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## COUNTY SECURITY

### Commissioners turn attention to safety of Madison County buildings

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Between the nursing homes, new county administrative building and the courthouse, the commissioners have a handful of security issues to address, from alarm fobs to camera systems.

All three commissioners – Jim Hart, Dave Schulz and Ron Nye – met with county maintenance supervisors Billy Brant and Tom Shaffer to discuss some concerns during their regular meeting on Jan.

4. Sheriff Roger Thompson and representatives from the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center and the Madison Valley Manor were also in attendance.

#### Alarm system

Offices in the courthouse are already set up with fobs that sound an alarm in the sheriff's office, but the commissioners are interested in expanding that system to the new county administrative building across the street.

"We have always used Kenco (Security and Technology),"

Thompson said. "They do a pretty good job but they are not the only ones out there."

Hart pointed out that it would be beneficial for the county to use the same company for all its security purposes.

"Are we best to tell them what we want or have the company come in and tell us what they think we need?" Schulz asked.

In response to Schulz, Shaffer suggested having a conversation with Kenco.

"We can give them some guidance and they can give

us some guidance," Shaffer said. "We can come up with a plan that way."

Last year, Thompson said he had an estimate done for getting more alarm fobs.

"It was estimated that (each fob) was \$114," Thompson said.

The fobs are small boxes that can be installed anywhere, Thompson explained.

"When the button is pushed it sends a message to the sheriff's office," he said. "That's where the current receiver is. It says 'alarm, alarm, alarm,' and what fob was pressed."

At the time of the estimate last year, Thompson asked Kenco what they would recommend about putting the administrative building on the system.

"They suggested there would be a receiver in (the administrative) building if fobs were added here, and it would push the signal over to the sheriff's office," he said.

#### The courthouse

The courthouse suffers from an issue that only arises in the summertime.

"The courts want to add

signs that let people know when court is in session," Thompson said. "Tourists don't realize it's a real courtroom and they walk in and make noise."

There is a sign on the courtroom door that details it is an active court, but the doors are often opened in the summertime to help circulate air.

"There's a sign downstairs on a stand that we could re-letter and use," Brant suggested. "No one uses it now. But if that's not satisfactory, we

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## COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL BOARD



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
Sheriff Roger Thompson gives a presentation on school safety to school administrators and board members, as well as state and county officials.

### School administrators and board members talk safety at annual meeting held in Ennis

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Every year, a Madison County school hosts a countywide school board meeting, where superintendents, principals, clerks and board members from Alder, Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges gather for dinner and a presentation with county and state officials.

On Jan. 6, Ennis Schools hosted the event, and the high school family and consumer science class prepared and served the meal.

"I think it's great the students were here (to cook and serve the food)," said Pam Birkeland, county superintendent of schools. "That's what lifelong learning is all about."

Following the meal, Ennis School Board chair John Scully introduced Sheriff Roger Thompson, who gave a presentation about school safety.

"Security should be private to your institution," Scully said. "That's our thought. How you handle it is private to your school."

The presentation Thompson gave was created by the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office following the school shooting in Newton, Conn., in 2012.

"We sent some deputies to learn how we could give the presentation," Thompson explained. "It's intended for teachers to give them a basic overview of the things they should be aware of about an active shooter ... I'm hoping this will be something

During Thompson's presentation, he explained that active shooter situations often happen in small to mid-sized communities where police departments have limited staff and resources.

"Larger districts have tighter security measures built into

ago when a Harrison student brought guns to campus but was intercepted. "He was on his approach phase and intervention stopped it ... that was as close as we could get to an active shooter without it actually happening."

Thompson also discussed what to expect when law enforcement arrives on scene, and the importance of having flexibility in response plans.

"Go over your safety plans with your staff," he said. "Give them options so they have flexibility in responding."

Thompson concluded his presentation with a question. "How many kids in the United States have died in school fires in the last 50 years? Zero," he said. "How many kids in the U.S. have died in active shooter situations in the last 50 years? Hundreds. Think about it – there are monthly fire drills. Consider implementing hazard drills, or whatever you want to call them."

Twin Bridges School Superintendent Chad Johnson asked if the Madison County Sheriff's Office provides training for teachers and staff.

"We have taser training," Thompson said. "We can work with you."

Twin Bridges trustee  
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– Roger Thompson, Madison County Sheriff

that will be food for thought as you put together your individual school safety plans."

All of Madison County schools have safety plans in place, Thompson added.

"(The sheriff's office) went around to all the schools in the county and gave you guys suggestions," Thompson said. "Some were taken into consideration and added to your safety plans."

their systems," he explained.

Thompson also introduced the five phases that lead up to, and can culminate in, an active shooter situation – the fantasy phase, planning phase, preparation phase, approach phase and implementation phase.

"(Fred Hofman, Harrison School Superintendent) went through the first four in Harrison," Thompson said, referring to the incident a few years

## VIRGINIA CITY

### Council elects new mayor, president; talks signs

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The Virginia City town council met for their first official meeting of 2016 on Jan. 7, as now-former Mayor Dude Erdall called his last meeting to order precisely at 7:01 p.m.

"Have fun guys," Erdall said, laughing as he moved from the council table out amongst the public.

The first order of business on a fairly light agenda was to elect and nominate a new mayor and president, as well as swear in a new council member.

Scott Petersen accepted Scott Kelley's nomination as new mayor and was sworn in shortly after to begin assuming his new role.

"I'm hoping to continue what Mayor Erdall had started," said Petersen, referring to the work Erdall has done with city court and the town's water

system – an issue Petersen said he will continue to work on.

This is Petersen's first term as Mayor but his 10th year on the Virginia City council.

"It's just wanting to help out I guess," said Petersen about his decision to serve on the council.

Justin Gatewood, who was not present at the meeting, was nominated and selected to serve as council president. Gatewood will be sworn in when he returns from vacation or during the February meeting.

David Bacon was sworn in as the newest council member. Bacon also serves on the Source Water Protection Board, the Planning Board and with the Virginia City Rural Fire Department.

"It's part of our civic duty – supporting the town we live in," said Bacon. "It's just something we have to do."

Bacon said he hopes to

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## County renews contract with engineering firm

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During their regular meeting on Jan. 4, the Madison County commissioners voted to approve a contract with Great West Engineering.

"Thank you for selecting us, we really do appreciate it," said Dan McCauley, president of Great West Engineering. "I think I have good people working for you guys, but if something comes up, we will fix it."

The county signed a contract with the company five years ago, contracting them for engineering services on county projects.

"The (new) agreement is pretty much what we signed five years ago," McCauley said.

One change is how Great West Engineering will create task orders for small projects.

"Do we need to create a task order when we do any work?" McCauley asked.

"Like, if we get a call to review something and it just takes an hour? Because creating a

task order may take more time and end up costing more."


Schulz emphasized the importance of always being able to keep track of accounting, but said allowing some work to be done without a task order would most likely save the county money. McCauley suggested the commissioners add a "do not exceed" limit to keep track of overall costs.

McCauley also said it is time for Great West Engineering to look at the county's bridges.

"We got a (Treasure State Endowment Planning [TSEP]) grant for \$15,000 that we matched with \$15,000 so we have \$30,000 for it," Schulz said.

Commissioner Jim Hart made a motion to approve the contract with Great West Engineering, approve the company to do miscellaneous work items under \$1,000 and to start the TSEP bridge evaluation and preliminary engineering.

Commissioner Ron Nye seconded the motion and all three commissioners voted in favor.

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can look at something else.”

The commissioners asked Brant to go ahead with re-lettering the sign and placing it by the front stairs of the courthouse when court is in session to make tourists aware.

The issue of only having one exit route from some of the top floor courthouses was also raised, as well as the need to designate safe rooms and make sure they have reinforced doors.

“That needs to happen during the construction over there,” Schulz said, referring to

the fact that the commissioners are currently working with architects to design an update for the building. “There’s no reason to cobble something together and then have it torn apart during the project. It will ultimately be a lot cheaper if it was part of the bigger plan.”

Thompson also requested the commissioners consider a few updates to the sheriff’s office as part of the courthouse construction.

“We’d like ballistic protection on the windows,” he said. “If that could be factored into the improvements,

that would be awesome.”

## Nursing homes

Darcel Cook, MVM administrator, said she is currently looking into getting a camera system in the building.

“We want the main hallways, dining room, living room and outside of the building covered,” she said. “Our night nurses are apprehensive with the traffic through our parking lot ... a lot of it has to do with our location in Ennis, we’re in the middle of a lot of bars.”

Hart suggested Cook

work with Thompson to get Kenco to look at the manor.

“Maybe when they come to look at (the administrative building) they can spend some time in the nursing homes too,” Schulz added.

Though TRMCC is more “out of the way” than the manor, Schulz said Kenco should check out that building as well.

“We’ll get in contact with Kenco to get a time when they can physically come out and look at all the needs,” Brant concluded.

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Allison Wentzel asked Thompson what his opinion is on having a concealed weapons

policy in place in a school.

“If the people are properly screened and trained, I’m not opposed to that,” Thompson said.

Under the current law, it is up to a school’s board of trustees whether or not they want to implement a concealed

weapons policy at their school.

“I think it needs to stay that way,” Hofman said. “It needs to be up to each school and school district if they want it.”

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keep with Erdall’s “legacy.”

“(Erdall) started to kind of create a transparency in city government,” he said. “I want to help continue that – trying to keep the transparency and evenhandedness of taking care of the town.”

Victor Bunitsky was once again appointed as town attorney – a position he has held since 2012.

## Sign ordinances

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Mark Weber, a business owner on Main Street, started a discussion about signs for business, specifically in the wintertime.

Currently, to keep with the historic nature of the town, the council has a sign ordinance in place requiring all businesses and business owners to follow set standards to ensure Virginia City looks how it did in the 1860s.

“The sign ordinance is what is setup to protect historic look of (Virginia City),” said Petersen.

According to Petersen, there was a time when people would put up different colored signs with colors that were not traditional, so the ordinance helps make sure fonts and styles of signs match with the theme of the town.

Until recently, Weber was using a large, multicolored flag at his store with the hope of attracting business.

“I need to stop traffic so I can make some money to pay my water bill,” Weber said.

The topic was brought to the council as a written complaint, which stated the flag was offensive and did not meet the standards set forth in the sign ordinance.

The flag he had been using, as Weber described it, is “outlandish” and “gaudy” and had been doing the job.

“A lot of people don’t know that people live in Virginia City,” said Petersen. “The problem is getting people to know that we’ve got a couple business open in the winter, so (businesses) want to be able to attract people coming through town. The problem

now is coming up something that will attract people’s attention without being gaudy.”

Councilmembers discussed a temporary resolution to the sign ordinance during winter months, as well as meeting with Elijah Allen, executive director of the Montana Heritage Commission, to look into available grant money for historic signs.

“I’m more than happy to help,” said Allen.

Weber said he is open to ideas about how to better draw in customers while sticking with the theme of the town.

“Unless someone else is really creative and can come up with something – I just can’t see it in my head,” Weber said.

## Other business

Councilmembers also heard reports from the public works office as well as Jeff MacDonald, historic preservation officer, about future projects. They also approved donations to the Thompson Hickman County Library, the Madison County Sheriff’s Office and the Elling Foundation.



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 Scott Petersen is sworn in as the new mayor of Virginia City.

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### Feist sentencing continued

A woman charged with deceptive practices and issuing bad checks appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker for sentencing on Jan. 11.

The charges against Carol Ann Feist stem from incidents that happened between March 6, 2014, and July 2, 2014 – she was initially charged with two counts of deceptive practices (common scheme or greater than \$1,500), two counts of issuing a bad check (less than or equal to \$1,500) and one count of attempted theft of labor or services, but the state dropped the final count.

Deputy county attorney Justin Ekwall and Feist's attorney, Stephanie Kruer, previously created a plea agreement, but Ekwall said the plea agreement provides the defendant obey all laws and court orders between the arrest and the sentencing.

"If not, the state is not bound by the plea agreement, but the defendant may not withdraw her plea," Ekwall said.

Ekwall said he wanted to recommend a different sentencing than what was in the plea agreement, based on

his belief the defendant had provided a fabricated letter as proof of employment while the case was pending. Feist's former employer was called as a witness and she testified that she did not write the letter Feist provided to Ekwall.

"I don't believe one can credibly find this document accurate," Ekwall said.

Kruer called Feist to the stand as a witness.

"Did you fabricate that letter?" Kruer asked her.

"No," Feist responded.

Judge Tucker said he was not "satisfied" the letter was authentic.

"The court has one conclusion to draw ... (the letter) is deceptive," Judge Tucker said.

Judge Tucker asked Ekwall and Kruer what they recommended for Feist's sentencing, but Kruer requested a continuance.

"There is additional evidence (about the authenticity of the letter) but we haven't had an opportunity to gather that evidence," Kruer said.

Ekwall did not oppose the continuance, and Feist was released until her rescheduled sentencing hearing, which is set for Feb. 29.

### Petition to revoke suspended sentence

Sarah Noelene Schwab appeared before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on Jan. 11 on charges she violated the terms of a suspended sentence.

Schwab was previously given a five year suspended sentence to the Department of Corrections for issuing a bad check, common scheme, a felony, according to court documents.

"On July 16, 2015, a report of violation was submitted by the defendant's probation officer," according to court documents. "The defendant appeared on Aug. 17, 2015, and entered a plea of true to the allegation that she consumed alcohol and a not true to the other allegations in the petition (to revoke her suspended sentence)."

Since then, multiple addendums to the report of violation have been filed by Schwab's probation officer, including the allegations that Schwab consumed alcohol and contacted an alleged victim in a separate pending case.

Schwab pleaded "not true" to all charges in the petition to revoke the suspended sentence, and she was released pending a future court date.

### Toston woman pleads guilty

On Jan. 11, a Toston woman pleaded guilty to the

charge of theft at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker.

Candy Jean Van Blaricom was charged with felony theft for incidents that occurred between Dec. 6, 2013 and Jan. 20, 2014, according to court documents.

"(The defendant) committed the offense of theft of property by embezzlement when, with the purpose to deprive the owner of property, the defendant purposely or knowingly obtained or exerted unauthorized control over property entrusted to the defendant," according to a filed Information. The value of money taken by the defendant is in excess of \$1,500."

The maximum penalty for felony theft is a fine not to exceed \$50,000, imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or both.

Judge Tucker asked Van Blaricom what she did that made her guilty.

"I took money that belonged to my great aunt's account that I was not authorized to have," Van Blaricom said.

Judge Tucker ordered a presentence investigation be completed and Van Blaricom was released on her own recognizance while the PSI is pending.

### Griffin pleads guilty to possession

On Jan. 11, William Jo-

seph Griffin appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker and pleaded guilty to the charge that he violated the conditions of his suspended sentence by possessing methamphetamine.

"It's true, your honor," Griffin said. "I did have in my possession a small quantity of methamphetamine."

Judge Tucker sentenced Griffin to the Department of Corrections for a term of five years, two suspended. He also recommended Griffin for the DoC's connections corrections program, where he can receive counseling and treatment.

"You get credit for 19 days served," Judge Tucker said. "The court is also going to recommend a pre-release program."

### Guilty plea to 4th DUI

An Ennis man pleaded guilty to the charge of a fourth DUI before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on Jan. 11.

The charge against Joe Dickinson stems from a Jan. 16, 2015, incident where he was driving a motor vehicle on U.S. Highway 287 while under the influence of alcohol. Judge Tucker ordered a presentence investigation be completed, and Dickinson was released on his own recognizance.

### Lewis case to go to trial

Lucas Daniel Butler Lewis, of Sheridan, is set to go to trial after pleading not guilty to sexual intercourse without consent.

According to court documents, Lewis "knowingly had sexual intercourse without consent with another person," or more specifically, he allegedly had intercourse with a person who was 12 years old at the time of the offense – May 2015 – which means the victim was incapable of consent due to her age. According to state law, the age of consent for sexual intercourse is 16.

Lewis' trial is scheduled to begin March 7 at the Madison County Courthouse.

### Guilty plea to 4th DUI

Julie Ann Cox, from Bozeman, appeared before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on Jan. 11 and pleaded guilty to the charges of a fourth or subsequent DUI.

"I had been drinking earlier that day and was driving intoxicated," Cox said, explaining her guilty plea.

Judge Tucker ordered a presentence investigation be completed, and Cox was released on her own recognizance while the investigation is pending.



## Tom Kuntz: A handyman using his skills to benefit the community

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Tom Kuntz has only been in the Madison Valley for a short while, but that has not stopped him from getting involved with the community.

After escaping the heat and humidity of Virginia, Kuntz and his wife moved to Ennis in December of 2014. Shortly after moving, Kuntz started volunteering with the Ennis Community Children's School as a handyman, fixing toys, bikes and other odds and ends.

"He is so awesome," said Kami Striegel, ECCS director.

"(My wife and I) just wanted to help out around the community and I thought that

was something I could do and give the teachers a chance to catch up," Kuntz said.

Kuntz spends a couple hours a week at the school fixing miscellaneous toys, helping police the playground and acting as an extra set of hands whenever the need arises.

"It's a blast," said Kuntz. "The kids are great and they are all so well behaved. They're full of stories and there's a new story every week."

Kuntz said he enjoys being able to spend time with the children while giving back to the community.

"We've been lucky to have people do nice things for us and it's an opportunity to give back and do something nice for other people," he said. "You meet a lot of great people and you stay active and involved in the community."

Since moving to Ennis, Kuntz has enjoyed learning the ways of Madison County as well as getting outside and exploring the surrounding area.

"I'm learning how to fly fish and tie flies," he said. "There's always something going on and (my wife and I) just like to get out and about and explore the area."

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



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Tom Kuntz stands next to the Christmas card made for him by the ECCS kids.

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Keep up the good work!

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## THE FIRST FISH OF THE NEW YEAR

*Hi readers,*

Madison County offers a variety of outdoor adventures, even in the winter. From fly fishing to skiing – both downhill and cross-country, to ice skating and sledding – via snowmobile or the old fashioned way, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and increase your heart rate.

If you're like me, you want to try everything, but aren't good at any of it. And that's okay. The point is to get outside and enjoy the company of a loved one or friend (or dog!) while you explore the beauty of our county. And snap some photos along the way to chronicle a long enjoyed, or new, experience.

Taking my own advice, Mike and I spent some time last week braving the cold to try our luck at catching our first fish of 2016. If you're curious, he was successful and I got skunked!

In town, the day was balmy. The sun was shining and there wasn't a breeze, which is a big deal around Ennis. Because of that, Mike and I were tricked into thinking it would be a beautiful afternoon to throw some flies. We grabbed our waders, packed the truck and set out for the Ennis Dam – the start of the Bear Trap Canyon.

The temperature by the water was noticeably cooler, but we ignored it and slipped into our waders, tied our boots and set up our rigs. I know next to nothing about fly fishing, but Mike taught me how to tie flies on my line and make sure my bobber is in place (I'm kind of a diehard bobber/girdle bug fisherwoman).

We slogged through the snow until we reached the icy crust of the Madison River. By that time, the canyon had blocked out the sunrays and I was already chilly, but chose to ignore it.

I perched precariously on the rocky bank and completed two casts before my back cast wrapped my line around something behind me. This meant about 10 minutes of trying to scramble across the icy rocks, uphill, to free my fly. Turns out a girdle bug will catch just about anything – even a thistle.

Mike watched me struggling on the slick rocks for awhile before suggesting we cross the river and fish from the other, flatter, bank. I fished for a little longer, coming up empty. By this time, my hands were crying for gloves so I called it a day. I still enjoy fly fishing, but even more so, I enjoy spending time outside with Mike and Calamity Jane. So I was perfectly content to sit on the bank warming my fingers, watching Mike face the freezing water and catch his first few rainbow trout of 2016.

Don't let the winter doldrums get you down. Fight back by getting excited about the outdoor opportunities this season has to offer. At the very least, pack a snack, turn on your car heater, take a drive and enjoy the incredible winter views.

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Mike's first fish of 2016!



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Mike fishing in the icy river.



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## Ennis Town Council will consider sidewalks at 'Y' intersection

Dear Editor,

The Ennis Town Council will be reviewing the Montana Department of Transportation and Great West Engineering design plan of sidewalks around the Ennis "Y" project at their meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at town hall. The public is invited to attend and to make comment, after which the council will vote on the project.

The project was proposed by the Madison Byways group on the behalf of the town of

Ennis in 2013. Grant funds were awarded as part of the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant program to install sidewalks along the east and west sides of the Highway 287 "Y" intersection, as well as, a section on Main Street. This grant was specifically to assist communities in making walking a safer and more viable mode of transportation.

These sidewalks will bring much needed safety and aesthetic enhancements to this corridor, which houses key destinations

that people are already walking to, such as stores, restaurants, grocery stores, a bank, the hospital, the manor, lodging and Ennis Schools. Sidewalks are considered a major property improvement, which increase property values. Providing additional access to any business is a great benefit to its patrons. Completing this major intersection will give residents, students and visitors more options in transportation and uphold our strong sense of community.

The Madison Valley Manor

is providing a contribution to the funding match required by MDT, no additional funding is required by the town of Ennis. Letters of support from the community were also a key component for the award of this major project. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and see design plans for our town. Your presence will enforce your commitment to this project.

Lisa Roberts  
Ennis

## Our thanks to the community

Dear Editor,

The family of Bob Birrer would like to express thanks to everyone who visited, brought food, sent flowers, called and helped with the arrangements during our family's great loss. Special thanks go out to Dr. Ron Loge who helped Bob with his journey through life; always

a caring physician and friend. Thank you Barrett Memorial Hospital and staff, Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center and staff, Ruby Valley hospital and staff and for all the love and care you gave Bob during his stays.

Thank you Deacon Andy and Father Finnegan. Thank you Ruby Valley Catholic community and Ruby Valley women for pro-

viding the wonderful meal and everyone else who helped out. Thank you Ruby Valley Boys for the wonderful music. Thank you K and L mortuary and Sheridan High School and staff for all your help with the accommodations.

Thank you to all of Bob's friends who visited, supported, told stories, brought gifts and goodies through the years

and kept him in your hearts. You are all priceless. If we left anyone out, we apologize. He was a friend to all and a stranger to no one. God Bless you all and we are blessed he lived in such a loving and caring valley and community.

Thank you,  
Family of Bob Birrer

## Thank you for all your help

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all our special friends for all they

did to help make our lives better and to deal with the loss of Edie Nelson - wife, mother and grandma. It will be a long and

very emotional journey but with your love and support we have gotten through the hard part and will be able to continue with the

rest knowing you are there for us.

Thank you very much,  
The entire Nelson family

# OBITUARIES

## Karla Marie Boyd

October 10, 1952 - January 5, 2016

Karla Marie Boyd died this past week, on Jan. 5, 2016, in Bozeman, where she had been living at Brookdale Spring Meadows for the last three months. The cause of death was renal failure.

She was born Oct. 10, 1952, in San Bernardino, Calif., to parents Goldie Mae and Giles Boyd who also had one son, her brother David Boyd. She grew up in Eagle Mountain, Calif., (now a ghost town) in the southern California Colorado Desert, where her father worked for the iron mining company Kaiser Steel. Karla had many little girl horror stories of living in the desert. Later, after her father died, the family moved to Fontana, Calif., where she completed her schooling. Always intrigued with the mystique of beautiful old buildings, Karla had a desire to study architecture but was discouraged, as it was not considered a woman's vocation at that time.

In 1973 she married David Harbecker and the two of them left the harshness of the desert for the mild and moist climate of Portland, Ore., which she loved. She found herself working in the world of technology where she ended up as a computer programmer at Tektronix when there were very few women in the field. During this time, she and her husband were divorced. Karla moved to Beaverton, Ore., (a suburb of Portland) and set out to pursue one of her passions. An avid Francophile, she built a travel business on the side and became recognized as quite an expert European travel consultant. Needless to say, she made a number of trips to Europe herself. After retiring from Tectronix she and a good friend struck out for Virginia City in 1998 to bring to fruition a long held dream of opening their own bed and breakfast. Together they successfully operated The

Bennet House for five years. Karla lived the last 19 years of her life in Virginia City, a place she loved. Her love of history and preserving the past meant that she involved herself in almost every organization in Virginia City, including being a member of the Montana Ghost Town Preservation Society. She also served as the Postmaster in Virginia City for a while and worked at the desk of the Fairweather Inn for a number of years. For a time she operated her own retail business on Main Street in what was then known as the Adobetown Schoolhouse. Her passion for fabrics and crafts led her to creating beautiful wool hooked rugs, one of which was featured in a nationally renowned rug hooking magazine with the subject being the Sedman House in Nevada City. In contrast, her other great passion was motor cars, especially dragsters and

vintage Chevrolets. But overriding all these was her abounding love and compassion for animals, supporting almost every organization working for their protection.

Karla was preceded in death by her parents and only brother. Her remaining family include her brother's wife, Barbara Boyd, and their two sons David Boyd of Riverside County, Calif., and Patrick Boyd of San Bernardino County, Calif.

A gentle woman with a generous and kind heart, Karla lived an independently sought life, true to her chosen values. She leaves behind her beloved cats and a circle of close friends.

Karla preferred a quiet and contemplative lifestyle. There will not be a funeral service or memorial, but for all those who felt close to her, we will be gathering in the spring for a ceremony of remembrance.

Sweet journey Karla, we will miss you.

## Lucy M. Brownback

September 5, 1928 - January 5, 2016



Lucy M. Brownback, 87 passed away on Jan. 5, 2016, at Life Care Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Lucy was born Sept. 5, 1928, in Harrison to Daniel and Anna Lee Malone (Keene). She graduated from Harrison High School in

1945. Lucy married Francis W. Brownback and had four children. She was preceded in death by her husband Francis and oldest son Mark. She is survived by daughters Pam Moore (Gary) of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Cindy Bowman

(Ritch) of Idaho Falls; son Frank Brownback of Butte; five grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. Per her request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. The family will meet later for a private service in Harrison.

## William (Bill) Arthur Cross

December 27, 1926 - December 29, 2015



William (Bill) Arthur Cross, 89, died Tuesday Dec. 29, 2015, at Mountain View Care Center in Bozeman after a brief illness. Bill was born Dec. 27, 1926, in Harrisburg, Neb., to John Cross and Orpha Scooville. Bill was a corporal in the United States Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged May 7, 1954, where he was stationed in Germany.

Bill enjoyed making ropes, reading and going to rodeos and watching them on T.V. Bill was a ranch hand and worked all over Nebraska and Wyoming until he settled in Harrison in 1977 where he worked for the Sitz Angus Ranch until he retired.

Bill leaves his wife Joyce Cross; sons Anthony (Tim) Cross and Greg Cross; and daughter Andrea Stevens; step son John

Buller; step daughters Janelle Dehart and Jody Williams; grandchildren and great grandchildren; and brother Terry Cross and sisters Marjorie Lamm and Sylva Soule. He is preceded in death by his brothers John Bud Cross and Sam Cross; sisters Maizie Dykes and Jessie Hotell. No funeral services will be held at this time, a graveside celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## Lloyd Smith Sr.

March 10, 1919 - January 1, 2016



Lloyd Smith Sr. passed away peacefully on Jan. 1, 2016, at his

home in Manhattan. Lloyd was born March 10, 1919, in Conrad to James Nelson Smith and Edna (Stull) Smith. He attended school in Conrad until eighth grade. He left home in his late teens following the death of his parents, and got jobs in the lumber industry near McAllister. He also began breaking horses and eventually worked on several ranches in Montana and Wyoming.

He met and married Sarah

Mize of Bozeman on Oct. 28, 1940. They eventually moved to a home near McAllister and raised their children there. Lloyd worked for the county in road management and also worked on the roads near the earthquake that formed Quake Lake. Lloyd did horseshoeing, horse trading and horse breaking and rode many miles in the mountains surrounding the Madison Valley. He also drove

the mail truck between Butte and Ennis for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sarah; his parents; sisters Dorothy, Katherine and Bernice; and son Jerry. He is survived by his daughter Sally Staiger of California and son Lloyd Jr. (Sunny) of Ennis; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

There will be no services at his request.

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# SPORTS



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
The Ennis Mustangs welcomed their neighbors from the north, The Harrison Wildcats, to the court last weekend.

## MUSTANGS VS. WILCATS

### HARRISON/WILLOW CREEK TEAMS UNABLE TO TOPPLE THE MUSTANGS



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
Harrison sophomore Josie Hokanson, 15, drives past Mustang Brigit Croy, 10, toward the basket.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
Mustang Cole Crowley scores a three pointer in the second half of the game.



Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
Lane Buus, 23, drives to the hoop for the Wildcats.

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On Jan. 8, the Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats headed south through the Madison Valley to face the Ennis Mustangs in two fast-paced varsity basketball games. The Mustangs used their home court advantage, and both the boys and girls teams beat Harrison.

#### Boys basketball

The Mustangs controlled the first quarter of play, scoring 27 points to Harrison's seven, and the Wildcats were unable to come back from the deficit. Ennis' Gavin McKittrick knocked down four three-pointers and a field goal in the first quarter, which, combined with Cole Crowley's five points, Jake Knack's four and Ty Morgan's four, gave the Mustangs a resounding lead.

McKittrick continued his hot streak in the second quarter and scored nine more points, all from behind the arc. Though Harrison's Zane VonBergen hit two three pointers and his teammate Chas Buus knocked down another, the Wildcats were unable to keep up with Ennis going into the half.

After the half, the teams traded points, Kyler Barney scored a field goal for the Mustangs and VonBergen knocked down a three pointer for the Wildcats to bring the score to 44 - 19, Mustangs in the lead.

Morgan played hard in the paint, dragging down rebounds and putting up second-chance points for the Mustangs. The Wildcats relied on VonBergen's shooting from behind the line

— he ended the game with 24 points, all from behind the arc.

Though the Wildcats outscored the Mustangs in the final quarter of play, it was not enough to make up their deficit from the first quarter and Ennis won by a 20 point margin, 74 - 54.

McKittrick led the Mustangs with 29 points. Morgan had 14, Knack had 13 and Crowley had 11. Barney, Tracer Croy and Race Owens rounded out the scoreboard with three points, three points and one point, respectively.

For the Wildcats, VonBergen was the dominating presence on the court, scoring 24 points. Buus scored 14, Derik DeFrance scored eight, Parker Galt scored six and Matt Fouch scored two to make up Harrison's 54 points.

#### Girls basketball

The Lady Mustangs were first on the board thanks to a quick field goal from Danyel Martin, but then fell behind the quick, athletic Lady Wildcats. Harrison scored in the first few minutes and then stole the ball twice in a row, scoring on both plays.

With three minutes to go in the first quarter, Wildcat Hailey Hokanson knocked down a three pointer and Harrison was in the lead, 11 - 4.

The Lady Mustangs came back with renewed energy to kick off the second quarter, utilizing 6 foot 2 inch inside powerhouse Martin to score. With a few well-timed steals and a three-pointer from Amanda Kimmey, the Mustangs were back in the game again, only down by two points with a minute and 40 seconds left in

the half. Thanks to freshman Jourdain Klein, the Lady Mustangs tied it up at 24 points with just 33 seconds before halftime.

But the Wildcats were not to be outdone, and Makenna Livezey scored a field goal as the seconds wound down, and the teams headed to the locker rooms with the Wildcats up by two.

The Mustangs were in charge the second half of the game, scoring 30 points to Harrison's 16.

"I'm very pleased with how hard the girls have been working, and I can't wait to see how much more we improve before tournaments," said Mustang head coach Jordan Overstreet. "We started a little slow, but once we got things going we were hard to stop. The game was a perfect example of how the girls never give up and will always give their best on both ends of the floor."

Martin rose above the pack, scoring seven field goals in the last half alone. She was the Mustangs leading scorer with 27 points to her name at the end of the night. In addition to Martin, Klein scored nine points, Wrenzi Wrzesinski scored five and Kimmey scored three. Lexi Lindemulder, Josie Jenkins, Danika Philpott, Brigit Croy and MaKenzie Moen each scored two points.

Josie Hokanson led the Wildcat push with 11 points, followed closely by Taya DeFrance who scored 10. Addie Nesbit added eight points to Harrison's total, and H. Hokanson scored six, Livezey scored five and Alexys Bacon scored two.

When the buzzer sounded, the final score of the game was 54 - 42, Mustangs win.



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Ennis junior Dankia Philpott, 20, attempts a three pointer for the Mustangs.





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# & MORE SPORTS

## BASKETBALL ROUND UP

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### ENNIS

The Mustangs and Lady Mustangs played three games last week – first they welcomed the Lima Bears to Ennis on Jan. 5. Next up was Harrison (see page A5 for a feature on the game). Finally, Ennis traveled to White Sulphur Springs on Jan. 9. Read on to see how the teams fared.

#### Lima at Ennis

Unfortunately for Mustang sports fans, the Lima Bears were forced to forfeit the game, so the Ennis boys won by default.

The Lady Mustangs bested the Lady Bears, 50 – 26. Danyel Martin led the scoreboard with 11 points, followed closely by MaKenzie Moen and Danika Philpott who both scored 10 points. Brigit Croy, Josie Jenkins, Wrenzi Wrzesinski and Lexi Lindemulder each scored four and Payton Fortner and Jourdain Klein rounded out the scoreboard with two points and one point, respectively.

#### Ennis at White Sulphur Springs

It was all about the Mustangs in White Sulphur Springs last weekend – the boys beat the hornets, 64 – 34. Tyler Barney led the team with 17 points, followed by Jake Knack who had 15, Gavin McKittrick who had 14 and Ty Morgan who scored 13. Tanner Wood and Race Owens also contributed to the final score with three points and two points, respectively.

The Lady Mustangs lost to White Sulphur Springs, 41 – 51. Brigit Croy led the scoreboard for Ennis, scoring 13 points. Freshman Jourdain Klein scored 10. In addition, Caitlin Klatt scored six, Danika Philpott scored four, Wrenzi Wrzesinski scored three, Josie Jenkins scored two, Lexi Lindemulder scored two and Danyel Martin scored one.

### HARRISON

The Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats and Lady Wildcats welcomed West Yellowstone to

Madison County on Jan. 7 and also traveled to Ennis to play the Mustangs on Jan. 8 (see page A5 for a feature on the game).

#### West Yellowstone at Harrison

From the first quarter on, the Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats controlled the game against the West Yellowstone Wolverines, and ultimately won, 66 – 33. Derik DeFrance scored 18 points for the team. His teammates Zane Von-Bergen and Parker Galt both scored 13 points. Matt Fouch scored eight, and Chas Buus and Daly Nesbit each added seven points to the team's total.

Same went for the Lady Wildcats, who bested West Yellowstone, 47 – 16. Josie Hokanson led the scoreboard with 22 points. Addie Nesbit also scored in the double digits with 13 points. Hailey Hokanson scored six, Taya DeFrance had four and MaKenna Livezey scored two.

### SHERIDAN

The Panthers and Lady Panthers faced two tough opponents this week – Manhattan Christian on Jan. 7 and Gardiner on Jan. 9.

#### Manhattan Christian at Sheridan

The powerhouse Manhattan Christian Eagles and Lady Eagles traveled to Sheridan on Jan. 7 to take on the Panthers. Both the boys and girls teams struggled against their opponents and lost.

The Panthers were only able to score 11 points during the game, and the Eagles took the ball to the bucket for 92 points. Tristan Horn scored nine points and Tyler Haag scored two for the Panthers. The Lady Panthers had better luck, but ultimately fell to the Lady Eagles, 22 – 62. Alexis Woirhaye scored nine points, Janie Smart and Tionna Schwend each scored four, Destiny Fabel scored three and Micara Deveraux scored two for the team.

#### Gardiner at Sheridan

The Panthers fared better against Gardiner, but ended up falling to the Bruins, 36 – 75. Tristen Horn took the ball to

the hoop for an outstanding 22 points to lead Sheridan. Ben Larsen scored six points and four other Panthers – Tyler Haag, Isaiah Galiger, Moritz Remmert and Moxon Lee – contributed to the team's final score.

The Lady Panthers also fell to Gardiner on Jan. 9, losing 18 – 43. Janie Smart led the team with six points, and Destiny Fabel, Alexis Woirhaye and Tionna Schwend each scored four points.

### TWIN BRIDGES

On Jan. 8, the Falcons and Lady Falcons welcomed Whitehall to Twin Bridges. The next day, the teams traveled to Lone Peak to take on the Big Horns.

#### Whitehall at Twin Bridges

Coach Josh Keller's Falcons fell to Whitehall by an eight point margin, 51 – 59. James Bendon led the team with 15 points. Wesley Harshbarger scored 12, and Cooper Christensen and Kaleb Roselott both scored 10. Chace Guinnane rounded out the scoreboard with four points.

The Lady Falcons played next and were able to topple their opponent, 56 – 22. Kailee Oliverson and Cassidy Wetzel both scored nine points to lead the team, but an additional eight Lady Falcons scored during the game.

#### Twin Bridges at Lone Peak

The Falcons came back strong the next night, besting the Big Horns, 53 – 34. Tracen Eggers scored 10 points, Chace Guinnane and Wesley Harshbarger each scored nine points, Cooper Christensen scored eight and James Bendon scored seven. Four other Falcons also scored in the game.

The story was much the same for the Lady Falcons, who won, 66 – 42. Cassidy Wetzel had a standout game and scored 22 points, followed by Kailee Oliverson who scored 17. Seven other Lady Falcons scored in the match up as well.



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## A brand new CBC: starting a Christmas Bird Count in the Ruby Valley

Submitted by Tom Forwood

Christmas bird counts started in 1900 and have expanded across the Americas ever since. Today, over 2,000 counts are held and cover much of the western

hemisphere. These counts give an annual snapshot of overwintering bird species in a static 15 mile diameter circle.

This year, for the 116th CBC a new location was tested out, the Ruby Valley. After years of birding the Ruby Valley year round, state park Ranger Tom Forwood decided to get more coverage for the Ruby Valley with an official CBC. This count will become the second for Madison County as the Ennis CBC compiled by Robin Wolcott has been ongoing with 58 counts since 1959.

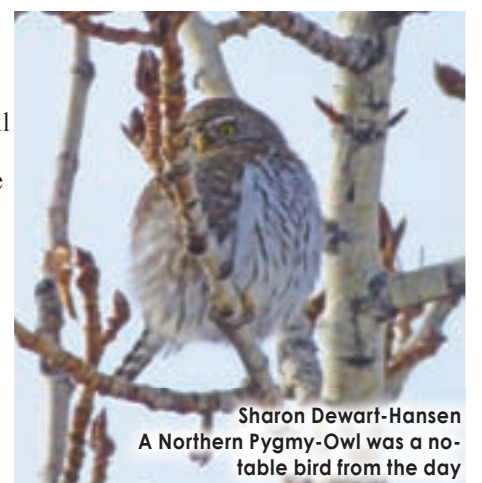
The Ruby Valley count, which is centered just south of Sheridan, holds several areas constantly open water, typically lower snowfall and a large variety of habitats which all make for a perfect location to conduct a count.

For the trial run we were able to gather 17 volunteer participants of varying skill levels to come out and count each and every bird seen within this new circle. Three of the

participants counted birds from their home feeders while others worked the roads, parks and even worked with landowners for property access to walk and count all the winged winter denizens of the Ruby.

In all 64 species were found. A total of 9,433 birds were counted including some fun finds such as two short-eared owls and an impressive three Northern Pygmy-Owls.

Next year we look forward to more folks coming out and many years of a fun count on the west side of Madison County.



Sharon Dewart-Hansen  
A Northern Pygmy-Owl was a notable bird from the day

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tion, distance of reaching customers, and "backhaul." Backhaul is a term used to transport all the Internet traffic back to a switching center where the traffic is all consolidated to travel to the Internet Cloud sometimes called "Peering Points." These locations allow ac-

cess to such search engines, such as Google, Yahoo, Bing, etc. These connections to the Internet Cloud are expensive and often shared amongst several ISPs to help with the cost. This traffic is mostly within a Fiber Optic link traveling at the speed of light. Providing Internet service

over the "last mile" to the customer is done by either satellite, wireless ISPs with an antennae, copper cable with DSL, or Fiber Optic cable (providing Ethernet). Broadband services over copper are very limited to distance (18,000/3 miles) and the condition of the copper cable.

Fiber Optic cable on the other hand can deliver unlimited amounts of bandwidth, telephone service, and even a TV product in some markets. The TV product is called IPTV rather than the old term "Cable TV".

Many companies in Montana have been expanding their Fiber Optic footprint to help "future proof" their cable facilities and be able to provide customers with advanced services today and for services that have

not yet been developed. Customers considering moving to a smaller community should do their research about Internet access, if they wish stay connected. Montana has several cooperatives and telephone companies which are in the process of transitioning to all Fiber Optic Networks to homes and businesses, serving customers with similar and often better services than available in large cities.

For more information, go to the National Broadband map. <http://www.broadbandmap.gov>. Talk to the local telephone, wireless internet and satellite companies. Check out all options. In Montana, most libraries have very good Internet service and they are a good source of who is a good lo-

cal provider in the area.

Submitted by: Ron Gay (with over 20 years of experience in providing internet access to rural MT communities) and our new Sales Associate with ERA Landmark Arrow Real Estate



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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK SHERIDAN

Sheridan Elementary's Student of the Week is first grader **Titus Horn**. Titus is the son of Lonnie and Kendra Horn. Titus is an outstanding student who works really hard in Ms. Paula Elser's class. His favorite subjects are math and reading. When Titus isn't focusing on school, he enjoys camping in the summer, reading, and playing football and basketball with his friends and older brothers. Titus always has a smile on his face and is more-than-willing to help out a classmate. He definitely embodies the Sheridan Elementary Universals—Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Successful and BE A PANTHER! Keep up the great work Titus.



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# AROUND THE COUNTY

### Firearms qualifications for retired law enforcement officers

Submitted by Roger Thompson  
MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Madison County Sheriff's Office will be offering to all retired law enforcement officers who reside in Madison County, Montana state standard firearms qualifications at various times throughout the year to assist in meeting Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA-HR 218) qualifications. You must meet LEOSA criteria in order to attend and be qualified.

Contact us on Facebook or call Sheriff Roger Thompson if you have any questions. 843-5301.

### Kids can learn to ice fish

Submitted by Wendy Swenson

On Saturday, Jan. 16, kids will have the unique opportunity to learn to ice fish for free. The ice fishing pros and equip-

ment manufacturers will be in West Yellowstone for a North American Ice Fishing Circuit tournament that weekend.

The ice camp starts at 11 a.m. at Kirkwood Marina, located on Hebgen Lake. Then from 6 to 9 p.m., head to West Yellowstone's ice skating rink to warm up with hot beverages, toast marshmallows and make s'mores – fixings provided. Bring a sled and enjoy the kid's sledding hill. For more information, a schedule and registration, go to [www.kidsnsnow.org](http://www.kidsnsnow.org).

### NorthWestern Energy to allow ice fishing access at Hebgen

Submitted by Butch Larcomb

NorthWestern Energy will again allow public access to Hebgen Lake near the dam, beginning Jan. 16. The move is aimed at accommodating ice fishing near the dam.

The public will be allowed to park at a site near the east end of the dam, just off Highway 287. NorthWestern Energy is working with the Forest Service and other agencies to provide the public access. As in past years

signage will likely be installed to indicate suitable parking areas for the public. The safest location to access the ice is near the handicap fishing pier and outhouse, East of the spillway.

It is anticipated that access will be available until sometime in March, when work on the Hebgen Dam rehabilitation project is expected to resume.

### Concert in Dillon

Submitted by Barbara Hall

Armed with a clarinet, a piano and their personable stage presence, Kornel Wolak and Chris Donnelly will present a remarkable blend of classical and jazz music for their audience here in Dillon on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the University of Montana – Western Beier Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Their performance is part of the Dillon Concert Association concert series and is sponsored by Eric Hammer and Sandra McIntyre, Chris Kraft and Barbara Hall, and an anonymous donor.

The duo's program will range from revered classical pieces such as Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major, to Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and Oscar Peterson's

classic Hymn to Freedom.

For further information contact Chris Kloker at 865-0076.

### Speech/drama/debate open house in Ennis

Submitted by Marilyn Jenkins

Ennis High School speech/drama/debate students invite the public to their annual open house on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the high school. There will be three performing groups or individuals in four rooms, allowing guests to move between rooms after each of the performances.

The following students will participate in the categories listed: Rachel Ledgerwood – dramatic solo; Race Owens and Caelin Marum – LD debate; Ekaterina Rosenlund – spontaneous oral interpretation; McKenzie Shields and Madison Goettle – impromptu; Abigail Brannon and Chrissy Ackerman – dramatic oral interpretation; Bryson Glines / Becca Thomas, Quentin Hamilton/ Brand Morgan and Krysta Saunders/Alyssa West – humorous duo; and Robyn Moe and Max Trapp – humorous solo.

## MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

### Thursday



Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs 25 to 30.

### Friday



Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 10 to 15. Highs 20 to 30.

### Saturday



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### Sunday



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

### Monday



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## 4 P A W S RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



### KITTYBOO

Well hello there. How ya doing? Me? Well I'm doing okay now. I was abandoned and then brought to the rescue. They treat me real nice, took me to a great vet and he said I'm an older fella, have a little heart murmur but nothing life threatening. Had a problem with my eyes but they've cleared up and they got me my shots and tested (negative) for FIV/FelV so I am so ready to have a loving forever home. I'm friendly and have been around dogs and other cats and I don't mind them at all. Actually I'm quite a lover, so please call Misty at 439-1405 about me soon. Please??? KittyBoo

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# Robotics Club

The group works together to solve problems and come up with new ideas to accomplish different missions.



## How area kids are using technology to create

Caitlin Avey  
THE MADISONIAN  
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"I like tinkering and making stuff," said 12-year-old Tait Olson. "I have a knack for fitting things together and coming up with new ideas."

"You also have a knack for taking things apart," added Olson's younger sister, Elizabeth.

Tait, who hopes to be a helicopter engineer or inventor when he grows up, spends most Thursday afternoons at robotics club where he gets to build and create robots.

Robotics club is a program run through the Madison Valley Public Library – it operates under the First Lego League program, which follows the STEM concept, emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

STEM has been implemented in school curriculums and after school programs throughout most of the schools in the county. Twin Bridges students worked with the STEM program this summer, Sheridan has incorporated STEAM, to include the arts, into its curriculum and Harrison has added a 3D printer to their classes.

Now Ennis has joined in the fun.

Robotics club is for middle school-aged children, offering a chance for students to explore technology, as well as applying science and problem solving.

### What exactly is robotics club?

A typical Thursday afternoon for Olson includes building and adjusting his robot, or "bots" as they are often called, programming and coding through a computer to tell his bot what to do, and

accomplishing missions.

Through FLL, students must complete missions based on a theme. This season's theme is TRASH TREK and students and teams are challenged to explore the world of trash – from sorting and collecting to recycling and production, according to FLL's website.

The missions are completed on a map or "playing field" provided by FLL, with multiple ways to complete each mission. "Their first mission was to pick up a propane module (with their bot) and take it to the recycling center," said Karen Ketchu, who oversees the club.

Ketchu added the missions are very defined with lots of rules the students have to follow, but also various ways to achieve the goal and the students have to work together in different capacities.

"They're learning engineering a structure and coding and programming," said Ketchu. "Everyone has their own skill set – their forte might not be structural but they're all over programming. Their skills compliment each other."

### The programs

Currently the library offers two programs, a LEGO club to elementary aged children and the robotics club, but according to Ketchu, FLL offers curriculums for students of all ages.

"This is our first year doing this, but we hope to be able to offer more," said Ketchu.

Ketchu, who not only oversees the robotics club but is also the mother of Tait and Elizabeth, was first turned on to the idea at their previous school in Washington.

"There wasn't a program in Ennis and it just has so many benefits – I'm a big fan of the problem solving (the kids) do," said Ketchu. "And it's fun to just hang out and build."

Through grants and a partnership with the Friends of the

Library, the club was able to take off and can accommodate up to 10 students.

"We had to have a 10-person limit because of supplies," said Ketchu, adding that she hopes to add more.

### Robotics competitions

Ketchu also hopes to one day take the club to a competition where they must work together and compete against other teams, completing missions and presenting their bots.

"It's a really good opportunity for the kids to work together and everyone has a different job," she said. "The hope is to work toward going to a competition."

During a competition, students are expected to complete as many missions as possible with two people on the playing field, and according to Ketchu, students can get really into it and have a chance to advance to the national competition.

### No experience? No problem

For now, Ketchu and the robotics club are just focusing on starting slow and making it fun for all involved.

"It's been a really good start," she said.

Ketchu added that students do not need to have experience with robots or building to be involved.

"Interest helps, but experience doesn't matter," she said. "It depends on how into building they are, but beyond that, there is something for everyone. There's a lot of creativity."

Take it from the students who participate. Lucas Belding, an 11-year-old professional skateboard hopeful and Golden State Warriors fan says the club helps wind him down at the end of the day.

"Building the robots is fun," Belding said. "And it brings out my creative side."



Lucas Belding tests out his bot. Belding hopes to one day be a professional skateboarder.



Elizabeth Olson works to assemble her bot. Elizabeth enjoys photography and makes sure to document the robotics club's progress.



Tait Olson makes adjustments to his bot. Olson wants to be an inventor or work as a helicopter engineer when he grows up.

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Health officials offer tips to prevent spread of norovirus *Norovirus leading cause of gastroenteritis in Montana*

Submitted by Jon Ebel  
MONTANA DEPARTMENT  
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HUMAN SERVICES

Cold weather means more indoor time for many Montanans. Close

contact indoors often helps spread illnesses, such as norovirus, anywhere people gather together. Holiday gatherings, schools and settings such as long-term care and assisted living facilities are especially

vulnerable to outbreaks. "Norovirus can spread very quickly and can make some people very ill," Department of Public Health and Human Services director Richard Opper said. "To protect yourself and others

it is important to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water often."

The usual symptoms of gastroenteritis include diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and stomach pain. There is no specific treatment for this illness and most individuals recover in one to three days. The illness can last longer and be more severe in young children, older people or people who have other chronic health conditions.

The virus is highly contagious and can spread rapidly.

DPHHS is reminding individuals to stay home when ill and not risk exposing other people.

"It's a simple and effective method to keep infectious diseases from spreading: Stay home when you are ill," said epidemiologist Dana Fejes.

Norovirus is the most common cause of gastroenteritis in the Montana and the United States. In the last three years in Montana, nearly 3,000 people have been sickened during norovirus outbreaks. This is 12 times as many people that became ill as a result of other gastroenteritis outbreaks.

A person can become

ill by ingesting the virus from contaminated food or water or by close contact with someone who is ill. Touching surfaces or objects that are contaminated with norovirus, and then transferring the virus hand to mouth is another common way of becoming infected.

Public health officials advise following simple tips to prevent the spread of norovirus and many other infectious illnesses:

- Practice proper hand hygiene: Wash your hands carefully with soap and water, especially after using the bathroom or changing diapers and always before eating or preparing food. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be used in addition to hand washing. But, they should not be used as a substitute for washing with soap and water.

- Take care in the kitchen: Carefully wash fruits and vegetables and cook oysters and other shellfish thoroughly before eating them.

- Do not prepare food while ill: People who are infected with norovirus should not prepare food for others while they have symptoms and for three days after they recover from their illness.

- Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces: After an episode of illness, such as vomiting or diarrhea, immediately clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces by using a bleach-based household cleaner as directed on the product label or a solution made by adding bleach to water.

- Wash laundry thoroughly: Immediately remove clothing or linens that may be contaminated and wash with detergent at the maximum length available cycle, then machine dry. Handle soiled items carefully – without agitating them – to avoid spreading virus.

More information is available on the state health department website at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/>



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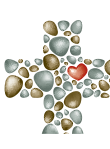
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# COLUMNS



## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

### Seasonal Bugs Some candid observations concerning summer and winter bugs

After a summer of enduring countless attacks from summer bugs, winter's bugs have descended on me with a fury. Recently, I awoke with a nose that mimicked a leaky faucet, a throat that felt like I'd gargled with Drano and a cough that seemed to originate from the marrow in my toe bones. Advancing at the rate of a tree sloth, I arose from bed and retreated to the easy chair. So wretched was my physical state that I wondered if it wouldn't be easier to give up the ghost.

Upon abandoning that admittedly appealing idea, it occurred to me that people are under a nearly constant state of attack by seasonal bugs. Internet research revealed that much has been written, in professional medical jargon, concerning each type of bug (insect and microbe). Still, I found no information comparing the differences involved in dealing with both life forms.

So, I reckoned that if such data was compiled in layman's words, it would offer nonprofessional victims a tool for better understanding their cyclical adversaries. Clearly,

the situation cried out for a concerned citizen, with vast seasonal suffering experience, to craft said document.

Meeting all the qualifications, I undertook the daunting project. Following are my candid notes.

To begin, there's a sharp contrast in the way in which seasonal bugs smite their targets. Typically, summer bugs (horseflies, wasps, mosquitoes, etc.) bite, sting and make unauthorized blood withdrawals at will. However, to accomplish said deeds, they have to land on their prey. Thus, their dastardly acts are not only painful but also intrusive of one's personal space. Then again, in summer insects' defense, at least they're sporting enough to expose themselves to a bludgeoning hand.

Conversely, winter bugs (colds, flues, sore throats, etc.) are vastly more intrusive in that the infection-causing

microorganisms brashly enter the sanctity of their prey's life-sustaining bloodstream. Moreover, because they are invisible, infection can be transmitted in seemingly harmless ways. For instance, the average poor slob can catch a cold simply by borrowing a sick person's handkerchief. Similarly, an unfortunate wretch can contract the flu just by strolling into the splatter pattern of a gaping mouthed, double-nostrilled, supersonic sneeze.

Another significant dissimilarity lies in the length of time a casualty suffers after a seasonal bug's assault. Sure, some summer horsefly bites knock their prey to their knees. Likewise, wasp stings inspire wildly animated reactions. In both cases, however, the symptoms last only for a short time. Then again, many winter bug infections reduce their victim's to a bedridden, fungus-like state for weeks. Worse yet, their symptoms can hang on until the return of the summer bugs and the sick cycle starts over again.

A further difference involves the cost of overcoming a seasonal bug's attack. Although the bites of a few summer insects can transmit diseases, by and large, it's a situation of "chomp and adios." Conversely, ridding oneself of winter bugs requires recurring doctor appointments (each accompanied by a wheelbarrow full of medications). Hence, even after a laborious recovery, victims often remain housebound because to venture out and enjoy life again would put them in the poor house.

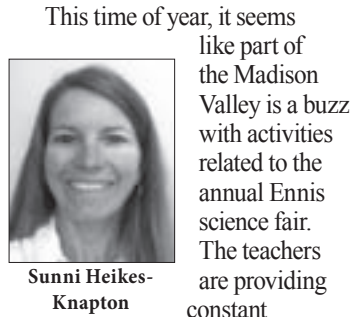
Ultimately, my candid observations don't constitute a comprehensive study of the subject matter. However, they do expose some less-explored differences involved in dealing with seasonal bugs. Anyway, here's hoping my earnest efforts aid other sufferers in better understanding their cyclical adversaries. After all, one doesn't want to give up the ghost based on a misconception.

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By Sunni Heikes-Knapton  
MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### SCIENCE FAIR IN THE AIR



Sunni Heikes-Knapton

This time of year, it seems like part of the Madison Valley is a buzz with activities related to the annual Ennis science fair. The teachers are providing constant encouragement, the parents are helping make sure students have the supplies the kids need, the volunteers are signing up as judges or event support and the kids are trying to pull all their hard work together.

As with many things in life, it takes a lot of people to make it worthwhile and a level of dedication from students that is significant. With efforts that require

this substantial dedication of time and energy, people always ask what the value is. It's a worthwhile question, and it's time to take make an effort to answer it.

Let's look first at how this activity fits with the kids. At their core, kids are curious explorers of experience and they are constant risk takers. Left to their own devices, they regularly perform their own unguided research and record the results.

A good example of this is a group of kids sledding for the afternoon. The approach is an evolving experiment – testing different routes, starting heights, equipment, passengers, drivers and riding positions. All for the sake of achieving meaningful results – a fastest speed, a longest distance or a successful launch. Suffice it to say,

kids are professional experimenters.

The value of science is matching this curious nature with the process of asking why. We know that they are observant and they are persistent. They just need a little encouragement to see that they can answer the question "why" by measuring their results. These concepts are taught on a regular basis in the classroom, and parents can reinforce it at home through thoughtful questions nearly every day all season long. Science fair is one of the unique chances that kids have to develop these concepts in a way that speaks to their interests.

The other value of this process is the practical aspects of taking their thoughts and discoveries and organizing them to follow the scientific process. It involves so many important skills – writing, spelling, grammar, math, measuring and display. These abilities will serve them for the rest of their life and allow them to show how their own inquisitive nature fits into an important process that many turn into hobbies or even careers.

Additionally, kids get the chance to reverse roles and be the teacher. They are the discoverers and the testers and the experts on the topic. When they stand in front of their display, we ask them to teach us what they know and how they discovered it. They build skills in effective communication

to an important audience, and how to support the choices that they made and what they concluded. Any adult who has asked for a raise or promotion can relate to the importance of defending the value of your accomplishments.

Lastly, there is great value for the other supporters who play a role in the process. Parents get a chance to support their kids in a detailed project. Teachers see how their lessons are helping kids develop a scientific understanding outside the classroom setting. Volunteers show the kids that their work is worthwhile by managing the small details of the event and asking the kids to teach us. The community as a whole provides the reassurance that the academic successes that our kids have is something worth celebrating.

As with anything worth doing, there are always some challenges. It's worth remembering at the end of it all, this process has far reaching benefits to many in our community. Most importantly, the value is in the youngest discoverers and the knowledge that they gain.

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By Steve Orr

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

After a very busy November, December was a welcomed relief. With colder, snowier weather, vehicle accidents and propane related incidents seemed to be the theme for December. The Madison Valley Rural Fire Department responded to eight calls for service in December.

Dec. 9 at 8:52 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to the report of the odor of propane in a commercial structure in the 200 block of East Main Street. The MVRFD responded a rescue and a rescue/pumper with five firefighters from station one. Two additional firefighters responded directly to the scene. MVRFD personnel secured the propane while a search of the individual shops was conducted. It was discovered that the odor was due to an empty propane tank. Firefighters remained on scene until the propane company arrived on scene.

The MVRFD was dispatched to assist the Ennis Ambulance with moving and loading a patient on Dec. 16 at 8:44 p.m. The MVRFD responded a command with four firefighters from station one and one station one firefighter who lived in the area arrived in his own vehicle. Firefighters responded with the Ennis Ambulance to the Madison Valley Medical Center to assist with unloading.

Dec. 18 was a very busy day for the MVRFD. The day started 2:28 a.m. when the MVRFD was dispatched for mutual aid

to the Harrison Fire Department for a jackknifed semi blocking both traffic lanes, at mile marker 6 on MT Highway 84. To make matters worse, the initial dispatched advised that the roads in the area and en route were "sheer ice." The MVRFD responded a rescue and a command with six firefighters while one additional firefighter stood-by at station one. MVRFD personnel established traffic control operations, mitigated hazardous materials leaks and sawed off a guardrail to remove it from the roadway. Firefighters were on scene nearly two hours in bitter cold.

The day continued with cold and accumulating snow. At 5:02 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched for mutual aid to the Harrison Fire Department in Norris for a propane leak the occurred when a snow plowing operation sheared off the valve assembly of a 1,000 gallon underground tank. The MVRFD responded a command and a rescue/pumper with eight firefighters from station one. Firefighters established a safety zone and assisted with evacuation of civilians. Due to the damage to the valve system, the leak could not be shut down. Firefighters stood ready with fire suppression equipment for more than four hours as the propane self bled off of the tank. With winds at 15 miles per hour and temperatures at 27 degrees, the wind chill was 15 degrees. Firefighters remained on scene until the

propane company technician deemed the incident safe.

While still managing the propane incident, the MVRFD was requested by the Madison County Sheriff's Office to shut down U.S. Highway 287 between Norris and Harrison due to extremely icy conditions. The icy roadway caused three semis to lose traction in the Norwegian Creek area, blocking traffic lanes. One crew was detached from the rescue/pumper diverted traffic at Norris to MT Highway 84 while another crew responded to the scene of the blockage in a command. Both crews were released to return to the propane leak incident once the roadway could be opened again.

On Dec. 19 at 11:47 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a propane leak in the 100 block of West Main Street. The MVRFD responded a rescue and a rescue/pumper with five firefighters from station one. Firefighters blocked Main Street, establishing a safe zone and investigated to locate the source of the odor. A nearby propane tank was discovered to be the source of the odor due to being low on propane. The propane company servicing the tank was contacted and responded to fill the tank. While it was a simple incident, it still took firefighters more than an hour on scene to make the area safe again.

The MVRFD was dispatched to a one vehicle slid-off accident at mile marker 12 on U.S. Highway 287 at 9:45

p.m. on Dec. 21. The MVRFD responded a command with three firefighters from station one and a rescue with one firefighter from station two. The station one response was canceled when station two personnel arrived on scene and determined that the incident could be handled with the resources on scene. Station two firefighter conducted traffic control until the vehicle could be pulled out of the ditch.

On Dec. 22 at 11:42 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a downed power line on North Ennis Lake Road. The MVRFD responded a command and a rescue with four firefighters from station one. First arriving unit found a service line lying across the road. Firefighters established a safe zone and blocked traffic until Northwestern Energy crews could remove the power line and make the road safe for traffic. The incident was caused when a tractor removing snow extended the loader bucket too high and became entangled in the line.

If you have any questions or concerns, Madison Valley Rural Fire Chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please visit our home page at [www.mvrfd.org/](http://www.mvrfd.org/). Remember to sign our guest book and let us know what you think.

## Commodity Insite! Outlook for 2016 – Part II

by Jerry Welch

One of my New Year's resolutions is to listen more carefully. My wife says I don't listen enough. At least I think that is what she said. But I do listen to the markets, and carefully.

In the final days of 2015 and opening days of 2016, the Big Four – stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities – were loud and clear with their message.

They are saying because stocks went, "nowhere" in 2015 they would do the same in 2016. Thus far, stocks are having their worst start to any new year in history. They were saying that bonds are headed south because the Fed recently hiked rates the first time in nine years with other rate hikes soon to come. The markets are saying the dollar will be king this year and the yen, prince. And they are saying that commodities that slumped to a 13 year low in 2015 will endure more pain

over the next six to 12 months.

If we are indeed looking at the Year of the Dollar, there will be collateral damage and benefits to the Big Four. Here are a few of my forecasts, predictions and expectations for 2016, based on the bold assumption that the dollar will be king for the foreseeable future.

Stocks: On the first trading day of 2016, Dow futures fell 251 points, the largest loss from a percentage basis in eight years. However, at one point when the Dow was down 780 points (before recovering to a 251 point loss) it was the largest percentage loss of any "first day" since 1937, 82 years ago.

No doubt, stocks and the Dow are stumbling. In 2016, the market will go "nowhere" as it did in 2015. Or, it may drop 20 percent, give or take a bit if my work is correct. And face

it, stocks are off to their worst start to a new year in history and already off 5 percent!

Bonds: In 2015, with the Fed embarking on tighter monetary policy, bonds should grind lower. History shows that bonds are a leading indicator for the Dow and other equity markets. In the New Year, expect bonds to move lower and rates higher. History also shows that higher rates are only bullish for the dollar.

Currencies: The new year will be known as the Year of the Dollar. In 2015, the dollar rose 9 percent and is off to a good start in 2016. The Fed hiking rates will provide the 'ole greenback with a stiff tail wind for all of 2016 and likely beyond. When President Reagan was in office in the '80s, the dollar rallied to 128 and in the 2000s when Mr. Clinton was president, the dollar rallied to 112. This week, the

dollar kissed a one month high of 99.73. My work suggests the dollar will peak a bit above where it was when Mr. Reagan was in office before the rally ends.

Commodities: The upside potential for commodities per se is limited in 2016 even though values are at a 13 year low. Keeping hard assets in check will be the same forces that weighed on values last year. A strong dollar, higher interest rates, a weak Chinese economy and the potential for crude oil prices to work lower yet. However, the wild card for commodities will be the weather.

A number of weather indicators show clearly the current El Nino, one of the three strongest since 1950, has peaked and will decline in strength in the coming months. As the equatorial Pacific Ocean begins cooling, a La Nina

will soon follow. According to Bloomberg Business, "La Nina can also roil agricultural markets as it changes weather. A large part of the agricultural U.S. tends to dry out during La Nina events, while parts of Australia and Indonesia can be wetter than normal. Citigroup Inc. has said that a transition to a strong La Nina may present significant upside potential for grains price volatility."

My work suggests grain prices in general will work lower rather than higher between now and mid-June. However, I am concerned as well as excited about the impact a La Nina can have on grain prices in the heart of the growing season. My approach towards grains this year is to buy November 2016 soybean futures on June 15, if the market closes 7 1/2 cents a bushel or higher with a stop at

the low of the previous day.

Though I expect grains to remain flat to lower as values are now reasonably priced, it is the livestock complex that offers the greatest downside potential and especially if stocks and the Dow endure an unusually severe decline and corn remains cheap. Cattle futures falling to \$100 and hog futures to \$50 would not be a surprise.

The Big Four, stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities, have been talking loud and clear and I have been listening closely. What I am hearing is that 2016 will be far more bearish for all markets except the 'ole greenback and possibly grain prices. But for grains, only in the second half of the year will things improve and that forecast rest with the whims and ways of Mother Nature.

Buckle up as the New Year is going to be bumpy. It already is!



# 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 React to gravity
- 5 G-man's org.
- 8 Gym-floor padding
- 12 Sandwich cookie
- 13 "— the fields we go ..."
- 14 Shrek is one
- 15 Paper quantity
- 16 Leave
- 18 Distinguish
- 20 Senate staffers
- 21 "Monty Python" starter
- 22 Solidify
- 23 Intended
- 26 Faint
- 30 Noah's boat
- 31 Actor Cruise
- 32 Omega preceder
- 33 Protract
- 36 Tablet bearer
- 38 Bagel topping
- 39 Yon maiden
- 40 Rice (Sp.)
- 43 Endure
- 47 Omit
- 49 Emanation
- 50 Logical
- 51 Ailing
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- 53 Probability
  - 54 Deposit
  - 55 "Untouchable" Eliot
- ### DOWN
- 1 Dress-maker's dummy
  - 2 Vicinity
  - 3 Plumbing problem
  - 4 Chinese noodle recipe
  - 5 Concentrate (on)
  - 6 Suspenders alternative
  - 7 Anger
  - 8 Aesopian
  - 9 Enthusiastic, plus
  - 10 Verifiable
  - 11 Collections
  - 17 Tarzan's clique
  - 19 Giant in Coopers-town
  - 22 Group of whales
  - 23 Crazy
  - 24 Blunder
  - 25 Alias (Abbr.)
  - 26 Cauldron
  - 27 Chances, for short
  - 28 Work with
  - 29 "— the sea son to be
  - 31 Formal wear
  - 34 Boxer's gear
  - 35 Seep
  - 36 First name of 19-Down
  - 37 Invest with authority
  - 39 With ardor
  - 40 Moreover
  - 41 Peruse
  - 42 McNally partner
  - 43 Island dance
  - 44 River of England
  - 45 Coffee shop array
  - 46 Skin art, for short
  - 48 Lubricate

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## Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

### Fun Kitchen Experiment Creates Spectacular Meal

"Just as good the second day!"



Can't decide if you want Mexican or Italian for dinner tonight? Why not both! Laura Yoder experimented in her kitchen and came up with this fun Mexican Manicotti My Way. It has all the taco flavors and ingredients you love (ground beef, cheese, beans, olives), stuffed inside manicotti shells. It's delicious, easy and fun!



Laura Yoder  
Brunswick, GA  
(pop. 15,383)

See step-by-step photos of Laura's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: [www.justapinch.com/mexicanmanicotti](http://www.justapinch.com/mexicanmanicotti)  
You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

- Janet

### Mexican Manicotti My Way

#### What You Need

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 2 c Mexican blend shredded cheese
- 1 can refried black beans
- 1 pkg taco seasoning mix
- 1 jar picante sauce, 16 oz.
- 2 c sour cream
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 small can sliced black olives
- 2 c water, warm
- 1 box manicotti shells

- Using the uncooked manicotti shells, stuff the meat mixture into the shells and place in a large baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray.
- Pour the jar of picante over the stuffed shells. Then pour in the 2 cups of warm water.
- Cover with foil and bake in a 350 degree oven for 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
- When shells are done and dish is bubbly top with sour cream, reserved cheese and olives.

#### Directions

- Mix raw ground beef with taco seasoning, 1 cup of cheese and 1 can refried black beans.

- Put back in oven for 5-10 minutes.
- Remove from oven and top with green onions.

Submitted by: Laura Yoder, Brunswick, GA (pop. 15,383)  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**SUMMONS**  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH SOUTH CENTRAL  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of North Dakota by )  
Workforce Safety & Insurance,  
Plaintiff,  
SUMMONS

v.  
Kelly J. Vosen, Individually, and  
Virginia Vosen, Individually,  
Defendants. )

Employer Account No. 1305842  
THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE  
ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the attached complaint which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the plaintiff an answer within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If you fail to serve an answer, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this day of , 20 .  
BY:  
/s/ ANNE JORGENSEN GREEN  
Anne Jorgenson Green  
Special Assistant Attorney General  
State Bar ID No. 05691  
Workforce Safety & Insurance  
PO Box 5585, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5585  
(701) 328-3800 / agreen@nd.gov  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(Pub. Dec. 31, 2015, Jan. 7, Jan. 14, 2016) nd  
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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.  
(Pub. Jan 7, Jan 14, 2016) mcc  
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**SUMMONS**

NANCY E. NELLIS f/k/a NANCY E. EGLER  
Plaintiff,  
- vs -  
C.T. BARNHOUSE and WILLIAM F. BARNHOUSE, SHELLEY BURKE, MADISON COUNTY TREASURER, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE OR IN-

TEREST IN, OR LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON, THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, WHETHER SUCH CLAIM OR POSSIBLE CLAIM BE PRESENT OR CONTINGENT, Defendants.

Cause No. DV-15-9  
THE STATE OF MONTANA SEND GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This action is brought to you for the purpose of quieting title to that certain real property specifically described as follows:  
Township 3 South, Range 2 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana: Section 1: Government Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 Patent recorded in Book 112, Page 192, Records of Madison County, Montana.

WITNESS my hand and sea of said Court this 11 day of March, 2015.  
Kacey Smart,  
Clerk of District Court  
/s/ Kacey Smart  
J. Richard Orzotti, Esq.  
Poore, Roth and Robinson, P.C.  
1341 Harrison Avenue  
PO BOX 2000  
Butte, Montana 59702  
Telephone: (406) 487-1200  
Fax: (406) 782-0043  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
(Pub. Jan. 14, 21, 28 2016) prr  
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**NOTICE TO THE BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

An Election of two trustees for the Big Sky Fire Department Rural Fire District Board of Trustees will be held on May 3, 2016. Petitions for nomination for the election are available at the Big Sky Fire Department, Station #1 - Westfork Meadows, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky, Montana and the Gallatin County Election Department, Gallatin County Courthouse, 311 W. Main Street Room 210,

Bozeman, Montana.  
Original petitions must be filed with the Gallatin County Election Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2016.  
(Pub. Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 2016) bsfd  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 1:00 P.M., in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, to receive public comment on a resolution establishing County office hours.

Copies of the resolution are available for public review and comment at the Madison County Commissioners' Office and posted on the Madison County website, www.madison.mt.gov. Comments on the resolution are welcome. Written public comments may be submitted or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; faxed to (406) 843-5517; or emailed to madco@madison.mt.gov. Written comments must be received by close of the January 25, 2016, public hearing.  
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**BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENDA FOR JANUARY REGULAR MEETING**

- Thursday, January 21, 2016 - 8:30 AM  
Big Sky Water & Sewer District Meeting Room  
561 Little Coyote Road, Big Sky  
Introduction of visitors and guests
1. Call to Order
  2. Public Comment
  3. Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:
    - a. Approval of draft minutes of December 16, 2015 Regular Meeting
    - b. Financial Reports for December 2015
    - c. Monthly Financial Statements
    - d. Check Register: Checks 6115199 - 6115253; including voided check 6115241
    - e. Fire Chief's Report - William Farhat
  5. Correspondence
  6. New Business
    - a. ISO Public Protection Classification Rating Update
    7. Unfinished Business
      - a. Fire Station #1 Renovation Update
      - b. Deputy Fire Chief Position Update
      - c. ESCI Master Plan Update - Lane Wintermute, ESCI, Presentation
      - d. 2016-17 Annual Budget Committee Update
      - e. Fire Chief's Review Committee Update
      - f. Big Sky Ski Patrol AED Purchase
    8. Other Business

a. Holmes & Turner 2014-15 Audit - Bound Copy for Board Members  
b. Trustee Election Reminder - Nomination Petitions due February 8, 2016

9. Public Comment  
10. Date for next regular meeting - February 24, 2016 @ 8:30am  
11. Adjourn

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### Madison County Flu Shot Clinics

Questions? Contact Madison County Health Department  
mcphd.melissa@madison.mt.gov ~ (406) 843-4295

**WHO:** Anyone who needs a flu shot, 6 months and older.

**WHAT:** The Madison County Public Health Department and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana Care Van have teamed up to offer flu shot clinics in Ennis, Sheridan and Twin Bridges for residents of Madison County.

**WHEN:** Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016

**WHERE:** Ennis Senior Center Parking Lot ~ 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Sheridan along Main Street ~ 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Twin Bridges Shack Restaurant ~ 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Look for the big, white Care Van - you can't miss it.

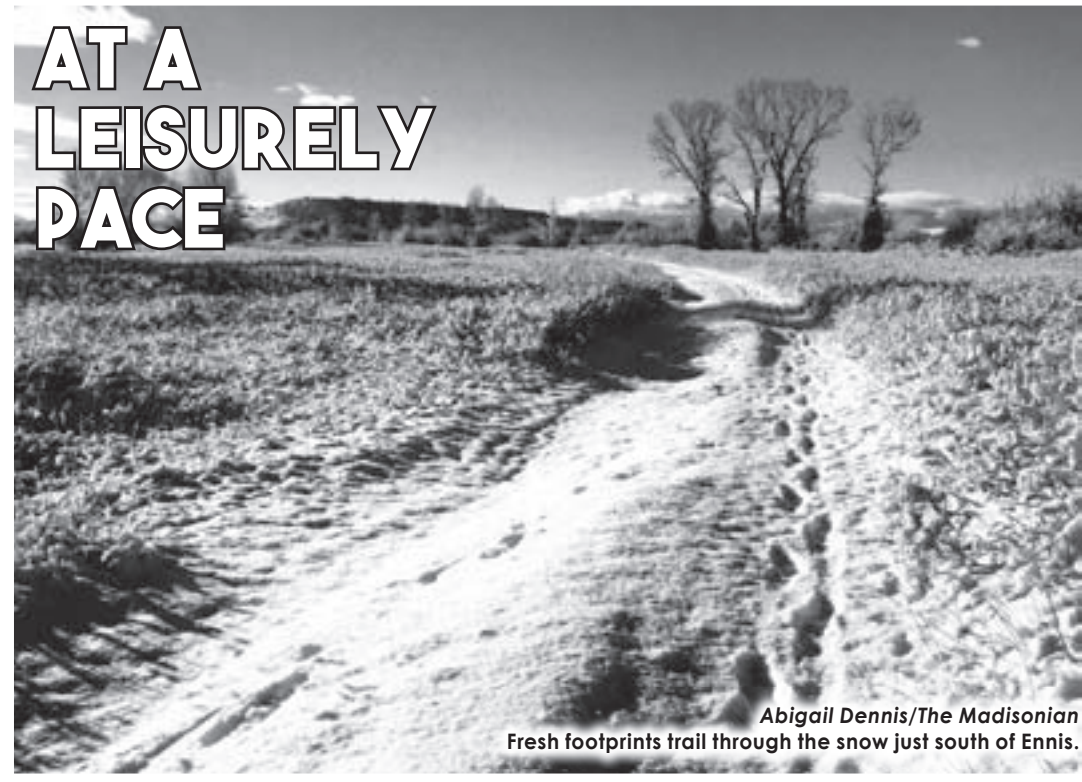
Insurance not required, but if you have insurance please bring your card with you. There will be no out-of-pocket costs.

The best way to prevent the flu is to **GET A FLU SHOT!**



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**AT A LEISURELY PACE**

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian  
Fresh footprints trail through the snow just south of Ennis.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COUNCIL DISTRICT XII**

Will be holding their  
**ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
At the Emma Park Neighborhood Center  
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# Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center December story

Submitted by Roseann Troyer

December began with a very interesting resident council meeting. Decorations started going up and down hallways, stockings hung with care from our large rock fireplace and garlands were draped down both hallways. Windows had cheery clings and a Native American nativity scene kept company with our big screen T.V. Two large brightly lit trees were adorned with glittering ornaments – we had one in our dining room and one in our day room.

Christmas cards were found, addressed and sent out for residents that wanted to send cards to friends and family.

On the 11th, our Silver Bow Cloggers arrived dressed in holiday colors and turned on the happy holiday tunes. We had a beauty club session that afternoon to have everyone ready for our big Christmas Party.

Over 75 visitors attended the Christmas party buffet.

The dietary staff served tasty meatballs, crab salad and chocolate treats. After the tasty repast, Santa made his appearance visiting with every resident as he handed out gifts.

The Ruby Valley Chorale came and sang holiday songs on the 13th and their music was very much enjoyed.

Boots and Friends entertained us on the 16th playing old traditional country western music and our day room was packed. Even the birds in our aviary were joining in the music.

We rearranged our activity room on the 18th into a decorating

station and several of our residents frosted and decorated sugar cookies to mail to friends and family. We had sprinkles and frosting from floor to ceiling and on the tables, but it cleaned up well.

The music departments of Sheridan School and Twin Bridges School

consolidated to sing for us on the 21st and the residents said they enjoyed listening to the youngsters.

We ended our year on a happy note – at happy hour we served eggnog with rum, shrimp with cocktail sauce and chips and dip and we also watched and laughed at The Andy Griffith Show.

Pictured are Gene and Maxine Byler decorating Christmas Cookies.



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12:10 p.m.  
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Pastoral Administrator ~ 842-5588

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Sunday School  
11:20 a.m.  
R S & Priesthood  
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Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group Weds at 6:30 pm

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Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
Youth Group Sunday evenings

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# Ask the Expert

Local businesses have the information you need to make a variety of decisions. Best of all, they are here and available to meet your needs. In our "Ask the Experts" section, we went to these local experts for information on topics important to you.

Ask the Expert forum appears the second Thursday of each month. If you have questions for these area professionals e-mail us at [editor@madisoniannews.com](mailto:editor@madisoniannews.com).

## FRESH, LOCAL FOOD

**Q:** My husband's recent blood work results showed his blood sugar was high - not diabetic but warranting attention. I'm sure my entire family can benefit from less sugar. Any suggestions for low sugar desserts? I enjoy preparing meals for my family and love to bake.

**A:** Your family is fortunate to have someone who thoughtfully prepares food for them. I suggest fruit as a key ingredient in healthy desserts - fresh fruits in summer and applesauce or compotes in winter. Use caution in simply reducing the amount of sugar in most baked goods, you could look online for low sugar recipes. Another strategy is to focus on the non-dessert portion of meals. After a satisfying meal, a bite of good dark chocolate is a fine dessert.

At The Shovel and Spoon, we strive to serve food that is nutritious and delicious. I can't say that all of our baked goods are low in sugar, but I do feel confident that our goodies are delicious. We invite you to come in for one great cookie and you needn't be tempted by the whole batch.

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## HEALTH CARE

**Q:** What happens if I dislocate my shoulder?

**A:** Shoulder dislocations are the most common joint dislocations. The shoulder socket allows for great range of motion (ROM), but the drawback is instability compared to other joints.

Most dislocations occur when someone falls on an outstretched arm. Returning the shoulder to the normal position (reduction) should be performed immediately. X-rays will be performed in the emergency department to rule out fracture and confirm dislocation. Patients are usually sedated to reduce the shoulder and then the arm is placed in a sling. Physical therapy is prescribed to gain back strength and ROM. Attaining full shoulder ROM and strength may take up to 6-8 weeks. An MRI may be obtained to rule out rotator cuff or labrum tears in patients who fail to improve their strength and ROM after the first few weeks. If there is a rotator cuff tear, surgery to repair this is usually recommended.

**Drew Chambers, PA-C**  
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## PHYSICAL THERAPY

**Q:** I have heel pain, What do I do?

**A:** Heel Pain - bursitis of the heel, Plantar Fasciitis, tendonitis - can be disabling. Symptoms include: swelling, redness on the back of the heel, pain on the bottom of the foot/heel, nagging sharp ache with standing, walking and rest. Severity depends on age, activity, length of problem and many other factors such as standing on concrete, uneven ground and shoe type.

Treating heel pain can be simple or difficult. It requires an individualized approach based years of experience. This is why you need an experienced provider.

I have 20 plus years of experience in Physical therapy/Athletic training/Sport medicine/ Orthopedics. 15 years treating residents in the Madison Valley. Highly skilled, hands-on, individualized care for all ages and a wealth of knowledge and professional experience to treat heel pain and other aches/pains. Ennis PT/Robert "Bob" Sahli PTATCLAT, The only "Expert" in the Madison Valley, has specialized in orthopedic care for over 20 years.

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## BIRDING

**Q:** Should I be feeding my birds this winter?

**A:** Yes, having a predictable food supply provides many benefits for the birds, especially during periods of extreme cold weather. Birds with access to feeders are able to obtain a large amount of energy in a short period of time with a minimum amount of foraging. Winter survival rates for some birds are up to twice as high when they have feeders within their home range.

Provide high energy foods and fat, such as peanuts, nyjer and suet. These foods help provide the extra calories birds need to stay warm. Woodpeckers, Chickadees, Nuthatches, and many other birds utilize the extra calories from these sources to keep their bodies warm in the winter.

Birds also need a source of open or unfrozen water during the winter. By providing a heated birdbath, birds will be able to enjoy a hearty drink and have a place to bathe in order to keep their feathers clean.

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## INSURANCE

**Q:** What is my homeowner's loss deductible?

**A:** Many homeowner policies have a flat deductible, meaning the deductible is stated on the declaration page as a flat dollar amount, commonly \$1000 or \$2500. But some homeowner policies contain a percentage of value deductible. This is commonly 1% of the stated dwelling value. For example, if your dwelling limit is \$500,000, your loss deductible is \$5,000. This means that insurance won't pay until your loss is above \$5,000. Earthquake deductibles are commonly 10% of the dwelling limit, and some carriers have a percentage deductible for wind & hail damage. Check out your Homeowner's Declaration Page and if you are not satisfied with your deductible or coverage limits, it is time to shop your coverage. Stop in or call for a complimentary analysis of your coverage.

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## EYE CARE

**Q:** My doctor wants to dilate my eyes at my next visit. Is that really necessary?

**A:** Great question. During a comprehensive eye exam, your eye doctor will want to dilate your eyes. This involves putting drops in your eyes that will make your pupils expand, allowing the optometrist to see a larger area of your retina (the back of your eye). Dilation is vital for the early detection and treatment of eye diseases such as glaucoma, "the silent thief of sight". If you are over the age of 45, have a family history of glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes, or other eye diseases, if you have a high prescription, or if you are a new patient to our practice, we will most likely dilate your eyes. It is a vital part of a comprehensive eye exam!

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## REAL ESTATE

**Q:** How do I avoid making a mistake in a real estate market that is heating back up?

**A:** •Do NOT act out of desperation!  
•Set your needs, wants, and financial payment limitations and stick within your goals.  
•Do NOT hesitate to act! Get preapproved by your lender and be prepared to take action when the right property comes along.  
•Be educated on the market! Choose a REALTOR that will give you accurate market statistics within the parameters of what you want to find. In town - out of town on acreage - older home - let your REALTOR know and become educated on what transpired in last year's market and what is currently available that fits YOU!!  
•Be educated on lending choices! Talk to your lender about what choice is right for you - government loan, % down needed, interest rates, etc.  
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## FITNESS

**Q:** Any tips on how I can stick to my 2016 resolutions?

**A:** Studies have shown that it takes 21 days to form a habit, but 6 months to make that habit become part of your personality! Here are tips to stick with it.

1. Choose measurable goals! Set incremental goals so you see success right away. Once you realize that you can attain that goal, set a higher one.
2. Have a plan! To hold yourself accountable, keep a food and exercise journal or use one of the many online tracking programs.
3. Forgive yourself! Getting off track for a day or two does not mean you failed or that you should quit. Just get back at it the next day and stay focused on your goals.
4. Reward yourself! Celebrate your achievements with rewards that will not detract from your success and/or goals. Good ideas include new workout clothes or another small token you have been wanting.
5. Find a partner! Find someone who has similar health and fitness goals as you. You'll likely be more consistent if someone is counting on you.

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## HOME IMPROVEMENT

**Q:** How do I differentiate between snowblowers and choose the right one for me?

**A:** Snowblowers come in several different configurations such as single stage electric, single stage gas, and two stage gas.  
•Single stage blowers are idea for sidewalks, walkways, and short driveways. They are lighter and easier to handle. The auger directs snow thorough a discharge chute and makes contact with the surface thus these units work best on a paved surface. Electric start is an option.  
•Two stage snowblowers are self-propelled including a reverse gear. The auger in these units collects snow and a fan discharges it through a chute, throwing it farther and faster than a single stage blower. The auger does not contact the surface thus these units may be used over dirt or gravel. These blowers come with options such as electric start, heated handgrips, headlights, etc.

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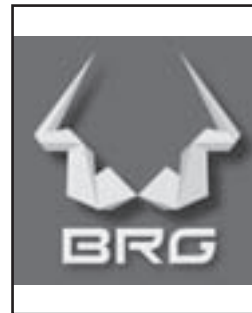
## GUNSMITHING

**Q:** There is a lot of discussion about new bills being drafted to limit my rights as a gun owner. Is this true?

**A:** At the moment, the focus is on expanding Universal Background Checks. Anyone who legally purchases firearms and runs a background check today should not be concerned about this. The main focus is tightening the so-called loopholes; which is private, gun show, and some internet sales. As of now, there isn't a ban on any specific type of firearm, but that could change. If you haven't already, we suggest taking a Concealed Weapons Permit class, which will enable you to purchase a firearm without a background check every time you purchase one. It will also increase your knowledge and awareness as a responsible handgun owner. It's a win-win.

Classes for January: Mon., 25th or Wed., 27th • 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Tuition is \$80. Contact us to reserve your spot.

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# Students of the month for Sheridan Schools

Submitted by Emily McParland

Sheridan Schools is very pleased to announce the Students of the month. Students are chosen by faculty and staff members based on the following criteria: citizenship, leadership and academic attitude.

**December**

- Kindergarten  
Jaxon Schuller
- First grade  
Riain Deavel
- Titus Horn
- Second grade  
Camden Wilke
- Third grade

Daniel Dietrich

- Fourth grade  
Lexie Manis
- Fifth grade  
Katie Gronning
- Sixth grade  
Jenna Nate
- Seventh grade  
Luke Dvorak
- Eighth grade  
Grace Larsen
- Ninth grade  
Katie Fritts
- Tenth grade  
Riain Deavel
- Eleventh grade  
Janie Smart
- Twelfth grade  
Cady Guinnane

# ETSU announces fall Dean's list

Submitted by Carol Fox

East Tennessee State University has announced the names of students who attained a grade point average qualifying them for inclusion in the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester.

To receive this honor, students must successfully complete a minimum of 12 hours of undergraduate coursework with a grade point average of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.  
Montana: Sheridan: Tiffany Boucher



# News from the Manor

Submitted by Melody Clark

Madison Valley Manor residents have been blessed this season. Santa made a visit on Dec. 13, and family and friends joined us for a Christmas party. Tammie Clark and her crew put their aprons on and cooked up prime rib and shrimp scampi with all the trimmings for the residents and guests.

The gang went to two movies at the theater and the ladies enjoyed a spa day. Activities also included the Christmas store furnished by Madison Valley Manor Auxiliary, a mimosa and omelet breakfast, New Year's Eve party and the Rose Bowl Parade. Christmas gifts from The Valley Bank giving tree were most appreciated.

# Heading down the aisle



Submitted by Diane Jones

The families of Christopher Scott Hess and Stephanie Starla Dana join in announcing their engagement to be married. An Aug. 5, 2016, wedding is planned in Forsyth.

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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  
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## DECORATIVE PAINTING CLASS

INSTRUCTOR - ROBIN BIEROTH  
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LOCATION- TBA

This will be a six week class and students will learn the different brush strokes of traditional tole painting and also an easier way to paint on wood and other surfaces. There will be a supplies fee for brushes, wood and paint of approximately \$50. We will complete four or five projects. This class is limited to 12 students, please call to reserve your spot.

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### 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.

**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.

**Chautauqua, Virginia City**  
The Elling House Arts and Humanities center in Virginia City will continue its popular tradition of hosting chautauquas on Jan. 16, 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](http://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



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southern gospel songs to be held at the Historic White Church. Begins at 2 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20

**Open house, Ennis**  
Speech and Drama open house at the Ennis High School with 16 speech, drama and debate participants. Begins at 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 21

**Lecture, Ennis**  
Joe Smithson will give a lecture and discussion about the lost mines of the Madison at the First Madison Valley Bank beginning at 4 p.m.

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## THURSDAY JANUARY 14

**Meeting, Dillon**  
The Women's Resource Center will be hosting a volunteer recruitment meeting at 6 p.m. at the Dillon Public Library. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Women's Resource Center should attend.

## FRIDAY JANUARY 15

## SATURDAY JANUARY 16

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

Info @ 685-3481

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

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

### TUESDAYS

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

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

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

### THURSDAYS

**Ennis Arts Association, Ennis**  
Meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. [ennisartsassociation.org](http://ennisartsassociation.org)

**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

**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!

### 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.

### 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

**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.

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**ENNIS CONTINUING EDUCATION**  
It's not too late!  
Classes begin this week!  
CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
8 WEEK SESSION. REGISTER ONLINE!  
ALL CLASSES \$20 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

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

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

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

**Food For Thought Cooking Class**  
Thursdays | 5-6:30 pm | FCS Room  
Jamie Diehl | \$40 Materials fee or \$10 a class to drop in | January 21

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

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

**Advanced Vinyasa Yoga**  
Tuesday, starting Jan. 26 | 5:15-6:15 pm | Commons Manu Redmond

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

**Be Strong Yoga**  
Wednesday, starting Jan. 26 | 6:30-7:30 pm | Commons Manu Redmond \*  
UPDATED DAY/TIME

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

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

**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Couples Yoga and Thai Massage Workshop**  
Saturday, Feb. 13th  
10 am - 2:30 pm | Jen Davies | \$20

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

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