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THE HEBGEN QUESTION

WHEN WILL THE FINAL PHASE OF THE DAM'S REHABILITATION BE COMPLETED?

Photo courtesy NorthWestern Energy
BJ Cope, project manager for NorthWestern Energy, walks through the wood stave outlet pipe that takes water from the intake and carries it through the dam to the river. This is the outlet pipe that will be rehabbed in the third phase of the overall project.

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"Our plan hasn't changed, but we do acknowledge we could have done better with communication on this project," Butch Larcomb, NorthWestern Energy media representative, said.

Larcomb was referring to the fact that the construction on Hebgen Dam's intake structure will be complete by the end of this year and construction on the spillway will take place in 2016, but another phase of the project – to rehabilitate the outlet pipe – is tentatively scheduled to begin May 2017.

"While (NWE) considered alternative schedules for the outlet pipe work, a fully

functional intake structure gate system was first necessary to allow the outlet work to be conducted safely," according to a press release. "In addition, the outlet pipe is required for reservoir operation and maintaining Madison River flows in winter months."

That means the water from Hebgen will be released via the intake structure and old outlet pipe while the spillway is under construction, but then will go back to being released from the top of the reservoir when the spillway is complete and the outlet pipe is under construction.

"The water is definitely a different temperature when it comes out the top of the reservoir rather than the bottom," Larcomb said. "We are working with (Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks) though."

Pat Clancey, FWP fisheries biologist on the Madison River, said NWE has discharged from the surface of the reservoir during their summer and fall construction season and switched to releasing through the dam during the winter months since 2012.

"This time of the year, when they generally switch to releasing from the structure, (the reservoir) is pretty much the same temperature from top to bottom," Clancey said. "The effect on the river depends somewhat on the time of year the switch is made."

Clancey said he is working with NWE to determine when the switch will be made following the spillway work in 2016.

"Their engineering department is aware this is a concern," he said. "We are asking them

to schedule the work so when they make that switch from deep release to surface release, there will be as little impact as possible."

The best time for the switch is early spring, around April, Clancey said. That way, the temperature in the reservoir will be relatively the same from top to bottom, and switching where the water is released will not impact the fishery of the Madison River.

Effects from surface releases
NWE has been working on the intake structure since 2012, and releasing water from the top of the reservoir via the spillway during the summer.

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Economic development in Madison County

Commissioners re-up contract with NRMEDD for another year

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On Monday Nov. 16, the Madison County commissioners renewed an agreement with Rob Gilmore from the Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District for another year of Gilmore's services in Madison County.

"He gave us a rundown of his hopes and plans for the Madison side and the Ruby side," said Commissioner Jim Hart. "It's a no brainer to me, that Madison

County is growing on both sides of the county. Whatever we can do to encourage the agricultural side and the entrepreneurial side of things just makes life better."

Hart says the county pays Gilmore around \$20,000 for a one-year contract, and added that he believes the county has "absolutely" seen progress since Gilmore came on board two years ago.

"There's been more resources for businesses and groups," Hart said. "And more involvement for various businesses and organizations. He is

trying to generate a crowd."

In the last year, Gilmore said he reached out to most of the businesses and organizations in Madison County's communities to get an idea of what the struggles are, and what they see as benefits and opportunities.

"We don't necessarily have the mix and range of opportunities you're going to find in larger communities," Gilmore said. "But we're beginning to understand the benefits of the telecommuter and find out how we can attract those (people)."

Gilmore said telecommut-

ers are interested in relocating to areas like Madison County to raise their families, recreate and more.

"We're finding out how to best accommodate that part of the workforce," Gilmore said, "That would provide us opportunities to build our economies without having to bring in businesses with 25 – 40 employees – we would just bring in individuals. The challenge is finding the formula to make that work."

Gilmore also compiled

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WINDY DAYS

County wind gusts reach nearly 50 miles per hour last week

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"We had a few power lines down, but that was it," said Chris Mumme, Madison County director of emergency management, referring to the weather last week in the region.

Last week, strong winds ripped through Montana, and some gusts in Southwest Montana clocked in at 60 miles per hour, according to Chris Zelzer, meteorologist with the National Weather Service out of Great Falls.

"East of Bozeman, we got a report of a 68 mph gust at 3:41 a.m. (on Nov. 18)," Zelzer said. "And a report of 64 mph in Broadwater."

Closer to Madison County, the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport in Belgrade reported seven to eight hours of gusting wind up to 51 mph through the night of Nov. 17 and into the early morning of Nov. 18.

Zelzer said there is an automatic reporting site for wind readings near Ennis, and

that the winds early last week were consistently between 38 and 40 mph, though the wind probably gusted higher.

"It's hard to judge how it is when you're out in it," Zelzer said. "Twin Bridges reported 22 mph steady wind, but didn't report what the gusts were from that site."

Zelzer also said the service received a report of a wind gust that was 48 mph in Cameron at 4:58 a.m. on Nov. 18.

"We had one or two wind speeds above 60 mph but a whole slew gusting between 40 and 50," he said. "It was mostly up in the north, but a pretty widespread event."

The National Weather Service sends out warnings for sustained winds of 40 mph and gusting winds above 58 mph.

"Those are considered damaging winds," Zelzer said. "It's just a historical number that has been used. Anything more than 40 (mph) is not a good thing."

Often, wind direction plays into how damaging windstorms can be, Zelzer added.

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CRASHES IN CAMERON

Icy conditions cause two crashes over the weekend

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On Sunday, Nov. 22, icy conditions led to two vehicle crashes on U.S. Highway 287 in Cameron.

The first crash happened at the turnoff for the Bear Creek Loop around 4:45 p.m.

"There was an elderly couple on the way up," said Sheriff Roger Thompson. "They saw it was icy and started to slow down, but a semi truck passed them and the wind blew

and took them off guard."

Thompson said the vehicle was shoved off the road and rolled.

The Ennis Ambulance, Madison Valley Rural Fire District, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol and Summit Air Ambulance responded to the incident. The man was transported to the Madison Valley Medical Center and the woman was life flighted by the air ambulance, Thompson said.

"I think she broke her legs or hips," Thompson

said. "No drinking involved, just bad conditions."

The second call for assistance came in around 11 p.m. the same night, according to MVRFD fire chief Shawn Christensen.

"At mile marker 26 there was ice on the road," said Christensen. "A vehicle at low speed went off the road. (There were) four occupants with minor injuries."

Christensen said three of the four occupants were transported to MVMC to get checked out, but they were soon released.

The Ennis Ambulance, MVRFD, sheriff's office and MHP responded to the crash.

Both Thompson and Christensen urged caution when driving on Madison County's roads this time of the year.

"The road is icy and then the wind polishes it clean," Thompson said. "There's absolutely no traction."

Christensen agreed, and added "from Indian Creek to Wolf Creek (on U.S. Highway 287) on the flats, it ices over pretty bad. Drivers need to be aware."

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"Each year when they switch (to the spillway release) we see water temperatures higher than usual from about McAtee Bridge upstream," Clancey said. "But we haven't seen negative numbers of fish populations. We've actually seen numbers of large rainbow trout reach record highs."

Clancey said there could be a short term impact to angling, but not to fish populations.

"So long as they aren't flipping back and forth every few days, the angling will get to a steady state," Clancey said. "I don't think there will be any long term disruption to angling or the fish population."

Project history

In 2005, an analysis of the dam indicated the need for a new intake, one that could survive a maximum earthquake. Then, in 2008, the stop logs in the dam failed and there was an uncontrolled release of water, which made the need for the project more immediate. Construction on the dam began in 2009.

The dam needs to be able to withstand an earthquake because the area is prone to seismic activity. In 1959, a 7.5 magnitude earthquake caused a huge landslide that blocked the flow of the Madison River and damaged the dam – thus creating Quake Lake.

"The dam's intake tower has been completely rebuilt, with gates and operating mechanisms scheduled to be ready for operation by the end of this year," the NWE release states. "The second phase of the project involves the removal and reconstruction of the dam's spillway ... work will replace the spillway gates and deteriorated concrete and increase the spillway capacity. The spillway work is expected to be finished in the fall of 2016. The final phase of the multi-year project is the rehabilitation of the outlet pipe, with a conversion back to spillway flow from the reservoir surface for the duration of this phase of the project."

According to Larcomb, NWE plans to host public meetings on the project in Ennis, West Yellowstone and Bozeman in early 2016.



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The crane on the barge in the foreground excavates material from the intake cofferdam.

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an economic profile of Madison County to provide to people interested in relocating or pursuing business opportunities in the county.

"That's a benefit," he said. "We can show people what we have to offer when they are inquiring."

Hart said Gilmore has made it a point to work on coordination between county government, town government and pri-

vate organizations. For example, Gilmore is part of a renewed effort to resolve the obstacles and constraints that have prevented the Children's Center outside of Twin Bridges from developing.

"The biggest obstacle is that they've been landlocked on water and sewer," Gilmore said. "They have to bring it under the river to get it. When the city did their development, that wasn't done, which has prevented anyone from coming in there. I can't say much, but we're work-

ing to get a solution to that."

Importance of economic development

"If you look around at some rural communities, they are actually going backward," Gilmore said. "The schools are contracting, more businesses have vacancies."

Gilmore said it is important for rural communities – like those in Madison County – to decide how they want to look and what ame-

nities they want to have.

"This is the time for communities to shape their futures," he added.

Hart said he believes an important element in the future of rural Montana is the youth.

"We're a growing, aging population and we need to encourage younger folks to figure out something to do to keep their education and intelligence at home," he said. "That's one of our goals."



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"East winds can do damage to structures, because most structures are built to withstand winds from the west," he said. "I heard a story of cattle shelters, those ones that are open on one end, and usually the east end. A few years ago, wind out of the east blew them all over."

Most of Montana's storms come from the west, with some influence from the north, Zelzer said.

Mumme said wind events can cause power outages, due to downed lines.

"If we had a big outage and we had a lot of people cut off, I would get involved," Mumme said. "We would do courtesy call and check on people who need help, the older people."

Power is the major concern with wind events during the winter, but it is a different story during the summer.

"If it's hot and dry, then the issue is fire," Mumme

said. "Like in 2012."

The event in 2012 Mumme referred to was the fire in the Bear Trap Canyon. A blaze started, and due to high winds – up to 70 mph – the fire spread.

"I remember bending over to tie my boots and I couldn't do it without a struggle," Mumme said.

Mumme also pointed out there was a large windstorm that caused damage to Sheridan in 2008 and another in 2013 that tore through Twin Bridges.

"It's just my opinion, but

judging by weather changes and patterns, we're going to have more and more severe wind events," he said.

When wind rips through the county like it did last week, Mumme said the important thing is to be aware of downed power lines.

"Stay away from them," he said. "Threat them as if they are live, which they probably are, call dispatch and they will get the fire departments and whoever needs to be there."

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School board discusses direction for Carroll Field update

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At last week's meeting on Nov. 17, the Twin Bridges School Board formally approved a direction for the new building planned for Carroll Field, the school's football and track field.

"We had too many ideas and too much going on," said school Superintendent Chad Johnson. "We wanted the board to approve a direction."

The planned construction will update the restrooms at the field, provide better concessions and give the district more room for storage.

"It will have a small officials room so they don't have to run all the way to the school," Johnson said. "The storage component will also serve as a ticket booth, which will be heated and lighted – the

current ticket booth is cold."

Johnson added the new building will have an additional room, which could be used for a variety of things.

"(It could be used for) safety purposes, like if we go into lockdown and have kids out on the field," he said. "Or the track kids could go in there, plug in the iPad and watch their throwing technique or whatever and get coaching right away."

The building plans are still preliminary, but since Johnson received the board's approval, he said he planned to reach out to the architect and hopefully have more concrete plans completed by the end of the year.

Funding

The school received a \$50,000 private donation for the construction, but Johnson said those funds will probably not cover the bill.

"We have about \$58,000 total set aside to do this project," he said. "But even from our early estimates, it's going to run anywhere from \$125,000 – \$175,000 to get it done."

Still, Johnson said the update to the field is necessary, so instead of downsizing the project, the school is going to reach out to the community.

"Let's talk to our community and see what they think and what they want," he said. "What we hope – the best case – is to have a building up by mid-August 2016. But if we end up going to voters for funds, it would take longer."

In the meantime, Johnson said the board did approve the removal of the current restrooms.

"We are tearing them down no matter what," he said. "The water is off and they can go down any minute. It's time."



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Updates planned for Carroll field include a new building that will house a ticket booth, concessions, restrooms and more.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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McDonald set to go to trial

An Oregon man charged with assault with a weapon will go to trial in Madison County District Court.

Drew Dyer McDonald first appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on June 22, and plead not guilty to felony assault with a weapon.

The state, represented by County Attorney Chris Christensen, brought the charge against McDonald following an April 27, 2015, incident, where McDonald allegedly "purposely or knowingly brandished a weapon or what reasonably appeared to be a weapon, thereby causing (the victims) reasonable apprehension of serious bodily injury," according to court documents.

Judge Tucker, Christensen and McDonald's attorney, Palmer A. Hoovestal, discussed how the upcoming trial will look.

"I don't think we can get it done in one day," Christensen said. "I think it will carry over into a second day."

Hoovestal agreed, pointing out that the defense plans to call three witnesses, and the state will also have witnesses.

McDonald's trial is scheduled to begin Dec. 7.

Cox to go to trial

Julie Ann Cox, from Bozeman, appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker for a motions hearing on Nov. 23.

The state, represented by County Attorney Chris Christensen, charged Cox with two alternate charges – if she is convicted of one, she cannot be convicted of the other.

The first charge is driving under the influence of alcohol, fourth of subsequent offense. The alternative charge is operation of a noncommercial vehicle by a person with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more,

fourth of subsequent offense.

Both alternate charges stem from a June 19, 2015 incident, where the state alleges Cox was "in actual physical control of a vehicle upon the ways of this state open to the public while under the influence of alcohol," according to a filed Information.

Cox's attorney, Jody Smith, asked that the court not allow the state to present any evidence regarding statements Cox made after she was arrested, according to Christensen.

"(Judge Tucker) said, 'shouldn't that be decided in an evidentiary hearing?'" Christensen said. "We said, 'yes,' but (Smith) did not have witnesses ready for that so we had to reschedule."

An evidentiary hearing is when the court says whether or not certain information can be used during the trial, Christensen explained. The evidentiary hearing in the Cox case was scheduled for Dec. 7. The trial is set to begin Jan. 25.

Petition for termination of suspended sentence

Ennis woman Leslie Ball was scheduled to appear at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Nov. 23 for a hearing on a petition.

"I called an old telephone number (I had for Ball) but did not make contact," said Ball's lawyer, J. Blaine Anderson, Jr.

The petition in question requests Ball's suspended sentence be terminated.

In 2006, Ball pleaded guilty to the charges of theft of identify and deceptive practices and was sentenced to prison for 10 years, all but 90 days suspended.

"There was a petition filed for termination," County Attorney Chris Christensen said. "In there, it asked for my consent or refusal. I refused."

Christensen said he refused because Ball still has an outstanding balance on the fines she needs to pay to the court.

Since Ball was not present, Judge Tucker requested Chris-

tensen and Anderson get together to set another hearing date.

Sheffield given deferred sentence

Tammy Lynn Sheffield appeared before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on Nov. 23 and was sentenced on two charges.

On Oct. 19, Sheffield pleaded true to the charge of theft, a felony, and failure to give immediate notice of an accident, a misdemeanor.

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

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

Per a plea bargain agree-

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

On Oct. 19, Sheffield was supposed to have the full restitution amount ready to be repaid, but did not. The court gave Sheffield two weeks to get that restitution paid, but due to scheduling issues, could not meet again until Nov. 23.

"The restitution has been paid," Christensen said.

Judge Tucker sentenced Sheffield in accordance with Christensen's recommendation – she received a three year deferred sentence and a \$1,000 fine for the charge of theft, and a concurrent 20 day deferred sentence and a fine of \$200 for failure to give notice, both of which will run concurrently.

ENNIS GOVERNMENT UNDER REVIEW

3-person committee meets to discuss findings following resident survey

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After the June primary election in 2014, Ennis residents voted to review the mayor-commission style of government the town operates under—and a three-person committee was formed to review the charter.

Gayle Schabarker, Steve Badura and Sharon Christensen have met multiple times over the last year, and attended a

government review training, to review the town's charter and come up with a list of recommendations on how to better improve Ennis's government.

"The idea (of the committee) is to review our form of government," said Christensen. "We're not trying to nitpick personalities."

The committee held a public meeting on Friday, Nov. 20 to discuss a survey sent to residents and review feedback and comments.

The committee received feedback from 160 of the nearly 500 surveys sent and were pleased with the response.

"I feel like they are all valuable comments," said Christensen during the meeting.

"From what I can tell, the average citizen believes the town is running well," added Badura.

The majority of concern from citizens based on the information gathered from the survey revolved around the streets, law enforcement and the

function of the town. Sidewalk concern, along with water/sewer expenses were also mentioned in the survey comments.

While pleased with the response of the survey, the committee was unhappy that no alternatives were suggested to issues or concerns raised by residents.

"No one came up with a different remedy," said Christensen at the meeting. While no public attended

the meeting on Nov. 21, the committee believes they have done everything they could to get the public involved.

"I think we got a phenomenal response," said Schabarker, adding that the committee has done their due diligence. "We've reached out the best we could."

The next step before the 2016 election is to make recommendations to the commission. As of the Nov. 20 meeting, the committee is looking at recommend-

ing that all future mayors and commissioners attend mandatory trainings about working in municipalities, but will not have a preliminary list of recommendations until they meet again in March. Once the committee researches and drafts all recommendations, they will create a final proposal that will be presented to the commissioners.

"My hope is to have this over and done with by May," said Christensen.

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The current type of government is under evaluation by a three-person committee.



How does a commission-mayor style government operate?

According to the Montana Code Annotated 7-3-201, a commission-mayor form consists of an elected commission and one elected executive. The mayor is the elected executive and oversees the government, but anything conditional to the town is only voted on by the commission. Ennis currently has five elected town commissioners.

As an elected executive, according to MCA 7-3-203, the mayor's duties are:

- Enforcing laws, ordinances and resolutions
- Administering affairs of the local government
- Carrying out policies established by the commission
- Making recommendations to the commission
- Reporting and monitoring financial conditions of the local government
- Attend meetings and take part in discussions
- Execute adopted budget
- Appointing members of boards with the consent of the commission

CLARIFICATION

In the Nov. 12 feature article, "A salute to our veterans," *The Madisonian* should have clarified that Al Fox is not the commander of the Ruby Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars, but is the last president of the 511th Parachute Infantry and is active with the American Legion.

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Laura Thelma Baril October 31, 1915 - November 18, 2015



Laura Thelma Baril, of Sheridan, died in her home at Home Park in Sheridan, surrounded by her family on Nov. 18, 2015. She had just celebrated her 100th birthday on Oct. 31. One hundred and thirty of her friends and family gathered at Home Park to celebrate this special occasion. Earlier in the year, about 70 members of her immediate family were with Thelma for a family reunion and early birthday celebration. Thelma was born on Oct. 31, 1915, near Twin Bridges, to Albert Smith and Laura

Whitworth Smith. She grew up on the family ranch and attended Twin Bridges Schools. She received a teaching degree from Montana State Normal School (now University of Montana Western) in Dillon and taught at the Duncan District School west of Sheridan. There she met and married Wilfred Baril, a local rancher. Over 13 years, five children were born to the couple and they both taught by example, the compassion and hard work that would influence their children for the rest of their lives. Thelma's children remember her quiet strength and gentle, loving nature.

In addition to being a partner in the ranch and raising five children, Thelma was a talented seamstress. She made much of her family's clothing and hand-stitched beautiful quilts, giving dozens to family and friends over the years. She loved the mountains and the Ruby Valley and spent many happy days camping, hiking and fishing with her family. She

was an active and dedicated member of Dayspring Mission, and for years hosted Bible study groups in her home.

Thelma is survived by her children, Barbara Dedman of Sheridan, Phyllis Peterson and husband Walton Peterson of Twin Bridges, Albert (Bud) Baril and wife Lyn Baril of Leola, Penn., Sandra Baril of Sheridan and Wilfred Barry Baril and wife Beverly Baril of Phoenix, Ariz; 13 grandchildren: Dennis Dedman, Ben Peterson, Laura Peterson Brunzell, Jay Peterson, Andy Peterson, Nathan Baril, Neil Baril, Nicole Baril Fritz, John Thompson, Josette Thompson Schuur, Brandi Baril Hodge, Bridget Baril and Bryce Baril; her 27 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Wilfred Baril of Sheridan, who died May 6, 1987; her son-in-law Gary Dedman; her grandson Dan Dedman; her granddaughter Donna Dedman VerHow; her brothers,

Virgil and Harold Smith; and her sister Vera Smith Tuell.

Thelma passed away peacefully after a short illness. She will be remembered for her grace and caring, and as a blessing to so many. She was a loving person whose life reflected her love of God and family.

The family would like to give special thanks to Carol Braach, Thelma's senior companion, and to Tony and Emily Simonson and the staff at Home Park for their loving care.

A funeral was scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24 at Dayspring Mission Church, Sheridan.

Graveside Services were at Sheridan Cemetery. There was a reception and meal at Dayspring Church following the burial service.

For those wishing to give a memorial in lieu of flowers; please consider a gift in Thelma's name to Sheridan Senior Companions, The Sheridan Fire Department or the Ruby Valley Hospital.

Ernie Bigelow December 9, 1939 - October 25, 2015



Ernie Bigelow passed away on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, of respiratory com-

plications in Forsyth.

Ernie was born on Dec. 9, 1939, in Virginia City to Ed and Jean Bigelow. He joined two older brothers, Clifford and Clyde, and would be joined later by two younger sisters, Joyce and Patsy.

He grew up and went to grade school and high school in Ennis. He worked on many ranches in the Madison Valley at a young age.

He married Donna Munns from Alder. Ernie and Donna lived in Utah and Idaho for many years and had three daughters, Kena

Ann, Brenda and Bonnie.

Ernie moved back to Montana after his divorce and met and married Gloria Butkay. They lived in Hysham and later in Colstrip, where he and Gloria raised their daughter Laurie and son Ernie Jr.

Ernie worked for Western Energy as a mechanic superintendent in Colstrip from 1982 until he retired a few years ago.

He would always put a smile on your face with his story telling. He loved to come back to Ennis and visit with old friends and family in the valley.

Burial services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Colstrip cemetery.

Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Jean Bigelow; sister Joyce Bigelow Nelson; wife Gloria; and ex-wife Donna.

He is survived by daughters Kena Ann, Brenda, Bonnie, Laurie and Ernie Jr., and their spouses and nine grandchildren; brothers Clifford (Jonnie) Bigelow, Clyde (Roberta) Bigelow, sister Patsy (Tom) Savage and numerous nieces and nephews.

Thomas Miller July 17, 1932 - November 21, 2015



In loving memory of Thomas "Dad" Miller of McAllister. Born July 17, 1932, to parents

Frank and Mildred Miller of White Sulphur Springs, they moved to the Madison Valley shortly after, where Dad grew up on their ranch. In 1952, Dad enlisted with the Marine Corps where he served as MP, three years active duty and five years reserve. He married a wonderful, loving young woman, Dorma Hiatt, on Dec. 15, 1956. He then spent the majority of his remaining life on his ranch in McAllister as a rancher, outfitter and brand inspector for the Madison Valley, following his passions

for the outdoors, riding horses and working cattle. He passed peacefully and was surrounded by loved ones the evening of Nov. 21, 2015, in Kalispell.

Preceded in death by parents Frank and Millie and sister Gladys Marks.

Survived by siblings David, Denny, Larry, Ricky and Nora; children: Connie and Chris Hertel of Kamiah, Idaho, Debbie and Stephen Sartain of Walker, La., Tom Jr. and Jeanie Miller of Alvord, Texas, and Joy and Jay Fiedor of Kalispell; grandchildren

Rob, April, Kaya, Joshua and Kristina, Joe and Amber; and great-grandchildren Archer, Rylene, Shelby and Tessa.

"We all love you and shall miss you - our memories will be forever. So long Dad." Love, Your Family

The funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Ennis with Rev. Rick Johnson officiating. Cremation will follow services.

K&L Mortuaries and Crematory of Ennis is assisting with arrangements.

William "Bill" Struckman October 1, 1939 - November 15, 2015



William Richard Struckman, 76, of Ennis passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, Nov. 15, 2015, after a 20 year battle with Parkinson's disease. Bill was born Oct. 1, 1939, to William F. Struckman and Arlene Mitchell-Struckman in Big Springs, Neb. Bill was the middle child and only son of three. Bill grew up on a cattle

ranch in Ogallala, Neb., where he loved riding horses and all aspects of ranch life. After completing high school, he enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1965. Bill was honorably discharged from the Army in 1970. On a trip to Mexico City, Mexico, to visit his oldest sister, Beverly, he met his wife of 45 years,

Dolores. Bill and Dolores married on April 4, 1970, and moved to Los Angeles, Calif. They had two sons, Jeff and Brandon, and raised them in Riverside, Calif., where Bill worked for Northrup and Rohr Industries. Bill and his family vacationed in Ennis yearly and moved permanently upon his retirement in 1995.

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The first annual Walter's IGA "Fill the Pantry" food drive was a huge success. A heartfelt thank you is owed the Walter's family and their employees. The food collection bins were overflowing! The raffle and silent auctions were also big hits. The winners are: A&W chest, Scott Haymart; Refresherator, Brian Verhow; wine and cheese baskets: Erin Rossiter, Mark Savinski, Missy Wood, Mark Mehring and Alice Forwood.

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The Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City.



Virginia City, Sheridan, Twin Bridges mayors discuss room for city courts in county courthouse

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Out of all of Madison County's incorporated towns, Ennis is the only one with a formal city court. "(Virginia City, Sheridan and Twin Bridges) don't have focal points where they can hold court if the need arises," said commissioner Jim Hart. "It doesn't arise too often, but they need space for when it does." Mayors Robert Erdall (Virginia City), Tom Shaffer (Sheridan) and Tom Hyndman (Twin Bridges) approached the commissioners on Nov. 16 to ask if there would be space in the county

courthouse for city courts.

"The space is in the Justice Court," Hart said. "We asked (Justice of the Peace Suzanne Nellen) if she thought that was doable."

Nellen said she thinks there will be room in the new courtroom, which will be on the first floor of the courthouse.

"I said there's no problem with them using it when we aren't using it," Nellen said. "We can work with them on location. I was questioned if they could use my staff, and no, that won't work. But if they need a file cabinet and a place for court, we can probably help with that."

Both Hyndman and Shaffer said they think having a place to hold city court

will help each town enforce their specific ordinances.

"It gives us a little more leverage to enforce things," Hyndman said. "But we wouldn't hardly have any cases, just once in awhile."

Shaffer agreed, saying he thinks the need for holding court would be very "seldom."

"It would be more of a discouragement tool than actual punishment, per se," he said. "We hope that we can share a judge between Virginia City and Twin Bridges and Sheridan – we just need to come up with a suitable judge."

No formal decision was made on Nov. 16, but the commissioners scheduled another meeting with all three mayors for Dec. 7.

AROUND THE WORLD ... AND SETTLING IN MONTANA

Hi readers,

I found a stack of old pictures in a bin under my guest room bed last week and began reminiscing. Of particular interest were photos from my junior year of college. That was the year I spent traveling the world – first a study abroad semester in Ireland, and then an internship where I worked as a reporter in South Africa.

The experiences were incredible. I felt completely at home and at ease in Ireland. I lived in Cork, a town in the southwest. Though my reason for being there was to attend college (I mean ... I was, Mom, I promise!), I ended up spending most of my time exploring the Emerald Isle from coast to coast. I walked the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland (Google it) and hung my feet over the edge of the Cliffs of Moher (check out the photo!). I visited Dublin, Killarney and Limerick. And I absolutely loved living in Cork. I made lifelong friends

and felt closer than ever to my Irish heritage and ancestors.

Then it was back to Chicago and college for a few months before I packed my suitcase again – this time for a very different kind of adventure.

"You're going to keep me safe, right?"

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That was my last conversation before I threw my body off Bloukran's Bridge, the world's highest natural commercial bungee jump (yes, South Africans spell it with a 'y'). I hurtled down into a gorge at 120 km per hour, free falling for seven seconds before my bungee cord rebounded and pulled me into a huge upside down pendulum swing. And after the initial descent? A few seconds of pure silence and peace before a man was sent down in a sling to guide me back up to safety.

That's right. That experience happened after I hopped a plan to South Africa. Though I spent my weekdays hard at work as a reporter for the *Cape Times*, I spent my weekends exploring the country, which included bungee jumping. And sky diving. And petting cheetahs

and tigers. And going on safari. And it was awesome.

At the end of my time in Africa, I hopped through Europe on my way back to the states, and when my feet finally hit U.S. soil, I was actually happy to be home. Then I started to worry. I wondered if I would ever travel the world in that way again. Would my wanderlust continue?

It has, but it's changed. I'm enamored by Montana and instead of dreaming of faraway places, my dreams stay a little closer to home. Heck, Madison County still holds many places for me to explore.

No, I'm not jumping off a bridge in South Africa or feeling the spray from the Irish Sea on my face, but these are some of my happiest days. I admit I'm still a little bit of an adrenaline junkie, and I still have a travel bug, but not a faraway one. There's enough to do and see right in my own Montana backyard to keep me occupied for a lifetime.

Abigail

A short drop at the Cliffs of Moher.



One ... Two ... Three ... JUMP! Yep, that's me!

A PLACE FOR SENIORS IN TWIN BRIDGES

Caitlin Avey
THE MADISONIAN
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Construction on the Twin Bridges Senior Center is moving along – the hope is to have all contractors working inside by December, according to Ron Nye, Madison County commissioner and Twin Bridges Senior Center board member. "We're hoping to be done by March, depending on the weather," said Nye. Crews are working to get the building closed up as soon as possible and have the siding, windows and doors in and ready for installation.

"We're hopeful we can have a successful senior center and the more I look at it, the better I like it," Nye added.

It has been more than eight years since a group of citizens identified the need for a senior and community center in Twin Bridges. This time last year, the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center board closed on a property in town, which is the location of the construction. Initially, the board looked at purchasing already-existing buildings, but realized the remodel would be nearly as expensive as new construction.

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Twin Bridges community feast-ival

Submitted by Verta Dorseth

The Twin Bridges Community Association is sponsoring a Christmas feast-ival on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5 p.m. Activities planned from 6 to 8 p.m. include a chili feed, games for kids, hay rides around town to view the lights, pictures with Santa and turkey bingo. From 8 p.m. to midnight there will be an ugly sweater dance with the music being provided by DJ Sweet Tea.

56 years of serving pancakes

Submitted by Les Gilman

Fifty-six years ago, an enthusiastic group of young men followed the urging of their new young pastor, Rev. Tom Lane, and started the Sheridan United Methodist Men's Fellowship. To raise money for various worthwhile projects, the group decided to hold a pancake dinner. On Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, the 56th annual Methodist Men's Pancake Dinner will once again be held in Bethany Hall in Sheridan, where the first event was held on the first Sunday in December 1960.

One of the original charter members of the group is still active and will be there working in the kitchen. Jack Fenton has faithfully been found at the sink washing dishes. One can only imagine how many he has washed in 56 years. Many other things have remained unchanged over the years. The event is still held in Bethany Hall, the oldest Protestant church building still in continuous use in Montana. The menu is a tradition as well. Sourdough and golden buttermilk pancakes will once again be served, along with scrambled eggs, freshly made whole hog sausage and lots of hot coffee.

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Submitted by Maureen Curnow
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Brawl of the wild

Submitted by Chad Johnson

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supporting our local food bank. Students brought canned goods and nonperishable items to donate to local churches

and the Ruby Valley Food Bank, all in the spirit of a friendly competition among loyal Grizzly and Cat fans.

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Hey Duffy, you can't take the limelight all to yourself like last week. I'm the best looking guy in here. Just 'cause you're my brother doesn't mean you are the best (alho you might be my best brother haha)! I'm playful, loving, and all the rest, too. I think they should call me first. Altho I do have to say you are a bit more polite at the table than I am. I've got all the necessaries done and my shots are good until next year. Call on me soon (you can call Misty at 439-1405), purrese? Desmond

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Sunday



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Monday



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Hunters trek down the mountain into Bear Creek campground.



Robin Boyd records a plate number for his end of the year reports.

My first glimpse into big game season

A day in the life of our forest officials during hunting season

Caitlin Avey
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“Hey, how are you doing?” said a hunter as Robin Boyd approached his camp. “Doing well, we’re just out doing hunter patrols and checking in,” Boyd responded. With the final weekend approaching for big game season, the campground was flooded with camouflage and orange. “I’ve got my food stored in a hard sided container and leave it in my vehicle when I’m gone,” the hunter said, noting Boyd’s green uniform with the United States Forest Service emblem on the sleeve. Boyd, a forest service employee since 2008, is the Off Highway Vehicle Ranger on the Madison Ranger District, and works with the Be Bear Aware program, which teaches recreators, hunters, campers and visitors about bear safety. “That’s good to hear,” said Boyd, writing down the hunter’s vehicle plate number. After answering a few questions and leaving some maps, Boyd was on to the next campsite.

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As you enter Boyd’s office in the back of the Madison Ranger District office, you find old trail signs on the wall, plants soaking up any sun that shines through the western facing window and a round table, scattered with pamphlets, maps and tickets. To the left of his desk sits a backpack – full of extra gear, a briefcase and a clipboard. “Every morning before I go out, I check that I have all my reports and gear ready to go, and that I have extra maps of the area,” Boyd said. “I also check the battery pack,” he added, slapping his radio on the table. Boyd works every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday traveling around the district checking trailheads and campgrounds, and keeping an eye on signage while making sure people at the site are in compliance with forest service regulations. “I make sure to always have some maps of the area and I’ll hand out the Be Bear Aware pamphlets,” he said, handing me a pamphlet. The main purpose of his job is to determine how many people are utilizing the forest, making sure they are safely caring for and using the resource – he also issues warnings to those not in compliance. With hunting season in full swing, Boyd takes an extra careful look at camps and trailheads. “I was shocked,” he said referring to last year’s hunting season. “People just didn’t care.” The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is a popular place year round, but more so during hunting season. While the Madison Valley is heavily populated with both avid and novice hunters each season, it also sees a substantial amount of bear activity, according to Boyd. “(The Madison district) is one of the biggest areas for bears,” he said, shoving extra food storage requirement pamphlets into his briefcase. While most hunters are aware of the rules and regulations, some are not. “If I find a camp that is not in compliance, I’ll leave a warning with them and mark everything that is out of compliance and how to fix it,” Boyd said.

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As we loaded up the government rig, the wind blew bitterly cold. The night before brought a typical Southwest Montana snowstorm, so we were expecting some heavy snowfall in the mountains. We left the district office in Ennis and headed south toward Cameron. Our first destination was Bear Creek Campground. “Boy it’s slick,” Boyd said as we turned onto Bear Creek Loop, shifting the rig into a lower gear. As we made our way to the base of Sphinx Mountain, we were surprised at the minimal amount of snow. “I thought there would be a lot more snow,” Boyd laughed. We passed a few vehicles glassing for elk on the hillside, and pulled over in an attempt to spot some wildlife. “There must be something up in the brush,” Boyd said, staring intently into the distance, hovering for a minute before continuing to the campground. As we pulled in every campsite was occupied – some with wall tents, others with wall tents and horses and some with just trailers. “I’ll write down each plate number and if there is a tent or trailer, if they have horses or ATVs,” Boyd said as he wrote down the plate number of a white Durango. Because the legal camping limit is no more than 16 days, writing the plate number helps Boyd keep track of how long vehicles have been at camp. Boyd is of average height and size with speckled gray hair and a friendly face. However, that did not stop hunters and campers from getting nervous at first glance. The sight of government plates and a green badge instantly put hunters on the defense,

but upon further conversation, people seemed to realize he was just doing his job. “You just want people to be safe,” he said. After recording each campsite and visiting with a few hunters, it was back to the rig and onto the next site to repeat the process.

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Going into this, I knew nothing about hunting and, to be honest, I never really cared to learn until I moved to Madison County. I grew up in an outdoorsy Montana family, but hunting and fishing are unfamiliar to me. Since I now live in a town where the lifestyle is focused around the outdoors and hunting and fishing are economic drivers, I thought it was important to get in the know. While you probably will not see me sporting camouflage and orange or hauling a deer carcass down a hillside, I have a new appreciation for those who do. I have an even greater appreciation for those working to keep our forests healthy and protected – be it a Forest Service employee or a responsible recreator.



Clockwise from left: Boyd checks a camp with horses to make sure they are using weed free hay. The colored twine around the hay identifies whether it is weed free or not. To be in compliance with regulations, hay has to be weed free. Boyd chats with a hunter at the Indian Creek Trailhead.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Tips to overcome life's obstacles

Submitted by StatePoint

Sometimes it can seem impossible to surmount life's obstacles, particularly if you have been dealt more than your fair share. But you can often draw on the strength of others for inspiration and helpful advice, especially those who have gracefully overcome difficult trials of their own.

Author and musician Vanessa Leigh Hoffman first learned of the power of her own strength as a teenager when she was undergoing chemotherapy while attending school and

writing and recording music.

"One can conquer anything he or she puts a focus on," said Hoffman, who over the course of her life, endured both stage three Hodgkin's disease and a car accident that left her in a coma for close to two weeks. "After my accident, I had to relearn to walk, talk, write, sing and do even the most menial tasks."

While not everyone will have to deal firsthand with that much tragedy, we are all subjected to unexpected challenges in our daily lives. To help, Hoffman is offering some practical

insights for coping with everything, big or small.

- Be inspired: Allow your negative experiences to be your inspiration.

- Do not be disheartened:


Whether it is discouraging feedback from a teacher or a bleak prognosis from a doctor, do not let the words of experts, however well-intentioned, define the scope of your potential. After Hoffman's accident, the medical team caring for her predicted that she would never talk, walk, read or write again. Instead of resigning herself to their expectations, she became a veritable

renaissance woman, as a singer-songwriter, businesswoman and author fluent in four languages, amongst other varied pursuits.

- Have goals: It is easy to let your goals fall by the wayside, particularly when life's challenges prove time consuming, distracting and demoralizing. By embracing your passions and pursuing those things that you hold most dear, it will be easier to stay motivated to follow through.


When life gets tough, do not focus on despair. By allowing endurance and perseverance to rule the day, you can achieve more of what you set out to do.





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3 habits for healthy skin this season

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Want a glowing complexion? The services of a professional esthetician can run you a pretty penny, but luckily, an at-home routine can promote great skin too.

For a convenient and affordable spa effect at home, consider the following.

Healthy habits

Your skin truly is a reflection of your overall health, so adopting habits that benefit the entire body is crucial for a glowing complexion. Strive for a well-balanced diet, rich with essential vitamins and nutrients and be sure to stay hydrated. If you are a smoker with a desire to quit, the promise of healthier skin may just be the motivation needed to kick the habit. Drink in moderation. Lastly, get plenty of exercise – just be sure to wash up shortly afterward to avoid clogged pores.

At-home care

Innovations in the skin care marketplace are making it easier to develop a routine at home that promotes the same smooth, glowing skin you can get from a spa treatment.

On a daily basis, first use your favorite cream, lotion or oil cleanser with its warming makeup removal plate to loosen and remove

makeup with its heated makeup removal plate. Then, use a foaming cleanser along with the Japanese-style cleaning brush to cleanse your skin, purify pores and gently remove dirt, excess oil and lingering makeup.

Supplement this routine with more targeted cleansing twice a week.

Rest and relaxation

Between packed schedules and a screen-loving culture, it can be difficult for lights-out to occur at a reasonable hour. However, proper rest is needed for your body to function at its peak – and of course, a good night's sleep is the basis of the concept of beauty rest. The National Sleep Foundation recommends that adults ages 18 to 64 should aim for seven to nine hours nightly

Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services links stress with acne and other skin problems. Whether you prefer bubble baths, a yoga practice or quality time with friends, for the sake of skin beauty and health (as well as your happiness), take time out from your schedule to reduce stress.

Get smart about your skin care – a DIY approach can be an affordable and convenient way to get the glowing skin you want.

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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



Lightening the load in the valley

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light ..."
(Episcopal Prayer Book)

It is now just about a month before Christmas. Happy Thanksgiving!

As you read this, a significant number of turkeys will have fulfilled their destinies in this mortal life, and now turkeys of another sort will begin crawling down crowded malls, creeping through crammed stores and clicking through the world-wide-web, seeking the reason for the season, the meaning of Christmas and (maybe) "the perfect gift."

It is a crazy time of year, and as I have gotten older, I have come to appreciate just how fast time flies. Further, I am aware of how less and less capable I am of keeping up with the frenetic pace of our world and culture. I am fully in sympathy with the character who cries out, "Stop the world; I want to get off!"

Each of us comes to this season, like Santa, with a bag full of stuff; but unlike Santa, our bags contain trash we have accumulated over the years. We're so used to carrying it around we are unaware we even have a burden. I wonder if snails know they are hauling a house around with them. No wonder they are so sluggish.

Santa, of course, has the right idea. This is the season for lightening the load, not increasing it.

One of the perverse realities of human ingenuity is our capacity to take a good idea and twist it so badly that it is no longer good, but toxic.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" is a wonderful truism and yet look at what we do with it: we are wracked with guilt when we receive a gift from someone we didn't buy a gift for; the average American (Note: singular) spends \$750 – \$950 on gifts and accessories for Christmas; and we buy gifts on credit (which means we spend money we don't have in hand).

At the end of the day, many of us don't feel blessed; we're worn out and frustrated, our nerves are frazzled and we're about as far from "love

of God, love of neighbor and love of self" as we can get.

So what can we do?

A good friend of mine shared an outline he and his family have adopted as a means of reigning in some of the excesses of Christmas and I would like to pass them along to you for your consideration.

The first is this: Jesus is a radically free person; he came to liberate others. To prepare for the birth of the savior, we are invited to identify what's in the bag (more than "what's in the box") and eliminate everything that does not promote a life of love, joy, peace and happiness. Start with the world's expectation, then the expectations of others and finally your own expectations. In other words, "Cast aside the works of darkness."

Secondly, Jesus respects all life; he came that we might have life in its fullness. To honor the birth of the savior, we are invited to participate in activities and events that improve our relationships and personal well-being. Don't waste precious resources on impersonal gift cards or meaningless gifts, but choose gifts that will delight both the recipient and the giver (by being meaningful, not by being expensive).

Thirdly, Jesus cares about all people; he came to involve himself with others. To experience the birth of the savior we are invited to set aside the bag entirely and invest our time in worship and in service; being truly "present" with those we visit, write or call on during the season. We are invited to be the hands and feet of the savior during this season, visiting others with the goodness of the "real presence" of Christ.

These changes will not come easily, of course, as they fly in the face of what we have come to expect during the holidays. We may find ourselves standing alone among others who don't understand the choices we've made, but by being unburdened by seasonal expectations, being intentional and thoughtful in our giving and by being truly present with others, we can cast aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light in this, our valley. Happy Advent, folks!

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NATURAL Resource News

By Jane Mangold
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ENEMY OF THE ENEMY: *Native parasitoids associated with knapweed biocontrols*

Under classical biological control, agents are released against target non-native weeds under the assumption that the weed is successful in its invaded range due to the lack of natural enemies. During importation and release of a new biocontrol agent, measures are taken to ensure that the agent is free of parasitoids. Parasitoids are insects that have a life stage that develops on or within a single insect host, ultimately killing the host. The screening of biocontrol agents to ensure they are free of parasitoids is important because agents in their introduced range are more likely to be effective in areas where their own natural enemies are absent. Unfortunately, biocontrol agents may not remain enemy-free because introduced organisms can become prey to parasitoids that are native in the new environment.

Studies conducted in South Africa and New Zealand have shown that attack of introduced biocontrol agents by native parasitoids is common and can inhibit success of the agent in achieving control of a pest. Parasitism of weed biocontrol agents in the United States has been reported in

numerous cases, including agents released for control of non-native thistles, yellow starthistle, rush skeletonweed and spotted knapweed.

Biological control of spotted knapweed began in the 1970s, and since that time 13 agents have been released. Relatively little is known about

parasitoids attacking spotted knapweed biocontrol agents in their introduced range and the degree to which they may limit biocontrol efficacy. Parasitism is highly likely, however, given that these agents have been present for decades and such relationships usually take time to develop. Seven studies investigating parasitism of spotted knapweed biocontrol agents have been published and all were focused on seedhead-feeding Urophora flies, the earliest agents released. Given the limited scope of previous work and the potential impact to biocontrol efficacy, we believed further research was warranted.

We conducted a study to identify parasitoids attacking spotted knapweed biocontrol agents in Montana and determine the percent parasitism of any host-parasitoid associations found. Roots and seedheads of spotted knapweed were collected from 45 sites in western Montana over a two-year period, and monitored for insect emergence. Of the 13 biocontrol agents released

against spotted knapweed, 10 were reared from plant material collected. Nine species of parasitoids emerged, four of which were previously unknown associations with these biocontrol agents. Host associations were determined for three of the parasitoid species and others were inferred based on previous studies. Parasitism rates of Urophora affinis were surprisingly high, reaching 100 percent in some cases. The long-term vulnerability of biocontrol agents to parasitism by native organisms is a concern for the practice of classical biological control, especially for agents that have been established for several decades and thus merits further research attention.

You can read about this study in detail here: <http://www.msuxextension.org/invasiveplantsMangold/research/Herron-Sweet%20et%20al%202015%20Biological%20Control.pdf>
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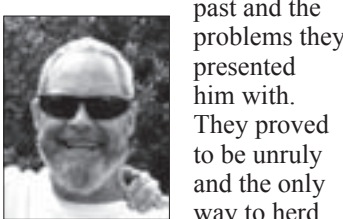


Rev. Keith Axberg

The goats of Madison County

By Charlie Rossiter

I recently was talking to a friend who was telling me he had raised some goats in years past and the problems they presented him with.



Charlie Rossiter

They proved to be unruly and the only way to herd these hairy devils proved to be with a 7MM rifle. They are very hard headed and a non-conformist animals, and no amount of reasoning will help when dealing with them. This reminded me of one of my father's stories.

An interesting side story on Frank B. Linderman's time here in the Ruby Valley has

to do with a joint venture into raising Angora goats with my grandfather. They had read up on how simple it was in brochures. They, the goats, were gentle and loving, stayed close together and were easy to herd. My dad was to be the herder, and would run them in the Blacktail Mountains north of Whitehall.

When the train bearing the goats came in and they were unloaded, the animals proved not to be docile but each with a mind of his own. Only after much running and whooping could they be induced to hit the road for the Blacktail, and once there they seldom were together except when finally bedded down for the night. Dad said every morning each

goat would decide which direction he would like to go that day, and it took great perseverance to change his mind. This behavior went on all summer and although dad got physically fit, so did the goats. In one instance where dad found a coyote feasting on a young goat, he killed it, and in his anger pumped the remaining shells into the coyote's carcass.

Later, he said the coyote pelt would have proved more valuable than the goat.

In the fall they had three sheepshearers come out to shear the goats and the men fell right to work in the improvised shearing pen. But goats are not sheep. Sheep lie languidly in the shearer's hold while

he clips away. Goats do not. They resist all the way, and one of them reached around and took a firm bite at the shearer's private parts. By morning, it was difficult to tell goats from shearers. They were all covered with blood and they had sheared only eight! Needless to say, the shearers pulled out at daylight. The goats, sometime subsequently, were sold for \$1 a head.

Many years later, Dad received a letter from Frank who was apparently in a pensive mood and wrote, "Chick, do you remember the goats on the Blacktail where we believed we were raising mohair at 25 cents per pound? Instead we were only raising hell with a little hair on it."

Commodity Insite! What we know: Part three

by Jerry Welch

We know for a fact that the entire Big Four – stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities – are in the grips of extreme market conditions. We also know that the weather, domestically and globally, are also showing signs of extreme conditions. An English expression purportedly to be a translation of an old Chinese curse goes like this: "May you live in interesting times." By any measure, we certainly live in interesting times. Extreme times in my view.

The first day of this week, a United Nations weather agency, the World Meteorological Organization, issued a warning that El Nino is already causing severe droughts and flooding across the world. It was interesting reading, but to be perfectly frank, we already knew that. Still, to be greeted on the first day of the week with further news and confirmation

that the weather is whacky and going to get more so as 2016 draws near was sobering. Especially sobering for agricultural producers from one end of the globe to the other.

The WMO chief Michel Jarraud said, "Severe droughts and devastating flooding being experienced throughout the tropics and sub-tropical zones bear the hallmarks of this El Nino, which is the strongest in more than 15 years." He also warned, "While scientific understanding of the phenomenon has increased due to (recent) climate changes it could be playing out in uncharted territory." In my view, "uncharted territory" is an extreme.

Here again, we know all that, as I highlighted some of those weather extremes now taking place in the past few issues of this column. Now, let's look at some

market extremes also playing out in "uncharted territory." The first that comes to mind is what is being called the Mysterious Meat Meltdown, which is underway in the livestock complex.

Cash and futures prices for hogs have dropped 20 percent in a month. In mid-October, one of the best performing markets anywhere were hogs as demand for pork was stellar. But then the World Health Organization came out with a misleading report claiming that processed meats such as bacon and sausage caused cancer. Immediately, hog prices began to slump and the market moved from a five and one-half month high to a six year low in the short span of 12 trading sessions. Historically, the hog market has never done such a thing. However, in today's highly charged environment amid extremes seen everywhere, hog prices simply

melted down to put it mildly. Cash cattle and futures prices have also melted away. Cattle prices from June to the final day of September fell approximately \$25 but the market caught a stiff bid in October and rallied a whopping \$22. It seemed as if the cattle market was poised to rally higher yet. But as pork prices came under heavy selling pressure, cattle prices quickly followed suit and fell \$17 in November with the month only half over.

In December 2003, the first case of mad cow disease was discovered and cattle futures moved from about \$99 to \$77 in one month. But this year, in the absence of news (I do not consider the, "meat causes cancer" news from WHO as accurate, legitimate or bonafide), livestock prices have mysteriously melted down. I attribute the extreme weakness

to the times in which we live. They are interesting and extreme.

Another market caught in grips of extreme price swings are stocks, shares, equities and the Dow Jones. For instance, in late August and early September, the S&P fell to its lowest level since 2009 and 2011. As a result, the third quarter of the year showed a loss of 8 percent. In October, the first month of the fourth quarter, on the other hand, the S&P rallied 8 percent. It took three months to drive the market down 8 percent but one month to recoup the gains. Similar to livestock prices, stocks peaked on the first day of November and have slipped in the first two weeks of this month.

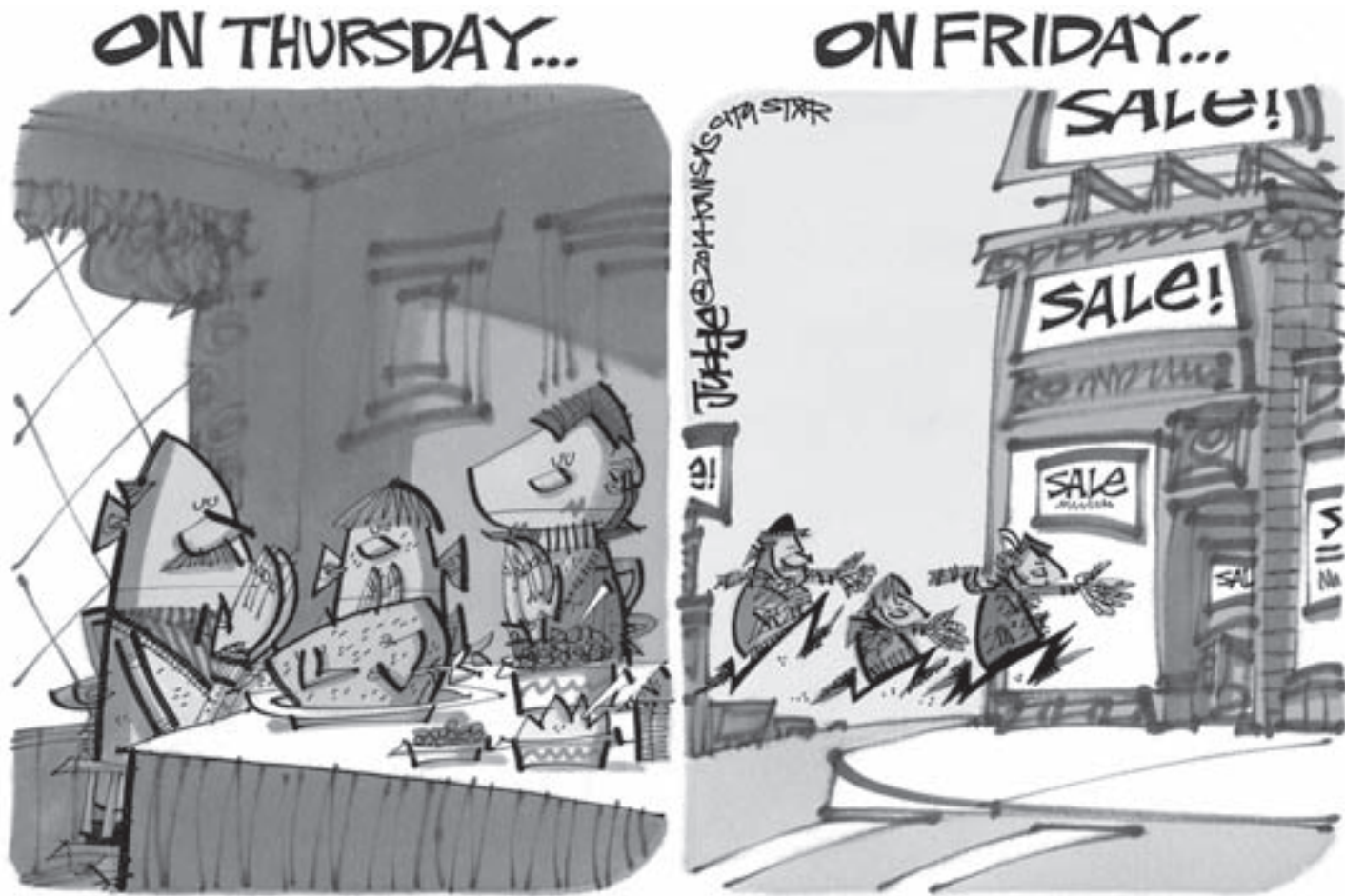
Another extreme that flies in the face of the news surrounding El Nino is the CRB Index that is weighted towards grains and livestock. The Index fell to a new 13 year low this week as commodities per se did a

nosedive. Thus, as the news, the warnings, the hand wringing about the impact an El Nino and extreme weather patterns can have on agricultural crops and commodities across the globe, the CRB Index is shrugging off the ill tidings and showing no willingness to rally.

The United Nations weather agency is touting the perils of El Nino and what it means for agriculture. United States livestock producers are shell shocked as the Mysterious Meat Meltdown continues with no signs of ending anytime soon. The volatility in the "security" markets is intensifying which means there is the potential for less "security" moving forward. And the CRB Index is resting on a new, 13 year low.

What gives you ask? What gives and what we know is times are extreme, weather wise and market wise.

COMICS & PUZZLES



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- 14 Lecher's look
- 15 Had on
- 16 Make a mistake
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- 18 Skewered entree
- 20 Swerve
- 22 Namely (Abbr.)
- 24 Paid escort
- 28 Shameless hussy
- 32 Andrea — (ill-fated ship)
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- 36 — -do-well
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- 44 Cowardly one in Oz
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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Tharpe

The Perfect "Non-Fruitcake" Holiday Fruitcake

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- Janet

Texas Cowboy Cake

What You Need

- 3 c sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp cloves, ground
- 2 c water
- 1 c strong brewed coffee
- 1 box raisins, 15 oz.
- 1 box dates, chopped, 8 oz.
- 3/4 c butter
- 4 1/2 c all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tbsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 c chopped pecans
- 1/2 c light corn syrup
- 1 c pecans, halved
- 2 tbsp bourbon or rum (opt)

- Reduce heat and let simmer 5 min. Remove to cool.
- Sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.
- Once cooled to lukewarm, slowly stir the liquid spice/fruit mixture into dry ingredients. Fold in chopped pecans.
- Pour into two large well-greased loaf pans.
- Arrange pecan halves in a decorative pattern on the top of the loaves.
- Bake 1 hr at 300 degrees.
- With a brush, gently apply a coat of corn syrup over the cakes. (A few tablespoons of bourbon or rum may be added to the corn syrup.)
- Continue baking 1 hr, or until a toothpick come out of the cakes cleanly. Cool.
- For an adult dessert, a few tablespoons of bourbon or rum can be poured on each slice prior to serving.

Directions

- Combine first 8 ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a low boil while stirring continually.

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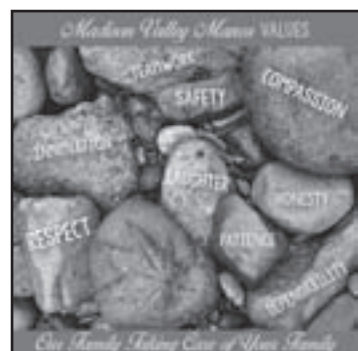


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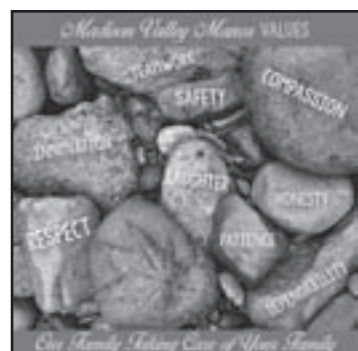
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4-2-b

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5-2-b

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3-4-b

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1-tfc-b

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15-tfc

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5-2-b

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WANTED

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on January 25, 2016, at 11:00 AM at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company of Montana located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:

Acre Tract 49 in the Townsite of Sheridan, Madison County, Montana, according to the official amended Plat of said Townsite on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana

ALICE K. BARNETT, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to American Land Title Co., as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust on December 26, 2008, and recorded on December 30, 2008 as Document No. 129506. The beneficial interest is currently held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC. First American Title Company, LLC is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana.

The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$266.11, beginning May 1, 2015, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of September 1, 2015 is \$41,315.43 principal, interest at the rate of 5.75000% totaling \$989.85, late charges in the amount of \$53.24, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$656.01, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$6.60 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: September 17, 2015

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

On this 17 day of September, 2015 before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Kaitlin Gotch, know to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Dalia Martinez
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission expires: 02/15/2020

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sioners' Meeting Room, Madison County Administration Building, 103 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Montana, before the Commissioners take final action. Written comments must be received by the end of the hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Madison County Commissioners at P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755, or e-mailed to madco@madison.mt.gov. Review copies of the Virginia City Growth Policy document are available at several locations: (1) Madison County Commissioners Office, Madison County Planning Office, and Madison County Clerk & Recorder's Office in Virginia City; (2) Thompson-Hickman Public Library, Virginia City; (3) Town of Virginia City office; and (4) Madison County website, www.madison.mt.gov. (Pub. Nov 26, Dec 3 2015)mcc
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BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT MADISON COUNTY

At a regular meeting of the board of trustees of Ennis School District No. 52, Madison County, Montana, held November 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ennis High School, the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, the trustees of Ennis School District No. 52, Madison County, Montana, have made a determination that as a result of unanticipated enrollment increase the district's budget for the general fund does not provide sufficient financing to properly maintain and support the district for the entire current school year; and

WHEREAS, the trustees have determined that an amendment to the K-12 general fund budget in the amount of \$18,219.49 is necessary under the provision of Section 20-9-161(1), MCA; for the purpose of providing funds to support the General Fund for the proper maintenance and operation of the K-12 Program of the District for the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated source of financing the budget amendment expenditures shall be direct state aid;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 52, Madison County, Montana, proclaims a need for an amendment to the K-12 General fund budget for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of \$18,219.49 under Section 20-9-161(1) MCA, for the purpose identified above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Ennis School District No. 52, Madison County, Montana, will meet at 5:00 p.m. at Ennis High School on December 9, 2015 for the purpose of considering and adopting the budget amendment. (Pub. Nov 26, 2015)es
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF DISTRICT REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given by the trustees of Twin Bridges Public Schools, School District No. 7 of Madison County, state of Montana that pursuant to 20-6-604 (MCA) a resolution adopted at a meeting of the board of trustees of the school district held on the 17th day of November, 2015 states the following:

WHEREAS, the trustees of School District 7, Twin Bridges, Madison County, Montana, have made a determination that real or personal property of the district has become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable or unsuitable for the district's needs for the schools; THEREFORE, the trustees have determined that these items shall be sold or otherwise disposed by the district in accordance with section 20-6-604, MCA, and proceeds from this sale shall be placed in the district flex fund; and

WHEREAS, this resolution may not become effective for fourteen (14) days after the notice required in subsection (3) of 20-6-604, MCA, is made. The trustees shall provide notice of the resolution as required by law. A taxpayer may appeal the resolution of the trustees, at any time prior to the effective date of the resolution, to the district court by filing a verified petition with the clerk of the court and serving a copy of the petition upon the district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Twin Bridges School District 7, Madison County, Montana, authorizes the sale/disposal of said property by best established means according to the District Superintendent. Dated and posted this 17th day of November, 2015.

** Items include green/orange phonics books, spelling workbooks, you and your body workbooks, SRA student record books, basic reader books and many other odds and ends that simply don't support our current curriculum.

***The complete list of items can be found at the District office...please call 406-684-5656 for more information!
(Pub. Nov 26, 2015) tbs
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: MICKEY NARANCHICH, aka MICKEY NARANACHE, Deceased.

Cause No. DP-29-2015-30
That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to TREVOR NEIL NARANACHE, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 63372 Freedom Place, Bend, OR 97701, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Dated: November 7, 2015
TREVOR NEIL NARANACHE
/s/ Trevor Neil Naranache
Personal Representative
STATE OF OREGON
) ss

COUNTY OF Deschutes)
TREVOR NEIL NARANACHE, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.

TREVOR NEIL NARANACHE
/s/ Trevor Neil Naranache
Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of November, 2015.
LAURA I. KOELLER
/s/ Laura I. Koeller
Notary Public for the State of Oregon
Residing at: Bend, Oregon
My Commission expires: Feb. 1, 2019
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, 2015) km

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: ROBERT SECRIST NELSEN, also known as ROBERT S. NELSEN, Deceased.

Cause No. DP-29-2015-29
That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to MICHAEL CHRISTIAN NELSEN, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 290 South 300 West, Brigham City, UT 84302, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Dated: November 6, 2015
MICHAEL CHRISTIAN NELSEN
/s/ Michael Christian Nelsen
Personal Representative
STATE OF MONTANA)
) ss
COUNTY OF MADISON)
MICHAEL CHRISTIAN NELSEN, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.

MICHAEL CHRISTIAN NELSEN
/s/ Michael Christian Nelsen
Personal Representative
/s/ JANET R. COOKSON
Janet R. Cookson
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: Ennis, MT
My Commission expires: 1/30/2017
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, 2015) km

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting notice for our next commission meeting. It will be held December 3, 2015, 9:00 AM at the Rehearsal Hall, 316 W. Idaho St., Virginia City, MT.
(Pub. Nov 26, 2015) mh
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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.

Payment of taxes may be made at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, MT, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on legal holidays or at any time before the due date. Taxes may be mailed to Madison County Treasurer, P.O. Box 247, Virginia City MT, 59755, postmarked no later than November 30, 2015. PLEASE NOTE: IF TAXES ARE PAID AFTER THIS DATE, PENALTIES AND INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED AND YOUR CHECK WILL BE SENT BACK TO COLLECT THEM. PLEASE CALL FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT OWED AFTER THE DUE DATE! WE NOW HAVE A NIGHT DROP AT THE REAR ENTRANCE OF THE COURTHOUSE WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED UNTIL 5:00 PM. NOVEMBER 30, 2015 FOR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.

Telephone inquiries may be made to 406-843-4212 or e-mail sburke@madison.mt.gov
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To pay by Credit Card call 1-800-272-9829 Jurisdiction Code 3614 with a 3% charge or use officialpayments.com, e-check is also available for \$3.00 charge
Night drop at the rear entrance of the Courthouse

Thank you!

The Ennis Government Study Commission would like to thank the community for the support on the survey we just conducted. We'd also like to give special thanks to the government class at Ennis High School for help in assembly and mailing of the surveys.

Results will be posted at the Post Office, Town Hall and Madison Valley Public Library.

Thank you so much,
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

The area surrounding the Virginia City Kid's Pond, and the adjacent roadway known as the Prospector Mine Road, will be closed to the public due to construction on the Kid's Pond embankment and outlet structures until further notice.

Please call Rowe Excavation at (406)683-6556 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding,
Ruby Valley Conservation District

Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation already halfway to \$2.5 million goal

Submitted by Nondi Harrington

The future of healthcare in the Ruby Valley just got brighter with the launch of a major fundraising effort to build a new healthcare facility to serve the region.

The Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation has obtained \$1,174,000 for the Ruby Valley Hospital and Medical

Center. Just days after the kickoff event, the Helmsley Charitable Trust announced a \$400,000 grant to fund a new CT Scanner for the hospital, adding to the momentum of fundraising efforts.

"The interest and support shown for this project is a testament to the amount of planning and thought that went into the project," said

Les Gilman, chairman of the foundation's board of directors. "Most of the gifts we've already received are local, showing just how much this community believes in the need for healthcare and a new facility."

The result of a 10-year planning process plans for the new Ruby Valley Hospital and Medical Center to have

an expanded clinic space, emergency medical facilities, and improved x-ray and diagnostic equipment, as well as a myriad of improvements aimed at efficiency, patient privacy and comfort. The new facility will be built on land already owned by the foundation and adjacent to the current Ruby Valley Hospital. "The new facility allows

us to modernize and expand our healthcare service offerings to meet the needs of the Ruby Valley," said John Semingson, Chief Executive Officer of the Ruby Valley Hospital. "This is entirely about caring for the community."

Construction is expected to begin this upcoming summer.

"The Ruby Valley Hospital has been taking care of our community for over 60 years," said Ken Walsh, president of the Ruby Valley Hospital's board of trustees. "Now our community is returning the favor and making sure the hospital is around to care for generations to come."

Hunters check station

Julie Cunningham
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Saturday and Sunday Nov. 21 and 22, the Cameron check station was open from 10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Personnel included Julie Cunningham with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Cheyenne Stirling and Sam Allen from Montana State University. Although temperatures were in the 20

degree Fahrenheit range, the high winds made for a cold weekend. Some snow fell during the week.

We checked 273 hunters on Saturday and 255 hunters on Sunday for a total of 528 hunters. Game checked included 64 elk, 21 mule deer, and 10 white-tailed deer. The resulting hunter success rate was 18 percent.

The fifth weekend of season was busier than average, with more hunters,

more harvest and higher success rate. Technically, within recent average due to an unusually high harvest in 2010 (139 elk), total elk harvest was the second-highest on record (1989-present). As elk move out of the mountains to lower-elevation winter ranges, the percent of checked elk harvested on private lands has increased from five percent during the first weekend to 48

percent this weekend.

Antlered buck mule deer harvest was above recent average for the fifth weekend of season. The 21 buck mule deer checked was the most checked since 1992 (25 antlered bucks) with the record number of bucks checked in 1991 (33 antlered bucks). Total white-tailed deer checked was also above average and near records (most checked included 11 in 2006, 2003, and 1995).



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842-5602

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12:10 p.m.
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Thurs, November 26: CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

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Submitted by Sunni Heikes-Knapton



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Submitted by Justin Gatewood



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A temporary home for refugees

Submitted by
Elisabeth Mann, McAllister

If one happens to travel to Western Europe and is looking for a topic of conversation, mention refugees and the conversation may never end.

There are many passionate opinions for and against the masses of people who arrive daily looking for shelter, safety and/or a new life for themselves and their families. No matter what the opinions are of the denizens of Europe, the stream of refugees keeps coming, so a good solution must be found on how to deal with the situation.

While visiting with friends and relatives in the Netherlands, I had the opportunity to visit one of the several refugee camps that are situated in this tiny country of 18 million people. There are currently 4 million people who are escaping the conditions in their homelands; more are trying to do the same.

I was hoping to get an impression of the way these desperate people were housed and treated and yet keep an open mind without forming a political opinion. These refugees had walked hundreds of miles with their children and all the personal belongings they could possibly carry. We have all heard the horror stories about the perilous water crossings they had to make while being at the mercy of

money-hungry people who use rickety and unsafe water vessels to transport them. Thousands of people have drowned while trying to escape a civil war that is causing death and destruction.

The camp in the Netherlands I visited is located in a wooded area about half a mile removed from the residential area of Heumensoord, near the historical city of Nijmegen.

It was a blustery but dry day; the trees were still trying to hold on to the last of their colorful leaves. While my sister and I walked the half a mile toward the temporary settlement, we encountered several pedestrians. Judging by their garb and appearance, they were people from the Middle East. Many of them seemed cold, but all of them had a ready smile for us.

There were small groups of women, couples and families with children. The communication was difficult because none of them spoke the Dutch language, however, some of them were able to express themselves with a few words of English. I later found out most of the people we met were well educated, leaving behind what used to be comfortable homes and decent lives.

After a 20-minute walk through the woods, we arrived at a large, fenced-in area where a security guard checked the coming and going of all people.

We were allowed to enter the camp after we explained that we were hoping to volunteer and were looking for the administration building.

The first impression that we received was of a clean and well-organized temporary settlement. Children were riding on donated bicycles and young boys were playing volleyball. The surroundings consisted of large buildings resembling enormous containers made out of thick plastic panels. The pedestrian pathways, made of large, concrete slabs, were free from dirt, water puddles and mud.

This temporary village housed 2,200 refugees and was constructed within two weeks; another 800 people were expected to arrive soon. Enormous cables were visible on the ground, supplying the inhabitants with electricity. We noticed a laundromat that housed at least 30 washers.

Two volunteers were waiting for potential students to teach the Dutch language to these newcomers. They explained to us that only one-third of the refugees came from Syria; the remainders were from African countries and from Eastern Europe. Those who arrived to escape the political situation in their country will probably receive asylum; the remainder may be sent back to their country of origin.

Several families have to share the barracks that can accommodate about 50 people each. People with different cultures, customs, religions and languages are living under one roof. Naturally, tension, disagreements, confusion and misunderstandings sometimes arise.

The majority of occupants are expected to stay at the camp for three months and then be relocated elsewhere within the Netherlands to eventually rebuild their lives, hoping to reunite with their families they left behind. Syrians started their dangerous and arduous trip on foot, travelling long distances to parts of the world mostly unknown to them, surviving only on hope.

Many European countries are overwhelmed by this massive influx of people and are trying to stop this migration into their territory for several reasons: economics, overpopulation, fear and misunderstanding.

However, what I have mostly observed was the compassion and volunteerism of this host country: clothing, toys for children and contributions keep pouring in every day.

My experience with these temporary homes for refugees has reassured me about the basic goodness of mankind. The situation at the refugee camp was not perfect, but at least people are reaching out for those in need.

National Park Service and State of Montana release public scoping comment report for Yellowstone-area bison management plan

Submitted by Sandra Snell-Dobert
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

The National Park Service and the State of Montana announced the release of the public scoping comment report for the Yellowstone-area Bison Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

The public scoping comment period for the Plan/EIS began on March 16, 2015, and closed on June 15, 2015. During this comment period, the NPS and the State held three open houses to provide information regarding the planning effort and encourage the public to submit their comments and ideas for consideration.

Over 3,000 pieces of individual correspondence were received including letters and online comment submissions. Approximately 8,830 individual comments were identified within those correspondences.

The scoping report is being released and is based on the comments received. The report has two components. The first provides a summary of comments received by comment topic and includes demographic information from commenters. The second provides a more in-depth look at the public comments and includes representative quotes for each topic. The report may be viewed and further information

obtained on the project website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/YELLBisonPlan>.

The NPS and state of Montana will use the comments received to further refine and

develop the alternatives for inclusion in the draft EIS. The public will be invited to comment on the draft EIS, which is expected to be released in late summer 2016.

Safety advised on National Forest during trapping season

SUBMITTED BY LEONA RODERICK
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE
NATIONAL FOREST

Montana's trapping season is in full swing and the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest wants to offer important reminders for all winter recreation activities.

Melany Glossa, BDNF supervisor, said "Montana's Fish Wildlife and Parks has trap setback requirements from roads, trails and campgrounds and most trappers take additional efforts to place traps in areas well away from those frequented by other recreationists."

Dog owners and others concerned about trapping can minimize risks by staying on well-used routes and keeping pets close by when hiking, snowshoeing or skiing.

Glossa added "keeping

pets close to you while out in the woods helps reduce not only accidental trapping concerns but also keeps pets from unnecessarily harassing wildlife."

According to FWP, winter recreationists should be on the lookout for signs of trapping activity; a lightly traveled snowmobile track or a few footsteps in the snow may indicate a trapper's presence and should be avoided.

Recreationists who want to learn more about Montana's trapping season should visit <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/trapping/>.

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Everyone in the community is invited to this concert for the Sheridan Elementary students at 8:30 a.m. in the school gym and again at 10:30 a.m. for the junior high and high school. This phenomenal band will entertain you and expand your knowledge of world drumming.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving dinner, Sheridan

All are welcome to Thanksgiving dinner at Bethany Hall with food provided by local churches. Reservations are appreciated so we have plenty for everyone. Call 842-5345 or 842-5128 for more information.

Thanksgiving dinner, Twin

The Wagon Wheel Steakhouse and BBQ is having a traditional Thanksgiving dinner

from 12 – 3 p.m. All are welcome.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28

Christmas decorating, Virginia City

Community get together to make decorations for the town. Bring dried plant materials, gloves and shears or pruners and creative ideas. Greenery and ribbon supplied. Will work again on Sunday Nov. 29th in the afternoon if needed. Pack a lunch stay all-day or just a few hours. Begins at 10 a.m. at the Elks Lodge.

Farmers market, Virginia City

Come enjoy the warmth and good cheer at the 2015 Virginia City Christmas farmers market located at 405 W. Wallace Street, across from the Opera House. Market dates are four consecutive Saturdays, beginning Nov. 28 and ending Dec. 19. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Holiday bazaar, Ennis

The 42nd annual Madison Valley Woman's Club holiday bazaar begins at 9 a.m. at the elementary school. Arts, crafts, food items, beauty products, wreaths and more. Lunch provided by Madison Valley Medical Center Relay for Life Team.

Small business Saturday, Sheridan

Shop small on small business Saturday starting at 8 a.m.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

Reception, Sheridan

The Sheridan library would like to invite you to a reception to be held at the library. Holiday refreshments will be served. You can view the archive addition and see our plans for archive shelving. Begins at 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

BAH, Ennis

Business after hours will be hosted by Fan Mountain Inn and 3 Rivers Communications on Dec. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fan Mountain Inn. Free networking event open to all Chamber members and their guests.

Music program, Ennis

The Ennis community choir holiday program will be held Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church. The choir will perform a Christmas cantata created and arranged by Dave Clark and Steve W. Mauldin. The choir is directed by Andrew Scruggs.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4

Christmas stroll, Ennis

Come experience Ennis during an old fashioned Christmas Stroll from 3 to 8 p.m. Merchants will be open late, featuring Christ-

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

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.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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!

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.

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SATURDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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

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

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 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

Christensen Rentals

Landscape • Lawn & Garden Home Improvement & Construction

Rototillers, Power Rakes & Aerators
Backhoe, Skidsteer & Mini Excavator

Ask about the weekend rate - pick up on Saturday by noon and return Monday morning for a 1 day rate!

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
From Noon on Weds - to 8 am Monday
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THANKSGIVING DINNER INVITATION
Everyone is invited, the Community, guests and visitors to a free Thanksgiving Dinner!

THE HOMEMADE MEAL WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN 1 & 4 PM
THANKSGIVING DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
AND IS OFFERED AT NO COST

Couples, singles, families, anyone and everyone are invited and welcome to attend. No reservations required.
We look forward to you and yours joining us anytime between 1 & 4 pm

MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
5050 US HWY 287 N, ENNIS
ACROSS THE HIGHWAY FROM THE FIREHOUSE IN ENNIS

Please call 682-4244 no later than noon on Wed. 11/25 to arrange to have your meal delivered on Thanksgiving Day in the early afternoon.



JERRY JOSEPH WITH STEVE DRIZOS

Thursday Dec. 10th 8 pm
at the Gravel Bar Ennis, MT



phone 406-682-5553

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ENNIS, MONTANA

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502 E MAIN STREET, ENNIS 406-682-4117
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EVERY FRIDAY WE HAVE LIVE MUSIC FROM 5:30 - 7:30 PM
COME JOIN THE FUN, LISTEN TO SOME GREAT MUSIC AND ENJOY SPIRITS WITH A WESTERN FLAVOR!

FRIDAY NOV 27TH: FOOLS GOLD
FOR BLACK FRIDAY AND SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY WE WILL BE OFFERING 10% OFF YOUR TOTAL IN THE TASTING ROOM (MERCHANDISE ONLY, EXCLUSIONS APPLY)
SUNDAY 2:30 - 4:30 PM NOV 29TH: JON CHERYL
FRIDAY DEC 4TH: QUENBY
CHRISTMAS STROLL 3 - 8 PM \$5 TOM & JERRY'S
GET A \$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE FREE WITH EVERY \$100 SPENT
FREE GIFT BASKET DRAWING

MADISON THEATRE 682-4023
115 Main St., Ennis, MT

Friday, Nov. 27 - Sunday, Nov. 29
Note: Closed Dec. 4 for the Christmas Stroll event.

THE PEANUTS MOVIE (G)
Friday & Saturday 7:15 pm Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm

THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY PART 2 (PG-13)

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

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