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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BIG SKY



How tax increment financing may be the future for funding infrastructure needs

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Earlier this month around 25 people gathered at the Madison County Administrative Building in Virginia City to hear a presentation about Targeted Economic Development Districts (TEDD) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Janet Cornish and Lynette Windemaker, who work with Community Development Services of Montana, ran the work session.

"Generally speaking, Big Sky has one economic driver – skiing," said commissioner Jim Hart,

explaining why a subcommittee of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is researching the possibility of implementing two TEDDs around Big Sky. "Their hope is to attract a diverse economy, but it means there will be increased demands on their infrastructure, workforce housing and things like that."

According to a fact sheet from Big Sky TEDD, a committee of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, a TEDD is a district funded by a TIF.

"We would need two districts because we sit on the county line," explained Kevin Germain, a member

of the Big Sky TEDD committee. "We're still in the information gathering stage."

A TIF enables communities to direct property taxes from new development to a designated district – a TEDD.

"The life of a (TEDD) is 15 years, but if a bond is issued it can be for up to 25 more years," Germain said. "It's still undetermined what we'll look into."

When a TEDD is established, a baseline is set on all property taxes within the district. Then, any new development or increased property tax revenue is considered an

"increment" and those funds are set aside for infrastructure needs within the district.

"Big Sky is a single-source economy based on tourism," Germain said. "To develop a robust year round community, we need a diverse economy. But Big Sky has huge infrastructure needs – water, sewer, fiber optics and more. Big Sky is definitely a growing community and with that infrastructure needs developing."

The concerns
Madison County
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Dave Schulz

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CELEBRATING SNOW

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December snowfall has improved snowpack across the county.



Madison, Ruby snowpack percentages climb in December

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"It's been great to see these storms but we need to keep them coming," said Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, about the recent storms that swept Southwest Montana. "The snowpack was slightly below normal at the beginning of December but has seen an increase throughout the month."

The change in snowpack percentages is an "even better story" Zukiewicz added.

As of Dec. 1, the snowpack

percentage for the Madison River Basin was 69 percent of normal, but as of the morning on Dec. 28, it had increased to 108 percent of normal.

"It sounds like a big increase but that's because we're early in the season," Zukiewicz said. "One storm can make a big difference."

The Jefferson River Basin, which encompasses the Ruby River, Big Hole River, Beaverhead River and Boulder River, currently has the highest snowpack percentage statewide.

"It's a big basin," Zukiewicz said. "The sites (in the Upper Ruby) are both around 126 percent of normal as of Dec.

28. At the beginning of December snowpack was slightly below normal at 95 percent."

Snowpack in Southwest Montana generally reaches its peak in April, and Zukiewicz said the area has only received around 35 – 40 percent of its snowpack for the season, so a lot can change by springtime.

"This has been a favorable storm pattern," Zukiewicz concluded. "The area definitely needed it after last year – we have a lot of ground to make up. We will take and count every drop we get."

Zukiewicz also pointed out that climate-wise, January and February are not

Southwest Montana's best precipitation-producing months.

"March, April, May, we actually get a lot of snow then," he said.

Reservoir storage

The latest data on reservoir storage was from the beginning of the month, Zukiewicz said.

"As of Dec. 1, storage in Ennis Lake was at 88 percent of average," Zukiewicz said. "Storage at Hebgen Lake was 112 percent."

Zukiewicz said the Ruby Reservoir will take "all the water they can get," but have kept the reservoir nearly full going into the new year.

Schulz takes over as commission chair

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On Dec. 21, the Madison County Commissioners – Dave Schulz, Jim Hart and Ron Nye – selected a commissioner to serve as the board chairperson.

"I really offered to do it," Schulz, who was selected, said.

Schulz, who is from Sheridan, has been a commissioner for

15 years. His answer for deciding to run for the open seat was simple – he enjoys what he does.

"I love Madison County," he said. "I felt, with some of my experiences like having been a department head in the weed department, and knowing many landowners and issues, that I could make a difference. I love what I do."

Hart served as the commission chair for the last three

years while Schulz moved through the vice presidency and presidency of the Montana Association of Counties.

"Early in my career we tried to rotate it every year, but that's not required," Schulz said.

As for the chair's duties, Schulz said they consist of running the weekly meeting and signing timesheets.

"And once in awhile when the newspaper calls,

you're the first one they want to talk to," he joked.

Hart said Schulz's years of experience are invaluable.

"His sense of networking is great," he said. "He knows people throughout the state and throughout the country. That's just one example of what he does. Of the 7,800 people in Madison County, he probably knows 5,000."

PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT RENEWED

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Melissa Brummel, public health nurse for Madison County Department of Public Health, recently secured an Immunization Action Plan Grant, a federal grant that helps provide services to children,

adolescents and adults throughout the county, and more specifically, the Ruby Valley.

"What this grant does it help to provide offsite clinics where we work ... one to two days a month," said Brummel. "The money goes to help offsite maintenance

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Sportsman's Lodge burns

At 2:40 a.m. on Jan. 20, Madison County dispatch received reports of a fire at the Sportsman's Lodge in Ennis. The restaurant was a total loss and the bar/casino portion of the structure was heavily damaged. In February, the state fire marshal's office deemed the fire an accident. The lodge was constructed in 1945 and is considered an important part of Ennis' history. Fortunately, the current owners were committed to rebuilding, and the restaurant and bar/casino are back up and running.



Where is the snow?

Residents of Madison County turned their faces to the sky, hoping for snow last winter to no avail. Both the Madison River Basin and the Jefferson River Basin, which incorporates the Ruby Valley, had below average snowpack percentages in the winter of 2015, according to Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with Natural Resources Conservation Service.



A new sheriff

Roger Thompson, former Madison County Undersheriff, assumed the role of Sheriff on Jan. 1, 2015, after longtime Sheriff Dave Schenk stepped down. Schenk and Thompson worked together for 10 years before Schenk decided not to run for re-election in 2014.



The Hebgen question

Confusion about the Hebgen Dam reconstruction project surfaced this year, and NorthWestern Energy clarified that the work on the intake structure is completed, but that is not the end of the project. Construction on the spillway will take place in 2016 and the final phase of the project, which will rehabilitate the outlet pipe, is tentatively scheduled to begin May 2017.



Big horn relocation

In early 2015, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks relocated a group of big horn sheep from Quake Lake to Wolf Creek in the Madison Valley. Wolf Creek was selected because it is historical sheep range, according to Julie Cunningham, FWP biologist.

Year In Review NEWS



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A new main street

After a decade of hard work, Sheridan residents finally have a new Main Street. The Montana Department of Transportation completed the improvement project last spring and summer. In addition, the Sheridan Main Street Improvement Team raised funds to purchase lampposts, which are now illuminating downtown.



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New county administrative building

Madison County offices received a new home in 2015 – the price tag on the building was around \$4.2 million, but the structure is serving Madison County's current needs and has room for county administration to grow. The building is located on Virginia City's main street, across the street from the historic courthouse.



Photo courtesy Ethan Kunard

Hosting the range tour

Close to 150 people from across the state traveled to the Madison Valley in September for the 2015 Montana Range Tour. The two-day tour is a yearly event put on by the Rangeland Resources Executive Committee – this year, the Madison Valley hosted the tour. The tour showcased Norwegian Creek, Endecott Cattle Company, Granger Ranches, Wall Creek Wildlife Management Area and the Cameron bench.

Library addition

Construction on the Thompson-Hickman County Library addition commenced October 2014 and was completed in May of 2015. The new addition was built to match the historic building, and includes a new bathroom, community room, archive room, media area and space for more books – including children's reading corner.



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Senior centers in Twin Bridges and Ennis

Dedicated community members in Twin Bridges and Ennis have been working hard for years to establish a senior and community center in each town. The Ennis Senior and Community Center is up and running in the former Pit Stop Pizza building. The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center is under construction, with a projected completion date in 2016.

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A turn to sacrifice

Dear Editor,

For years, liberals and political science degree holders have raged about the need for cuts in the military budget.

Under President Obama, they have their cuts. Our Army is fewer than what we had before World War II. Our pay, benefits and retirement pay and

benefits have been changed – favoring the government, Congress and administration and costing the military.

The liberal women and the National Organization of Women now have the women in the front of the foxholes.

Military retirees will get their lowest cost of living at 1.3 percent.

Most of these changes can be traced back to what the liberal professors are teaching our students – "Make the changes you want by being verbally active in your demands."

The defense department and all our military – active and retired – have accepted these changes for the benefit of our taxpayers.

Surely now, those who demanded all the changes can now accept the games to save their college or university.

Bill Hanley
Twin Bridges

Thank you for the support

Dear Editor,

Olive Smith's funeral was a beautiful celebration of her life. Thank you all who could attend, sent flowers, food, sent cards or called or texted condolences, helped with funeral services and prayed for her and the Smith families. She was a very loving and generous lady. She will be greatly missed. We only hope and endeavor to pass on her legacy in our lives by being compassionate for our community family and friends.

Thank you again,
Jack Smith
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OBITUARIES

Arlene Barnosky

March 20, 1929 - December 26, 2015



Arlene Barnosky, 86, passed away at her ranch home in Sheridan, Saturday, Dec. 26.

Arlene Carlson was born in Leadore, Idaho, on the first day of spring March 20, 1929, to Marie and Oscar Carlson. She and her sisters, Ella and Ruth, and brother Fred were raised on the U Ranch above Leadore.

In 1944, the family moved to what is still the Carlson ranch near Twin Bridges. They lived in the big brick house that remains 2 miles southeast of Twin Bridges. Arlene graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 1946.

After graduation, Arlene lived with her sister Ella and her husband Leo while working in retail in Butte. She met and married Bill Bukema and they soon welcomed a daughter, Barb. The marriage ended and Arlene and Barb returned to Twin Bridges. Soon Arlene would meet the man who would change her life.

Arlene met Jay Barnosky at a New Year's Eve dance at the Midway. It was not long until the two married. In September of 1950, the two began their 52 year marriage. Arlene always claimed that Barb helped choose the handsome young rancher with whom she shared the rest of her life.

The young family made their home on the Lewis Ranch near Twin Bridges where Neil and Karla were added to the family. In 1959 they moved to the Silver Spring Ranch near Sheridan. Their youngest child, Eric, would soon complete the family.

Arlene and Jay worked side-by-side raising their family and operating their cattle ranch.

Arlene loved all aspects of her ranch life. Whether cooking for a haying crew, sorting cattle or helping with calving season, she took pleasure in her rural life.

Her love of horses began as a young girl when she rode her horse 6 miles to Leadore retrieving her family's mail. Arlene and a friend started a horse drill team, the Saddle Tramps, in Twin Bridges.

Throughout her life, she loved everything about horses – from foals being born, to midnight rides on the mountain, to a passion for horse racing. This passion once took her to one of her favorite vacations, the Kentucky Derby.

In 1989, Arlene took her first quilting class and began her most enjoyable lifelong hobby. She created hundreds of beautiful quilts which she shared with her friends and family.

Arlene belonged to a number of local organizations. She was a member of Eastern Star, Duncan District Club, Patchwork Pals, her knitting group, book club and garden club. She enjoyed

playing bridge and pinochle.

Although she had many pleasures in life, Arlene's greatest love was for her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay, in 2003; sisters Eva, Ella and Ruth; brother, Fred; and great granddaughter, Kaitlyn.

She is survived by daughter Barb (Ross) Ebel; son Neil (Gloria) Barnosky; daughter Karla (Doug) Nolte; son Eric (Shyla) Barnosky; grandchildren Andy (Tonya), Chris (Becky), Kami (Adam), Jake (Jamie), Steph (Dave), Colin (Julia), Isaac (Kim), Ames (Keely), Danielle (Ryan), Robbie (Angie), Katie (Billy), Carson Barnosky and Parker Barnosky; 29 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial was held Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 1 p.m. at the K&L Mortuary Chapel in Sheridan, with a reception at Bethany Hall to follow.

Memorials may be made to Ruby Valley Ambulance Service in Sheridan or the charity of your choice.

Thomas G. Schauwecker

1933 - December 7, 2015



Born in Pittsburgh, Penn. in 1933 to Harriet and John Robert Schauwecker, Thomas spent his first 13 years living in Fairmont, W.V. Brother Robert was the firstborn, with Lee born four years after Thomas.

In 1946, the entire family relocated to El Centro, Calif., where Dr. Schauwecker took the opportunity to move west to run the local pharmacy. Thomas graduated from El Centro's Central Union High School in 1951.

In his own words, written in 2007 for his 50th class reunion at U.C. Davis:

"The decision to become a

veterinarian came during my last two summers in high school. At that time, I had been working on a Charolais cattle ranch in the Imperial Valley at \$.50 per hour. I owned a horse and played cowboy riding and roping cattle. My dream was to own a cattle ranch someday. I had been thinking about U.C. Davis and animal husbandry. One day, an old cowboy roping buddy said to me, "Why don't you become a veterinarian?" And so, I applied and was accepted.

After graduation, I was hired at two different practices in the Los Angeles area. This didn't last too long as I was called into the Army. After a three month Vet. Corp. training in Chicago, I was sent to New York City for two years. This turned out to be two wonderful years stationed on Governor's Island at the tip of Manhattan. I learned to fly, had a vacation tour of Europe, and in general, an easy tour in NYC with easy access to all it has to offer.

In 1960, following the Army years, I became an owner of a mixed practice in El Centro.

I met my first wife, Anne, at a

wedding of a mutual friend. She was a bridesmaid from Santa Ana and we hit it off at the reception. We married a year later in 1962.

I sold my practice in 1964 and we moved to Santa Ana, Calif. While doing relief work for numerous hospitals throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties, I purchased land in San Juan Capistrano for my future hospital practice. The San Juan Animal Hospital was opened in 1966. In 1987, I sold the practice to another U.C. Davis graduate and remained on staff as an assistant for about two years, then retired completely.

My life has been a great one. I have traveled extensively, visiting more than 110 countries, some of which are considered "exotic" and remote. I live part time in California and in Montana (and, up until 2009, in Idaho). I enjoy scuba diving in the South Pacific, and just this past year (2006) gave up downhill skiing after 45 years of it.

I still enjoy fly-fishing, both in the Northwest and abroad. Photography is a favorite pastime, and I still ride horses and help local ranchers

in Montana with their cattle.

The one tragedy in my life was losing my first wife, Anne, after 30 years of marriage when she died unexpectedly from complications following a bicycle accident in 1992. She was a wonderful woman and wife.

I was fortunate to find a very special woman who I married in 1994. Bonnie had been an acquaintance of ours from years before through a mutual friend. We had lost contact, which was renewed when Bonnie, having learned of Anne's untimely death, tried to set me up with her best girlfriend. After seeing Bonnie again, I never met the friend. Bonnie is an accomplished landscape artist. We share and enjoy most sports, activities and have numerous other interests and philosophies in common. I am a very lucky man to have had two very outstanding wives."

Tom passed peacefully on Dec. 7, 2015.

Tom is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and his brother Lee.

Memorial will be held late spring/early summer in the Madison Valley.

Lillie M. Forwood

June 6, 1925 - December 19, 2015

Lillie was born to James and Ethel Donithan in Boothwyn, Penn. Several years later she was followed by a brother James.

After finishing high school she went to work for the Sun Oil Co. She met Walter Forwood who was a talented athlete and minor league baseball player for the Philadelphia Athletics. The couple was married just before Walter was shipped out to Guam during World War II.

Walter returned safely from the war and the couple

started married life in Glen Mills, Penn. Their first child, (little Walt) lived only a short time, but he was to be followed by Thomas James and Sandra Ethel.

Walt went to work for Sun Oil Co. and Lillie became a stay at home mom. The couple was active in the community helping with the disabled veterans at fishing derbies and picnics.

Whenever a friend or neighbor had a need, Lillie was the first to respond, especially with a good hearty meal. No one remained a stranger for

long. She was always very outgoing and affectionate.

Walter died after a long illness battling complications of Limes Disease in September 1993. In 2006 Lillie moved to Montana to be close to family. After another five years she needed to be in the good care of the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, where she passed away Dec. 19.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents, brother James, husband Walter and baby Walter and many other brothers and sisters-in-law.

She is survived by her son Thomas Forwood and his wife Alice; daughter Sandra Richardson; grandsons Thomas and Walter Forwood and Gary and Timothy Olmsted; granddaughter Christine Richardson; grandsons Nathan and Steven Richardson; and great grandchildren Abigale, Alissa, Ethan Olmsted and Brooke Olmsted.

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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said he has some concerns about the potential creation of TEDDs.

"I know Big Sky has some infrastructure issues," Schulz said. "I'm very cognizant of that. I also know their continued growth is in part reactive to address some of the infrastructure needs."

Schulz said Big Sky is currently 40 percent built out, which poses a real problem to infrastructure like wastewater.

"At the same time, if both counties

don't agree to it, it won't work," he said.

"Say if we said yes and Gallatin (County) said no, it wouldn't work well. We have to have a joint dialogue in making our final decision. We have to be on the same page if it's going to work successfully."

Schulz said the workshop earlier this month helped alleviate some of his concerns.

"For one, when the Legislature authorized it, they didn't include the state," Schulz said. "Second, there is some latitude in how we set the baseline – If I understand cor-

rectly it can be on a slight stair step."

Schulz said that was important to him because if Big Sky continues to grow there is going to be a larger burden on Madison County to participate "up there."

"If our taxable revenues received from Big Sky are frozen, it's going to limit how much participation we can actually provide," he said.

"Without Big Sky, Madison County would not be in the financial shape it is," Hart added. "We are glad they are part of Madison County and always have been. As a result of Big Sky

being there, it does create additional responsibilities for Madison County and Gallatin County."

At the end of the day, both Schulz and Hart agreed they have self-education to do before they can confidently say what they believe will be best for Big Sky and for Madison County.

Germain agreed with that, emphasizing the Big Sky TEDD committee is still in its preliminary education gathering stages.

"There will definitely be opportunities for public input," Germain said. "We'll be (talking about) this through 2016."

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as well as the imMTrax system."

The imMTrax is a computer system used by the state to keep track of all immunization records. Brummel works offsite through the grant to provide basic immunizations to Madison County residents.

The IAP grant is available to the county

yearly as long as the county continues to renew and accept the grant. The IAP comes in the amount of \$5,434 and is good for one fiscal year.

Brummel, who has been with the public health office for just over a year, says that the IAP allows her to "keep up with the best practices."

"It's beneficial for the county – not only is it money coming in that isn't tax money, it keeps us doing the things we should be doing," she said,

referring to basic and standard immunizations, adding that over 700 immunizations have been provided to county residents just since October.

Brummel says applying for the grant every year is not only worth it for the county, but also for the public health workers.

"Not only are we doing what we should be doing, but we're getting paid to do our job and it's not coming out of taxpayers' pockets," Brummel said.

For more information about public health in Madison County, please visit www.madison.mt.gov or call 843-4295.

ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN

Hi readers,

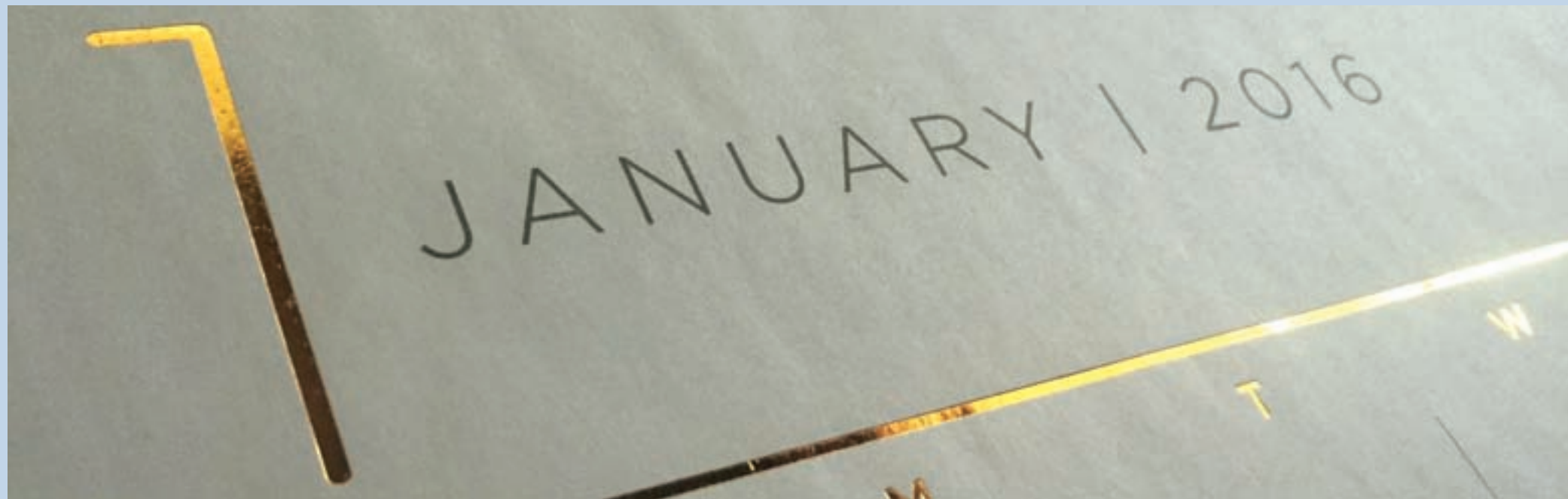
Happy (almost) New Year, Madison County!

I hope everyone had a lovely and relaxing break over the holidays – one filled with family or friends. I'm typing this week's editorial from the comfort of my couch, bundled up in new pajamas from family in Kansas and drinking a cup of peach tea. At first I started wishing I could work from my own home every week, but I think I would go stir crazy. And I love manning *The Madisonian's* office because I love interacting with everyone who stops in.

This time of the year is a time for reflection, but it's also important to look toward the future. In this way, the New Year is a little contradictory. At the paper, we dug back into last year's archives to craft a Year in Review to remember 2015, but personally, I focused on making resolutions for what is to come.

This year, I'm only promising myself one thing: Always. Have. My. Camera. In 2015 I was caught empty handed too many times while on the road in Madison County. I saw cattle drives, a mountain lion crossing the road and more sunrises and sunsets than I can count. And most times, I was without any way to capture the beauty. Sure, my trusty iPhone is great, but it doesn't compare to the photos my camera takes. So that's my resolution and promise, Madison County. I will explore with a camera in hand so I can better share my adventures with you!

Abigail



How well do YOU know Madison County?

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Okay everyone! Our contest is back in action after the holidays! Who knows this Madison County road? Call 682-7755 with your guess!

2015 Year In Review SPORTS



Photo courtesy Betty Klein

Ennis takes first place at Park City tournament

The Lady Mustangs volleyball team took first place in the Park City Invitational tournament in Laurel where they defeated nine other teams for the title.



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Twin Bridges and Ennis football face off

While both teams entered the game undefeated, it was the Falcons who left that way. Both the Twin Bridges Falcons and the Ennis Mustangs saw playoff games during the season.

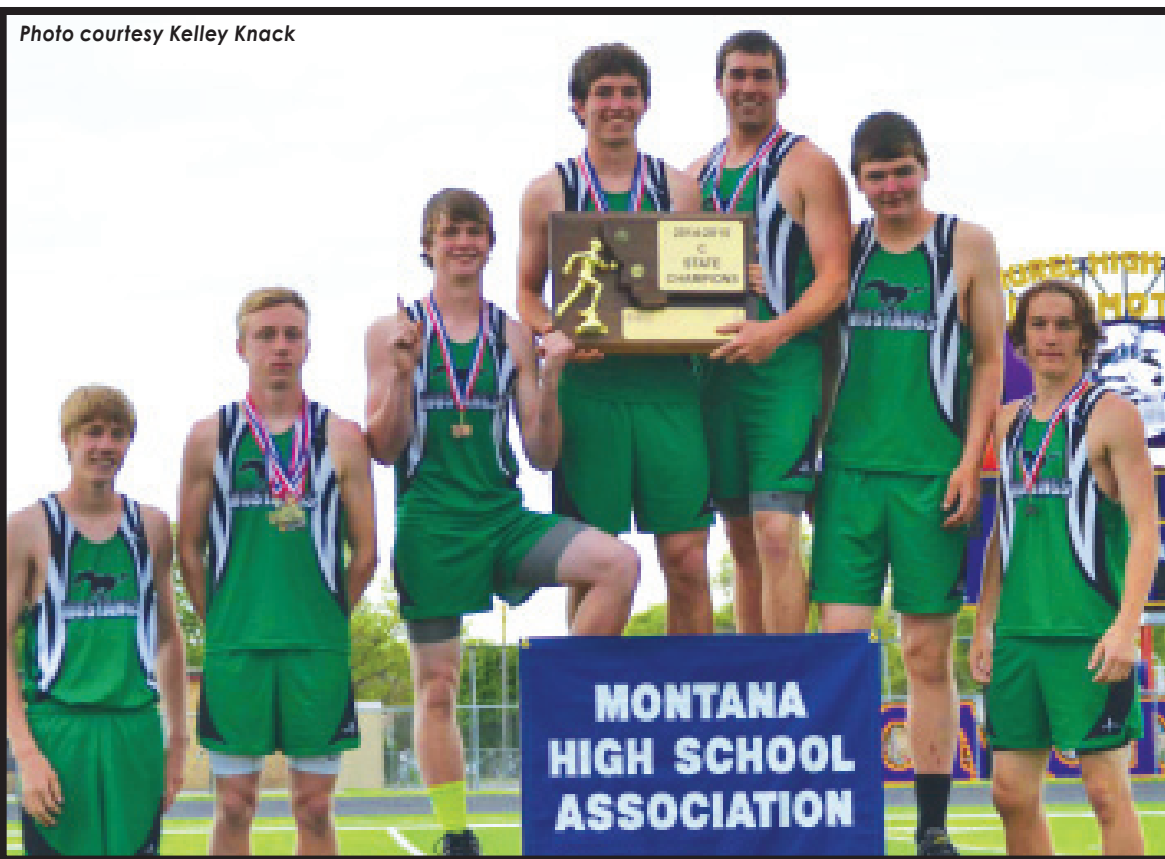


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Mustangs at state track

Track and field athletes from around the county traveled to Laurel for the state meet on May 22, 2015. With a handful of personal bests and individual titles, the Ennis boys' team took home the first place state trophy while the Harrison girls' team took third.



Photo courtesy Austin Brentlinger

Back on track

After losing his index, middle and ring fingers in a wheel line accident, Twin Bridges senior Austin Brentlinger fought back and managed to nearly break a school record and grab a state title in shot put. Brentlinger signed with Montana State University – Billings for a full ride track scholarship.

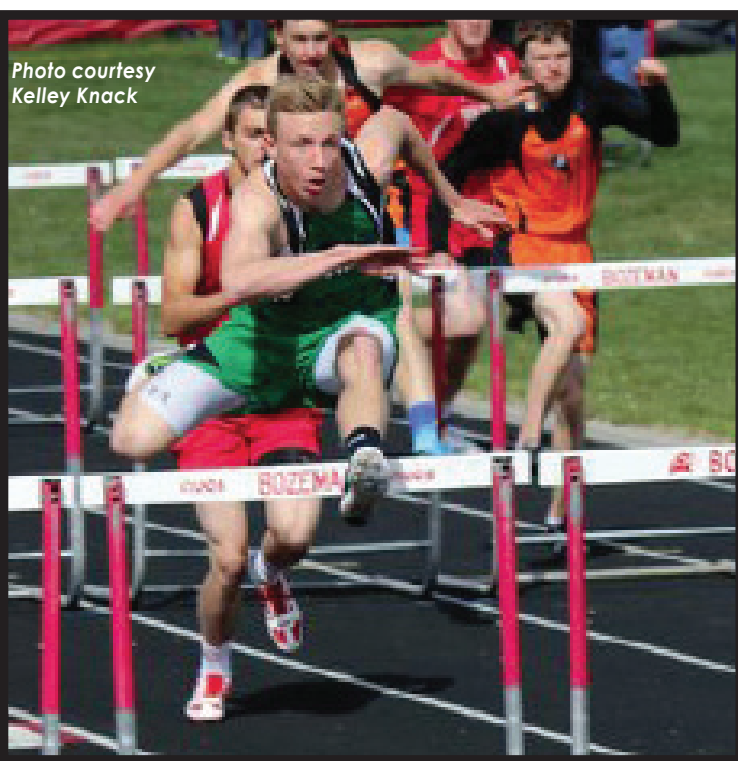


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District track meet in Bozeman

On May 9, 2015, Madison County teams traveled to Bozeman for the district track meet – the top eight in each event moved on to Divisionals. Athletes from all over the county landed podium spots but Ennis boys' team took home the first place trophy and the Twin Bridges boys took second. Harrison girls' team took the second place spot, with the Lady Falcons in third.



Tammy Wham/The Madisonian

Mustang football coach resigns

Jay Fredrickson resigned after six years as the head coach of the Ennis Mustangs. In his six years, he led the Mustangs to four semifinals and one state title. Fredrickson worked to transition the team back from 11-man to eight-man.



Photo courtesy Kurtis Koenig

Lady Falcons head to state basketball

The Lady Falcons traveled to Missoula for the state class C basketball tournament where they finished their season with an impressive 23-5 record. The Falcons won their first game against Park City sending them to the semifinals. They lost to Saco-Whitewater-Hinsdale in the semifinal game and again to Cascade in the loser-out game.



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District volleyball

While all Madison County teams saw the court at the district tournament in Manhattan Christian this fall, it was only the Lady Mustangs that managed to move on to the divisional tournament in Butte.

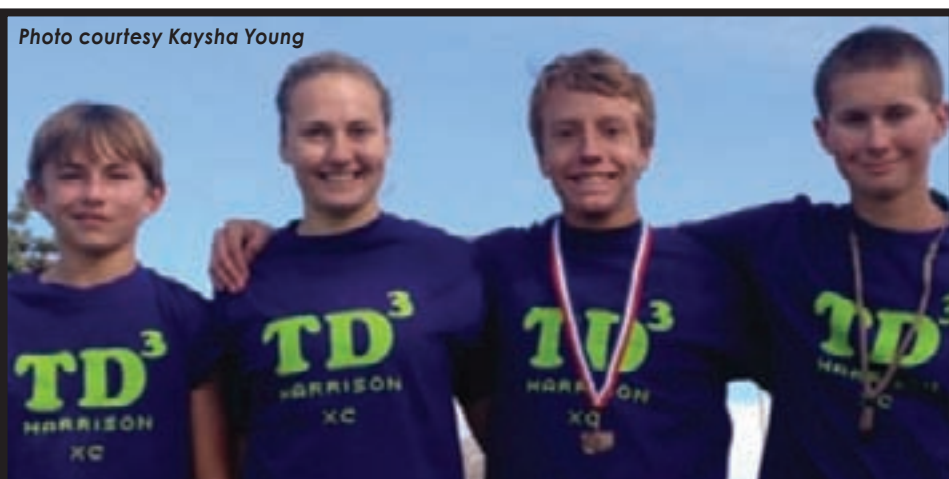


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State cross country

Ennis, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Harrison teams all competed at this year's state cross country meet at the state capitol where all teams saw personal best times, team placements and four athletes from Madison County received all-state honors.

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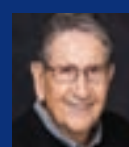
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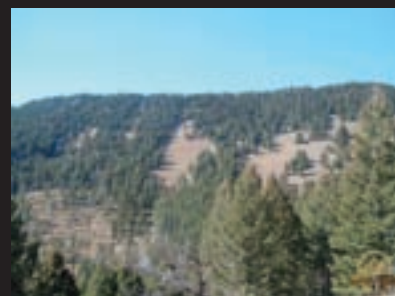
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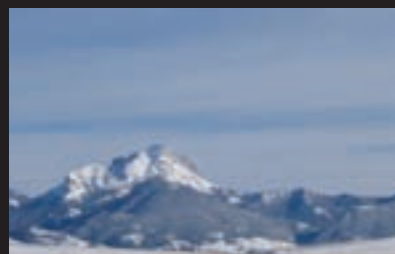
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DUI penalties increase

Submitted by Lynn Lowder
MADISON COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE

Minimum fines for driving under the influence convictions have doubled in 2015. The penalty for a first offense DUI is now \$600 to \$1,000 and up to six months of jail time. Additional fees, mandatory treatment, driver's license reinstatement

and other costs can total up to \$10,000. There are many ways to get home safely and if that is not an option designating a sober driver and drinking responsibly are always good options.

The Montana Highway Patrol will be working extra shifts over the holidays and Madison County is included in these stepped up patrols.

MHP Sergeant Pat McLaughlin showed within approximately a year's time that MHP troopers made approximately 958 traffic stops in Madison County. MHP and other law enforcement agencies are out in force over the holidays making our roads safer; without their continued enforcement of our traffic laws our roadways would

be even more dangerous.

MDT has reported that so far this year on Montana roadways there have been 221 fatalities – in Madison County, Sheriff Roger Thompson reported that there have been numerous fatalities in 2015; a higher number than is normal with approximately 40 percent of those fatalities involving an impaired driver.

4 PAWS RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK

BLACK CAT

Well darn! Didn't get adopted so I was home for the Holidays, but I haven't given up hope. There's still time for me to be home for the New Year. And what a great way to start it out, at least if it would be for me. Golly I'm a nice, loving lady, spayed, got all my shots, house trained [well I have to be you see. I'm declawed in front and can't go out unless I have a catio so I'm protected.] Love attention and get along well with others - dogs included. So please give me a call soon. You can call Misty at 439-1405 about me. Love and prayers, BC PS/Please hurry the new year's almost here.

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Sunday	Mostly clear. Lows zero to 10 above zero. Highs 20 to 30.
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Speech, drama and debate

Ennis hosted the Class B and C 2015 Speech, Drama and Debate tournament on Jan. 30 and 31. Forty-seven schools sent students to the competition. Ennis' own speech and debate coach, Marilyn Jenkins, organized the event, which took approximately 140 volunteers to pull off.



Photo courtesy Kayla Sandru

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Stewards of the land

Madison and Ruby conservation districts selected two Madison County landowners whose practices benefit natural resources to honor in 2015. Ninety-year-old Bill Jackson from Harrison was one recipient and Bruce and Julie Peterson from Laurin took the other award.

Madison County in California

In May 2015, students from Ennis and Twin Bridges traveled to Anaheim, Calif., for the national Business Professionals of America conference. BPA is a student organization that focuses on business and technology, with a wide variety of both team and individual events available for students. Of the 10 students that made the trip, seven were from Ennis and three were from Twin Bridges.



Photo courtesy Ennis BPA



Photo courtesy Kelly Kivlin

Sadie returns home

Ennis' Bobby Bock was reunited with his companion dog, Sadie. Sadie was taken from Bock's yard at the south end of downtown Ennis on Sept. 12. The town rallied around Bock, creating flyers, posting them around town and sharing them via Facebook. In January, Facebook revealed the answer. Through a network of friends, Bock's friends in Ennis found a California man on Facebook who uploaded a photo album journaling his tour of the Western states, and Bock said the first photo with a golden retriever was taken approximately 15 miles south of Ennis 10 minutes after Sadie disappeared on Sept. 12. With help from friends, the Madison County Sheriff's Office and a sheriff's office in California, Bock and Sadie were reunited a few weeks later.



Photo courtesy Margaret Bortko

Helping during disaster

Long time nurse practitioner Margaret Bortko of Ennis traveled to Nepal after an earthquake rocked the area in April 2015. Bortko has been interested in disaster relief work after she first helped out Hurricane Katrina victims in 2005.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian

Ruby Valley treasure turns 99

Audrey Triplett of Twin Bridges turned 99 in 2015, still managing to keep her fiery spirit. Triplett graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 1934, left to travel the country and work in places like Alaska and New Mexico before returning home to the Ruby Valley.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

Walsh Family leads annual Fourth of July parade

Gene and Lois Walsh bought their ranch south of Cameron in 1957 to pursue a life of cattle ranching and never looked back. Lois and her family were this year's Grand Marshal of one of the biggest events in all of Madison County – the Ennis Fourth of July parade.



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Hunter patrols in the Madison Valley

Robin Boyd with the Madison Ranger District spent his hunting season patrolling camps and trails as part of the Be Bear Aware program, which teaches recreators, hunters, campers and visitors about bear safety. Boyd checked to make sure hunters were in compliance with all forest regulations, as well as passing out maps of the area.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian

Hal celebrates 105

Happy hour connoisseur and long time resident of Ennis, Hal Pasley, celebrated his 105th birthday in November. Hal says it takes three things to live a long life: a good hearty breakfast, never to be missed; plenty of exercise, which he still does every morning; and of course, the occasional happy hour spent with those you value most.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Three tips for surviving cold and flu season

Submitted by StatePoint

It is that time of year again. From minor colds to severe flus and fevers, seasonal sicknesses are unpredictable and can sneak up on your family at any time. Unfortunately, even the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cannot predict the timing, severity and length of a seasonal virus. Luckily, there are steps you can take to ward off illness and better monitor symptoms when you're sick.

Check in with your doctor

Make an appointment with your primary care physician to get a look at the family's vitals. These are good indicators of

overall wellness. Plus, it is a great time to schedule that annual flu shot, if you have not already done this.

If you are pregnant, have kids or are a caregiver to elderly parents, it is an even better idea to get vaccinated, as these are the most at-risk groups for complications from flu. If you do not have time to schedule a full exam, many pharmacies offer quick, in-store vaccinations.

Practice healthy living

Maintain a healthy lifestyle. Get enough sleep, eat the right foods to ensure proper nutrition, drink plenty of water and exercise regularly. Avoid close contact with sick people, and maintain a safe distance from others when you are sick. If necessary, stay home from work or school to keep your germs from spreading.

Cover your mouth and nose with a sleeve or tissue

when coughing or sneezing. Sanitize doorknobs, light switches and work areas with germ-killing soap.

Also, do not forget to wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer throughout the day to combat contamination.

Keep your cool

Even the best preparation can leave your family susceptible to cold and flu. Fever and chills could be a sign you are getting sick. Remember, a fever is not always a bad thing. It means your body is working hard to fight off infection. But for parents of small children, putting feverish kids to bed at night can still be unnerving.

Take proactive steps for a healthy household. And, when all else fails, grab a hot cup of tea with honey and lemon, a warm blanket and a good movie.



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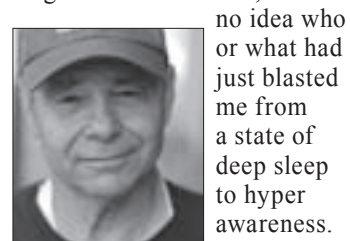
Loud sounds in the night

Recalling some memorable transitions from deep sleep to hyper awareness

Loud sounds in the night that wake a person from sleep are always disturbing. Indeed, as I can attest, they can be downright unnerving. Two such hair-raising examples stand out in my memory.

First, there was the night many years ago when I lived in Helena. Following a hard day's work I was worn-out when I got home. So, after going to bed, I fell into a profound slumber. Indeed, I don't believe I so much as quivered an eyelash for several hours. Then, in the middle of the night – WHAM – the bedroom door flew open and slammed against the dresser. I swear the bed sheets were still suspended in midair when my feet hit the floor.

So there I was alongside the bed in my Fruit of the Looms – poised in my killer karate stance. With my hair standing on end, my toenails dug into the floor and my knees unsteady, I was struck mute. Engulfed in blackness, I had



no idea who or what had just blasted me from a state of deep sleep to hyper awareness. My mind whirled with possible culprits: a drunken maniac, a ruthless alien creature, a disoriented Sasquatch with swollen hemorrhoids. One thing for sure, judging by the method of entrance, whatever was responsible was not in a genial mood. Even worse, "it" had to be in the room with me at that very moment!

Somewhat, I mustered enough courage to shout, "Who's there?" There was no response. Summoning a more menacing voice, I barked, "YOU DIE, PUNK!" Again, I heard no reply. So, despite fully expecting to encounter a ghastly adversary at any instant, I shimmed (while still maintaining the

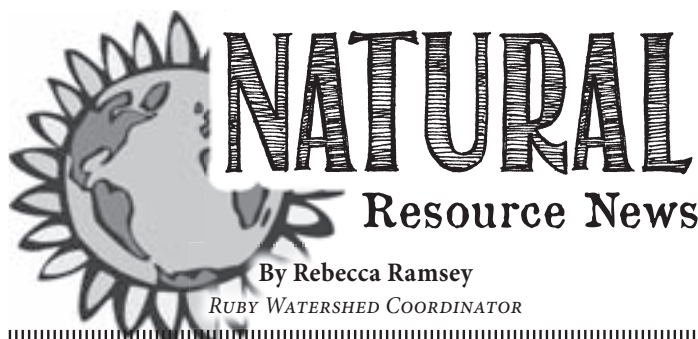
forementioned killer karate stance) toward the light switch. When at last light illuminated the room, I spun around in a tight circle with clenched fists at the ready. To my immeasurable disbelief and relief, I discovered I was alone in the room.

Then, as my mind quieted, I became aware of a floating motion (previously attributed to unsteady knees) beneath my feet. I also noticed that the ceiling light fixture was swaying. At that point, I comprehended that the loud noise in the night was the result of an earth tremor, the force of which had propelled the unlatched door into the dresser. Eventually, I fell asleep again, albeit not a deep sleep.

Another loud sound in the night event occurred when I was camping with three buddies in the mountains behind Pony. After sharing wild animal encounter stories over the campfire we retired to the tent. Later, in the middle of the night, one of our members abruptly sat bolt upright and, at the top of his lungs, bellowed, "BEAR!"

Instantly, the tent exploded with frenzied activity. Obscenities filled the air as desperate men groped in the darkness for means of defense. Then I found myself gaping at three large caliber pistols (mine included) being wielded within the dim confines of the tent. At that point, I fully realized just how little room there is to duck in a four-man tent.

Ultimately, after no bear was found, we discovered our trusty, alarm-sounding amigo – sound asleep. Apparently our wild game encounter stories overwhelmed his dreams, but only momentarily. Most galling, while the rest of us remained mired in loud sounds in the night-induced hyper awareness, he snored blissfully through the remainder of the night.



By Rebecca Ramsey

RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

TIS THE SEASON FOR TRAPPING

It is officially winter now, and it is the season for merriment, good cheer, skiing, sledding and trapping.

While out cross country skiing up the popular Peacock Trail in the Mill Creek drainage of the Tobacco Root Mountains last weekend with friends and dogs, one of our dogs got caught in a trap. The dogs all stayed close to us, but it was heavy timber and apparently



Rebecca Ramsey

one of them was not close enough. It was a terrifying experience, but luckily the pup only ended up with a broken toe. So, I thought I'd pass along a reminder about trapping season!

Trapping has a time-honored heritage in Montana. From the time of Lewis and Clark, trappers have harvested furbearers such as beaver, bobcat and marten to experience nature and to provide pelts for mounts, clothing, decorations and sale. Fur trapping is biologically sustainable, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and is an important

part of Montana's cultural history and outdoor lifestyle.

Traps and snares are sometimes encountered by bird hunters, skiers or hikers, but it is important to remember that a recreational trapper has the same right to be in an area as a hunter or recreationist.

State law prohibits people from disturbing traps or trapped animals, and state laws regulate and govern trappers and furbearer trapping seasons. The season details can be found at www.fwp.mt.gov, but it should be noted that most seasons run from Nov. 1 – Feb. 15, (some until April 15) and there are no season restrictions for coyote, red fox, weasel, skunk, raccoon or badger. These animals can be harvested year round, but trapping for these species usually occurs from October to February.

For trappers, it is important to remember that autumn and winter are a popular time for many outdoor activities like hunting, hiking, bird watching and cross country skiing. Taking the time to find out what activities are likely to take place on an area you're trapping is the first step in avoiding any

misunderstandings between you, landowners and other recreationalists. And, using the most selective traps and trapping techniques to reduce the chance of a non-target catch will improve your skills, public perception and personal satisfaction. FWP lists some great tips on their website for trappers to improve success.

Other recreationalists should be aware that there are only a few designated roads and trails with large setbacks. Across the board, traps can be as close as 50 feet of a trail or road, 100 feet from a trailhead and 1,000 feet from a designated campground.

For more information on regulated trapping visit Montana FWP at www.fwp.mt.gov or call 444-2612 or contact the Montana Trappers Association at www.montanatrappers.org. There are videos and articles available to show you how to get your dog out of a foot trap or a snare. FWP provides an abundance of information that is valuable for trappers and recreationalists alike. Do yourself, and your best dogs, a favor and familiarize yourself if you are heading out into our snowy surroundings this winter.

James Gemmell or Gammell, Part II

By Charlie Rossiter

The middle years

James didn't stay long in New York City and headed back to the frontier. From upstate New York, James went immediately to Michigan to find other fellow patriots and deliver messages from the patriots still in captivity. He settled in Jackson, Mich., in January 1843 and shortly thereafter James married Harriet Fitzgerald. James could have lived out the remainder of his life in relative peace and quiet as a farmer in Michigan, but he craved adventure.

James began making many trips west around this time, and probably followed the Oregon Trail to the newly built Fort Bridger, where he met Jim Bridger, one of the greatest frontiersmen in American history in the winter of 1843-44. The Oregon boundary controversy of the 1840s became a heated issue around this time and James was hoping to settle a score with the British. In 1845, James began traveling overland for the Pacific Coast with his own outfit consisting of six horses and two wagons. Several weeks into the journey his partner Ganson drowned as they were attempting to cross the Platte River. The border dispute was settled before he got halfway, and to his delight, the treaty provided for the release



Charlie Rossiter

and restoration of property, of the United States citizens who had taken part in the Canadian rebellion. When James reached Fort Laramie, Wyo., he joined up with the company of 300 immigrants and became a hunter for the wagon train. Also this same year James joined Bridger's company of trappers (The Rocky Mountain Fur Company) on an expedition to trade with the Crow and Sioux tribes, who were on friendly terms with each other at the time. The route took them north past the Tetons to Yellowstone Lake, where they visited the geyser basins, rested their pack animals at Mammoth and enjoyed the baths. From the park they worked their way east to the mouth of the Big Horn, where they established a winter camp at the mouth of the Big Horn River and enjoyed a good trade in furs and robes.

In early 1846 James learned of his wife Harriet's death and headed back to Michigan, where he made preparations for his son to live with his in-laws. This was the last trip to Michigan James ever made. On his return he fell in with another wagon train of Mormons, where after three weary months they reached Salt Lake City and he decided to go no further. Brigham Young gave him a contract to dig a 312 mile ditch for a dollar a rod, which he did, inventing some sort of machine to help them (Perhaps copied from devices he used in Van Diemen's Land). He was also credited with

building several bridges in the Salt Lake area. On Oct. 5, 1850, he was appointed supervisor of roads of the State of Deseret.

During the 11 or so years he lived in Utah he became a member of the Mormon faith and a polygamist, and records show that he was married to Editha Clark, Elizabeth Hendricks, Hannah June Davis and Maria Brown (but only two at any one time.) Throughout this time, he made numerous trading trips to Montana and in 1850 he went as far north as the Bitterroot and Flathead Lake. He seemed content to stay in Salt Lake Valley and carve out a life for himself and family there, in spite of the lure of gold just 800 miles away. In the fall of 1855 with five other men and a pack outfit, he made a camp in the Ruby Valley, then proceeded down the Yellowstone and returned here to spend the winter with Robert Dempsey, an area rancher and trapper. He relayed that the snow was so deep, cottonwood bows had to be cut for forage for the horses. After the winter in Montana that same year, James was sent on a mission to Texas, and was to remain there until he brought all of the Mormons from Texas to Utah (an almost certain banishment from Utah). Certain documents had been discovered which questioned James's loyalty to the Saints and James began to worry about his standing with Brigham and endeavored to have a conversation with the leader and make it the "sweetest talk

of his life." This possibly was a reason for his excommunication from the LDS in the future.

While on his mission to Texas, James got on the wrong end of a mob in Independence, Mo., and had to make his getaway by swimming in the Missouri River. He became separated from his Texas wagon company but was fortunate enough to meet up with another company that was headed back to Salt Lake City. In 1857 news arrived that 2,500 federal troops had been dispatched to the Utah territory to put down a so-called Mormon rebellion and that Utah's federal mail contract had been canceled. A wave of war hysteria spread throughout Utah, and Brigham Young instructed the Saints to prepare to defend themselves. This is when the infamous Mountain Meadow Massacre happened, where it was rumored that James presented evidence to the government that Brigham Young had ordered the killings (this is one version, controversial, but makes for a good story).

Regardless which story you hear, he was excommunicated from the church in 1858. These were some lean years for James, who was providing for two families, but he continued to trade and trap for his livelihood. James felt it wasn't safe for him to sleep in his house (because Brigham was down on him) so he said he spent his days with his families, and slept in the brush at night.

Check back next week to hear more about James' life.

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Commodity Insite! Weather is the wild card for 2016

by Jerry Welch

Due to the unseasonably warm weather across the nation some are predicting that 2016 will be the, "year without a winter." Five years ago, some were predicting that 2010 would be the "year without a summer" due to a volcanic eruption in Iceland. With the benefit of hindsight, we know 2010 did indeed have a summer and I would bet heavily that in 2016 most of the nation will eventually have a winter.

Below is my weekly column from April 23, 2010, entitled, "The year without a summer." I wrote it immediately following the eruption of a volcano in Iceland. There is, indeed, historical precedent for severe weather anomalies the result of volcanic eruptions. Or, possibly due to the powerful el Nino now lurking across the globe. Here is my column from five years ago. When news the Icelandic

volcano Eyjafjallajokull erupted, grain prices spiked upward out of fear the tremendous cloud of fine ash and dust would insulate Europe from the light and heat of the sun causing a severe drop in temperature leading to crop failures. The marketplace feared a repeat of 1816, known to many as, "the year without a summer."

From the Discovery Channel about that tragic year, 20 long decades ago: ** "During the summer of 1816, unexpected climate changes left countries in the Northern Hemisphere suffering from devastating famine and epidemic outbreaks. These weather patterns were the result of the volcanic eruption of Mount Tambora in Sumbawa, Indonesia, on 10th April 1815."

** "Over the following year, heavy ash-fall filled the air across the globe, preventing

sunrays from reaching the earth. The resulting frost and rains devastated crops and caused the 'Year without summer.' The death toll outside Indonesia ran into hundreds of thousands. With the 117,000 victims who died in the original cataclysm in Indonesia, this was one of the deadliest disasters in history."

** "There were few warning signs when Mount Tambora erupted on 10 April 1815. What people thought were the sounds of cannons were heard 1,000 miles away five days earlier."

- The Farmers Almanac offers these observations about the year without a summer."

** "Referred to by many names, including 'the poverty year' and 'eighteen hundred and froze-to-death,' the year 1816 was literally a year without a summer across much of the Northern

Hemisphere. Throughout not only North America, but also Northern Europe and parts of Asia, an exceptionally cold summer, featuring killing frosts in July and August, crippled food production. Crop failures and food shortages were so widespread that rioting and looting became common in the United Kingdom and France."

** "On this side of the Atlantic, many residents of New England and the Canadian Maritimes froze to death, starved or suffered from severe malnutrition as storms – bringing a foot or more of snow – hit hard during May and June. In fact, the year without a summer is now believed to have been one major catalyst in the westward expansion of the United States."

** "On July 4 of that year, for instance, the high temperature in Savannah, Ga., was a chilly 46 degrees Fahrenheit. As far

south as Pennsylvania, lakes and rivers were frozen over during July and August."

** "In Asia and India, the monsoon season was heavy and they experienced unusually low temperatures plus frost. Rice production was drastically reduced, which resulted in famine in China. Snow fell in higher elevations in countries where snow does not normally exist. Southern India suffered a cholera epidemic and it is believed to be linked with the unusual weather conditions in 1816."

According to the Associated Press, the eruption of Eyjafjallajokull could trigger an even more dangerous eruption at the nearby Katla volcano. The two volcanoes sit 12 miles apart and are thought to be connected by a network of magma channels. AP stated, "though Katla shows no signs of activity, the last

three times that Eyjafjallajokull erupted, Katla did as well. Katla blows every 80 years, having last exploded in 1918."

In agriculture, nothing changes the delicate balance between surplus or scarcity more startling than the weather. But history also shows that erupting volcanoes spewing heavy clouds of ash that block the warm rays of the sun can also impact grain and livestock production. American farmers and ranchers would be wise to keep a close eye on Eyjafjallajokull and Katla in the months ahead.

Only with the benefit of hindsight can we determine clearly what the weather will bring in the New Year. But with the most powerful el Nino ever recorded lurking around the globe, the weather is the wild card for 2016 for the agricultural markets.

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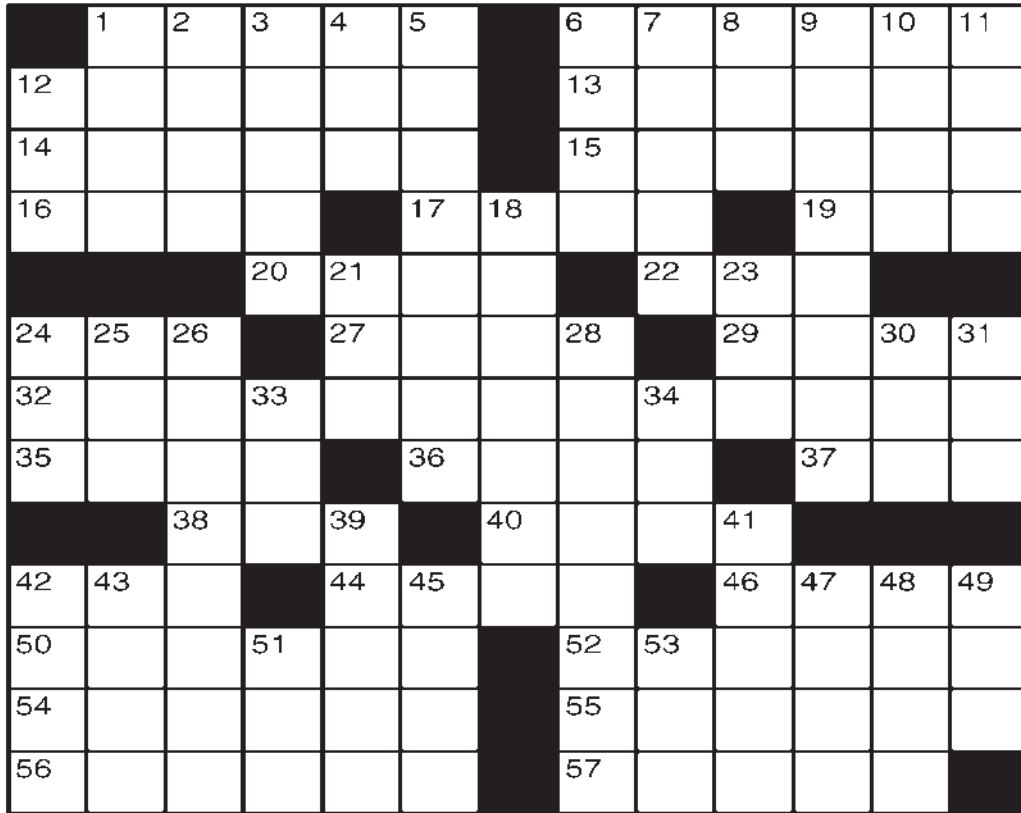


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Make sense
- 6 Death-feigning critter
- 12 Book size
- 13 Stir up
- 14 Briefs, e.g.
- 15 Clincher
- 16 On
- 17 Fat
- 19 Preceding
- 20 Skewer
- 22 Screw up
- 24 Type squares
- 27 Footnote abbr.
- 29 The Tentmaker
- 32 "American Grown" writer
- 35 Small combo
- 36 Pound sounds
- 37 Pinch
- 38 Masseur's workplace
- 40 Jog
- 42 Bro's counterpart
- 44 "The Naked Maja" painter
- 46 Bum
- 50 Worshipped
- 52 Knave
- 54 Verb acting as a noun
- 55 Grommet



- 56 Liabilities' opposites
- 57 Thermos-like flask

DOWN

- 1 Family member
- 2 Pedestal part
- 3 Plumbing problems
- 4 Salt Lake athlete
- 5 Maybe
- 6 Wear a rut in the rug
- 7 Speechify
- 8 Bribe
- 9 Role for Reeve or

- Reeves kangaroo
- 10 Addict
- 11 Unembellished
- 12 Sine-non link
- 18 Electric company, e.g.
- 21 Slapstick missile
- 23 Plagiarize
- 24 Ambulance VIP
- 25 Soviet space station
- 26 Salon tool
- 28 Perverted
- 30 Parisian pal
- 31 Knock
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- 34 Barcelona bear
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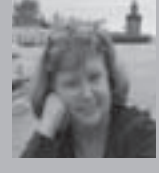
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By Janet Tharpe

Healthy, Flavorful and Comforting Beef Barley Soup

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The aroma of Deb Lund's Mom's Beef Barley Soup while simmering is nearly irresistible. Your family won't be able to wait until it's finished to dig in. Served with a salad and crusty bread, you have a healthy meal for a chilly night. Everyone will love this hearty soup.



Deb Lund
Naperville, IL
(pop. 141,853)

See step-by-step photos of Deb's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/beefbarley
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- Janet

Mom's Beef Barley Soup

What You Need

- 2 tbsp oil
- 4 ribs of celery, sliced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1/2 c green pepper, finely diced
- 5 large carrots, sliced into medallions
- 1-2 lb stew meat cut up 1/2 in cubes
- 1/2+ c sherry, beef broth, water or dry red wine for deglazing
- 6 c beef broth
- 6 c water
- 1 tsp seasoned salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 c pearled barley
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 can beans (pinto or great northern whites), drained and rinsed
- Any veggies you may want to add

Directions

- Add 1 tbsp of oil to a large Dutch oven and brown beef in batches.

Be sure to dry your beef off with paper towels before browning or the beef won't brown appropriately. Once browned, remove meat from pot.

- Deglaze the pot with a bit of broth, water, sherry or dry red wine and save the drippings. Sherry makes a nice rich flavor.
- Into the same pot, now deglazed, add 1 tbsp of oil.
- Sauté onions, green pepper and celery until soft. Add carrots and continue sautéing for 3-5 minutes.
- Add the meat back in and sauté another 3-5 minutes. Add water and broth.
- Add the bay leaf, seasoned salt and pepper.
- Bring to boil, turn down and gently simmer covered for about 1 hour.
- Add pearl barley. Cover pan and simmer until soft about 1 hour. Check salt. You may need to add more depending on what broth used.
- Add beans. Add any other veggies like peas, or green beans (if desired). Continue cooking for another 1/2 hour or so.

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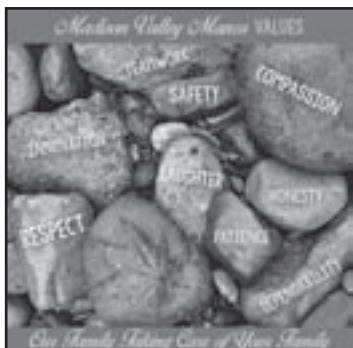
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS CONSTRUCTOR (CMC) SERVICES FOR NEW REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL AND CLINIC, SHERIDAN, MONTANA.

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
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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
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//s// Lorraine Arlene Jones
Personal Representative
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SUMMONS
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18 Bowl of chicken & wild rice soup w/ half sandwich or wrap	19 Cheese steak pita w/ broccoli salad	20 Bowl of tomato basil soup w/ half sandwich or wrap	21 Taco pizza w/ side salad	22 Chicken salad croissant w/ chips
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Submitted by Matt Montgomery

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HARRISON VS. SHERIDAN

MADISON COUNTY RIVALS BATTLE IT OUT IN THE CLASH OF PURPLES



Caitlin Avey
THE MADISONIAN
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The Harrison Wildcats traveled to Sheridan last week for one final basketball showdown before the Christmas holiday, hoping for a W going into the break – something they were able to achieve.

The boys' teams played first and the Wildcats dominated the first quarter, leaving the Panthers' confidence rattled. Sophomore Derik DeFrance and senior Matt Fouch both had six points in the first quarter, totaling more than half of the Wildcats' 22 points as the first eight minutes came to a close.

The Panthers were able to get on the board after team captain Tristan Horn hit a three-pointer with four minutes left on the clock. Sophomore Kenny Foster was able to rebound the ball for two, giving the Panthers five points going into the second quarter.

"I thought the boys started out very well," said Harrison head coach Nick Dyk. "We were aggressive on offense and made our easy shots but as the game progressed, I thought we had a little bit of a let down on our defense intensity."

The teams broke for halftime, leaving Harrison with a 22 point lead, but the young Panther team came back defensively in the third, holding the Wildcats to their lowest point scoring quarter.

Even with the tough Panther defense in his face, Wildcat senior Chas Buus grabbed a fast break, stealing the ball for two points at the end of the third quarter. Buus ended the night with five points and two fouls.

Freshmen Isaac Bendon and Moxon Lee came to life in the final quarter for the Panthers, each putting up four

points. Both Bendon and Lee broke the Wildcat offense resulting in fast breaks from both players and a blocked shot from Bendon.

With the pressure on from the Panthers, the Wildcats had to push back, and DeFrance put six more points on the board, ending his night with a total of 19, leading the way for the Wildcat win.

Horn led the Panther totals with 20 of the team's 35 points.

"We didn't show up mentally prepared to play and it showed on the court," said head coach Chad Elser about the Panther's loss. "We'll be working on just coming to the game mentally prepared to compete."

The Panthers will host the Manhattan Christian Eagles on Jan. 8 and the Wildcats will play West Yellowstone at home on Jan. 7.

Harrison 22 36 42 56
Sheridan 5 14 15 35

The Lady Wildcats and Lady Panthers faced off after the boys' game and the Wildcats swept the floor.

The Lady Panthers started the game strong, putting 11 points on the board and keeping the Wildcats in close range in the first quarter. But with a steady percentage of three-pointers coming from Wildcat seniors Taya DeFrance and Hailey Hokanson, the Panthers could not hold on.

"I thought (the girls) started really good but they lost motivation and didn't play very competitively," said Panther head coach Wendy Fabel, adding that the girls will be working strictly on defense for their next game against Manhattan Christian on Jan. 8.

All six players for the Wildcats put up points for their 43-point victory over the Panthers. DeFrance led the charge with 22 points and

two fouls, senior Addie Nesbit came alive in the second half, where she contributed eight of her 12 points for the Wildcats. Junior MaKenna Livezey ended the night with 10 points to help secure the Wildcat win.

"I thought we started out a little flat, but ended well," said Wildcat head coach Zachary Dyk. "We are working on executing better and we need to do so because we can be right in the thick of things."

The Panthers were led by sophomore Janie Smart who had 10 points and four fouls for the night, while junior Tionna Schwend put up six points. Senior Alexis Woirhaye also got on the board with two points in the first quarter.

Harrison 19 31 46 61
Sheridan 11 14 16 18

OTHER COUNTY GAMES

Abigail Dennis
THE MADISONIAN
editor@madisoniannews.com

In addition to the Wildcat/Panther face off in Sheridan, only one other county school played over the holiday week. Both Twin Bridges teams traveled to Shields Valley on Dec. 22 to play the Rebels.

Boys Basketball

Coach Josh Keller's Falcons beat the Rebels, 55 – 35. Tracen Eggers led the team with 18 points, followed closely by Wesley Harshbarger who scored 15 and Cooper Christensen who scored 12.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Falcons also beat their Shields Valley competition, 60 – 39. Kailee Oliverson scored 24 points for Twin Bridges, and six other players made it on the scoreboard.



Boys photos top to bottom: Wildcat senior Chas Buus (12) drives the ball to the hoop on a fast break through the Panther defense.

Sheridan's Tristan Horn pushes through the Wildcat defense for two points.



Girls photos left to right: Wildcat senior Addie Nesbit (35) finds her way to the basket.

Alexis Woirhaye (20) passes the ball down the court, hoping to put the Panthers on the board during the first quarter.

Stocking Winners!



Submitted by Karen Town
TOP: Ken Walsh presents a Christmas stocking to Elyanor and Karyssa Hernandez.
BOTTOM: Paul Kramer presents a Christmas stocking to Pete, Addie and Maggie Robinson.

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Through the WINDOW OF THE ARCHIVES

By Evalyn Batten Johnson

While cleaning out a newspaper file box I came across a copy of The Butte Miner, dated Dec. 21, 1926. The front page article caught my attention as it was written by George A. Bruffey. After reading a paragraph or two I thought it would be an interesting bit for the edition of my column following Christmas.
 Here's an excerpt:
 "It was my first Christmas in Montana in 1863. I was up early at out wood camp, 10 miles from Nevada, Montana. A brick walk brought me to our town, Nevada City.
 Though not a half-year-old there was a store, the Lott Brothers, it was well filled with mining supplies and articles of food brought in from Salt Lake and Bitterroot. Alex Metzler had a fine butcher shop where he displayed all of Montana nature's bounty for consumption. Folks living there lived in dugouts and wall tents. Some lived in log cabins with fire places and were well supplied with cedar wood brought down from the surrounding hill that were becoming cleared for mining access.

(There were) several exclusive grog shops. Brannon and Wyrick had a well filled grocery store with many supplies. I bought my first shovel for which I paid 18 dollars. Things weren't cheap.
 At the time which I write, ladies were calling, making new acquaintances, Mrs. Ruben Richmond, Mrs. Joseph Ramsdell and Mrs. Rufus Payne were all out for a hillside romp with the children. There was no snow. Just off a wagon train from Denver.
 Christmas was on. Most of the town gathered and John S. Lott called the first Christmas dance with the old fiddlers, so long unstrung, after making music around many campfires.
 Twenty ladies were there. Not all took part in the dance but all took part in joys of Christmas, all went well, old and new friends were made never to be forgotten while life lasted. Mrs. Belcher, with her newborn babe Clurry, not one month old, the first born in town was present."
 Such then was Christmas in the early days. No mention of foods served, but perhaps a few sips of something warm and relaxing was available?
 Source: Dick Pace Archives and The Butte Miner newspaper, 1926.



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TUESDAY JANUARY 12

Meeting, Virginia City

The Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council monthly meeting is on the second Tuesday, this time only, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY JANUARY 7

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

Presentation, Ennis

Andy Thomas, Madison Valley Medical Center physical therapist, will

Business after hours, Ennis

BAH will be hosted by Jon C. Goodman, CPWA, Independent Financial Partners and COPY That! Printing and Administrative Services at their offices in the North 40 Building from 5-7 p.m. BAH is a free networking event open to chamber members and their guests.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20

Chautauqua, Virginia City

The Elling House Arts and Humanities center in Virginia City will continue its popular tradition of hosting Chautauqua program on Jan. 16, 2016 beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be a potluck prior to the program, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Those interested in performing should call 843-5454.

THURSDAY MARCH 3

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

Open Sew, Ennis

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.

For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School

TOPS, Ennis

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

Books and Babies, Ennis

Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

Grief Support Group, Ennis

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

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH

NO meetings June, July or August.

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

1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis

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Story Time, Ennis

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

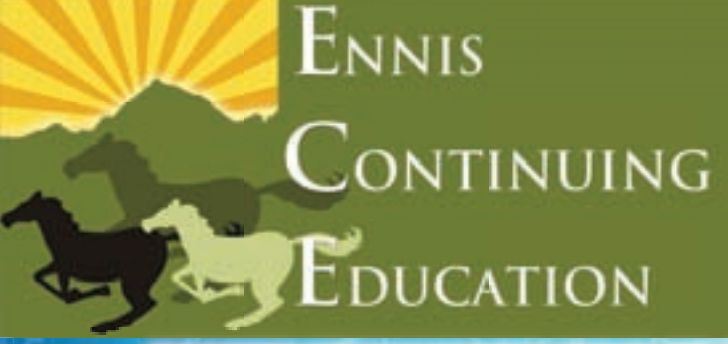
Live Music, Ennis

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY- SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris

7 p.m. See the weekly ad on this page for weekly performers.



ENNIS CONTINUING EDUCATION

is gearing up for Winter Classes!

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH.
CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH -- 8 WEEK SESSION
(ONLINE, MAIL, OR IN PERSON) • ALL CLASSES \$20 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

**Insanity-
High Intensity Exercise Class**
Monday & Tuesday | 6-6:45 am
Grade School Gym | Lacey Keller

Yoga for Athletes
Monday & Wednesdays | 6-7 am
Commons Rm | Cori Koenig

Open Sew & Quilt
Mondays | 4-7 | FCS Room #6
Kathy Olkowski & Jamie Diehl
Limited Space

Beginning Yoga
Mondays & Wednesdays | 5:15-6:15 pm | Commons Rm | Ashley Nelson
Limited Space 10

Fly Tying
Mondays | 6-8 pm | ECW Rm# 12
John Way

Advanced Vinyasa Yoga
Tuesday | 5:15-6:15 pm | Commons
Manu Redmond

Be Strong Yoga
Wednesday | 6:30-7:30 pm | Commons
Manu Redmond * UPDATED DAY/TIME

Early Bird Yoga
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6:15-7:15 am | Commons Rm | Cori Koenig

Buggy Barns Quilting
Tuesdays | 4-7 | FCS Room #6
Kathy Olkowski
Limited Space 8

Beginning Pickleball
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 5-7 Multipurpose Room Grade School Dan Olkowski & Cindy Gockel
Limited Space

Beginning Welding
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6-9 HS Shop | Charlie Zitting
\$40 materials fee

Hula Hooping
Tuesdays | 6:45-7:45pm
Commons Room | Ashley Nelson

Intermediate Knitting- Fix it Class & Knit to Warm Someone Cold
Wednesdays | 5-7 | ECW Rm# 12 Kitty Donich | Limited Space

Soaps for Home, Health and Beauty
Wednesdays | 5:30-8:30 | FCS Room
Kay Gogerty and Guests
Materials fee TBA

Cooking
Thursdays | 5-6:30 pm | FCS Room
Jamie Diehl | \$40 Materials fee or \$10 a class to drop in

Advanced Yoga
Thursdays | 5:15-6:30 | Commons Room | Manu Redmond

Intro to Mapping & Orienteering
TBA | TBA | TBA | Tim Gogerty

Wet on Wet Landscape Painting
Thursdays | 7-9 | HS Art Rm | Jack Finley | \$188.25 Materials Fee, \$25 mate

Lend a Helping Hand: Practical Skills for Family, Friends and Neighbors
3 Thursdays, 1.28, 2.4, 2.11 | 7-8:30 | Room #19 Jr. High | Darci Sgrignoli

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS
(\$10 Each unless otherwise stated)

Feed a Bird: A Guide to Bird Feeding/Bird Feeders
Monday, January 18th | 7-9 pm | HS Rm 5 | Marc Elser

Planning Today for Eating Tomorrow (Gardening)
Kaye Suzuki
Tuesday January 26, 6-9pm
Brown Bag Dinner

Couples Yoga and Thai Massage Workshop
Saturday, Feb. 13th | am | Jen Davies | \$20

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