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COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS ON DECK FOR MADISON COUNTY

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The Madison County Courthouse
was constructed in 1875.

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Since 1875, the Madison County Courthouse has served as a home to county offices and both the district and justice courts.

Though the courthouse has been somewhat modernized to keep up with the times, the commissioners have a few issues to address, like accessibility and courtroom safety.

Commissioner Dave Schulz explained the county has a legal obligation to put an elevator in the courthouse because of a claim from a Madison County resident. The courtroom is located on the second floor of the building and is not

accessible by everyone.

"It's a serious issue," Schulz said. "But we are taking a positive approach and moving forward."

Other than an elevator, the tentative plans for the courthouse include shuffling around offices and putting a restroom on the main floor.

The commissioners are currently working with an architecture firm to conceptualize the project.

"They need to talk with the state preservation office," Schulz said. "They need to talk with all the (county) offices that will be impacted."

"We had an estimate a few years ago, just conceptually," commissioner Jim Hart added. "That was \$650,000, but now I bet you it'll be more than \$1 million."

THE BACKGROUND

In 2008, the commissioners established a courthouse advisory committee to outline priorities for structural changes and determine where the county offices should be located in the future, Hart said.

The committee identified priorities, which ultimately led to the construction of the newly completed administrative building, located across the street from the historic courthouse in Virginia City. With that project finished, the new focus is on the courthouse.

Schulz said updating the courthouse is important for a few reasons.

"Our court and court related offices are busier than ever," he said. "Consequently, our obligation for access isn't going to go away."



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Kathleen Mumme, former deputy clerk and recorder, is sworn in as interim clerk and recorder and election administrator.



CLERK and RECORDER

Mumme sworn in as interim clerk

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On Dec. 30, Madison County commission chair Jim Hart swore in Kathleen Mumme as the interim clerk and recorder and election administrator for the county after long-time clerk Peggy Kaatz-Stemler resigned.

"It's just time to move on," Kaatz-Stemler said. "I've been working for the county for 27 1/2 years."

Kaatz-Stemler first started working for Madison County in the bookkeeping office, which is now the finance office.

"I was the deputy (clerk

and recorder) for one year," she said. "Then I was appointed."

The county clerk and recorder and election administrator oversees all elections in addition to recording county documents like deeds, mortgages, liens and more, Kaatz-Stemler explained.

Before Mumme was sworn in, Hart thanked Kaatz-Stemler for her years of service to the county.

"Your tutoring and expertise is why we have a staff that can take over," Hart said.

Mumme was hired to the clerk and recorder's office in 1993 - Kaatz-Stemler said Mumme was her first hire when

she took over the position.

"She's been my deputy forever," Kaatz-Stemler said. "She is the best person to take over. She's the one for the job."

When Kaatz-Stemler resigned, the commissioners were statutorily required to appoint an interim, Hart explained.

"Because of where we are in the election cycle, we thought it was best to appoint (Mumme)," commissioner Dave Schulz said. "She will serve as the interim until the general election in November. Then, if she wins, she will be sworn in as the permanent clerk and recorder

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WATCHING THE WATER

FWP releases annual Madison River report about trout population, temperature patterns, native fish protection

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At the end of last month, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks region three fisheries biologist Pat Clancey released an annual report

on the Madison River.

"We have to do reporting for the power company," Clancey said, referring to NorthWestern Energy, which controls the operations of both the Hebgen and Ennis dams. "And then we disseminate the information to the public - there's always an interest in what the fish popula-

tion numbers are in the river."

Clancey said the numbers of large fish dropped some in 2015, but are still at historic levels.

According to the report, population estimates were conducted in the Norris section of the Madison River in March and in the Pine Butte and Varney sections in September.

In the Pine Butte section in particular, rainbow trout that are 14 inches or more are more than 500 fish per mile.

"2010 and 2011 were really good water years so lots of juvenile fish survived," Clancey explained. "There was more water in the river so they had more space. We had

really high numbers of large fish in 2013, partially due to those earlier really good water years. But they have started to age out of the population."

Brown trout numbers in all three sections have remained consistent, anywhere between 1,500 and 500 fish per mile, but dropped most


significantly in the Varney section of the river in 2015.

"(Large) fish are down from what they were the previous two years, but they still make up a decent portion of the population," Clancey said.

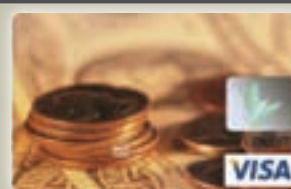
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The Madison River winds through the valley south of Cameron.

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 (and election administrator) once the canvas is complete. If someone else wins, they will be sworn in on Jan. 1 and (Mumme) will serve until then.” Schulz said the commis-

sioners felt Mumme was the best choice to fill the office in the interim for a few reasons. “She has seniority in the department,” he said. “She knows the ropes. It will be a smooth transition for the office.” As for Mumme, the decision

to accept the role as interim clerk and recorder and election administrator was simple. “I love everything about this job,” Mumme said. “The history, the voting, all of it.” Mumme said she plans to run in the election, which will

take place in November. After she vowed to uphold the duties of the office as the interim clerk and recorder and election administrator, Mumme was all business. “Back to work,” she said, returning to her office.



BASKETBALL ROUND UP

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With the holiday season, Madison County schools went on break, and so did most of the area basketball teams. Last week, Ennis was the only Madison County high school that sent basketball teams to a game. Both the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs traveled to Manhattan Christian on Jan. 2 for their first games of 2016.

– 54. At the end of the first quarter, Ennis was up, 12 – 10 and increased their lead during the second quarter of play, entering the locker room up, 28 – 23. After the half, the evenly-matched teams fought it out on the court and the Eagles were able to score 18 points to Ennis’ 16 in the third quarter. The Mustangs could not hold onto their lead and only scored nine points compared to Manhattan Christian’s 13 in the final quarter, which caused them to lose by one point. Jake Knack led the team with 21 points, followed closely by Gavin McKittrick who scored

18. Tracer Croy, Ty Morgan and Cole Crowley also contributed, scoring six, six and two points, respectively.

Girls basketball
 The story was much the same for the Lady Mustangs, who led at the half but ultimately fell to the Lady Eagles, 51 – 59. Ennis was up by two points, 15 – 13, at the end of the first quarter, and expanded on their lead to close out the half ahead, 29 – 22. The third quarter, however, was all about the Lady Eagles, and Manhattan Christian scored 24 points to Ennis’ 11. In the final quarter of play,

the Lady Eagles added 13 more points to their scoreboard to defeat the Lady Mustangs by eight. Danyel Martin led the team with 21 points. The next highest Mustang scorer was Jourdain Klein, who scored 14. Lexi Lindemulder and MaKenzie Moen each added six points, and Brigit Croy and Danika Philpott each scored two to contribute.

** The Mustangs welcomed Lima to Ennis on Jan. 5, but statistics and scores were not available by The Madisonian’s press time on Tuesday.*

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Native fish
 Two summers ago, Clancey and his team placed remote site incubators filled with arctic grayling eggs at three locations along the West Fork in an effort to reintroduce the fish to the Madison River. Then last summer, they used the same West Fork locations but expanded the program to some tributaries on private land. “We put (the incubators and fertilized eggs) where we thought they would most readily establish,” Clancey said. “It would be too hard to introduce them into the main stream of the river so we picked water that’s a manageable size – tributaries that are not far away from the river. They are a wide-ranging fish, they will move to the river.” Clancey and his team have not found adult fish in the river


yet, but that does not worry him. “They would not be found there until several years down the road,” he said. The reason for the introduction is twofold: to return the fish to its native land and to provide greater diversity for anglers, Clancey said. “Mountain whitefish, westslope cutthroat and grayling were the fish in the river before browns and rainbows,” Clancey said. “We want to expand (grayling and westslope cutthroat) range to diminish the likelihood of them being listed as endangered species.” Westslope cutthroat trout inhabit more than 60 miles of streams in Cherry Creek and Clancey said he estimates there are more than 50,000 of the fish in that drainage. “They are moving into the river,” he said. “Anglers are starting to see

them and catch them.” In addition to Cherry Creek, Clancey has done cutthroat introduction in Ruby Creek. “We’re trying to implement some projects to conserve existing westslope populations in that drainage,” he said. “We think they are between 90 and 100 percent genetically pure. We would have to build some barrier so the non-native trout don’t get in there.” In 2015, Clancey’s team also implemented a barrier along Cabin Creek – near Quake Lake – to isolate 12 to 15 miles of stream for westslope cutthroat. “There are a couple other small streams we may pursue efforts on,” Clancey said.

Water temperatures
 Clancey said water temperature trends have not changed much in the Madison River over the last 20 years, but next year

might be the one to watch. Construction on the Hebgen Dam is in its final stages and water is currently being released from a pipe 40 feet deep. For the summer of 2016, the water will be released from the top of the dam, like it has been for the past four years for the construction season. Clancey said temperatures are warmer than they have historically been between Hebgen Lake and Quake Lake when the dam releases from the surface, but Quake Lake serves to cool the water. “By the time the water gets down to the West Fork area it has enough tributary inflow that it’s just about at normal temperatures,” he said. “It will be interesting to see if the fish (populations and sizes) change once the dam returns to normal operating conditions.”

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MORE NEWS:

Alder Gulch Phase One Improvement Project on hold due to holidays, winter weather

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In October, Rowe Excavation, Inc., out of Dillon started reconstructing the dam at the kid's pond, which is located between Virginia City and Nevada City.

"The dam is back in and stabilized," said Kelly Rowe of Rowe Excavation, Inc. "The weather and the holiday had us shut down, but now we're working out the details on in-kind services that will help us finish the roads at the kid's pond."

When completed, the Alder Gulch Phase One Improvement Project will reconstruct the already-finished dam at the kid's pond, and also the dam at the horseshoe pond, located upstream.

The dam at the kid's pond has to be completed first, so it can serve as an access road from the highway to the mines on the far side of the ponds — once the kid's pond dam is completed, work will begin on the horseshoe pond dam.

"The timeline hasn't changed," Rowe said. "We are going to start

the horseshoe pond in the spring, same as before."

Reconstructing the dam at the kid's pond has taken longer than expected for a few reasons, Rowe explained.

"When people say, 'leave it for the next guy,' we're the next guy," he said. "We found an old pipe that was buried 18 feet deep and leaking in the dam. We had to dig that up and backfill it. Then we found a phone line running across the dam that we had to dig up and put back in."

Another surprise was the amount of silt that filtered into the kid's pond when Rowe Excavation, Inc., drained it.

"The ponds above the system are silted in and a lot of that has moved down into the kid's pond," Rowe said. "We're putting in for some grant money to dig that out and make it deeper for the fish."

Other than the few "surprises" and set backs, Rowe said the project is moving along "fairly well."

"We stopped all the leaks we could," Rowe said. "There are just a few small seepages. We also had to widen the road out — the dam itself — to accommodate county standards."

When Rowe Excavation, Inc.,

filled in the dam, it dried up the River of Gold in Nevada City.

"The fire department asked us to install a pipe to get water from the kid's pond to Nevada City," Rowe said. "None of those things were in the original design of this thing, so now we're trying to figure out how to stretch our budget."

The background

In the spring of 2009, a high water event led to flooding in the Alder Gulch, and the water in the horseshoe pond threatened to top the dam. The flooding was the result of a plugged culvert at the horseshoe pond.

Ruby Watershed Coordinator Rebecca Ramsey and the Ruby Valley Conservation District got involved and wrote a planning grant to the DRNC, showing how they wanted to address the issue. Then, Ramsey applied for a DNRC grant to create a project to remedy the situation. The \$300,000 grant was awarded in 2011.

Though the DNRC grant is funding the majority of the project, Ramsey said the county, the town of Virginia City and Rowe Excavation, Inc., are all contributing a "significant" amount of in-kind work.



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In October 2015, the dam at the kid's pond was ripped out and reconstruction began.

Madison County law enforcement at work

Sheriff's office detains three people on warrants from out-of-county, states over the weekend

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New Year's weekend was busy for the Madison County Sheriff's Office, according to Sheriff Roger Thompson.

"We responded to an assault report in Sheridan, which led to the discovery of

a wanted man from Kankakee County, Ill.," Thompson said.

The incident took place the evening of Jan. 3. Nicholas Bishir, 27, had an extradition warrant from Illinois for \$100,000 for aggravated domestic assault, Thompson explained. Six Madison County deputies responded to the incident and were able to

make the arrest around 7 p.m.

"We located him in Sheridan," Thompson said. "We expected him to run but we got him without any issues."

The Madison County Sheriff's Office booked him on a few charges and he is currently being held at Gallatin County Jail.

"Hopefully we can hold him here," Thompson said. "Not release him to Illinois

until he is done in court here."

Earlier in the weekend — on New Year's Eve, specifically — two people with out-of-county warrants were also picked up in Madison County.

"A deputy saw (Michael Oldham, Jr.) speeding and stopped him," Thompson said. "And he took off running, but went up a dead end."

Oldham, who was wanted in

Jefferson County for possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia, was detained, Thompson said.

The other pick up happened in Big Sky, where the Madison County Sheriff's Office had deputies on duty during the holiday.

"We contract with Gallatin County Sheriff to cover Big Sky," Thompson explained. "We send a few officers for

New Year's Eve and the pond skim event in the spring."

Because of that, Madison County deputies were involved in arresting Andres Titus, who had a \$5,000 warrant from Gallatin County after a "short pursuit," Thompson said.

"Typically New Year's Eve isn't that busy, but this year was," Thompson concluded.

PLUCKIN' DUCKS



Hi readers,

No matter the month, it is somehow always hunting season. Early season antelope, big game, mountain lion, waterfowl, bear — nearly every day of the year can be spent hunting in Montana.

Mike is still in the process of training our pup, Calamity Jane, to be a hunting dog. She's a year and one-half old and still acts like a puppy sometimes. Last week, they cruised around Madison County in search of ducks and came out on top, which was good news for me because Mike recently got his hands on a smoker and is quite creative in the kitchen.

So this weekend was dedicated to duck. Smoked duck, duck and wild rice soup, duck, duck, duck. And just like that, I found out I really enjoy eating duck.

I'm always impressed by people who have an innate sense of putting flavors together in the kitchen. I'm not an instinctive chef — in fact, until the last few years of my life, work in the kitchen intimidated me. Cooking and baking with my grandma was always a treat but I firmly had the role of sous chef. In fact, I once told a high school friend that I "couldn't cook." He (sassily) replied, "well at one time in your life you couldn't read either." Point taken. After that conversation, I committed to spending more time in the kitchen and really enjoyed it.

When I lived by myself, I got incredibly comfortable around a stovetop, but now Mike's in my life and I'm firmly back in the sous chef position — I'm great at chopping, prepping and dishes. And that's fine by me.

Since it's still duck season, I'm sure more birds will land in my lap, and while Mike quickly taught me how to pluck them, we may need some inspiration when it comes to cooking them — any suggestions?

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CHANGING HANDS RVCD takes lead on carcass composting in Ruby Valley

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The idea of creating a carcass composting facility in Madison County has been tossed around for three years by an interested group of people and organizations.

"The Ruby Valley Conservation District is planning on taking over as the lead on the carcass management program for the Ruby Valley side of Madison County," said Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator. "Madison County received a grant from the Montana Livestock Loss Board to help in the startup of the carcass management program."

A portion of that funding was used to analyze the Twin Bridges disposal site as a potential place to start a carcass composting facility. A location for the facility is still up in the air because the preferred site at Twin Bridges was contested by the Madison County Airport Board because of its proximity to the Twin Bridges Airport.

"The RVCD will manage that funding, and raise further funds to implement the program once we can get an acceptable site secured," Ramsey explained.

Ramsey added the total funds the Livestock Loss Board said are available to the county for the program are \$36,448.

Though the conservation district is taking the lead, Ramsey said they will continue to work with a variety of interested partners, including the Wildlife Conservation Society, county government, ranchers, the Montana Department of Transportation, the Department of Livestock's Livestock Loss Board,

People and Carnivores and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

A timeline

The Twin Bridges site was initially prioritized because it is county owned and already has permitting in place, which would have made implementing a carcass composting facility straightforward.

"Right now we have identified a couple sites other than Twin Bridges we think would work," Ramsey said. "We are just trying to get in touch with those landowners."

Ramsey said the holidays stalled the process, but the conversation about sites will begin again around

the middle of January.

"There will be more information and public meetings scheduled," she said. "Probably in February."

The Madison Valley

"The Madison Conservation District was involved in the initial information gather stage, but for the last year or so they have opted not to participate but to stay in the informational loop," Ramsey explained. "Their board of supervisors wanted to see how it happens in the Ruby to see if it could happen in their valley."

From a wildlife perspective, the need in the Madison Valley is less, Ramsey explained. "We are closest to the pro-

The need

George Edwards with the Livestock Loss Board said Madison County is a good candidate for a carcass composting program because "where there are more problems, there's a greater need for something like this."

"Madison County is one of the harder hit counties in the state (when it comes to predator depredation on livestock)," Edwards said. "Especially with the fact that there are both grizzly bears and wolves present in the county, Beaverhead and Madison counties

are (yearly) in the top five as far as losses."

Edwards said it has been proven that getting rid of dead pits on ranches removes attractants that pull predators onto ranches. "By doing the carcass composting program

in Madison County, it would remove the attractant that is pulling grizzly bears and wolves into the livestock operations," he said. "Reducing predator presence reduces other losses.

If predators are present on the ranch, stock are not feeding like they normally would, they are more alert. Not with their heads down eating grass, but alert."

Ramsey agreed, saying she has seen composting programs work in other places around the state.

"We just want to take a proactive approach to living with predators, having seen carcass composting work elsewhere," Ramsey concluded. "We're committed to making this happen in Madison County."

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— Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator

OPINION

In response to Dec. 10 letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

What was Christine Wagner of Harrison hoping to accomplish in her letter to the editor on Dec. 10? Justify the murder of a policeman and a woman in the Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood Clinic? Or was she hoping to incite

others to follow suit? Reading Wagner equate the shooter in Colorado Springs to American soldiers serving in World War II fighting Nazis makes my blood run cold. This kind of rhetoric is able to incite people to commit acts of violence.

In this country people have the right to receive health care:

women, men, straights, gays, trans, the whole spectrum of Americans. Wagner delivered a slap in the face to our country and the women and men who live here as a caring community when she wrote her letter to the editor last month.

I have had enough of rhetoric designed to incite. I

have had enough of women and men seeking health care being demonized and made targets. I believe this form of domestic terrorism must end. Now.

Sincerely,
Logan Schendel
Waterloo

Get out of the business of war

Dear Editor,

Did you know there are 1,025,109 words listed in the English language? I know we do not use all of those and some we use too much. There are 349 words listed as taboo and curse words. What is the worst bad word in the English language? It has to be the word "war." And it only has three letters.

Since this country was founded in 1776, the United States has only seen 21 years that this country has not been

at war with someone. This is dreadful. We have just spent over \$3 trillion on the Iraq War. We have spent over a trillion dollars on the war in Afghanistan. The United States has been at war 93 percent of the time since 1776.

Last year, the U.S. federal budget spent \$598.5 billion on the defense budget, plus another \$65.3 billion on veteran benefits. That is more than a million dollars a minute.

The politicians tell us we need more money to defend

our country. Maybe if we stayed home and quit trying to police the entire world things would be better.

On Veterans Day, we thank our veterans for protecting our country. Which we should. But we should also be sending "we are sorry" notes for sending our young men and women into battles for the war mongers and for fighting for big corporations that make money from war.

Will the U.S. ever get out of the business of war? Will the politicians ever take

care of the U.S. and say, "we cannot police the world?"

Remember, "peace is patriotic." I know I have not mentioned the millions of lives that have been lost. All the injuries, all the pain, all the hardships. That should be enough to get us out of the business of war.

May the new year of 2016 bring peace for all of us.

LaVon D. Brillhart
Dillon

The importance of small farms, local produce

Dear Editor,

The Montana Department of Livestock's amended rule for milk inspection fees has given me pause.

With an abundance of irrigated mountain pastures – our counties should be thriving with a variety of produce that supports ranches of all sizes, big and small. Many have forged a practice working collaboratively with larger estates to keep small farming sustainable. Sustainable meaning into

the future – leaving a legacy of agricultural initiatives and opportunity for generations to come. I believe most who embark on such a venture do so knowing that it is riddled with risk, long hours and hard work. We do so willingly, knowing we are preserving a necessary way of life that not only sustains us but also nourishes us.

The proposed inspection fees will impact small Montana dairies. And without action there is inaction.

We all love about Montana is

its wildness and beauty. Those of us who work in it, in all weathers, do so because we are called to the practice knowing we will not be lining our pockets with silver and gold. Many who come to reside in Montana equally harbor an agrarian philosophy about place, land stewardship and a belief in supporting local wholesome food.

My appeal is to you. On Jan. 28, 2016, there will be a public hearing Helena on the amended rule. If you cannot attend, write. Write the Governor, your

legislator and spread the word that you wish to see all dairies in Montana, large or small, thrive.

If you would be impacted by an increase in these fees or just want to weigh in, please plan on attending or submitting comments to the department at MDOLcomments@mt.gov.

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OBITUARIES

Merianne (Sabo) Roedel

May 4, 1944 - December 28, 2015



Merianne (Sabo) Roedel, born May 4, 1944, to Mike and Christina (Lunstroth) Sabo of Belt passed away on Dec. 28, 2015. A visitation will be held in the Rose Room Chapel at Croxford Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. Her graveside service will take place on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery in Belt.

My dear family and friends, it has been one heck of a whirlwind, rollercoaster ride with you all through the years, which I would not trade for anything. I learned a lot about life from all of you and pray it has made a better person of me. Thanks for all the tears and laughter that went with it (hair pulling and gray hairs).

To my husband and my life, "thank you." On the third of July 1965 in Great Falls, we started this journey together. Walter, you will be fine I know it, take it one day at a time.

Thank you my dear children for teaching me what it was like to be a mother. I learned a lot and still am watching you with your children and you are doing great with them and I am proud of you all.

To Tammy (Roedel) Jennings and her husband Jerry, thanks for being there.

To my sister Sandy and

her husband Bill who have taught me about the strength in you and that love is always there and to look for it.

To Pastor Tom and Sherri Lukstrom, thanks for being my friends; you taught me the true meaning of friendship.

I love you all very much and thanks again for all teaching me what love is; we will never forget, but time will help ease the pain. So for now, I love you all and will see you again someday I will always be with you.

Love,

Wife and Mom

... And please smile!

Merianne is survived by her family, husband Walter Dennis Roedel; daughter Charla Denise (Curtis) Graff; son Dennis Walter (Heidi (Harris)) Roedel; and daughter Audra LaRon (Todd) Means; grandchildren Chance Graff and Jessica Lois (Anderson)

(Kolin) Dawsey; great grandchildren Ace, Axl and Arya Dawsey, Ryan Roedel, Matt Roedel and Taylor Roedel and Jackiy Roedel; and great-grandson Leo Sanchez; Shelby Morgan Barrett; sisters Sandy (Sabo) Hunter and Donna Morgenson; brothers Billy Sabo and Donny (JoAnne Swanson) Morgenson; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a special cousin Dennis Heath.

Sayings:

Mom would say, "Denise you are not my mother so quit mothering me."

Dennis favorite saying to mom: "So what's going on?"

Audra LaRon would say to Mom, "Don't ever never tell me to grow up."

Walter would always say to mom, "Dear whatever you need or want."

Kathleen D. Wilson

April 19, 1958 - December 11, 2015



Kathleen D. Wilson, 57, of McAllister passed away Dec. 11, 2015, after losing a courageous battle with cancer. Kathy was born April 19, 1958, in Ennis to Thomas J. (Bud) and Diana Wilson.

She spent her life on the family ranch in McAllister where she was a bookkeeper for a few local businesses. Kathy was an avid reader and animal lover. Her greatest joy in life was be-

ing a mother and grandmother. She was able to spend her last months showered with love from her friends and family.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents Bud and Diane, and Richard Wilson, an older brother. She is survived by her son Charles (Emily) Gauf and grandson Jameson Gauf of McAllister; her brother Jay (Katie) Wilson and her sister Cherie (Randall) Fer-

guson, all of Bozeman; and several nephews and nieces.

Family is planning a private memorial in the spring.

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We are blessed to live in this community.

Barb and Ross Ebel and family
Neil and Gloria Barnosky and family
Karla and Doug Nolte and family
Eric and Shyla Barnosky and family

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Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
In 2015, Dustin Wham and the Mustangs traveled to Twin Bridges to play Tracen Eggers and the Falcons.



EAST vs. WEST: TWO MADISON COUNTY FOOTBALLERS SELECTED FOR THE 70TH SHRINE GAME

Caitlin Avey
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Although football season ended in early November, Tracen Eggers of Twin Bridges and Dustin Wham of Ennis have one last game to prepare for.

The 70th annual Montana East-West Shrine game is slated for July 16, 2016, in Butte and you can bet that Eggers and Wham will be ready to play.

History

The shrine game has become a premier all-star game in Montana and is one of the oldest high school all-star games in the United States. Established in 1947, the shrine game has a long history and lineup of distinguished players and coaches, but it is also a major fundraiser for the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane, Wash., with the Montana game becoming one of the top shrine games in the

nation for hospital donations.

Every year between 40 and 45 of the state's best football players are selected to participate – along with 20 alternate players and two players from Canada – in one of the most important games of their high school careers. Players are nominated by schools and coaches from around the state and eventually selected as the “best of the best,” according to the Montana shrine game website.

The Montana game is a good opportunity for players to be evaluated by college scouts and many past shrine “gamers” have gone on to play college football and even on to the National Football League, including Kroy Biermann who plays for the Atlanta Falcons, Marc Mariani who plays for the Chicago Bears and Colt Anderson who plays for the Indianapolis Colts.

Getting to the game

While there are a handful of

past participants from Madison County, including Wham's older brother Derek, it has not always been easy for class C players to get the nomination.

“Class C kids had a hard time getting in the game, so Coach Cleverley decided to put together an all-star game,” said Twin Bridges coach Rob Lott. “It just took off and is probably the most successful (all-star) game in the state.”

Bob Cleverley was a football coach for 38 years in Ennis and was instrumental in creating the Bob Cleverley Class C All-Star game, which gives players from class C schools a chance to perform and compete. The “Clev,” as it is often referred to, is held around the first part of June and will celebrate its 33rd game this year.

Representing the west

For both Eggers and Wham, college football hopefuls, playing in the Montana East-West

Shrine game is quite the honor.

“It could be the last game I ever play and I just want to do my best and give it my all,” said Eggers, who will be playing wide receiver for the west.

“He's just a good athlete,” said Lott. “He's got real good speed, decent size, he can jump and he's got a good set of hands – put those together and that's what makes a good player.”

Although he is a seasoned football player, the shrine game will be a bit of a challenge for Eggers, going from only playing eight-man football to 11-man.

“I've never played 11-man before,” he said. “It'll be interesting.”

Eggers, who also plays basketball for the Twin Bridges Falcons, says he would like to try to play football somewhere but his decision about where to go next will come after basketball season.

“Basketball is a priority too, so I'll wait until the

season's over,” he said.

Wham, on the other hand, is all football. The 6 foot 2 inch, 265 pound offensive guard is hoping to play football at Montana State University and says the game comes naturally.

While his duty on the field is to protect the quarterback and make room for a runner, his duty now is to prepare for the game by lifting and doing cardio to get in shape.

“Everything else just kind of comes naturally,” Wham said.

Wham has been playing football since he was in the fourth grade, when his parents would take him and his brother to Bozeman to play in a league, which clearly paid off.

After his brother played in the shrine game in 2014, it is now time for Wham to strut his stuff.

“It's a really big honor,” he said. “Class C doesn't always get recognized so I'm really proud.”

Wham says he most enjoys

the team aspect of the game.

“I like how everyone has to work as a team – that's my favorite,” he said.

Gearing up for game day

While Eggers and Wham still have spring sports and graduation to think about, the shrine game is next on the list.

Knowing only a few players also selected, Eggers and Wham will meet their teammates and coach the week of the game.

“West will meet in Butte for a week to practice together as a team before the game,” said Wham.

“They get one week to throw together a team and sometimes players will play a new position,” added Lott. “It's pretty interesting.”

While the game is usually exciting and intense, it is the waiting part that might be most intense for Eggers and Wham.

“I'm excited – I can't wait to play football again,” Wham said.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Tracen Eggers (11) takes the ball toward the end zone for the Falcons.



Tammy Wham/The Madisonian
Dustin Wham (55) is a dominating presence on the field for the Mustangs.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Carol Delisi:

Tying together passion and volunteerism

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Carol Delisi, like many residents in Madison County, is no stranger to volunteering. From volunteering with Intermountain Therapy Animals out of Salt Lake City, to serving on the school board in Melrose, Delisi has found a passion in giving back.

Delisi and her husband moved to the Ruby Valley in 2005 where she quick-

ly got involved with the chamber.

“I started by going to a couple of chamber meetings and that's all it took to get me hooked,” Delisi said.

She served as the membership coordinator for a couple years before moving into the vice president and president positions.

“That was important to me to be involved in the business community – to be able to connect with the community,” Delisi said.

It was through her work with the chamber

that she learned the importance of volunteering, especially in small communities.

“Just generating the fact that volunteers are important no matter what or how much they can do,” Delisi said. “Whether it is volunteering to help with an event or just committing a couple hours of your time.”

Personally, Delisi says she likes focus and being able to really commit to a project – this is where her passion for books and reading came in to play.

After volunteering at an event for the Madison Valley Public Library, she decided to start attending board meetings for the Sheridan Public Library, where she was the secretary for a few years before applying for a board position. She served on the library board for about year before proposing the Friends of the Library start up again. She has been the president of the Friends of the Sheridan Library for just under two years.

“The Friends of the Sheridan Library has been such a passion of mine,” said Delisi. “From the book aspect of the community outreach, that's what keeps my focus there.”

In her free time, Delisi enjoys getting outdoors – whether it be to hike, ride her horses



Carol Delisi

or tend to her garden, she is like many in the Ruby Valley who soak up its beauty. But she always manages to find a balance between work, volunteering and her free time.

“I just try to balance everything and try to give enough time to volunteering,” Delisi said. “Doing (volunteer) work because you love it is the best way to do the work.”



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Stein Eriksen
 December 11, 1927 – December 27, 2015



One of the most recognized names in the ski world, legendary Alpine skier Stein Eriksen passed away peacefully at his home in Park City, Utah, on Dec. 27, 2015, at the age of 88.

Although Stein first gained fame in the 1952 Oslo Winter Olympic Games, winning gold and silver medals in the giant slalom and slalom events respectively, he is best known for being the first Alpine skier to win "triple gold" medals at the World Championships that took place in Åre, Sweden, in 1954. Shortly thereafter, Stein's inimitable style and captivating personality garnered him the attention of the news media and friendship of the Hollywood elite.

Born Dec. 11, 1927, in Oslo, Norway, Stein lived in the United States for the last six decades, parlaying his passion and all that he knew and loved about the sport of skiing into an incredible, lifetime career that changed the Alpine skiing experience worldwide. As director of skiing at Deer Valley Resort, Stein was an integral part of the resort's success since its inception. He worked closely with founders Edgar and Polly

Stern on fulfilling their vision of providing a resort experience unlike any other in the industry. Before arriving at Deer Valley, he was involved in the development of Park City Ski Area, now Park City Mountain. Prior to Park City, Stein spent four years as director of skiing and ski school director at Snowmass, Colo.; ski school director at Sugarbush, Vt.; ski school director and owner of his own sport shop in Aspen, Colo.; ski school director for Heavenly Valley, Calif.; and ski school director for Boyne Mountain, Mich.

Stein's desire to develop an internationally-renowned luxury hotel was fulfilled in 1982 with the opening of the now world-famous Stein Eriksen Lodge, located mid-mountain at Deer Valley Resort. His influence in the ski industry and at both Deer Valley and the lodge that bears his name was infinite and his legacy will always be a fundamental aspect of their success.

Stein Eriksen is synonymous with skiing style and elegance. His status was enhanced by his spectacular forward somersault, an aerial maneuver credited as the forerunner of the inverted aerials performed by freestyle skiers today, which earned him the moniker, Father of Freestyle Skiing.

Until recently, Stein could be found skiing (sans hat with his famous head of hair) and greeting guests on the mountain daily as well as lunching at the Glitretind Restaurant in the lodge at his regular table. Guests were able to spot Stein on the mountain by checking the mannequin at the Bjorn Stova shop, run by his wife Francoise, which wore his "Bogner Suit of the Day." He was frequently sought out by the thousands of skiers to whom he taught the sport and was always happy to stop for a visit and a photo. He took great pride and joy in his past students and guests and loved making them feel special. Stein will be remembered by many, especially those who spent New Year's Eve at the lodge, for his Norwegian toasts accompanied by a shot of Aquavit as well as for his charisma, kindness and approachable nature.

His awards remain too many to mention. Ultimately, Stein was a man who loved his family and cherished the times when they could be together. Always ready for good times, he possessed an amazing sense of humor. In addition to his home in Park City, Stein also loved their family's home in Montana where he and Francoise summured annually, hosting family and friends from around the world to food, wine, fishing and tennis. His competitive nature was never at rest, as attested to by his summer tennis tournaments and a good game of cornhole.

Stein is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 35 years, Francoise; son Bjorn; and three daughters, Julianna, Ava and Anja; two stepsons, Churchill and Taylor; five grandchildren; and one god-daughter. He was preceded in death by his son, Stein Jr.

A private memorial service will be held for family. A public celebration of Stein's life will be held in the near future, details of which will be forthcoming.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Stein Eriksen Youth Sports Alliance Opportunity Endowment by visiting ysaparkcity.org.

Ennis graduate elected to Louisiana Senate

Submitted by Sarah Milkovich

John Milkovich, the son of Mark and Lura Milkovich of Jeffers, and a 1975 graduate of Ennis High School, was elected to the Louisiana Senate on Nov. 21, 2015. Milkovich will be sworn in on Jan. 11, 2016, and begin his Senate term on that date. Milkovich will represent Senate District 38 in the Louisiana Senate, which is located in northwest Louisiana, and comprises parts of the city of Shreveport and surrounding rural areas in Caddo and DeSoto Parishes.

Milkovich obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Montana. He and his wife are both graduates of the Louisiana State University Law School. His campaign was managed by his daughter, Sarah, who obtained an undergraduate degree from Harvard in May of 2015.



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Elk in Snowcrest Mountains

Submitted by Dean Waltee
WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

In addition to and following the Snowcrest mule deer trend survey completed on Dec. 31, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks pilot Trevor Throop and Dean Waltee, FWP wildlife biologist, made an effort to document elk distribution along the west slope of the Snowcrest Mountains, including the Robb-Ledford and Blacktail wildlife management Areas. Waltee and Throop observed 1,193 elk in 24 groups. Of those 1,193 elk, 450 (38 percent) were on Department of Natural Resource and Conservation lands, 347 (29 percent) were on the Robb-Ledford WMA and associated DNRC leases, 209 (18 percent) were on BLM lands, 106 (nine percent) were on the Blacktail WMA and associated DNRC leases, 75 (six percent) were on private, and 6 (less than 1 percent) were on Forest Service lands. Four hundred and thirty (36 percent) were on lands that are part of the Robb-Ledford coordinated grazing system. In addition to these elk, Waltee observed 225 elk on BLM land and 12 elk on private land in lower Wagner Creek while completing the Sweetwater Hills mule deer survey on Dec. 26. It is suspected these are elk that often frequent the Rock Creek or Blacktail WMA area that have distributed to Wagner Creek due to current snow conditions. Generally speaking, elk are currently scattered in more and smaller groups and are extended further to the northwest than at any point during last year's monitoring efforts. This information supports the hypothesis that snow cover strongly influences elk distribution along the west slope of the Snowcrest Mountain Range.

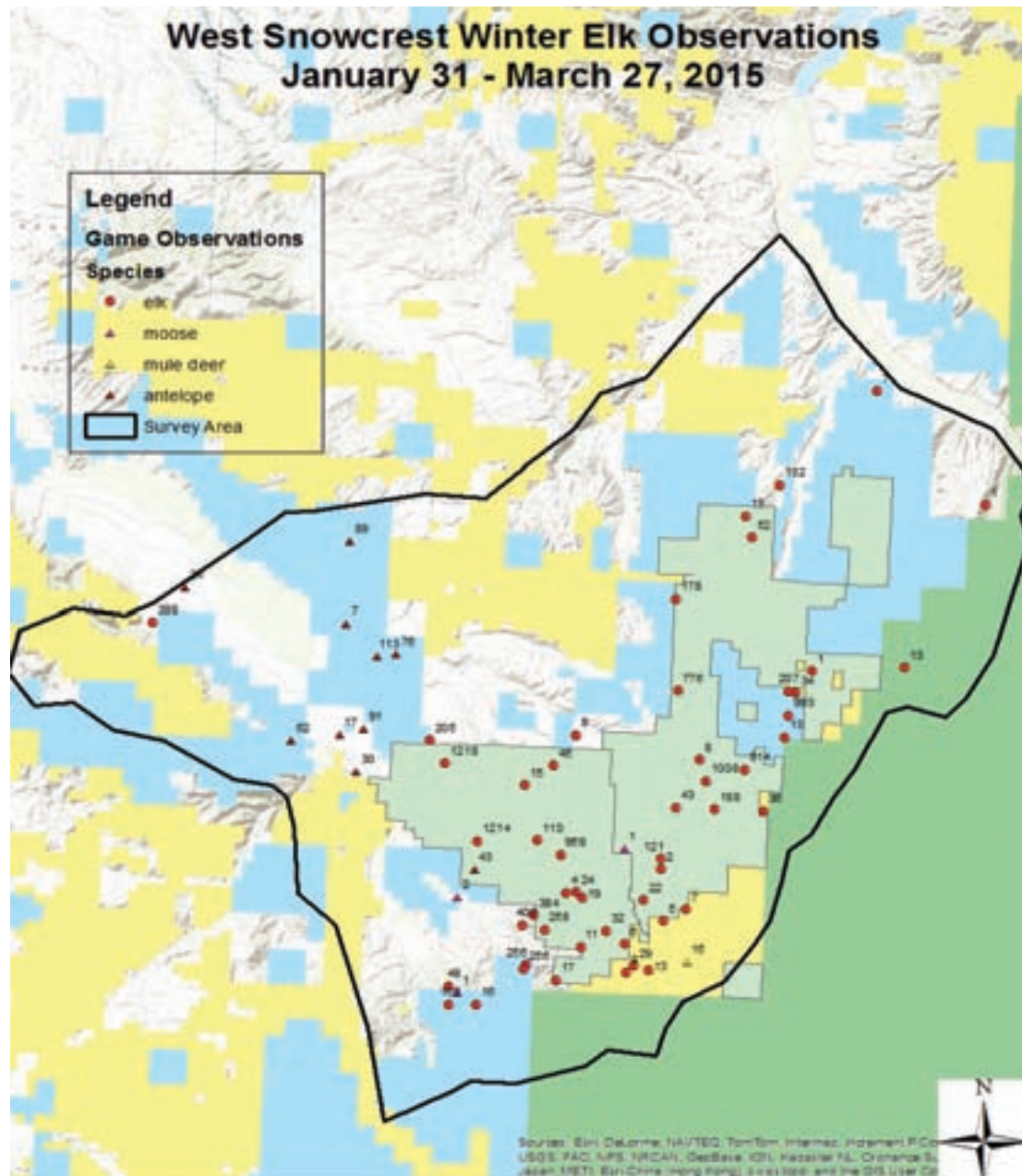
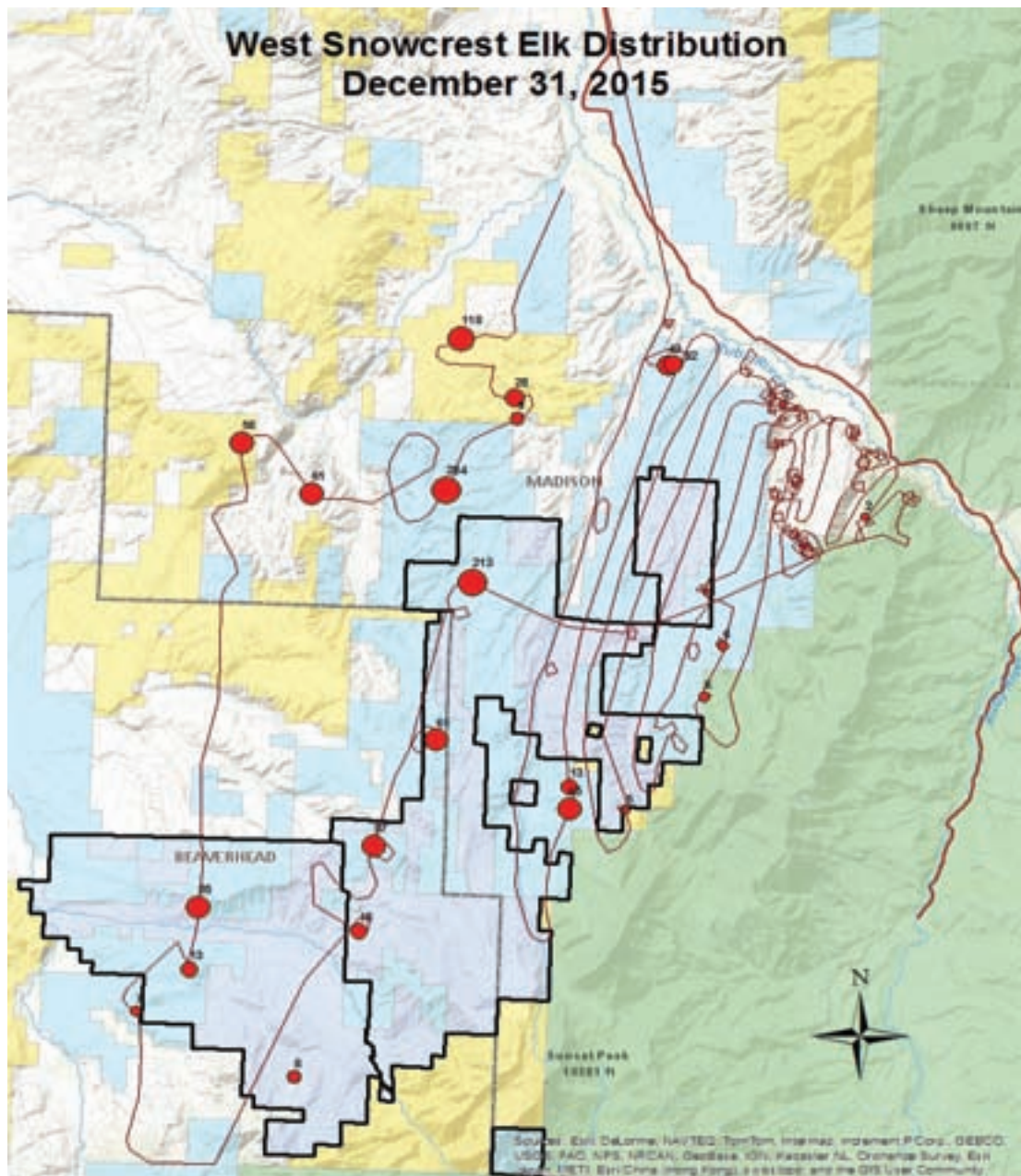




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STUDENT OF THE WEEK ALDER

Jade Schwarz is Alder School's student of the week. Jade is in the third grade and she loves to learn. She also loves horses and art. She is a diligent learner and a joy to have in the classroom.



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MONTANA NIGHT SKIES

By Richard Stouffer*

The Quadrantids have a very sharp peak, which means that typically far less meteors are visible close to but not at the peak. The peak though has the potential for an observer to see up to 120 meteors per hour. The radiant, or the point in the sky from which the meteors appear to come from, is just beyond the handle of the Big Dipper.

Planetary highlights include all five planets. However, only Mercury appears in the early evening sky and that occurs only briefly during the first few days of the month, when Mercury will be visible low in the western sky. Next up in the night sky is the giant planet, Jupiter, which rises about 11 p.m. as the month begins and about 9 p.m. as the month comes to a close. Jupiter is joined by Mars, which rises about 2:10 a.m. as the month begins and about 1:40 a.m. as the month comes to a close. The brightest planet of all, Venus, rises about 5 a.m. as the month

begins and about 6 a.m. at the end of the month. These planets are joined by Saturn, which rises a little before 6 a.m. as the month begins and about 4 a.m. as the month comes to a close. Saturn passes very close to Venus on the morning of Jan. 9 with the closest planetary conjunction in almost three years!

The moon passed near Mars on the morning of Jan. 4 and below Venus and Saturn on the morning of Jan. 7. The moon is full on Jan. 23. The moon passes below Jupiter on Jan. 27. The sun rises at its latest time for the year on Jan. 2 except for the last few days leading up to the changeover from daylight time to standard time, which occurs on Nov. 6 this coming year.

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

The highlight of the Montana night sky in January is the Quadrantid meteor shower, one of the top three meteor showers of the year. The Quadrantid meteor shower reached its peak

in the early morning hours of Jan. 4. The moon rose that morning at about 2:40 a.m. Even after moonrise, though, the moon will be a thin crescent and didn't provide much interference.

4 PAWS RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



OLIVE
Darn! I wanted to be home for the Holidays, but I didn't make it. There's still time to start the New Year out well tho. All you have to do is call on me and adopt me. I'm a good girl, house trained, good in and outdoors altho I do love it where it's warm and cozy. Love to be petted and brushed. Have all the needed stuff taken care of so I'm ready for you. Please call me soon thru Misty at 439-1405 and hurry. Please? Hoping, Olive

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Saturday
Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Highs 20 to 25.

Sunday
Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Highs around 20.

Monday
Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Highs around 20.

Quote of the Week:

"The most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy - it's all that matters.

Audrey Hepburn

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Early education: part 1

A glimpse at some of Madison County's historic schoolhouses

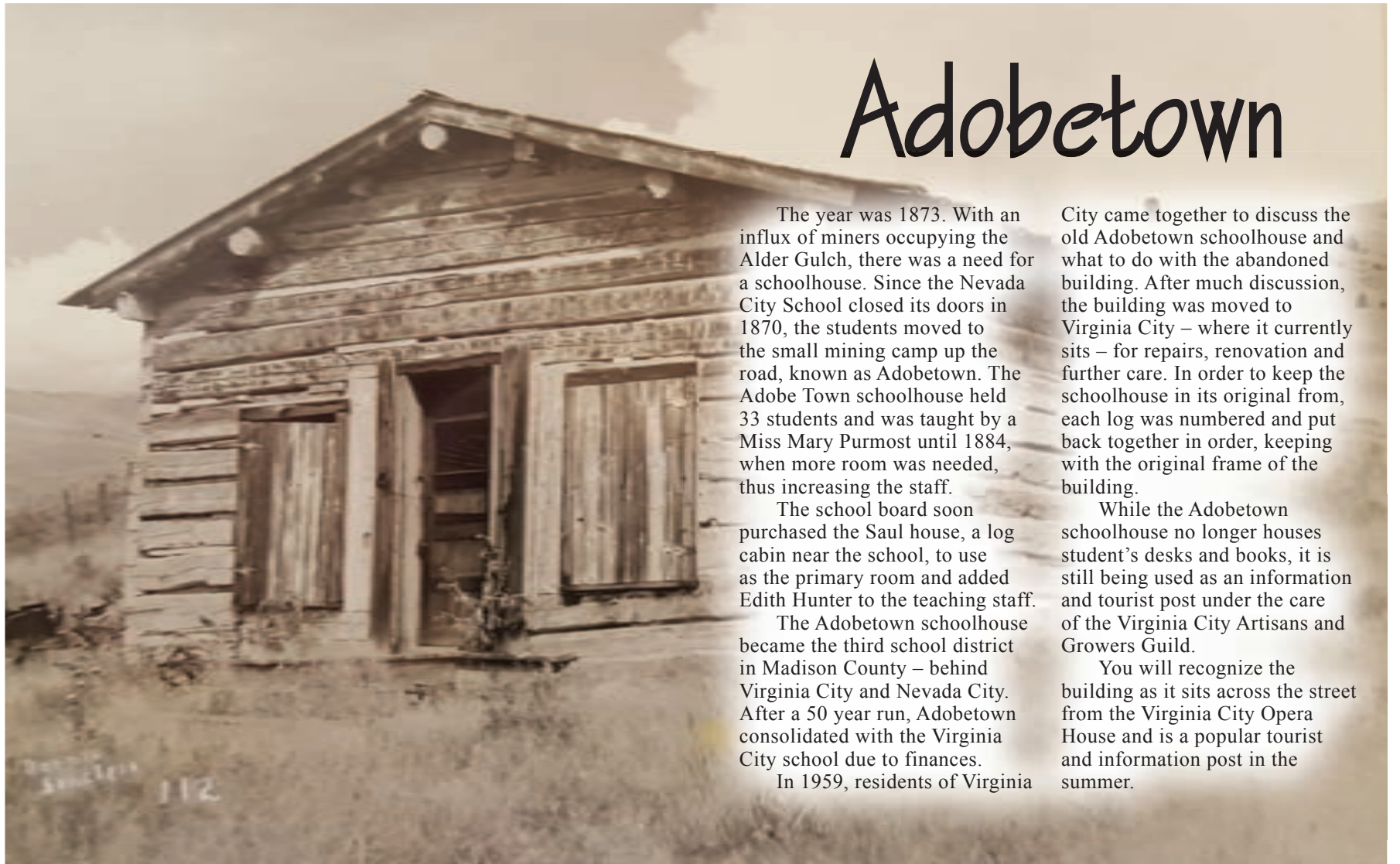
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From being home to the first capitol of the Montana Territory, to offering various mining camps and towns, to foaling a Kentucky Derby winner, Madison County is rich with history.

But did you know the amount of schoolhouses our valleys once held? Do you know what happened to them or where they are now?

Thanks to copious amounts of information compiled in the county archives and books from Madison County residents, *The Madisonian* was able to hit the books to bring to you information and stories about these historic buildings in a series of installments.

**** Editor's note:** All information has been taken from various reading materials from the Thompson Hickman County Library, including *The Progressive Years and Pioneers Trails and Trials*, both of which were comprised by residents of the county, and from local history buff Evalyn Batten Johnson and Pony graduate Ray Lau.



Adobetown

The year was 1873. With an influx of miners occupying the Alder Gulch, there was a need for a schoolhouse. Since the Nevada City School closed its doors in 1870, the students moved to the small mining camp up the road, known as Adobetown. The Adobe Town schoolhouse held 33 students and was taught by a Miss Mary Purmost until 1884, when more room was needed, thus increasing the staff.

The school board soon purchased the Saul house, a log cabin near the school, to use as the primary room and added Edith Hunter to the teaching staff.

The Adobetown schoolhouse became the third school district in Madison County – behind Virginia City and Nevada City. After a 50 year run, Adobetown consolidated with the Virginia City school due to finances.

In 1959, residents of Virginia

City came together to discuss the old Adobetown schoolhouse and what to do with the abandoned building. After much discussion, the building was moved to Virginia City – where it currently sits – for repairs, renovation and further care. In order to keep the schoolhouse in its original form, each log was numbered and put back together in order, keeping with the original frame of the building.

While the Adobetown schoolhouse no longer houses student's desks and books, it is still being used as an information and tourist post under the care of the Virginia City Artisans and Growers Guild.

You will recognize the building as it sits across the street from the Virginia City Opera House and is a popular tourist and information post in the summer.



Photo courtesy of the Thompson/Hickman Library Archives.

Students stand in front of the Adobetown schoolhouse in 1881.



Photo courtesy of the Thompson/Hickman Library Archives.

Several class reunions have been held at the old schoolhouse, one in 1965 and another in 1973.



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The old schoolhouse is still in use today under the care of the Virginia City Artisans and Growers Guild.



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Pony

Ray Lau was a member of the last graduating class from the Pony school system in 1943.

"It was some of the happiest days of my life when I was in school there," Lau said.

According to information in *"Pioneer Trails and Trials,"* the two-story, brick school in Pony was built in 1905 at a cost of \$10,000. The first floor was occupied by the grade school and the second floor held a library, laboratory and classrooms for high school students. There were six regular teachers, as well as a music teacher and physical education teacher.

While the building was not constructed until the early 1900s, students in Pony attended school in the back of the Episcopal Church until 1890 when a two-room schoolhouse was built near the current building.

In 1920, a gym was added, and it was one of the nicest gyms in the area, according to Lau.

The school colors were maroon and gold and there was never an official mascot for the school.

"We were just the Pony Boys or the Pony Girls," added Lau.

The Pony school averaged seven students per class and students throughout the school were considered close-knit.

"The school was congenial – age didn't make a difference," said Lau, referring to the fact that upperclassmen befriended elementary students. "That's one of the best memories."

The last class to graduate from Pony was in 1943, when the high school was discontinued and students were bused to Harrison. In 1955, the grade school was closed and the district consolidated with Harrison once and for all.

The building today is under the care of the Pony Homecoming Club, and houses a museum in one room, and uses the others for meeting spaces.

Check back in the next few weeks as we uncover the history of other schoolhouses around the county, including the Laurin School and Bear Creek School to name a few. If you know of any historical schools in Madison County – or have information

and stories you want to share – please contact Abigail (editor@madisoniannews.com) or Caitlin (news@madisoniannews.com) or call the office at 682-7755.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

AROUND THE WORLD

Alternative cold and flu remedies to try this season

Submitted by StatePoint

While flu and cold are common to every region of the world, different cultures have developed their own solutions to tackle the all-too-familiar and dreadful symptoms.

Today it is thought that 70 percent of your immune system lies in your digestive tract, so many of these alternative healing methods rely on food for its curative properties. While some alternative treatments have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration for efficacy, many people swear by them. If you are suffering this cold and flu season, incorporating these remedies into your get-well plan could be worth a shot.

- In Japan: Hot green tea is poured over a crushed ume, which is an alkaline-rich Japanese pickled plum.

Drinking this umeboshi tea, full of iron and potassium, is said to help ease fever associated with the flu.

- In the Dominican Republic: A paste of honey, finely chopped onion and garlic and the juice of at least half of a lime, is taken before bedtime. The garlic and lime juice, rich in vitamin C, boosts immunity.

- In France: For those with the flu, a homeopathic approach is taken using Oscillococinum. This unusually named medicine has been a favorite flu fighter of the French for more than 70 years. Clinical studies show that it reduces the duration and the severity of fever, chills, fatigue, headache and body aches. It is recommended that you take it at the first sign of flu symptoms.

- In China: A restorative dish is made from healing fritillaria bulbs (Chuan bei mu) and an Asian pear. The center

of the pear is scooped out to form a bowl. A teaspoon of honey is mixed with fritillaria extract, which is then poured into the pear. The covered dish is steamed for 45 minutes to create a warm elixir to soothe the throat. For maximum effect, a honeysuckle and licorice root tea chaser provides added immune support.

- In South America: A plate of sliced onions is placed on a nightstand overnight. The scent from a freshly chopped onion helps break up mucus and congestion, just as it causes the eyes to water and nose to run while cooking. Loaded with sulphur compounds, onions also improve circulation.

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BEAVERHEAD COUNTY
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Every New Year's Eve, thousands of people across Montana resolve to improve their lives, vowing to give up their bad habits in exchange for healthy lifestyles. The Montana Tobacco Quit Line wants to assist people who attempt to quit tobacco and has free programs

designed for all Montanans. For 2016, the quit line aims to help those with New Year's resolutions. Quitting tobacco can be the most important thing you can do for your health. The United States Food and Drug Administration has not approved smokeless tobacco or e-cigarettes as successful cessation devices. Use of these products may hinder your success of quitting tobacco, said Crissie Hansen, tobacco prevention specialist with Beaverhead County Health Department.

Calling the quit line is toll-free at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669), or visit the website at www.QuitNowMontana.com to enroll, if appropriate, ask for one of the dedicated programs. American Indian callers can reach Native coaches directly by calling 1-855-374-0037. Make your New Year's resolution today.



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COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



Seeing and seen in the valley

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. – Jesus

When I was growing up, if my brother, sisters and I were too rambunctious, my dad would remind us that “children are to be seen and not heard.” I don’t know if people still say things like that these days, but I don’t think that’s a healthy attitude.

Children should be seen and heard. When my siblings and I were quiet, our parents



Rev. Keith Axberg

had cause for concern. We weren’t bad kids. Far from it, we were a joy to be around (if memory serves).

However, we were also a fairly curious bunch in those days (you can take that any way you wish), and being quiet around the house usually meant we were putting our curiosity to work.

My brother, when he was losing his baby teeth (and having been suitably rewarded by the Tooth Fairy), found a dead rat one day out in our back yard. He noticed the rodent had plenty of teeth and (cha-ching) he saw no reason the Tooth Fairy would object to paying him for teeth that were technically his. I do believe he had the best legal mind among preschoolers in our neighborhood.

He and I trundled off to the shed to put a set of pliers to work de-fanging the beast when our mother, who had become alarmed by the sound of our silence, came looking for us. She was horrified to discover what we were up to and made us abandon our backyard dental clinic, sending us directly into the house to wash up.

How sad. She could have had a lawyer and a dentist in the family if she had simply encouraged us to pursue our interests, but alas, it was not to be.

When Jesus took children into his arms and commended them to his disciples as models of kingdom principles, I don’t believe Jesus was wearing rose colored glasses and thinking of children as sweet innocents. I am sure Jesus had his share of challenges growing up in a village where his own paternity was questioned. Children of

every age, tribe and tongue can be cruel – a trait certainly not limited to adults or ISIS.

So, if it wasn’t a sense of virtue borne of naiveté, what attribute might Jesus be commending to those who wish to follow him and enter the kingdom of heaven?

The first thing that strikes me is a child’s invisibility. Until Jesus drew the child into his arms, there is no mention of him or her. She was neither seen nor heard, and yet Jesus received her. That is an image of the kingdom, isn’t it? You don’t need power or status to be welcomed into the arms of God. In fact, with power and status, you may not even want God; it’s God who becomes invisible.

Secondly, children are oriented toward the present. The child doesn’t ask Jesus to go away and come back when it is more convenient for the child. A child lives in the moment and is so into the moment that all other matters fade into the background. When a child receives a gift, they often rip into it without remembering to say “thank you” to the gift giver.

Jesus says, “The kingdom of heaven is among you; it is in your midst; it is now.” Like the child, we are expected (I think) to rip into the gift of eternal life now and to enjoy it and put it to work immediately. I think Jesus trusts that the day will come when we will remember to say “thank you” to the Lord and Giver of life; but until that day comes, Jesus is delighted to see our eyes sparkle as we receive the gift and accept it with complete abandon.

Children, you see, are able to understand a gift as nothing more than that: a gift. Adults want to earn what they receive. Adults forget how to accept God’s grace simply, earnestly, honestly and humbly. God, who notes with sorrow the passing of a sparrow (and possibly of rats, too) stretches out his arms to embrace all the little ones in this, our valley. You are not invisible to God. With eyes of faith, you’ll discover that God is not invisible to you either. Peace!

Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at kfaxberg@gmail.com.

NATURAL Resource News

By Rebecca Ramsey

RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

12 WAYS TO SAVE THE EARTH

Ten years ago my friend Tim, who was working for the Scottish national environmental agency at the time, sent me a book called



Rebecca Ramsey

“365 Ways to Save the Earth” by Philippe Bourseiller. I spent that year reading one entry each day of the year and trying to

implement it ... or at least as many as I could. As we ring in 2016, I thought I’d share 12 ways that you could do your part to “save the earth.” We’re all living on this planet together, and every small thing we can do as individuals will add up to help make a positive impact. One per month isn’t too hard to try!

1. Buy recycled: Consider buying home products like toilet paper and paper towels made from recycled paper, or office supplies like notebooks and printer paper made from recycled papers.

2. Buy products that can be recycled: In Madison County, we can recycle number one and two plastics, cardboard,

paper, steel and aluminum. Pay attention to the products you buy, and buy as many as possible that you can recycle close to home. And then recycle! As mentioned, Madison County recycles and so can you! Set up bins where your trash can sit, in your garage or mudroom for instance, so you can separate as you toss – it adds zero time to your effort to toss it in the bin labeled paper as it would to toss it in to your trash can with everything else.

3. Follow the rules in protected areas: Observe signs indicating a non-motorized route, or a trail that is closed, or keeping dogs in designated areas within national parks for instance. These rules are in effect to protect plants, sensitive environments and wildlife from potential harm or further degradation.

4. Buy fair trade coffee and tea: Fair trade products support folks in the underprivileged countries that grow our coffee. Fair trade companies ensure that workers get paid without being held to unreasonable quotas; support small family operations; are often grown without pesticides.

5. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL): While upfront costs are more expensive, CFL bulbs last 10 times as long and use up to 66 percent less energy than traditional incandescent lightbulbs. If every American family switched to CFLs, we’d save enough energy to light one-third of United States households for a year.

6. Give waste-free gifts: Rather than buying a trinket from overseas, make a gift if you have a talent, or make a meal to put in the freezer, or your friend’s favorite dessert; give a gift certificate for a massage or to a local hot springs or provide tickets to a local theater ... the possibilities are endless!

7. Turn your heat down at night and when you are away: Moderate your energy consumption and reduce your bills by turning down your heat to 55-65 degrees when you are sleeping or out of the house for long periods.

8. Use baking soda to clean: Household cleaners contain corrosive and toxic substances. You can replace them with a solution of water and baking soda, which is less damaging and just as effective, even for cleaning your oven. Vinegar and water or lemon essential oil and water are also great natural alternatives to harsh chemicals.

9. Buy household appliances with the Energy Star Label: Developed in 1992, the Energy Star Label indicates products with superior energy efficiency. This will help your pocketbook and the environment. And remember to keep your appliances clean – and defrosted in the case of your freezers – for maximum efficiency.

10. Buy used/sell used: Discover the joys of shopping at second hand stores where you can find great clothes and treasures! And donate your outgrown kid’s clothes and toys (and your own outgrown clothes and toys) to support good causes, reduce waste in landfills and provide low cost items to our community members.

11. Adopt an animal/have pets spayed and neutered: While there are certainly some fantastic, responsible breeders out there with quality blood lines for specific reasons, pet overpopulation is a real problem here, as well as nationwide and worldwide. There are amazing dogs, cats, horses, birds, guinea pigs, lizards and even farm animals like sheep and goats who are in need of a good home. Check with humane societies, local classified ads and around the community for the next family member before you buy one. And lastly, but perhaps most importantly ...

12. Make your children aware of the natural world around them: Support science education, field trips and events like Kid’s River Resource Day or Bear Creek Days here in Madison County; take walks outside; visit the Ennis Fish Hatchery; take a kid to your neighbor’s ranch, or fishing, hunting, skiing – anything outdoors! Provide our next generation of stewards with books, nature guides, binoculars and magnifying glasses. Volunteer together at a weed pull day, or at the local community garden, or better yet, your own garden. Teach them about this amazing place we call home, and our place within it.

Have a happy, healthy and earth friendly 2016!

James Gemmell or Gammell, Part III

By Charlie Rossiter

The final years

In 1862, gold was discovered in Grasshopper Creek in Southwest Montana and James saw an opportunity to make some money. He said he could not make a living for two families and live that way in Utah, so he got some Indian goods on credit and with two old wagons and some Spanish mules he struck out north in early 1862, coming and trading in Bannack.

He became a teamster and ferried goods to the miners in Bannack from Salt Lake City. It was a very lucrative business, and James made three trips that first year. The Alder Gulch was discovered next and future prospects looked promising. In the spring 1863, during a second expedition from Utah to the Bannack gold mines, James headed northeast

to Fort Benton to trade with the Indians. He purchased a sawmill that had been used to cut the lumber for the fort, loaded it in his wagons and headed back to the Ruby Valley. They set the sawmill up on a creek near Sheridan that became known as Mill Creek. The sawmill business proved profitable for James that first year (1863 – 64). Some say that he made a small fortune. It seemed like a good time to move his family to Montana and to settle there permanently.

This was a very violent time in Montana history when road agents were the scourge of the area and about 100 men were murdered that first year. James reportedly knew many of the vigilantes and the bandits as well. He brought one of his two families to Montana around this time but the other wife and family decided to stay in Utah where that wife’s family lived. James and Maria and their five children left by wagon from Salt Lake City in May 1865, and settled on a ranch just west of Sheridan.

After a while James got antsy again and headed back to Utah. The railroads were racing to get the first trans-continental railroad done and James worked for the next year lumbering for the railroad at Bear River near the border of Utah and Idaho. On May 10, 1869, the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads met at Promontory Summit, Utah. James was present at the celebrated historic event, and witnessed the driving of the gold spikes, which marked the joining of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by an iron band. James returned home to Sheridan, arriving on Dec. 31, 1869, with more than \$5,000 to show for his labor.

James and Maria had a total of 12 children at this period in their lives. In 1877, the Sheridan residents built a stockade for protection from the Indians (This was known as the Nez Pierce War of 1877). James had his children bury the family valuables and a hand carved clock of hammered brass and a set of goal scales. The

family’s keepsakes were never unearthed again and by the time the boys decided to open the underground vault, the landmarks had changed, making it impossible to locate the correct spot. In 1881 on Wednesday, April 6, James Gammell’s family gathered around his bed and waited for the old monarch to die. At 11 o’clock that morning, James drew his last breath and after many months of illness and pain he was finally at peace. A life of adventure had ended too soon nevertheless; in his final hours the true heart of the man was revealed. His greatest concern was for the education of his children and the well being of his family.

James was 66 at the time and was buried in the Sheridan Cemetery on Saturday, April 9. The present day stone marker was not erected until 1981 – 100 years after his death. James was a true Montana pioneering legend and left behind a legacy that could never be duplicated.

Commodity Insite! Outlook for 2016

by Jerry Welch

Finally 2015 has ended, and none too soon for investors, traders and agricultural producers. Commodities as measured by the CRB Index as well as the Bloomberg Commodity Index closed lower for the fifth year in a row, a feat never before seen in history. The Bloomberg Commodity Index, a measure of returns for 22 different commodities fell 25 percent in 2015 and endured the longest losing streak since data began in 1991. The CRB Index, weighted towards grains and livestock, fell to a 13 year low in late December.

Stocks and bonds only fared somewhat better according to Bloomberg Business, in an article this week entitled, “The Year Nothing Worked: Stocks, Bonds, Cash Go Nowhere.” The piece states that 2015 was the worst year for asset allocation funds since 1937. Asset allocation is the simple theory

that when one market struggles, it is no big deal because an investor can quickly jump into another market that is thriving. However, in 2015 that strategy simply did not work out much to the chagrin of the bulls.

Bloomberg went further to claim, “if you judge the past year by which United States investment class generated the largest return, a case can be made it was the worst for asset-allocating bulls in almost 80 years, according to data compiled by Bianco Research LLC and Bloomberg. The Standard and Poor’s 500 Index gained 2.2 percent with dividends, cash is up less, while bonds and commodities show losses.”

Not only was 2015 a bummer for commodities and a huge disappointment for stocks, bonds and cash, the volatility increased dramatically in the final month of the year, which simply sets the stage for more of the same

in the New Year. Stocks, shares, equities and the Dow for example, endured the most volatile and capricious December since 2008.

Commodities were no different with wild and crazy price swings seen everywhere. The most notable commodity was cattle prices where front month futures fell \$15.45 in the first two weeks of the month followed by \$18.83 rally in the final weeks. Never before in history have cattle futures been subjected to such volatility in a single month.

It took four months, from August to early December, for nearby cattle futures to fall \$30 but they moved \$34.28 in the final month of 2015. Without a doubt, no other month has been so volatile and fickle for cattle. In fact, cattle futures – as I stated many times in the past – have become the new pork belly market. Based on history, no commodity market has ever been as volatile as pork bellies.

There were three forces weighing on commodity prices in 2015. One, the continued weakness with the Chinese economy. The second, the sharp decline seen with crude oil values, which are a leading indicator for hard assets per se. The third and final force was the relative strength of the U.S. dollar compared to all other major world currencies.

One of the oldest and best known sayings when it comes to markets is, “The trend is your friend.” The saying is true as rain but it is incomplete. It should read, “The trend is your friend until it isn’t and it stabs you in the back.” If that old saw holds truth it suggests strongly that in the New Year ahead, commodities per se will endure further losses and quite possibly end the year lower once again. After all, commodities have trended lower for five years and the three main forces weighing on values remain in place. The same logic can be applied

to stocks, bonds and cash for the year ahead. If those markets, went “nowhere” in 2015 as Bloomberg has pointed out, it is a brand new trend that is in locked in place going into 2016. Especially in consideration that it was the first time in 80 years “asset allocation” did so poorly. A new trend may indeed be in place for those markets. Unless, of course, the new trend stabs you in the back.

My bias going into the New Year is the dollar will be king and the yen, prince. The two major currencies will slug it out for leadership in the forex markets. The dollar will be supported in 2016 by the recent hike with interest rates by the Fed a few weeks ago and the distinct possibility that further hikes are likely. In Japan, the inflation rate is running 1.5 percent. The Japanese Central Bank has promised to hike rates if and when inflation hits 2 percent.

Thus, Japanese interest rates are likely to be hiked sooner than later.

While the U.S. Federal Reserve is pushing rates north and Japan not far behind, the central banks of England and the European Union are on the cusp of lower to keep their economies afloat. Thus, there are two divergent monetary policies unfolding, which will gain momentum in 2016. The policy of higher rates by the U.S. and Japan will underpin the ‘ole dollar and the yen. The easier money policies endorsed by Great Britain and the European Central bank will weigh heavily on the Brit and the euro.

If my work is correct, 2016 will be the Year of the Dollar with the yen not far behind. If so, stocks, bonds and commodities will remain under pressure for another year at the very least. Next week I will offer part two regarding market forecasts, predictions and outlooks for the New Year.

COMICS & PUZZLES



Editor's Note: Any editorial cartoons printed in our paper do not reflect the opinion of the staff of The Madisonian.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lose color
- 5 Actress Lupino
- 8 Half a ticket
- 12 Not "fer"
- 13 Neither mate
- 14 Bean curd
- 15 Tin Man's problem
- 16 Carriage
- 18 Cookbook entry
- 20 Underscore
- 21 Lacks the ability
- 23 Brit. reference book
- 24 One seeking political asylum
- 28 Unaccompanied
- 31 — Khan
- 32 Doctrine
- 34 Tiny
- 35 Trumpet, e.g.
- 37 Shame
- 39 Third letter
- 41 Close up tight
- 42 Narcotic
- 45 Jackson or Johnson
- 49 Oppressive ruler
- 51 Skeleton component
- 52 October

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Stacey Morgan
Blytheville, AR
(pop. 15,620)

- Janet

Breakfast Egg Crowns

What You Need

- 3 tortillas, high fiber, low carb
- 16 oz egg substitute
- 10 oz frozen spinach
- 6 slice premium cut chicken, low sodium, low fat
- 1 1/2 c 2% skim mozzarella cheese

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350.
- Place 1/4 of a tortilla into a sprayed muffin pan.
- Mix eggs and spinach together.
- Put 1/8 cup of egg/spinach mixture into muffin pan.
- Each muffin section will receive half a slice of chicken.
- You can either fold or dice the halved chicken piece to your preference.
- Top with 1/8 cup of cheese.
- Bake 15 minutes.
- Let sit for 2-3 minutes then remove to cooling rack.

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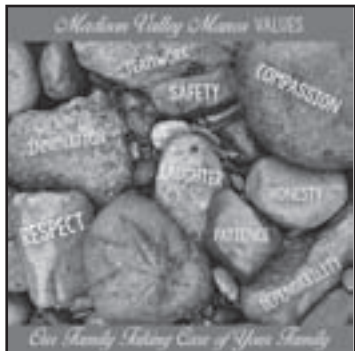
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Personal Representative
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IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH SOUTH CENTRAL
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State of North Dakota by)
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Plaintiff,
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NOTICE
The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016, as County Offices will be closed to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, January 25, 2016.
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THE VETERANS OF TWIN BRIDGES NEED YOUR HELP

First of all we wish to thank any and all Veterans that have helped or are still helping accomplish our goal of serving the local community. Many of you may not know but within Twin Bridges there are two Veteran organizations. First we have our American Legion post 31 which supports our local community in many ways following the 4 pillars of the American Legion (Veterans, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth). And secondly we have the United Veterans of Twin Bridges (UVTB). Both organizations are non-profit but, the UVTB puts 100% of its membership dues back into the local community. We have meetings every month on the 2nd Thursday at 7PM in the Montana room at the High School. Our Veterans are doing many things within the community and need some help by other local Vets to keep this tempo going. Here is a list of community events we do every year:

1. Veterans Community Christmas Dinner. This is put on for the community by Veterans at no cost to the community.
2. We conduct a Kids Summer fishing derby with prizes at Lori's pond. We also accomplish all maintenance at the pond.
3. We accomplish periodic Veteran, in uniform, visits to the Twin Bridges schools.
4. We conduct Halloween safety at the local grade school.
5. We provide a \$500 college scholarship.
6. We do the cooking at the annual Fathers Day Fly In.
7. We collect donations for the Ruby Valley Food Bank.
8. We collect old cell phones for the Cell Phones For Soldiers program.
9. We conduct an annual Oratorical contest with a cash prize.
10. We sponsor a Boy to the Summer Boys state event in Helena.
11. We conduct a Constitutional essay contest with cash prizes.
12. We conduct a Veteran Honor Guard at every Veterans funeral at local cemeteries.
13. We conduct a Veteran Honor Guard for Memorial Day at all local cemeteries and conduct a dignified disposal of unserviceable flag ceremony afterwards.
14. We lay all Veteran burial headstones.
15. We maintain white crosses for Highway Fatalities.
16. We present the colors and our local Veterans lead the Madison County Fair parade.
17. We present Flag raising and retreat ceremonies for the local community.
18. We have a Veteran float in the parade and at the Rodeo.
19. We maintain flags and poles at multiple locations around Twin Bridges.
20. We maintain and update a Veterans Memorial in Twin Bridges by the library.
21. We have medical equipment that we sign out to any local family for as long as they need it.
22. We teach Flag Etiquette merit badges for the local Cub Scout pack.
23. We donated monies to the Cub Scout, CLOSE UP kids, SHODAIR childrens hospital, Toys For Tots and the Twin Little League.
24. We have been awarded the American Legion Outstanding Post Award for 2014.
25. We have been awarded the American Legion Meritorious Service Most Outstanding Post Children & Youth Program 2012-2013, 2014-2015
26. We just completed another Eagle Scout Project at Lori's pond to build a covered picnic area.

As you see we stay pretty busy and our problem is we only have a few Veterans that are able to attend these events. Our plea to any local Veteran is this, we would like to see more local vets sign up for one or both of these local organizations and come out and enjoy the satisfaction you get when you help your community. There is nothing like watching the excitement in faces of kids at these events and all of their questions at what it is to be a Veteran. Our community is truly special and deserves all the support we can provide it.

If anyone is interested in signing up please contact Doug Martin at 684-5245, Joe Witherspoon at 842-7722 or any representative of the local Veteran groups.



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Snowcrest post season mule deer trend survey

Dean Waltee completed the Snowcrest post season mule deer trend survey with FWP pilot Trevor Throop on Dec. 31. The primary objective of this survey was to document the total buck, adult buck, yearling buck, doe and fawn ratio. This survey was completed under ideal (complete snow cover, clear skies, low wind, deer up and feeding) conditions.

Waltee and Throop observed a total of 238 mule deer. This was 107 percent higher than the number of mule deer observed last year under similar conditions, and was the greatest number of mule deer observed post hunting season since 268 were observed following the 2012 season. It needs to be noted that post season surveys are much less reliable than spring green-up for population trend. Of the 238 observed mule deer, 117 were does, 84 were fawns, nine were yearling bucks, 18 were adult bucks and 10 were unclassified.

The observed fawn: doe ratio was 72:100 - 1 percent lower than last year but 22 percent above the long-term average (59:100). The estimated fawn: adult (greater than two years) doe ratio was 81:100 - 3 percent higher than last year (79:100)

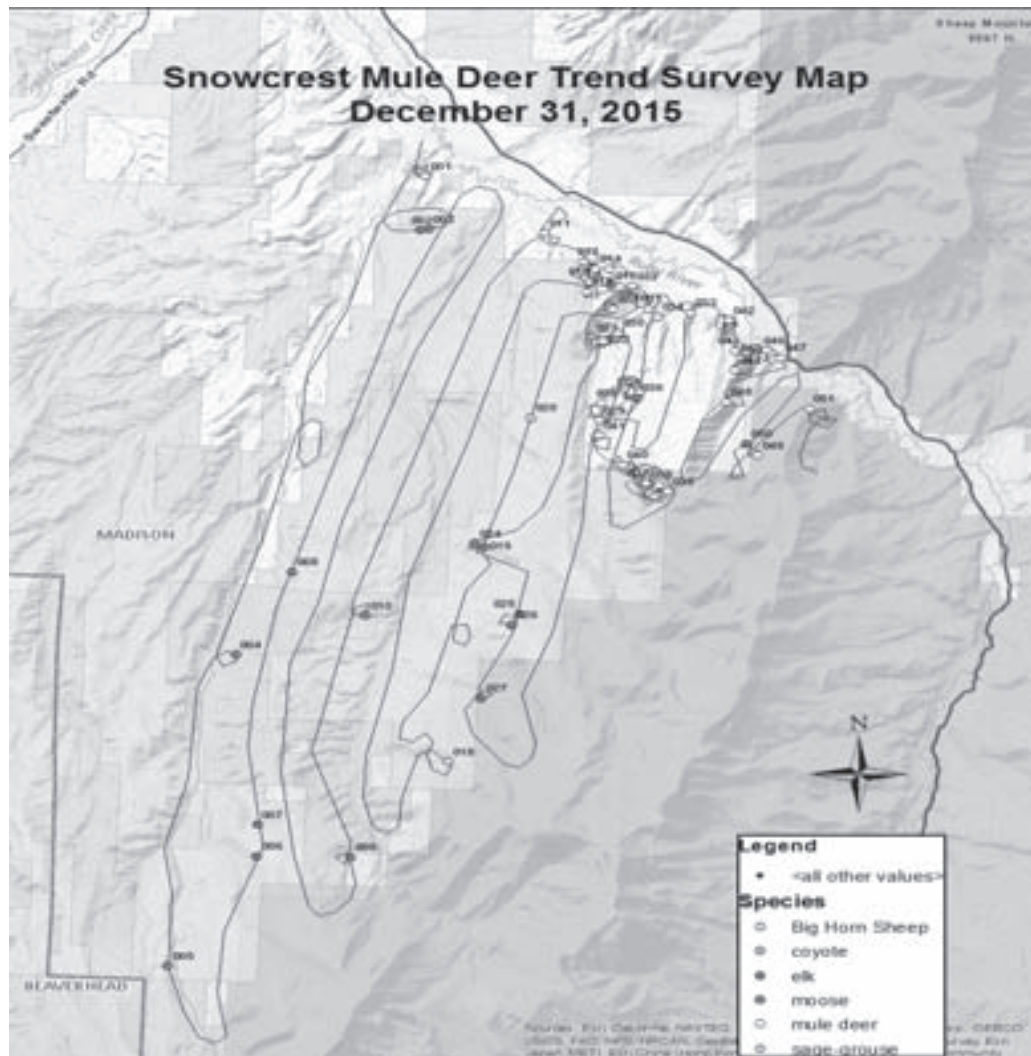
and 17 percent above the long-term average (69:100). This estimate uses yearling buck presence to estimate yearling doe presence, which can influence fawn:doe ratios. Yearlings tend to be less productive than adults, therefore, a low fawn:doe ratio can be more the product of a high yearling presence than some ecological limitation.

The observed total buck: doe ratio was 23:100 - 21 percent higher than last year (19:100) and 21 percent above the long (19:100). The observed adult buck: doe ratio was 15:100 - 17 percent higher than last year (14:100), and 67 percent above the long-term average (9:100). The observed total buck: doe ratio (23:100) was eight percent below the average (25:100) since the district went to a limited permit for antlered buck in 1998. The observed adult buck:doe ratio (15:100) was 15 percent above the average (13:100) since the district went to a limited permit for antlered buck. The observed yearling buck:doe ratio was 8:100 - 60 percent higher than last year (5:100) but 11 percent below the long-term average (9:100). This district, along with

hunting districts 323 and 327, are not part of the current proposal to allow antlerless mule deer harvest through a general license either-sex opportunity. This is one area where trend survey efforts have not shown healthy population growth over the past couple of years.

It's worth pointing out the relatively tight mule deer distribution that was observed during this survey effort. The current conditions are forcing mule deer to the lowest elevations where topography and browse type are providing an above snow browse source. From a mule deer perspective, not all years are equal, and 2016 has started out as a challenging one. The productive vegetation production year, which sent mule deer into winter in very good condition will help mule deer endure current conditions. What occurs between now and grass green-up will be most influential in deer, especially fawns and old deer, survival and future population trend.

In addition to mule deer, Waltee and Throop observed 176 elk, 12 moose, 36 sage-grouse, four bighorn sheep and one coyote.



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MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN
 The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and over Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the senior center, family style for \$3.50 or have their meal delivered for \$4.00. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Call Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

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Reservations 682-4422
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 Ennis Senior center, 315 W Main Street

JANUARY 7- JANUARY 14 MENU:
 Wednesday, Jan. 7: Ham & cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, dessert.
 Thursday, Jan. 8: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, veggies, dessert
 Tuesday, Jan. 12: Quesadilla, spanish rice, corn salad, dessert
 Weds, Jan. 13: Meatball sub, pasta salad, dessert
 Thurs, Jan. 14: Turkey pot pie, green salad, dessert * Red Hat Day!

King Crossword
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AROUND THE COUNTY

Thompson-Hickman County Library expands hours

Submitted by Jack Albrecht

Beginning the week of Monday, Jan. 11, the Thompson-Hickman County Library will be changing and expanding its hours in order to better serve the community. Up until now, the library was only open weekdays and closed at 5:30 p.m. Aside from Monday holidays, the library will open every Monday at noon and close at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Saturday, the library is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, the library is closed.

Knitting for a cause

Submitted by Kitty Donich

Interested in putting your knitting skills to good use and helping those in need? This winter, a knitting class in Ennis is focusing on kitting to lend a hand. Knitters will work on projects for the Elizabeth Coat project, or for organizations that collect and distribute knitted objects all over the world and in Madison County. Contact Kitty Donich at 682-7291 for more information.

State class B and C tournament in Ennis

Submitted by Kelley Knack

Ennis High School will host the 2016 State Speech and Drama Tournament on Jan. 29 and 30. Last year's tournament featured 47 schools, 337 competitors, 115 judges and 25 workers. Approximately the same number of judges and workers will be needed this year. Those who helped last year will be called again, but anyone else interested can contact one of the following individuals: Marilyn Jenkins at 581-6759 or mjenkins@ennisschools.org or Kelley Knack at 579-5442 or skknack22@gmail.com. Judges will be asked to set up a brief time slot for training during the first three weeks of January.

Possible Dish Network disruption

Submitted by Alissa Edgren
CORDILLERA COMMUNICATIONS

Cordillera Communications, owner of network-affiliated T.V. stations in mid-to-small markets across the country, is warning viewers who watch its stations through Dish Network of a potential carriage disruption. Cordillera has been in negotiations with Dish Network for months over the nominal fee the satellite company must pay Cordillera to retransmit its signals. The current agreement is set to expire at noon (central time) on Jan. 7, 2016, and subscribers to Dish Network may lose access to the following local stations (local stations listed):

- KTVQ-CBS for Billings, Montana
- KXLF/KBZK-CBS for Butte-Bozeman, Montana (plus CW-affiliated subchannel)

INTERMEDIATE KNITTING ECE 2016 Winter Session, Instructor Knitty

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[Teddy Roosevelt]

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*What you have: wool (& instruction) will be provided for these projects

*Where you are: Ennis, where we understand cold and live in warm houses.

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- The Oglalla Lakota Reservation, SD, few homes with w/central heating, many without floors, winter temps of -50
- Ennis Grade School kids – a constant need for lost mittens & hats
- Big Sky Youth Home, Bozeman – teens on their own getting themselves thru high school
- Ennis Food Bank – would welcome a basket of knit items for anyone who needs one
- FC2Success – former foster care kids now trying to make it in college – the Red Scarf Project

Please join us.

Register with ECE, 682-4258; online (ennis-ece.org); or the first night of class, January 14, 2016, 5-7 p.m., Resource Room #12.

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JANUARY 30

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Sheridan Library receives book grant

Submitted by William Talbott

The Sheridan Library received new children's books, which were obtained through a grant from The Libri Foundation.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$6.5 million worth of new children's books to more than 3,300 libraries in all 50 states. The Sheridan Library has benefited from the grant three times previously, and on this occasion, received 84 books valued at \$1,400.

In the nonfiction/science books, the library received, among others, 17 National Geographic "Face to Face with Animals" books; five Nic Bishop animal books; "The Mighty Mars Rovers and Eruption!" by Elizabeth Rusech; "The

Hive Detectives and Citizen Scientists" by Loree Griffin; and "Scaly, Spotted Feathered Frilled: How do we know what dinosaurs really looked like?," by Catherine Thimmesh.

Some of the titles we received in the history/biography category included "I, Galileo," by Bonnie Christiansen; "Years of Dust: The Story of the Dust Bowl," by Albert Marrin; "Temple Grandin," by Sy Montgomery; "From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg changed the world," by James Rumford; "The War to End All Wars" and "Angel Island" by Russell Freedman; "At Home in Her Tomb: Lady Dai and the ancient Chinese treasures of Mawangdui," by Christine Liu-Perkins and Sarah S. Brannen; and "Bomb: The race to build – and steal – the world's most dangerous weapon," by Steve Sheinkin, and many others.

The books on display are available for checkout. For more information, contact William Talbott at the Sheridan Library at 842-5770.

"Get Your Lights On!" Christmas Light Contest Winners Announced

Submitted by Sierra Smith

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties is excited to announce the winners of their fifth annual, Get Your Lights On! Christmas light contest. The first place winner of the contest is Matt and Kea Greenmore, and the second place winner is Mike Callahan

Cash prizes were given away to the top three homes that displayed the best holiday spirit. Each winning homeowner was asked to pick their favorite charity and Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties donated \$100 in their name. The following charities were selected: Matt and Kea Greenmore picked St. Jude Children's Hospital, and Mike Callahan picked the Sheridan Montana Volunteer Fire Department.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties gathered

nominations Nov. 29 through Dec. 21. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties agents and staff made up the judging committee and drove around the valley taking pictures and looking at the outdoor holiday decorations.

"We look forward to this fun and exciting event every year. We enjoy knowing that this has become an annual event for some families to decorate their home and drive around town looking at lights. We thoroughly enjoy sharing in the holiday spirit and giving back to our community," said Mike Basile, owner of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties.

To view the winners of this year's Christmas light contest and a list of nominees, visit: <http://xlcountry.com/bozeman-christmas-lights-map/>

After 14 years, it's time to pass the torch to Ed Walter, another marine. I want to thank the residents of Madison County for their support of the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots. With your assistance and support, we brought a happier Christmas to 52 families in the county. Thank you to Joe Degal and his children, Jim Paul and the new Head Honcho Ed Walter who is recovering from hip replacement. Thanks to the churches and businesses who accepted our Toys for Tots boxes.

To all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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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

BEGINNING TO INTERMEDIATE QUILTING CLASS

THIS INCLUDES THE BASICS OF ROTARY CUTTING, PIECING, MAKING A QUILT SANDWICH, QUILTING AND BINDING.
IT WILL BE HELD AT LINDA DAY'S HOUSE, 123 INDIAN CREEK ROAD IN SHERIDAN ON JANUARY 9TH AND 16TH FROM 9-4. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL 842-5678.

You will need a sewing machine, thread and a walking foot. We will sew three blocks including a ribbon star, a log cabin and a pinwheel. The fee for the class is \$50. That will include the pattern, fabric and a beginning book. The class is limited to 5 students.

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

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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 discuss the parameters of PT and how it can help the general public. 11 a.m. at the library.

Open house, Sheridan

An open house will be held at the Sheridan Library to showcase the new children's books from 1-3 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

MONDAY JANUARY 11

Meeting, Ennis

American Legion Post

65 will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the V.F.W. hall. Meetings are the second Monday of every month. All veterans and legion members are encouraged to attend.

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.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13

Rancher workshop, Harrison

Cover crops, soil health and livestock - benefits for you and your operation will be presented from 12-2 p.m. at the Harrison Fire Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Jan. 11 to reserve a spot by calling the Extension Office at 287-3282.

School board, Ennis

The Ennis School Board

will hold its January meeting at 5 p.m. Call 682-4258 for more information.

FRIDAY JANUARY 15

Game night, Sheridan

Game night at Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan begins at 6 p.m. We have all the traditional board games: Cribbage, Rummikub, dominoes and more. There will be popcorn and refreshments and if we have enough interested players, we'll be introducing Salad Bowl a great game that mixes up the old Password and Charades games with a fun twist.

Sled dog races, West Yellowstone

West Yellowstone Sled Dog Races is hosting the second event of the year, Jan. 15-16. Professional mushers from all over the world converge to train and prepare teams. Call Wendy at 570-2417 for more information.

Ice fishing tournament, West Yellowstone

National ice fishing tournament to be held at Hebgen Lake Jan. 15-17. Call Wendy at 570-2417 for more information.

Humanities center in Virginia City will continue its popular tradition of hosting chautauquas 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.

Kids'N'Snow, West Yellowstone

Beginning at 11 a.m. kids will have the opportunity to learn to ice fish. For more information, visit www.kidsnsnow.org.

SUNDAY JANUARY 17

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. Begins at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4

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.


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MONDAYS

Info @ 685-3481

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
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TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
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 Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 16

Chautauqua, Virginia City

The Elling House Arts and

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School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12 7 p.m.

Media Tech Center Charles B. Murray Building



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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 & Wednesday | 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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