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HEALTHCARE IN THE RUBY



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The current Ruby Valley Hospital building is around 50 years old.

New hospital construction tentatively scheduled

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On Dec. 10, the Ruby Valley Hospital Board received a tentative schedule for the construction of the new hospital, with a hopeful completion date in the early fall of 2017.

"The plans are modest but modern," said Les Gilman, president of the hospital foundation's board of directors. "The need for the (new) hospital is justified. It will give us what we need to provide up-to-date medical care to the community."

The new building has a hefty tag – around \$12.5 million – but Gilman said that is the reality of constructing and equipping a hospital.

"It's a huge project

for our little valley," Gilman acknowledged.

The majority of the project is being funded through a \$9,995,000 loan from the United States Department of Agriculture. The rest of the funds are being raised by the community, which Gilman said has been incredibly generous and supportive.

The foundation is in the midst of a capital fundraising campaign, which started out with a \$1.3 million goal, but is now shooting for \$2.5 million.

"The \$1.3 million was for the construction of the building," Gilman said. "But then we started looking at the numbers and we realized we also have to equip the building."

Importance of the hospital
Gilman said the hospital is

vital to the economic and social wellbeing of the Ruby Valley.

"All my kids were born in that hospital," Gilman said. "I had my appendix taken out there. My dad spent his final days there. Both my boys went through that (emergency room) with life threatening problems. I recognize how valuable it is to have a place like this."

There are no nursing homes in the state of Montana in communities without hospitals, Gilman pointed out, emphasizing the fact that the hospital also supports the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center.

"It is vital to the economic wellbeing of our community – the Ruby Valley," Gilman said. "It all hinges on jobs. There are 50 employees at the hospital, and then you add in the nursing home."

Gilman said having up-to-date medical facilities is something that draws people to communities.

"If a young graduate leaves college, they want to work in a modern facility," he said. "If I'm going to retire, I don't want to live somewhere I have to drive 50 miles just to get my blood drawn."

Timeline

"We got the dates today," said hospital board chair Ken Walsh on Dec. 10. "Rather than drawing the plans and then getting bids, we wanted to bring on a general contractor construction manager."

A general contractor construction manager works with the architect during the design

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COUNTY AIRPORTS

Twin Bridges complete, Ennis on deck

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Lance Bowser, engineer with Robert Peccia & Associates, the firm that handles engineering and construction on Madison County's airports, met with Madison County commissioners Jim Hart and Dave Schulz on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to discuss projects on both county airports.

"We're sending the final airport layout plan to the (Federal Aviation Administration) for their final review," Bowser said. "Occasionally, they have a few text edits, but that's generally it. With that, the project is complete."

The project, which primarily took place last year, extended the previous runway

from 4,300 feet to 6,000 feet, which will allow larger, heavier planes to land and takeoff. The close to \$4 million project was primarily funded by the FAA with 10 percent of the funds coming from the county.

"With appreciation for a job well done, I move to approve the final pay request on this project," Schulz said.

Hart seconded the motion and both were in favor of approving the final pay request, which was for \$20,680, and with that, the Twin Bridges Airport project drew to a close.

Ennis Airport

In Ennis, however, one project is just gearing up to begin.

The aprons and taxiways at the Ennis-Big Sky Air-

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HEART HEALTH

County ambulances, hospitals turn attention to CPR equipment, training

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"If people take 10 minutes, they could learn to save a life," said Nici Haas, captain of the Ennis Ambulance. "There's a mentality that if someone has a heart attack, they don't survive. We need to change that."

Madison County is home to Cardiac Ready Communities – an initiative through the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services that is funded by a \$3.2 million grant, according to Janet Trethewey, program coordinator.

According to DPHHS, "Cardiac arrest is a condition in which abnormal heart rhythms, called arrhythmias, cause the heart's electrical impulses to suddenly become

chaotic. When cardiac arrest occurs, the heart stops abruptly, the victim collapses and quickly loses consciousness. Death usually follows unless a normal heart rhythm is restored within minutes."

Through the Cardiac Ready Communities initiative, the Ennis Ambulance, the Ruby Valley Ambulance, the Ruby Valley Hospital, the Madison Valley Medical Center and Harrison/Pony QRU each received a LUCAS device, which costs around \$15,000, and is an automatic compression device, meaning it can be used to standardize CPR on a patient.

"We got a break because we bought so many of them, but if you were to go to the company, the price tag would

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SAGE GROUSE: Keeping the bird off the Endangered Species List

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In September 2015, the greater sage grouse avoided the Endangered Species List thanks to an "epic conservation effort," as previously stated in a press release from the U.S. Department of Labor. While many see this as a victory for the bird and many state agencies, federal agencies and conservation groups, the next step for them is implementing plans to keep the bird off that list.

According to Al Nash, Bureau of Land Management chief of communications for the Montana/Dakotas State Office, records of decision (public documents explaining the remediation of a plan) have been signed on several amendments to existing management plans, but are still in progress.

"We really believe having these plans in place will allow us to be successful in conserving this habitat and keeping it off the list," said Nash, referring

to federal lands. "We are in the process of developing an implementation of this conservation effort and are, literally, only a few weeks into the (implementation) of these new plans."

When it comes to the amendments, specific changes and updated plans include information about how to best manage the habitat and acknowledge and define areas of different levels of sagebrush used by sage grouse.

"Then, depending on the type of habitat, it addresses some level of restrictions on some land uses," said Nash. Sage grouse are birds native to the west and parts of Canada – their habitat is made up of sagebrush-heavy plains. Southwest Montana, as well as the eastern half of the state, has high populations of sage grouse because of the landscape.

In 2014, Montana Governor Steve Bullock created the Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program, which closely follows a similar program in Wyoming, and has since created the Montana Sage Grouse Oversight

Team to oversee the program administration, as further outlined in the 2015 legislature.

BLM plan vs. state plan

The BLM also released a management plan, that slightly differs from the one released by the governor.

While there are not many differences between the two plans, according to David Galt with the Montana Petroleum Association, the BLM plan is a little more stringent.

"The governor's plan details what kind of stipulations, how oil and gas will be placed, and (identifies) all permits and activities in our industry that would be affected," said Galt.

The governor's plan identifies core and general sage grouse areas, which limits the surface area percentage of potential projects depending on distance to an active lek, or breeding ground.

The BLM plan outlines what regulations they have to operate under on public lands, according to Kelly Bocking, a field officer

with the BLM out of Dillon.

"The BLM plan has a no surface occupancy on public lands within priority habitat," said Bocking.

Priority habitat and core areas, as identified in the state plan, refer to active lek areas, but as Galt points out, under the state plan there is a little more leeway to operate.

"The BLM (plan) is significantly different in certain areas that are core areas – there's no ability to occupy federal surfaces, whereas you can with the state plan," said Galt. "The concept is that projects need to continue, you can't just stop."

State representative Ray Shaw of Sheridan, who was on the sage grouse advisory council that made recommendations toward the state plan in 2013, said the BLM is not using common sense when it comes to their plan.

"They just want to shut everything down – there's no common sense, no logic," he

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County hires new director of emergency services

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When Director of Emergency Management Chris Mumme steps down from his role with the county at the end of December, Dustin Tetrault will fill the role.

Tetrault, who is originally from Illinois, has lived in Madison County for four years – he currently resides between Sheridan and Twin Bridges.

"We used to come out to Montana camping," Tetrault said, referring to trips he and his wife took while they still lived in Illinois. "We were camping in (Glacier National Park) and we ended up being right next to a physician recruiter. My wife is a physician assistant and she traded contact info with the recruiter."

The two made contact a few months after the camping

trip and the recruiter asked the Tetraults if they were interested in moving to Montana.

"We sold it all and moved out," Tetrault said. "Seven months after (that camping trip), we were here."


Tetrault, who was a career paramedic in Illinois, said there are not many full time paramedic positions available in Montana.

"I had taken a lot of (Federal Emergency Management Agency) courses when I was working for a hospital based ambulance," Tetrault said. "I heard about (the DES job in the county) and I thought it sounded like such an interesting role. So cool."

At that time, Mumme had not announced his intent to retire, so Tetrault found another job.

"I worked for Wilderness Medics out of Hamilton," he said. "Working on type one and

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process to prevent the need for multiple change orders during construction, Walsh explained.

"We had to make sure the (USDA) was okay with us going in that direction," Walsh said. "They approved that on Tuesday. Now, contractors can submit their qualifications."

Walsh said the hospital's administrative board will interview the applicants and select one in January.

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port were constructed 24 to 26 years ago, which means they are well-past their useful life, according to Bowser.

"[The aprons and taxiways have] extensive cracking and rutting resulting from load related pavement failures," Bowser said. "The project will reconstruct the pavements in accordance with current standards for the existing air traffic utilizing the airport."

Because of that, Madison County began the process of obtaining FAA funding in 2013 for a multi-phased construction project. Bowser drafted a project to replace some of the aprons and part of the taxiways, with the commissioners and FAA approving that plan earlier this fall.

The FAA, however, then declined award of the project, stating, "After the grants were issued, it was realized that the larger, heavier and faster aircraft that the airport is experiencing may result in an unexpected need to re-designate the airport

"Then there will be another few months of developing the designs," Walsh said. "We have tentative plans, but there's a lot more to be done. We had input from the staff. The providers were instrumental in creating our preliminary design."

Gilman said that timeline puts the groundbreaking in the late spring or early summer.

Walsh and Gilman said they believe everything is finally falling into place - working

from Airport Reference Code (ARC) B-II to ARC C-II."

According to Bowser, that means, "An airport redesignation would require greater taxiway and apron safety separations from the runway. We want to assure that funding utilized to construct pavements are able to be safely utilized for their 20-year lifetime."

Now, Bowser has revised the scope of work to alleviate some of the FAA's concerns about accommodating the volume and type of traffic that is currently using Ennis.

"We went through this and thought we had a project," Schulz said. "We bid it. Then the FAA came back and put a stop on it. That's the frustrating part."

Bowser said he understands the frustrations, but that starting the bidding process on the revised project now will still allow construction to begin in the spring, as recommended by the Madison County Airport Board.

"We will open bids no later than April 1," Bowser said.

toward a new hospital has been a 10-plus year process.

"(The community) had a lot of questions but that was because we had a lot of questions," Walsh said. "We knew the project needed to get done, but we didn't know how we would do it or what kind of timeline."

A few weeks ago, the Ruby Valley Hospital Foundation threw a party for their fundraising campaign. Gilman said the energy at the gathering

was "enthusiastic" and that those who showed up were excited about the project.

"We continue to be amazed at generosity," he said. "It's hard to measure the importance of this project - it's hard to measure the dollars that stay here because we have a hospital. Otherwise people are going to Bozeman and, when they're there, they are buying gas, groceries and more. They aren't staying local."

"I would like to get (the project) construction completed early, like May or June. This will lessen the impacts to your airport during your peak season of July through September."

The upgraded taxiway and aprons are most likely just the beginning of updates at the Ennis Airport.

"With everything happening in Ennis, I can foresee you guys having a project going on every year for at least the next six or seven years," Bowser said. "I don't think you'll be accepting (FAA) grants every year, but many projects will be multi-year duration projects. Ennis is going to be a long process similar to the recently completed Twin Bridges Airport improvements."

A master plan

When the FAA declined the first Ennis project, they cited increasing use as something that needs to be addressed, which is why a master plan update is underway for the airport.

"The Master Plan Update will focus on a detailed fore-

casting effort, identifying current usage and trends in the Madison Valley and surrounding area," Bowser said. "The plan will include public involvement at various stages throughout the process."

The update is currently in the works and scheduled to be completed in late 2016.

The engineers

The county is three years into a five-year contract with Robert Peccia & Associates, according to Bowser.

"We have two years left, but after we complete a master plan, if you chose to do any projects from that, you need to re-select an engineer," he explained.

Since Robert Peccia & Associates is currently starting to draw up a master plan, Bowser said that plan may lead to more work, so the commissioners would have to decide if they want to renew their contract with Robert Peccia & Associates or find another engineering firm.



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The Ennis-Big Sky Airport is on deck for taxiway and apron upgrades in 2016.

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be \$15,000," Trethewey said. "And with extras it would cost closer to \$18,000."

The LUCAS device is useful for a few reasons, according to Haas.

"Most rural services run with two people," Haas explained. "A driver and an EMT in the back. We know CPR is not effective with one person doing it after two minutes."

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type two wild fires and doing military paramedic training."

Then, Mumme made the decision to retire, and Tetrault knew he could not pass up the position.

"It could not have happened at a worse time," Tetrault joked, referring to the fact that he has two young daughters, one 20 months and the other just a few days old. "But I had kept an eye on this position and now I'm really excited."

CPR becomes ineffective because after two minutes, a person's ability to push deep enough, get complete recoil and maintain perfect timing peters out - essentially, the person administering CPR gets too tired, Haas explained.

"It isn't feasible to add another person to every rural ambulance crew," she said. "So instead, they got LUCAS devices."

On a broader level, the initiative also wants to fo-

His role

The department of emergency services oversees mitigation of all the different hazards that could threaten Madison County, Mumme said.

"We handle how (the county) responds to any incidents, and how we recover from them," he said.

The job entails coordinating all of Madison County activities involved with disaster prevention, preparedness and emergency services,

cus on education, because if CPR is not started immediately, the outcome is usually not good, Haas explained.

"It doesn't matter if (the ambulance is) there in three minutes or 10 minutes," Haas said. "If CPR has not been started in the first few minutes, chances of survival drop."

Haas said she believes the LUCAS is an incredible resource - the DPHHS provided

training to a few representatives in from each organization that received a device, and then those representatives returned home to teach their counterparts.

Still, community members learning to start CPR is a key component of saving lives.

"If that doesn't happen, the ambulance can be out the door in one minute and it won't matter," Haas said. "The heart needs that shock right away."

ing the month of December.

"(Mumme) is really good at it and you can learn from him," Hart said.

Commissioner Dave Schulz agreed with Hart, and added he believes Tetrault will bring a number of positive talents to the table.

"You were our top individual," Schulz told Tetrault. "We all agreed on that. I think we're going to have a great honeymoon and on and on."

ENNIS TOWN COUNCIL

Commissioners look at parking; use permit

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The Ennis town council held their last meeting of 2015 on Dec. 10, where they discussed the town's parking ordinance, a conditional use agreement, sidewalks and the senior center.

Parking

Commissioners Audra Bourk and John Bancroft set a time to meet with town police chief John Moore and look over, as well as come up with adjustments, to the town's current parking ordinance after hearing a report from Moore about addressing visibility issues around town.

According to Moore, there are a couple of streets that lose visibility due to parking issues, be it parking close to the curb or a stop sign, or parking a boat or trailer near a curb or corner.

Moore suggested putting up signs or painting the curbs to help enforce parking restrictions.

"We'd just need to clean up the parking ordinance," said commissioner Brian Vincent, adding that Bourk, Bancroft and Moore will draft a revised ordinance for review by the council before holding a public hearing.

"Our overall structure (for our parking ordinance) is fine," said Vincent.

Sidewalks

Director of Public Works Kelly Elser and Vincent will be attending a meeting in Helena with MDT this week to discuss alignment and address issues with the sidewalks along the "Y" intersection.

According to Vincent, the town will broadcast the meeting at town hall on Dec. 18, beginning at noon. Business owners, along with the public, are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will have a brief question and answer time with MDT for people to ask questions or voice concerns.

Use permit

The town is looking at a conditional use permit for a piece of commercial property downtown. The property in question is the ERA building, which faces Third Street. The conditional use permit would allow the structure to be used as a residential building even though it is a commercial property.

Zoning administrator Art Behar video-called in for the meeting, saying that he would approve the use permit as long as the building stays within its own footprint.

"I think it will be relatively good for the city and enhance the downtown," Behar said during the meeting.

After first being approved by the city planning board last month, the council had to determine whether or not to approve the use permit based on its advantage to the town.

Bancroft motioned to approve the use permit and was seconded by commissioner Larry Pine. The motion was approved and will go back

to Behar for his signature.

"As the zoning administrator I can only say yes to what I'm allowed to say yes to," said Behar.

CDBG

The Ennis Senior Center has been awarded a \$370,088 Community Development Block Grant through the town, which will fund the next steps for the senior center.

"The next step is to ... fund the expansion and to do that, the town and (the Ennis Senior Center) needs to establish a filing system, bank accounts and environmental reviews and the town has to enter into a signed contract with the Montana Department of Commerce," said senior center board member John Heckler, adding that the work needs to be done rather quickly.

Heckler also suggested the senior center discussion be on the agenda every month for the next six months to ensure that the steps and work can be completed.

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RIVER FUND

Recreation projects along Missouri, Madison rivers receive grant money

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On Dec. 2, 2015, the board of directors of the Missouri-Madison River Fund met in Helena to allocate grant money to projects that would benefit public recreation along the river.

"There have been a number of projects that happen every year along that corridor from Reynolds Pass to Fort Benton for the last 10 plus years," said Madison County commissioner Jim Hart, who is on the board of directors for the fund. "Fishing access sites are improved, trails are created, noxious weeds are dealt with."

The fund is comprised of representatives from groups that have invested interests in the Missouri-Madison River corridor, including Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, NorthWestern Energy, county governments and more, Hart explained.

"Annually, we take applications for different projects along

the corridor and we consider how much money has been generated from the trust in a year to determine how much we can give out," Hart explained. "We had 15 applications this year, and enough funds to award about half of them."

When the fund receives applications, a subcommittee meets to examine the applications, dividing them into three regions – Madison-Hebgen, Hauser-Holter and Great Falls – and prioritize them, Hart said. Then the board of directors meet to review the subcommittee's ranking and decide how much money they have for projects based on what the trust made in a given year.

"It's amazingly valuable," Hart said. "It's money that we have to allocate to projects, but it also makes those who send in applications find funding elsewhere – it's the impetus (organizations) need to get things done."

Projects

This year, the board of directors allocated funds

to seven projects along the corridor – when a project is awarded, it requires the applicant to guarantee some matching funds, as well as money from NorthWestern Energy.

Two of this year's projects are located in Madison County. The fund approved a project to replace two latrines at the Black's Ford fishing access site along the Madison River, and another project to drill a new well at Palisades Recreation Area.

"The current latrine (at Black's Ford) is inadequate for the amount of use the site is receiving," according to a document provided by the fund.

The new well at Palisades will replace an old contaminated well that was turned off.

"This heavily used site will be one of only two sources of drinking water on the Upper Madison River," the document states.

The total cost of the Black's Ford project, which will happen through FWP, is \$80,000 and the cost of the BLM's Palisades project is \$92,600.

Hart said the agencies that receive the money – in this case FWP and BLM – are not bound by a specific timeline for completing the project, but that the board of directors expects results within a year or two.

"Our intent is to get things done," he said.

History

The trust started around 2000, Hart said.

"It would be pretty difficult for another area to start something like this now," Hart said. "We were at the right time in history to get going."

When the trust was first established, different agencies and companies allocated money to the trust, which has been earning money through investments ever since.

According to Jim Jourdonnais, who works in hydro-licensing and compliance for NorthWestern Energy, Montana Power Company owned all the hydro-electric dams along the Missouri-Madison corridor until 1999, and spent years studying the rivers and talking with

stakeholders prior to getting a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license.

"The company has certain requirements under FERC," Jourdonnais explained. "From 1999 through November 2014, PPL Montana owned the license, until NorthWestern (Energy) bought the dams. But all those companies have had the same obligations under FERC and worked the same way."

Jourdonnais said working with federal, state and local agencies has made the money go further.

"We've partnered to go beyond what we have to do (under FERC)," Jourdonnais said. "That's the beauty of the trust; if any one of us were doing our own thing, we wouldn't have the opportunity to get as much done."

In recent years, multiple Madison County projects received trust money from the fund. Those projects include the improvements made to Kobayashi Beach at Ennis Lake, the Ruby Creek boat ramp replacement and redoing the trail at the Quake Lake Visitor Center.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
The Ruby Creek boat ramp replacement was partially funded through the Missouri-Madison River Fund.

TWIN TOWN: Council discusses senior center, city courts, more

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The Twin Bridges Town Council met on Dec. 8 with a full agenda. The council discussed the senior center, GIS mapping, extending the town's water and wastewater line, law enforcement activity, city courts and more.

Senior center update

The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center, which is primarily being funded through a Community Development Block Grant, is framed in and moving forward.

Ron Nye, chairman of the board of directors for the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center, attended the meeting with Gary Housman, the contractor working on the building. Nye presented a pay request

to the council for \$64,235.

"That will be drawn down from the CDBG," said Mayor Tom Hyndman.

Councilman Matt Greemore moved to approve the pay request, and Dave Smith seconded the motion. All councilmen in attendance – Greemore, Smith and Joe Wil-lauer – voted in favor of the pay request and the motion passed.

GIS – geographic information system

Twin Bridges is currently working with Great-West Engineering to place survey pins around the town.

"They're putting in survey pins so we can survey our properties," said Hyndman. "We found the ones that were originally here were plowed over or bent or moved."

Hyndman said property owners are required to have

surveys completed on their properties, and the pins will be placed across the whole town to give residents a better idea of property lines.

Placing survey pins is the first step in mapping the town on GIS.

"Will it mess you up to have (the survey pins) in the middle of the streets?" Smith asked town maintenance supervisor Sam Novich.

"At first we said, don't put them in the streets," Novich responded. "We're always milling, grading, stuff like that. But then we realized the pins will be deep enough we won't disturb them, but shallow enough we can move them and locate them."

Extending water, sewer

The town is in the very preliminary stages of planning to construct a new city shop and office building, but first must

extend the water and wastewater system to the property, which is located on Ninth Street.

"Do we have to go through an engineer?" Smith asked Novich.

"Any of your mainline extensions need to be done by an engineer and passed through (the Department of Environmental Quality)," Novich responded.

The councilmembers also expressed interest in meeting at the property to discuss where the buildings should be placed.

"We want to agree on where everything is going to go on the lot," Smith said. "It's something that's going to be there for a long time."

Smith, Willauer and Greemore scheduled a time later in the week to meet with Novich at the site.

Law enforcement

Madison County Sheriff

Roger Thompson attended the meeting and informed the council that things in the county have "quieted down" since hunting season ended.

"(During hunting season) we didn't have much to do with crime, but we did with vehicle wrecks and search and rescue," Thompson said.

"All in all, things around Twin Bridges have slowed down and are looking good."

City courts

Hyndman is currently working with the mayors from Sheridan and Virginia City to discuss an agreement to hold city court for all three municipalities at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City.

Out of all of Madison County's incorporated towns, Ennis is the only one with a formal city court.

"The commissioners said it

would be no problem to give us some room," he said. "Now we need to get back with them and say how often we think we'd need to hold court ... How many cases we would have a month?"

Hyndman asked Thompson if the sheriff's office could help the towns enforce their ordinances if a city court system was in place.

"We would have to look at all the ordinances to clarify if they are civil or criminal," Thompson said. "I would suggest bringing the ordinances from all towns and we'll throw them on a table to get some consistency."

Both Greemore and Smith said they were concerned about moving forward without having a firm number on what it would cost the town.

"This is still just an idea," Hyndman said. "We need to figure out how many cases we'd have and then get back together and meet again."

ENNIS SCHOOL: BOARD FOCUSES ON TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY, SCHOOL-ENDORSED PROGRAMS

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The Ennis School Board met on Dec. 9 and discussed technology improvements, the school safety plan and multiple school-endorsed programs, including the Gardening, Resources, Outdoors, Watersheds and Wildlife coordinator, Ennis World Strides and Close Up.

Technology

The school board is considering a levy to obtain money for their technology fund, but Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski said the technology committee is still formulating a plan.

"We have to figure out where our tech plan is going before we throw out a number," Wrzesinski said. Trustee Craig George,

who is on the technology committee, agreed.

"We want to do more research before we say a number," he said. "But we have a base number in mind we're working from."

School clerk Ginger Martello said the board still has time to gather more information before making a decision about a mill levy – the mill information has to be turned into the county before the end of February.

"Can we talk more at the next board meeting?" George asked. "The tech committee will meet again before then and we'll have a better idea."

Safety

Wrzesinski is in the process of whittling down the school's current plan, which was adopted from the state, to better suit Ennis.

"We don't have a plan that's finalized yet, but we want you to take a look at it," Wrzesinski told the board. "If there's something glaring missing, let us know."

Wrzesinski said the current plan is not "bad," but is full of redundancies and things that do not specifically apply to Ennis.

"I say we approve what we have," said board chair John Scully. "As it changes, we can approve amendments."

George moved to approve the new safety plan and trustee Chad Coffman seconded. All the trustees present – George, Coffman, Scully and Kris Inman – voted in favor and the motion passed.

Outside programs

The board also received updates from three school-endorsed programs

– GROWW, Ennis World Strides and Close Up.

"We've had a great year so far," said Nichole Bailey, GROWW coordinator.

Bailey works with elementary and middle school students in the school garden, participates with Colt Club and hosts an outdoors club during the school year. Bailey focuses on gardening, resources, outdoors, watersheds and wildlife with the students.

"(Bailey) is doing a great job," said elementary school principal Brian Hilton. "The outdoors club is great. We want more attendance, but the kids who are there are doing great things. Last week, they did meat processing."

Scully asked how Bailey manages and vets chaperones for the students. "We operate under the

Madison Conservation District's insurance," Bailey explained – the GROWW coordinator position is funded through the school, the conservation district, Farm to Fork, the Madison Valley Woman's Club and the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group.

Scully pointed out that any affiliated with the school must have a background check, and he requested Bailey work with Wrzesinski and Martello to make sure that happens with all the program chaperones.

Ennis World Strides is a program that takes middle school students to Florida for a week, if they are able to fundraise the money to pay for their trip, according to coordinator Kelley Knack.

"There are more benefits than education," Knack said. "It's fundraising with the ultimate reward. You get what you earn."

Scully pointed out three concerns with the program – first, only students enrolled in Ennis Schools at the time of the trip should be allowed to go; second, if a student's parent donates money and then they don't go on the trip, that money should be refunded, but if a student raises money as part of a school sanctioned fundraiser, that money stays with the program; and third, all chaperones must have background checks.

Close Up is a set program, put on through a national organization that takes eligible high school students to Washington, D.C., for a week.

"We need to get all these programs consistent," Scully said. "Especially if they are going to be school sponsored."

The board made no decisions on the programs at the meeting, but planned to further discuss them.

SHERIDAN SCHOOL: Board members discuss short agenda during December meeting

Caitlin Avey
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The Sheridan School Board met for their monthly meeting on Dec. 8 with a fairly light agenda including a quick safety committee recap, news from the technology committee, handrail bids and a new marquee sign.

Safety

The safety committee has been meeting to discuss and determine ways to better prepare the school, faculty, staff and students in the event

of an earthquake or fire. In addition, both the high school and elementary school held active shooter drills last week.

According to Superintendent Mike Wetherbee, the drill showcased some things faculty and staff needs to work on but also showcased some things they did well.

"We still need more training – just continued training," added chairman Bill Wood.

Tech committee

The technology committee has been researching some crowd funding ideas that are

STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) related, according to Wetherbee.

STEAM is a program dedicated to innovation and design, as well as the arts, in which students can work with robotics and 3D printers to design and create, as well as gain technological skills.

The school is hoping to start implementing trunk projects by January in which students can check out trunks and work on STEAM related projects.

"One of the trunks will be filled with things called microbots and projects that relate

to them," said Wetherbee. "In addition there will be other trunks that are STEAM related, each with their own theme."

Sign

A new marquee sign is in the works at the intersection of Main Street and Poplar Street after the old sign was removed during the Montana Department of Transportation's Main Street improvement project this summer.

The new digital sign has already been purchased and will be similar to the dual-sided electronic billboard Ennis

Schools has, according to board member Karen Talley.

"It's a joint project between the school and community that can be programmed remotely and will be used to display school event reminders as well as community projects," said Talley.

The board received a \$2,500 grant from 3Rivers Communications to be put toward the sign and is hoping to have the sign up and running by spring.

Handrail

The elementary school has

been looking at contract bids for a new handrail along the ramp into the building, and prior to the December meeting had not accepted a bid, but are working with ag education teacher Rodney Braaten to get something in place.

Braaten has given a bid for the handrail but as an employee of the school, he has to have an independent contractor license, which he has agreed to move forward on. The board accepted his bid under the parameters that he forms a separate LLC and gets necessary certifications.

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Sen. Barrett tied to tea party, ALEC

Dear Editor,

Once again, Sen. Debby Barrett, Senate District 36, establishes her tea party and American Legislative Exchange Council credentials. Her editorial praising the Employee Rights Act was taken right out of the ALEC's corporate bill mill. Through corporate-funded lobbies such as Koch Industries, Americans for Prosperity and ALEC, corporations hand state legislators their wish lists to benefit their

corporate bottom line. Corporations fund almost all of ALEC's operations. Montanans saw many model-legislative bills in the last legislature that were ALEC products: charter schools, anti-medical insurance, anti-campaign reform legislation. Barrett is again promoting tactics commonly employed by lobbies that introduce cookie-cutter model legislation across U.S. states. Praising the Employee Rights Act, Barrett portrays herself as the defender of non-union workers, while it is

clear that the puppet message is part of a broader agenda aiming to cut wages and benefits, erode working conditions and legal protection for all workers—whether union or non-union, in public and private sectors alike. Her erroneous arguments include saying union dollars go to political campaigns, a process which is currently banned. Her economic claims are specious. Her claims of anti-democratic process is false in that unions are 100 percent democratically run. Her

willingness to promote initiatives that erode workplace protection for both union and non-union workers and undercut the ability of low and middle-wage workers, both union and non-union, to earn a decent wage is unacceptable. It would be good for Montanans if all voters examined the agenda of the tea party influence in the GOP at the next election.

Pat Bradley
Twin Bridges

Remembering Leon Thexton

Dear Editor,

I first had the opportunity to meet Leon Thexton as a fishing guide on the Madison River in the early 1980s on a

Big Sky July morning. Leon was a colorful character and I fished with him many times over the next 30 years and learned a great deal about fly fishing. I have many stories and fond

memories of those float trips. I had never laughed so hard teary eyed during those trips.

I will be eternally grateful for the opportunity to know and fish with Leon. He

will be sorely missed by me and anyone who knew him. Rest in peace my friend.

Rick Stout
Ennis

Deaf ears in the White House

Dear Editor,

One has to ask, "who is advising the President of the United States about ISIS, or is it ISIL?" President Obama went on T.V. and announced, "that ISIS had been contained." As if to make the President look like a gullible person, ISIS killed 123 and 300 were wounded in Paris the very next day.

On Sunday T.V. talk shows, assistant security advisor

Rhodes, who uses the ISEL name, still says, "no boots on the ground and a more robust bombing scheme." The time to bomb ISIS was when they were parading on the streets when they took all that equipment that the Iraqi 'Army' deserted when they fled. All modern American equipment.

When asked about the United States taking all those Syrian refugees, (Rhodes) replied, "we have a very robust vetting

system and no terrorist will make it through that." Considering that none of those refugees will have any papers, nor will the Syrian government or any other neighboring nations, nothing will be known about 98 percent of them. We cannot even identify the Americans who have gone to Syria to fight with ISIS and come home.

When other intelligence personnel are asked what they are learning, it certainly is dif-

ferent than what the people in the White House tell the public. Who is changing the information before it gets to the President, or is it because he already has his own understanding of the situation and is just ignoring what the experts he picked to keep him informed say? Is that bunch just there to agree with him and being "yes sir" drones?

Bill Hanley
Twin Bridges

The issue is long-haul trucks

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see your recent article regarding long-haul trucks in our valleys. The Citizens Road Alliance is dedicated to keeping our highways safe for residents, tourists and wildlife. The impact on animal migrations and quality of life is witnessed by residents daily. However, the looming fear of a catastrophic spill into our rivers is paramount in the minds of many.

The recently overturned semi carrying minerals on Highway 84 serves as a perfect example of this risk to the environment.

The traffic counters referred to in the article reveal that 200 to 300 semis use our highways daily (in fact, the Montana Department of Transportation previously indicated that the figure may be up to 600), and MDT has stated they expect these numbers to increase. Recent articles in the Island Park Journal and West Yellowstone

News have triggered a flurry of emails from residents who have had dangerous encounters with tractor trailers over the past few months ... most involving trucks at high speeds.

The issue is, and always has been, long-haul trucks. Most of these trucking companies are not Montana businesses, yet Montanans are left to bear the brunt of the threat to safety, wildlife and the environment. Interstate 15, less than 40 miles to our west, was designed and built for

these trucks ... the differences in mileage and fuel cost are minimal between these routes. And, the few poorly staffed weigh stations on our highways allow these truckers to avoid inspection. The question of why these vehicles continue to use our roads remains unanswered.

Pam Townshend
Cameron

Thank you to a supportive community

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 28, 2015, our daughter and family lost everything in a house fire owned by Wendel Baker. Our grandsons were in a bedroom when the fire broke out. John, our son-in-law, made multiple attempts to get the boys

out of the fire that engulfed the room, but had a bad asthma attack and was unsuccessful.

But Wendel Baker dove in, risking his own life. The two-year-old was flown to Billings with his dad by his side. Jennifer, our daughter, stayed in Ennis with the four-year-old.

We want to thank many churches, Red Cross, the Lions Club, the Nearly New and everyone who called and donated. We have a generous community.

Jennifer and John have temporary housing, but Wendel is still homeless.

This is just a reminder of

what our town has to offer. But Wendel is a homeless hero.

We would like to thank the Ennis community.

God bless to everyone,
Nan and Thom
Ennis

OBITUARIES

Robert "Bobby" Williams July 31, 1951 - December 7, 2015

Robert "Bobby" Williams passed away at his home in Nevada City on Dec. 7 due to complications from a recent surgery.

Bobby was born in Sheridan on July 31, 1951, the

youngest of three children, to Maxine and Percy Williams. Maxine was the daughter of Frank Blair, longtime resident of Virginia City and District Judge. Percy was born into a pioneer family of Virginia

City and followed his father and grandfather in the mining trades. He succumbed to silicosis in 1961, seven months after the death of his wife Maxine. Bobby and sister Pam subsequently moved to Florida with their Aunt Josephine Blair Mathews, where they finished school.

Bobby worked for a time there for the Humphery mining company. Bobby moved back home to Montana in 1980, joined shortly by Viola. They soon set up housekeeping in Nevada City where they have resided since. Bobby first worked with his brother Jody who owned the Virginia City Conoco station. An able workman and mechanic, he worked many jobs in the area over the years. He ran a lawn mowing business and worked for the town of Virginia City on the water and sewer systems and facilities maintenance for some 20 years. He retired from the city job in 2012 but continued with his lawn business.

A quiet and industrious man, Bobby was content put-

ting with his many machines and tending his little animal refuge. He was deeply devoted to Viola, his wife and constant companion of 35 years. Together they shared a passion for animals and rescued and cared for many over the years. Always of good cheer, ever ready to lend a hand or to assist anyone in need, Bobby will be missed by this community all of us who knew this kind and gentle man.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister-in-law John Jack and Lois Williams, sister and brother-in-law Edith and Robert Weaver, and brother Joseph D. "Jody" Williams.

He is survived by his wife Vi and their dog Melissa, sister and brothers-in-law Rose and Norman Bauer, sister and brother-in-law Pam and Mitch Rodgers and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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



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BASKETBALL ROUND UP

MUSTANGS, FALCONS COMPETE IN TOURNAMENTS, WILDCATS HOST FIRST HOME GAME

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Boys Basketball

The Mustangs started their season last weekend at a tournament in Manhattan Christian – the team played Conrad first and Deerlodge second. On Dec. 11, the Mustangs lost by a six point margin, 54 – 60. “We had the opportunity to learn a lot from a really close game that could have went either way,” said head coach Jared Smithson. “I have a very competitive group of boys that are eager to learn and fun to coach.” Gavin McKitrick led the scoreboard with 20 points, followed closely by Ty Morgan who had 16 and Jake Knack who had 13. The following day, the team played Deerlodge and came out on top, 54 – 45. “We went into the game knowing what the defense was

going to do and the boys executed our offense and moved the ball very well,” Smithson said. “I was really impressed with how unselfish they were and their effort on both ends of the floor.” Knack scored 20 points, McKitrick scored 17 and Morgan scored 15.

Girls Basketball

At the same tournament, the Lady Mustangs rose above Conrad on Dec. 11, winning 32 – 27. “I’m really excited about how the season started,” said head coach Jordan Overstreet. “Our effort on the defensive end was fantastic.” Danyel Martin knocked down three buckets and two free throws for eight points to lead the scoreboard, followed by Brigit Croy and Caitlin Klatt, who each had six points. It was a different story for the team on Saturday – they fell to Deerlodge 26 – 36.

“We have a few things to work on, but overall, I’m a proud coach after week one,” Overstreet said. Makenzie Moen led to team with nine points, followed by Croy who had six and Klatt who scored five.

HARRISON

Boys Basketball

The Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats hosted Roberts for their first home game of the season on Dec. 11. Daly Nesbit led the team with six field goals for 12 points. He was followed by Matt Fouch and Parker Galt, who both scored eight. Lane Buus and Zane VonBergen also made the scoreboard, but the team’s effort was not quite enough and the Wildcats lost to Roberts, 39 – 56. “I thought we played quite well,” said head coach Nick

Dyk. “We had a little miscommunication on our defensive side that gave them some opportunities to score. But we rebounded well in the first half.” Dyk said the team has things to work on, but they are all “easily fixable.” “When we bring it all together we’ll be in good shape,” he said.

Girls Basketball

It was all about the Lady Wildcats on Dec. 11 when Roberts traveled to Harrison. “We prepared very well in practice and went out and executed a great game plan,” said head coach Zach Dyk. That execution got the girls a win, 57 – 18. Taya DeFrance dominated the scoreboard with 23 points. Josie Hokanson scored 14, Addie Nesbit scored eight, MaKenna Livezy scored seven and Hailey Hokanson got five.

“We got a lot of confidence (from the win),” Dyk added. “The girls saw their hard work pay off.” Dyk said the girls have a tough few games ahead of them and will be working on boxing out and getting rebounds in the meantime.

TWIN BRIDGES

Boys Basketball

The team competed in the Three Forks tournament over the weekend. Scores and statistics for the Falcons were not received by The Madisonian prior to press time Tuesday.

Girls Basketball

Scores and statistics for the Lady Falcons games were not received by The Madisonian

prior to press time Tuesday.

However, the girls spent last weekend in Three Forks, starting their basketball season with a tournament. According to head coach Rob Lott, they faced off against Boulder and Shelby, beating both teams. “The girls played pretty good for it being their first game,” said Lott. “We had a lot of contributions from a lot of players.” The girls’ second game was against Shelby, and it was more of the same, Lott said. “I think we had 10 people score,” he said. “It was a good weekend overall.” Lott said the girls played well together and looked good, but he also noticed some things they need to work on. Namely, “everything.” “It was good for us to see ourselves in a good, competitive situation,” Lott said. “But as soon as you play someone else, you see what you need to work on, which is everything.”

Photo courtesy Kelley Knack
A Falcon player works hard on defense.

Photo courtesy Kelley Knack
Gavin McKitrick drives toward the bucket for the Mustangs.

Photo courtesy Nancy Nesbit
Josie Hokanson lays in a bucket for two points off a Wildcat steal.



TIME FOR BASKETBALL!

Hi readers,

Basketball is life in Kansas. Where I grew up, going to a University of Kansas (KU) Jayhawks basketball game was a kind of religious experience. James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, founded the KU basketball program in 1898. The atmosphere at Allen Fieldhouse, where the Jayhawks play their home games, is raucous and contagious. Whether you’re by the student section (wild!) or sitting in comfortable seats right behind the bench, you’re one with the fans and invested in the team. “Rock, chalk, Jayhawk, KUUU-uuuuuu!” Once a year, I made the trek to Lawrence, Kan., the home of the Jayhawks to watch a game with my grandparents. Sometimes I was lucky enough to tag along to another game or two with friends. On the nights we weren’t in attendance, we were glued to the T.V. By now, you may be wondering what a Jayhawk is. If you haven’t seen it on T.V., online or in a newspaper, I hesitate to inform you that the KU mascot is ... a mythical bird. A red and blue bird with an oversized beak and yellow shoes. Yes, shoes. The Jayhawk’s competition – namely Tigers and Wildcats – tend to belittle our somewhat ridiculous bird, but you have to admit, it is unique. One of the highlights of my first grade school year was when I was selected to wear the baby Jayhawk costume in our Kansas Day program. Coincidentally, my Montana/Kansas worlds are colliding this week because the



University of Montana Grizzlies are headed to Allen Fieldhouse this weekend to face off against the Jayhawks on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. I’m not a sports fanatic and I no longer follow the Jayhawks. Now, I get to be a different kind of sports fan. Instead of

following professional athletes – or even collegiate ones – I follow high school sports. Montana Class C high school sports to be more specific. I can’t name KU’s starters, but I can tell you about the Mustangs, Wildcats, Panthers and Falcons.

Basketball season at our area schools is in full swing. I love seeing the number of kids involved. From elementary games to junior high, kids learn the fundamentals and how to work as a team. Then, in high school, they start embracing the nature of competition, and dedication. Basketball is fun for spectators, too. It’s fast-paced, exciting and jam-packed with action. It keeps you on your toes. Athletics aren’t for everyone – I never played school-affiliated sports – but they are great for a lot of kids. It seems like our schools do a great job of offering a variety of activities, from band and choir to BPA, FFA, FCCLA, debate, drama and many more. I encourage everyone in Madison County to get out and support school events this winter. Whether you want to attend a holiday concert, a basketball game or something else, go for it. You’re in for an amazing experience.

Abigail

That’s me, front and center, wearing the “baby Jay” costume in a school performance when I was in first grade. It was Kansas Day, and we made it all about sunflowers and basketball.

GROUSE from pg. 1
said about the BLM plan.

Existing permits

While some have suggested the BLM plan would impact existing permits, Nash says those worries are unfounded as the new plan

respects existing rights. “Those rights remain,” he said. “We just have to look at future landscape use or development and be able to address potential impacts on sage grouse to work to have this conservation effort be successful.” If you have a grazing permit

or existing lease to explore for oil and gas, some specific actions may or may not be taken to conserve the habitat. “Part of what we look at is to see if we can do any kind of planning effort,” said Nash. “Is it actually possible for us to conserve and improve the

greater sage grouse habitat?” Cornie Hudson, Dillon field manager with the BLM, agreed with Nash, saying the BLM has already begun implementing new practices into their recently revised land management plans. “The rights are still there – the length of time

and time of year, some of the practices might be changed,” said Hudson.

All in agreement

One thing is certain between all agencies and groups – keeping the sage grouse off the Endangered

Species List is better for all. “By taking these proactive steps to ensure that habitat is there and the population remain strong is to our collective advantage,” said Nash. “Our lives would be much more challenged if the greater sage grouse were listed.”

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Glee Night

All photos submitted by Carla Wisler, Sheridan Schools



Sheridan students prepare to take the stage for Glee Night.



High school choir performs "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey.



"Last Kiss" performed Zoe Lee, Tia Hill and Grace Hill, eighth graders at Sheridan.



Chris Hamilton, performs the "Lion Blaze".

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK HARRISON

Mackenzie Moore, or Mac,
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grader at Harrison School.

She is a friend to all,
students and adults alike!
She greets each person with
a cheerful "hello" when she
enters the school building,
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Friday



Not as cold. Mostly cloudy with
a 50 percent chance of snow
showers. Highs 30 to 35.

Saturday



Cloudy with a 20 percent
chance of snow showers. Lows
20 to 25.

Sunday



Mostly cloudy with a 40
percent chance of snow
showers. Highs 25 to 35.

Monday



Mostly cloudy with a 50
percent chance of snow
showers. Highs 25 to 35.

*Quote of the
Week:*

**"Christmas
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Left: A black ice car-freshener hangs inside the plow truck.
Right: The view from inside the plow as it prepares to head over the Virginia City Hill.

When flurries fly, MDT crews hit the road with plows

Caitlin Avey
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It was just after 2 a.m. when Chad Coffman's phone rang. It was a call from the Montana Department of Transportation dispatch center saying it was time to get on the road.

"It was about 3 a.m. by the time I got to the truck," said Coffman, supervisor of the MDT Ennis Section.

When it storms, Coffman says his days can be pretty unpredictable.

"If it keeps snowing like this, I'll probably work till 4 or 5 p.m.," he said on Dec. 14, during a recent snowstorm.

Coffman has been with MDT for seven years after leaving the well drilling business. What started out as a temporary job in the winter has led to a full-time position that spans the Madison Valley, covering the Norris Hill south to the junction of U.S.

Highway 287 and Highway 87 near Reynolds Pass and Ennis to Virginia City.

Running the plow

"I remember my first big storm – I was scared to death," Coffman said as the bright orange plow cruised up Virginia City Hill. "But you find a comfort level. I enjoy plowing – it makes the time go by."

Coffman's job often takes him to work at odd hours and in bad conditions. While most people sit at home and wait for the weather to pass, Coffman and his crewmembers are out and about, clearing the way. And while visibility can be tough, especially at night, Coffman says he relies on the truck's delineators to help guide the way.

"You gain a familiarity with the roads, but it can still be really hard to see and sometimes you're driving like this," he said as he leaned low, positioning himself closer to

the windshield.

The delineators sit on top of the plow barrel, one at each end, and help to tell Coffman where the plow sits in the road. The delineators are reflective and help catch the light of other vehicles coming when visibility is low.

"The delineator lines up with the center of the road and is really your guide when you're driving at night," Coffman said.

Aside from the delineators, the truck hosts a 12-foot wide steel barrel with three to four replaceable blades, and a "go out wing" to help further push the snow to the side. The trucks are also all equipped with sand and salt mixture that can be dropped on the road for added traction.

While Coffman and his crewmembers are in charge of plowing and sanding the road, they also call in road reports the MDT office to continually update travelers on changing conditions.

Preparing for a storm

"We spend all summer preparing for winter," said Coffman. "Every thing we do is geared toward winter."

In the summer, MDT crews are busy with road maintenance, patching, mowing and fixing guardrail – mostly removing excess sand from underneath the guardrail to allow for roads to drain properly.

When sand is dropped on the road it is considered contaminated and cannot be reused, so Coffman said MDT is knowledgeable about how and when to use it.

"(MDT) has gotten knowledgeable about maintenance and made the effort to be efficient," said Coffman.

The sand is the biggest cost in winter maintenance for MDT, but is essential in creating a safe roadway, especially on mountain passes.

Danger on the road

Coffman says he sees the most trouble on Norris Hill, where it is not uncommon to have semi trucks spin out due to the weather.

"I've already had two spin out this morning," he said, pulling over to adjust the wiper blades on the windshield.

While most people are thankful for the plows, that does not always stop them from wanting to get around the giant truck, which cruises between 35 and 40 miles per hour.

"We often get the feeling that we're in the way but we're just trying to do our job," said Coffman. "There's always people trying to get around you, and then there are some cars that are content staying behind the plow."

Another danger for the plow, especially in Madison County, is wildlife.

"I've hit three deer in this truck – one got up and ran away," said Coffman, adding he once came close to hitting

an entire herd of elk with the plow. "By the grace of God I just missed them."

Being adaptable

"Every storm is different," said Coffman. "And you have to learn to be adaptable."

Coffman and his crew work all hours and in harsh visibility – adaptability is key.

"It gets old at times, but that's just part of the job."



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Left: Chad Coffman deals with poor visibility on a daily basis.
Right: The 'go out wing' helps move snow off the road.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

New Year's food resolutions to improve wellbeing

Submitted by StatePoint

Improving one's overall wellbeing is often top-of-mind when New Year's resolutions are made. Positive lifestyle changes are heavily rooted in the kitchen – start there and take simple steps to achieve better health.

Whole foods focus

Fresh, unprocessed foods are the cornerstone of a

healthful diet. Whole foods include fruits, vegetables, legumes, whole grains, nuts and seeds – all presented in their purest forms, free of unnecessary additives such as artificial flavors, colors, preservatives, sweeteners and hydrogenated fats.

Build a recipe for success with an ongoing grocery list that incorporates natural foods you are excited to try, and begin to make small swaps. If it seems

like an adventure, you will be inspired to avoid high-calorie, low-nutrient foods, and stick to those that provide energy and key disease-fighting properties.

Excellent examples of power-packed foods include bananas, dark leafy greens, black beans, avocados, strawberries, peas, quinoa, almonds, chia seeds and rolled oats. Shopping tip: these foods are typically located around

the perimeter of the market.

Mealtime magic at home


Take a few minutes each week to make meal plans. Preparing and consuming mostly home-cooked meals will train your palate to enjoy more healthful fare. And it is worth the effort to know exactly what is in each dish. Over time, you will learn to cook creatively with whole-food ingredients.

Stick to it

Now that you have committed to a whole foods-centered eating regimen, ensure old habits stay in the past. Take a few moments to write down scenarios that might sidetrack you and how to avoid them. For example, partner up with friends or loved ones to form a support system and encourage each other to make healthy choices when getting together for occasional meals

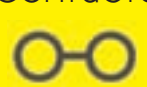
out. And lastly – it is okay to indulge here and there. You will be successful if you are happy about your choices and do not feel restricted.

Focus on this new approach to eating to set out on the right course to optimal health. Understand what whole foods are, how to include them in your diet and work with a support system. You will be well on the way to long-term success.



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Tips to make holiday road trips merrier

Submitted by StatePoint

Hitting the road for the holidays? You are not alone. There is no reason to make holiday trips a chore.

"Holiday travel doesn't just have to be about getting to where you're going," said Tara Trompeter, managing editor at Autotrader. "Family time in the car can be a great opportunity for making memories and a little bit of planning before you get on the road will go a long way

toward filling the experience with more fun and laughter."

Here are a few tips:
 • Prepare your vehicle. Do a quick check on the essentials before you head out. Check the wear and pressure on your tires, and be sure your fluids (oil, coolant and wiper fluid) are topped off.
 • Make it an adventure. Just because you have an ultimate destination does not mean you cannot enjoy fun stuff in between. Check your route for family-friendly

stops along the way, such as a zoo, park or even toy store to give kids something to look forward to while breaking the trip into manageable pieces.

• Keep little ones engaged. Technology features like built-in screens and DVD players can be saviors on the road. If your car does not come equipped with these, consider bringing along a handheld device on which little ones can play games or watch videos. And if technology is not your thing, magnetized board games and word games can work just as well.

• Bring snacks. Greasy food is not the best for staying alert – or feeling good – while road tripping. Instead of relying on fast food, bring along lots of small, healthy snacks to keep kids (and adults) content. Great options include fruits and vegetables that are easy to eat and fuss-free, like carrot sticks, bananas and apples.

• Have patience. Between road congestion, frequent stops and the sometimes bad weather that plagues many areas this time of year, holiday travel time can take longer than anticipated. Allow and plan for extra travel time, and you will have a better chance of arriving safely and stress-free.

With the right strategies for happy holiday travels, you can begin your vacation the second your wheels hit the road.

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COLUMNS



HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Frontier county

It's a little known fact about our state. In fact, until recently, while surfing the Internet for something to write about, I was also unaware of it. According to several Montana facts sites, 46 out of Montana's 56 counties contain an average population of six or fewer residents per-square-mile. Hence, they are designated nationwide as "frontier" counties.

According to the latest census, Madison County has an area of 3,587.48 square miles and a population of 7,820 people. Divide the number of residents by the square miles, and the county swarms with 2.1 people per square mile. Hence our beloved part of the country meets the sparse standards for frontier designation with ease.

As I thought about that coveted status, it occurred to me that Madison County has a responsibility to live up to our image as much as possible. After all, tourists, who have traveled great distances, have every right to experience something as close to the real thing as possible. At the same time, it is important to remember that folks from more populated states may already think we are – dare I say



Art Kehler

it? – unrefined. So, why not use that image to our advantage?

With those parameters in mind, I took it upon myself to draw up a list of inexpensive, easy-to-implement suggestions that will enhance our frontier image while, at the same time, maintain a modicum of sophistication. Following is the finished product:

- Law enforcement officers could wear coonskin caps and muleskinner boots.
- When presiding over a courtroom, our judges could wear buffalo robes and use tomahawks for gavels.
- County highway department work crews could sport thermos jugs disguised as powder horns.
- Local bars could offer shots of such frontier favorites as Old Coffin Varnish, Gut Shot Rotgut and Rutting Rattlesnake Squeezings.
- Motel bathrooms could offer sprigs of sagebrush for customers to brush their teeth with.
- Continental breakfast could consist of proghorn pemmican, wolvenine milk, and a chaw of tobaccy.
- Barbara shops could be lined with brass spittoons.
- Restaurants could hang a fake muskrat carcass outside as advertisement for the "special of the day."
- Utensils could consist of two-point buck horns and a piece of sharpened obsidian.

- Dentists could advertise replacing missing teeth with implanted wolf fangs.

Furthermore, beholding our less-than-imposing population hubs (Harrison, Pony, Norris) doesn't do much to change that perception. As a result, I have heard my beloved home country derogatorily referred to as the "Madison County Outback."

Sadly, along with Outback status comes a more than a few disparaging perceptions about our residents that simply are not true.

Listed below are some of the more frequently heard misconceptions concerning our residents. Contrary to popular opinion, we do not:

- Bathe in the Norris Hot Springs once a year, whether we need it or not.
- Only use utensils when eating out.
- Refer to smoked elk jerky as pemmican.
- Antelope, deer and elk do outnumber our human residents.
- It is true that we have no stoplights within the county borders.

No stop signs in Harrison except for road to Pony

Habit of setting on bench on Main Street of Harrison about sunset

Mistaken for Kew Liga the wooden Indian

Watch the sun set over the Tobacco Root Mountains.

Heavy traffic for a frontier area

Some barely slow down for town

Tri cities may look like a frontier – belies our sophistication

Metal statue of a horse standing on hill above Pony

Town actually named after small man nicknamed "pony"

Wouldn't do to have a statue of a runt standing over the town though still, that's no reason to categorize us as clannish!

Fact is, we are still pioneering to this day. No doubt tourists traversing the stretch of road between this part must be uncultured. Norris and Harrison do believe they have passed beyond the borders of civilization. Add to that the fact that, when told that more people may be moving here, Outback locals reply, "Where are we supposed to put everybody?" Then, there's the northeast portion of the county where I live.

To begin, it is geographically separated from the rest of the county by the Norris Hill and the Tobacco Root Mountains. Hence, it forms the northeast corner of the county. Upon topping the Norris Hill and looking northward, it's easy to understand why folks might think they have entered unsettled territory. Surely it is not difficult to imagine tourists asking themselves: "If the rest of the county is frontier, what do you call this?"

NATURAL Resource News

By Ethan Kunard, WATER PROGRAMS MANAGER,
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WHY BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR IS A GOOD IDEA

I borrowed this title from a recent article I read in *High Country News* that discussed what happens when Western communities work together, and what happens when they don't. This got me thinking about our communities that make up the Madison, Ruby and



Ethan Kunard

Jefferson valleys, and our opportunities to work together as neighbors. Many people say the most remarkable features around this great state are the natural ones: rivers, lakes, soils, trees, grasses, mountains, hills and wildlife. I believe, then, that the second most remarkable features are our communities and the people within them.

Naturally, there is a direct link between communities and the management of our natural

resources. As a community, we all know that there is value in our resources. However, the way in which we value them will differ, and that is okay. As neighbors, we can acknowledge our differences, recognize our similarities and then move forward to find opportunities to address our shared challenges. We can have different ideas, values, backgrounds, practices and wallet-sizes from our neighbors, and yet still make decisions as individuals to do the right thing for the resource. In the end, what's good for the resource is also good for our community and our neighbors.

Working with our neighbors to do the "best" thing for the resource might involve a little bit of learning, and might require a little more effort over the "easy" alternative. However, the easy way is not always the right way. Generally, I believe people want to do the right thing. At the same time, though, there can be a stigma that goes along with trying something non-traditional or out of the ordinary. A good neighbor

takes this as an opportunity to be supportive and to learn, and then asks themselves how they too can do the right thing. The good neighbor looks for opportunities to build trust rather than suspicion. When good practices carry across fence lines and streambeds they build stronger relationships and a healthier landscape.

This might sound a bit kumbaya, but maintaining a working relationship with your neighbor really does build a stronger and more resilient landscape and community. Although neighbors will change throughout time, the history of the relationships will stay with the land. This history can take a long time to repair, but fortunately we have the opportunity to renew it every day. It is our responsibility as individuals, neighbors and community members to decide if we create a history with our neighbors worthy of celebrating or criticizing. Working together to improve the stewardship of our natural resources isn't just a good idea, it is also just the neighborly thing to do.

Flossie Hill Marsh

By Charlie Rossiter

My first memories of Flossie were passing her house while fishing with friends as a kid on Mill Creek. We traveled up and down this stream almost daily in the pursuit of brook trout. One day, while trying to entice a fish using a worm, I heard from behind me, "If I was you, I'd be using a hopper on this hole." There, standing not 10 yards away from me was Flossie, who had stealthily approached me and my friends from behind. The rest of my friends fled, fearing this old gal because the children living on Mill Street in those days were convinced that she was mean (or as some had claimed a witch) and would give her and her property a wide berth. Here I was, face to face with this scary old person of legends and speechless from the fear of the unknown. Well after a little while talking to her, she reminded me of my grandmother who was a dear sweet person and from then on we became friends. Little did I know that she was as good a fisher person as there ever was, and had been for her whole life.

Flossie's home was on Mill Street and sitting in her living room with some of her grandkids, listening to her tell stories became one of my most memorable pleasures of living in Sheridan as a kid. She had lived in an era when humans had gone from riding horses to putting a man on the moon. Flossie was born in the last half of the 20th century

(1889), in a town that ceases to exist today. Wisconsin Creek at the time was undergoing a small gold rush of its own with several mines operating and several others on the brink of opening. Nobleville, Leiterville, Lake Shore, Fairview and the placer diggings at the mouth of the gulch, along with all the other supporting professions, provided needed jobs for the area (lumber, farming, ranching, etc.). Flossie Hill was born in Nobleville, joining four siblings, and later the family moved to Leiterville, just a few miles away where her father was employed as the mine superintendent.

Flossie attended grade school there in a small one-room schoolhouse located on top of a hill. The road to the school was a quarter mile long and went through down town Leiterville. Main Street consisted of a mercantile store (company store), a boarding house, blacksmith shop, assay office, post office, livery stable and the mill. Numerous cabins were located along the stream running along the town's west boundary. With the construction of the mine and town, more than 150 men were employed (Leiterville had a population of around 300 people at this time). The families lived in cabins and became a community. Flossie walked up a hill every morning from their cabin to school with the other children. She told

stories of the school kids racing sleds down the hill in the winter in deep snow and spending many wonderful hours playing there. One of the residents raised an orphaned mule deer fawn to a trophy buck. The young animal became a favorite in the area and was often seen around town begging for sugar cubes door to door. After a few seasons, the buck got temperamental with age and developed a dislike for children. It remained in camp partially due to the fact that the pickings were pretty good and nobody would shoot him there. Several of the kids had little incidents with the deer but nothing suggested the animal was dangerous. Flossie had always feared the animal and never got close to it. One day after school let out, she was on her way back to their cabin and saw the buck watching her. She froze, then made the run of her young life, away from the deer that was chasing her down the hill. She said she ran as fast as she could right into the post office, where she dove under the counter. An excited postmaster asked her what was happening at about the same time the buck came through the front door. Flossie said she screamed, and luckily the postmaster managed to scare the animal off. He then escorted the frightened little girl safely to her home. The buck received some vigilante justice and was never seen again, but Flossie

got to revisit this traumatic episode the rest of her life.

Flossie lived to be 85 and got to know a lot of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an avid fisher person her whole life and continued fishing into her later years. Her family had preached to her repeatedly to take someone along on her outings, but she continued to be independent. On one outing, Flossie was getting ready to go fishing up Mill Creek and neglected to mention it to anyone. She traveled to her secret spot, where she had been going her whole life. However, on this particular occasion, she slipped on the rocks and fell, striking her head on a rock. She received a deep cut and a concussion and needing stitches, drove herself to town. After receiving several sutures, she asked the attending physician if he would keep this incident quiet so her family wouldn't hear about it. He replied, "Right, good luck trying to keep this quiet from your 12 grandkids." After her kids found out about the head injury, they told her she was banned from going to the mountains again without one of them going along – a loving task that all the grandkids cherished and looked forward to.

Flossie died in October 1974, and was laid to rest beside her husband Wilbur in the Marsh plot in the Sheridan Cemetery.

Commodity Insite! A look at past predictions for 2015

by Jerry Welch

With but a few trading sessions left in 2015, it is time to look back on some of the forecasts and outlooks I offered in this column on Jan. 2, 2015, in a piece entitled, "First day of the New Year." I wrote:

"In 2014, crude oil prices fell 46 percent, back to the levels of 2009. Weakness with the European economies and China has caused crude prices to collapse. In fact, the percentage decline in 2014 was the second worst since futures trading began in 1983. As a leading indicator for commodities per se, the wreck underway with crude oil bodes ill for hard assets of all kinds moving into 2015."

When I wrote the outlook above, crude oil traded as high as \$60.70 and the CRB Index, which is to the commodity markets as the Dow Jones is to the stock market, traded at 228.41. But this week crude oil fell to a new seven year low of \$35.35 a barrel

while the CRB Index slumped to a new, 13 year low of 174.89.

I also stated on Jan. 2, 2015: "The most recent Pig Crop report from the USDA suggests the U.S. hog breeding herd has expanded 3.7 percent from a year ago. The number of pigs saved per litter hit a record high. The rise in the breeding herd was the largest gain in 15 years. Moving forward and all things being equal the Snout Count hints loudly that lower hog prices are likely to be seen in 2015."

When I made that forecast, December lean hog futures were trading north of \$72. A month ago, the market slipped a few ticks under \$52, a six year low. It was rough year for hog futures. And cattle futures.

On Jan. 2, 2015, I had this to say about the U.S. dollar: "On the first day of trading in 2015, the U.S. dollar rose to a new, 11 1/2 year high against its biggest rivals. The trade is

convinced the U.S. economy is robust relative to the rest of the world and consequently the dollar is king even though the year is but one day old! And the rise with the dollar has those bullish commodities per se squirming like mad."

Oddly, the dollar index that began the year wildly bullish ended roller coaster-like, frustrating the bulls as well as the bears. The greenback hit a high of approximately \$102 in March but plunged to \$93 in August. The mid-range for 2015 is \$97.50. This week, the dollar ended \$97.58 level. The dollar now is perfectly mid-range of where it has been trading the past 12 months. In the world of investing or trading, there is an old saying that goes like this: "Don't diddle in the middle."

Generally speaking, a market in the middle of a trading range can go either way. The best approach to such a market is

to wait patiently for it to move one way or the other and then try to get aboard. Don't buy or sell it at mid-range. Wait for it to move north or south before placing a bullish or bearish bet.

In my first column this year I did not offer a forecast about the direction of the U.S. dollar but my bias was that of a bull. My reasoning was simple. If crude continued to work lower while the U.S. economy was robust relative to the rest of the world, the dollar would ratchet higher and be king. But in 2015, it ended for all intents, mid-range.

However, in 2016 I believe the dollar will move substantially higher from current levels. In the New Year, the dollar and the Japanese yen will slug it out for being the most bullish currency in the world. When all is said and done, the 'ol dollar will be king and the yen, prince. In fact, 2016 may just turn out to be the Year of the Dollar.

I also had a few forecasts regarding grains on Jan. 2, 2015. When soybean futures were as high as \$10.58 I wrote: "If my sources are correct, a downside target for soybeans of \$8.50 a bushel is a reasonable objective. In November, soybean prices fell to \$8.44, below my downside target by \$.04. I also forecasted that Chicago wheat would fall to \$4.50 a bushel when the market that day was \$6.20. A few days ago, wheat kissed \$4.52, only \$.02 cents shy of my downside target. My grain forecasts were eerily accurate.

But always keep this in mind. Past performance or past predictions is no guarantee of futures results. No one, including yours truly, knows for certain what the future will bring when it comes to the Big Four, stocks, bonds, currencies or commodities. In particular for the New Year amid historic market volatility and the possibility the

El Nino may wreak havoc with the global agricultural markets.

One reason my forecasts this year were so accurate was because the commodity markets trended sharply lower. Selling short any commodity in 2015 eventually worked out well. To grasp that fact of market life, consider the following. Yes, indeed the CRB Index fell to 13 year low this week. But the Bloomberg Commodity Index weighted a bit more towards crude oil and consisting of 22 components tumbled 24 per cent this year. And it will end lower for the fifth straight annual loss and post the longest slide since data began back in 1991.

In 2015 when it came to the commodity markets, if you were long, you were wrong. Unfortunately, the fundamental forces that weighed on hard assets in the year about to end are still in place for 2016, the New Year.

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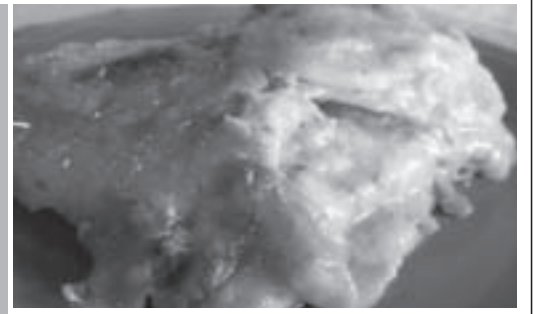
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- Janet

Cheesy Bacon Potatoes

What You Need

- 6 large potatoes; peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/2 c onion; chopped
- 2 c cheddar cheese; shredded
- 1 c bacon; cooked and crumbled
- 2 c milk
- 1/2 c half & half
- 4 tsp flour
- 4 tsp butter
- Salt and pepper

Directions

- Using a large pot, saute chopped onions in butter until soft but not browned.
- In a small bowl, combine flour, salt and pepper.
- Stir flour mixture into onion mixture. Add milk and half

- and half.
- Stir and cook over medium heat until mixture begins to thicken (about 3 minutes).
- Turn off heat.
- Add 1 1/2 c cheese to the sauce and stir until melted and smooth.
- Add sliced potatoes, bacon and stir well to combine.
- Pour mixture into a casserole dish sprayed with non-stick spray. Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 35 minutes.
- Remove foil, sprinkle reserved cheese over top and return to oven. Bake another 30 minutes or until potatoes are soft, cheese is melted and edges begin to brown.
- Let stand a few minutes before serving to allow the sauce to thicken.

Submitted by: Christine Fernandez, Sarasota, FL (pop. 51,917)
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7-2-b

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2-tfc-b

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8-3-b

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7-1-p

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INVITATION TO BID

MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER Siding Replacement
305 North Main Street
Ennis, MT 59729
Sealed bids will be received by the CEO, Madison Valley Medical Center, Ennis, Montana until 2:00 PM (local time), on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at which time the bids will be opened.

Work includes removal and replacement of existing siding and building wrap. Replacement includes incorporation of a furred drainage system with the siding. Bids shall be accompanied by an acceptable form of Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the total Bid. Acceptable forms of Bid Security are as follows: Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bank Draft, Lawful US Currency, Bank Money Order or Bid Bond made payable to Madison Valley Medical Center, Ennis, Montana, as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted, the Bidder will execute the Contract and fill acceptable Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bonds no later than ten (10) days after the Award of the Contract. Each prime bidder or subcontractor will be required to have a valid Montana Public Contractor's registration/license in the proper classification. The Contractor shall comply with all fair labor practices, must meet the requirements of the State Statutes. No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) calendar days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids except as noted in the Instruction to Bidders.

Madison Valley Medical Center, Ennis, Montana hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any formality or technicality in any Proposal in the interest of the Owner.

Bid Schedule:
•Initial advertisement
December 9, 2015
•Second advertisement
December 16, 2015
•First addendum (if applicable)
December 16, 2015
•Bid opening January 6, 2016
(Pub. Dec 10, 17 2015) mvmc
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INVITATION TO BID

Madison Counties is soliciting proposals from qualified consultants to update Madison County's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan and Guidelines in accordance with all of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current standards and requirements.

Sealed proposals (5 copies for Madison County) must be received no later than Thursday the 24th of December, 2015 at 5 PM MST. PROPOSALS NOT RECEIVED PRIOR TO THIS DATE AND TIME WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED AFTER RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD. Proposals should be addressed to: Christopher W. Mumme, Director, Emergency Management, Madison County, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59749. A complete copy of Request for Proposal will be available on line: www.madison.mt.gov, or contact Christopher W. Mumme at: dir-em@madison.mt.gov (Pub. Dec 10, 17 2015) dir-em MNAXLP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWN OF ENNIS, MONTANA

The Town of Ennis has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant by the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to prepare a comprehensive update to the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Code, and development of an Annexation Policy and Infrastructure Design Standards. The emphasis of this project will be to engage a consultant with experience in subdivision regulations development for small communities. The Town of Ennis is requesting proposals for professional services to assist the governing body in this endeavor while complying with all applicable requirements under the Montana CDBG Program. Responses should include as applicable: the firm's legal name, address, and telephone number; the principal(s) of the firm and their experience and qualifications; the experience and qualifications of the staff to be assigned to the project; a description of the firm's prior experience, including any similar projects, size of community, location and name of local official knowledgeable regarding the firm's performance. Compensation will be negotiated with the selected offeror. Unsuccessful offerors will be notified in writing as soon as possible. Additional information on the project, and/or a copy of the CDBG application can be obtained by contacting Ginger Guinn, Town of Ennis Clerk, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 59729 (Phone 406 682-4287). All proposals in response to the RFP must be received by 4:00 p.m. December 21, 2015. The Town of Ennis is an equal opportunity employer. (Pub. Dec 10, 17 2015) toe MNAXLP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Madison County is accepting Request for Proposal for the replacement of the current 9-1-1 Telephone system and Voice Recorder system. Contractors interested in submitting a proposal may download the complete RFP from www.madison.mt.gov, located under Public Notices or may contact the Madison County IT Office by email madcoit@madison.mt.gov or by phone (406) 843-4254. Responses to this RFP must be submitted no later than January 29, 2016 by 5 P.M. (Pub. Dec 17, 24, 31, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 2015) mcit MNAXLP

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS CONSTRUCTOR (CMC) SERVICES FOR NEW REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL AND CLINIC, SHERIDAN, MONTANA.

The Ruby Valley Hospital Board of Trustees, is seeking a competent Construction Manager as Constructor (CMC) normally engaged in this profession and a duly registered Construction Contractor in the State of Montana, for CMC services as an alternative delivery process, specifically for the following Project:

New Replacement Hospital and Clinic located in Sheridan, Montana. It is the Trustees' desire to engage a qualified CMC firm to work as a team with the Hospital and the selected Architectural firm for the performance of this project. At this time, the Hospital and its Architect have prepared a Schematic Design document for the new hospital and clinic. It is the goal to have the CMC selected to work with the team through the development of Design Development, Construction Documents and Construction. The Hospital has selected SMA|Architects as the Design Firm for the project. The final form of the contract shall be an amended AIA A-133™ - 2009 "Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor where the basis of payment is the Cost of Work Plus A Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price", in conjunction with the AIA A201™ - 2007 "General Conditions of the Contract for Construction," and as supplemented by United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development guidelines. This project is partially funded by USDA Rural Development loan. It is the intent of the Hospital Board of Trustees to make a single award for these services.

The CMC will be required to provide a Guaranteed Maximum Price for Pre-Construction Services, General Conditions and a specified percentage of construction for the construction fee. The CMC will also be required to provide proof of the ability to bond 100% of the project. Additional information is included in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Digital or physical copies of the RFQ may be obtained from the architect as follows: SMA|Architects 2625 Winne Ave., Suite 1 Helena, MT 59601 406.442.4933 All SOQ's are due to the Ruby Valley Hospital in both digital and physical copy by 4:00 p.m. January 8, 2016. All SOQ's must be clearly marked "Ruby Valley Hospital Replacement Hospital and Clinic Construction Manager as Constructor (CMC) Services" Ruby Valley Hospital Board of Trustees 220 E. Crofoot Sheridan, MT 59749 (Pub. Dec 17, 24, 31, 2015) sma MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users (Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>. OBJECTION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136. Application Number: 41F 3007072 Applicant: SUN WEST RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSN 3 GILDRED LN CAMERON, MT 59720 9678 WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED:

Water Right Type: STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Water Right Number: 41F 138425-00
Priority Date: OCTOBER 22, 1912
Historical Flow Rate: 5.95 CFS
Historical Diverted Volume: 256.00 AC-FT
PAST USE OF WATER: UNDER 41F 138425 00, WATER WAS HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FROM HORSE CREEK AT A RATE OF 5.95 CFS THROUGH A LOG AND TARP DIVERSION AND CONVEYED THROUGH THE D-6 DITCH (A.K.A., UPPER SPRAGUE DITCH) TO FLOOD IRRIGATE 64 ACRES IN SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T10S, R1E, MADISON COUNTY.

PROPOSED CHANGE: FLOW RATE: 5.95 CFS APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION (POD), PLACE OF USE (POU), AND PURPOSE OF USE FOR IRRIGATION WATER RIGHT 41F 138425 00. THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD TEMPORARILY CHANGE THE POD TO THE SWSWNW OF SECTION 20, T10S, R1E, MADISON COUNTY. UNDER THE INSTREAM CHANGE, THE POU WOULD BE TEMPORARILY CHANGED TO THE REACH FROM THE SWSWNW OF SECTION 20, T10S, R1E TO THE CONFLUENCE OF HORSE CREEK WITH THE MADISON RIVER AT THE SESWSE OF SECTION 17, T10S, R1E, MADISON COUNTY. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TEMPORARILY CHANGED TO INSTREAM FLOW IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN STREAMFLOW LEVELS FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERIES IN HORSE CREEK. THE FLOW RATE WILL REMAIN AT 5.95 CFS. THE AMOUNT OF WATER CHANGED WILL BE THE HISTORIC DIVERTED VOLUME OF 247.83 ACRE-FEET (AF). THE AMOUNT OF WATER CHANGED TO INSTREAM USE FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERIES WILL BE 178.85 AF.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: THIS APPLICATION WAS ORIGINALLY TO CHANGE TWO WATER RIGHTS: 41F 138425 00 (IR) AND 41F 127287 00 (ST). HOWEVER, THE APPLICATION WAS LATER SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE APPLICATIONS. APPLICATION 41F 30070072 IS TO TEMPORARILY CHANGE THE IRRIGATION RIGHT TO INSTREAM FLOW FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERIES. APPLICATION 41F 30104013 IS TO PERMANENTLY CHANGE THE POD AND POU OF THE STOCK RIGHT TO ALLOW STOCK TO DRINK DIRECTLY FROM HORSE CREEK. (Pub. Dec 17, 2015) dnrc MNAXLP

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Water Right Type: STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Water Right Number: 41F 127287-00
Priority Date: OCTOBER 22, 1912
PAST USE OF WATER: LIVESTOCK WATERED FROM A DITCH SYSTEM THAT CONVEYED WATER BOTH FOR LIVESTOCK USE AND FOR IRRIGATION USE. THE POINT OF DIVERSION WAS ON HORSE CREEK, WITH WATER DIVERTED AT A RATE OF 5.95 CFS THROUGH A LOG AND TARP DIVERSION AND CONVEYED THROUGH THE D-6 DITCH (A.K.A., UPPER SPRAGUE DITCH). THE POINT OF DIVERSION AND PLACE OF USE ARE IN MADISON COUNTY.

PROPOSED CHANGE: THIS IS A MULTIPLE-USE LIVESTOCK WATER CLAIM. THE IRRIGATION WATER RIGHTS ARE BEING CHANGED TO INSTREAM FLOW FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERIES. THIS CHANGE PROPOSES TO CHANGE LIVESTOCK WATER TO DIRECT FROM HORSE CREEK. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE (POU) AND POINT OF DIVERSION (POD) OF STOCK WATER RIGHT 41F 127287 00 TO THE REACH FROM A POINT IN THE SWSWNW OF SECTION 20, T10S, R1E, MADISON COUNTY TO THE CONFLUENCE OF HORSE CREEK WITH THE MADISON RIVER. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION INVOLVED TWO WATER RIGHTS: 41F 138425 00 (IR) AND 41F 127287 00 (ST). HOWEVER, THE APPLICATION WAS LATER SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE APPLICATIONS. APPLICATION 41F 30070072 IS TO TEMPORARILY CHANGE THE IRRIGATION RIGHT TO INSTREAM FLOW FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERIES. APPLICATION 41F 30104013 IS TO PERMANENTLY CHANGE THE POD AND POU OF THE STOCK RIGHT TO ALLOW STOCK TO DRINK DIRECTLY FROM HORSE CREEK. (Pub. Dec 17, 2015) dnrc MNAXLP

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Water Right Type: STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Water Right Number/Priority Date: 41F 127289-00/MAY 15, 1888
41F 30066080/MAY 15, 1888
PAST USE OF WATER: HISTORICALLY, WATER RIGHT 41F 127289-00 IS A STOCK RIGHT THAT SERVED 354 ANIMAL UNITS FOR A MAXIMUM HISTORIC VOLUME OF 6.02 ACRE-FEET. THE SOURCE OF WATER IS SECOND STANDARD CREEK IN MADISON COUNTY. SINCE THE USE WAS STOCK, THE WATER IS ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY CONSUMED. NO FLOW RATE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT. WATER RIGHT 41F 30066080 IS AN IRRIGATION RIGHT FOR 69 ACRES WITH A DIVERTED VOLUME OF 145.5 ACREFEET, WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO THE PLACE OF USE VIA LYON DITCH. THE SOURCE OF WATER IS SECOND STANDARD CREEK IN MADISON COUNTY. THE FLOW RATE FOR THIS WA-

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Submitted by Rod Stout
From left: 10-11 boys, Michael Galiger; 10-11 girls, Faith Larsen; 12-13 girls, Caitlyn Galiger; 12-13 boys Lane Poirier; 8-9 boys, Tristan Stout.

MADISON RIVER FOUNDATION GIFT BASKET WINNER



Submitted by Pamela Kimmey

The Madison River Foundation hosted a free drawing for a gift basket full of MRF swag at the Ennis Christmas stroll, along with free cocoa and sweets in the lobby of First Madison Valley Bank. The lucky winner was Jeneille Barkl (pictured with Liz Davis, MRF executive director).

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Ennis Arts Association December meeting, new officers elected

Submitted by Carol McMullin

The Ennis Arts Association December meeting was held at the home of Jan Beekman in Ennis. It was a pleasure to view her lovely holiday decorations, along with so much artwork done by local artists.

After the business meeting and election of the new slate of officers for 2016, there was a Christmas tree ornament exchange. Many of the ornaments were handmade by the members. There was an assortment of hand-painted ones, some knitted out of wool, a decorated pinecone, a wooden cutout and others.

To receive an ornament, a name and number were drawn from a bag. The members all seemed pleased with their new acquisitions. This was followed by a potluck luncheon.

New members are very welcome. To learn more about the E.A.A., visit the website www.ennisartsassociation.org.

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Ethan Kneeland's Eagle Scout project

Submitted by Doug Martin

The initial planning meeting occurred on April 2, 2015, for Ethan Kneeland's Eagle Scout project. After this meeting it was agreed that Kneeland would be the project leader and American Legion Post 31 adjutant, Doug Martin, would be community contact and adviser. The project was to construct a covered picnic area at Lori's pond, the children's fishing pond south of Twin Bridges.

This project included trimming the tops out of

Cottonwood trees near the site, pouring a 32 foot by 13 foot cement slab and then installing a prefabricated 12 foot by 31 foot metal carport to act as a covered picnic area. By the end of the first day, Kneeland had coordinated the tree trimmer, cement pouring contractor and ordering of the building.

Jim Hicks volunteered his time and equipment to top out the trees, which was completed on April 18.

Sam Novich volunteered his time and equipment to prepare the site and then

pour the cement slab and completed this on May 1.

David Maddison donated cement for the project. The cement truck used to pour the cement slab was operated by Scott Wuelfing, an Eagle Scout himself.

Three tables were constructed for use under the covered area and the building was finally delivered and installed on Nov. 13.

The project cost was nearly \$2,600 and was funded through group efforts of donations and fundraising. Northwestern

Energy donated \$1,000 toward improvements to the children's pond. Kneeland organized a spaghetti feed May 17 and raised \$500. The local American Legion Post 31 donated \$1,100.

Through the whole process Kneeland has, without question, taken the responsibility to accomplish any task required of him. Even when he was unsure of a task presented to him he would step forward and rapidly learn what was required and then direct his teammates in the task at hand.

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Mad Gals meeting, McAllister

Mad Gals monthly meeting. Christmas luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the McAllister Inn. Bring a gift to exchange and your holiday cheer. Please RSVP by Monday, Dec. 14.

Potluck, Cameron

Christmas potluck at the Bear Creek Schoolhouse with a visit from Santa. Please bring an item for the food bank and a small gift for your child. For more information, call 682-4636. Begins at 6 p.m.

Toy drive, Ennis

Please stop by Independent Financial Partners to donate a gift and enjoy some good

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Discussion, Ennis

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Family movie night, Sheridan

Come enjoy a "Charlie Brown Christmas" and "Miracle on 34th Street" from 6-9 p.m. in the CB Murray media center hosted by Sheridan public schools. Call 842-5302 for more information.

Christmas party,

Twain Bridges

Christmas party at the Twain Bridges Public Library. Begins at 4 p.m. Food, drink and a white elephant drawing.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

Silent Auction, Sheridan

Silent art auction, art sale, and old-fashioned holiday bake sale in the elementary lunchroom between 4 and 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20

Community gathering, Pony

The Pony Homecoming Club is sponsoring a community get together with The Next Journey Quartet performing southern gospel songs to be held at the historic white church here in Pony. The event will be from 2-4 p.m.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve candlelight service, Ennis

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Business after hours, Ennis

BAH hosted by Big Brothers - Big Sisters at the Gravestone building from 5-7p.m. BAH is a free networking event open to

Chamber members and their guests.

SATURDAY JANUARY 9

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Andy Thomas, Madison Valley Medical Center physical therapist, will discuss the parameters of PT and how it can help the general public. 11 a.m. at the library.

NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:

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Singer/Songwriter
Sat 12/19 - Tommy Georges
Americana
Sun 12/20 - Weston Lewis
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CLOSED FRIDAY DEC 25TH

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL 2015 & WISH YOUR FAMILY FROM OURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Friday, Dec. 18- Sunday Dec. 20 HELD OVER!!

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Friday & Saturday 7:15 pm Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Info @ 685-3481

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis
SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

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!

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

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.

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

SHERIDAN SCHOOLS ADULT EDUCATION

BRAIDING CLASS
INSTRUCTOR KATE ALLDER
CLASS DATES ARE JANUARY 20 AND 21 • 6:00 TO 8:00 PM EACH NIGHT.
CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO FIVE STUDENTS.

Japanese braiding class teaching the basics of creating an 8-strand braid in a wide variety of patterns and textures. At the end of the class the students will have created a braid to be used as a necklace cord. It is suggested that students bring a pendant they would like to hang from the braid. Braiding takes time so the class will require two sessions of at least two hours each. All materials will be provided. Material list: braiding stands, weights, counter weights, threads, end caps, clasps.
MATERIAL COSTS: \$7.00/STUDENT

VIKING CHAIN CLASS
INSTRUCTOR KATE ALLDER
THE CLASS WILL RUN FOR FOUR HOURS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH STARTING AT 1:00 PM.
CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO FIVE STUDENTS.
Learn to make a Viking chain bracelet by weaving wire around a mandrill and then stretching it to make it flexible. Material List: Mandrill, wire, end caps, beads, clasps
MATERIAL COSTS: \$8/STUDENT

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