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Fire north of Manhattan deemed accident

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The Cottonwood Gulch fire that started Sunday, Oct. 11 and burned up to 8,300 acres was deemed an accident, according to Gallatin County 911.

"(The Gallatin County Sheriff's Office) found it was accidentally started by a vehicle," said Kerry O'Connell, Gallatin County 911 fire warden.

The fire started north of Logan on Oct. 11 and moved quickly through the night. On Monday morning, Oct. 12,

reports initially indicated the fire was at 8,700 acres and 0 percent contained. However, following more accurate mapping, Gallatin County announced the fire only grew to 8,300 acres.

"Crews (made) good progress securing the perimeter with engines, hand crews and using helicopters for bucket drops on hot spots," according to a press release.

By Wednesday, Oct. 14, the fire was 100 percent contained, but crews stayed through the week to mop up any hot spots.

"Agencies providing equipment and support include

engines and tenders from many local fire departments in the Gallatin Valley; the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office; Gallatin County GIS; Gallatin County Road and Bridge Department; (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) management staff and helicopters; and engines and crews from several National Forests in the region," according to a press release.

At the peak of the fire, 96 firefighters were on scene. Though many structures were

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Photo courtesy Jane Jeffries
The fire, pictured Sunday, Oct. 11 shortly after it started.

RUMBLE STRIPS



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Highway 84 between Norris and Bozeman sees a lot of crashes – the Montana Department of Transportation just put in center rumble strips in attempt to increase safety on the road.

MDT starts district-wide rumble strip project with Highway 84

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On Friday, Oct. 16, the Montana Department of Transportation's Butte district started the first

stretch of a project, which will add center rumble strips to 625 miles of highway in Southwest Montana.

"High Mark Traffic Service, Inc., is doing the work," said Bill Fogarty, Butte district construction

supervisor. "They have to do two of the segments before winter this year. Highway 84 (from Norris to Bozeman) is one of those segments."

The work on Highway 84 was completed Monday, Oct. 19.

"It's a pretty mobile operation," he said. "They're keeping one lane open and moving traffic with a pilot car," Fogarty added. "It should be about a 15 minute wait for the pilot car, and then driving slowly

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Sheridan School School board discusses school safety; technology club

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Sheridan school board members met Tuesday, Oct. 13 with a large meeting agenda including school safety, a technology club and upcoming school sanctioned trips.

During the first half of the meeting, school board member Karen Talley addressed creating a new technology club by administering the well-known STEM pro-

gram; only it will be called STEAM to include the arts.

"It's about innovation, design and development and that also includes the arts, such as technical writing," Talley said.

A tech committee was formed – made up of teachers, students and trustees – and devised a long and short-term plan for the club, outlining goals for the club as well as fundraising ideas.

"(Technology club) is

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ENNIS AMBULANCE Discussion about most effective way to run ambulance service

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Prior to the Oct. 8 town council meeting in Ennis, R.D. Marks, M.D., sent a letter to the town outlining a few concerns with the Ennis Ambulance.

"Basically, we get a lot of complaints at the (Madison Valley Medical Center)," Marks said. "Patients think the hospital is in control of (the ambulance) and they say it takes too long, things like that."

Marks is the medical director for the ambulance, and said he believes it can be run more efficiently.

"We have a great group of hardworking volunteers," he said. "But they are EMTs, and they need to be able to do just that. They don't have time for the administrative stuff."

The Ennis Ambulance is run completely by volunteers, but is technically under town management, according to

mayor Becky Vujovich.

"The ambulance is run through city hall, but no city funds contribute to the ambulance," Vujovich said. "It is run through an enterprise fund, meaning it raises money and sustains itself."

The ambulance serves roughly 2,500 people in the Madison Valley, from Whitehall to Reynolds Pass, Marks said. In this day and age, people have high expectations for emergency services, and Marks said the ambulance has trouble meeting those expectations under its current structure.

"We get lots of calls for emergencies and we don't even get full crews," Marks said.

A full crew consists of an ambulance driver and two EMTs. If the ambulance is involved in a patient transfer from MVMC to a different hospital and the patient requires advanced care, Marks said

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MUMME ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT Madison County director of emergency management moves on

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Earlier this month, Madison County director of emergency management Chris Mumme announced his retirement to the Madison County commissioners.

"I'm retiring as of Dec. 31, 2015," Mumme said. "I thought it was time. I want to do other things – hiking, backpacking, fishing and hunting."

Commissioner Jim Hart said the county is "absolutely" sad to see Mumme go.

"He has been a terrific asset to Madison County," Hart said. "He's helped us in a number of areas, from coordinating operations between fire chiefs around the county, to working with

folks in Big Sky to help with fire management for individual homes and subdivisions. He's awesome at finding financial assistance – state or federal dollars for fire mitigation projects. He is going to be missed."

The department of emergency services oversees the mitigation of all the different hazards that could threaten Madison County, Mumme said. "We handle how (the county) responds to any incidents, and how we recover from them," he said.

Mumme's job entailed coordinating all of Madison County activities involved with disaster prevention, preparedness and emergency services, both as related to natural disasters and to man-caused disasters such as those stemming from terrorism

or weapons of mass destruction.

"There are various things that occur, whether it is an accident or a disaster, like flooding, wind events, fires or whatever," he said. "(Mumme) coordinates with whatever agency is involved, whether it's the sheriff, the Forest Service or the (Bureau of Land Management). He's invaluable."

Before working for Madison County, Mumme was the assistant specialist for the state of Montana through the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

"We wrote different programs to qualify people for food stamps, Medicare and more," he explained. "We devised different programs."

When asked if he is ready to leave his position, Mumme was conflicted.

"There are days when I can't wait to move on," he said. "But there are days I love this. I've worked with a lot of great people. If somebody thinks I did a good job, it's only because of the people I worked with. The fire chiefs, hospitals, search and rescue and more."

Mumme is participating in the hiring committee that is looking for his replacement, along with the commissioners and Sheriff Roger Thompson.

"We are in the middle of reviewing his job description and then trying to figure out when to start advertising," Hart said.

Hart said the hope is to have someone hired before Mumme leaves, so Mumme can help with the transition and training.

"We're basically putting the pressure on him to find a clone," Hart joked.

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threatened by the fire, and some homeowners were warned they may have to evacuate, firefighters were able to keep the blaze away from all buildings except for one outbuilding.

O'Connell said fall is not an unusual time to have fires in the area. "Fires can happen any time," O'Connell said. "The only time we are not worried about fires is when it is really wet. In fall, we tend to be able

to get a handle on (the fires) in a shorter period of time."

O'Connell said the grass in Southwest Montana is "cured out" and very dry.

"Until we get some rain, and even better, snow, we need to be careful about any igni-

tion sources," O'Connell said. "That's really important for hunters to remember. They start out early and may end up out late. They are camping and have warming fires. We've had warming fires before get picked up by the wind and take off."

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through the construction area." Two additional segments of the project take place in Madison County – center rumble strips will be added to MT Highway 287 from Ennis to Twin Bridges, and Highway 41

from Twin Bridges to Highway 55, north of Silver Star.

"Those will happen next spring or summer," Fogarty said. "We won't get the schedule until next spring."

Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson said the cen-

terline rumble strips will "enhance safety" on the roadways.

"(Highway 84) is a very active crash road," he said. "We get a lot of wrecks there, and when we look at some of the head on crashes that occur, they may have been

prevented with (rumble strips)."

Thompson said driving off the edge of the road does not always endanger another car, but crossing the centerline endangers any oncoming traffic.

"This will up the safety factor because it will give people added awareness," he added.

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MVMC also sends a nurse. Vujovich said Marks' letter indicated there has been a decline in ambulance service, but she does not agree. "I actually have seen a steady increase in their service," she said. "They are

responding to calls quickly and showing up for calls."

Marks said he believes the volunteers are committed, but that the ambulance could better serve the Madison County community if there was a paid, professional leader. "Maybe we could create an ambulance district for

a mill levy," Marks said. "It is what would be best for the community. We could have the paid leadership of a paramedic leader and two EMTs to work with the volunteers so they can just be volunteers."

Vujovich said the reality of a paid ambulance staff would mean Madison Val-

ley residents would have to "shell out" a lot more money.

"It's hard to compare a volunteer ambulance to a fully staffed ambulance," she said. "We cannot afford a fully staffed ambulance."

No decision on the future of the ambulance was made at the town council meeting.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
 Though the ambulance operates entirely through volunteer work, it is housed at Ennis Town Hall.



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about innovation and giving kids the tools for today's world," added Talley. "If we get (the kids) started young, think about what they'll be able to do in the future."

The elementary school has already gotten two 3D printers to get students started learning how to operate them at a young age, according to Talley.

The middle school students will be working with rocketry and on a pit car project to develop physical science skills, while the high school is hoping to incorporate a plasma cutter, router and computer control table into their curriculum later this year.

"These are skills students need," said Talley.

So far, the club has outlined a plan of action, secured a few donations and has already planned a field trip to tour an automated factory in Manhattan.

School safety

Board members addressed safety within and surrounding the schools, various prevention methods and how to mitigate events, as well as training students.

"(Kids) need to know that if someone is acting different or makes a violent comment,

they need to take is seriously and report it," said Talley

"There is always concern about safety in the schools because of the nature of ability for people to access the schools," said Superintendent Mike Wetherbee, adding the issue was brought up after the recent school shootings around the country. "The conversation was kind of a rehash for us to come back to the safety of the kids at our school."

The school has been proactive in creating safety features for its students, such as installing lockdown doors within the elementary, activated by the touch of a button, and fencing off the area between the high school and old elementary building.

Sheriff Roger Thompson was present at the meeting and addressed the board about school safety and ways to entrust student care.

"We can't be everywhere," said Thompson, referencing the sheriff's office wide range and presence in Madison County. "You're going to encounter something before we do."

The board discussed the idea of having teachers and/or staff carry concealed weapons on campus during school hours.

"The ability to have some-

one who is properly screened and trained to have a firearm at the school for worst case scenarios is not a bad idea – it's not the best option, not the worst, but it is one of many options," said Thompson.

Board chairman Bill Wood's main concern is safety for the students.

"Parents are trusting us with their kids and are expecting us to keep them safe," Wood said. "I know this is not a light topic and I would like to hear input from both sides and from the community and teachers."

Wood is on the safety committee and said they will be holding a meeting on Oct. 26 to hopefully put something together to bring to the board during the next meeting.

"We need something that is more than just locking the doors," said Wood.

According to Wetherbee, there is still more discussion to be had.

"I don't think we're really prepared to go in any one direction with that," he said referring to concealed weapons in the school. "There is going to be a lot more discussion before that comes into fruition."

Art teacher Sally Schendel suggested holding an active shooter drill at the begin-

ning of the school year so students can see what to look for and learn how to react.

"It wouldn't just be for students, but also for teachers to know what to do as well," Schendel added during the public meeting.

Wetherbee said the school will be discussing more training for all types of situations and encouraged the public to attend and be part of the discussion.

Other school news

•The board also discussed some new hires for the school; Ed Burke has taken over the middle school boys basketball team and Carla Wisler will continue as drama coach for the school.

•Board members approved a few school-sanctioned trips for students; including an art trip to Seattle at the beginning of next year for high school art students and a Spanish trip to Peru, tentatively set for June 2017.

•The elementary school is looking to add a new handrail to the front of the building and is currently evaluating bids.

Sheridan's next school board meeting will be Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Charles B. Murray media center in the old elementary building.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Petition to revoke Town's suspended sentence

Donald Town appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Oct. 19 on charges to revoke his suspended sentence.

Town was initially sentenced by Judge Tucker on July 25, 2005, for sexual abuse of children and sexual intercourse without consent. On each count, Town was sentenced to 20 years at the Montana State Prison, with 10 years suspended, with the sentences to run concurrently, according to a filed petition to revoke suspended sentence. On Oct. 9, 2013, Town was granted parole and released from prison.

The state alleged Town violated the conditions of his suspended sentence because "on or about the dates of Sept. 18, 2014, through Sept. 23, 2014, the defendant was engaged in unlawful behavior which resulted in him being arrested and charged with sexual abuse of children, a felony," the petition states.

Because of that September 2014 incident, Town was

given a life sentence with no parole by the Missoula County District Court.

Town entered a plea of true to the allegation that he violated the conditions of his Madison County suspended sentence.

Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen recommended Judge Tucker sentence Town to the Montana State Prison for 10 years, minus 334 days served, which is the extent of his suspended sentence.

"He's a threat to society," Christensen said.

Town's attorney, Victor Bunitsky agreed with the sentencing recommendation from the state but asked it run concurrent to Town's current life sentence.

"It seems you have committed crimes that most people think of as the most horrible," said Judge Tucker.

Judge Tucker sentenced Town to the Montana State Prison for 10 years, with credit for 334 days served, and ordered that the sentence run concurrently with Town's current life sentence from Missoula County.

"There's nothing else the court or society can do with you or for you, except wish you good luck," Judge Tucker

said before excusing Town.

Griffin pleads not true to charges

On Oct. 19, William Griffin appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on charges that he violated the conditions of his suspended sentence.

Griffin was initially found guilty of criminal possession of dangerous drugs in 2011, according to court documents. For that, he received a five year sentence to the Department of Corrections, which was all suspended.

In a petition to revoke suspended sentence, the state alleged that Griffin failed to report to his probation officer and was convicted of driving under the influence in New York, both of which violate the conditions of his suspended sentence.

Griffin entered not true pleas to the charges and was released on his own recognition, though he is currently in custody on other charges.

Sheffield enters guilty pleas

Tammy Lynn Sheffield appeared before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on Oct. 19 and

pleaded guilty to two charges.

Sheffield pleaded guilty to the charge of theft, a felony, and failure to give immediate notice of an accident, a misdemeanor.

The charges against Sheffield are in relation to incidents that occurred between June 15 and Sept. 8, 2014.

According to a filed information, Sheffield "committed the offense of theft of property by embezzlement" by depriving her then-employer of money, more specifically, \$7,319.73. The state alleges Sheffield also failed to notify law enforcement after an accident resulting in property damage of \$1,000 or more.

Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen recommended a three year deferred sentence, a \$1,000 fine and the total amount of restitution – \$7,819.73, with \$7,319.73 going to Sheffield's former employer, and \$500 to the victim whose fence was damaged in the accident Sheffield did not report.

Christensen said it was his understanding that Sheffield was prepared to pay the entire restitution amount that day, but Sheffield said she needed more time.

Judge Tucker decided to give Sheffield two weeks in order to obtain the restitution – Sheffield's sentencing will be Nov. 2.

MORE NEWS:

Antelope hunting in Southwest Montana

Hunters reporting higher success rates than last year

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When general antelope season opened Oct. 10, Ruby Valley Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologist Dean Waltee operated a hunter check-station along I-15 near Kidd, with FWP Dillon-area biologist Craig Fager.

"This was the second consecutive year we operated this check station," said Waltee. "The purpose of this check station is to gather annual and trend data on hunter effort and success, herd age structure, hunter distribution and hunter game observations." Waltee said Kidd was

selected for a few reasons. "We chose Kidd as a check station location because we believed we would encounter a good number of hunters coming from a large portion of our most popular and productive antelope hunting areas – the Sage Creek Watershed, the Upper Ruby, the Centennial Valley, Snowline and Big Sheep Basin," Waltee explained.

According to a FWP press release, despite "consistently

strong winds, hunter success this first weekend of the year was at 61 percent, compared to 47 percent in 2014."

"Hunters also reported much higher instances of observing moose, mule deer, sage grouse and other wildlife," the release stated.

"I attribute the increased mule deer and sage grouse observations to populations growing rapidly in response to two consecutive years of

productive growing seasons and mild winters, which has facilitated healthy production and recruitment," Waltee said.

Waltee said he and Fager visited with 180 antelope hunters and 22 other hunters, who were either archery hunting, or hunting for bighorn sheep, moose or waterfowl.

"Of the 180 antelope hunters, 109 harvested at least antelope," Waltee explained.

That 61 percent success rate was an increase from

2014, the first year Waltee ran the check station.

"We checked a total of 126 antelope – 78 bucks and 48 doe-fawn," Waltee said. "This was up from 90 checked in 2014."

Waltee also pointed out that 94 percent of antelope hunters reported observing antelope, and they said they observed an average of 37 each day of hunting.

Though the check station does not operate every day during antelope season,

Waltee said he and Fager will continue to collect data from hunter harvested antelope.

Violations

Waltee and Fager were joined by three FWP game wardens throughout the weekend – Coy Kline, Kerry Wahl and Rick Schmauch.

"Hunters failing to leave evidence of sex naturally attached to parceled game animals and improper license validation were very common violations," Waltee said.

Instead of ticketing hunters, Waltee said the wardens used written warnings to educate hunters on the regulations.

Year	Antelope Partics	Antelope Hunters	# Successful	% Successful	Hunter Days	% Private	% Public	% BMA	Antelope	Doc/Tawn	Buck
2014	94	177	83	47	255	0.1	88	24	90	37	53
2015	116	180	109	61	275	2	78	19	126	48	78

Locals, hunters help officials complete summer moose count

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Moose can be elusive, though this fall and summer, Madison County residents helped Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologist Dean Waltee classify 142 moose across hunting districts 320, 330, 332, 332, 333 and 334 – which essentially span Madison County from Whitehall to the Idaho border.

"These included 58 cows, 26 calves, 47 adult bulls and 11 yearling bulls," Waltee said.

Waltee said counting moose

before winter gives him a good idea of calf production. Then, when he counts moose early in the spring, the number of calves will indicate how many survived the winter.

"Then I take another look in the later spring," he said. "That's when the calves are approaching a year old and have essentially made it to adulthood."

This summer, the observed calf to adult moose ratio was 22 calves to 100 adults, which is 45 percent lower than the 2014 count of 40 calves to 100 adults.

"I don't have a definitive answer for the reduction in

observed calf production ratios and can only speculate," Waltee said. "And our calf to cow ratio was lower than what we saw last year. It was a pretty good drop, but it was still 63 calves to 100 cows, which is healthy."

Since this is only the second year Waltee has completed a summer moose count in the area, he said that limited data set may contribute to the apparent drop in calf numbers.

"With a limited data set, we don't understand what is high, low or typical for the area," he said. "It did come down this year, but it's coming

down from what is probably the upper range, a banner year."

Waltee asked Madison County residents to call in moose sightings throughout the summer, to assist with the count.

"I've got several folks who keep track of moose," he said.

"There are some ranchers in the Ruby (Valley) who are really good at documenting things.

There are a handful of sportsmen who keep notes on what they see, and some hunters who let me know too. It's been helpful, especially with how difficult it can be to track down moose."

MOOSE SAFETY

Waltee said there is no rule of thumb about how much distance humans should give moose, but he did add that they can be aggressive animals and should be given a wide berth.

Here are some tips he gave about staying safe around moose:

- Use common sense.
- Do not get any closer to a moose than you have to.
- Be extra cautious in the summer and fall, cow moose get incredibly aggressive when they have calves with them.
- Despite their size, moose are incredibly fast. Much, much faster than a human.
- If you see a moose lying down in the winter, do not approach it. Moose burn the smallest amount of energy possible in the winter, and are often found lying down.
- If you see a moose from your car, do not get out of the vehicle.

VUJOVICH RECOGNIZED BY MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS

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Once a year, the Montana Association of Planners recognizes a local, state or national elected official as a distinguished leader. This year, Ennis mayor Becky Vujovich received the distinguished leadership by an elected official award.

"This came from working with (Vujovich) over a period of time, not one particular project," said Madison County planner Charity Fechter.

Fechter nominated Vujovich for the award. In the nomination form, Fechter cited Vujovich's work on creating a street maintenance district in Ennis, supporting sidewalk and trail improvements in town

and helping the Ennis Planning Board begin updating the town's growth policy as reasons she deserved the award.

Vujovich was first elected to the Ennis town council in 2010, and while on the council, she was a member of the Ennis Planning Board. Though she was elected mayor in 2013, Vujovich has stayed involved with planning in the commu-

nity, according to Fechter.

"Her whole philosophy is that of a planner," Fechter said. "She is a planner at heart. Ideas are vetted or developed by the public, and then it is her job to go forward and execute the plan."

Fechter said Vujovich has also taken advantage of training opportunities offered by the Madison County Planning Office.

Vujovich was not aware she had been nominated for the award, but said receiving it is a great honor.

"It means a lot to me," she said. "As far as what I think planning means to the town, it gives the town the ability to come together and to be proactive instead of reactive in situations that arise."

An awards committee select-

ed Vujovich, and the award was approved by the MAP board.

"There's only one person selected per year, and some years, we don't have any," Fechter said.

Vujovich said planning is an important element in managing a community.

"It just allows us to get ahead of anything that is coming," she said. "We can better protect what we're here to preserve."

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Foundation has been laid for the new senior and community center on North Madison Street.

Twin Bridges begins construction on new facility

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Construction is underway on the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. According to a release, the new foundation is in and framing for the building should be finished by the end of the week. Trusses and roof work began the week of Oct. 19, followed by siding and interior work which is scheduled to start in November.

"This is the bricks and mortar phase," said Nondi Harrington, grant writer for the project. "Phase three, furnishings, fixtures and equipment, will be our next goal to secure." The scheduled completion date is March of 2016, according to the press release.

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I would like to express my appreciation to all the landowners that opened their land for the "Youth Hunt" held on October 15th and 16th. This special pre-hunting season for youth gives young hunters the opportunity to learn about the Montana tradition, heritage and skills of hunting. The young hunters got to hunt with a parent or mentor and to spend quality time in Montana's great outdoors. The memories will never be forgotten, and would not have been possible without the consent of landowners who gave these new hunters the chance to practice what they learned without the competition of experienced adult hunters.

Sincerely,
Douglas Denson
Twin Bridges

Dear Editor,

When a problem is found in a car that causes death or injury, the car manufacturer is held to account.

When a bartender over serves a patron, and lets them walk out the door and crash their vehicle, the bartender and bar owner are held to account.

When a package of hamburger causes death or injury, the meat processor is held to account.

When a carton of ice cream causes death or injury, the manufacturer is held to account.

When a bag of lettuce causes death or injury, the processor is held to account.

When a bag of peanuts cause death or injury, the pea-

nut co-op is held to account.

When a cup of overly hot coffee causes injury, the fast food franchise is held to account.

When a gun causes death or injury, day after day, week after week, year after year, the gun manufacturer ramps up production.

When the United States

Congress fails to pass laws to prevent death or injury,

they go on vacation.

When the American people fail to demand common sense gun control legislation, we attend memorial services, day after day, week after week, year after year.

That is not justice, that is reality. And, that is a shame.

Gerald Johnson
Cardwell

Our worst enemy

Dear Editor,

According to the October edition of Rural Montana (Montana Electric Coop Association), the coal mines seemed to be on the road for closures. The Environmental Protection Agency is now demanding that Montana reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by 48 percent by 2016, yet has 32 percent for the rest of America by 2030?

Most of the coal that comes out of the mine in Deck is shipped east and goes to a coal

powered plant that provides the power to the big three auto companies in Detroit.

The 111(D) rule of the clean air act may just shut those and all large industrial plans down.

Regardless of all the claims and hoopla, there will never be enough power provided by wind, solar or what remains of the dams generation to replace all the coal powered plant production of electricity. Hollywood's movies about incidents at nuclear plants, plus Chernobyl, three mile nuclear plant, Japan's tsunami

damaged plant and smaller problems, have the liberals scared of nuclear energy, yet the United States Navy thrives on it, and liberals run the Democrats.

Perhaps with all the outsourcing being done in America, we might source the entire EPA industry to India, China, the Balkans, Russia and Africa, where they can really clean up the polluted air that is so bad that in India and China, you cannot see what is a block away. It is for sure that is one industry that we do not need to be

returned. To Russia, with love.

The EPA is out of control, ruining industries, trying to control our waterways, even when rain causes a pool that seems to take a day to soak in. Thirteen states originally sued the latest rules and now 27 other states and numerous companies are trying to join those 13 states and the EPA is trying to stop the latest sensible rebel states.

Bill Hanley
Twin Bridges

A special place for many

Dear Editor,

Madison County has a special place in our hearts for its stunning natural beauty, rugged wide-open spaces, lofty mountains, majestic clear skies and fabled river. It has a place in our hearts for the serenity we feel on a crisp early morning. It has a place in our hearts for the wonderful people we have come to know.

What a vacation!

By James Joe Smith

Now, we all have taken memorable vacations and some of us, miserable vacations. When Faye and I were first venturing into the great unknown of family vacations, the word "vacation" brought near-panic to our kids. Of the vacations we had taken, none had been without some incident that tainted the pudding.

We are making up for those disasters now. We returned early Sunday morning from a week of the good life that Montana and Wyoming have to offer. Staying with friends and family really added to the rewards we reaped. The icing on the cake would

Summer before last, our dear friend J.J. and his family spent a week at our home in Jeffers enjoying a long-awaited Montana vacation. Afterward, he could not stop talking about their great time in the Madison Valley, and all it had offered them.

J.J. has long entertained us with his humorous commentaries on everyday life. Despite a lack of formal training, he is a talented writer who is able

to touch us deeply. We were impressed when he captured his Montana experience in a remarkable essay written shortly after his return.

I first met J.J. as a patient in my dental practice some 30 years ago, and through shared experiences in the fire service, we formed a close friendship. It has been our great pleasure to have J.J. and his family as friends for these many years.

J.J. recently passed away from cancer. It is as a tribute to him that we seek to share his essay with *The Madisonian*. His love for the Madison Valley mirrors our own.

Sincerely,
James E. Beltz, D.D.S.
Renate E. Beltz
Redlands, Calif.

have been to have Drew, Beth and baby Mia there with us.

I knew before we left the house for the drive north that this was going to be something special. I had too long anticipated this trip for it not to have been. Having visited the area in years past, we had a taste of what potentially could be a blast of a trip this time.

Boy, were we not disappointed. What a week.

I will tell you about the different things we did, and you will no doubt agree that they sound fun. But I know that as I tell you about those bicycle rides, walks down country roads, floating down a fast-moving river, hiking a mountain trail, exploring cav-

erns, shooting targets, roasting marshmallows over a log fire while looking across a lake at sunset, the pleasure of listening to nothing - because there was nothing to hear, flashes of lightning and the clap of thunder, sausage on a morning campfire, birds of prey overhead, daily rains, fresh breezes, good smells, beautifully colored hills, meadows of flowers - yellow, purple, bright red and white, puffy clouds, animals you forgot existed, others you will not see anywhere else, looking at a valley from a trail 8,000 feet up, looking at mountains 8,000 feet high, seeing fish caught from a stream from which you could drink, holding hands, sitting

together, sitting alone, sitting by ourselves, watching the grandkids, watching our daughter - who is still our kid, the enjoyment of driving for hours to the sounds of the road, the satisfaction of arriving to hug family and friends, being so close to bison you could reach out from the car and touch them, bull elk at 50 feet, a grizzly from 100 yards, geysers, mud pots, steam vents, hearing excitement in foreign languages, the grand canyon of the Yellowstone, knowing this is my country.

Yes, I could tell you about all the things we did, saw, ate, touched, smelled, tasted, felt and heard. But I do not know how to tell you how really good it all was.

OBITUARIES

Margaret "Peggy" McMullen Todd March 16, 1922 - October 10, 2015



The Treasure State has lost a gem, but the night sky has gained another star. In the early hours of Oct. 10, 2015, Peggy Todd, age 93, died in Ennis at the Madison Valley Manor where she had resided for the past two years. Born in Livingston on March 16, 1922, Peggy was raised in the Gallatin Canyon by her parents, Louis and Adelaide Forshaw McMullen. Peggy's two older brothers, Lou and Jim, as well as her younger brother Gordon, have preceded her in death.

Peggy's early years were spent at the foot of Lone Mountain in the Gallatin Canyon where her widowed mother rented cabins to tourists. During the school year, Peggy's mother taught at the Ophir School and later at the Cottonwood School. As her children got older, Adelaide took her four teenage children to Los Angeles during the school year. Peggy graduated from Walt Whitman High School in 1940 and attended Art Center of Los Angeles where she pursued her interest in drawing and painting. World War II interrupted her art education and she found her way to Seattle,

where she attended the University of Washington, pursuing a degree in English. Then Peggy and her friend Marge Bruce worked as draftsmen for Boeing. These Seattle years evoked fond memories for Peggy - hours of dancing to big band music, skiing, sailing and biking filled her leisure time.

When WWII ended, Peggy's job was given to a returning soldier so she worked as a layout designer for Marshall Field's Department Stores. Next she headed home to Montana. It was at the Bear Creek Ranch, working for Mrs. Orr, that Peggy met L.L. "Gene" Todd. They were married in Trinity Church in Jeffers on Aug. 22, 1948. Daughter Dawn, sons Jonathan and Gordon and daughter Lacey soon joined the family. Gene, Peggy, Dawn and Jonathan lived in Jeffers; later the family moved to a house on East Ennis Street. Peggy served for many years as PTA president for the Ennis Schools, served on the town of Ennis Planning Board and worked for many years for Dr. Wilkins and Dr. Losee as a lab and X-ray technician.

In December of 1967, Peggy suffered the loss of her husband Gene, who had been a game warden for the state Fish and Game Department, as it was known then. Peggy was left bereft but always stoic, carrying on with life with her four teenage children, ages 13 through 18. She never remarried.

One of Peggy's best contributions to the town of Ennis was making sure the book mobile came to Ennis from Helena. While Peggy

was busy raising her children, she always worked at her art - studying watercolor each summer with Hilton Leech in Virginia City. Hilton came to Montana each summer from Sarasota, Fla. Peggy made lifelong friends with some of the other art students - Maggie Atwood, Eleanor Faire and Sally Gracey. Peggy studied portraiture with Harley Brown in the Napa Valley and watercolor with Ray Campeau in Bozeman. Peggy was a contributing writer for the Montana Standard, profiling interesting people such as Virginia City Players director Judy Ferree. Peggy adored the Virginia City Players and the Shakespeare in the Park troupes. Often they enjoyed some of her yummy lasagna and awesome pies as a reward for their hard work.

Once her last child was off to college, Peggy, too, returned to school at Montana State University. One of Peg's favorite professors was Rudy Dietrich who taught photography. At age 55 she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in English and worked for 10 years in Helena for the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. One of her proudest accomplishments during her technical writing career was the publication of a book about Montana's natural resources that was used by the Office of Public Instruction throughout the state of Montana.

During these 10 working years, Peggy made a special effort to see

her two young grandsons, Jason and Mike Todd, who resided in Bozeman. On alternating Friday evenings, Peggy would drive from Helena to Bozeman, pick up the two boys and drive to Ennis for weekends full of hikes, art activities and other adventures. This time spent with these two grandsons forged a bond that remains to this day.

Once Peggy retired from her state job, she retired to Ennis full time in 1988. She and her good friend Dorothy "Mickey" Bohrman were charter members of the Ennis Arts Association. The Arts Association "Wings" program was another of Peggy's initiatives to offer children on summer vacation an outlet for their artistry and creativity.

In 1999 Peggy's eldest son Jonathan died suddenly from a massive heart attack. This was a shock and terrible blow to Peggy. She kept his photo on her dresser, remembering him as "my sweet boy." Jonathan and his wife Lorri had been married for 25 years - Peggy still considered Lorri her daughter-in-law. She was happy when she met Lorri's husband Bob on the occasion of Peg's 80th birthday.

Peggy may be gone but her memory lives on in the hearts and minds of those she leaves behind. She is survived by her three adult children and their spouses: Dawn Wetherby and Fred Turner of Blaine, Wash.; Gordon and Karen Todd of Rockdale, Texas; and Lacey and Jeff Insel of Cave

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MAN'S BEST FRIEND, MY BEST FRIEND

Hi readers,

I've always liked dogs, but I never thought of myself as a "dog person." My parents are definitely not dog people. I started begging for a dog when I was a kid. Unfortunately, my pleas fell on deaf ears, and so one day, 8-year-old Abby sat them down and explained that I knew their reasons for not wanting a pet, but that I felt like I didn't belong in our family if we couldn't have a dog.

There's a chance I was a dramatic kid.

They finally conceded, and my mom started researching dogs. I did my own research and decided I would get either a golden retriever, a black Labrador or a German shepherd. My mother's research led her in a different direction, and we ended up with a Maltese puppy - less than 5 pounds of dog that didn't shed. I never bonded with that dog. She's 15 years old now, and we still don't see eye to eye.

Then, a couple years ago, Calamity Jane came into my life.

When Mike and I first met, we made small talk one evening and he mentioned the possibility of getting a puppy. Mike was undecided because, as a fishing guide, he has very little free time during the summer and fall. Excited, I told him to get the dog and not to worry about the rest - I would be the puppy sitter! That was all it took to convince Mike and he picked up Calamity Jane that weekend (I picked out her

name!). She entered my life when she was just eight weeks old and won me over within seconds.

Jane is a chocolate lab. Now, she's about a year and a half old. She's also my best friend. Jane is my constant companion - when you see me out and about at events and meetings around our county, there's a good chance Jane is waiting patiently in my car. She's always excited to see me, forever in a good mood, incredibly loyal and very smart. When I say I connect with Jane,

I mean it. I tell her about my day, sing to her in the car, snuggle on the couch and take long walks around Madison County. Jane is generally a happy-go-lucky pup, but on occasion, both Mike and I have seen her bristle and get protective when she thinks one of us might be in danger.

When we were visiting family last Christmas, Jane discovered a compost pile and ate copious amounts of toxic trash and we nearly lost her. After a long day spent with her at the veterinary

office, I called my dad on the phone, exhausted and emotional.

"I didn't know I could love a dog like this," was all I could say.

And it's true. I love that dog. Just look at her face - can you blame me!?

Oh, Jane pulled through without any lasting complications and I learned a valuable lesson ... labs really will eat anything.

Abigail



I snapped this photo one of the first times I puppy sat Jane. She worked her way in into my heart in just a few moments.



Our first family photo, when Calamity Jane was just eight weeks old and the cutest puppy in the world.



Jane has grown up a lot in the last year and a half - now she's a bird dog in training and loves to look for shed antlers in the spring.

VOLLEYBALL ROUND UP

Caitlin Avey
THE MADISONIAN
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ENNIS & HARRISON

The Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats hosted their neighbors over the hill, the Ennis Mustangs, on Oct. 14 for the Wildcats' senior honor night. While the Wildcats showed strength in the first set, they could not hang on. However, the Wildcats proved they could play with a top seeded

team in the 8C conference. Seniors Taya DeFrance, Adie Nesbit and Hailey Hokanson celebrated their last home game in their high school volleyball careers on what can be considered a high note. Although the Wildcats lost in four sets, they took the control away from the Mustangs, taking the first set by nine points, rattling the Mustang's frontline. Outside powerhouse DeFrance and middle hitter Nesbit secured the Wildcat front row, contributing to the

majority of the team kills and guarded the net to put them ahead of the Mustangs going into the second set. Hokanson had two aces for the Wildcats and served six straight rounds to bring the Wildcats back during the second. The Wildcats were down by nine with the Mustangs one point away from the win until Hokanson got behind the line - but it just was not enough. "We started out so good and fired up; that first game was really great," said head coach

Kyla Simon. "It was a bit of a heartbreaker, but I think the biggest thing is that the girls saw they can play with anyone and they deserve to believe that." The Wildcats hold a 6-3 record after Wednesday's game, and have three more away games before heading to the district tournament in Churchill. As of Oct. 14, the Mustangs hold a 9-3 non-conference record, with all three of those losses coming from non-conference games against Three Forks and Manhattan, both

class B schools. With a 9-0 conference record, the Mustangs look good as they get ready to head into tournaments. Mustang senior standout, Caitlin Klatt, had a hard time finding her groove during the first set against the Wildcats, but managed to rally in the second, proving she is a force to be reckoned with. Klatt dominated the back row with 15 digs, contributing to the strong Mustang defense. Freshman Jourdain Klein and sophomore Danyel Martin, both

strong hitters and defenders, proved that despite their young age, their ability is seasoned. Martin and Klein both had 12 hits for the Mustangs - contributing to half of the combined team total - and five blocks. Brigit Croy, a junior for the Mustangs, had four aces, forcing the Wildcats to give up points. **Harrison/Willow Creek vs. Ennis**
Set 1 - 25-16
Set 2 - 22-25
Set 3 - 19-25
Set 4 - 11-25



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Ennis' Danyel Martin (12) drives a hit through the Wildcats' defense during the Oct. 14 cross-county match.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Hailey Hokanson celebrates a well deserved Wildcat point after a long volley.

SHERIDAN

The Sheridan Panthers hosted Lone Peak on Oct. 15 for a double-header game, both of which the Big Horns came out on top. The Panthers have two more home games, hosting Lima on Oct. 22, and West Yellowstone on Oct. 23, before heading to the district tournament.

Sheridan vs. Lone Peak
Set 1 - 12-25
Set 2 - 13-25
Set 3 - 14-25
Sheridan vs. Lone Peak
Set 1 - 8-25
Set 2 - 17-25
Set 3 - 9-25

TWIN BRIDGES

The Twin Bridges Falcons hosted Shields Valley on Oct. 14, defeating the Rebels in three sets. The Falcons will host Harrison/Willow Creek tonight and Manhattan Christian on Saturday, before heading to the district tournament next weekend.

Twin Bridges vs. Shields Valley
Set 1 - 25-16
Set 2 - 25-23
Set 3 - 25-21



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Over 200 runners compete at the Rusty Raisland Invitational in Townsend

Submitted by Jim Holland
TOWNSEND ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

On a beautiful fall Saturday, over 200 middle school and high school runners descended on the Old Baldy Golf Course in Townsend for the annual Rusty Raisland Invitational cross country meet. Twenty teams as far away as Sunburst, Big Timber and West Yellowstone

competed in the final regular meet before next week's all-class state meet in Great Falls.

Top five finishers for the girls' race were led by Christina Eike of Hobson followed by Grace Wyse of Townsend, Savanna Stewart of Twin Bridges, Grace McDonnell of Townsend and Ann Russell of Whitehall. Girls' team honors went to Manhattan (45 points)

followed by Townsend (60 points) and Twin Bridges (116). Top five finishers for the boys' race were led by Leonard McComas of Manhattan followed by AJ Eckmann of Jefferson, Hunter Flynn of Whitehall, Zak Meeker and Colter Barney of Manhattan. The boys' team champion was Manhattan (23 points) followed by Townsend (63 points) and Manhattan Christian (122 points).

Sheridan Schools students of the month

Submitted by Emily McParland

Sheridan Schools is pleased to announce the students of the month. Students are chosen by faculty and staff members based on the following criteria: citizenship, leadership and academic attitude.

The recipients of this award look forward to the free meal awarded them by Jennie Short.

September

- K Pete Robison
- 1 Aurora Miller
- 2 KT Schuller
- 3 Julianna Murolo

- 4 Tucker Todd
- 5 Clairaa Haag
- 6 Brooke Grow
- 7 Lane Hitchcock
- 8 Tia Hill
- 9 Maya Hagen
- 10 Stephen Hamilton
- 11 Tristen Horn
- 12 Cameron Haag



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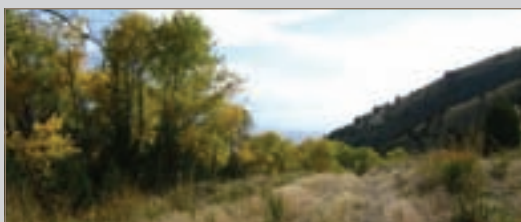
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10/11/15 – 10/17/15

10/11/15
 Alarm on Valley View Dr Twin Bridges
 Alarm in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis
 Animal problem on US Hwy
 287 MM 55 McAllister
 Suspicious person/circumstance in Harrison

10/12/15
 Criminal mischief on Lake Road Harrison
 Wildlife complaint on US Hwy 287 Ennis
 Animal problem on US Hwy
 287 MM 75 Harrison
 Fire – wildland in Centennial Valley
 Citizen assist on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis
 Welfare check in 100 Blk Broad St Melrose
 Suspicious person/circumstance in Ennis
 Accident with damage on MT Hwy
 41 S MM 15.5 Twin Bridges
 Suspicious person/circumstance on US Hwy 287 Ennis

10/13/15
 Accident with damage on US Hwy 287 MM 44 Ennis

Animal problem on US Hwy
 287 MM 82.5 Harrison
 Road hazard on MT Hwy
 287 MM 32 Sheridan
 Wildlife complaint in 4700
 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis
 Agency assist at courthouse in Virginia City
 Animal problem on MT Hwy
 287 MM 32 Sheridan
 Agency assist in Virginia City
 Suspicious person/circumstance in 200 Blk Madison St Sheridan
 Warrant – arrest out of Madison County

10/14/15
 Animal problem on MT Hwy 41 S Twin Bridges
 Wildlife complaint in 500 Blk Fremont St Virginia City
 Suspicious person/circumstance in Norris
 Warrant – arrest in Ennis
 Coroner call in Ennis
 Alarm in 100 Blk Sundance Bench Road Cameron

10/15/15
 Animal problem in 800 Blk Point of Rocks Road Whitehall
 Wildlife complaint in Virginia City
 Scam complaint in 400 Blk N Senator St Twin Bridges
 Fire – controlled burn in McAllister
 Scam complaint on Barney Ln Twin Bridges
 Lost or found property in 2400 Blk MT Hwy 287 Laurin
 Theft complaint on Main St Sheridan
 Suspicious person/circumstance in Waterloo
 Accident with injuries on MT Hwy 287 MM 26 Alder
 Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 18 Alder
 Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 1.5 Ennis
 Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 S Twin Bridges

10/16/15
 Alarm – false in 300 Blk US Hwy 287 Ennis

Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy
 41 MM 20 Twin Bridges
 Animal problem on US Hwy 287 MM 61 Norris
 Citizen assist on Deer Trl Ennis
 Wildlife complaint on Sidehill Trl Ennis
 Agency assist out of Madison County

10/17/15
 Suspicious person/circumstance at Varney Road and Shining Mtn Loop Ennis
 Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 87 MM 1 Cameron
 Citizen assist in 100 Blk Mill Creek Road Sheridan
 Accident with damage in 700 Blk Mirza Way Ennis
 Public safety complaint on MT Hwy 41 N MM 46 Twin Bridges

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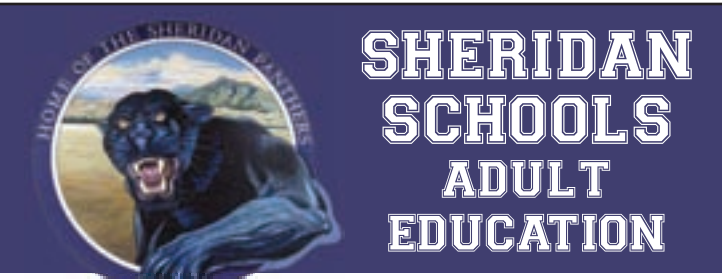
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Creek, Ariz. Peggy was known as "Grandma Peg" to Dawn's children James Carver and Misty Lenzi, Jonathan's three girls, Becky, Courtney and Ashley and Gordon's boys Jason and Mike as well as Karen's daughter Morgan. These grandchildren have given Peggy her 18 great grandchildren. They are Misty's children, Austin and Tribecca Amezquita of Kent, Wash.; James and Deana Carver's children, Josh and Janell Carver of Kent, Wash.; Jason and Heidi Todd's children Austin, Meadow, Willow and Cable Todd of Cody, Wyo.; Mike and Tish Todd's son Curtis of Rockdale, Texas; Becky and Toby Pulsipher's children, Jonathan, Isaac and Avery of Chandler, Ariz.; Courtney and Dan Vance's children Owen and Tatum of Provo, Utah; Ashley and Alan Lunt's children, Makaili, Ethan, Emery and Ruby of Ogden, Utah; Lorri and Bob Bunce of Provo, Utah, and Lois Martin of Bozeman also survive Peggy. Other surviving family members

who were special to Peggy are her sister-in-law Barbara McMullen of Bozeman and Dick and Polly Todd of Sheridan. Many nieces and nephews also survive Peg and remember her fondly. Her good friends Don Clark, Bob Kensingler, Patsy Eckert and Jim Carlson all made the effort to visit Peggy at the manor. Peggy always appreciated these acts of kindness.

Peggy requested to be cremated and buried between Gene Todd and her mother in the Ennis Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held July 4, 2016 at Peggy's home. More detailed information about her burial and celebration of life will be published as the date nears. Donations in Peggy's name may be made to any of the following groups: Ennis Public Library, Ennis Aquatic Center, Ennis Arts Association, Madison Valley History Association or any animal charity of your choice.

To quote Thornton Wilder: "The highest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude."

Just Married



Submitted by Katie Cox
 Clayton David Cantrell and Leah Dolores Cox were married Aug. 29, 2015 at the Birch Creek Center in Dillon. Clay is the son of Dianna Rennie of Drummond, and Ken and Marcia Cantrell of Livingston. Clayton is a University of Montana Western graduate and second lieutenant in the Montana Army National Guard, HHC 190th CSSB. Leah is the daughter of Tom and Katie Cox of Twin Bridges, and a University of Montana Western graduate. The couple will make their home at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., until February 2016.

NorthWestern Energy Hebgen update

Submitted by Butch Larcombe

Hebgen Dam inflow averaged 82 percent of normal for September and 76 percent of normal to date in October. The current lake elevation is 6,531.83 feet, which is 3.04 feet below full pool. The current outflow is 840 cubic feet per second. As conditions stand, the outflow is estimated to be in the 830 cfs to 875 cfs range for the next few months. The fall draft flows are similar to past operations at this time of year. With regard to our FERC license requirements, the daily operation of the Hebgen Dam and Madison Dam hydro projects are subject to constant monitoring for changing weather conditions, re-evaluation, and collaboration with applicable agencies. Appropriate operational changes will be made, as necessary.

Bill Mercer awarded the Certified Residential Specialist Designation

Submitted by Kristy Vessey RE/MAX MOUNTAIN PROPERTY

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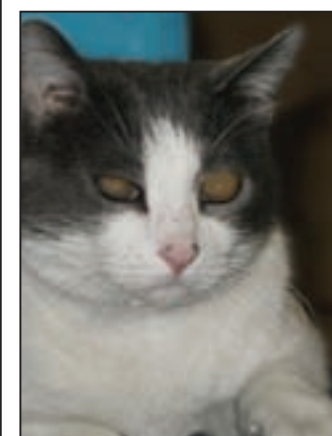
ENNIS MUSTANGS PINK OUT



The Ennis Mustangs wore pink to support breast cancer awareness month.

Photo courtesy Barbi Halverson Wood

4 P A W S RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



HARLEY

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A Ruby Valley treasure

Twin Bridges resident turns 99; celebrates lifetime of travel



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Top left: Audrey Triplett will turn 99 on Oct. 26.

Photo courtesy of Audrey Triplett
Top right: Audrey and her husband Harvey spent their life traveling to different mining towns.

Photos courtesy Audrey Triplett
Top: Audrey's father raised horses for the Miles City Roundup

Bottom: Audrey's family home near Redstone.



fish in the morning and go for a drive in the evening. Triplett had a garden that helped occupy her time.

"We never had any trouble finding something to do," she said.

And she still manages to keep busy – that's her secret to a long life. Be it cleaning up around her house, cooking, traveling or playing ball with family friends, she stays busy. "I've always worked and found something to do," said Triplett. "So I guess that's what I'd say, just keep busy."

Celebrating 99

Triplett turns 99 at the end of October, and when asked how she plans to celebrate, Triplett had a simple answer.

"I'm not," she said with a coy smile.

"There will be a dinner of some sort and probably flowers," laughed Carroll. "We'll save the big party for next year – the big 100."



Caitlin Avey
 THE MADISONIAN
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While she may be turning 99 this year, Audrey Triplett's spirit, quick wit and vibrancy for life keep her young.

Anyone who knows her, knows this to be true – Triplett is nothing short of a Ruby Valley treasure.

Born in 1916 in northeastern Montana, her family owned and operated a farm outside of Redstone, near the Canadian and North Dakota borders.

"My father raised horses for the Miles City roundup," Triplett said.

Though she was too small to help out, Triplett still enjoyed being on the farm.

"I played a lot," she laughed.

Not long after she was born, the family moved to the Medicine Lake/Fort Peck area until her sophomore year of high school, when they up and moved again, this time to Twin Bridges.

Before moving to Madison County, Triplett stayed active by playing basketball and track, which was common throughout her school.

"Even if you didn't play good, you could still play," she said, recalling most students in the Medicine Lake/Fort Peck area played sports.

But Twin Bridges was not a sports-oriented town in 1932 like it is now, according to Triplett.

"All anyone cared about was dancing and romance," she said.

After Twin Bridges

After graduating from Twin Bridges High School in 1934, Triplett went back to Medicine Lake where she worked for the telephone office for a year. From there, she moved to Yellowstone

National Park and worked as a waitress near Mammoth, Wyo.

"I served beer, mostly," she laughed.

Triplett worked at Mammoth, where she met and worked with people from all over the world.

"(Mammoth) was my most fun job, by far," she said. "You'd meet people from all over."

She spent a year and half working in the park before moving to Kodiak, Alaska, where she worked in every field imaginable – from a fish cannery to a hospital, Triplett kept herself busy.

"There wasn't nothing to do but work," she said. "That and go to the bar."

She spent three years in Alaska, going back and forth working between Kodiak and Fairbanks, where she met a man and was married for three years before he passed away.

By this time, Triplett had been all over the northwest, working job after job. On a visit home to Twin Bridges, she met a man named Harvey Triplett who had been working at a mine in Idaho – he happened to also be visiting in town. While the two met one night out in the town in Twin Bridges, they were later married in Wallace, Idaho, where they lived for seven years.

"Harvey didn't want me working much, but I worked for a little café for a while," Triplett said. "I found ways to keep busy."

She often would help care for the miners by patching up clothes and cooking meals for them, which she liked.

On the move

"If you can't take all your stuff in a suitcase, it's time to move," Triplett said.

Harvey's position with the mine kept their life exciting as he could be sent anywhere for work – and the

two seemed to like that.

"We didn't know if we would go somewhere for three weeks or three years," Triplett said of her and Harvey's life.

The two lived like nomads – keeping only a few household items and living out of a small trailer they would haul to their next job site.

"I had four plates, four knives and four spoons," said Triplett. "Any more and you had to bring your own," she added with a laugh.

Throughout their marriage, Triplett and Harvey traveled and lived all over the western half of the country. From Idaho, the mine sent them to Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming and Nevada.

"I liked New Mexico," Triplett said of her favorite place the two lived. "It was pretty and not too cold – we'd hunt and fish quite often there too."

Triplett was quite the hunter and enjoyed bird hunting with Harvey.

"Harvey loved the birds," said Clyde Carroll, a longtime friend of the Triplett.

Carroll and his wife, Pat, check on Triplett almost every day, making sure she has everything she needs and something to occupy her time.

Back to Twin Bridges

Carroll and Harvey used to hunt together in the 70s after the Triplett's moved back to Madison County.

They began building their house in 1967, with the help of a local builder, Martin Simonsen.

"We helped put in some of the partitions," said Triplett. "I was the painter and Harvey was the cleanup man, mostly."

While the couple moved back to Twin Bridges as a sort of retirement, they never really retired. Always finding ways to stay active, Triplett and Harvey would hunt and

HEALTH & WELLNESS

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Submitted by StatePoint

With children back in their school routines, October is the perfect time for local communities nationwide to unite to raise awareness of bullying prevention through education, outreach and activities. This is the message from the organizers behind National Bullying Prevention Month, which occurs each October.

What was once historically viewed as “a childhood rite of passage”

is no longer the case, as far from “making kids tougher,” bullying can result in such demoralizing effects as anxiety, self-esteem-loss, depression and school avoidance – and even lead to physical injury or worse.

The special month has its roots in a weeklong campaign by the PACER Center, an organization that assists young people with disabilities. It has since expanded to a month-long initiative to combat bullying, and is

recognized in communities across the country, with hundreds and hundreds of schools and organizations contributing as partners.

This year, such celebrities as Lea Michelle, Zachary Quinto, Emma Roberts, Robin Roberts and others have taped special videos to campaign to stop bullying. More details are available at www.stompoutbullying.org, where students can share their own anti-bullying videos, as well. Other

organizations, like The Kind Campaign, are pitching in with school programs and assemblies. Information is available for parents, students and educators at www.kindcampaign.com.

Of course, all the anti-bullying resources can be used beyond the month of October, urge experts, to help inspire, educate and encourage people to better deal with and prevent bullying year-round.

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3 tips to get the most of workplace benefits during open enrollment

Submitted by StatePoint

For most Americans, the end of the year marks benefit open enrollment season. While this could be viewed as an important chance to thoughtfully review coverage, it is often a time that many employees dread, and in turn, end up avoiding.

More than 170 million Americans receive coverage through the workplace, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

“Today, these employees face complicated decisions and have more choices than ever before,” said Audrey Im, assistant vice president, health and welfare at Lincoln Financial Group. “It goes beyond health insurance, and we find there are many benefits employees aren’t even

aware they have available.”

Employees, especially those of the younger generations, are typically concerned with short-term issues – debt and paying bills top the list of financial concerns for Millennials and Gen-Xers, according to the 2015 Special Report: Measuring Optimism, Outlook and Direction of America on Employee Benefits, conducted by the Lincoln Financial Group.

“Longer-term concerns associated with some non-medical insurance offerings can be uncertain and less tangible, and therefore garner less attention. For example, less than a fourth of Millennials and Gen-Xers have concerns about loss of income due to disability,” said Im, citing study results.

Financial anxieties shift

when looking at baby boomers – healthcare expenses elicit the most stress.

Open enrollment is the time to assess your biggest concerns and discover how insurance options can help you secure your financial future and alleviate some of these fears.

It does not have to be difficult – here are three quick tips to consider:

- Do not overlook important non-medical benefits such as dental care, vision coverage, disability insurance, life insurance, accident and critical illness insurance. Health insurance is crucial, but these can also play a big role in protecting your income and wealth in times of need. Even if your employer does not contribute toward the premium cost, you may be able

to conveniently pay premiums via pre-tax payroll deduction.

- Think about your biggest risks today and make protecting them a priority. Every year you should consider your life changes and re-evaluate your needs. Whether you are about to walk down the aisle, expand your family or buy a home, protecting your assets with the right insurance coverage is key.
- Educate yourself.

Many employers and benefit providers offer web tools to help you better understand benefits.

It is the important things in life that are worth protecting. Insurance benefits offered through your workplace play a role in planning for that protection. Be sure to make informed choices this open enrollment season.

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Host a healthy, safe holiday party

Submitted by StatePoint

It is the holiday season – which for many people means parties galore. Whether you are hosting a sit-down or buffet-style dinner, the pressure of entertaining can be overwhelming.

For a healthy and safe holiday party, consider some helpful holiday advice from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

“Holiday parties are a great way to bring food, family and friends together,” said registered dietitian nutritionist and academy spokesperson, Nancy Farrell. “It is important to make hosting as stress-free as possible so you can enjoy this quality time with loved ones.”

Plan ahead. This includes choosing the menu, grocery shopping and equipping your kitchen with all the necessary supplies.

“Don’t forget paper towels; plenty of soap for a quick and safe clean-up; a food thermometer to make sure all food is properly cooked; and shallow containers for storing leftovers,” Farrell said.

Remember, it is possible to have flavorful food without

added fat and calories. Limit creamy dishes, fried foods and extra salt.

“Instead, serve a Greek yogurt dip for an appetizer, flavor the turkey with a fat-free broth instead of butter and top vegetables like broccoli with lemon juice rather than a creamy cheese sauce,” Farrell said.

Also, offer plenty of choices for all holiday guests, including vegetarians, those with allergies, gluten intolerance, diabetes and other health restrictions.

“If necessary, make two separate dishes or place sauces with offending foods on the side to accommodate all guests,” Farrell said.

More concerning than simply going off your healthy diet, is that food safety rules may be forgotten when throwing a party. Food poisoning is a serious concern that must not be overlooked.

“Forty-eight million people get sick with food poisoning per year,” Farrell said. “Follow proper food safety practices before, during and after the gathering to help keep guests safe.”

Start by washing hands, all produce and kitchen surfaces. When cooking, use a food thermometer to ensure all items are cooked to a safe temperature. Do not leave any food out of the refrigerator for more than

two hours. If food is served buffet-style, set a timer as a reminder to replace the food every two hours. Refrigerate all leftovers immediately in shallow containers.

For more information on healthful eating, nutritious recipes and food safety, visit www.eatright.org or consult a registered dietitian nutritionist.

Holidays are a time of celebration, but whether you are a host or guest, stay healthy and safe during this joyous season.



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HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Scholarly rubbish

*The story of a learned
intruder and its ignoble end*

At first, it sounded like a muffled bump. When a period of silence followed, I dismissed it as one of those mysterious sounds one often hears in an older house. However, moments later, I clearly heard what sounded like rustling paper. With my curiosity piqued, I traced the location of the sounds to the kitchen trash can. Shortly, in the space beside the can's slightly ajar lid, I saw a furry head rise up.

Like a king on a throne, the brazen intruder remained perched atop the trash can for some time. During that period, it regally surveyed its newly commandeered domain while completely ignoring my looming presence, mere feet away. The insolent trespasser then nonchalantly hopped from the can, to the wall heater, to the floor. From there, it sauntered behind the stove, pausing to sniff while it went.

Aside from the fact I had not been accorded so much as a speck of respect in my own house, I wasn't particularly upset by what I had just witnessed. About this time yearly, my house suffers a veritable blitzkrieg of mice seeking warmer accommodations in which to spend the winter. Graciously enough, they don't seem to mind if I stick around, so long as I'm not too bothersome. The problem is, I sure do mind if they stick around! Anyway, by now I knew the routine. I put a spring-activated mousetrap, baited with a charitable glob of chunky style peanut butter, in a secluded corner of the kitchen. I then waited with bated (pun intended) breath.

That night, I dreamt of hearing the grim snapper going off and listening as my uninvited guest kicked his last kicks. Instead, the next morning, I found the bait on the trigger plate untouched while the peanut butter beside it had been expertly nibbled away. Thus, the rascally rodent had dined on my dime without springing the trap.

Four days later, all my attempts to trick the pesky

pest had failed miserably. By that time, I grudgingly conceded that my adversary was the mouse world's equivalent of an Einstein. I also came to the bitter conclusion that such a learned specimen wasn't going to fall prey to archaic traps and paltry fare. Rather, catching it would require a sophisticated plan of attack, which included a different kind of snare, a more appropriate setting and refined cuisine.

Accordingly, I employed a less ominous appearing glue trap. In the center of the sticky snare's pad, I positioned a lump of quality smoked Wisconsin cheddar cheese, sprinkled with bacon bits. Lastly, instead of placing the ensnaring



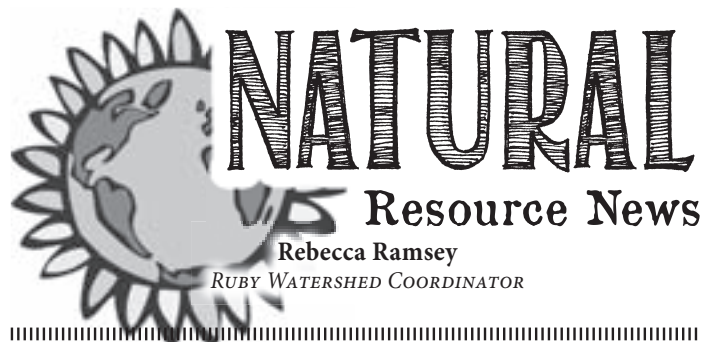
Art Kehler

device in the kitchen again, I cleverly situated it beneath the more fitting "dining" room table.

To my dismay, the next morning I found my lip smacking, gourmet offering untouched. By then, visions of vast hordes of the mouse's offspring surging through my house began to haunt me. So in desperation, I softened the cheese in the microwave and added a dab of genuine maple syrup along with a smidgeon of Cadbury's finest milk chocolate.

An hour later, I returned home to find the deceased rodent with its feet stuck in the glue and its gluttonous head stuffed in my "piece de resistance." In a final gesture of good riddance, I dropped old Einstein's pudgy carcass into the backyard garbage can. After replacing the lid, I almost felt badly that such a scholarly creature had ended up as mere rubbish – almost that is.

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Rebecca Ramsey
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

PREVENT NOXIOUS WEEDS

Several general hunting seasons are already active: pronghorn antelope, black bear, goose, duck and grouse, for instance. This weekend is the opening of general rifle season for deer and elk. That brings a huge influx of people into the surrounding public lands. This is a time that you need to be aware as a recreationalist about how you contribute to the spread of invasive species, especially noxious weeds, and what you can do to prevent the spread of them.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and micro-organisms that damage the lands and waters that our native plants and animals need to survive. Everyone needs to be part of the fight against invasive species as they are a major, and sometimes irreversible, threat to our environment and our economy.

There are five things that are easy for everyone to get in the habit of practicing to

prevent the spread of non natives. First of all, always arrive with clean gear (this includes your boots, clothing, ATVs, trucks, trailers, etc.) Secondly, burn local or certified firewood. Third, stay on established trails as much as possible. Fourth, use certified feeds for your livestock. Fifth, before you leave, remove mud and seeds – burn or take all burs with you to dispose of in the trash.

In 1995 the Montana Legislature passed the Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage Act (and in 1997 a special order was issued by the United States Forest Service) requiring hay, grain, straw, cubes or pelleted feed for livestock, or mulch bedding materials erosion control barriers and seeds used for reclamation purposes to be certified noxious weed seed free when used or stored on Forest Service and other publicly owned lands in Montana. You can purchase

certified noxious weed seed free forage (NWSFF) from a producer in the NWSFF program. A list of those producers can be found at www.agr.mt.gov. You should also request a transportation certificate from the producer providing authenticity of the certification between the producer and you. You should also look for identification markers from the Department of Agriculture including orange and blue hay twine, red tags with ID numbers or orange labels with ID numbers. You should also be feeding the certified forage to your pack and riding animals at least three days before going onto public land.

Livestock producers who have grazing leases on public lands have been working hard to map and treat weeds on their grazing allotments. In the Upper Ruby Watershed on the Gravelly and Snowcrest ranges for

instance, a collaborative weed management effort by the producers, Madison County and several public agencies has been working together for four years to have a positive impact on the weed infestations within the allotments and roadways. Recreationalists can make a big difference too, by taking some garbage bags with you to collect houndstongue skeletons and to dispose of the weed seeds attached to your clothes and gear. You may also bring gloves with you to pull knapweed and other noxious weeds around your campsites. Every one of us needs to do our part.

By going through a little extra effort this hunting season to prevent the spread of noxious weeds, you help keep Montana's back country weed free, and help to protect Montana's waterways, wildlife habitat and native plant communities.



PEACEFUL FALL AFTERNOON



The Jefferson River between Twin Bridges and Silver Star.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

Commodity Insite! Only sissies sleep

by Jerry Welch

On March 27, 2013, I penned an article for *Inside Futures* entitled, "Sleep Is For Sissies!" The first paragraph stated, "When I went to bed last night around 10 p.m. Chicago time, there was a firm tone across the board most commodity markets as well as equities. But by the time I walked in this morning at 5 a.m., virtually every market on the board was lower, wallowing in a sea of red ink. There is a huge difference between what I saw late last night and early this morning. And that of course, proves once again,

that in the era of 24 hour trading, sleep is for sissies."

The final few lines of my article read as follows: "When I went to bed last night, there was a firm tone to stocks and commodities. To have caught today's sell-off or to at least be aware of it, I should have stayed awake. I should not have gone to bed. I am coming to the conclusion that sleep is for sissies. For sissies!

And because of night trading and the fickle and erratic trading that comes with it, I urged investors, traders and agricultural

producers in the very last line to, "Always remember that old Chinese saying: 使用中止損失... use stops!"

I thought of that article from 2 1/2 years ago because a piece by Philip Van Doorn on Market Watch was along a similar vein. Van Doorn's piece was entitled, "Most stock market gains are made when you're asleep." The article mentions Bespoke Investment Group that released a report that said most of 2015 gains in the S&P 500 Index were made between 10 and 11 a.m. eastern time. And according

to a Bespoke analyst, the overnight period from the prior market close until 10 a.m. eastern time the next day, "offers the best longer-term performance."

However, that is assuming of course, you are not sleeping. After all, if the Bespoke analyst is correct about the best period to maximize, "longer-term performance" the time in question is from the close of one day which is 5 p.m. eastern time to 10 a.m. eastern time the next day. And as I have stated time and again for years, "I want to

meet the investors or traders that stay awake all night to observe market movement and watch the number dance. I want to meet them."

Still, the Bespoke analyst did say and with conviction, "Over time, the information that the market operates on is flowing 24 hours a day, so if you are trying to enter and exit only when the market is open, you may be missing out." In other words, if you chose to sleep rather than invest and trade, you are a sissy!

Normally, my weekly column is much longer than

what is shown this week. But I am so tuckered out, so tired and exhausted from staying up all night to watch the numbers dance and the markets move about that I am calling it quits and will end my rambling here and now. A weekend looms and I need to get some sleep. A big week lies ahead and I don't plan on sleeping at all because I am not a sissy. I am not.

And to play it safe, in case I unintentionally nod off, I will do as the Chinese are so fond of saying and, 使用中止損失... use stops!

COMICS & PUZZLES



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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Thorpe

Fun and Festive Halloween Cupcakes

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- Janet

Orange Rolo Cupcakes

What You Need

- 1 box orange cake mix
- 1 tbsp grated orange peel
- 24 unwrapped caramel chocolate candy, such as Rolo (frozen)
- 24 caramel chocolate candy (not-frozen)

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- 1 c (2 sticks) butter, room temperature
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp orange extract
- 1 lb 10x confectioner sugar, sifted
- 1 - 2 tsp whipping cream (or milk or half and half)

Directions

- Make cake mix according to package directions.
- Line cupcake pan with cupcake paper.
- Place a frozen candy in the bottom of each cupcake paper.
- Pour cake batter over frozen candy (2/3 full).
- Bake at 350 for 18 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.
- Allow to cool and then ice.
- For icing, cream all the icing ingredients together until fluffy.
- Top each cupcake with a chocolate caramel candy on top of icing, then decorate.
- Make sure to put sprinkles on before icing dries.

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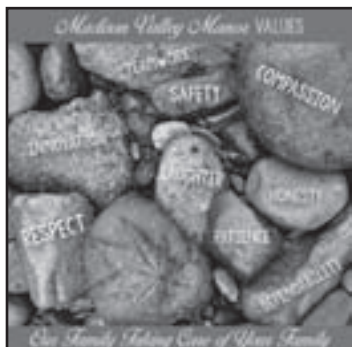
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Michael Emmet Applegate; Michael Emmet Applegate, Petitioner; CAUSE NO. DV-29-2015-46
 This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from MICHAEL EMMET APPELGATE to MICHAEL EMMET MCCORMACK SR. The hearing will be on November 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Madison County. /s/ Karen J Miller, Clerk of District Court September 21, 2015 (Pub. Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015) mm MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICKEY NARANCIH, Deceased. Judge: Loren Tucker
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to TREVOR NARANCIH, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 63372 Freedom Pl, Bend, OR 97701, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 6th day of October, 2015. (Pub. Oct 15, 22, 29, 2015) in MNAXLP

BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 - 8:30 AM Fire Station No. 1
 Introduction of visitors and guests
 1. Call to Order
 2. Public Comment
 3. Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:
 a. Approval of draft minutes of September 23, 2015 Regular Meeting
 b. Financial Reports for September 2015
 c. Monthly Financial Statements
 d. Check Register: Checks 6115010 - 6115065
 4. Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat
 5. Correspondence
 6. New Business
 a. Citizen Recognition Certificate
 7. Unfinished Business
 a. Addition of Big Sky Fire District to Big Sky Fire Department name
 b. Firefighter Hiring Process Update
 c. Deputy Fire Chief Position Update
 d. ESCI Master Plan Update
 e. Briefing by David Fowler, Architect, on Station #1 Renovation
 8. Other Business
 a. BSFD Halloween Event - October 31st 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 b. BSFD Christmas Party - December 5th @ Bucks T4
 9. Public Comment
 10. Date for next regular meeting - For discussion due to holiday
 11. Adjourn
 (Pub. Oct 22, 2015) bsfd MNAXLP

DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Sheridan School District No. 5 will conduct the disposition of obsolete equipment on Friday, November 6, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The disposition will be located in the first bay of the bus barn on Poppleton and Madison Streets. Used furniture, equipment and miscellaneous items, are available on a first come first serve basis. All items released as is. (Pub. Oct 22, 29 2015) ss MNAXLP




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AROUND THE COUNTY

Support Madison Wranglers 4H Shooting Club

Submitted by Cassidy Carruthers

The Madison Wranglers 4H Shooting Club will be having a bake sale fundraiser in front of Shedhorn Sports during the Hunters Feed. It will be on Friday, Oct. 23. There will be cakes, cookies and muffins of all sorts. So please come and support your future bow and rifle hunters.

Town Pump partners with food bank

Submitted by Donna Crumley

The Town Pump Corporation is matching donations for the Madison Valley Caring and Sharing food bank. The Town Pump Corporation will match funds up to \$5,000 from now until the end of November. The food bank, located behind Lone Elk Mall, serves all of the Ennis area. Donations can be made through November at Town Pump in Ennis. For more information about the food bank's services, contact Eric Swedman at 579-0504 or Donna Crumley at 682-3124.

Wolf trapper certification class in Bozeman

Submitted by Andrea Jones

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is hosting a wolf trapping certification class in Bozeman at its region three headquarters on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Certification is mandatory for anyone planning to trap wolves in Montana. Trappers who have successfully completed a wolf trapping course in Montana or Idaho do not need to retake the course. Montana's wolf trapping season runs from Dec. 15, 2015, to Feb. 29, 2016.

Montana Crunch Time in the Madison Valley

Submitted by Nichole Bailey

Ennis Schools is joining other schools, preschools and individuals across Montana in celebrating Food Day and National Farm to School month by crunching into Montana grown apples on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. for Montana Crunch time.

Ennis Schools will be gathering outside near the school garden at 2 p.m. on Monday. We will be making a video of the entire school biting into an apple at the same time ... crunch. Ennis Schools challenges community businesses and individuals to make their own crunch time video on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. Will the crunch in your office be as loud as ours? Post them to social media by using the tag #MontanaCrunchTime, or email them to Nichole Bailey at nwalker@ennischools.org to share on our school website.

This collective crunch encourages healthy eating and supports farm to school and buy local initiatives thought Montana. Here in Ennis, crunch time is a celebration of our school garden, local foods education and nutrition education.

For more information, or to crunch with us, please contact Bailey at 579-9199 or nwalker@ennischools.org



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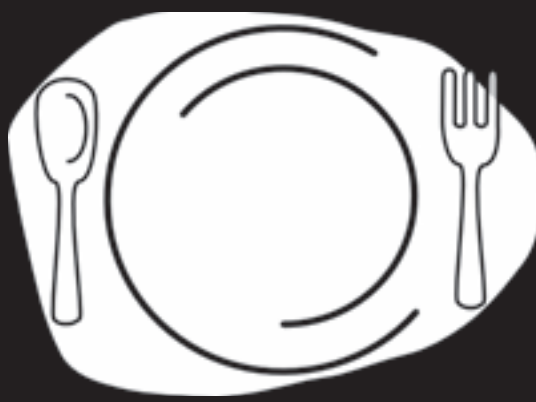
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OCTOBER MENU:

Thurs, October 22: Spaghetti with meat sauce, dinner salad, garlic toast or roll, fresh fruit
Thurs, October 29: Hot roast beef sandwich with mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, apple crisp

MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

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OCTOBER 22-OCTOBER 27 MENU:

Thursday, Oct 22: Turkey ala king, steamed potatoes, peas and carrots, peach crisp
Friday, Oct 23: Baked pork chops, mashed potatoes, california blend, lemon bars
Tuesday, Oct 27: Swedish meat balls, steamed potatoes, vegetables, Jell-o with fruit
Weds, Oct 25: Montana pasty, green beans, crispy coleslaw, spiced apples
Thurs, Oct 26: Hamburger on bun, potato salad, cookies

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 22

Presentation, Ennis
A look at the beast as presented by the Discovery Channel and others. The event will begin at 4 p.m. at the First Madison Valley Bank and is sponsored by the Madison Valley History Association.

Mad Gals, Ennis
Mad Gals monthly luncheon at Banditos. Halloween themed. Begins at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

Hunters Feed, Ennis
The Ennis Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Ennis Hunters Feed is Oct. 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. Chefs of all abilities offer up their best and most creative wild game dishes for all to vote upon right here on Main Street. Please call 682-4388 before 4 p.m. on Oct. 22 to register your wild game dish.

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Book sale, Ennis
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

Birthday celebration, Virginia City
Birthday celebration for folks born in 1951 at the Pioneer Bar. All ages welcome; please bring a side dish. Begins at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

Steamboat Bertrand presentation, Virginia City
Learn about trade goods destined for Virginia City in 1865 but ended up at the bottom of the Missouri River. Interpreter Billy Maxwell will present information detailing the mishap and pictures of the goods at the Thompson-Hickman Library beginning at 2 p.m.

MONDAY OCTOBER 26

Healthy eating

class, Ennis
The purpose of this class is to provide persons with or at risk for diabetes with knowledge and skills to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Offered by Elisabeth Mann, registered nurse and certified diabetes educator. Please register at www.ennis-ecce.org or call 682-4258 for more information about the class.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

Heart health for all, Ennis
Dr. Erb, cardiologist from Bozeman, will discuss heart health for laymen. He travels from Bozeman to Ennis to see patients at the medical center and will be discussing how we all can take better care of our hearts. Madison Valley Public Library, 9 a.m.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

Trick or Treat book sale, Sheridan

The Sheridan Public Library will hold a special "trick or treat" book sale on Friday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lots of used books of all varieties will be available for sale. Come browse the books and enjoy Halloween treats.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

Music, Ennis
Halloween costume party with the Dave Walker Band at the Gravel Bar. Music starts at 8 p.m.

Halloween bingo and carnival, Ennis
Halloween bingo games with prizes and cash from 7-9 p.m. hosted by the Lions club. Kids carnival begins at 6 p.m.

Trunk or Treat, Ennis

The Ennis Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is hosting a Trunk or Treat for area youth where trick-or-treating will be done from parked cars in the church parking lot. Soup and bread will be served to all at 5 p.m. The event will be finished in time for the Lions Club carnival. Everyone is invited and costumes are encouraged, no masks please.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3

Introduction to Google, Ennis
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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5

Business after hours, Ennis
Business after hours will be hosted by the Madison Valley Medical Center on Nov. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. Free networking event open to all Chamber members

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.

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.

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.
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TOPS, Ennis
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Books and Babies, Ennis
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MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:
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Singer/Songwriter
Sat 10/24 - Luke Flansburg
Acoustic Rock
Sun 10/25 - Hawthorne Roots Trio
Acoustic Blues

HOURS:
Pool & Cafe (Sept - May)
Thurs-Fri-Mon: 4:10 pm
Sat-Sun: 12 noon-10 pm
Closed Tues & Weds
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BIG SKY CAR RENTAL LIQUIDATION SALE

- 2014 Nissan Versa--\$9,775
- 2014 Ford Fiesta SE--\$9,575
- 2013 Chevy Spark--\$7,950
- 2014 Ford Fiesta--\$8,300
- 201 Chevy Aveo 2 LT--\$5,450
- 2012 Chevy Sonic LT--\$6,475
- 2014 Hyundai Accent GLS--\$10,500
- 2012 Ford Focus--\$9,000
- 2012 Hyundai Accent SE--\$8,275
- 2009 Hyundai Elantra--\$5,325
- 2011 Chevy HHR LT--\$6,150
- 2013 Chrysler 200 LX--\$10,325
- 2013 Chevy Impala LT--\$9,750
- 2013 Chevy Impala LT--\$9,025
- 2013 Chevy Impala LT--\$9,025
- 2010 Chevy Impala LT--\$6,875
- 2010 Chevy Impala LT--\$6,050
- 2010 Chevy Impala LT--\$5,025
- 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan XST--\$11,300
- 2013 Ford Escape S--\$13,450
- 2013 Chevy Captiva LT--\$11,975

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SUNDAYS FROM 2 - 4 PM
WE HAVE A BLOODY MARY BAR WITH LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY OCT 23RD: QUENBY HUNTERS FEED 3 - 5 PM
CRITTER CALLING CONTEST 6 - 7 PM

COME DOWN AND SHOW OFF YOUR CALLING SKILLS
AMAZING PRIZES FROM OUR SPONSORS
SUNDAY OCT 25TH: DOUBLE BARREL
ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY BOTTLING PARTIES!!

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Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25

THE INTERN (PG 13)
Friday & Saturday 7:15 pm Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm

Coming Soon -
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2 (PG), THE MARTIAN (PG-13)

Evenings: Adults \$8 • Children (12 & under) \$6 Show time at 7:15 pm, Box Office opens at 6:30 pm

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