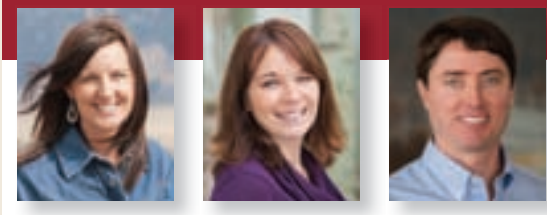
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Biography of James E. Robertson

Submitted by Ross Lingle

James E. Robertson was born on Aug. 13, 1911, in Virginia near the North Carolina border. He grew up in Mount Airy, N.C., where his father made horse buggies for a living. He died in Bozeman on Aug. 23, 1998.

At a young age, Robertson managed a factory that made butto snns from bone. He later served in the Army during World War II. The major portion of his career before becoming a rancher was spent working for the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., College Station, Texas, Fargo, N.D., and finally in Bozeman in 1946.

While working in Bozeman, Robertson met Margie Booker and they were married in 1947. It was a delight for them to discover they had been born and raised within four miles of one another. As a widow, Booker still owned the ranch near Ennis, at McAllister. Upon their marriage, Robertson bought into the ranch as co-owner and conscientiously applied himself to become a good rancher.

The couple enjoyed traveling, as well as running the ranch. At Booker's death in 1979, he became the sole owner of the Bar LG Ranch. Robertson was sad to lose his life partner and never remarried.

James enjoyed ranching very much and always looked for ways to improve the ranch. He requested that a ranch plan to be developed by the Soil Conservation Service and referred to it often before making decisions for the ranch operation.

As a local rancher, James was asked to be a member of the Board of Directors of the First Madison Valley Bank in Ennis, when it first opened in the 1960s. He retired from the position 31 years later. Other active interest included the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners organization.

Only one other family has been engaged in active ranching in the Ennis are as long as the Bar LG operation. The Bar LG was homesteaded in the 1860s by the Golden Brothers who established the Bar LG brand. The Bookers became the second owners in 1922. After Mr. Booker's death, Margie married Robertson, they increased the size of the

ranch by purchasing an adjacent 640 acres for a final total of 2,000 acres.

James periodically made charitable contributions, usually to organizations, but sometimes to help and individual in need. He had faith in young people and believed in helping those who were intent of improving their lives. This is reflected in how he has chosen to distribute his trust assets. Approximately 90 percent of his \$3,000,000 trust estate goes to each of the following:

- Ennis high school, 30 percent
- MSU Agricultural Scholarships, 30 percent
- Shriners' Children's Hospital, 30 percent
- Baghdad Shriners' Temple of Butte for the Crippled Children's Transportation Fund, 10 percent.

Hopefully, some of the love James had for the ranch and the wisdom he acquired in its operations will be an inspiration and ongoing benefit to these recipients.

See this week's Around the County on page B10 to learn more about scholarship opportunities.



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Healthy Eating for the Person With or at Risk for Diabetes
Three Mondays | 6-8 | Jr. High Conference Rm | Elisabeth Mann | 10.26, 11.2, and 11.9

Minerals & Ores
Mondays | 5:30-7 | HS Science Rm | Russell Scuggs

Geologic Timescale
Mondays | 7:30-9 | HS Science Rm | Russell Scuggs

Early Bird Yoga
Tues. & Thurs | 6:15-7:15 am | Commons Rm | Cat Koenig

Zumba Gold
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6-7 | Elementary Multipurpose Rm | Patty Hunter | Begins Oct. 6 & Ends Dec. 3

Intermediate Yoga
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 5:15-6:30 | Commons Rm | Jen Davies

Intermediate Fiddle
Tuesdays | 5:30-7 | Elementary Music Rm | Peggy Giblin

Beginning Woodworking
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6-9 | HS Shop | Charlie Zitting | \$20 materials fee

Matting
Tuesdays | 7-9 | Cattleman Gallery | Frank Giblin | \$20 materials fee

Jam Session: Stringed Instruments
Tuesdays | 7:30-9 | Elementary Music Rm | Peggy Giblin

12 Weeks of Christmas
Wednesdays | 5:30-8:30 | FCS Room | Kay Gogerty and Guests | Materials fee TBA | Class will run thru Dec. 16

Core/Cardio Class
Wednesdays | 6:30-7:00 | Commons Rm | Fonda Porterfield

Stories About Montana and Montanans
Sometimes True, Sometimes Not
Wednesdays | 7-8:30 | HS Rm #5 | Lee Robison | \$6.50 Materials Fee

Wet on Wet Landscape Painting
Thursdays | 7-9 | HS Art Rm | Jack Finley | \$188.25 Materials Fee

Foraging In The Field:
Hike With Kay and Discover Edible Herbs in Headwaters State Park | Kay Gogerty | Saturday, September 12 | 9am-all day | \$20

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Geology Field Trip:
Pegamites (weather permitting)
Russell Scuggs | Saturday, September 26 | 9 am-all day | \$20

Geology Field Trip:
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Russell Scuggs | Saturday, October 3 | 9 am-all day | \$20

More Rascals,

Ruffians, and Rebels: Montana History
Gary Forney | Tuesday, October 6 | 6-8 | Rm 19, Jr. High

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Youth Dynamics | Friday, October 16 | HS Rm #1 | all day

Keep It Simple With Watercolor
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October 17 | 9 am-3 pm | \$20 + supplies

What is Wealth? Examination of Wealth and Poverty Based on What is Important to You
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Introduction to Google
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Obituaries continued from A4

Marion Lucina Henrickson Fox

November 12, 1928 -



Marion Lucina Henrickson Fox, the sixth of nine children, was born in Crosby, Minn., on Nov. 12, 1928, to Eiler and Mabel Henrickson. She attended the first eight grades at Deerwood Public School and spent the next four years at Crosby-Ironton High School, graduating in 1946. Marion attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., for two years. She loved geology and social work.

She was at home in Deerwood when a young, good looking World War II soldier named Al moved in next door with his family. Marion and her soul mate were married Aug. 27, 1949, and moved to Bemidji where Al attended college under the GI Bill and Marion worked as a bookkeeper. Upon Al's graduation, they moved to Shevlin and later back to Deerwood. They had a daughter Leigh and two sons, Greg and David.

Marion and Allen lived, worked and played in Minnesota's Bemidji, International Falls, Shevlin, Deerwood and Owatonna. They moved to Twin Bridges in 1973, where

they enjoyed camping, hiking, climbing mountains and making friends. In 1983, Marion and Al moved to Malone, Fla., where they worked until 1990 when they retired, returning to Twin Bridges. She was a bookkeeper during her life, working for a furniture store, county tax office, school and clinic. Allen and Marion were enthusiastic travelers and ventured far afield, including Guam, Japan, Wales, England, France, Canada, Mexico and Italy. They also loved exploring the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Some of Marion's favorite activities included socializing, baking, keeping in touch with friends and relatives, playing cards, dancing, appreciating sunsets, traveling, remembering her friends' and relatives' birthdays and anniversaries and helping others. Many were recipients of Marion's delicious food. She loved to bake Jule Kage every Christmas and offered her sweet treats at many church bazaars.

Marion loved singing and had sung in her church choir since she was 16. Marion had been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Women for Vets, Red Hatters, Ruby Valley Choral, League of Women Voters, PTA, church Circle group and Women of the Church at the Church of the Valley in Twin Bridges. While in Owatonna, Marion was Leigh's Girl Scout Troop Leader for nine years and served as den mother to Dave's Cub Scout Troop. Marion served as mentor to

the Church of the Valley Youth Group for seven years. She loved people and was always proud of her husband, her children and their spouses and her grandchildren. She felt blessed to be part of a large family of siblings and felt fortunate to have loving in-laws. She and Al were able to celebrate their 66th anniversary.

Marion is survived by her husband Allen; daughter Leigh; son Dave and his wife Janie; her grandchildren Angie, Holly, Ben, Sarah and Lauren; her sister Ramona; brother Everett; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Greg, brothers Norman, Phil and Dick and sisters Lorraine and Mabel.

Marion's legacy to all is to treat each other with respect and kindness, enjoy the small moments, as well as celebrate and appreciate your family members. She would like to be remembered as a loving mother and wife, sister, daughter and friend who cared deeply about others and who tried to live a Christian life as she encouraged others, especially young people. She loved her country and believed in its good.

To our dearly beloved Marion: "As you danced in the light with joy, love lifted you. As you brushed against this world so gently, you lifted us."

A Celebration of Marion's Life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges. Memorials can be made to the Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges.

William Henry Carey

February 8, 1949 - August 30, 2015

William Henry Carey, aged 66, passed away Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, at his home in Sheridan.

Bill was born Feb. 8, 1949, in Sheridan to Henry and Dorothy (Ellinghouse) Carey, the youngest of four children. He was raised in Sheridan and Granite Creek and attended area schools, graduating from Sheridan High School. He worked on the family ranch before and after serving in the Marine Corps, as well as on other ranches in the area. While he managed to fit some

traveling into his life, he was comfortable in the Ruby Valley and always thought of it as home. In recent years he developed an avid interest in camping and in photography, his favorite subjects being the wild horses ranging in the Tobacco Root Mountains.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, sister-in-law Cheryl Carey and niece Kristie Delger. He is survived by his brother, John (Vaeda) Carey, Sheridan; sister Carol Delger, Bozeman; sister Anne (Mike)

Wentz, Spokane, Wash.; niece Francesca Delger, Anchorage, Alaska; nephews Rich Delger, Corning, Calif., James (Stephanie) Delger, Clarkston, Blake (Sunny) Carey, Seattle, Wash., Reece (Sherril) Carey, Absarokee and Nick (Christina) Wentz, Spokane, Wash.; former brother-in-law, Patrick Delger, Las Vegas, N.V.; and numerous friends whom he valued highly.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on a date to be determined.



William "Bill" Bruce Babcock

July 15, 1948 - July 2, 2015

Memorial services for William "Bill" Bruce Babcock will be held Friday Sept. 11, 2015, at the Virginia City Cemetery at 2 p.m. Graveside services only. In lieu of flowers, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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Submitted by Joy Day

Winners of the annual Benny Reynolds Wild Cow Milking Calcutta at the Madison County Fair pay it forward, donating the winnings to the Twin Bridges Historical Association. From left: Joe Sandru, Jamie Wood and Jake Herak donated \$950 back to the Twin Bridges Historical Association to help in preserving the history of the Ruby Valley.

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Ennis Arts Association

Submitted by Barbara Swan Roger

The Ennis Arts Association held its monthly meeting on Aug. 11, 2015, at the Madison Valley Library. President Jan Beekman asked each member to share their favorite thing about the Madison Valley Arts Festival, which took place at Peter T's Park on Aug. 8. The participation of many willing volunteers, enthusiastic vendors and hardy attendees made the festival successful in spite of rainy weather.

Secretary Kathy Calkins read the July minutes, which were approved as read. Barbara Pierce gave her treasurer's report with preliminary figures for the festival. It was announced that Patsy Eckert will conduct a watercolor workshop on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the high school.

After the business meeting Patsy Eckert gave a presentation on the history of the EAA. She read the minutes from the first official meeting, which took place on April 5, 1972. Peggy Todd is the sole surviving original member at 94 years of age. The group also paid tribute to long-time member Dorothy Bohrman who passed away in June at age 95. Eckert displayed many photographs, scrapbooks and articles from EAA's history. The program was followed by a tasty lunch.

DEQ fall open burning restrictions

Submitted by Lisa Peterson
DEQ PUBLIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality reminds people that the annual fall open burning restrictions became effective on Sept. 1, 2015. The restrictions are put in place to determine when it is safe to burn from an air quality perspective and where burning may cause health impacts.

There may be additional burning restrictions put in place by local, state or tribal authorities to prevent wildfires. Burners in all locations must also contact these local authorities before starting fires any time of year to provide notification of the burn and obtain necessary local open burning permits.

"DEQ regulates open burning because smoke can have serious health effects when ventilation conditions are poor," said Rhonda Payne, a scientist from the DEQ's Air Permitting Program. "We try to give residents opportunities to burn without endangering public health."

Open burning is burning outside in the open air without a receptacle. In Montana, it usually means burning yard or field waste in the fall and spring. It usually does not include small recreational fires, flares or construction site heaters.

Until Dec. 1, open burning is restricted to the time periods specified by the DEQ. These times are available daily at www.burnclosures.mt.gov or by calling the 24-hour Ventilation Hotline at 800-225-6779. Both are updated by 5 p.m. each evening. The website also has information about what materials can and cannot be burned, frequently asked questions about open burning, major open burning permits and local contact information.

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A: You could make casseroles and soups, freeze them in appropriate portions to thaw and serve or hint to your mother to invite you over for supper, good luck. Or you could stop by The Shovel and Spoon to pick up supper. Tuesday and Friday nights, supper is served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night is ranch-style comfort food; Friday is The Spice of Life, ethnic or spicy food. Our suppers are affordable, homemade from fresh ingredients, eat in or take out. Frozen entrees are always available, stop by to see what the freezer has in store. If that doesn't work for you, there's always popcorn and beer.



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Q: Why does my foot go numb when my back hurts?

A: Back pain is a common problem. Leg numbness associated with back pain implies a nerve pinched/irritated. Foot/leg numbness with a back injury; results from swelling/injury of muscles, nerves, bones or discs. Numbness may present with or without leg pain as well as leg weakness.

Back injuries can be caused by improper sitting posture, trauma or improper lifting. Numbness/back pain usually presents with repetitive movements/positions with bending/twisting. If pain/numbness is not result of, i.e., bending twisting/trauma, a medical doctor needs to investigate other causes.

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•A no-mess blend, preferably without millet, and/or a high quality blend that contains sunflower, safflower or peanut pieces. Avoid offering:
•Discount blends with cereals and fillers, such as wheat, oats, barely, milo and flax seed. These just end up in a pile under feeders.
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HEALTHCARE

Q: What is hypothermia?

A: HYPOTHERMIA is a medical condition that occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce heat. Hypothermia happens as your body temperature passes below 95 F. Hypothermia is most often caused by exposure to the cold or immersion in a cold body of water. However an older person may develop mild hypothermia after prolonged exposure in a poorly heated home or an air conditioned home. Symptoms of moderate to severe hypothermia include - shivering (though as hypothermia worsens shivering stops), clumsiness, slurred speech, confusion, drowsiness, weak pulse, shallow breathing, and progressive loss of consciousness. Call 911 or your local hospital if you suspect someone has signs of hypothermia or the person has had unprotected or prolonged exposure to cold weather or water. Carefully remove the wet clothing and cover him or her in blankets.



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Submitted by Madison Valley Medical Center

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of Madison Valley Medical Center and Dottie Fossel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the medical center. Funds for both donations to the MVMC Foundation were generated at the True Value Tent Sale on Aug. 8. The Lions

Club served lunch for attendees and Black sponsored a dunking booth. Those funds were designated for women's health, specifically for the new mammography unit that will be in place by year end in the radiology department at MVMC.

Josh Vujovich, a member of the MVMC Foundation and his wife, Becky, mayor of Ennis, raised the most funds for the foundation by securing sponsors and received a prize package from businesses in the community.

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From left: Richard Hoppe and Bob Simpson portray Bill Fairweather and Jack Slade as part of the Living History event.



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Jack Slade gets thrown out of the bar for making wild and drunken threats.

LIVING HISTORY EVENT FOCUSES ON HISTORICAL CHARACTER

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Bob Simpson celebrated his birthday with a hanging – his own. Simpson, an artist out of Belgrade and a longtime volunteer with the Living History program in Nevada City, portrayed the infamous Jack Slade during Saturday’s Living History performance, Jack Slade’s End.

Simpson has been a living history volunteer for 10 years and has put in more than 1,000 hours of research into his characters.

“We look at everything from the history of the time to the clothes to each individual character,” Simpson said. “It takes a lot of researching.”

Some living history interpreters have spent nearly 3,000 hours of their own time researching the characters and the events of Virginia and Nevada City in the late 1800s.

With hours upon hours of effort committed to create a historically accurate reference of the time for the hundreds of thousands of visitors that pass through every year, each living history interpreter finds joy in a different aspect of the process. For some, it is telling a story and for others, it is simply about preserving history. But it is more than that for Simpson.

“I get to play a drunk and shoot pistols,” he laughed. “In all seriousness, it’s amazing to be a part of recreating history.”

The history of Jack Slade

Jack Slade’s hanging is known as one of the most troublesome incidents in frontier vigilantism. As history shows, Virginia City was a booming mining town in the 1860s, resulting in an influx of inhabitants, and with those inhabitants, crime. Citizens hoping to help combat crime formed a semisecret “vigilance committee.” This committee, known as the Vigilantes, would become the focus of some of Montana’s most famed history, with their history still being made today.

After a hanging, the

Vigilantes would leave a piece of paper on their corpse with the numbers 3-7-77 scribbled on it, leaving many historians to believe these were the dimensions of a grave – 3 feet wide, 7 feet long and 77 inches deep. The 3-7-77 sequence now graces the backend of all Montana Highway Patrol vehicles.

Although Jack Slade was considered a dangerous man because of his drunken debacles, like firing his gun in the bars and wreaking havoc through the town, when sober, he was quite well liked and respected.

There were 24 hangings in Virginia City in 1864, which mostly consisted of a road agent named Henry Plummer and his gang members. It is because of Plummer and his gang that the hangings began and the committee was formed. These hangings have become an infamous part of Montana history.

According to the reenactment on Sept. 5, Slade’s hanging was the result of the Vigilantes finally being fed up with his drunken threats and rampages. He was captured and told he would be hanged, though he had not committed a serious crime.

Montana Heritage Commission

The Montana Heritage Commission is an independent state agency that was created in 1997, with the purchase of Virginia and Nevada City from the Charles Bovey family, according to Elijah Allen, executive director. Virginia and Nevada City have been recognized as one of the largest historic sites in the United States and recently surpassed the 500,000 visitors mark, making the towns the number one state owned tourist attraction.

Allen, who has been with program since January 2012, said he feels they have done a good job promoting the history.

“I feel we as a team have done a good job with collaborating with the talents

of the many business owners and townspeople in making this a top attraction in the state through more advertising and public relations,” he said.

Allen, who holds a doctorate in marketing and management, applied for the position and was approved by former Gov. Brian Schweitzer – the sitting governor must approve all director and administrator positions of a state agency.

The Montana Heritage Commission oversees virtually everything that happens in Virginia and Nevada City. From the preservation of old buildings to the living history events to the collections in the museum, the commission plays a hand in it all.

“The main goal going forward will be informing the public of the history and importance of this national historic landmark, making it more family friendly for tourists to come enjoy while gaining valuable educational experiences,” Allen said.

The hanging

Jack Slade’s end was brutal. Upon his arrival on the stand, he pleaded for his life and was hung by Vigilantes before his wife was able to arrive. Though no serious crime had been committed, the vigilance committee could no longer run the risk of Jack Slade and his wild threats. As Captain James Williams said during the reenactment, “It’s hard to hang a man, but it’s even harder to hang a friend.”

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Top: Living history interpreters reenact a shoot out with Jack Slade and his friend Bill Fairweather.

Middle: Jack Slade, portrayed by Bob Simpson, was hanged in 1864.

Bottom right: Interpreters watch after kicking Slade out of their bar for making drunken threats. **Bottom left:** Slade pleads for his life before being hanged in front of the crowd.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

3 reasons to stretch into shape this National Yoga Month

Submitted by StatePoint

Roll out your mat and tug on your sweatband – it is National Yoga Month. Yoga, an activity that has existed for 5,000 years, has long been praised for its many health benefits. Here are some reasons why you should make like a tree and pose:

- Yoga targets many components of physical fitness, including strength, flexibility and endurance.

A series of yoga poses, one type of which is called a sun salutation, can be performed in place or in addition to a workout.

- It is easy to learn and practice yoga. All you need is a computer and a soft, flat surface on which to do the stretches. You can find online pose guides on websites such as yoga.com and yogajournal.com. Beginners should start with simple stretches such as the downward dog, the

cobra and the child pose.

- Yoga is a de-stressing activity. According to the American Yoga Association, yoga relieves tension from muscles and sends fresh oxygen circulating throughout the body. This results in a general feeling of relaxed happiness.

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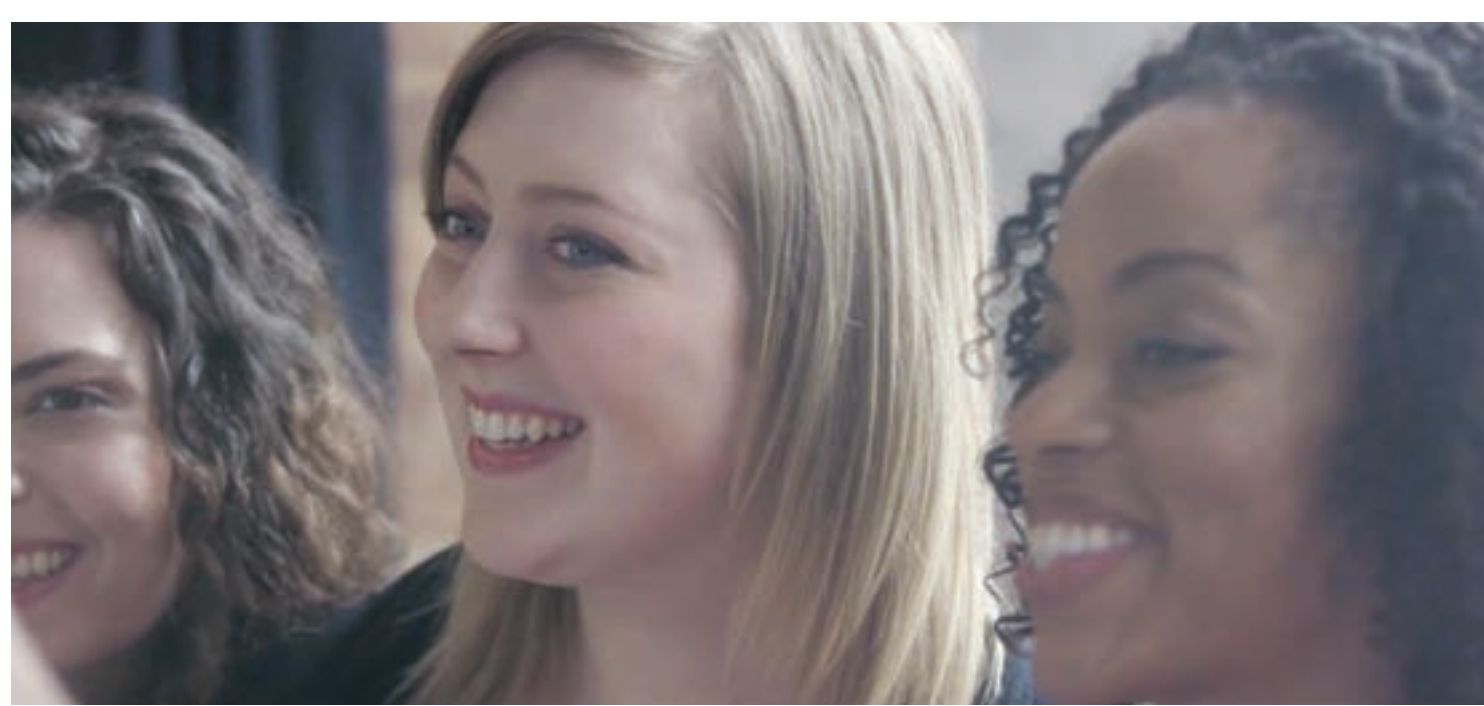


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FOR THE GIRLS

Why is it so hard to accept compliments?

Submitted by StatePoint

Try a little experiment. Think of someone you love or respect, and offer her a compliment. Chances are high that she will deflect your kind words, if not outright tell you that you are just plain wrong, suggests a new study, which finds that nearly 40 percent of women have trouble accepting compliments.

Why is it so hard to accept a compliment? Experts say it can often be associated with societal expectations that women appear humble or demur; and other times it is because of one's own negative self-image.

The next time you get a compliment, consider

stopping for a minute to hear the message – you are a good friend, a great mom, you work hard, you are smart, you are pretty – and take it to heart.

Then, pay it forward and tell someone else what you love or admire about them by using these simple tips.

Be honest

Would you want to hear a compliment that is not true? Then why give that to someone else? Be honest and do not use compliments as conversation fillers.

Stay in the present

Sometimes compliments at work come with a caveat – a reminder that despite good work, there is more to be done, such as, “That

was great, and don't forget tomorrow's deadline.” Instead of focusing on what needs to be done in the future, simply give the compliment then come back later to talk about that other project.

Tell them why

When giving a compliment, be sure to tell the other person why. Simply saying, “You did a great job today” may fall flat. Try to elaborate with something like, “You did a great job today and your enthusiasm made our whole team shine.”

Shift your focus

Compliments that include put-downs often leave the receiver feeling less than flattered. Try to stay away from saying things like “You


look so good for your age” or “You're an awesome parent considering how busy you are all the time.” Shift your focus to the compliment itself – it is more meaningful on its own.

Dig deeper


According to a recent poll, individuals want to hear compliments that dig deeper into who they truly are, such as ones about their personality, about being a good friend, about what they do, about their intellect and about being a good parent.

Focus on these traits when giving compliments and the receiver will be much more receptive to hearing them and believing them.

All it takes is a little practice.



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Hotel tips and tricks to stay healthy on the road

Submitted by StatePoint

Frequent travelers can be all too familiar with the challenges of staying both healthy and productive – countless distractions, fast food joints on every corner and difficulty sleeping in unfamiliar places and beds can make staying on track a challenge. However, it does not necessarily have to be such a daunting task, say experts.

“For frequent travelers

and business travelers, being on the road is a lifestyle, so finding ways to be healthy and productive is essential,” said Marcey Rader, lifestyle trainer. “The key is to recognize your poor habits, find out what works for you and then develop a routine around them.”

From her years on the road with a corporate position, Rader developed a series of hotel hacks that can assist frequent travelers and mobile professionals

wishing to travel productively while also maintaining high health standards. Here are her tips and tricks:

- **Prioritize sleep:** When you are dealing with different beds, sounds and schedules, it is almost guaranteed that your sleep routine will be disrupted. Sleep soundly with a fan, a recording or even an app that creates white noise to eliminate distractions and calm your mind and body.

- **Give blue rays the boot:** Ninety-five percent of people who do not get a good night's sleep say they use a phone or laptop within one hour of bed. Studies have shown that the blue rays emitted by phones and computer screens disrupt and suppress the body's production of melatonin, a hormone crucial to sleep. Give your brain time to wind down before bed, you will sleep better and feel rejuvenated in the morning.

- **Stand up and work:**

You may have heard that “sitting is the new smoking.” Constant sitting is linked to an overwhelming number of negative health effects and drastically decreased productivity. Luckily, there is a simple solution – standing. You can easily convert any space into a standing desk. Opt for a hotel with a kitchen and use the counters to get work done, or stack books and binders on a table for an elevated workspace.

- **Do not eat like you are on vacation:** The biggest mistake business travelers make is eating like they are on vacation. Staying at a hotel with a fully equipped kitchen can help maintain nutritious habits. Stock the fridge with vegetable trays to snack on throughout the day, and hard boiled eggs as a breakfast item.

- **OHIO (Only Handle It Once):** Do you go out to your mailbox, open the letters, put them back in the mailbox, go back in your house and repeat the process several times a day? Of course you do not. Then stop doing that with your email inbox. Instantly increase productivity by deleting, archiving and sorting emails the first time you read them.

- **Seek smart accommodations:** An extended stay-style hotel offers amenities that can help travelers optimize productivity and prioritize health.

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HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Doubtful summer *A dispassionate investigation of an emotional issue*

Yesterday morning when I peered out my window in Harrison, the thermometer read a chilly 38 degrees. At the same time, gray smoke from numerous forest fires blotted out any sign of blue skies and the nearby Tobacco Root Mountains. Had I not known it was only the last week of August, the cold, dreary environment outside would have been easy to mistake for a midwinter morning. Additionally, because the climatic and air-quality conditions were so unusual, one could easily have exaggerated their magnitude. Hence, the situation cried out for a science buff such as me to conduct a dispassionate, methodical investigation to determine if circumstances actually were abnormal.

Upon exiting my house, the first abnormality became plain when my eyes burned and frost formed around my nostrils simultaneously. Focusing on the burning eyes evidence, I theorized the smoke was thick enough to chew. So, in the interests of science, I breathed in a gaping mouthful of the drab substance and chomped down. After a feverish bout of chewing, without any tangible resistance, I concluded that my initial density hypothesis was incorrect.

Still convinced the smoke was thicker than normal, I pondered how else to prove it. Then out of the gray, another test popped into my fertile mind. After a lung-swelling inhalation, I formed my mouth into a circle and, to my immense gratification, exhaled pale, but undeniably visible – smoke rings.

Eureka! I had scientifically proven the smoke's density was indeed atypical. All atwitter, I sped uptown to spread the word of my accomplishment. At the local café, between purple-faced, hacking coughs and frequent nose blowing, I proudly recounted my experiment and its startling results.

To my dismay, my revelations weren't accepted with wholehearted enthusiasm. In fact, some people openly questioned the validity of my conclusions. One pseudo-scientist had the nerve to suggest that, due to the low

temperatures earlier, what I had seen was nothing more than rings of frosted halitosis (bad breath). Worse yet, I was told my half-baked stunt amounted to smoking 10,000 cigarettes in a single breath. Thus, I had hastened my demise by at least five years.

Most humiliating, by the time I went outside to reenact my test, the temperature had warmed and the fire-induced fog had dissipated considerably. Consequently, when I tried to blow another smoke ring, my breath emerged as transparent as polished crystal and with a faint fragrance of smoked bacon. Right then, I was condemned as a charlatan and relegated to the status of the village idiot.



Art Kehler

After my resentment had subsided, I realized why I had suffered such harsh treatment at the lips of my usually kindly neighbors.

It was obvious that, even though they were unaware of it, this doubtful summer had put the townsfolk completely out of sorts. And who could blame them? Daily temperature swings of 38 degrees were sure to perturb even the mildest of human temperaments. Moreover, after enduring a seven-month winter, being bound indoors half the summer due to smoke was a justifiable cause for surly behavior.

Ultimately, I can only hope that when this doubtful summer ends, emotions will calm. Then maybe folks will begin to appreciate my methodical efforts to better understand our local environment. One thing is for sure, before attempting to blow any more smoke rings, I'll gargle extensively with sterilizing mouthwash.

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Art lives in Harrison. His essays, stories and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines and online magazines.

While the rest of the Western United States is burning up, locally, we have been very fortunate. Though our luck has held to this point, hold on to your hats, because all indications point to a very active late fire season. Though moisture is in the forecast, whether or not it will be the season ending event that we hope for remains to be seen.

In spite of the fact that fire activity in our area has been minimal, calls for service for the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department has remained strong.

On Aug. 18 at 4:32 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident at the junction of U.S. Highway 287 and Range View Drive. The MVRFD responded a rescue and a command with three firefighters from station one and two additional

firefighters arrived on scene in their private vehicles. Firefighters assisted Ennis Ambulance EMTs with patient care and established traffic control operations, diverting heavy traffic flows around the incident scene. The accident was caused when a northbound vehicle made a left turn in front of an oncoming southbound vehicle.

On Aug. 20 at 3:40 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to the report of a leaking propane delivery truck on Madison Avenue. In Ennis. The MVRFD responded an engine, rescue and command with five firefighters from station one. Three additional firefighters arrived on scene on foot or in private vehicles. First arriving units found the propane truck with a damaged valve leaking propane under pressure. MVRFD

firefighters established a safety zone and stood-by with fire suppression resources until the damaged valve could be shut-down.

At 9:56 p.m. on Aug. 20 the MVRFD was dispatched to a one-vehicle accident at the junction of U.S. Highway 287 and Jordan Lane. The MVRFD responded a rescue and a command with four firefighters from station one, and one firefighter who lived nearby arrived on scene in private vehicle. Firefighters conducted patient assessment and care until the arrival of the Ennis Ambulance EMTs and conducted traffic control at the scene.

On Sept. 1 at 1:55 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a two vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 287 at the entrance to the Madison Foods parking lot. The MVRFD responded a rescue and a command

with four firefighters from station one. Another station one firefighter arrived on scene via private vehicle. The highway was blocked by the damaged vehicles so firefighters diverted heavy traffic around the scene, maintaining traffic flow while providing for the safety of victims and emergency personnel. Firefighters were on scene for more than two hours until the scene could be made safe for the motoring public.

If you have any questions or concerns, MVRFD fire chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please visit our home page at www.mvrfd.org/. Remember to sign our guest book and let us know what you think.

Through the WINDOW OF THE ARCHIVES

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

While going through a box of loose papers that had been placed in the corner of the new archives room at the Thompson-Hickman County Library, I came



Evalyn Batten Johnson

upon papers that needed to be placed back on the shelf.

I was taken by surprise as I read the numerous pages. The title intrigued me and I was hooked: "Recollections of an old fogey." I began to chuckle and read on several pages ... this is what it said:

In the spring of 1863, my father decided to cut loose from Illinois and set out for Alder Gulch, where rich gold deposits had been discovered. Father was the owner of a flourmill, which he had inherited from his father Clark Stanton. My mother wasn't at all delighted of the idea of cutting loose from relatives and friends in Illinois to go to that wild, unknown territory, but my father overruled all objections, sold the property, bought two teams of horses,

two wagons and we set out on the long, dangerous trail to Virginia City.

My name is George Stanton, the only child, less than two years of age. I had a sister, Amy, who had died the previous March. All the following history on the pages of the manuscript George said, "Are the stories that mother and father told me years later."

We crossed the Missouri at Omaha, followed the California Trail, then met up with Jim Bridger at Fort Kearney where some 50 men were organizing a party to go to the Montana gold diggings. Mr. Bridger was employed as guide at \$5 a day. My mother, the only woman and I, the only child.

From where we left the California Trail no wagon had ever been over that part, but later it was traveled by thousands.

We crossed the Big Horn River. Our men were a month building a log bridge so we could cross over. Sometimes the trail was fairly level but other times we had rough canyons to cross and at this point a rope around a tree was hitched to the wagon, with a

team and driver, they guided the wagon down the steep incline. Mother said there were times when at night they could look back and see where they had camped the night before. We landed in Virginia City some four months later, a lawless place. I attended school, the first school in the area, that is for a short time, I was too young and the novelty wore off.

My father's ventures into obtaining richness in the gold fields were a complete failure. He invested in some mining property that proved worthless and at the end of three years or so he was ready to go back to Illinois.

In the summer of 1866, many were leaving and moving on to the new rich gold area. Our horses and wagons had long been sold. My new little sister Nora was born. We landed at Omaha in October of 1866, and left for Kansas in a skiff boat the fall of 1869.

In 1937, George Stanton and his wife, Mary, took a trip to Virginia City and he wrote a letter to his sister Nora. Here is what it said: It was a very busy

mining camp that we came to in 1863. But now it's a small town, and has fallen behind the rest of the world. There are very few modern buildings but I think I found the house we lived in. The school I attended for a brief time is now a church. In fact now Virginia City has a fine red brick school building. I was shown a building where before the roof was off but crossbeams were on, five villains were hanged over those beams, the rope mark on the beams still show after the long years 1863 and 1864 to 1937.

I was made very welcome by the citizens of my old hometown of Virginia City, and it brought back so many memories of our dear parents, their struggles and mostly sad times. I was rather a runaway kid and the worst punishment was to be put to bed during the daytime to keep me home. Perhaps someday you'll make the journey to your birth home. God Bless ... George

Source: George Stanton letter.

Dick Pace Archives

Commodity Insite: Rules to invest by

by Jerry Welch

Stocks and commodities began to leak in the June to July period, and when mid-August rolled around, both markets dropped sharply as news out of China showed their economy weakening further while crude prices plunged below \$38 a barrel. Also weighing on values was fears the Fed would hike interest rates for the first time in nine years. When all was said and done, the commodity markets slumped to a new, 13 year low and stocks as measured by the Dow Jones fell back to levels last seen nearly a year ago.

Those who follow the markets closely know full well that commodities have been in trouble for some time. In 2014 for instance, commodities closed lower for the fourth year in a row, something never before seen in history. This year is worse and

the odds are high that 2015 will be the fifth year in a row the commodity markets lose ground.

The problem plaguing commodities is clear. The balance between supply and demand suggests there are no shortages. In fact, an argument can be made that supplies, ending stocks of virtually all hard assets are ample, not scarce. Certainly, such a situation could quickly change should weather problems arise. Mother Nature is always the wild card when it comes to making or breaking commodity values.

Or, some sort of political turmoil could arise in the Mideast that impacts crude oil production and sends prices much higher. But in the absence of such scenarios, there are few fundamental reasons to expect the commodity markets to do much on the upside.

Take the grain complex for instance. The International Grains Council recently revised upward its outlook for global supplies of grain. From AgriMoney.com: "World grain stocks are to end the new season at their highest in nearly 30 years, the International Grains Council said, ditching expectations of a fall in inventories as it upgraded to a record its wheat output estimate."

Obviously, stocks, shares, equities and the Dow Jones are not doing nearly as poorly as commodities. Nonetheless, market participants are anxious to know if and when equity values will rally back to the all-time historic highs seen in the spring. And if values do not rebound immediately, how long will the wait be.

The Dow hit a 52 week high in mid-May but fell to a 52 week

low in mid-August. There were only 70 trading days between the high and low, and the ninth fastest reversal the index has done in all history. And from Market Watch, here is what they have to say on that subject:

"In all, there were 21 times the Dow went from a new high to a new low in less than 100 days, according to Sundial Research. The data show that after those declines, the median number of days it takes to get back to a new 52-week high is 5.5 times the number of days it took to hit a new low. That suggests the Dow might not make back what it lost for 385 days (77 weeks), or about a year and a half."

Thus far, the correction underway with stocks and the Dow Jones is garden variety if it gets no worse. That means if things do not deteriorate

further, look for new highs with equities by the spring of 2016. However, if things get worse and the correction slips deeper into the red, any recovery rally to new highs will take longer to achieve. And if it does takes longer, the psyche of investors and traders will surely be tested.

Consider the following. The high tick for the Dow Jones in September 1929 was 381.17. The low set intra-day on July 8, 1932, following a massive collapse with stocks, was 40.56. Not until Nov. 24, 1954, did the Dow reach the previous peak set 25 years earlier at 381.17. Investors had to wait 25 years to get their money back or break even.

How long it will take for the stock market to recoup the losses seen since July and make new all-time highs is anyone's guess. But the number one

rule I have mentioned time and again over the years in my weekly column is this. When it comes to markets and forecasts, "No one knows for sure!" That is the number one rule!

Also consider this. If it took the Dow 25 years to recover after peaking at 381.17 in '29, how long could it possibly take now that the new historic high is around 18,250? Think about that for a moment.

When investing or trading, always remember the number two rule, as well as the number one rule. It comes from the lips of famed economist John Maynard Keynes. He said, "The markets can remain irrational longer than investors can remain solvent." And of course, my favorite is rule three. "Always use a stop."

COMICS & PUZZLES



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King Crossword

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- 1 Eastern potentate (Var.)
- 5 Musical symbol
- 9 Do some lawnwork
- 12 Scoop holder
- 13 Verdi opera
- 14 Indivisible
- 15 Newlyweds' rip
- 17 "— Town"
- 18 Acute
- 19 Feel
- 21 Madison Avenue types
- 24 Marshy tracts
- 25 Suitable
- 26 Horse-drawn carriage
- 30 Yoko of music
- 31 Top of a wave
- 32 "— Got a Secret"
- 33 Army bigwigs
- 35 Soon, in verse
- 36 Crazy bird
- 37 Mix
- 38 Khaki fabric
- 40 Calf meat (Fr.)
- 42 Tatter
- 43 The Who drummer

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- 27 Prot. or Cath.
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- 29 Repair
- 31 Bent
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By Janet Tharpe

Robust Chicken Recipe Makes for Easy Weeknight Dinner

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- Janet

Chicken Margherita with Sun-Dried Tomato Vinaigrette

- What You Need**
- 8 oz package, sliced baby portobello mushrooms
 - 1 pkg frozen spinach, thawed & drained of any excess water
 - 1 pt cherry tomatoes, halved
 - 1 large roasted red pepper, sliced julienne
 - 3 cloves roasted garlic, minced
 - 1 large chicken breast, grilled and sliced
 - 1 cup sun-dried tomato vinaigrette (or your favorite sauce)
 - Salt & pepper
 - 1 box whole wheat penne pasta
 - 2 oz shredded mozzarella cheese
 - 1 tsp dried basil

until they have reduced in size. Add salt and pepper to taste.

- Slice the cherry tomatoes in half and sprinkle a little salt over them.
- Once the mushrooms have reduced in size, add the spinach and cook for about 4 to 5 minutes.
- Cook pasta according to package. Reserve 1/2 cup of pasta water. Drain pasta.
- Add garlic and roasted red peppers to the mushroom/spinach mixture. Add the 1/2 cup of pasta water and reduce to medium-low heat.
- Once most of the water has evaporated, add the chicken and basil. Simmer for about 7 minutes.
- Add vinaigrette and mozzarella cheese. Stir until the cheese has melted. Add the tomatoes and cover the skillet.
- Simmer for approximately 5 minutes. Serve warm over pasta.

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Please join Youth Dynamics in making a difference for Montana kids! Youth Dynamics is a private, non-profit organization that provides therapeutic foster care and respite care to children in need of a safe and loving home. Our belief is that every child deserves a family. If you are interested in becoming a Therapeutic Foster Parent, YDI will provide you with complete training and support. www.youthdynamics.org or call Christina at (406) 946-4294. 35-tfc-b

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COLLECTING FORAGE SAMPLES

With haying season upon us, it is important to keep in mind the quality of the forage you are putting up. Knowing what is in your livestock's forage is an integral part of knowing what your livestock is eating, and whether its nutritional needs are being met. Forage should make up the basis of most beef rations, in exception to those animals that are being fed in a feedlot situation. The ability to develop a ration catered to your animals' needs revolves around the ability to know what is in the feedstuffs that your animals are consuming.

Forage sampling

Proper forage sampling is essential in obtaining an accurate representative for forage analysis. Forages may be sampled in the pasture, after harvest and baling or pre and post-ensiling and need to be a representative sample of the entire "lot." Having a representative sample can help in estimating the nutrient distribution and variation across the field/pasture and during harvesting.

A "lot" of hay (or silage) should be fairly uniform, and is usually taken from a single pasture or haystack. The forages in the lot are usually at the same stage of maturity, and we would expect to have similar amounts of anti-quality factors, such as mold, weeds or rain damage. If there is a large variation in a single lot in terrain (i.e. sloping hills or river bottoms), management or anti-quality components, it is recommended that multiple samples be taken to best represent that particular allotment of forage.

Sampling baled hay

When sampling large round or square bales, at least 10 percent of the bales should be selected and collected two core samples from each bale. Forage samples should be collected from the circumference of the large round bales to receive the most representative sample. Core forage samples of square bales should be collected perpendicular to the bale surface on the end of the bale.

Sampling standing forage

Sampling standing forage will determine if the field is adequate to cut for hay or to determine if any supplemental feed is required during grazing. Clipping sites should be cut randomly throughout the field to provide a representative sample. The easiest way to achieve this is to walk in an "M" pattern throughout the field, harvesting samples at regular intervals.

The forage should be

clipped from a one square foot area at harvesting or grazing height at each site. After clipping each site, cut the samples into three inch pieces and place them in your sampling bucket. Mix all of the samples together in the sampling bucket to create a representative sample. Samples can then be spread out on paper to air dry for two days or can be frozen prior to shipment for analysis. These will minimize any molding that may occur during shipment to the laboratory.

Sampling silage

Fresh Cut: Sampling chopped silage prior to being placed in a bag, bunker or silo provides ample time for analysis prior to feeding. If packed and stored properly, silage crude protein and fiber remain stable during fermentation. Therefore, having the analysis information early will allow for adequate timing to plan for any additional feeds required. Studies have shown that higher quality forage prior to ensiling resulted in higher quality silage, compared to lower or more mature forage that has gone through the same fermentation process.

To ensure proper sampling prior to ensiling, multiple samples should be taken from each chopper wagon or truckload. Distribution of stems, leaves or grain is not uniform throughout the load. Leaves tend to gather on the sides and at the back of the chopper wagon and stems tend to bunch at the center of the wagon. Four to five handfuls of silage should be collected from each chopper wagon or truck. The samples should be collected from the middle of the load as it is unloading, this will provide a representative sample of stems, leaves and grain. Samples should be immediately placed in the refrigerator or freezer. Once an entire field is harvested, mix all of the samples together and place them in a sample bag and freeze.

Upright silo: Sampling should take place after fermentation is complete if the silage was not sampled prior to being placed in the silo. To collect a representative silage sample from an upright silo, do not sample from the top or bottom 2 to 3 feet of silage. Removing the spoilage from the top and bottom of the silo will provide a better sample for analysis. When using a silage unloader, grab 10 - 12 handfuls or 1 to 2 pounds of silage from the unloader while it is running. Samples should be sealed tightly in

a sample bag and stored in the freezer for shipping.

Silage bunker: It is not recommended to take samples from the face of the bunker, this will not yield a representative sample and creates safety concerns, such as the collapse of the silage wall. Samples obtained from the face of the bunker can result in highly variable estimates of crude protein and fiber content. The best way to obtain a sample from a bunk is to use a face shaver or loader bucket to scrape across the face similar to removing silage for feeding. Then create a pile of silage on the bunker floor. Collect six to eight hand grab samples from the pile on the floor. Mix well in the sample bucket and take a hand grab sample for analysis. Store the sample in the freezer until shipment.

Silo bag: Hand grab samples can safely be obtained from the silage face when stored in a silo bag. After silage is removed from the bag, creating a fresh silage face, collect five to eight hand grab samples across the entire silage face. Mix the samples together in the sample bucket and place a representative sample in the sample bag. Immediately freeze after collection. Core samples can also be taken from silo bags. Approximately eight to 10 core samples should be collected from a silo bag along the entire length and both sides of the bag. Tape the core holes securely closed after collecting the sample to prevent oxygen infiltration and spoilage. Similar to the hand grab samples, mix samples in the sample bucket and collect a representative sample in a sample bag for analysis. Freeze immediately upon collection.

Sampling total mixed rations (TMR)

Collecting a representative sample of a TMR is a fairly straightforward process. Mix the TMR using normal procedures and distribute in the bunk as normal. Collect hand grab samples along the entire bunk line from the top, middle and bottom of the TMR and place in the sample bucket. The sample bucket should be about two-thirds full when all of the samples have been collected. On a smooth, clean surface dump the bucket of the TMR samples out and leave the coned sample intact. Using a yardstick or thin piece of wood, cut the sample in half and then half again, which creates a representative sample. Keep this quarter of the sample for analysis.

All forage and feed samples should be stored in the freezer until shipping for analysis. To minimize the chances for mold formation or spoilage during shipping, ensure your samples arrive at the laboratory as quickly as possible.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on October 23, 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 52 OF UNIT 2, TROUTDALE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 144, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

Angela K Shrader and Joseph S Shrader, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Charles J Peterson, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated February 23, 2009 and recorded March 5, 2009 under Document No. 130408. The beneficial interest is currently held by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Bank Home Loans Servicing, LP. 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 \$1,421.78, beginning March 1, 2010, 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 January 30, 2015 is \$246,321.01 principal, interest at the rate of 5.50% totaling \$67,738.81, escrow advances of \$16,211.68, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$5,086.62, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$37.63 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: June 15, 2015

Dalia Martinez
Assistant Secretary,
First American Title Company, LLC
Successor Trustee
Title Financial Specialty Services
PO Box 339
Blackfoot ID 83221
STATE OF Idaho
)
) ss.
County of Bingham
)

On this 15 day of June, 2015, 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, 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.

Shannon Gavin
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission Expires: 01/19/2018
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(Pub. Aug. 27, Sept 3, 10 2015) mck
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ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 6:00 P.M., ENNIS TOWN HALL BUDGET HEARING

The Town of Ennis will hold a public budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. at the Ennis Town Hall on September 9, 2015. A copy of the proposed budget can be reviewed at the Ennis Town Hall during normal business hours.

Ginger Guinn
Clerk/Town of Ennis
(Pub. Sept. 3, 10 2015)toe
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON

IN RE ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY SUE GUSTAFSON, also known as SHIRLEY GUSTAFSON, Cause No. DP-29-2015-19

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 GARY K. GUSTAFSON, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 245 Jeffers Road, Ennis, MT 59729, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Dated: August 14, 2015

//s/ GARY K. GUSTAFSON
Personal Representative
STATE OF MONTANA
:SS
COUNTY OF MADISON
GARY K. GUSTAFSON, 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/ GARY K. GUSTAFSON
Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 14th Day of August 2015.

//s/ Karen McMullin

Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: Ennis, MT

My Commission expires: 9/14/2015 (SEAL)

Personal Representative's Attorney:

Karen McMullin

Post Office Box 55

Ennis, MT 59729

Telephone: (406) 682-7878

(Pub. Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2015) km

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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Ennis RV Village Phase II Subdivision. Ennis RV Village Phase II would create 22 recreational vehicle sites and a service building for laundry, bathrooms and community room on Lot 12A of Ennis Hot Springs Subdivision. Located north of the town of Ennis in the SE1/4 of Section 28, T5S, R1W, P1M.

Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.

The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at:

- Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City;

- Madison Valley Library, 210

- West Main Street, Ennis;

- Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.

- John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board

- (Pub. Sept. 10, 17, 2015) mcpb

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The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Lower Utery's Phase 1 Subdivision Planned Unit Development. Lower Utery's Phase 1 would subdivide an unplatted tract of land located in the NE1/4, Section 24 and the SE1/4 Section 13, T6S, R2E, P1M.; northwest of the Moonlight Basin entryway in Moonlight Basin.

Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.

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- West Main Street, Ennis;

- Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky

- Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.

- John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board

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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN UPDATE

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 6:15 pm in the meeting rooms of the Madison County Administrative Building, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the draft Madison County Capital Improvements Plan.

Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.

The draft Capital Improvements Plan is available for review at:

- Madison County Administration Building in the Commissioners' Office, Planning Office and Clerk & Records Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City;

- Thompson-Hickman County Library (217 Idaho Street, Virginia City);

- Madison Valley Library (210 East Main Street, Ennis);

- Sheridan Public Library (109 East Hamilton, Sheridan);

- Twin Bridges Public Library (206 South Main, Twin Bridges);

- Big Sky Fire Department, Station #1 (165 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky);

- Online at www.madison.mt.gov.

- "Current Proposals".

After considering the recommendations and suggestions elicited at the public hearing, the Planning Board will recommend appropriate action to the Madison County Commissioners.

Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board

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Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board

(Pub. Sept. 10, 17, 2015) mcpb

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BUDGET HEARING

The Town of Virginia City will hold a budget hearing at 5:00 p.m. at the Town office on September 17, 2015. A copy of the proposed budget can be reviewed at the Virginia City Town Office during normal business hours.

Nancy Stewart

Clerk/Town of Virginia City

(Pub. Sept. 10, 17, 2015) tovc

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NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015, as they will be attending the Montana Association of Counties Annual Conference in Missoula, Montana. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015.

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9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. • Windows 10

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10:30 a.m. – Noon • MS Office Suite

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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. • Devices

Open Forum. If you are interested in learning about the different devices or already have one and want to learn more. Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or android tablet. You will have time to ask questions and explore your device with the instructor.

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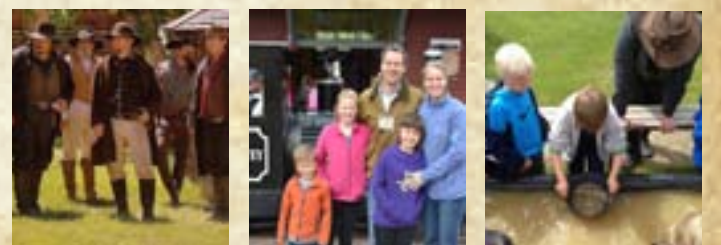
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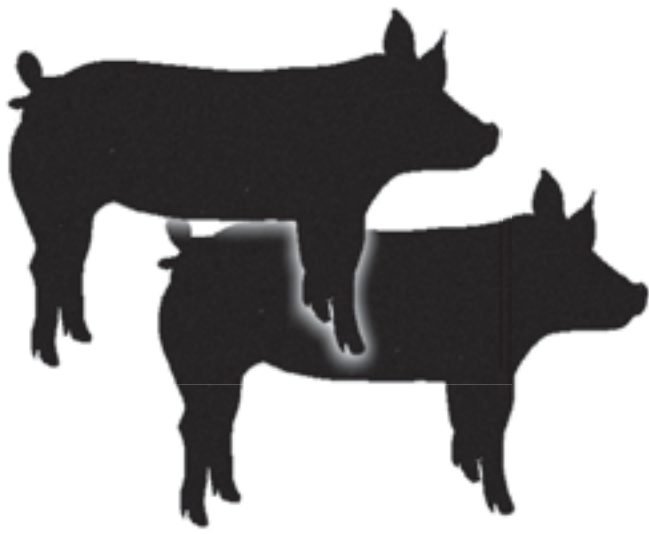
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Comment on proposed fishing regulations

Submitted by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana's Fish & Wildlife Commission is seeking comment on proposed 2016 fishing regulations.

While most current regulations would remain in effect, the proposed changes for March 2016 through February 2017 are largely aimed at making regulations easier to follow and increasing angling opportunities.

One of the proposed changes includes removing the seasonal closure on the Upper Madison River.

To comment on the proposed 2016-19 Montana fishing regulations, visit http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/publicComments/2015/2016_19fishingRegs.html. Public comment is open until Sept. 12. The Fish & Wildlife Commission will make a decision on the proposals on Oct. 8.

Scholarship available for Ennis alumni

Submitted by Ross Lingle

The Margie and James Robertson scholarship is available to all Ennis High School graduates. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, students must be enrolled in a state university, technical school or vocational school under the license or control of the state of Montana. Students are eligible for the scholarship for up to four years upon annual reapplication. To apply, students must send a letter of application to the Robertson Scholarship Committee at Ennis High School, P.O. Box 517, Ennis, MT 59729. Along with this letter, students need to include receipts for expenses such as tuition, room and board and books. If students have not applied for this scholarship previously and meet the qualifications above, they are encouraged to apply. Deadline for application is Oct. 15, 2015. If you have questions regarding the requirements for the scholarship, contact Ennis High School counselor Ross Lingle at 682-4258 or rlingle@ennisschools.org. A detailed description is also available at www.ennisschools.org by clicking on the "scholarships" tab and then "alumni scholarships."

Editor's note: To read James Robertson's biography, turn to page A7 in this week's paper.

Harvest dinner at the Elling House

Submitted by The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center

The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center's newest event is the Harvest Dinner.

The Harvest Dinner will be a celebration of locally grown food prepared by local area chef Amy Kelley, featuring live music in a casual, family-friendly atmosphere. Treat you and your family to a locally harvested feast on Saturday, Sept. 19, beginning at 5 p.m. There will be live music and numerous dishes all sourced from nearby gardens and pastures. Make reservations early so you can enjoy the spirit of the harvest. For more information, call 843-5454.

Range tour in the Madison

Submitted by Sunni Heikes-Knapton

The Montana Range Tour is an annual event hosted by the Rangeland Resources Executive Committee, with the Madison Conservation District serving as the 2015 local host. This guided, two day event will give attendees the opportunity to see and hear first hand about successful land stewardship projects in the Ennis area, with topics ranging from wetlands to weeds and grazing to grasslands.

Each site will showcase how these types of projects solve problems on the ground with a practical partnership approach.

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~ Grace Larsen,
Ruby Valley FFA



The event includes catered meals and a banquet with live music. Check www.madisoncd.org for registration and agenda details, or contact Sunni Heikes-Knapton at 682-3181.

Pie and ice cream to support the Sheridan Library

Submitted by Ashley Pairitz

Join the Friends of the Sheridan Library for a pie and ice cream social on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and join us in the park right next door to the library and be ready to hear some great live music provided by Dave Walker. Virginia City Creamery will supply the ice cream and the friends of the library and other community members will supply an array of fresh homemade pies. For more information, call the library at 842-5770. All proceeds benefit the library expansion.

Fish and Wildlife Commission work session

Submitted by Tom Palmer
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana's Fish and Wildlife Commission will hold a work session on Sept. 18 in Helena to further discuss proposed hunting season guidelines aimed at reducing some elk populations. The proposed elk shoulder season guidelines would allow state wildlife managers to develop hunting seasons before and after Montana's general hunting seasons to improve elk-harvest management in specific locales.

Commissioners will also discuss proposed changes to administrative rules that address game damage.

The work session will begin at 11 a.m. at FWP Headquarters, 1420 E. Sixth Ave.

The commission requested the session and asked Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to better explain the two unrelated proposals that have caused some confusion and controversy among some hunters, landowners and others because they appear to deal with similar issues.

No decisions are made at commission work sessions, where the public is welcome to listen and observe but no public comment is taken. Comment on the shoulder season proposal, which was extended an additional 18 days, closed Aug. 28. Comment on proposed game damage rules ended Aug. 21.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans available to Montana small businesses

Submitted by Richard Jenkins
U.S. Small Business Administration

Small, nonfarm businesses in 17 Montana counties and a neighboring county in Idaho are now eligible to apply for low interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought in the following primary counties that began on July 7, 2015, announced Tanya N. Garfield, director of SBA's disaster field operations – West.

Primary Montana counties: Jefferson, Madison, Teton and Toole.

Neighboring Montana counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Pondera, Powell and Silver Bow.

Neighboring Idaho County: Fremont.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Garfield said.

Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

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We are so appreciative!



Photos courtesy of Madison Valley History Association

The Madison River Power Plant construction below the Madison River Dam in 1905

Kurt Keller pointing out power line to Madison Valley History Association member

Madison Valley History Association visits Madison Power Plant

Submitted by Lee Robinson

The Northwestern Energy Power Plant below the Madison River Dam was the Madison Valley History Association's destination for its Aug. 22 meeting. The power plant and the dam that holds the water in Meadow Lake were both constructed in the early 20th century by Madison River Power Company. The lake serves as a reservoir to store water and raise the water level sufficient to provide a head to drive the turbines in the power plant. However, in our time, while power production is not incidental, the primary purpose of the dam is to regulate flow for recreation (fishing and boating) both on the lake and downstream.

The existing dam and power plant were not the first in the Bear Trap Canyon. In 1900, the

Telluride Power Company, owned by L.L. Nunn, a Colorado businessman, built a smaller dam and generating plant in the same area as the current facilities. In 1905, the Butte Electric and Power Company organized the Madison River Power Company, which bought the Bear Trap facility from Telluride Company. The Madison River Power Company then built the existing dam and power plant and constructed transmission lines to Butte, as one source of power for the mines. This power plant building and the turbines and generators, built in 1906, still provide up to nine megawatts of power.

Power plant staff, Steve Covas and Kurt Keller, led 22 visitors through the plant. MVHA members and others who joined us, found the field trip very interesting. Particularly

interesting was that the power plant was used to generate power for 20th century homes; mining and industry was, in large part, dependent on horse muscle to haul in the generators and turbines, as well as all supplies and equipment for construction and installation from the Norris Railroad.

Because Ennis was nearly 8 miles and a horseback or buggy ride away, the Madison River Power Company established a small village to provide homes and amenities for the workers who worked on the dam and power plant. This town included a school and a company store where workers and their families obtained the necessities of life. Most of the town buildings and structures no longer exist; however, three of the original residences are still used by employees at the power plant. The town

left at least one other mark on the Bear Trap Canyon. According to Covas, the name of the creek that flows into the river near the dam

is called Barn Creek because this was the location of the barn and stable.

The MVHA wishes to thank Northwest Energy

and especially Mr. Covas and Mr. Keller for their pleasant and informative presentation about the Bear Trap Power Plant.

Thank you PANCOST FENCING for purchasing my market swine and supporting 4-H and FFA.

~Nate Konen



L to R: Front Row: Dawson Rogers, Gavin Hokanson, Kace Wagner, Martin Ore
L to R: Back Row: Jager Rogers, Hailey Hokanson, Josie Hokanson, Erin Brush, Nolan Ore

Big Sky Wranglers 4H club want to say

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Thank you ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY for buying my market lamb and supporting 4-H.

~Kara Dale

Thank you RUBY VALLEY NATIONAL BANK for buying my market hog and supporting 4-H.

~Rob Dale

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Madison Valley book club, Ennis
1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of Unbroken, by Laura Hillenbrand. Discussion led by Shirley Love.

Business After Hours, Ennis
BAH hosted by The Tackle Shop from 5 to 7 p.m. Free networking event open to all chamber members and their guests. Come visit, exchange business cards, brochures and be sure to enjoy appetizers and cocktails.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Bozeman Symphony Far Afield program, Virginia City
7 p.m., Elling House Arts and Humanities Center. Absaroka Winds is an ensemble made up of four professional woodwind players and educators who perform on flute, oboe, English horn and bassoon. The group's repertoire is far ranging, consisting of

traditional woodwind quartets and music in a variety of styles arranged especially for this unique ensemble. Please contact Toni at Ranks Mercantile in Virginia City for more information 843-5454.

Artist of the month, Virginia City
Join us for the Artist of the month reception, 5:30 p.m. at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center with featured artist, Asha.

Ninth annual Wine Fest, Sheridan
Sheridan's Main Street Improvement Team is hosting the ninth annual Wine Fest fundraiser on Sept. 12, in the Sheridan Main Street park, 6 to 9 p.m. Join us to taste wonderful wines and micro brews, sample great food, enjoy live music and bid on fun live and silent auction items. For more information call 842-5790

Mile High Motors, Butte
Come to Mile High Motors in Butte and test drive a new Ram Truck and a donation will be made to the Ruby Valley FFA.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Ice cream social, Sheridan
Come enjoy ice cream from the Virginia City Creamery and music from Dave Walker with your neighbors and friends. The event is 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the park next to the library. Please bring a chair.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Montana range tour, Ennis
A two-day event showcasing local land stewardship projects. Transportation and meals included for a fee. Registration information online at www.madisoncd.org or by calling Sunni Heikes-Knapton at 682-3181.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Madison Valley History Association, Ennis
Author Tom Donovan will be speaking about his book, Hanging Around the Big Sky: The Unofficial Guide to Lynching, Strangling and Legal Hangings of Montana on Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. at the Madison Valley Library.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Harvest Dinner, Virginia City
Introducing the Harvest Dinner, a celebration of locally grown food prepared by local area chef Amy Kelley, featuring live music in a casual family-friendly atmosphere. Treat you and your family to a locally harvested feast on Saturday, Sept. 19. Make reservations early so you can enjoy the spirit of the harvest. 5 p.m. at the Elling House. 843-5454

Cider pressing party, Sheridan
The 5th annual cider pressing party hosted by Jackson's Garden will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your apples and clean containers and take home the cider you press or just come and enjoy hot cider and fresh donuts. The gardens are located two miles east of Sheridan on Mill Creek Road. Watch for the greenhouses.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Singing through

history, Ennis
Adam Miller, folksinger, storyteller and autoharp virtuoso, has performed throughout the United states at schools and libraries. Audiences of all ages have a great time learning about American folklore and folk traditions while singing along. The program is designed to encourage group singing and interactivity. Madison Valley Public Library, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Fiddlin' Pete, Virginia City
Fiddlin' Pete will play the Elling House on Sept. 25, at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Madison Meadows golf tournament, Ennis
A golf tournament for fun-lovers, beginners and pros alike! Eighteen holes of scramble golf for teams of four. Enjoy a homemade muffin before you start play then a tasty lunch after you finish. A drawing for several door prizes and the winners of the amazing raffle will be drawn after all golfers are done. Please join us in a fun day at the course for a great cause in memory of a GREAT lady, Granny Lueck! All proceeds benefit the Madison Meadows Golf Course. Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

Business After Hours, Ennis
BAH hosted by Maples Coffee from 5 to 7 p.m. Free networking event open to all chamber members and their guests. Come visit, exchange business cards, brochures and be sure to enjoy appetizers and cocktails.

NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:

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

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SUNDAY SEPT 20TH: ETHAN KUNARD
FRIDAY SEPT 25TH: JAY ALM

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

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

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
NO meetings June, July or August.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis
SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH

1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

Sheridan Farmer's Market
4:30 - 6:30 pm at corner of Mill and Main.

Children's Summer Reading Program, Sheridan
10 a.m. every Thursday. Summer's theme: "Every Hero Has a Story". Sheridan Library

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 2p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

Story Time, Ennis
Pre-K to Grade 2, 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library. 682-7244.

Live Music, Ennis
Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room, 5:30 p.m.. See the weekly ad on this page for performers.

Couples League, Ennis
Madison Meadows. 5 p.m. every Friday. Call pro shop for more info.

SATURDAY

Farmer's Market, Ennis
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Sportsman's Lodge

Farmer's Market, Twin Bridges
9 a.m. Main Street City Park

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
7 p.m. See the weekly ad on this page for weekly performers.

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Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 2p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

Open Sew, Ennis
Open Sew with the Quilt Guild- open to the public from 2-5pm at Madison Valley Public Library

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

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30am Meetings at 9am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

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