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RESULTS ARE IN

Madison County elects municipal officials

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By 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, Madison County election officials had tallied votes from Ennis, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Virginia City and were able to officially announce the election results, according to clerk and recorder and election administrator Peggy Kaatz-Stemler. "It went really smoothly," Kaatz-Stemler said. "We started counting early, but couldn't finish up until the polls closed." The newcomers to each

town's government will start their terms in January, Kaatz-Stemler added. The following is a summary of the results from each town.

Ennis

In Ennis, four seats were up for election – three four year terms, and one two year term. Out of the five candidates vying for the three four year terms, all incumbent candidates were re-elected. John Bancroft received 158 votes, Audra Bourk received 155 and Brandi Palmerton received 113. "I will do the very best job I can for the people," Bancroft

said. "I care about Ennis and I care about what's happening. I get upset on how slow things take place. I want to solve problems right away, I don't like them to linger."

Bancroft has served on the town council for 16 years. He said the city is currently in "really good shape," because the street maintenance district the council passed is benefitting streets in town.

"We're starting to tar and chip the streets," Bancroft said. "That was our biggest problem – the streets were falling apart. But our water system is great, our sewer system is great."

Larry Pine, who was appointed to the council two years ago to fill a vacant seat, ran against one other candidate for the two year term, and won with 142 votes.

Sheridan

The town of Sheridan had the task of electing two councilmembers and a mayor.

Tom Shaffer, who has been serving as interim mayor since March, when former mayor Dean Derryberry stepped down, ran against one other candidate, and won with 203 votes.

"I feel great," Shaffer said. "I feel the town made the proper

decision for moving forward."

Shaffer said he wants to focus on economic development in the future.

"That's our main goal," he said. "We want to get some businesses back on Main Street. That's our primary focus at this time, and in the spring we'll concentrate more on our parks."

Incumbent candidate Nicholas Pairitz was re-elected, as was Robert Stump, who was just appointed to the council last spring to fill Shaffer's spot when he assumed the role of mayor.

"I feel honored that folks wanted to have me for another term for the short time I'm still

here," Pairitz said, referring to the fact that he and his wife are moving to Maine before the end of the year. "Now that we have the major projects of the water and sewer completed, we're looking for the next thing we can do to improve the town."

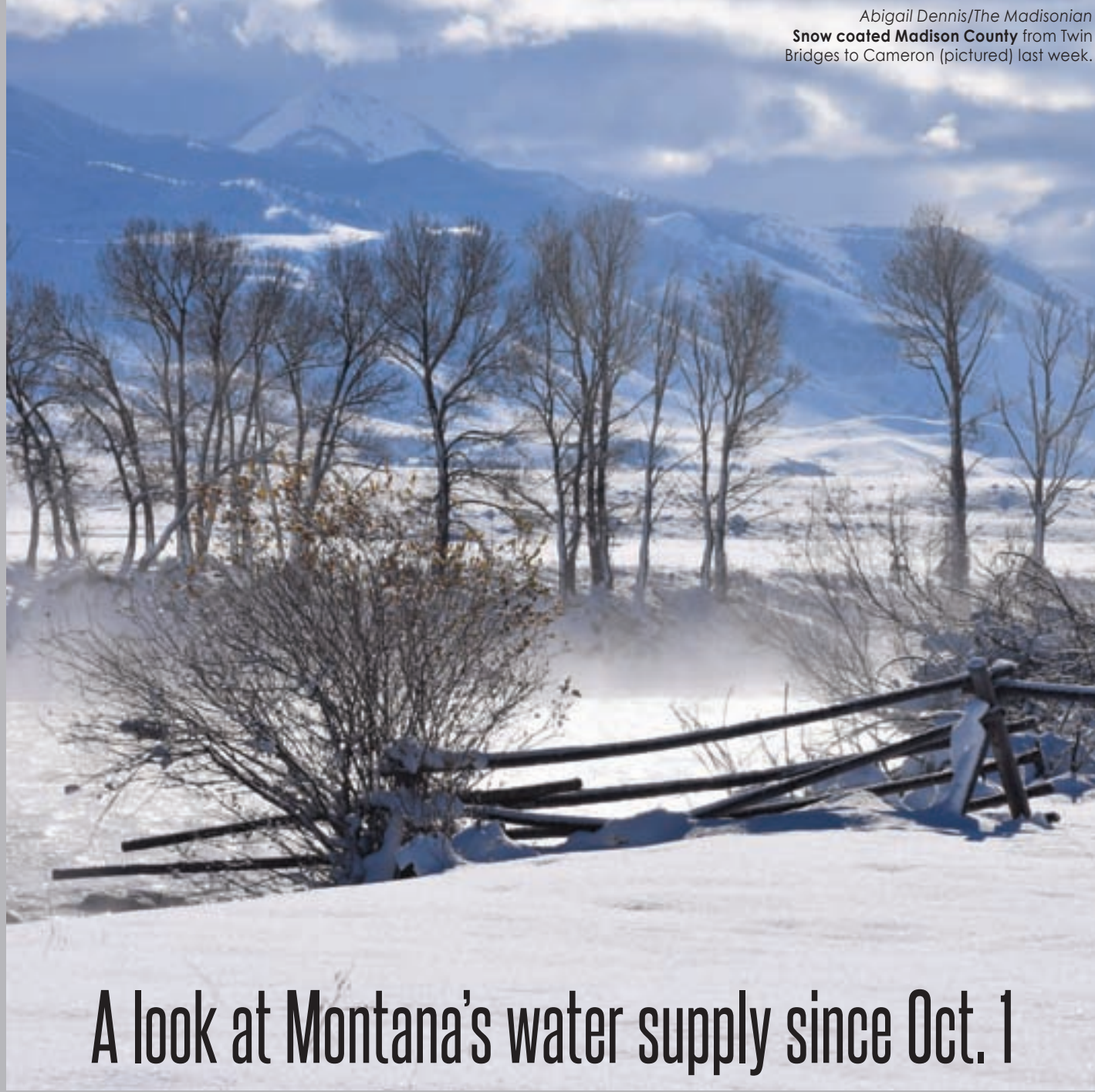
Stump agreed that things are looking "pretty darn good" in the town, but he also said he wants to focus some attention to streets.

"We got the new Main Street this year and we've done some work on a few side streets, but there's always a lot of basic

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A GOOD START?

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Snow coated Madison County from Twin Bridges to Cameron (pictured) last week.



A look at Montana's water supply since Oct. 1

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Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with Natural Resources Conservation Service, is happy.

"It's snowing, so I'm good," he said, referring to the storms that moved through Southwest Montana throughout the last week. "We're right where we need to be for this date."

Since Montana generally starts accumulating snowpack around the first of November, Zukiewicz said it is important not to get too excited for the above average percentages because what happens throughout the rest of November and De-

cember factors into Montana's available water during runoff.

Zukiewicz said the Jefferson River Basin – which includes the Ruby River and Beaverhead River – is currently at 100 percent of normal for snowpack. On the other side of the county, the Madison River Basin is currently at 113 percent of normal.

"The first part of October was very dry, but we made up for it," Zukiewicz said. "We're on track, and there's already another storm forecasted."

At the Black Bear SNOTEL site, which is located above Hebgen Lake, the last storm brought 23 inches of snow, which translates to about 3 and one-half inches of snow water.

"(Snow water) is how many inches of water you would get from the snowpack if you were to melt it at this moment," Zukiewicz explained. "It's a gage of how much water will get into the system. The mountains are the biggest reservoir in the state, and the snowpack is the water."

At a mid-elevation SNOTEL site in the Gravelly Mountain Range, Zukiewicz said the most recent storm dumped 19 inches of snow, which translates to a little more than two inches of snow water.

"Basically, the high elevations got 15 – 25 inches (of snow)," Zukiewicz said. "The lower elevations got

about 8 – 12 inches."

El Nino

El Nino systems, which is what is predicted for the weather patterns this winter, generally favor Southwest Montana when it comes to snowpack.

"The el Nino really favors the Madison, Jeffers and Gallatin (river basins) in terms of precipitation," Zukiewicz said. "We haven't had a pattern like that for a few years, but hopefully this is an indicator that we will get into that pattern for this winter."

The best case scenario for Southwest Montana's water

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Fatal crash south of Cameron

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At 10:12 a.m. on Nov. 8, the Madison County Sheriff's Office received a call for an injury accident south of Cameron on U.S. Highway 287, mile post 22 near Palisades recreation area.

"It turned out to be two independent crashes," said

Sheriff Roger Thompson. "They were both single vehicle, off-roadway crashes."

In separate incidents around the same time at the same place, two northbound vehicles hit an icy patch on the highway and rolled off the roadway, Thompson said.

"One was fatal," he added.

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WATER WORRIES

Virginia City discusses remedying water pressure issue in northeast part of town

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On Thursday, Nov. 5, the Virginia City Town Council and around 15 interested community members gathered at the rehearsal hall in town to hear a presentation from Dan McCauley, Great West Engineering, about potential water and wastewater improvements to the town's infrastructure.

"This is just a preliminary engineering report," McCauley said. "We're focusing on the water system and sewer system for the whole town – particularly the northeast corner of town."

The problem

The Department of Environmental Quality requires residences receive at least 35 pounds per square inch (psi) of water, and some of

the residences that exist in the northeast corner of town are not in compliance.

"We could up the pressure with booster pumps or a new tank at a higher elevation," McCauley said. "We have a lot of ways we could go about this."

As for the sewer system, most of the residences in the northeast part of town currently use private septic systems, but McCauley said it may make sense to extend the town's sewer system at the same time as any water system updates to potentially save on costs.

"There's no known issues with the existing sewer septic systems," McCauley said. "The problem would be the possibility of future sewers. This is a tough town to water and sewer (due to topography) – the synergy of one project, one contractor and one funding source may mean

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SEPARATE INCIDENTS RESULT IN GRIZZLY BEAR DEATHS

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According to a press release from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks there have been reports of two grizzly bear deaths in Southwest Montana. Both deaths are the result of separate self-defense incidents reported by hunters.

The release stated that a lone female grizzly surprised a hunter in Big Creek north of Gardiner – the hunter reported it to FWP on Oct. 28.

"He came upon the bear

feeding on a carcass in the brush and the bear charged him," stated the release. "The hunter said he first used bear spray to deter the attack then shot the bear in self defense."

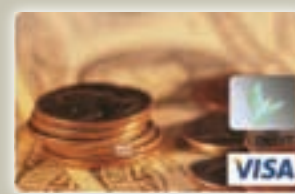
The second incident was reported to FWP on Oct. 31 by a group of hunters who said they surprised a female grizzly with two young cubs at Johnson Lake near West Yellowstone, according to a press release.

As with the first incident, the release stated that hunters first tried to use bear

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infrastructure to work on," Stump said. "I've enjoyed my short time as an appointed official and I'm looking forward to helping the town grow."

Twin Bridges

Twin Bridges had two seats up for election, and both councilmembers ran for those seats unopposed.

Joe Willauer and Annette McLean will remain on the council.

"I am very excited to retain my position on the Twin Bridges Town Council and to continue

serving the community," Willauer said. "We're excited to see the completion of the senior center at the beginning of 2016 and are looking forward to improving the stormwater management in Twin Bridges, as well as actively participate in the Montana Main Street Program."

Virginia City

Two seats on Virginia City's town council were up for election this year, and only two candidates entered their names in the race. Incumbent candidate Justin Gatewood and newcomer David Bacon were both elected.

Bacon said he ran for the position for a simple reason.

"It's my town," he said. "I started coming to Virginia City when I was 16, back in 1966. I'm here permanently now. I'm the chairman of the planning board, a fire fighter and on the source water protection committee. It's all about civic duty."

Gatewood had a similar response when asked why he decided to run for a second term.

"I love this city," he said. "I love being part of the process – these are important times in Virginia City and I want to be involved."

Voter turnout

Sheridan had the highest voter turnout percentage, according to the Madison County Clerk and Recorder's office. Out of 395 registered voters in Sheridan, 257 voted for a 65 percent turnout rate. The next highest reporting town was Virginia City – 76 out of 137 registered voters casted their votes for 55 percent. Next was Ennis with a 52 percent voter turnout; 237 out of 455 people showed up to vote. Finally, 68 of Twin Bridges' 172 registered voters filled out ballots, for a 40 percent voter turnout.

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supply would be a continuation of the trend that started at the first of the month.

"Persistence of the pattern we're in right now would be great," he said. "With a dry year last year, it's important to emphasize the conservation of water. We don't know how long this good pattern will persist, and any good snowpack we have this year is still making up for the deficits last year."

Or, to sum it up, "You always have to hope for the best but plan for the worst," Zukiewicz concluded.

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Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
 The Gravelly Mountains received a substantial amount of snow last week.

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"Two people in a pickup truck left the road, rolled multiple times and the driver was killed."

The deceased, 32-year-old Joseph Cure, was from Boze-

man. His female passenger was life flighted from the scene, and Thompson said she will be okay.

The two people in the second vehicle that went off the road had no injuries and

were not transported from the scene, Thompson added.

"The people were caught off guard going from dry pavement to a patch of ice," Thompson said.

In addition to the sheriff's office, the Ennis Ambulance, Madison Valley Rural Fire District, Summit Air Ambulance and the Montana Highway Patrol responded to the incident.

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savings if it's done all together."

Alternatives

McCauley presented a handful of possible solutions to the water problem, and two potential plans for putting a sewer system in the northeast portion of the town.

"These are all just possible ways we could get pressure up there," McCauley said.

To increase water pressure, two alternatives look at implementing a booster pump station near the existing tank site to create a higher pressure zone. These alternatives included installing either a smaller booster pump station with some new distribution piping, or installing a larger booster pump station and using the existing transmission piping, though with a larger booster, pressure reducers would be required to step the pressure back down.

Other alternatives looked at placing a tank at a higher elevation to increase the pressure in the northeast part of town, where pressures fall below 35 psi, and running the water lines down to the residences, allowing gravity to do the work. The

tank alternatives consider the options of either installing a new tank to supply the town's northeast region alone, relocating the town's existing tank or installing an entirely new tank.

"We could take the existing tank, tear it down and move it up," McCauley said. "Or we could build an entirely new tank. It would be about a wash in expense between moving the old tank and constructing a new one."

A "shot in the dark" alternative would be finding a new water source in the northeast part of town that could be used to get water to the current residence – and any future ones – in that area.

"It would be a spring or a well," McCauley said. "But there aren't many wells in this area, and there's a reason for that."

McCauley also pointed out that doing nothing is always an option, but since some of the residences are out of DEQ compliance, that may be a problem.

Councilmember Justin Gatewood said the DEQ made it clear to the town that if the town does not address the water pressure issue, the DEQ will.

"And their addressing it generally means

finer," McCauley said.

Virginia City resident Andy Thomas questioned how it is determined that some residences are out of compliance.

"Simply by elevation," McCauley said. "The gain in elevation from the bottom of the tank (to the residence), calculating what it takes to get pressure uphill."

The funding

McCauley said there is the potential of obtaining grants for the work, should the town decide it wants to pursue one of the alternatives.

"Grants don't fund future development, but they can help out with current issues," he said.

The cost estimates for the water alternatives range from \$800,000 to \$2 million, and the estimates for getting wastewater to the northeast corner of town range from \$350,000 to \$450,000.

"These are preliminary numbers," McCauley said. "This is just an educational meeting, we will have more meetings. We will fine tune these numbers in the next couple meetings."

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spray but upon continued approach of the animal, shot the bear in self-defense.

While it is legal to shoot an animal in self-defense, such incidents are required to be reported to the FWP in a timely manner, and because grizzly bears are federally protected, both incidents are under investigation.

Growing in number

In a separate release by the United States Geological Service, a genetic study

has shown an increase in the grizzly bear population in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

"The increase in effective size of the Yellowstone grizzly bear population over the past several decades, with no significant change in genetic diversity, supports evidence of population growth based on traditional surveys," said Pauline Kamath, USGS ecologist. "This is a key genetic indicator of a population's ability to respond to future environmental change."

According to Suzanna

Soileau, a physical scientist with USGS, while grizzly bear populations continue to increase over a set period of time, numbers of are still lower than last year.

"Our recent estimate of grizzly population in the (GYE) is 714," said Soileau. "Though this is lower than last year's estimate of 757 we do not see this as a decline, as our long term trend analysis still shows a stable to slightly increasing trend."

While Soileau could not comment on the specific numbers for Madison

County, she did say there is potential for bears to venture to lower elevations.

"At this time of year, bears are found in lower elevations and will move to mid-elevations when they den," said Soileau.

Encountering a bear

Be sure to contact FWP with any similar encounters and report within a timely manner. FWP also encourages all hunters and recreationists to carry bear spray with them at all times.

SKATE PARK: Town narrows down search for a site

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"We'll keep plugging away at this until we find a solution," said newly elected mayor Tom Shaffer before pounding the gavel at a special town council meeting on Nov. 2.

The Sheridan town council has been discussing locations for a potential skate park and have settled on a location but are still investigating the area.

"We narrowed it down to the location on a southwest corner piece of property near Crofoot," said Shaffer. The section of town Shaffer is referring to is the top of Crofoot Lane near the school, behind the hospital and TRMCC.

"We need to notify adjacent property owners and get the public involved," Shaffer said, explaining the next step in the process.

The idea for a skate park was first brought to the council in October by students from the high school hoping to use the skate park as their FCCLA service project, as well as a space for area

youth to practice their craft.

After being kicked off the new downtown street and sidewalks, freshman and skate park committee member Isaac Bendon knew he had to do something.

"We knew we weren't allowed on the sidewalks so we got on the agenda," said Bendon as he addressed a small crowd of council members and area residents. "We want to make this our life and we have no regrets for doing what we love."

The skate park committee is hoping to apply for grants in order to make the park a reality but need land before they can start the application process. The group approached the council about gaining city land and surveyed various sites with council members.

Sites and concerns

The council initially looked at three different spots – Lincoln Log Park behind the gas station, the baseball field and just off Crofoot Lane – for the potential 55 x 85 foot concrete pad that would hold the park.

The council sent letters to residents in the areas of the

four suggested sites, encouraging them to attend the Nov. 2 meeting and voice their opinion. Though the group consensus was supportive of adding a skate park somewhere in town and providing something for kids to do, residents could not quite agree on a designated site.

Residents also raised questions about the construction of the park and potential issues such as parking, bathrooms and lighting.

"We're in the very, very preliminary stages," said Shaffer. "We're still deciding if this whole thing is going to fly."

Some residents also brought up safety issues and the risk of potential injuries.

John Semington, Ruby Valley Hospital administrator, said he thought the site on Crofoot would be good, seeing as how it is near the hospital.

"A safe area to roll around might be a good thing," he said. While the hospital is hoping to establish a helicopter-landing pad around the same area, Semington said he had no opposition to a skate park going there.

"It's a good location – close

to the school and hospital," he said during the public meeting.

The skate park would be covered under the city's insurance at no extra cost but since the current insurance plan is on a year-to-year basis, the town cannot guarantee continued coverage, according to Shaffer.

"Our insurance company is coming up in December and I would like to show them the site and get their specific input," he said. "That's my concern – if we were to lose our insurance, what would happen (to the park)?"

Kids will be kids

"These are good kids," said Abbi Lee, skate park committee member. "They're not going away – they won't stop."

Currently, kids have to travel to either Dillon or Whitehall to skate and according to Lee, whether the skate park goes through or not, they are not going to stop.

"They're passionate about skating," she said. "They're good kids. They just want a place to go."

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MUSTANG VOLLEYBALL

ENNIS FINISHES THIRD AT DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT

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The 2015 volleyball season has officially come to a close around Madison County. The Ennis Mustangs played their last game of the season, missing a chance at the state title by one game.

The Mustangs traveled to Butte for the divisional tournament last weekend, Nov. 5 – 7, and left with third place.

“We played well on Saturday and it really came down to the wire,” said head coach Betty Klein. “Manhattan Christian finished on top.”

The Mustangs began the tournament strong, beating Arlee in three easy sets. The team led the Arlee Scarlets in total team kills, digs and assists by a substantial amount.

Senior standout Caitlin Klatt led the team with nine kills and nine digs against Arlee, while junior Brigit

Croy had four aces, demanding points from the Scarlets.

Their win against Arlee pitted them against Valley Christian. The Mustangs also defeated the Lady Eagles in three sets.

Sophomore powerhouse Danyel Martin led the team in kills and blocks, while sophomore Peyton Fortner got on the board, leading the Mustangs in assists and digs.

The win against Valley Christian sent the Mustangs head to head with district rival Gardiner. Ennis played Gardiner two weeks ago for the district championship, ultimately losing to the Bruins.

With a chance at redemption, the Mustangs barely lost to the Bruins in four sets, though they did not go down without a fight. The Mustangs beat the Bruins in total team blocks and tied for total team kills. Croy and Martin both had 13 kills against the Bruins. Not only dominating in the front, Croy also led the back row, picking up 10 digs for the

night. They lost, however, which sent them to a loser-out match against Manhattan Christian.

The Mustangs’ last and final game was against the Manhattan Christian Eagles, a team they had beat at the district tournament and during regular season play.

The Eagles defeated the Mustangs in five close sets, with two sets coming within two points.

Martin and freshman Jourdain Klein led the team with 14 kills each while defensive specialist Samantha Kimmey protected the back row with 19 digs.

“I’m very proud of our team for never giving up or quitting,” said Klein.

Though Gardiner entered the tournament as the number one seed, Manhattan Christian was able to come out on top, defeating Gardiner in the championship game. The top two teams will advance to the state tournament, which will take place this weekend, Nov. 12 – 13 at the field house in Bozeman.

Ennis vs. Arlee
Set 1: 25-12
Set 2: 25-10
Set 3: 25-12

Ennis vs. Valley Christian
Set 1: 25-11
Set 2: 25-17
Set 3: 25-20

Ennis vs. Gardiner
Set 1: 16-25
Set 2: 25-18
Set 3: 21-25
Set 4: 25-23

Ennis vs. Manhattan Christian
Set 1: 22-25
Set 2: 28-30
Set 3: 25-12
Set 4: 25-17
Set 5: 14-16



Photo courtesy Jeanne Lawless
The Mustang starters gather together before starting a game at the divisional tournament.

ELK MOVE UPHILL ... RAPIDLY

Hi readers,

Woodrow and I are out of shape. Like, badly out of shape. If you don't remember, Woodrow is my horse (well, Mike's horse, but I claim him). A few weekends ago, Mike took me into the mountains for my first elk hunt.

Now, I can't tell you where we went, because if I spread that information, Mike will find a way to silence me and it won't be pretty. So let's just say we were up Nunya Creek, Montana. As in, 'nunya' business where we were. Anyway, we headed out hours before the sun rose, and by the time it crested the mountains we were on horseback and slowly gaining altitude. I say slowly, because I hadn't ridden Woodrow in a month, and he was about as happy to go uphill as I was.

Mike and his horse, Lorie Darlin' (Lonesome Dove, anyone?), have been hunting regularly since the beginning of the season and were in much better shape than the Abigail/

Woodrow duo. They charged up the mountain with the packhorse, Oprah, in tow, and Woody and I were left struggling behind.

We continued riding and spotted a herd of elk in the distance, heading up the mountain. Soon, the incline was too steep for the horses, so we tied them up and continued on foot. That's when I learned a valuable, humbling lesson.

I can't hike uphill.

It only took about 10 yards before I was out of breath and struggling. It was not my finest moment. I plodded onward and upward for what seemed like an eternity – Mike tells me it was 15 minutes – and was gasping for air.

Mike quickly determined I did not have the stamina to make it up the mountain and cut off the feeding elk, and since there wasn't a bull in the group he was interested in shooting, he called it quits.

We took a break and rested in the snow, looking back down the mountain at a magnificent

view. My breath was taken away for a completely different reason. Each new slice of Montana I'm able to explore is awe-inspiring.

We slipped and slid back down to the horses and mounted up. They got us safely back to the trailhead and just like that, I had experienced my first elk hunt. It wasn't easy, but it was worth it. Rising early, working with the horses, a short hike (my fault!) and a beautiful view all combined to make it a great day. And hey! I was able to see a herd of elk during my first hunt.

Mike, who gets the privilege of being my guide by default, also learned a lesson in patience – he didn't shout at me once! Though when we got back to the truck and I commended him for his calm demeanor, he did tell me he wanted to yell ... multiple times.

I don't know if you guys knew this, but mountains are incredibly steep!

Abigail



BUCHANAN RESIGNS

Commissioners seek new administrator for TRMCC

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On Nov. 2, the Madison County Commissioners approved a letter of resignation from Gary Buchanan, administrator at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center. Buchanan took over for former TRMCC administrator John Semington on July 1.

“We're totally sad to see him go,” said commissioner

Jim Hart. “He is, and was, the right choice when (Semington) resigned and he really looked forward to being here for quite some time.”

Buchanan, who is from Montana City, said he has been thinking about retiring for quite some time.

“When I first came here, the plan was for my wife to move here too,” he said. “Since then, my daughter moved back in with us and needed some help, so moving

here is not an option now.”

Currently, Buchanan is commuting between TRMCC and Montana City weekly.

“I'm here five days a week and home two days a week,” he said. “It's difficult. I'm 66 years old and I've reached the point where I want to be home. That's the primary reason.”

Hart said the commissioners are making plans to advertise for the position.

“His resignation date is the

end of the year,” he said. “We will start advertising soon. (Buchanan) said he is willing to help us out until we get someone else in place if the process takes longer than the end of the year.”

Buchanan said he has accomplished some of the things he set out to do in his short time at TRMCC.

“I think I can say when I walk out that door, things will be improved,” he said. “We were able to accomplish some

things and get headed in a good direction. We made some staffing changes, policy changes, got a new fence out front and will have a new gazebo.”

Buchanan's decision to move on had nothing to do with the facility or the staff, he said.

“I've been associated with TRMCC for 10 years,” he said. “It's a great facility and great residents. I love the Ruby Valley.”

Buchanan was first intro-

duced to TRMCC when he was working as a state surveyor, looking at nursing homes for quality of care and facility conditions. Semington also brought Buchanan on board as a consultant for TRMCC in the past.

“For now, I need to be home,” he said.

Hart said the commissioners hope to have a new administrator hired before the end of the year so Buchanan can assist with the transition period.

County moves toward accepting Virginia City Growth Policy; sets public hearing

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On Monday, Nov. 2, the Madison County Commissioners adopted a resolution of intention to adopt Virginia City's growth policy into the county growth policy.

“Basically, the (Virginia City) Growth Policy looks at the town and the area around it,” said Charity Fechter, Madison County Planner.

A growth policy serves as an outline for responsible growth in a municipality, but it is not a mandate. Generally, towns

should update their growth policies every five years to reflect changes in the communities.

According to Fechter, it is important for the county to adopt Virginia City's growth policy because the Madison County plan currently references a 2004 version.

“Source water is of particular importance,” Fechter said. “The springs that Virginia City uses for its water are outside of town boundaries. Because the county is the one looking at future subdivisions in that area, they want to make sure we know about the source water and make sure we have a discussion with them.”

Source water

Virginia City is currently in the process of updating its source water protection plan, which will be incorporated into the growth policy.

“The county is participating with that,” Fechter said.

The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology selected Virginia City for a groundwater investigation, which will help the town identify a source water protection plan.

The town first created a source water plan in 2000, which was effective through 2005, said Virginia City town councilmember Justin Gate-

wood. For some reason, that plan was allowed to expire and now Gatewood said the town's motivation for putting another plan in place is because water is a precious resource.

“It's about the quantity and the quality of our water,” Gatewood said. “It's about making sure we have enough water going forward ... and then it's about making sure the water quality is pristine and good enough for the town.”

Since that source water originates outside of town limits, in an area the county may be involved in subdividing in the future, it is important

for the county to work closely with the town, Fechter said.

Adopting the plan

According to Gatewood, the town of Virginia City adopted the new growth policy around four months ago.

“It was important for us to do it because it hadn't been done in awhile,” Gatewood said. “It's a very fluid situation – growth – and we're trying to stay current.”

When the county commissioners adopted the resolution of intent to adopt the policy, they also set a public hearing date, according to Fechter.

“The public hearing will

be on (Dec. 7),” she said. “The planning board had a hearing and nobody showed up, but that doesn't mean someone won't come to the commissioners' public hearing. We haven't had any letters or concerns about (the growth policy) addressed to us.”

Fechter said Virginia City did a “good job” with public outreach before they adopted the plan.

“I do think it's a good idea,” Fechter said, referring to the county potentially adopting the town's plan. “We have our Madison County plan, but we want to make sure it's not at cross-purposes with the towns in areas in close proximity to them.”

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Why do we spend so much time with anger and hate?

Dear Editor,

As humans, are we not funny creatures? We spend a short time on this beautiful old planet. We can send a picture through a wire any place in the world. We can talk to any person in the world. We can ask a question and have the answer in one second. The so-called modern conveniences are astounding.

But it seems we hate, destroy and kill everything in our path, including each other.

We allow each other to die. We allow children to go to bed hungry. We allow old people to die with no care. But on the other hand, we can spend \$1 million a minute for war materials.

We hate and show no respect for each other. We show no respect for

the animals and plants.

We live on this unique, beautiful planet and we know of no other planet like this in the universe. And if we did, we cannot get there to destroy that place either.

Why do we spend so much time with anger and hate? The movies we see, the books we read, the news every day are all full of hate and destruction.

We teach our children not to

trust anyone. We ourselves do not trust our neighbors, our fellow workers and of course, we do not trust the government.

When will so-called smart people become intelligent? When will so-called intelligent people become smart?

LaVon D. Brillhart
Dillon

What Congress should be doing

Dear Editor,

When are people who keep writing that we must pay more taxes for new programs going to understand that we are now at \$18.5 trillion in debt? Our government (administration) has just been given the power to borrow what it wants. That is written in this two year budget just passed by the House.

People say, "Let's take the politicians out of Washing-

ton, D.C.," then they realize who would want to go there to replace them? Let's have a sense of reality. If the Federal Reserve ever raises the interest on borrowed money, our paying just the interest on that \$18.5 trillion in 2025 will match what America paid for the military before President Obama gutted the military \$850 billion. At present we pay that interest, social security, Medicare and Medicaid. Then the govern-

ment starts to scramble to find money for all the other programs – and then finds that they must borrow more money to make the final programs costs.

Why can Congress not take the fourth year and do nothing by review the laws that have not worked, correct that or abolish those laws? Like a great example, our 52 years of fighting the "war on poverty" (LB Johnson's legacy) Now we have 53 percent of the popula-

tion receiving government aid checks. Abolish the pork barrel projects that Congress votes on as a reward to almost every state senator and representative. Here, we want you to take some pork projects back to your state. It is our way of thanking the people for sending you to this "let's make a deal" Congress.

Bill Hanley
Twin Bridges

What justice? What liability?

Dear Editor,

Did I get your goat? I knew that the second amendment zealots from the county with the "biggest little gun store in Montana" would put down their guns and pick up their pens, if only for a brief moment. I was right.

Tom Roberts wrote, "The misconception that he and possibly a couple others holds regarding justice and liability."

Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America have 75,000 donors, 2.4 million have signed up for its email list. Oregon recently passed a law to extend criminal background checks to private gun sales.

In North Carolina, a measure that would have eliminated the law for handgun buyers to obtain permits from sheriffs was defeated. In New York, an eight-member federal appeals court found that states ban on assault weapons and semi-auto handguns is constitutional. In Missoula in October, the town hall meeting to discuss an ordinance to strengthen gun control measures and close loop holes was attended by "hundreds"

of people with "overwhelming support" for the ordinance. All seeking justice. That is a few more than a couple, yes?

Are you aware, Tom Roberts and other critics, of the 2005 federal law that "shields and grants" legal immunity

to gun makers and gun dealers from wrongful death lawsuits? What liability?

How about the 2013 study by Mayors Against Illegal Guns that found hundreds of individuals regularly sell guns at high volume to strangers via the internet? Yes? No? On the website Armslist, high volume sellers make up 29 percent of all gun advertisements on that website. Twenty-nine percent equates to 243,800 guns per year.

What justice? What liability? No background checks, no accountability, no problem.

How many of those 243,800 guns per year are bought by brain dead psychopaths? A couple? If there was a substan-

tial waiting period in place the shooter in South Carolina that bought a gun from a licensed dealer, even though he was a convicted felon, may have been flagged and thus saved the lives of nine bible study worshippers.

Is that such a radical idea? I do not believe it is. I will gladly submit to any background check and or waiting period if that has any possibility of curbing the mass shootings that happen every single day in America. I am far from being the only one.

Everything in this letter is researchable and verifiable. Educate yourself. Please.

Gerald Johnson
Cardwell

Thank you for the kindness

Dear Editor,

A thank you goes to everyone for their phone calls, cards, memorials, flowers, food and help. It also goes to the folks who worked so hard to prepare the lunch in Laurin after mass, and the Saturday lunch in Twin Bridges after the celebration of life for Mabel. Mabel loved you all.

Thank you all so much,
Klose Family
Twin Bridges

OBITUARIES

Donna Leita Bausch

January 18, 1919 - November 8, 2015



Donna Leita Bausch, long time resident of the Madison Valley, passed away peacefully in her home in Ennis, Nov. 8, 2015. Born in Texas on Jan. 18, 1919, Donna was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDaniel. Her parent's moved her and two brothers to Southwest Montana

in 1938, where Donna worked as a telephone operator in Harrison. There she met and married John Bausch in 1940 and had one son, Jerry, a year later. The family lived in Harrison a short time before leasing ranches in Ennis and eventually purchasing the home ranch in McAllister in 1946.

Aside from being a vital part of everyday ranch operations, Donna loved to cook wholesome food for her family, hired men and anyone who entered her home near meal-time. She took great pride in raising her son and always put her family and their well-being first. Donna and her (late) husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1990 at the Sportsman's Lodge. She was a savvy business-woman her entire life, still making

land deals and buying property well into her 90s. She loved to visit and reminisce about her family and met many new friends through the Trinity Episcopal Church. Donna always offered words of wisdom for those who needed advice or help.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband, John, her mother and father, brother J.P. and sister Lola. She leaves an only son, Jerry Bausch and wife Karlette of Norris; grandson Jason Bausch of Ennis; granddaughter Timbre Murphy and husband Zach of Norris; great grandchildren Jaula and McKinley Murphy and Samantha Bausch; sister Lila and brother Joe; and numerous nieces and nephews, including Steve and Cindy Adams of Ennis.

Donna will be missed terribly by her family and friends. She was

a confidant for many. Her great grandchildren relish the time they spent with Donna. They loved going to Great Grandma's house and consider themselves extremely lucky she was a part of their lives.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dolores Struckman and Lora Race for taking such loving care of Donna. The family cannot describe in words what their compassion and loyalty meant to them or to Donna. Also a special thanks to Hospice of Bozeman Deaconess and all the staff who partook in her care.

Services will be held on Friday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers. In lieu of flowers please send memorials to the Trinity Church or any organization of your choice.

James Eighorn

May 24, 1933 - November 7, 2015

on Feb. 18, 1952, and the tall, lanky teenager became a jack-of-all-trades, which included but was not limited to ranching, mining and crane operating, and doing whatever it took to provide for his wife and children.

A history buff by nature, Jim spent a lifetime gathering and collecting historic artifacts from the surrounding area and beyond, pouring over The Hecla Mining Company's ledgers, diaries and cancelled checks, and constantly searching for something he might have missed.

Dad will be remembered

by his wit and charm (or not so much) and a dry sense of humor and his ability to turn a good story into a great story. He will also be remembered by his uncanny ability to not only create and build, but to also fix and repair anything that friends and neighbors would bring over. He was a lifelong member of the Church of the Big Hole and his life was a witness to his faith in God.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria, their son, Jess, and his brother, Donald Bechtold.

He is survived by his chil-

dren Julie (Larry) Boksich, Toni (Dixon) Robison, Marta Nicholls and Luke (Joel) Eighorn; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; as well as sister Margaret Epperson, sister-in-law Ann Bechtold, sister-in-law Ed-die Lou (Dean) Stanchfield, brother-in-law Dennis (Helen) Dupuis, brother-in-law, Russel (Donna) Dupuis, sister-in-law Vicki (Dan) Heckford and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 13 at Brundage Funeral Home, 300 S Atlantic St. in Dillon from 5 - 8 p.m. with a vigil ser-

vice between 6:30 and 7 p.m.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Church of the Big Hole in Melrose. Memorials may be made to the Church of the Big Hole, P.O. Box 52, Melrose, MT 59743, or the Melrose Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 99, Melrose, MT 59743. Special thanks goes to Dr. McIntyre and her nurse, Laurie Butori, Dr. Pickens, Barrett Hospital Home Health-care, as well as his caregivers, Peggy, Brenda, Frances and Joan. A guestbook is available online at www.brundagefuneralhome.com.



James Eighorn passed away on the seventh of November at his home in Maidenrock surrounded by his family and a lifetime of treasures, deemed priceless with historic

values by none other than the old storyteller himself.

Jim was born to George (Shorty) and Mabel Eighorn on the May 24, 1933, in his Grandma Seidnick's house in Butte.

He grew up at the ranch west of Melrose until it was sold, and shortly thereafter, his father passed away from Rocky Mountain Tick Fever, leaving him pretty much on his own at the ripe old age of 14. He worked on various ranches around the valley into his late teens. This is when he met Miss Gloria May Dupuis. They were married

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MADISON COUNTY FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE QUARTERFINALS



Al Balderas/Montana Standard
Falcon Cooper Christensen tries to shake a Hawk and get downfield with the ball.
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Photo courtesy Barbi Halverson Wood
Jake Knack (23) takes the ball toward the end zone for the Mustangs.

Abigail Dennis
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Though Madison County sent two football teams into the quarterfinals, only one team is still fighting for the state title. The Twin Bridges Falcons bested Chester-Joplin-Inverness on Saturday, Nov. 7, but the Ennis Mustangs could not topple Chinook. In Twin Bridges, everyone is still focused on state, according to head coach Rob Lott.

The Falcons

Though Twin Bridges was first on the board in last weekend's game, they could not shake the CJH Hawks in the first half. The teams traded touchdowns, with Chace Guinnane and Wesley Harshbarger scoring for the Falcons, and entered the locker room tied at 14. "The first half was a pretty even game against pretty evenly matched teams," Lott said. "We were able to get the lead and they would answer, we'd get it again and they would answer back." The third quarter, however, belonged to the Falcons. "At halftime we changed up a few blocking assignments," Lott said. "We had a few plays we thought would work. We came out in the second half and fortunate for us, they did." Harshbarger kicked off the second half, punching the ball into the end zone with a 15 yard run. Less than two minutes later, Falcon Bill Yeager got the ball and ran it 30 yards into the end zone, giving the Falcons a little breathing room ... but only for a minute. With 6:36 left in the third quarter, the Hawks were able to score, and the Falcon faithful started to get nervous. That is when Yeager went to work again. With around three minutes left in the third, Yeager scored the final touchdown of the game, giving the Falcons a 14 point lead. "We had to change up our plan in the fourth (quarter)," Lott said. "We were confidently moving the ball, eating up the clock." Neither team could get the ball in the end zone in the final quarter of the game, and the Falcons won, 35 - 21, sending their fans into a frenzy. Multiple Falcons made the win possible, according to Lott. "We had a lot of guys contribute," he said. "Our (defense) was pretty solid. Our pass coverage was good." Tracen Eggers deflected four passes, had eight tackles and a fumble recovery. Colby Minert had an interception, two fumble recoveries and multiple tackles. Defensive powerhouse Cooper Christensen finished the game with two sacks and several tackles. Guinnane and Harshbarger stepped up on both sides of the ball, scoring touchdowns but also causing fumbles and deflecting passes. "We came out excited to play CJH - a tough team," he said. Lott said he just started looking at this week's opponent, Arlee, on Monday. "My first impression, and I'll look more as the week goes on, is that they are a lot like us, CJH and Ennis," he said. "Very fast and very athletic. Well coached. They will be a real challenge." The Falcons will head to Arlee for a 1 p.m. game on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Mustangs

It was an even match between the Ennis Mustangs and the Chinook Sugarbeeters on Saturday, Nov. 7 in Chinook, but the Mustangs came out on the bottom, 30 - 36. "It was a back and forth battle and we came up just a little short," Hess said. Though Chinook was first on the board, it took Ennis less than 20 seconds to score their answering touchdown on a 79 yard punt return by Cleet Wrzesinski. In the second quarter, the Mustangs edged ahead of the Sugarbeeters, scoring two touchdowns to Chinook's one, and the teams entered halftime with a Mustang lead, 18 - 14. The third quarter was more of the back and forth Hess described - Chinook scored, Ennis answered, Chinook scored again and Ennis took the lead, 30 - 28, as the quarter wound down. With around nine minutes left in the game, Chinook scored the final touchdown of the game and pushed ahead of the Mustangs by six points. The powerful Mustang offense bested the Sugarbeeters in total yardage, 340 - 234, but Hess said the team was held back by their penalties and turnovers. "They boys (also) played through injuries and never let up," he added. "We are extremely proud of them." Mustang quarterback Tanner Wood led the team with 179 passing yards and two touchdowns - both to Wrzesinski, who ended the game with 154 yards. Wood also ran the ball for 73 yards. Offensively, Jake Knack also contributed to the Mustang scoreboard, running 68 yards and scoring two touchdowns. "Our seniors will be greatly missed," Hess said, referring to the fact that the Mustangs are graduating four boys from the team.



Mary and Dan Birdsill: Giving back through 30 years of service

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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Life-long residents of the Ruby Valley, Mary and Dan Birdsill, have been married for 42 years and have spent more than half of their marriage servicing the Ruby Valley as EMTs. Public service is their life. Mary works at the Ruby Valley Hospital as the radiology manager and Dan has been a deputy sheriff with Madison County since 1982. "It was just a good fit," said Dan of their commitment to public service. This year marks Mary's 30th year as a registered EMT and Dan's 29th. In order to be an EMT, you have to take a course and follow up with continuing education, according to Mary. "You have to have 48 hours of continuing education in two years and a 24 hour refresher course every year," she said. "EMT training is a little more extensive," added Dan. "There is more discipline

added to the curriculum and certification." Aside from training and refresher courses, Mary and Dan are always prepared to respond. "We're on call about every third weekend - we take an on-call," said Dan, meaning the couple is on the schedule to respond at least once a month, but if readily available, they are basically always on call.

Becoming EMTs

For Mary, a family emergency is what sparked her interest in becoming an EMT. "My mom had a heart attack at home when I was young and I didn't know what to do," she said. "That's what got me interested because I didn't know how to treat her - I was helpless." At that moment, Mary told herself that was never going to happen again. "It's just been my life," she said. She started on the ambulance as an advanced first responder before eventually getting her EMT certification. Dan was the same way, having acted as an advanced first responder on the ambulance crew before becoming an EMT. "At that time, you could be an advanced first responder and go on the ambulance," Dan said.

"I was involved with the Ruby Valley Ambulance four years prior (to being an EMT)." Becoming an EMT was a personal interest for Dan. "I'd run across a couple people that needed help and we didn't know what to do," he said. "There is no more hopeless feeling than not being able to help someone." He, like Mary, did not like the feeling. "That's what prompted me to learn more about what I could do," Dan said.

Servicing a rural area

Both Mary and Dan were pertinent in establishing the Alder quick response unit, as well as a quick response unit at one of the area mines, which allows for a unit to respond to the scene prior to the ambulance and stabilize people. "Being in a rural area the distances between are so far," said Mary. "The state has done a great job to make training available to us." "There's been a lot work done at the state level to allow us to provide EMT classes locally and certify people," added Dan. Both Mary and Dan are certified to teach an EMT course and certify people in first aid and CPR. While volunteering as an EMT requires time, dedication and money, it just seems to be what the Birdsills do best. "It's just what you

do," said Dan. "You get involved." "People love the Ruby Valley and that's why so many volunteer," added Mary. "I'd like to retire, so to speak, but it just doesn't happen. You can't just stop and close the door because you've been a member of the community for so long. People expect us to be there and we will be there as long as we can."



Photo courtesy the Birdsills
Mary and Dan Birdsill.

Thank you for your dedication!

Keep up the good work!

~ The Madisonian



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Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center staff, volunteers and residents at the Sheridan School harvest dinner.

TRMCC October 2015 story

Submitted by Roseann Troyer

We started October with one of our newly initiated programs on the first – beauty hour offered facials, applying make-up, manicures and foot massages.

The well-attended resident council meeting was held Oct. 6. Those present discussed Octoberfest, Thanksgiving, Christmas and making homemade soup in crockpots.

Cloggers arrived on the 8th and kept us well entertained for the morning and, of course they wore black and orange.

On Oct. 13, the Ruby Valley Boys and Barb joined us for our Octoberfest of sausage-kraut, boiled vegetables and Joanne's deli-

cious German chocolate cake. The boys provided us with enjoyable entertainment and good music all afternoon.

Our next activity was lunch out in Twin Bridges. The group of 10 was treated like royalty and the food was hot and tasty.

We celebrated two birthdays on the 22nd – Willa Lipsy and Bret Eveleth. The party was hosted by the Ladies of the Ruby Valley Baptist Church and helpers from the church were Alice Gilbert, Susie Hampton and Loretta Shaw. Ernie Junior Gilbert played a variety of tunes on his fiddle and his music was very enjoyable. Willa's family came to celebrate with her during the party.

Next we were on the

road to check out the level of Ruby Reservoir. We were surprised at how low it was; it looked like one could walk across it in spots.

Halloween was celebrated on the 29th at the TRMCC. Ninety-three children from Sheridan School were all in a marvelous variety of costumes. A few staff and residents handed out treats to the kids.

After the parade, the activities department offered beverages and goodies to residents during "Happy Hour" and they watched their favorite show, The Andy Griffith Show.

We ended October on several high notes and it was a busy and fun month.

Now it is November and that means turkey!



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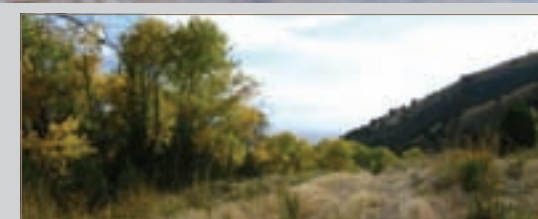


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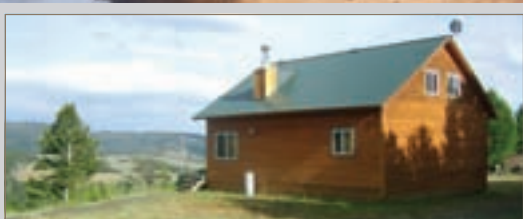
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The Ruby Valley ambulance has a new bus, thanks to donations, bringing the total units up to four. The new bus is a 2015 model with 4-wheel drive and more interior room. "We're just jacked about having it," said Jane Yecny. Yecny has been an EMT in the Ruby Valley for 20 years.

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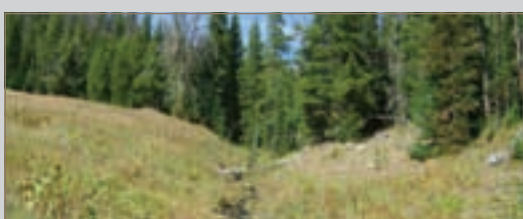
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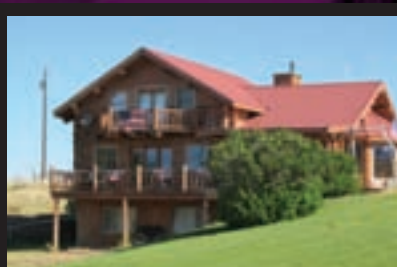
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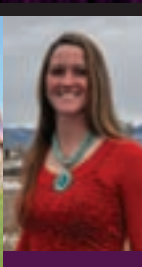
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For an appointment or further information, contact the local Department of Revenue office.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE

1st half 2015 property taxes are due and payable before 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2015 as well as 2nd half 2015 mobile home taxes. Unless paid prior to that time the amount then due will be delinquent and will draw interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from and after such delinquency until paid and 2% will be added to the delinquent taxes as penalty. If date on which taxes are due falls on a Holiday or a Saturday, taxes may be paid without penalty and interest on or before 5:00 p.m. of the next business day in accordance with 1-1-307. If you have a delinquency, the current taxes (2015) have to be paid in full before your delinquency can be paid.

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FRESH, LOCAL FOOD

Q: It's my turn to host Thanksgiving dinner and the idea of it makes me feel queasy. What if I cook a turkey that's dry or raw? I don't know how I am going to get all the side dishes prepared and ready at the same time. Ohh, I'm feeling less than thankful.

A: Don't worry. First, delegate some of those dishes. Most people are glad to contribute something and preparing one dish is no problem. About the turkey, I do recommend brining the bird in a salt water solution before roasting to avoid the dry turkey. I used to think brining was too fussy but I have become a believer. I suggest looking online for instructions. About the under-cooked bird, if that should happen to you, carve the breast halves and legs off the carcass and put them in a hot oven for 15 minutes, give your guests another glass of wine and keep smiling.

Remember, it's all about being together. If there is a glitch it will make for a memorable holiday. Cheers!



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HEALTH CARE

Q: I have episodes where my back "goes out" and it's quite painful. Can this be helped with physical therapy or will more extensive treatment be necessary?

A: The treatment plan for back pain depends on the type of pain you're experiencing. Typical symptoms are pain and muscle spasms but numbness and weakness in the legs could indicate a disc herniation. History, physical examination and advanced imaging studies are needed to more fully determine the cause of your pain. If disc herniation is the culprit, we would probably start a conservative treatment with anti-inflammatories, oral steroids and physical therapy. Should the conservative treatments be ineffective, there are other treatments such as steroid spinal injections and microdiscectomy surgery. If you have numbness, tingling or weakness, you should see your healthcare provider for treatment options sooner rather than later.



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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Q: What is bursitis of the hip?

A: Hip bursitis is a common problem that affects all ages. Symptoms are aching to sharpness over the outside or bottom of the buttock. A fluid filled sac becomes inflamed by compression/rubbing between the tendon and bone. Activities such as sleeping on your side, walking and sitting are painful.

Treatment of hip bursitis may be simple or complex. Application of ice or heat may remedy the problem. Chronic/long-term cases may require evaluation by a physician to rule out infected bursae. Management/treatment of hip pain requires an expert with experience. Ennis Physical Therapy Robert "Bob" Sahli, PTATCLAT, the Only Qualified Experienced Physical Therapist/ licensed Athletic trainer in the Madison Valley.



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Q: Should I provide water for my birds in the winter?

A: Yes, water is crucial, and scarce, in winter. Though food is scarce in winter, dehydration can be a bigger threat to birds than starvation. Though birds can eat snow, it takes much more precious energy for a bird to eat snow and warm it to body temperature than it does for them to drink unfrozen water. Water is not only important for hydration, but it also helps birds preen their feathers. Without proper preening, birds' feathers won't stay positioned and aligned. We can give birds access to unfrozen water right in our backyards by providing a heated birdbath. Or, we can use an existing birdbath and add a heating element. Most of these units turn on and off automatically when temperatures dip below freezing. Avoid concrete, stone, or glass bird baths in the winter, as they can crack if water freezes. The more we chip in and help, the better their chances of survival.



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INSURANCE

Q: Did you know??? Health Insurance Open Enrollment has Started!!

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• Insurance purchased by the 15th of each month starts on the 1st of the following month after you paid your premium. Insurance purchased after the 15th starts on the 1st of the month after that.

Please note that you may qualify for special enrollment periods outside of open enrollment if you meet certain "qualifying life events" such as moving to a new state, changes in your income, and changes in your family size (for example, if you marry, divorce, have a baby, or become pregnant) you may get up to an extra 60 days to enroll.



Amanda Nelsen, Agent
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EYE CARE

Q: I have a Flexible Spending Account, or FSA. Can I use those funds at the optometrist?

A: Many people with Flexible Spending Accounts are unaware that eye exams, glasses, and contacts are indeed eligible expenses on which to use your Flex earnings!

If you are thinking of getting a back-up pair of glasses or have been wondering how to use up your Flex dollars this year, consider either an office lens which can help reduce eye strain when working in front of a computer for long periods of time, or a nice pair of polarized prescription sunglasses. I never go anywhere without mine!



Dr. Jeff Squire
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REAL ESTATE

Q: What is the difference between patented and unpatented mining claims?

A: As a realtor in Virginia City, I am often asked this question. There is a huge difference between a patented and unpatented claim. The largest benefit of owning a patented site is that you own the land outright and you can do what you want with it. You can build on it and live there. All Lode and many Placer claims that were patented were surveyed prior to patent. These are known as mineral surveys. The BLM has a full set of these mineral surveys that can be viewed or copied. Patented land is limited as the ability to patent new land has been put on hold since 1995. With an unpatented claim you cannot build a permanent structure without paying an expensive bond. All buildings must be mobile or pre-existing. With unpatented claims there are no taxes, just an annual assessment. With the rate that federal agencies are declaring Wilderness areas, mining claims might easily become a limited commodity.



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FITNESS

Q: I've heard that eating cleaner can help me feel better, save money, have more energy and live longer. Do you have any tips to help me improve my eating habits?

A: Sure! Although it's not always possible, here are a few tips to get you started:

1. Eat more often! Eat 6 small meals a day, approximately every 3 hours.
2. Eat breakfast every day...within an hour of rising.
3. Avoid white sugar, alcohol & artificial sweeteners.
5. Eat a combination of lean protein (skinless chicken, fish, low fat dairy, eggs) and complex carbs (beans, peas, whole grains, fruits and veggies) at each meal.
6. Drink half your weight in ounces of water per day.
7. Eat sufficient healthy fats every day (sunflower seeds & walnuts, salmon & trout, avocados, peanut butter)
8. Adhere to proper portion sizes. Do not super-size your meals!
9. Eat only foods that have not been overly processed or doused in chemicals, trans fats and/or toxins.
10. Carry a snack bag with clean foods for each day!

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Q: Because of the remodeling going on inside Ennis True Value, are you going to have your Ladies Night event this year?

A: Yes, notwithstanding the remodeling going on inside the store, we will be holding our annual Ladies Night event on Sunday, November 22 from 3-5 p.m.

We're going to have another scavenger hunt this year as well as prize drawings, refreshments and lots of fun.

There have been some exciting things going on inside the store with shelving moved around, new merchandise, etc. so please, Ladies, plan on joining us for Ladies Night. Our Ladies Night ad will be out the week of November 12, so please watch *The Madisonian* as well as your email and our Facebook page.



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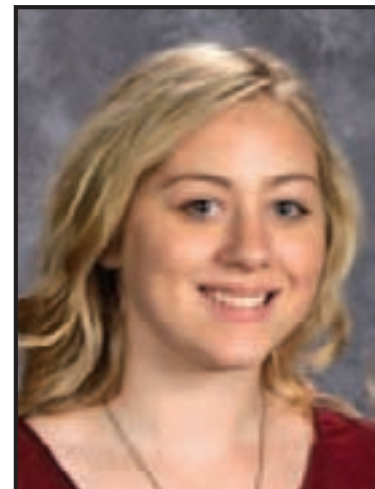
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK HARRISON

Our Student of the Week for Harrison is sophomore, **Alexys Bacon**. Alexys is a funny and kindhearted young lady who is always eager to learn something new and is a pleasure to have in class. She thinks perceptively and critically about the world around her. Her generosity of spirit for her school is present in class and in the many extracurricular activities she participates in, including athletics and Pep Band. Alexys was inducted into National Honor Society this year and has really stepped up in her new role as a student leader and the school staff is incredibly proud of her.



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Remembering our vets

Submitted by Jim Forsberg

Vernon Forsberg served as a Marine in World War II and Korea, where he earned a Bronze Star. He passed away last year,

but left a legacy in stories and poems that he had written about his wartime experiences.

He fought with the Marines in Korea's infamous Chosin Reservoir where casualties were equally

high in the fighting and the severe winter weather. The poem was written to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War in 2000, and is etched into the Korean War Memorial in Duluth, Minn.,

his hometown. This is a salute to all veterans, past and present. Vernon is the father of Ennis residents Jim Forsberg, Connie Ellerman, Sue Swanson, Peggy Giblin and husband of Elaine Forsberg.

50th anniversary tribute to Marine Corps Veterans who served in Korean War

By Vern Forsberg, Weapons CO 1st BTN 7th Marines 'B' Company

It's hard to believe it's been fifty years
Since we bid farewell midst flowing tears.
We'd answered the call as did many before,
And we went off to fight in the Korean War.
It wasn't that we were all so "gung ho"
It was all about freedom, and we had to go.
We traded our jobs, our books, and yes our loved ones
For rifles, mortars, bazookas, and machine guns.
They cut off our hair, gave us new dungarees,
Then we did a forced march in the Camp Pendleton boonies.
A few of us were veterans, but most were in their teens,
But all of us, overnight, became the 7th Marines.
With just five days of training we were all set to go,
And they bused us to the harbor, in San Diego.
The band played, as we left the dock, and each lonely gyrene
Heard the familiar "Marine Corps Hymn" and "Goodnight Irene"
We did battle in places we previously never knew,
With names like Inchon, Seoul, and Ui-Jong-Bu.
We delivered the enemy a massive defeat,
And soon they were fleeing, in full retreat.
Our spirits were high, we enjoyed a lot of humor,
And "Home for Christmas" became the latest rumor.
But as fate would have it, that was not to be true,
We were ordered north to the Chosin and to the Yalu.
At Sudong, we were startled in the dead of the night,
By screeching bugles and whistles meant to create a fright.
It was our first encounter with the Red Chinese,
And the cries of "Corpsman" told of many casualties.
We had dug in hastily on the hills overlooking a valley,
We remember the place - we called it "Nightmare Alley."
They came from all directions, how many, we couldn't tell,
We fought back with all we had, and sent most of them to hell.
We continued northward up the winding, mountain road,
Each marine was at the ready, despite his heavy load.
We met some enemy tanks, and reduced them all to rubble,
But we had a growing sense up ahead there'd be more trouble.

The Manchurian winter came down, bringing ice and snow,
And the mercury plunged to more than twenty below.
We now knew we were faced with another deadly enemy,
Which could claim as many victims as the Red Army.
They brought in a special dinner for Thanksgiving Day,
But before we could eat, it had frozen to our tray.
We didn't make it to the Yalu as we'd been directed before,
We halted at the town of Yu-Dam-Ni by the Chosin Reservoir.
There, the Chinese sprung their trap, some eighty thousand strong,
Against five thousand Marines in a place we didn't belong.
By day and night we battled, and many of our comrades fell.
The order came "go back to the sea," hence the term: "Retreat, Hell."
Through enemy lines we fought, often in snow up to our hips,
And with each step we said a prayer, through bleeding and frozen lips.
"Our Father, which art in heaven" and "give to us this day."
We made it out all seventy miles; He led us all the way
We brought with us our wounded and carried double ammunition,
Bodies weakened but spirits strong, in the old Marine tradition.
Every man was a hero well deserving of his country's pride,
But forever we are saddened in remembrance of those who died.
We salute our courageous leaders, who led us valiantly,
And we praise our loving families, who waited patiently.
To God, and to our fellow Marines, we'll always owe a debt,
And this is why, after fifty years, we never shall forget.



Vern Forsberg's poem is etched on the Korean Veterans Memorial in Duluth, Minn.

4 PAWS RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK

HONEY



I'm a nice young man, looking for a home. Love to play and am a loving guy, altho I can be a bit greedy when it comes to my breakfast treat. Heh heh, I kinda act like I've never been fed. Not the truth, I really have been, just get greedy and snarf up mine and try to eat my sister's too. I'm only 7 months old so I still need to work on my manners. I'm neutered, have all my shots, been tested and I'm clean so please call on me soon. You can call Misty about me at 439-1405 and please, please hurry. I'm anxious to go home with you. Purrrrayers, Honey

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Thursday



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Saturday



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Sunday



Partly cloudy. Highs 35 to 40.

Monday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 30 to 40.

Quote of the Week:

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams

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A salute to our veterans



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A glimpse at a few of Madison County's own veterans

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Many already know that Veterans Day was once called Armistice Day, a day signifying the end of World War I or the "war to end all wars." It was not until the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War that Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Madison County has no shortage of veterans, young and old. According to an analysis of Veterans Affairs and Census Bureau data done in 2014, roughly one in every 10 people in Montana is a veteran. As of 2013, nearly 800 of Montana's veterans resided in Madison County.

Fred Hofman, superintendent at Harrison School said he is proud of the percentage of Harrison graduates that enlist in the military.

"I could not be more proud of our student service and the percentage of those who go on to serve our nation," Hofman said.

Going back 10 years, 15 percent of Harrison graduates have enlisted in the military.

Madison County does a lot to honor our vets, be it a luncheon, ceremony or school presentation – there are plenty of ways to get out and honor our many veterans on Nov. 11.

This week, *The Madisonian* reached out to a handful of vets from our communities to learn what Veterans Day means to them.

Al Fox World War II veteran

Originally born in Minnesota, Al Fox currently resides in the Twin Bridges area and the commander of the Ruby Valley VFW.

Fox enlisted in the military in 1943 and became a Private in the Army on his 18th birthday, following a long line of family members who served preceding the Civil and Revolutionary wars.

"I was a United States Army paratrooper with the 511th Parachute Infantry," Fox said.

Fox was stationed in New Guinea, the Philippines and Okinawa, to name a few, and was a member of the first unit to enter Japan and "test the waters."

"We were sent to test the waters to see if it was safe for General McArthur to come in," Fox said, referring to Japan's surrender in 1945.

Fox retired from the Army in 1985 but continues to be active with the VFW.

What does Veterans Day mean to you?

"I don't think Veterans Day has more meaning to me than any other guy. I'm

conscious of it every day because if the activities I was a part of. I don't personally get a lot of extra feeling but I'm glad they declare a special day and give us a good chance to bring it back to people's memory. There's a higher percentage of service members in rural areas and we are among the top of service members – that's definitely something to be proud of."

Jim Kaatz Vietnam veteran

Jim Kaatz is a longtime resident of the Ruby Valley— he enlisted in the Army in 1970.

"I was enrolled at Montana State University the first year of the "great American lottery" as they called it," Kaatz said. "I was number 67, I believe."

Kaatz was taking a college algebra course at the time but because the course offered no credit, he did not have college deferment at the start of the draft.

After learning he would be drafted, he went home one weekend and went to the local selective service

board in Virginia City to see how long he had.

"I had three months," he said. "I went back to Bozeman, watched the movie M*A*S*H and enlisted the next day."

Kaatz was a crewmember on a Huey, a UH1 utility helicopter, through part of his military career and spent the other half working as a helicopter mechanic.

Two of his three children have also gone into the military. His son is finishing up his service in the Naval Reserves and his daughter, along with her husband, are both active duty in the Army.

"It's humbling and I'm very, very proud," Kaatz said

of his children's service.

What does Veterans Day mean to you?

"It means that I'm honoring other veterans because I know what they went through."

Kaatz said he knew when he left for Vietnam that he knew when he would be coming home, unlike some of the World War I and II veterans who did not have the benefit of knowing.

"My tour was one year – when I left, I knew I was coming home," said Kaatz. "To me, the true heroes are the World War I and II veterans – they sacrificed for a long time."

Andy Hansen Vietnam veteran

Andy Hansen, a Pony resident, enlisted in the Navy directly out of high school.

"I was about to be drafted and I said, 'Well, my dad was in the Air Force and my uncle was in the Navy and he highly recommended it,' so I enlisted in the Navy," Hansen said.

Upon completion of boot camp, Hansen was ordered to become a member of the U.S.S. Kearsarge CVS-33, an aircraft carrier converted into an antisubmarine warfare ship.

"They were short of nonrated personnel

and I signed up on the understanding I would work as a data processing technician," said Hansen. He ended up on an availability list and started out in the ships laundry, soon taking over as ship tailor.

His ship was later decommissioned but Hansen was sent back out to sea on temporary duty, stationed at Point Mugu Naval Base in California, where he did administrative work.

"I got to know the officers in charge of the division and they wanted to know if I would stay on shore duty," Hansen said.

He went on to IBM school to learn the magnetic tape typewriter and worked his way up to a third class yeoman.

Hansen is also actively involved with his local VFW chapter.

What does Veterans Day mean to you?

"Well it means a day of recognizing all of the vets that have fought and died in any wars and it's about taking time out to remember and recognize them. I'm proud to say I was over there and a part of the Vietnam War regardless of what we accomplished."

Willie Blazer Veteran of the War in Afghanistan

Ennis resident Willie Blazer served in the military from 1991 to 2005. Originally from North Carolina, Blazer enlisted after high school and was a Staff Sergeant in the Army.

He took a quick break to go to school at the University of Montana, where he was with the National Guard on campus, before going back in to the military.

"The units I was in were the Army Rangers, the Third Ranger Battalion and the 19th Special Forces Group in Afghanistan," Blazer said. "I

did about 10 years of active duty and four in the guard, and was stationed in Fort Benning, Ga., Washington and Afghanistan for almost a year."

Blazer is currently active in his local VFW chapter.

What does Veterans Day mean to you?

"Veterans Day is important to me. Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day get confused a little bit. As a veteran, Independence Day is when we won our freedom and it's kind of a big party or celebration. Memorial Day is for remembering the people who gave their lives and died, and Veterans Day is honoring

the service of every vet. I think it's about honoring the older veterans that are still around not just the recent – not just my generation. As a veteran, I like to honor those who came before me."

** Editor's note: We recognize that many of our readers are veterans or know a veteran. Though we could not talk to everyone this week, if you want to share your story, please email it to Abigail (editor@madisoniannews.com) by Friday, Nov. 13 for consideration for next week's paper.*



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

5 simple steps to keep pets healthy over the holidays

Submitted by StatePoint

When making holiday plans, consider your pets' health needs. Here, five veterinary experts weigh in on steps to keep pets happy and healthy amid the hubbub.

Resist those pleading eyes

According to veterinary nutritionist Dr. Dottie LaFlamme, high-calorie tidbits contribute to caloric overload and bad habits, while lacking necessary nutrient balance.

"Just one teaspoon of beef

fat can contain almost twice the calories a small dog should consume in daily treats," LaFlamme notes, adding that feeding from the table also promotes begging behavior. "If you must give pets a treat, feed it in their bowl after the meal to help with portion control."

Avoid holiday hazards

The holidays can be toxic to pets. Chocolate poisoning is one of the most common accidents during the holidays, according to veterinary critical care specialist and toxicologist

Dr. Justine Lee. Other food foes include grapes, raisins, bones, unbaked yeast bread dough alcohol and xylitol, a common sugar substitute.

Likewise, "Potpourri liquid contains detergents that can cause severe ulcers and burns in a cat's mouth, while tinsel can act as a severe linear foreign body when stuck in a cat's stomach and intestines," she explains.

If you are hosting, ensure houseguests pet-proof pill bottles.

Take preventive measures

Owners often experience a false sense of security about parasite prevention when the weather turns cooler. However, the holidays are no time to take a break from heartworm prevention, even though heartworms are spread by infected mosquitoes, says veterinary parasitologist Dr. Patricia Payne. Why? Because preventives work retroactively on heartworm larvae acquired earlier in the season.

"There's no way to accurately predict past or future transmission, so the American Heartworm Society recommends year-round heartworm prevention for dogs

and cats," she explains. "Make sure to put a reminder on your holiday calendar to give routine monthly preventives to pets."

Give the gift of activity

"When we removed hunting from pets' daily lives, we reduced their physical and mental activity," explained veterinary behaviorist Dr. Jacqueline Neilson. "When pets lack mental stimulation, they can become bored and depressed, and often create their own stimulating activities, such as chewing items or barking at passersby."

Beat this concern with food puzzles and toys that require

pets to work, play or hunt.

"Consider your pet's personality when choosing holiday gifts," said Neilson. "If your dog likes to chew things, a food toy that needs to be squeezed between the jaws may be ideal. Herding breeds may prefer a toy they can nudge."

Travel prep

An estimated 30 million people travel with their pets annually, and holidays are primetime for hitting the road. Flying? Check your airline's pet requirements. For car travel, invest in a carrier.

"Your pet will appreciate

a safe haven while traveling," said Dr. Robert Stannard, who recommends adding a favorite blanket to provide a sense of familiarity.

Travel bowls, favorite toys and medications are necessities, not luxuries. Just be careful not to overfeed.

"Like us, pets can get motion sickness," says Stannard. "Don't feed your pet right before leaving, and limit food during travel to help prevent digestive upset."

With a few precautionary measures, your four-legged family members can have a happy, healthy holiday season.

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5 myths about kidney disease debunked

Submitted by StatePoint

Think you have the facts about kidney disease? Here are five common misconceptions.

Myth one: Kidney disease is rare.

Twenty-six million American adults have kidney disease and most do not know

it, according to the National Kidney Foundation. The problem? Kidney disease can be fatal, killing more people each year than breast and prostate cancer combined, and common health problems like diabetes and high blood pressure are leading causes. Race, age and a family history all can increase

one's risk of developing chronic kidney disease.

There are typically no visible symptoms until kidney disease advances to a late stage or until kidneys fail. Talk to your doctor if you think you might be at risk and ask for a simple blood test screening at your next physical.

Myth two: Kidney failure can be cured.

If kidney disease progresses to kidney failure, the only treatment options to stay alive are dialysis for life or a kidney transplant.

Myth three: Dialysis requires traveling to a clinic for treatment three times a week.

Because only one out of five dialysis centers offer portable hemodialysis, most patients visit a clinic without knowing they can be treated at home, while traveling or even while sleeping. Portable home hemodialysis with the NxStage System One is associated with lifestyle benefits. Only 2 percent of patients are on HHD despite the fact that nine out of 10 doctors would choose home dialysis for themselves.

Myth four: Not many people are waiting for kidney transplants.

Twelve people die each day while waiting for a life-saving kidney transplant and every 14 minutes someone is added to the kidney transplant list, according to government statistics found on optn.transplant.hrsa.gov. Currently there are more than 100,000 recipients waiting for a kidney transplant yet only approximately 18,000 recipients receive a transplant annually.

Myth five: There have not been any major developments in dialysis technology in the last 10 years.

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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



Pennies from heaven

When (self-examination, meditation and prayer) are logically related and interwoven, the result is an unshakable foundation for life. – The "Twelve and Twelve"

The other day I was merrily waltzing along the walks of downtown Ennis when I spied a shiny object on the ground. As is my custom, I bent down to get a better look, discerned it was a penny and picked it up.

I have been told there are people who will not stoop so low as to pick up such a small sum of change, but I am not one of them. I believe pennies are more valuable than we realize. For one thing, without them, life in America would make no cents!

For another – and this is very personal and could be TMI for a family publication – but one of my earliest memories is that of being a toddler – probably two or three years of age – and finding a penny on the floor at home.

How do I remember such a small incident as that? Well, as poor as my memory often is, I recall finding the coin, picking it up with my chubby little mitts and then gnawing on it as kids often do.

When my mother noticed how unusually quiet life was around the house, she came to investigate and noticed I was obviously enjoying chewing on something she hadn't given me, but before she could pry open my yap, I swallowed that little Lincoln headed morsel.

I figured it must have been quite valuable, for over the next few days mother checked to see if I had processed the coin. In hindsight (you can take that any way you wish), I suspect she was concerned that it might have gotten lodged somewhere in my plumbing, so it was probably my health she was concerned about more than the coin.

To my knowledge it never passed, which may explain why later in life I chose to become a copper, but that's another story.

Taking in money at such an early age, it is no wonder that I eventually became an ATM.

I had school-aged children and hardly a day went by where they didn't have to make a withdrawal for lunch, field trips, fundraisers and the like.

While I may have groused, whined and complained, I really didn't mind. It was always a pleasure to see them smile and hear what sounded like heart-felt thanks as they ran screaming and cheering their way out the door to catch the schoolbus with their neighborhood pals.

Getting back to my tale, the point is, I cannot pass up a coin that's lying about without picking it up. It isn't that it will really do me much good (beyond the exertion required to bend down and rise again – a metaphor for resurrection if there ever was one), but I just can't leave it lay, lie or stay there.

A coin in the gutter has no value. A coin in a fountain brings luck and love – we all know that – but a bit of copper or silver lying underfoot is useless.

That's why I can't leave them in the street or on the sidewalk. I don't pick them up in order to keep them, but to return them to circulation – to allow them to fulfill their destiny.

If that is true of coins, how much more so is it true of one another? There are some people you talk to and they make you feel like a million bucks. They pick you up. There are others who make you feel like the stuff my mother sifted through to find that lost treasure so long ago. I don't know that I am often successful, but I know I would rather be the first type.

With my kids, I never felt like they took advantage; they only asked for what they needed. If I had a complaint, I thought they sometimes asked too little of me (but I kept that concern to myself); when I was able to, I would try to give them extra, "just in case," and if they didn't need the extra, I'd let them keep it, "just because."

We're all pennies from heaven – coins of the realm. We are tokens of God's love; God picks us up, cleans us off and sends us out with joy to fulfill our destinies in this, our valley.

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LIVING WITH DEER

Deer cause several types of problems in residential settings, from personal property damage and crop destruction to expensive car/deer accidents. The most common complaint is deer damage to vegetable gardens, fruit trees and ornamentals.

Deer cause damage by eating, tasting, trampling and rubbing their horns on tree trunks. It is not easy or cheap to keep unwanted deer away and often the best solution may be a greater understanding and tolerance of deer.

The deer were here first; they have been displaced from their natural habitats by man and are now living around our homes and towns. In fact, the ornamental plants around our homes are providing food for deer in locations free of predators. Deer are creatures of habit. They may visit the same food sources and select the same cover to hide in every day, unless humans or other predators interrupt these patterns. Deer are highly adaptive, they soon learn that a dog is on a chain or fenced, that scare crows are not so scary, that repellants are not really that bad, short fences are easy to jump and holes and gaps in fences are easy to find.

There are many deer repellants on the market and more coming out all the time. However, many of these have proven to be unsatisfactory. Some are only effective for light to moderate deer problems. Many do not last long and are ignored during periods of high deer concentration. Other repellants are easily washed away by rain or watering and require constant reapplication.

Some of the repugnant repellants not only keep deer out

of the yard, they keep you out as well. Check with your local nurseryman and see what has proven effective in your area.

Ivory soap shaved over and around smaller plants, such as tulips and many annuals, has proven effective as long as you can see the soap.

Fencing is the most effective deterrent for deer around gardens and yards. Deer can easily jump a 5 foot fence, some can clear a 6 to 7 foot fence, and a few can even jump an 8 foot fence. Deer have also been known to "broad jump" streams up to 14 feet wide. The good news is that deer cannot high jump and broad jump at the same time. Deer resist jumping over something if they cannot see the landing site. Knowing these behavioral traits, you can design your fence to outwit unwelcome deer.

Fences can be costly since they need to be at least 7 to 8 feet high. An 8 foot fence is the most expensive, but it is probably the

most effective. New on the market are heavy plastic prefabricated deer fencing materials. They are heavier than the standard garden "bird netting" and are usually 7 to 8 feet tall. Being rather opaque, they blend in to a variety of backgrounds, and many times all you see are the upright posts. These are durable, long-lasting fences.

Electric fences are not as costly as most traditional 7 to 8 foot fences. For the best results, place the wire 18 inches or more off the ground. To prevent some deer from learning to jump over this single strand, place a second wire 40 inches off the ground. It is recommended that you use a voltage of 4,000 joules or higher. To introduce the deer to the electric fence it is recommended that you attract them to it with peanut butter. One method is to hang aluminum foil strips smeared with peanut butter on the wire. When deer come to lick the peanut butter, they receive a jolt to the nose and mouth and learn their lesson.

Individual plants may be protected with nylon or wire fencing installed immediately around the plant. Make a cylindrical or square enclosure around the plant and anchor it well to the ground. This works well with fruit trees if the fence material is installed 3 to 5 feet from the plant and attains a height of 5 feet. This allows the tree to grow to full maturity without major deer damage. After the

tree grows large and tall enough, the fence can be removed.

A free roaming dog within a fenced yard is a strong deterrent. If you are not crazy about having a traditional fence, the new buried "no fence" cables with an electronic dog collar are effective. With the "no-fence" you do not have a fence to look at or to mow around, your dog stays in the yard and hopefully the dog keeps the deer out. Because deer visit yards at night, it is important that the dog have access to the yard at all hours.

It is possible to landscape with plants that deer do not normally feed upon. However, during periods of high deer densities, severe winters and food shortages in other seasons, deer may resort to eating less favored plant species. Consult your nurseryman for information on deer-resistant species that thrive in your vicinity.

To keep deer out you must be consistent in your efforts. Remember that when deer numbers increase and when food becomes scarce, deer may eat plants that they otherwise avoid, ignore repellants and overcome their fear of scare devices. No single technique may work for keeping deer out of your yard all of the time. It is recommended that you use a combination of methods for best results.

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Tales of Bob Gohn, part two

By Charlie Rossiter

When we left off last time, we were in the middle of a tale told by my father. Here it is continued:

Charlie and Mildred Gulick were out visiting us one summer and a group of us went up to Virginia City to sight-see. While wandering



Charlie Rossiter

aimlessly around, we dropped in at Bob's Place to have a drink. There was a fair sized crowd in the place, and as we came in, some husky lady spun around from the man she was arguing with and landed on her derriere, smack in front of us, the obvious victim of a punch thrown by her consort. Well, this would never do. Westerners are reputedly of the rough and tough breed, but they never, repeat, never, belt the distaff side hard enough to knock them several feet west where they land with a plop at the feet of complete strangers. This being the case, it was obviously up to me, as sort-of host, to take up for the side of chivalry and western honor. To this end, I walked up to the brute who had set his wife-girlfriend down so unceremoniously, and spoke the following words: "Don't hit her again." They guy gave me a look that was not friendly and spoke the following words: "I'll kill you." I then followed up my advantage by stating the following: "A guy that slugs women does not have the guts to kill anybody."

This last seemed to strike home, as he abruptly turned and strode out. Then, when

things settled a bit, Bertha informed that she had seen the big gal take a roundhouse swing at the guy, miss, then spin around, lose her balance and come in as previously described. She also said something about how I should mind my own business. Thus, with the air cleared, we went on to the bar and ordered a round of drinks, sitting on the stools provided and served by the proprietor, Bobby Gohn, who knew nothing of the altercation which had just taken place. When Bobby had set the drinks before us (How did he do it? You'd have to see him in action to get the true picture. It would take an extra page to describe the steps and I'm not going into it here) and we were sipping away, I heard a loud voice from down the bar saying, "I can mind my own business, Bob. That's more than some of these sons-a-b-#\$%(@ in here can say." I whirled around on my bar stool and made for the owner of the voice. As I confronted him from about 15 feet away, I was surprised to note that he was holding a revolver in his right hand, and that it was pointed squarely at my midriff. The light from behind the bar was bright, and I was relieved to see the light come shining through the chambers of the gun. "Aha." I said – to myself, you understand – "the guy is bluffing." So, I strode slowly toward him, with his gun still trained on my middle. He was leering, but as the gap kept closing, the leer took on a more serious appearance, and he disappeared by the time I was an arm's length from him. I stepped sideways quickly and grabbed the gun by the

barrel. Holding it away from me, I grabbed him by the neck and threw him to the floor (a la Fearless Fosdick). At this point, Chick Murray, who had come with us, grabbed the gun and Charlie G. gave the guy a well-placed kick in the ribs. It was not until then that I noticed the guy had a hook on one arm. Meanwhile, Chick had checked the gun and found there were three bullets in various chambers, a very sobering finding – and it's probable I needed just that. Now, we heard a new voice from behind saying to hold everything (a la Matt Dillon). We looked around and guess who was standing there with a Derringer in his hand, pointed at the group in general? Answer: none other than blind Bobby! He had come out from behind the bar to establish order. After all, it was his place and he was in charge, he wanted that much understood. If anyone needed further sobering at this point, here was the clincher: a totally blind man, waving a gun around and vowing to use it if and when it was necessary. It may be a bit understated when I say there was considerable confusion in Bob's Place at this particular point in time.

Bob was standing in the middle, with his gun waving. Mildred was telling Charlie what an awful thing it would be if his children could have seen him kicking another human who was down on the floor and Charlie asking her if she thought the guy should have been congratulated instead of kicked. The original gun-toter assuring me as he went down that his gun was not loaded. Chick saying the sheriff should be called.

Bertha, who was eight and one-half months pregnant with our first, saying she had been making tentative plans to raise the young'n sans father. Sideliners saying it had been some time since they had witnessed such a spontaneous show and obliquely thanking us for whatever parts we played.

It was properly moved and seconded that we adjourn down valley. I decided not to press matters any further by charging the culprit with assault inasmuch as he was handicapped and actually in the right, so far as my original actions were concerned. As to my actions, following the original – I'm reminded of a large picture of Nixon on a billboard over the Canadian border during the early stages of Watergate bearing the caption: "Would you buy a used car from this man?" The analogy being, a large picture of me bearing the caption: "Would you hire this guy as your family doctor?" – No answer necessary.

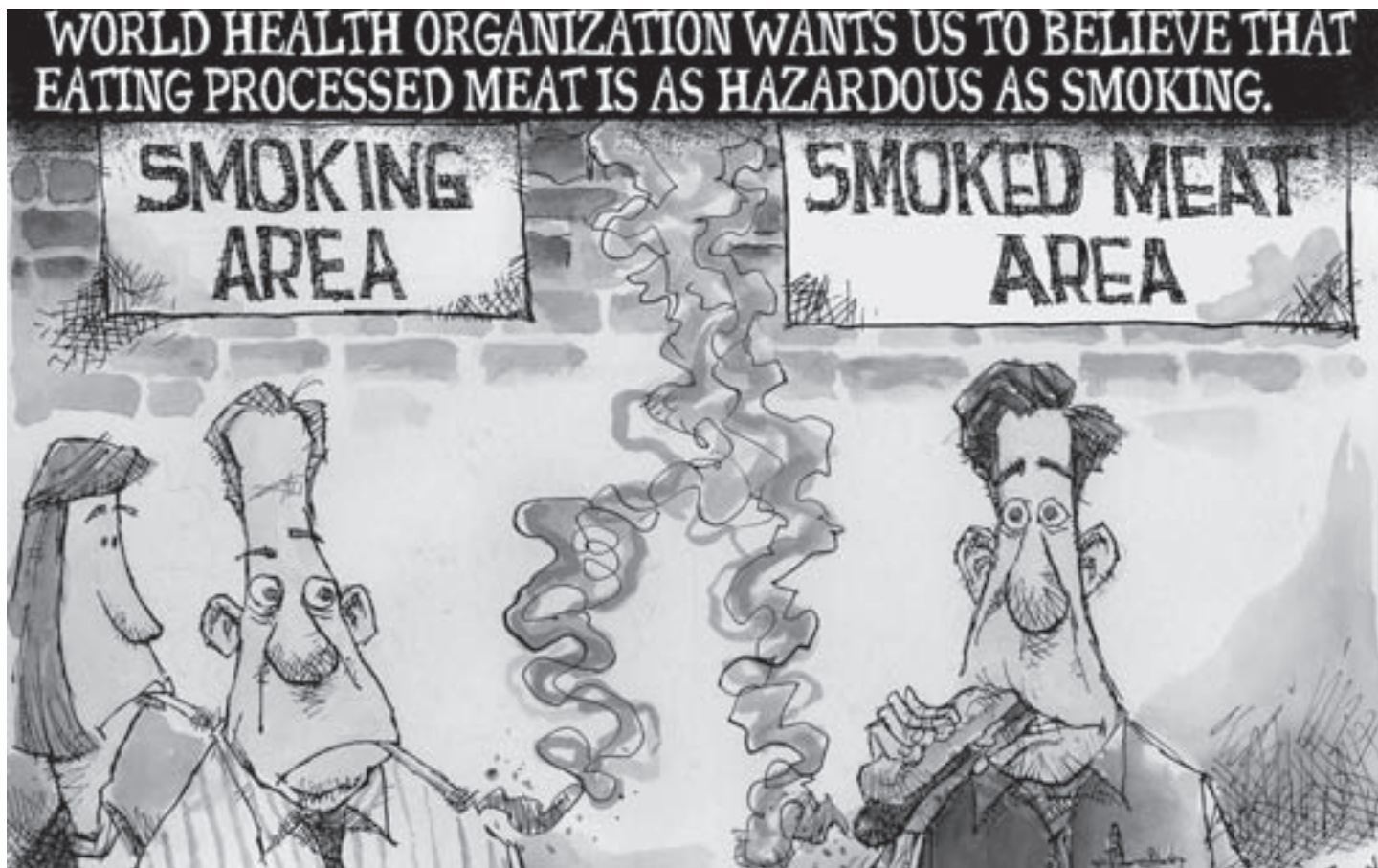
Mildred and Charlie were badly shaken after the excitement. All this was entirely new to their way of life and as Charlie said, "Rossiter, if you were trying to impress us, we were impressed!" On the way home, Charlie asked Mildred if she thought she could get their stuff together so they could take off for home in the morning. Mildred replied, "I can get it ready so we can leave tonight!" But by morning, calm reason had returned, and they decided to finish their visit. I must add that it was a long time before the next visit – a very long time.

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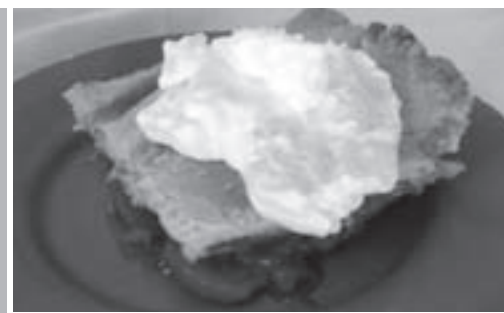
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By Janet Tharpe

A Sweet Potato Cobbler Recipe to Be Thankful For

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Jewel Hall
Cullman, AL
(pop. 14,775)

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- Janet

Sweet Potato Cobbler

What You Need

- 2 lb sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 3 1/2 c water
- 1 1/2 c sugar
- 3 tsp all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 c butter, cubed

FOR PASTRY

- 2 c all-purpose flour
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 2/3 c shortening
- 5-6 tbsp cold water
- 2 tbsp butter, melted
- 4 tsp sugar

Directions

- In a saucepan, cook sweet potatoes in water until tender, about 10 minutes.

- Drain, reserving 1 1/2 c of cooking liquid.
- Layer potatoes in a greased 9x13 baking dish; add reserved liquid.
- Combine sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; sprinkle over potatoes. Dot with butter.
- For pastry, combine flour and salt.
- Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
- Gradually add in water, toss with a fork until a ball forms.
- On a floured surface, roll pastry into a 9x13 inch rectangle.
- Place over sweet potato filling; cut slits in top.
- Brush with butter; sprinkle with sugar.
- Bake at 400 for 30-35 min or until top is golden brown.
- Spoon into dishes; serve hot with a scoop of whipped cream on top sprinkled lightly with nutmeg.

Submitted by: Jewel Hall, Cullman, AL (pop. 14,775)
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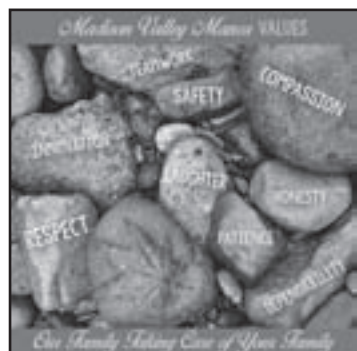
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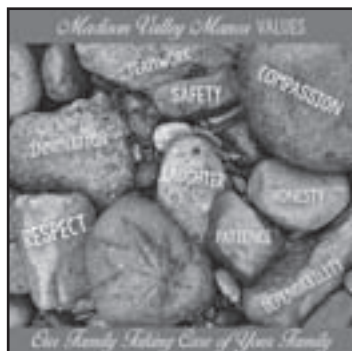
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MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS R. ELSER
A/K/A DOUGLAS RAY ELSER
A/K/A DOUG ELSER.
Deceased
Probate No. 29-2015-26
Notice is hereby given that PAULA J. ELSER by and through her counsel of record 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 her four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will forever be barred.

Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at the law offices of Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson, P.O. Box 509, Butte, Montana 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson
/s/ Angela Hasquet
Attorneys for the Estate
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Dated this 30th day of September, 2015.
/s/ Paula Elser
PAULA ELSER
(Pub. Oct 29, Nov. 5, 12 2015) cbcm
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. BUBANY,
Deceased
HONORABLE JUDGE LOREN TUCKER
Probate No. 29-2015-27

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 forever be barred.
Claims must be either mailed to John E. McDougall, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 311, Virginia City, Montana 59755-0311, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2015.
/s/ John E. McDougall
JOHN E. MCDUGALL
Personal Representative
(Pub. Oct 29, Nov. 5, 12 2015) lhb
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD LEE KEY,
Deceased
Probate No. 29-2015-20

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 forever be barred.
Claims must be either mailed to Wayne Loren Key, the Personal Representative, c/o Krueger Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749, return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
Dated this 16th Day of October, 2015.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
/s/ Stephanie Gehres Krueger
STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUEGER
Attorney for Personal Representative
(Pub. Oct 29, Nov. 5, 12 2015) sk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bureau of Land Management's Dillon Field Office and the U.S. Forest Service Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest are in the process of conducting an Environmental Assessment on an Application for Permit to Drill, submitted by the Lima Operating Company, LLC.
The federal agencies will hold two public meetings as part of the scoping process for the EA. The first meeting is in Dillon on Nov. 17, 6-8 p.m., in the Lewis and Clark Room at the University of Montana-Western. The second meeting will be held in Lima on Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m., at the Lima School.
In the EA, which will conform to the National Environmental Policy Act, three alternatives are being evaluated. One well pad location is on BLM land near Shearing Pen Gulch and is accessed by Big Sheep Creek Road. Another alternative well pad location is on Forest Service land on White Pine Ridge and is accessed by Little Sheep Creek Road. A "no action" alternative is also being evaluated.
In order to more accurately evaluate potential impacts from this project, the agencies are seeking input from the public and other stakeholders on what issues are of concern. The public can participate at the scoping meetings or by sending comments to Tessa Wallace, BLM Project Manager at twallace@blm.gov, or by mail to: BLM Dillon Field Of-

ice, Attention: Tendoy Project Scoping, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT 59725.
To be most helpful, comments should be received by Dec. 2.
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PUBLIC NOTICE FORM FOR ENNIS PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ennis Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the public meeting room of the Ennis Town Hall, 328 West Main Street, Ennis, Montana.
The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on a conditional use permit allowing a residential dwelling at 104 South Third Street, Ennis, Montana (a second story to existing building and additional garage).
Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on November 23, 2015, and may be sent to the Ennis Town Hall: Mail to P.O. Box 147, Ennis, Montana, 59729; Fax to (406) 682-5011; or E-mail to kerik@ennismontana.org. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
The proposed plans can be viewed at Ennis Town Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm. Call (406) 682-4287 for more information.
Keri Kensing, President, Ennis Planning Board
(Pub. Nov 12, 2015) epb
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ADVERTISEMENT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS ENGINEERING AND/OR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

The Madison County Commission is soliciting proposals to hire a firm to provide general engineering and/or grant administration services for public works projects within the Madison County jurisdictional area. The immediate need is to assist the County with bridge assessments and preliminary engineering reports for the evaluation of selected bridge structures. The County will utilize the selected firm to serve as an on-call County Engineer for all professional engineering and/or grant administration for a five (5) year period for related activities associated with but not limited to roads, bridges, trails, water, wastewater, solid waste, subdivision plat and sanitary reviews, site development, permitting, miscellaneous public works projects, etc. Desired services may include the following: planning, preliminary engineering, final design, surveying, construction administration, inspection work, grant writing and/or grant administration. The agreement and payment terms will be negotiated with the selected offeror.
The immediate need is to assist the County with evaluating selected county bridges and preparing preliminary engineering reports for those bridges. The project is funded by TSEP and must comply with all TSEP guidelines. The selected consultant must also assist the County in grant administration services for this project.
Copies of the detailed request for proposals (RFP), including a description of the services to be provided by respondents, the minimum content of responses, and the factors to be used to evaluate the responses can be obtained by contacting the Madison County Commission, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755. All responses to the detailed RFP must be received by 1:00 p.m. on December 7, 2015.
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REQUEST FOR CATERING BIDS FOR COURTHOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Madison County will be accepting bid proposals to prepare and serve a holiday meal for the County Employees' Christmas party, for approximately 85-100 people, to be held at the Elks Lodge in Virginia City, Montana, on January 8, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Typical menu items include a meat entrée with an optional poultry or fish item also being offered. Potato, vegetable, salad, bread, and dessert should also be included with the price of the meal. The caterer also provides plates, napkins, and utensils; and if the kitchen at the Elks Lodge is needed, the caterer is responsible for a fee of \$150 plus a \$75 refundable cleaning deposit. Please contact the Commissioners' office at 406-843-4277 or email at madco@madison.mt.gov if you have questions. Please submit completed bids to the Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755, by December 18, 2015.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 23, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Madison County Administrative Offices Building in Virginia City, Montana, to receive public comment on a petition requesting to annex lands in a portion of Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. GeoCode 25-0425-13-1-01-01-0000, Property Tax ID #0028002100, into the Big Sky Fire District.
Copies of the petition are available for public review and comment at the Madison County Commissioners' Office; the Madison County Clerk and Recorder's Office, and posted on the Madison County website, www.madison.mt.gov.
Comments on the proposal are welcome. Written public comments may be submitted or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 278, Virginia

City, MT 59755; faxed to (406) 843-5517; or emailed to madco@madison.mt.gov. Written comments must be received by close of the November 23, 2015, public hearing.
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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.
The purpose of the public meeting is to receive comment on the proposed Big Sky Resort Mountain Village Overall Development Plan. The proposed plan will offer a mix of residential densities and uses, and a variety of commercial, retail, and food and beverage locations spread over approximately 120 acres located north and west of the Village area in the N½, Section 19, T6S, R3E and the NE¼, Section 25, T6S, R2E, PMM.
Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on November 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to drobison@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
The Overall Development Plan and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at:
• Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City;
• Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis;
• Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.
John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
(Pub. Nov 12, 19 2015) mcpcb
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The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.
The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Driftwaters Planned Unit Development Subdivision to subdivide the 20.27 acre Lot 5-B1, South Madison Firehall Minor Subdivision, in 2 phases with 5 commercial lots, 1 RV park lot with 17 RV spaces, 4 RV lots, 4 residential lots, and over 11 acres in 3 open space lots. Located west of US Highway 287 N immediately south of the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department Station #2 within the NW 1/4, Section 30, T11S, R2E, PM.
Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on November 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to drobison@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at:
• Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City;
• Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis;
Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.
John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.
The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Big Springs Village Phase 1b Planned Unit Development preliminary site plan and Overall Development Plan update, which will create 7 commercial condominium units and 48 residential condominium units on Lot 1a of Big Springs Village Phase 1b. The tract of land is located at the base of Pioneer Mountain south of and adjacent to the Warren Miller Lodge, in Section 7, T7S, R3E, PMM.
Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on November 30, 2015, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to drobison@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
The preliminary plan and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City; Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis; and Yellowstone Mountain Club Trail, Big Sky.
Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.
John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
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MONTANA NIGHT SKIES

By Richard Stouffer

In November, the Montana night sky finds most of the activity occurring in the hours after midnight with Mars and Venus beginning the month with a very close conjunction followed by the gradual separation of Mars, Venus and Jupiter after their close encounters in October. Only at the very beginning of the month is a planet visible in the evening sky as that lone planet, Saturn, sinks rapidly into the solar glare.

As the month begins,

Saturn is the only planet visible in the evening sky, but it appears very low in the western sky. By the second week of the month, Saturn becomes invisible in the solar glare. It is in the hours well after midnight when the real highlights of the November night sky occur. At the start of November, Jupiter rose about 2:30 in the morning, followed by Venus and Mars about a half hour later. Mars and Venus made their closest approach on Nov. 3 when they are less

than a degree apart. This close conjunction kept these two planets within a degree of each other from Nov. 2 through Nov. 5. Throughout the rest of the month, the distance between Venus, Jupiter and Mars increases rapidly from being spread out over about 6 degrees to being spread out over more than 30 degrees. Over the last few days of the month, Venus appears near Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo. By the time the month ends, Jupiter rises about an hour after midnight, followed by Mars almost two hours later and Venus over an hour after that.

The moon passed from above Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on Nov. 4 to below Regulus the next morning. The moon formed a dramatic pairing with Jupiter when it passes to the right of the giant planet on the morning of Nov. 6. The moon made an even more dramatic pairing with Venus the next morning with Mars appearing above the moon and Venus that same morning. The moon is full on Nov. 25. The following morning, the moon occults or passes in front of Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, with the disappearance of Aldebaran occurring about

3 a.m. on Nov. 26 and the reappearance of Aldebaran occurring about an hour later. What makes this occultation by the moon so unusual is that Aldebaran is the brightest star the moon can occult.

For meteor shower watchers, the annual Leonid meteor shower peaks on the morning of Nov. 18. The shower is predicted to peak at about 15 meteors per hour. The moon will set shortly after 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 17, so if the weather is cooperative, the Leonids could be worth getting up early to see. The minor shower named the Taurid meteor shower has a peak spread out over the first half of the month. This shower tends to produce very bright meteors, so you might see a bright meteor from this shower in the November Montana night sky as well.

All times given are for standard time as the changeover from daylight time to standard time occurred on Nov. 1.

** Life-long amateur astronomer and former member of Delaware Astronomical Society and National Capital Astronomers*



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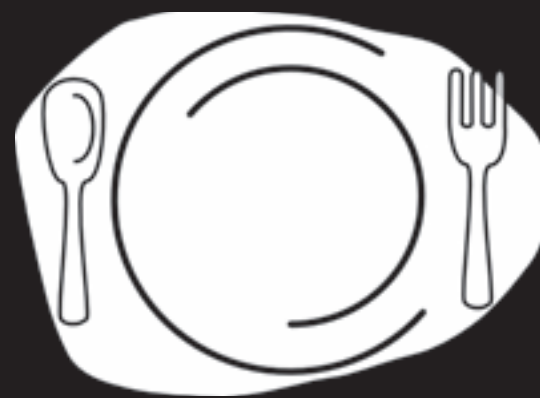
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- Tuesday, Nov. 17: Sloppy joes, tater tots, mixed fruit, dessert
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Gallatin County 4-H teen retreat to Pony

Submitted by Carole Carberry

Every year the Gallatin County 4-H teen leaders hop into a suburban and venture out for a weekend of exploring the back roads of Montana. Now in its seventh year, the trip gives the 4-H teens, ages 13-18, time to bond and see new places. The retreat usually involves a combination of rock climbing, swimming in hot springs, cooking for themselves, bouncing around on back roads, community service and sleeping in a place they have never seen before.

This year's adventure to Pony by way of Revenue Flats and Norris Hot Springs promised all the essential elements, except a place to stay the night. Fortunately, The Pony Homecoming Club saved our adventure. In exchange for picking up rock and debris in the front yard of the Pony School and Gym (that has been troublesome for mowing the lawn), we were allowed to stay the night in the historic gym. Instead of stuffing 15 of us into a four-person national forest service cabin, we finally had room to stretch our legs and do some team building games inside. The beautiful and spacious building even has heat, running water and electricity. We plan to return to help out with Pony Days next summer and get to know the community better.

Cameron check station report

Submitted by Julie Cunningham
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

The Cameron check station was open Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 and 8 and was staffed by Julie Cunningham of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks(MFWP), Cheyenne Stirling of Montana State University (MSU) and Sam Allen (MSU) on Saturday and by Jenny Jones (MFWP), Cheyenne Stirling (MSU) and Sam Allen (MSU) on Sunday.

The station was open from 10 a.m. until dark on both days. Snow fell mid-week, and temperatures were in the 30 degree fahrenheit range.

The station checked a total of 503 hunters. These hunters harvested 94 elk, 11 mule deer bucks, four antelope, one white-tail buck and 11 white-tail does. Total hunter success for all game was 24.3 percent and was 23.3 percent for deer and elk only. Elk harvest, number of hunters, and percent success exceeded recent years. Elk harvest was the highest ever recorded at this check station during the third weekend (data from 1989 to present). The previous high was 45 in 2004.

A record number of white-tail were also brought through the check station. The previous record was 10 in 2006. The number of mule deer checked this weekend is above average, but not a record (17 mule deer were checked both in 1989 and 2004).

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Commodity Insite! What we know – Part 1

by Jerry Welch

What we know about commodities per se the past few years is clear as gin. As measured by the widely followed CRB Index, commodity values in general closed lower in 2014 for the fourth year in a row, a feat never before seen in history. This year, with less than two months to go before the calendar reads 2016, commodities are lower once again. And the likelihood that commodities will suddenly lurch higher, ending the year on the plus side of the ledger is virtually nil. It will not happen.

To understand how bearish the commodity markets have been for the past four years and 11 months, consider an article printed in The Economist last July, entitled, The Great Bear Market: "Had stock markets fallen more than 40 percent from their peak, the national news

bulletins and the mainstream papers would be full of headlines about collapse and calamity." The article went on to state, "But this is one of the great bear markets. It may seem less important because few people are directly invested in commodities. But in terms of people's daily lives, commodity prices are very important indeed."

One particular paragraph from The Economist hints loudly how long it will be before commodities have the wherewithal to morph from a great bear market to a bull market. "One can simply see the commodity price decline as the global economy doing its job, in the form of a super-cycle. Rising prices bring forward new sources of supply as production at marginal sites becomes profitable; they also cause consumers to economize on raw material

use. This brings prices down, so production falls sharply, allowing the whole cycle to begin again. Because it takes a lot of time to build new mines, develop oil fields, etc., this whole process takes more than a decade."

In several of my columns I forecast that commodities will remain in a pronounced bear trend for another three to five years. The Economist leans towards 10 long years of declining or defensive markets. Either scenario is a bummer.

What we know is that the commodity markets are hemorrhaging badly and have been doing so for nearly five years. There are no shortages of any commodity. In fact, if anything, supplies of most commodities are ample to burdensome. To reverse the balance between supply and demand in favor of higher prices one of two things

must unfold. One, demand must increase. Or, weather problems somewhere on the globe must surface to slice global or domestic production and whittle down existing supplies.

With the Chinese economy slowing more than expected and most emerging economies also struggling, the odds are slim that demand trends will improve much if at all. Unfortunately, based on recent data out of China, demand for raw materials of all kinds is likely to decrease rather than increase.

But we also know that when it comes to commodity prices the wild card has always been and always will be Mother Nature. Over the years, it is not unusual for weather problems to develop somewhere on the globe and turn a bear market rapidly into a bull market. Supply-demand trends can

be analyzed, anticipated and dealt with. But there is no saying or guessing when or where Mother Nature will throw ag-producers a curve.

We also know that El Nino is back and back in a big way. From Bloomberg News dated October 15, 2015, entitled, The Strongest El Nino in Decades Is Going to Mess With Everything: "Drought relief possible in California, dryness in Australia. People, crops, birds, fish all will feel effects of El Nino. It has choked Singapore with smoke, triggered Pacific typhoons and left Vietnamese coffee growers staring nervously at dwindling reservoirs. In Africa, cocoa farmers are blaming it for bad harvests, and in the Americas, it has Argentines bracing for lower milk production and Californians believing that rain will finally, mercifully fall."

The Bloomberg article also stated the following: "Its effects are just beginning in much of the world – for the most part, it hasn't really reached North America – and yet it's already shaping up potentially as one of the three strongest El Nino patterns since record-keeping began in 1950. It will dominate weather's many twists and turns through the end of this year and well into next. And it's causing gyrations in everything from the price of Colombian coffee to the fate of cold-water fish."

We also know that one of the strongest El Ninos of the 20th century was in the years 1982-83, when soybean prices rallied 50 percent thanks to whims and ways of Mother Nature. And you should also know that part two of this column is next week so please stay tuned!

MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

11/1/15 – 11/7/15

11/1/15
Suspicious person/circumstance on North Meadow Creek Road McAllister
Trespassing on Ruby River Road Alder
Animal problem on MT Hwy 287 near VC Ranches Ennis
Wildlife complaint in 300 Blk Mill St Sheridan
Missing person on Granite Creek Road Nevada City
Wildlife complaint on US Hwy 41 N MM 51-52 Silver Star

11/2/15
Citizen assist out of Madison County
Traffic complaint in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis
Wildlife complaint in 200 Blk N Main St Ennis
Animal problem in 100 Blk Pintail Ridge Road Ennis
Animal problem on MT Hwy 287 and Seyler Ln Twin Bridges
Traffic complaint on Main St Sheridan
Fire-controlled burn on S Meadow Creek Road McAllister
Scam complaint on S Rainbow Lp Dr McAllister
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 S MM 10 Twin Bridges
Accident-no injury/damage on MT Hwy 287 MM 11-12 Virginia City
Disturbance in Johnny Gulch Area Cameron
Road hazard on US Hwy 287 MM 13 Cameron
Search and Rescue past Upper Ruby Road Alder

11/3/15
Citizen assist on Forest Service Road 290 Ennis
Accident-no Injury/Damage on US Hwy 287 MM 9 Cameron
Public safety complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 12 Virginia City
Suspicious person/circumstance in 100 Blk E Hamilton St Sheridan
Alarm-false in 500 Blk Jack Creek Bench Road Ennis
Agency assist on US Hwy 287 MM 55 McAllister
Animal problem on US Hwy 287 MM 23 Cameron
Suspicious person/circumstance in 100 Blk N Main St Twin Bridges
Citizen assist in Harrison
Citizen assist on Ruby Creek Road Cameron

11/4/15
Suspicious person/circumstance on US Hwy 287 Ennis
Threats/harassment in

100 Blk E Main St Ennis
Accident-no injury/damage on MT Hwy 287 MM 10 Ennis
Animal problem on US Hwy 287 MM 13.5 Cameron
Public safety in 300 Blk Mill Creek Road Sheridan
Theft complaint in 300 Blk Madison Ave Ennis
Abandoned vehicle in Freezeout Lake area-West Fork Cameron
Animal problem on MT Hwy 87 Cameron
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 41 S MM 22 Twin Bridges
Alarm-false in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis

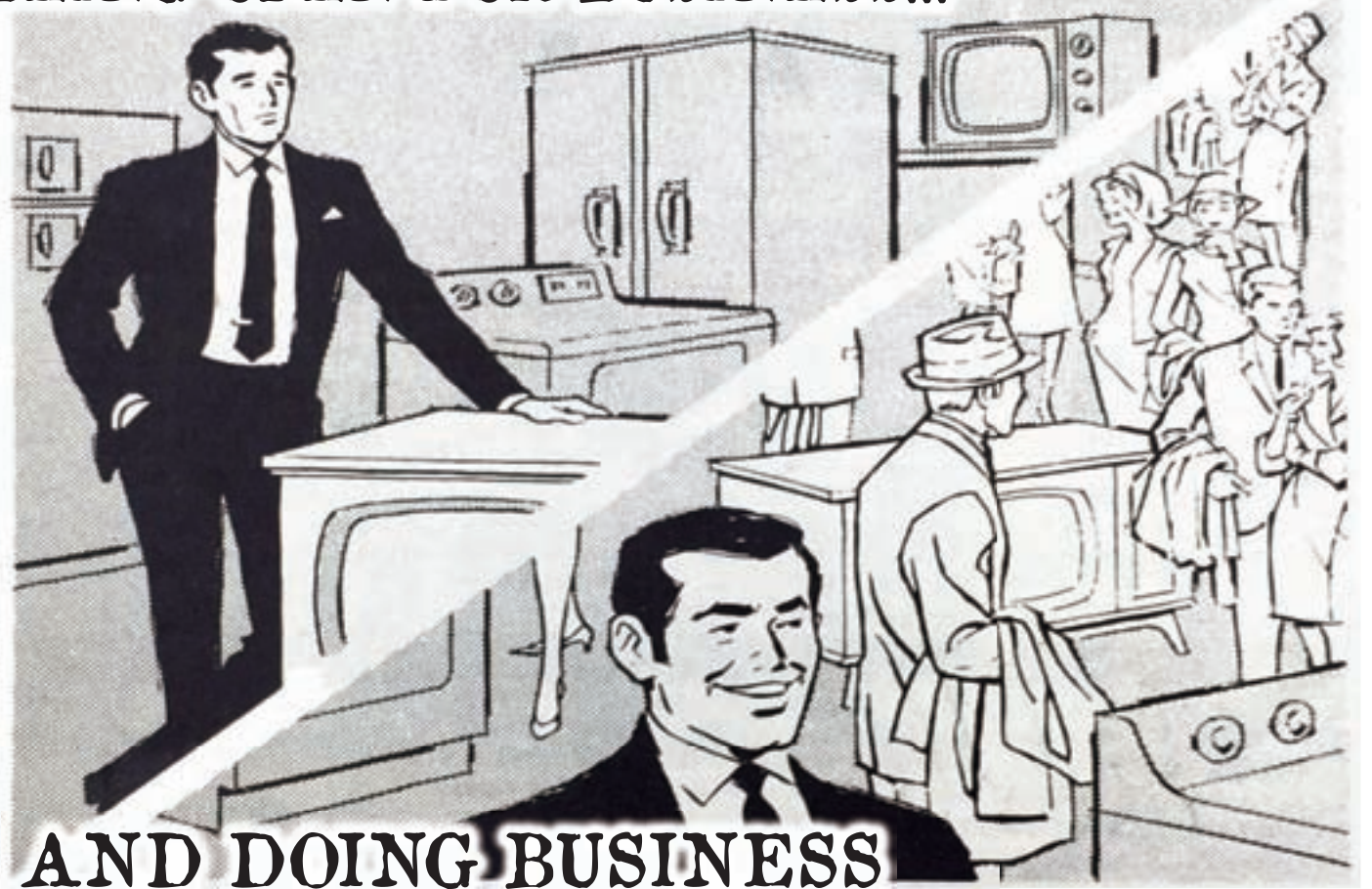
11/5/15
Missing person on Bear Creek Road Cameron
Trespassing on Upper Ruby River Road Alder
Theft on Main St Twin Bridges
Welfare check in Ennis
Agency assist at Black Butte Cabin Cameron
Child custody dispute in 500 Blk Centennial Dr Sheridan
Accident with injuries on US Hwy 287 N MM 43 Cameron

11/6/15
Road hazard on Norris Hill McAllister
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 55 MM 55 Silver Star
Road hazard on US Hwy 287 MM 58 McAllister
Suspicious Person/Circumstance on Wisconsin Creek Road Sheridan
Accident-no injury/damage on Jeffers Road Ennis
Accident with damage on MT Hwy 287 MM 23 Alder
Lost or found property in Alder

11/7/15
Citizen assist on Main St Ennis
Accident with damage on MT Hwy 84 MM 2 Norris
Disturbance in 300 Blk N George St Twin Bridges
Alarm-medical on Mill Creek Road Sheridan
Disturbance on Wisconsin Creek Road Sheridan
Suspicious person/circumstance at Mirza Way and Armitage St Ennis
Citizen assist at Wall Creek Game Range Cameron
Accident with damage on Carey Ln Sheridan
Disturbance in 700 Blk Ruby River Dr Sheridan

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day program, Ennis

Veteran's Day program at the Ennis high school. All veterans welcome. Call 224-8258 for more information.

Veterans Day dinner, Ennis

Veteran's Dinner at VFW. All veterans welcome. Call 224-8258 for more information.

Veterans Day tea, Sheridan

The school invites all our veterans to come and enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee and tea as we honor their service to our country. Begins at 9 a.m. at the elementary school.

Veterans Day lunch, Ennis

All veterans are invited to eat lunch at the Ennis school cafeteria from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Hamburgers and oven chips.

Elks Lodge Veterans Day reception, Ennis
Honoring veterans, reservists and families

with lunch. The public is invited to attend and dine with their veterans. Come thank them for their service. Hugs welcome. Begins at 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis

1 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library. Discussion of Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd. The discussion will be lead by Judy Miller.

American Legion Post 65, Ennis

American Legion Post 65 meeting Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the V.F.W. in Ennis. All passed legion members and veterans are encouraged to attend.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13

Farewell party, Sheridan
Nick Pairitz and his wife, Ashley, are moving to Maine. Join the NRCS staff and friends from the community at the

Episcopal Church Hall from 6-9 p.m. for a potluck to wish them well and give thanks for their time and work in Madison County. Bring a dish if you can and join in the fun.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

Craft fair, Twin Bridges

The Twin Bridges craft fair will be held Nov. 14, at the Twin Bridges firehall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 50/50 drawings and door prizes will be given. Call Coree Martin for more information, 596-1978.

Open mic, Ennis

Open mic open to all oral readers, orators, poets, singers for a short presentation. Participants should register with Lee Robison, through the library, in advance. Both participants and audience are needed. Madison Valley Public Library, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

Music, Dillon
Spectacular violin performance characterized as light classical as opposed to a heavy, serious program. Featuring violinist Bella Hristova. Begins at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Montana-Western Beier Auditorium.

Blood drive, Sheridan
Blood drive at Bethany Hall from 1 to 5:45 p.m. Call Kathy Flick at 842-5128 for an appointment

or more information.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

Community discussion, Twin Bridges

The Twin Bridges Rotary Club will sponsor a community discussion on end-of-life planning and choices presented by Doris Fischer and Mary Carlson at the Montana Room, Twin Bridges School at 7 p.m. All public invited. Coffee, Tea and desert will be served. For more information, contact Frank Colwell, Twin Bridges Rotary Club Program Director at 406-684-5686 or cell 406-596-1076; email frank.colwell@bhsmmt.com.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

Presentation, Ennis
Jon C. Goodman and Independent Financial Partners are proud to host Navy SEAL Team One veteran, Chris Forrest, who will speak on the subject of self-defense. The title of his talk is Stress Makes You Stupid: Hope for the Best, Plan for the Worst. Begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call 682-3326.

Mad Gals, Ennis
Monthly meeting at Valley View Golf Club. Begins at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

Public meeting, Ennis
Ennis Government Study Commission public meeting to report findings of the community survey. Begins at 1:30 p.m. at town hall.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

Glee night, Sheridan

Dessert and entertainment will be served up by the students of Sheridan schools in high school gym beginning at 7 p.m. The band, choir, drama and forensics groups along with funny MCs will entertain in a wholesome, silly, sometimes serious but always fun environment. The art department will also have a display of student-generated artwork for sale. Call 842-5401 for more information.

Workshop, Sheridan
Kids clay workshop. Begins at 9 a.m. Call Sally Schendel at 842-5401 for more information.

Community Thanksgiving service, Jeffers
An ecumenical gathering for music, prayer, worship and fellowship in celebration of Thanksgiving. Begins at 6 p.m. at the Trinity Church.

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis
Meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. ennisartsassociation.org

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

Movie Night, Virginia City
Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every OTHER Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Please call 406-843-5346 to find out what is playing!

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
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TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 am Meetings at 9:30 am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

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

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

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
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
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