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ELECTION SEASON for county and state offices, school boards open

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Jan. 14 was the first day county, state and federal officials, and school board hopefuls, could file to run in this year's election.

"Madison County is nonpartisan, meaning, simply, that those filing for county offices will do so without party designation," explained Kathleen Mumme, county clerk and recorder and election administrator, "There are two county offices up this year: clerk and recorder and commission district

number one, currently held, of course, by Dave Schulz."

Schulz filed to run for the commission seat on Jan. 14, and Mumme said she plans to file for clerk and recorder and election administrator. As of the end of the day Jan. 14, Schulz was the only one who filed for a county office.

Mumme said that most of the state offices are up for election this year, from the governor's seat to Senate and House seats specifically related to Madison County - Senate District 36 and House District 71. Debby Barrett from Dil-

Ion currently holds SD 36, but cannot run again because she has reached her term limit. Jeff Welbern from Dillon, who formerly served in the House of Representatives, has already filed to run for the seat.

"I have served the last of four terms in the House of Representatives, and now look forward to the campaign for the Senate seat that serves the vast majority of land and approximately 10,000 residents of Southwest Montana," Welborn wrote in a press release. "Montana (SD) 36 ... includes Beaverhead. Madison and parts of Silver

Bow and Jefferson counties." HD 71, which is currently held by Ray Shaw of Sheridan covers all of Madison County and parts of Silver Bow and Jefferson counties. Shaw filed to run for reelection.

"I did it as of a little after 8 a.m." Shaw said on Jan. 14, the day filing opened. The deadline to file for state and county offices is March 14.

Voting by party? Not in Montana

In Montana, residents do not register to vote by party, meaning political affiliation is unknown.

"We have one type of open primary in Montana, though there are other types nationwide, where you are issued a ballot for each party that has qualified to have one," Mumme said. "Usually that is only two: Republican and Democrat. But, we had four ballots at least once since I've been here."

Then, it is up to the voter to decide which ballot to vote, but each voter can only fill out one ballot - Mumme pointed out that you may fill out all, or part of the ballot. This is sort of controver-

sial because so many of us can

choose to, for example, vote a Republican ballot to vote for a local Republican we want to be able to vote for in the general, when we really consider ourselves Democrat," Mumme said. "The opposite can be true as well, voting against the candidate we don't want to be on the ballot in November."

Another important thing to note is that primary and general elections are held every year, Mumme explained.

"In the even years it is county, state and federal," Mumme

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ENNIS NEWS: SIDEWALKS AROUND THE 'Y'

"We're lucky to win a grant . like this. I really don't see the argument gainst it. I love the quaint, western community we live in but this is progressive and good and will make our community better. Jaa Diisehmaidar, business awaa

ENNIS SCHOOL BOARD Board discusses future of school's technology program

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On Jan. 13, the Ennis School board heard a report from the school's technology committee about the need for a levy to increase the amount of money in the technology fund.

"We've had two technology committee meetings recently and I've met with (Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski) and (school clerk Ginger Martello)," said trustee Craig George, who is on the committee. "We have some recommendations for you guys."

Martello explained the voters approved a \$35,000 permanent levy in 2002 for the technology fund.

"We are at a point now where we need a different levy," said Wrzesinski. "We're looking at what we need to operate our technology now and what we need going down the road."

and general funds lately. To formally bring a proposal to the public, the board must approve an election resolution before the end of February, Martello said:

Last year alone, the school spent approximately \$164,000 on technology, George said.

"The \$35,000 we approved in 2002 is now inadequate." he said. "What we need looks like a lot of money, but we're not out of the realm at all. I'm worried that come seven years, it won't even be enough."

The money the technology committee thinks would be adequate is around \$200,000, and it would fund equipment purchase, replacement and maintenance, as well as professional development for teachers and more Board chair John Scully said he thinks is it important the board does not create a fund. that is not managed, which is why he asked the technology committee to break down their proposal to show more specifics. "Software, new purchases,

"We are just going to push people toward walking closer to the highway. They already walk across the parking lot, let them do that. It's a waste of money.

Chris DiMichele, business owner

Council members vote down most 'controversial' section of sidewalk, 3 - 1

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More than 40 members of the public showed up at Ennis town hall on Jan. 14 for a discussion about the Montana Department of Transportation's proposed project to install sidewalks around the Y' intersection in town.

Great West Engineering and MDT are here tonight and they will present the project as it is laid out," said commissioner Brian Vincent "Then we will go into questions from

from the public. Then we will have general comments. That way everyone has their say without too much overlap."

Carl Yakawich, with Great West Engineering, opened the presentation, explaining that all the proposed sidewalks are in existing MDT or town right of ways. Yakawich added that they will all meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, as well as include rumble strips along the roadway where the sidewalk is only 5 feet from the road

The presentation broke the

the commission, then questions sidewalks down into four seg-Shedhorn Sports to Chowning Street; segment two runs from First Street to the south entrance of the Madison Valley Medical Center, segment three runs from Pearl Street to Fan Mountain Inn along the west side of the "Y"; and segment four runs from Fan Mountain Inn to Madison Foods

> We will not modify the locations of the crosswalks, but we will update them," said Yakawich. The crosswalk by the (Ennis Senior Center) will be updated with (Rectangle

Rapid Flashing Beacons); ments - segment one runs from which are push-button flashers The crosswalk north of Fan Mountain Inn to the south side of the hospital will get new paint to increase visibility.

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Yakawich also talked about the proposed construction schedule

We're looking at fall construction to avoid disruptions during tourist season, he said. "It is scheduled to take around two months, but it won't be all ripped up at once. The contractor will be

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Wrzesinski said the \$35,000 per year is not enough to cover the school's needs, and that the technology fund has been supplemented from the flex

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AIR AMBULANCE FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS Commissioners, hospital administrators meet with REACH to discuss contract

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"We want to know if our \$26,000 was justified," said commissioner Dave Schulz during a meeting with county hospital administrators and a representative from REACH Air Medical Services on Jan. 14.

In October, the commissioners signed a contract with Summit Air Ambulance, which is owned by REACH Air Medical Services, to cover all county residents should they receive air assistance in either Madison County or Gallatin County. However, coverage differs based on whether you have insurance or have upgraded to REACH Air Medical's national membership.

The \$26,000 paid by the county is for a nine-month period running from October 2015 through June of 2016. After the period ends, the county can decided to renew the contract with REACH and have (the

contract) fall in accordance with the county's fiscal year.

The program the county signed into is a municipal site plan, which means that all residents of Madison County are covered.

"It's a restricted plan," said Director of Business Development for REACH Air Medical Services Ron Walter. "The benefit is that it covers anyone who resides in the county. Should they have a situation where they were in the Ruby Valley and (were) transported to Bozeman Deaconess, they would be covered."

According to Summit Air, residents of Madison County received a letter informing them of the contract with Summit Air Ambulance and giving (residents) the option to upgrade to their national program at a discounted price because of the contract signed by the county. Rather than pay the

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said. "And in the odd years we always have municipal elections. The only difference there is that the primaries are in September (as opposed to June)."

School board elections

The county clerk and recorder's office handles elections for the entire county, except for school elections.

"We only supply the school clerks with the voter registers and lists," Mumme said. "They administer their own elections."

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equipment – those need to be approved by the board," Scully said. "Here's my concern: What happens to monies not spent and how does the rollover work? I think we have to have rules in place of how we will manage all of it. I just don't think we should create a fund that isn't accountable."

For example, Scully said he wants more information than a line item called professional development with \$5,000 set aside.

"It can say something as simple as, '\$5,000 available for professional development by the approval of the superintendent'," Scully said. "I'm all for it, but I want the whole package together and presented to the staff so we can defend it and explain it to the public." Wrzesinski asked the

board members if they think the figure is realistic.

'There's no doubt there needs to be a technology account and levy," Scully said.

The deadline to file in school elections in March 24 and the election in May 3, according to school clerks from around

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the county. Write in candidates must file by March 31. According to Alder school

"We just want more meat to the proposal so we can defend it on the stump." "As far as a number, I don't question the number," trustee Chad Coffman added. "You can justify it."

The technology levy will be an agenda item at the board's February meeting – in the meantime the committee will meet again to outline more details in their proposal.

Other business

• Ennis is again hosting the State B/C speech, drama and debate tournament. The tournament takes place Jan. 29 and 30.

• The Ennis World Strides, Close Up and Farm to Fork programs are currently under the board's review for a few reasons.

"We're going to ask for a few members of the board to meet with the directors of each program and then bring back what we find out to the whole board," Scully said. "We have a list of things to discuss.'

clerk Kathleen Wuefuling, the school is "uncertain" if they need a new trustee this year. In Ennis, three trustee seats

are up for election – the seats are currently held by Maria Lake, John Scully and Craig George,

That list includes talking about the finances of the programs, affiliation with the school, supervision, sponsorship and transportation, to name a few.

• The school purchased a bus for Big Sky to transport students who technically reside in the Ennis School District because of county lines, but that bus is still at the Ennis bus barn.

"We're still waiting to hear from them if they've found a driver and we'll have to vet that driver and hire that driver," Wrzesinski explained. "We're going to have to table this until next year."

Scully requested Wrzesinski inform Lone Peak administration that they have run out of time to get the bus route started this year, and Wrzesinski agreed.

• The Montana High School Association has two proposals on the table this year, according to high school principal Rich Borden.

said clerk Ginger Martello. Harrison only has one trustee seat up for election, according to school clerk Judi Ward. The seat is cur-

rently held by Dusty Wagner. Sheridan school clerk Becky Larsen said the school has two seats up for election this year the seats are currently held by Karen Talley and Bill Wood.

Twin Bridges only has one trustee seat up for election this year. The seat is currently held by chair of the board Allison Wentzel, according to school clerk Joyann Breakall.

"Only one of them affects us," Borden said. "Enrollment and participation is dropping across the state so it's about filling high school rosters with eighth graders."

Currently, class c schools who want to bring eighth graders up to play on high school athletic teams must have it approved by the MHSA director. The proposal was designed to shift that control to local school boards, though the MHSA director still must sign off on boards' decisions.

"We are in a good place with enrollment and participation numbers," Borden said. "I'm in favor (of the proposal). It will keep some small programs, even in our district, alive."

The board approved the proposal, though Scully added that he is opposed to eighth grade participation.

"But that's not what this is about," he said. "This is about getting control back to local school boards."

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full membership price at \$65, Madison County residents can choose to upgrade for \$35.

Aside from the discounted membership price, the upgrade allows for coverage under any of the 32 states where REACH Air Medical Services operates - not just Madison County and Gallatin County - and coverage through their sister companies.

concerns to the commissioners about how the hospitals can offer information to residents and patients about the contract.

"I think the one thing that has happened is that since this kind of blindsided us and we didn't know this was coming and we weren't involved in it, and then people are asking us questions, we were kind of left short with the ability to respond to their questions," said

area and who to call, as well as having the county provide an informational document that hospital administrators can hand out to inform patients of the potential costs.

"It would make it easier on everyone if there was a handout that came from the county explaining the situation," said Hendrickson. "This is obviously saving people in Madison County money, but it may not

pital administrators concluded that the contract with Summit/ **REACH Air Medical Services** is beneficial to residents, but to pursue more information regarding residents without insurance.

"I think it's a good thing the county is trying to do," said John Bishop, CEO for the Madison Valley Medical Center. "We need to figure out the self-pay piece so







"Membership is not an insurance policy, it's a gap coverage policy, if that's what you want to call it," said Walter during the meeting.

Through the municipal site plan, should a Madison County resident be transferred from Madison or Gallatin county to a care facility and have insurance, they have no out of pocket costs. Summit Air Ambulance bills your insurance company and whatever the company does not pay, they cover. If you do not have any form of insurance, you are billed at the Medicare rate.

However, if you have no insurance but have upgraded to the national program at the \$35 Madison County rate, that membership covers any out of pocket expenses.

Concerns from the hospitals

Representatives from both the Ruby Valley Hospital and the Madison Valley Medical Center attended the meeting to offer suggestions and voice Roman Hendrickson, M.D. at the Ruby Valley Hospital.

When the county was first approached about the contract, they hesitated according to commissioner Jim Hart.

"We wanted to know more and have more time," Hart said during the Jan. 14 meeting.

Schulz added that around the same time Summit approached (the county) about the contract, they were hearing from various sources close to local ambulances about some of the struggles Madison County has regarding volunteerism.

"God love those folks for (volunteering) but it's very, very difficult and we've had people call us asking us when we're going to start the ambulance services – we can't and we're not," Schulz said, adding that the contract with Summit is not a solution to the issue of recruiting more volunteers for local ambulances.

Some other concerns voiced by the hospitals surrounded Summit's dispatch center and making sure they knew the

necessarily save everyone money," he added, referring to those who may not have insurance or who choose not to upgrade.

Administrators also questioned the ability to always have Summit respond and what to tell patients if they have to contract out to another company.

"I think there's a perception in the county that Summit is going to respond," said John Semingson, chief executive officer for the Ruby Valley Hospital.

Administrators brought up the possibility of Summit potentially being unavailable or the need for more assistance.

"Ninety-five percent of the need is going to be covered," assured Walter.

Hendrickson suggested the county address the possibility of Summit not being available in their letter, saying (the hospital) will "endeavor to have Summit respond," but that might not always be the case.

Conclusion

After much discussion, both county commissioners and hoseveryone is being covered.

The county will continue to meet with Walter on a quarterly basis to discuss the contract and possible improvements, specifically regarding residents who do not have their own insurance.

"I don't know that (REACH Air Medical Services) can do anything about it in the fact that whatever we do is going to affect our entire footprint," said Walter. "If they don't have insurance, they get billed at the Medicare rate."

With both the county and hospitals on board, the contract will fulfill its nine-month term before being reevaluated in June.

"Everything that we do as county commissioners or county employees costs people money," said Schulz. "This was one of the very few opportunities we had to provide something to our population that at least comes with a reduced cost ... it's one time we've been able to do something for the population where there's a cost benefit to them."





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Terry Jenkins from Ennis knew this was Norris Hill! Good job, Terry!

MORE NEWS:

'Elk rage' incident results in arrest of Norris man

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At 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 16, the Madison County Sheriff's Office received a call from two Madison County residents who were in the Bear Trap Canyon – MT Highway 84 – at mile marker 8. "They noticed an elk had been injured along the highway," explained Sheriff Roger Thompson. "They called us and wanted to know how to apply for a salvage permit." Then, things turned

into an "elk rage" inci-

dent, Thompson said.

"They watched it, waiting for it to die," he said. "They were up on the highway and a gentleman who pretty much lives right there drove up his driveway and confronted them, saying, 'that's my elk, I've been watching that elk'." Thompson said the situation escalated and the Norris man who confronted the two on the road returned to his vehicle, got a handgun and allegedly threatened to shoot the men.

"(The other two) vacated the scene and called us right away," Thompson said. Three Madison County deputies responded to the scene and ultimately ended up arresting Kenrick Workman at 10:30 p.m.

"There were warrants for his arrest out of Gallatin County," Thompson said. "For a DUI and maybe a few other traffic charges." The Madison County deputies charged him with assault with a firearm and resisting arrest – he is currently being held at the Gallatin County Jail.

"We went back with a search warrant and recovered a gun that matched the description we had," Thompson added. "I don't believe the elk was ever found."

SHERIDAN TOWN Great West Engineering delivers report; council discusses multiple contracts

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On Jan. 11, the Sheridan town council heard an updated report from Great West Engineering regarding the town's water system.

Last month, the town received a \$15,000 matching grant from the Department of Commerce to be put toward a preliminary engineering report, which was conducted by Great West Engineering and presented to the council.

"They gave us some op-

tions as to what projects to address next and gave us different scenarios that we as a council have to address," said Mayor Tom Shaffer.

Some projects Great West Engineering suggested were another water tank for more storage capacity, looping the water system on Bieler Lane, a water main replacement on Water Street, back generators for the well pumps and a new chlorination system.

"(Great West Engineering) also suggested putting a cage around the ladder of the existing water tower for safety reasons," said Shaffer. According to town clerk Gail Leary, the council is still reviewing the recommendations made by Great West Engineering before moving forward on any projects.

Other business

Aside from the current Great West Engineering water system project, Shaffer said there is a sewer main problem on Moore Lane that is pitching, or draining, the wrong way.

"We did a band aid fix here a few weeks ago but since it is more than 100 feet, it has to go through an engineer before we can go forward with it," Shaffer said.

The town will have Great West Engineering present an engineering plan per Department of Environmental Quality requirements before they contract out the job – the hope is to start as soon as the ground thaws.

The council also discussed a pending contract with American Tower and another with the park district, with the purpose of turning over the responsibility of the pool to the Ruby Valley Swimming Club.

In October of 2015, the town received an extension contract from American Tower, which was the old Cell One tower that still sits at the south end of town. Back when the contract first came up for review, the council was uncertain of some of the verbiage within the contract and was working with attorney Stephanie Kruer to make amendments. "We're still doing the

same thing," said Shaffer. "(Kruer) presented a list of amendments (to the council) that they wanted to see."

Also in October of 2015, the members of the Sheridan/ Alder Park District Board met with the city council to discuss the future of the Ruby Valley Swimming Pool and determine

The Falcons and Lady

Falcons each played three

games last week – first they

traveled to West Yellowstone

on Jan. 12, before welcoming

Lima to their gym on Jan. 15.

south to Sheridan for a Madison

County match up (see a feature

It was all about the Falcons

on Tuesday night, and the team

won, 63 - 40. Cooper Christian-

Finally, the Falcons headed

on the game on page A5).

Twin Bridges at West

Yellowstone

the best mechanism for the park district to turn the pool over to the Ruby Valley Swimming Club for day-to-day operations.

This means the pool will still operate under the direction of the park district and facilitate pool funding, but the RVSC would be able to make recommendations toward the management of the pool.

The town, park district and RVSC have drafted a contract and Kruer presented some amendments at the meeting to be made in the coming weeks before heading for final draft, according to Shaffer.

BASKETBALL ROUND UP

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Ennis kicked off a weekend of basketball with an in-county match up against Sheridan on Jan. 15 (see a feature on the game on page A6). The following day, the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs traveled to Gardiner to play the Bruins.

Ennis at Gardiner

The Mustangs bested Gardiner, 67 – 24. Jake Knack led the charge with 25 points. His teammate Ty Morgan scored 17, and Gaving McKitrick and Cole Crowley both scored 10 points. Finally, Tracer Croy scored five points. The Lady Mustangs held onto their winning record and beat Gardiner, 52 – 18. Twelve Ennis girls scored in the game, including Caitlin Klatt and Danyel Martin, who led the scoreboard with eight points apiece.



The Wildcats and Lady Wildcats faced off against Shields Valley on Jan. 15 and then made the short drive to Three Forks to play the Wolves on Jan. 16.

Shields Valley at Harrison

The Harrison-Willow Creek

points, Lane Buus scored five, Matt Fouch and Daly Nesbit each scored four points and Derik DeFrance scored two.

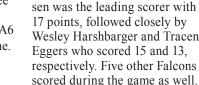
The Lady Wildcats had the same luck as their male classmates and lost to the Lady Rebels, 44 – 54. Taya DeFrance was the leading scorer with 12 points, but five other Wildcats also scored in the game. MaKenna Livezey scored 10, Addie Nesbit had nine, Hailey Hokanson had seven, Josie Hokanson had four and Alexys Bacon scored two.

Harrison at Three Forks

The Three Forks Wolves shot the ball extremely well against the Wildcats, and The Lady Wildcats stayed close to Three Forks during the game, but ultimately fell to the Wolves, 51 – 63. Addie Nesbit and Taya DeFrance both scored 19, Josie Hokanson scored nine and both Hailey Hokanson and MaKenna Livezey scored two.



The Panthers and Lady Panthers had a tough weekend of basketball, playing Ennis and Twin Bridges back to back. See page A5 for a feature on the Twin Bridges game and page A6 for a feature on the Ennis game.



lee Oliverson scored 20 points to lead the team to victory. Mara Johnson scored 10, Cassidy Wetzel scored eight and Madyson Beagley scored five. Cassie Williams, Jessica George, Brooke Schandelmeier and Megan Martin also scored during the game.

Lima at Twin Bridges

The Falcons held the Lima Bears to 11 points and scored 61 of there own on Jan. 15. Cooper Christiansen led the scoreboard with 17 points, followed by Tracen Eggers who scored 13. Seven other Falcon players scored during the game.

Rob Lott's Lady Falcons controlled the Lady Bears and won,

boys lost in a close match to the Rebels, 42 – 46. Chas Buus led the scoreboard with 11 points, followed closely by Parker Galt who scored 10. Zane VonBergen scored six Harrison/Willow Creek lost, 58 – 15. Zane VonBergen scored five points, Chas Buus scored four, Matt Fouch scored three, Parker Galt scored two and Daly Nesbit scored one.



scored during the game as well. The Lady Falcons started off strong, scoring 19 points in the first quarter, and followed that momentum to a win over the Lady Wolverines, 50 – 33. Kai-

65 – 28. Kailee Oliverson scored 17 points, Brooke Schandelmeier scored 10and Rae Anne Bendon scored eight. Seven other Lady Falcons scored in the game.

MINOR CRASHES Two cars slide on slick roadway near Ennis less than 2 hours apart

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At 3:58 p.m. and 5:28 p.m. on Jan. 17, the Madison County Rural Fire Department, Montana Highway Patrol, Ennis Ambulance and Madison County Sheriff's Office re-

ceived calls for service and responded to crashes along the same stretch of highway.

"The snow had melted during the day and then frozen," said Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson. "When the wind came up, it polished that one area and made it really slick." The area in question was

2 1/2 miles outside of En-

nis headed to Virginia City on MT Highway 287. "We had two minor crash-

es," Thompson explained.

The crash at 3.58 p.m. happened when a vehicle slid off the roadway, and the crash that happened an hour and a half later was a rollover.

There were no injuries as a result of either crash.

Collision on Upper Ruby Road, life flight called

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At 10:22 a.m. on Jan. 12, a call for assistance came through the Madison County Sheriff's Office dispatch center, requesting the Ruby Valley Ambulance and Alder Fire Department respond to a collision on the Upper Ruby Road, around eight miles south of the Ruby Reservoir. "We had a road grader clear-

ing the roadway of snow, and a pickup truck with a gooseneck

trailer headed northbound met it on a blind corner," said Sheriff Roger Thompson. "It was nearly a head on (crash)."

The driver of the truck lives and works in the Upper Ruby, Thompson said.

"He was in serious medical condition," Thompson added. "Ruby Valley Ambulance responded. They took care of him and transferred him to a life flight and he was transported to Bozeman Deaconess."

There was no damage to the road grader, and the driver

of that vehicle was not injured. The truck's driver was initially trapped in his vehicle because both doors had been damaged.

"The road grader driver helped get the door off to get him out of the vehicle," Thompson said. "We would have had to extricate him from the vehicle with fire department tools, but he had that completed before we got there."

In addition to Thompson, the ambulance, the fire department and Montana Highway Patrol responded to the incident.

ONE OF THOSE NON-TRADITIONAL FAMILIES

Hi readers,

My nuclear family is traditional – mom, dad, Abby. But after that, my family gets a little unusual. Mostly because I use the word family liberally – many of my 'family' members are no kin of mine!

Earlier this month, a few members of my 'family' flew from Kansas to Montana to ski at Big Sky. More specifically, it was my best friend Grace and her family, but I consider them my own. I spent the weekend with them and was able to downhill ski for the first time in more than a year! I first came to Montana on a vacation with Grace and her family, and I owe them so much for the life I have now – I never would have found Madison County or made it my home without them.

And that is a scary thought.

Though I've only called Montana home for a little more than two years, I'm already creating family here. My relatives are in Kansas and Chicago. Mike's are in northwest Montana or elsewhere. That's forced us to get a little creative in how we define what makes family.

This community is our family!

I realized how connected we are to the community in a moment of need. Mike and I were on the road headed home from Bozeman, and my car started sending us a message I'd never seen before – check charging system. Like the true auto-expert I am, I decided it probably meant nothing and that we should continue on home. Turns out, my car was trying to warn us that my alternator was going kaput. When tragedy hit, we were at the top of Norris Hill. Fortunately, Mike was driving, because I would not have handled what happened next with such grace. It was 10:30 p.m. and as we crested the hill, the radio went dead. Then the lights on the dashboard went out. We continued coasting down the hill for a few more minutes, but that quickly became impossible when the headlights went dark.

Mike guided my car to the side of the road and we sat in stunned silence and total darkness for a few beats before I pulled out my phone. And then something awesome happened. I realized I had a plethora of phone numbers I could call for a rescue. I settled on my coworker, Caitlin, and she graciously came to pick us up while I scheduled a tow.

But if Caitlin hadn't answered, we wouldn't have been stranded. In the short time I've called Ennis home, I've been able to make lifelong friends ... many of whom I now consider 'family.'

I think that says a lot about the kind of folks who make up the fabric of Madison County. Our communities are welcoming, easygoing and utterly friendly. I'm never apprehensive about starting up a conversation with whomever is in line behind me at the bank, or buying a drink at a coffee shop or reaching for the same carton of eggs at the grocery store.

So thank you, Madison County, for creating the kind of community where a migrant from the Midwest can make a home and build a family.

Abigail



'The first duty of government is to protect its citizens'



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Dear Editor,

The morning after the sidewalk vote on Jan. 14, I walked the proposed four-section route. Despite overwhelming public support, I wanted to see firsthand what the concerns from the minority were. The entire route is fully funded by a Federal grant, is on Montana Department of Transportation right of way and no part of it is owned by private businesses. Here is a breakdown the votes from the council:

Section one, from the Veterans Memorial to Shedhorn Sports– approved. This is lightly used, but a sidewalk will be nice. Section two, connecting the north side of Main Street to the Madison Valley Manor – approved. This is used year round, especially in summer by visitors coming to and from the Fan Mountain Inn and Sportsman's Lodge. The manor expressed a desire to safely walk the residents of the manor into downtown, and even put up a \$5,000 match to the grant.

Section four, from the Fan Mountain Inn to Madison Foods – approved. The safety of the crosswalk was addressed by a private citizen who offered \$15,000 for walker-activated caution lights at this crosswalk. This section is used year-round by grocery store employees, citizens without adequate transportation and those who prefer to walk.

Section three, from the crosswalk by the Fan Mountain Inn to across from the school – denied. This section already sees the heaviest pedestrian traffic of all – mainly by kids. The business parking lots are icy, sloped too steeply and otherwise too dangerous to walk through. If I were in a wheelchair, pushing a stroller or otherwise mobility impaired due to poverty or lack of transportation, access to these businesses would have been impossible. The Town of Ennis failed the safety of its most vulnerable by voting down section three. Eliminating a section of sidewalk because they fear people will use it is not improving the public's safety, it is making it worse. How much higher does the risk need to be before publicly voted officials listen to the majority of citizens and subject matter experts? Shame on the Town of Ennis for cowering to special interests, nepotism and a loud minority.

> Robin Blazer Ennis

Disappointment in Ennis fully funded sidewalk project failure

Dear Editor,

Unfortunately, I am writing in disgust of three members on our Ennis Town Council who voted against fully implementing safe sidewalks in our town. As with a majority who attended the public meeting last Thursday, I feel shocked and ashamed at our town's vote to go against our citizens who voted them into public service. Councilmembers are public servants who represent all citizens' voices, not just a small minority or family and friends. The town council has a basic job; do what the majority of the citizens safely want. Never go into a public meeting and already have the vote decided before the public has been heard – especially when a previous vote was unanimous for the project. No official reason for this change in vote has been given.

This is a public safety issue and should be made more public. These sidewalks are fully funded by tax dollars through a Federal grant. Why would anyone oppose safe sidewalks and pathways for our citizens, visitors, customers, children, disabled, elderly and less fortunate? You would be surprised. At the public meeting, we witnessed minor arguments against these sidewalks and those concerns were thoroughly addressed by the Montana Department of Transportation, engineers and safety experts. Study after study has proven positive and safe aspects of sidewalks inside city limits. Whether you like it or not, thousands of visitors will be arriving soon this summer. Be proactive and alleviate some congestion by providing them a way to safely hit the sidewalks.

I have spent numerous years in third world countries and believe me, their citizens also want safe, basic infrastructure, but guess who suppresses that? Their corrupt governments and any group that has the most forceful power. Do not live in fear. We all know someone with school aged kids, someone who is wheel chair bound, someone who does not have a vehicle or is unable to drive but still needs to support their family and we all know someone who just chooses to be active. They live in town for the infrastructure it is supposed to provide. Do not let them down. We are better than this.

> Willie Blazer Ennis

Shocked three members of Ennis town council voted against part of sidewalk project

Dear Editor,

I was impressed with all the supporters of the sidewalk at the 'Y' project who wrote letters and specifically, those who sat through a three hour long meeting. Only to watch three members of the town council fail to do their duty to protect the residents and visitors of Ennis. They voted against the most critical portion of this project, a sidewalk from Pearl Street to Fan Mountain Inn.

Thursday night many members of our community listened and asked questions and an overwhelming majority made public

comment in favor of the whole project. Unfortunately, only a sole council member, John Bancroft, had the courage to vote for his constituents and the public at large. It is interesting because Bancroft actually chased me out of town hall the previous week to tell me that he was absolutely against this project. He was the only member of the council to actually listen when a room full of citizens and business owners told the town council they wanted this project in its entirety. Yes, there were concerns of parking, maintenance and safety. Those concerns were listened to

and addressed by the Montana Department of Transportation, not one parking space was lost, maintenance was minimized and it is the professional opinion of MDT that a sidewalk in that section is much safer than current conditions (no sidewalk).

It was to my absolute shock that the town council went against the legal advice of the city attorney and piecemealed this project, leaving our most vulnerable community members – seniors, children and the mobility impaired – hanging out to dry, as they would have been the biggest beneficiaries of the axed section. To add insult to injury, the town council went even further as to turn down an offer from a private citizen of \$15,000 to install flashing lights at the crosswalk closest to the hospital and manor.

The lesson learned through all of this is that we all need to pay attention, get involved and vote for people who will act on the will of the people, no cost sidewalks from MDT was definitely one of them.

> Lisa Roberts Ennis

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers in the loss of my sister Olive and our Aunt Olive. It has been a very difficult time and we appreciate everyone's support. Olive was a very special lady and will be missed dearly. We are blessed to live where we live and have family and friends like we do. We thank you.

Thank you during a difficult time

Leona Buyan Bill, Peggy, Marcus, Mike and Clintin

OBITUARIES

William E. (Bill) Nelson August 20, 1941 – January 16, 2016



William E. (Bill) Nelson, loving husband, Daddy, Papa, Papa Great, brother, uncle and friend to many slipped into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, at his home in Stevensville.

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He was born in Bozeman on Aug. 20, 1941, to Marie McLees Murray and James Murray.

He never left Montana except for his service in the Marine Corps and a brief time of loving and working in Washington

After his discharge from the Marine Corps, he lived in Ennis and learned the art of meat cutting in his future father in law's grocery store, worked as a city police officer in both Ennis and Townsend and then spent the last 25 years of his meat cutting career in Whitehall at TG's Market and at his own meat marker, Butcher Bills. He was a meat cutter by trade for 43 years and was fondly known as Butcher Bill to all who knew him and were his regular customers, but he was also a mechanic and wood worker on the side. He was a talented man who could do and fix anything and he will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years LaDon; daughters Jami Seccomb and Cami (Warren) Nogle; grandchildren Chaz, Kelsi, Austin and Cati; great granddaughter Kambrynn; sisters Betty (Ken) and Joyce (Les); brothers Jim (Suzanne) and Bert; brother in law Roy and sister in law Jonnie (Cliff); and many much loved nieces, nephews, friends and his Koinonia family.

There will be two services held to celebrate Bill's life. Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at Light of the Valley Assembly church in Stevensville, followed by a potluck. The second is Saturday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. at Whitehall Assembly of God church with food and fellowship following.

Our Bill would want any memorials to be sent to Koinonia of Montana, the ministry he loved and was a part of for 20 years. P.O. Box 656, Stevensville, Montana 59870. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www. whitesittfuneralhome.com.

Diane L. Keller March 4, 1951 – January 15, 2015

Diane L. Keller, 64, of Ennis died Friday, Jan. 15 at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan. Cremation has take place under the care of K&L Mortuary of Ennis. A memorial service will be announced with a full obituary in the next issue of *The Madisonian*.

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Twin Bridges and Sheridan continue Ruby Valley rivalry

Caitlin Avey The MADISONIAN news@madisoniannews.com

The Falcons were victorious this weekend when they traveled a short eight miles to face off against the Sheridan Panthers on Saturday, Jan. 16. Both Falcon teams were triumphant in their quest to continue their winning records.

As it stands now the Lady Falcons are undefeated with a 10-0 record and the boys are not too far behind with a record of 7-3.

Boys basketball

The rivalry match started with the boys game and the Falcons came out fast, putting an easy 23 points on the board in the first quarter. Senior Tracen Eggers had eight points in the first quarter, helping to put the Falcons ahead of the Panthers. Senior James Bendon added six points to solidify a 17 point lead heading into the second quarter.

The young Panther team fought back as underclassmen Isaac Bendon and Ben Larsen helped put Sheridan on the board. Tristen Horn and Moxon Lee each contributed two points before the game broke for halftime.

The Falcons had a significant lead and the Panthers trailed by 30 points at the half.

Going into the third quarter, the Falcons kept up the heat and continually controlled the ball, only allowing five Panther points and stretching out their lead.

The Panther's answered back in the fourth, turning up the offense as sophomore Moritz Remmert drained a three-pointer to the cheers of the crowd. The Panthers held the Falcons to their lowest scoring quarter all night, only allowing five points. with the Falcon intensity. Almost the entire Falcon bench was able to put points on the board, catapulting

them to a 62-22 victory. "We were able to play a lot of kids and really work on our plays," said Falcon head coach Josh Keller. "We continue to get better every day."

Most of the Panthers were able to contribute points, which helped the young team gain experience.

"We're just a really young team and inexperienced," said head coach Chad Elser. "But they went out there and played hard for 32 minutes and never gave up."

Girls basketball

Despite a gym full of Panther spirit, the Lady Panthers were unable to match the playing field against a tough Falcon team. keeping the Lady Panthers at a safe distance.

Sophomore standout Kailee Oliverson did not hold back as she put the Falcons on the board early in the first quarter and led the team to their 26 point victory over Sheridan. Oliverson ended her night with 18 points.

Junior Brooke Schandelmeier played the bottom of the key well, continually grabbing rebounds for the Falcons to keep them in possession of the ball.

Panther senior Alexis Woirhaye was able to grab a fast break toward the end of the first quarter, but was stopped just short of the basket as Oliverson zoomed down the court for the block.

The Panthers brought up four eighth graders to help fill out team numbers and two were able to contribute points. Amanda Grow put up two points for the Panthers and Zoe Lee managed to snag four points from the bottom

of the key.

"The eighth grade girls did an excellent job for us and played with an immense amount of heart and ambition," said Panther head coach Wendy Fabel. "Our player numbers are down and with so many younger players it is sometimes difficult to continue the intensity needed on defense and also the focus to effectively execute the offense, but they still love to play and continue to improve."

Heading into the fourth quarter, the Panthers only had six points to the Falcons' 43, but that did not keep them from holding the Falcons to their lowest scoring quarter. Turning up the intensity, the Panthers managed to put 14 points on the board, bringing their point total to 20.

Despite only scoring

"I thought the game went pretty good, a lot of girls got a lot of playing time," said Falcon head coach Rob Lott. "We're just going to continue working to get better, step by step."

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Clockwise from top left: Moxon Lee (3) grabs a fast break.

The Sheridan cheerleaders and mascot got the crowd on their feet during halftime.

Ethan Orrin (25) looks for the pass against Panther defender Ben Larsen.

Eighth grader Zoe Lee (24) manages to sink the ball, good for two Panther points.

While they played hard, Sheridan could not keep up The undefeated Lady Falcons started off strong and played hard the entire game, three points in the fourth quarter, the Falcons continued to control the game, ending their night in another victory, 46 - 20.

Brooke Schandelmeier (33) puts the ball up for two points.





A MORE SPORTS: MUSTANGS VS. PANTHERS





Ennis defends home court against Sheridan

Abigail Dennis The Madisonian a.dennis@madisoniannews.com

The Sheridan Panthers and Lady Panthers were unable to topple the Mustang varsity teams in Ennis on Jan. 15, thanks to Ennis' deep bench and fast-paced play. The story of the second half of the game followed the same pattern – the Mustangs scored back to back three pointers to open the third quarter, and before too long, Ennis scored 10 points to extend their lead to 60 - 15.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Sheridan still only

not deterred and each team scored a field goal before the buzzer sounded with a final score of 74 - 24.

final score of 74 – 24. Horn led the Panthers with 10 points, followed by Foster, who had six. Tyler Haag scored four points, Isaac Bendon scored two and Moxon Lee scored a point. Jake Knack was the Mustangs' leading scorer – he had 17 at the end of the night. Morgan scored 14, Cole Crowley scored 12, Bryson Glines and Tracer Croy each scored nine, Tanner Wood scored four and Gavin McKitrick, Race Owens and Kyler Barney each scored three. continued for the whole game. Ennis controlled the game, capitalizing on steals and fast breaks in addition to getting the ball inside to Jourdain Klein and Danyel Martin. With less than five minutes left in the half, the Mustangs had a commanding lead of 30 - 0, but the Panthers kept fighting.

Mustangs scored 14 in the third. The fourth quarter drug on without many baskets – Smart scored another three-pointer for Sheridan and Ennis' Emily Schaufler scored one of two free throws. With that, the Mustangs won, 54 - 10.

Smart scored eight points and Schwend had

with 14, followed by Amanda Kimmey, MaKenzie Moen and Martin, who each scored eight. Caitlin Klatt scored five points, Brigit Croy scored three, Josie Jenkins scored three, Payton Fortner scored two, Danika Philpott scored two and Schaufler's free throw rounded out Ennis' scoreboard.

Boys basketball

The Mustangs outscored the Panthers by 20 points in the first quarter, and Sheridan was never able to catch up from that deficit. Ennis senior Ty Morgan scored all of his 14 points in the first two quarters of play to give his team an authoritative lead going into halftime.

The boys entered the locker room with Ennis in the lead, 50 - 15.

had 15 points, but Panther sophomore Kenny Foster put an end to that with a field goal. The Panthers played patiently in the fourth quarter, working the ball around the outside and waiting for the opportune moment. One of those moments occurred when Tristen Horn hit nothing but net knocking in a three pointer to bring the score to 71 - 22. The Mustangs returned

fire but the Panthers were

Girls basketball

The Mustangs pulled down the tip and scored in the first few seconds of play – a theme that Sheridan junior Tionna Schwend put her team on the scoreboard with 3:30 left in the second quarter and the Sheridan fans leaped to their feet in excitement.

The teams broke for the half with the Mustangs in the lead, 39 - 2.

Sheridan's Janie Smart came alive in the third quarter, knocking down a three pointer and another field goal, but her efforts could not match Ennis', and the two to her name to make up Sheridan's 10 points.

"The younger girls played good defense but we came out flat and didn't finish when executing their offense," said Panther head coach Wendy Fabel. "I was very happy with the intensity that our younger players came on to the floor with and look forward to watching them develop this season."

Ten Lady Mustangs scored in the game. Klein led the pack "I'm a very proud coach after this weekend," said Lady Mustang head coach Jordan Overstreet. "The girls' hard work this season is starting to pay off and I think they are starting to see that."

Up next

On Jan. 22, the Panthers welcome White Sulphur Springs to Sheridan and Ennis travels to Lima to take on the Bears.





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required to maintain all access to properties and businesses."

Jennifer Nelson, MDT preconstruction engineer for the Butte district, said MDT's opinion is that the project "would be a great asset to pedestrian traffic in the town."

Commissioner John Bancroft questioned the safety of the crosswalk by Fan Mountain Inn due to merging traffic at that location.

"Pedestrian studies are not done before sidewalks are put in because usage changes with sidewalks," explained Vincent. "Crosswalks could be moved later ... a pedestrian study after we have sidewalks would tell us the best placement for them."

For the section along the east side of the 'Y," the commissioners had a few questions – namely, they wanted to know if it was possible to extend the sidewalk to the emergency room exit on the north end of the hospital, and also if the entire sidewalk could be concrete instead of asphalt.

"We try to hold you to the scope you applied with," Nelson said. "But with private or additional funds, we could add sidewalks to our project and it would probably end up costing less than you guys doing it on your own."

Funding

The project is being funded through MDT's Transportation Alternatives Program. Two years ago, the Ennis-based group Madison Byways raised funds to hire Great West Engineering to apply for a grant to cover the construction costs. Ennis was selected as a recipient of the TA program, so the project is already funded without any town money.

"We look at this 'Y' as a real divider in town," said MDT's Terry Voeller, explaining why Ennis was chosen as a recipient of the grant. "This is an opportunity to connect the town. Will pedestrians feel safer after the project is done? There's no reason to think not."

Public comment

The MDT and Great West Engineering representatives refrained from responding during the public comment portion of the meeting, which was kicked off by Chris DiMichele, who owns a business, along the west side of the 'Y.'

"We are just going to push people toward walking closer to the highway," DiMichele said. "They already walk across the parking lot, let them do that. It's a waste of money."

Up next was MVMC CEO John Bishop, who said the hospital thinks sidewalks are a good thing.

"We think there is a need to look at the materials proposed and the scope of work, but we don't want to jeopardize the town's ability to get sidewalks," Bishop said. Public comment wound on – the majority of those in attendance spoke in favor of the whole project, including resident Kris Anderson. "I'm a townsperson with children," Anderson said. "We need these. I want (my kids) to be able to walk safely. There are more young families in Ennis and it's impor-

tant for them to be able to walk places." Joe Dilschneider, Main Street business owner, also spoke in favor of the project.

"It's a great idea," Dilschneider said. "We're lucky to win a grant like this. I really don't see the argument against it. I love the quaint, western community we live in but this is progressive and good and will make our community better."

Kaitlin Sonderer told an anecdote about trying to take 12 preschool children on a field trip to a business located along the west side of the 'Y.'

"With 12 preschoolers, we didn't know where to go," Sonderer said. "These sidewalks would keep our kids and the community safe."

Multiple others spoke in favor of the project, and letters from supportive residents who were unable to attend the meeting were also shared.

"It doesn't just affect the businesses along the sidewalks," said Robin Blazer, Main Street business owner. "It affects the whole town. It helps our residents and the tourists who come here."

Lisa Roberts, from Madison Byways, pointed out that the town commission approved submitting the grant application unanimously when it was brought to their attention two years ago.

"When they were asked to sponsor the grant they heard the concerns," Roberts said. "They voted unanimously in favor ... one of the duties of a town is to provide infrastructure and services. It's not fair to let our residents – often our most vulnerable residents – not have the ability to get around easily and safely."

A few community members brought up concerns about safety – primarily along the west section of the 'Y.' Even more public comments revolved around the desire to have the entire project done with concrete, and expressed desire to extend the sidewalk to the north entrance to the hospital.

In opposition, business owner John Heckler read a letter requesting design changes to the project.

"We're all for sidewalks, we just want them done correctly," Heckler said.

Heckler's list of requests included a uniform 6 foot wide concrete sidewalk, the extension of the sidewalk to the emergency room entrance along the east side of the 'Y' and deleting the sidewalk from Pearl Street to Fan Mountain Inn on the west.

"I grew up here," said Josh Vujovich. "I've ridden my bike and walked ... all up and down this town. I wish there had been a sidewalk there then. You can't eliminate the possibility of something bad happening, but you can make it safer. I think this project does that."

The vote

Following public comment, the commissioners had another chance to discuss the project prior to voting on it.

"I've always voted for the good of the people, I hope," said Bancroft. "Ninety-five percent of this project is great. I can't let myself turn it down for the few over the majority. I think the majority wants this."

Vincent said he agreed with Bancroft, but wanted to figure out a way to make sure the proposed asphalt along the east side of the 'Y' could be concrete – commissioner Audra Bourk agreed with him.

"I think extending the project is an easy fix down the road," Mayor Becky Vujovich said. "And we're not making people walk (along the west side), they are already walking there, we are giving them a safe avenue to do it."

Commissioner Brandi Palmerton asked if the town could vote on the project by segment.

"By taking something out, you'd be taking away from the project," Bancroft said.

Town attorney James Greenbaum recommended the commission vote on the project as a whole, instead of by individual segments.

However, Vincent, Bourk and Palmerton wanted to move ahead approving each segment individually. Vincent moved to approve segment one, from Shedhorn Sports to Chowning Street and Palmerton seconded it. All four commissioners voted to approve it.

Next, Palmerton moved to approve the sidewalks on the east side of the 'Y,' with an amendment that requested bidding the cost of concrete instead of asphalt, and Bancroft seconded it. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Vincent then moved to approve segment four, from Fan Mountain Inn to Madison Foods, as presented and Palmerton seconded it. All four commissioners voted in favor.

Finally, Vincent moved to approve the "most controversial" segment of the project, which proposed sidewalks from Pearl Street to Fan Mountain Inn, and Bancroft seconded it.

After a long pause, Vincent voted no, quickly followed by no votes from Palmerton and Bourk. Bancroft voted in favor of approving segment three, and with a three to one vote, the motion failed.

"By turning down that section you are preventing the community from getting to the grocery store," Bancroft told the other three commissioners. "I know it is contentious and I know it upsets a lot of people, but you shouldn't have turned it down."

The day after the meeting, *The Madi*sonian reached out to Vincent, Palmerton and Bourk to see why they voted down the third segment of sidewalk. "For me, there were two points along that segment where there were definitely some safety issues – one where there is a power pole on the corner and the other had to do with some engineering near Napa," Vincent said. "The sidewalk would have to have been very, very close to the highway."

"After taking all the factors into consideration, my decision was the most rational and gave the best representation to everyone," Palmerton said. "I spent more time on this project than anyone else – I did not make my decision on a whim. I did all the walkthroughs, talked with the engineers, went to all the meetings, talked to all the business owners and even reached out to community members."

Multiple requests for a comment from Bourk were not returned by *The Madisonian*'s press time Tuesday.

CDBG turned down

Following the discussion and vote on the sidewalks, B. Vujovich informed the commissioners of the Ennis Senior Center board's decision to forgo the Community Development Block Grant the town sponsored on their behalf.

"They want to progress faster than we can with the grant," B. Vujovich said. "The CDBG process takes a long time."

Vincent said he thinks the CDBG could benefit the senior center, but he admitted the town has been slow "putting it together."

"It's over," Heckler said. "The board doesn't want to continue without help from the town. We've come a long way and we want to get the project done in six to nine months."

Lion's Club agreement

B. Vujovich brought up the fact that the town's agreement with the Ennis Lion's Club for the park needs to be redone.

"The agreement was from 20 or 30 years ago," B. Vujovich said. "It cannot be found anywhere. Regardless, it needs to be updated."

B. Vujovich requested two commissioners form a subcommittee to start the process of working up a new agreement with the club. Vincent and Palmerton agreed to form the subcommittee and get to work. Mayor resigns

Before the meeting drew to a close, B. Vujovich announced her intent to resign as mayor.

"I do it with a really heavy heart," B. Vujovich said. "I'm extremely proud of my time as mayor – I never backed down from hard decisions and I always had the town's best interests at heart."

B. Vujovich said her life is "much different" than when she ran for mayor, and she has other pressures in her life she needs to address.

"I will help whoever steps into the role," she said. "They will be okay – the staff here at the town will make it easy on them."

4The commission decided to begin advertising for the position of mayor as soon as possible.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Trapper education class in Butte

Submitted by Andrea Jones Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

A trapper education class is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Butte area office (1820 Meadowlark Lane). The class is free of charge and all are welcome to attend. An adult must accompany youth who are under 12 years of age. Pre-registration is required by contacting Vanna Boccadori at 494-2082.

The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. Topics will include trapping equipment, trap setting, ethics, rules and regulations, furbearer identification and fur handling. The class is sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association and FWP.

Class participants will receive a certificate of completion, the Montana Trappers Association trapping handbook and other informational material. However, please be aware this class does not certify participants for Montana's wolf trapping season. All would-be wolf trappers needed to have completed a formal wolf trapping certification class held in the fall.

Resource Advisory Council to meet in Butte

Submitted by David Abrams Montana Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management's Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will meet Jan. 27 in Butte.

The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. at the BLM's Butte field office, located at 106 N. Parkmont.

Key agenda items include an update on the Missoula Field Office Resource Management Plan; a presentation on a proposed bike trail on Revenue Flats near Norris; reports from the managers of the Butte, Dillon and Missoula BLM field offices about activities in their areas; and other ongoing resource management issues the council may raise.

For a copy of the agenda, email David Abrams at dabrams@blm.gov.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to noon. Interested parties may make oral statements before the council or file written statements for the council to consider. Depending on the number of people who wish to make comments, a perperson time limit may be established.

ERA gets new employee

Submitted by Kelly Bresnahan Ron Gay Joins ERA Landmark Real Estate

Robyn Erlenbush, Broker/Owner of ERA Landmark Real Estate has announced that sales associate Ron Gay has joined ERA Landmark Arrow Real Estate in Ennis.

Gay comes to ERA Landmark with over 40 years' experience in the telecommunication's field building fiber optic networks around Montana. He has lived in Ennis since 2007 is a board member of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce.

Open mic night in Sheridan

Submitted by Janet Marsh

The Shovel and Spoon in downtown Sheridan will host an open mic night on Friday, Jan. 29. All local performers are invited to share their talents. Performances will begin at 6:30 p.m. Supper will be available after 5 p.m. For more information call 842-7999.

Grand Lodge of Montana celebration

Submitted by Bill Bennett

Worshipful Master Lyman H. "Bill" Bennett of Virginia City Lodge No. 1 of Montana (originally chartered as Virginia City Lodge No. 43 of Kansas) and Worshipful Master Cedar West of Montana Lodge No. 2 of Montana (originally chartered as Montana Lodge No. 9 of Colorado) invite you to their original meeting room in the Virginia City Lodge Building on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016, at 1 p.m. to commemorate the coming together of their lodges to form the Grand Lodge of Montana 150 years ago in that room.

A procession will follow, commencing at about 2:15 p.m. from the lodge to the Madison County Administration Building for the public masonic dedication of that building to be held at 2:30 p.m.



WE GIVE WE LIVE

Submitted by Quinn Mercer

Bill Mercer of Re/Max Mountain Property donated over \$1,400 to the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department as part of an ongoing campaign to Give Where We Live, where a portion of every transaction is donated to a local charity. Plctured are Shawn Christensen (left) and Bill Mercer (right).

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Photo by Kelsey Hubner, Ennis A snow covered cow is curious of the camera.

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W++K TWIN BRIDGES

Alice Giem is the Twin Bridges High School student of the week; our first time repeat student. Alice is a senior at TBHS who is committed to excellence in the classroom and throughout her community. Alice's final year of high school includes Trigonometry, Physics, Government, Dual Credit Coding, AP Chemistry, AP Literature/Composition and Advanced Accounting. Along with the commitment to her high level of academics, Alice holds class offices, organizational offices and cheerleads for most of the school year. Twin Bridges High School would like to recognize Alice and all of her achievements; we wish her the best of luck in her post-secondary endeavors.



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the Tune Tanglers. Next week we will be heading to Pony for lunch.

Pictured here are Ed Williams, Ken Roscoe, Lori Young, Shelly Moore, Ed Williams Jr. and Jeanne Williams.

THE OLD HOTEL



MOMMY Hi there, yep I am looking for you. Thought I'd go home yesterday, but alas I didn't. Why? Well she was

going to declaw me if I scratched her furniture. So I guess that stuff is more important than me. I'm nice and use my scratching post. I'm all ready to go so please come and adopt me and keep me whole. I will be a bit nervous until I get used to you, but give me a chance and I'll be a hug loving lady. I have everything done so I'm ready. You can call Misty at 439-1405 about me. Sincerely, Mommy PS/You can change my name if you want. This is the one I came in with.

MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday

Mostly cloudy. Highs 25 to 35.

Friday

Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows 20 to 25. Highs 30 to 40.

Saturday



Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 10 to 15. Highs 20 to 25

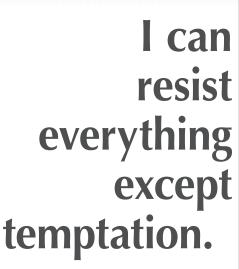


Sunday Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs 25 to 30.

Monday



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





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The Abisonian. HEALTH & WELLNESS B2 SECTIONB Thursday, January 21, 2016 Bill and Marjorie Bowersox



Longtimer esidentsof M adison Valleyr eminisce about the good ol days

Caitlin Avey THE MADISONIAN news@madisoniannews.com

If you travel the winding road up North Meadow Creek toward the forest boundary, you will come across a quaint white house with red trim and the letters S-O-X just above the doorway. A dark cutout of a cowboy sits on the fence, looking out toward the valley. To the left of the driveway, a steep hill leads to the Bowersox's ranch, which has been in operation since before the 1940s.

"We never called it anything," said Bill Bowersox. "We just called it home."

Walking up to the white and red-trimmed house, I was greeted by a furry face staring out the window. Sitting atop a recliner, basking in the winter sun was a large calico cat, simply named Cat.

"She doesn't really have a name either," Bill said as Cat weaved through my legs.

"Sometimes we call her

Norris and Harrison and Bill traveled to Ennis for high school, having gone to grade school in the old Meadow Creek schoolhouse, which still sits just up the road from their current residence.

The couple met at a dance in Ennis just after Marjorie had graduated high school. They were married shortly after.

They moved to Norris to help take care of Marjorie's family's ranch and Bill worked for Pete Jackson who had a dry farm just north of Norris. They stayed in Norris for 10 years and began to raise a family: a daughter, Sandra, and two boys, Barry and Scott.

Back to his roots

After working on the dry farm and managing his mother-in-law's place for a decade, Bill and Marjorie bought their current house from a neighboring ranch and had it moved just up the road from where his childhood home sat on the ranch.

Staying busy

Aside from running the ranch and raising a family, Marjorie spent some time working at the talc mine and spent 14 years working at the hospital in Ennis, while Bill drove a school bus parttime for 27 years and enjoyed breaking colts in his free time.

"I would just gather them up around the valley when I could," Bill said about working with horses. "It was just something to ride and I'd always liked horses – they were a necessity at the time too."

The "necessity" of horses referred to using a team of horses on the ranch or having them to ride to school or town.

"He bought me my first horse when I was five years old," said Sandra, who inherited her father's love for the animal. "He wouldn't let me saddle ride so I was bareback when I learned to ride. She let me hit the ground on many occasions."

Bill sold his last horse last year, making this another first for him - a year without a horse.



It," added Bill's wife Marjorie. Cat, or It, moved

about the room, rubbing on everything and everyone before settling on a sunlit patch on the floor, meowing for attention.

"She just showed up one day," said Bill. "She's been with us ever since."

Both Bill and Marjorie are quiet and humble when asked about themselves. Having been a part of the Madison Valley and accomplishing a lot throughout their working careers, this seems to be a year of firsts for the couple. This is the first year they will not be operating the family ranch. Though they leased the ranch out, they can still wander up the road and see remnants of old buildings and check in on the operation.

This is also the first year that Bill will not be grooming snowmobile trails around the valley, something he took upon himself "years ago."

In the beginning

Marjorie was born in Ennis in 1929, and lived outside Norris on her family's ranch. Bill was born in Glendive before being "hauled up" North Meadow Creek when he was 3 years old.

Though the two lived near each other, they did not meet until after high school. Marjorie attended school in "It cost me \$500 to buy it and \$500 to move it here," said Bill. "Times have sure changed!"

"It was totally unlivable when we got it," said Marjorie. "I remember the kids coming home and seeing it and just being in complete shock."

"That's a true story," said Sandra Bowersox, now Sandra Black. "I told them I'd never eat."

It took several years before the house was a home, as Bill did all the work himself.

"We kind of stayed at my grandfather's house until they got it put together," said Sandra.

Bill's childhood home was not a large house by any means and was situated just below their current property, where it stayed for a number of years.

"It wasn't too long ago (that it was taken down)," said Sandra.

Once the house was fixed up, it was back to business as usual – running the small cattle ranch and raising a family.

"They kept a pretty close watch on what we did and we didn't get away with a lot of stuff," laughed Sandra. "But it was great. I grew up on my horse and rode a lot." While Bill perfected the craft of working with ornery horses, Marjorie did, and continues to do some crafting of her own. She enjoys sewing and making pot holders in her free time. She also enjoys crocheting and embroidering. "My mother taught me," she said, simply, "Liust love

she said, simply. "I just love it – it keeps me active."

Grooming the trails

To round out their year of firsts, this is the first time Bill will not be grooming snowmobile trails for the county.

"They just came and gathered up all the equipment," Bill said, patting Cat on the belly.

When asked how he got into the business of grooming trails, Marjorie was quick to tell me the answer.

"He bought a snowmobile!" she said. Laughing, Bill nodded his

head in agreement. "I just would plow

wherever I would go, and the ranger said I could get some money out of it. So I did!"

Bill still snowmobiles to this day and has both of his sleds up and running. "I haven't gotten them out yet," he said. "But I will."

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian Bill and Marjorie Bowersox still reside in the home they purchased for \$1,000 in the late 1950s.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian Cat, or It as he is often called, peeks out from his perch under the coffeetable.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL FACTS WEEK

Submitted by Jon Ebelt Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is encouraging Montana teens to participate in next week's National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week.

Teenagers have joined forces with other teens and scientists across the nation as part of a weeklong health observance, organized at the federal level by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The

event takes place Jan. 25 through Sunday, Jan. 31.

According to Vicki Turner of the DPHHS prevention resource center, NDAFW caters to the inquisitive minds of teens by giving them a space (virtual or physical) to ask questions about drugs and alcohol and to get scientific answers from experts.

About a third of high school seniors across the country report using an illicit drug sometime in the past year, and more than 10 percent report non-medical use of a narcotic painkiller. While drugs can put a teenager's health and life in jeopardy, many teens are not aware of the risks.

"Even for those teens who do not abuse drugs, many have friends or family who do, and they are often looking for ways to help them," Turner said

In Montana, alcohol remains the number one drug of abuse for youth. The Montana Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) revealed that 51 percent of 12th graders had used alcohol within the past month, and 23 percent of 12th graders had used marijuana within the last 30 days.

Each of these figures had increased from the previous PNA report. In addition, the PNA covers narcotic prescription drugs, such as Vicodin, OxyContin,

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Percocet and Codeine, where it was found that 0.8 percent, 3.4 percent, and 3.9 percent of eighth, 10th and 12th graders respectively had used drugs such as these without a physician's orders in the last 30 days.

"We want teens to have the opportunity to learn what science has taught us about drug abuse, alcohol and addiction," Turner said. "There are so many myths about drugs and alcohol cluttering our popular culture. NDAFW is for teens to get honest answers about drugs so they can make good, informed decisions for themselves and share accurate information with friends.'







10 tips to stick with your New Year's weigh loss resolutions

Submitted by StatePoint

• Snack mindfully: It is all too easy to derail an otherwise

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that keep you motivated.

• Eat small: Research

• Get moving: Exercise does started with 10 minute sessions three times a day. Movement sets your metabolism in motion so make sure it is a consistent part of your weight loss efforts.

• Eat out, right: Restaurant portions can be monstrous. Set

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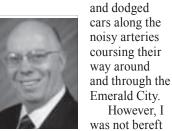
This, OUR VALLEY: By Reverend Keith Axberg

Eagles' eyes and campfires

The eye of the cormorant is emerald ... of the eagle is amber ... we miss the eyes of the birds, focusing only on feathers. - Terry Tempest Williams

I often tell people I am a city boy, for so I am.

I grew up in Seattle and spent the vast majority of my time engaged in the activities of a city-dweller. I walked to school, bicycled miles to Puget Sound to fish off the jetty at Shilshole Bay Marina, bussed to Green Lake in the summertime to swim



Rev. Keith Axberg of experiences

in the great out-of-doors. My grandparents had a stake in the wilderness near Lake Cavanaugh, nestled in the foothills of the north Cascade Mountains.

However, I

Driving up to the "cabin" for family vacation was always a thrill. We called it a cabin because it had the vague shape of a building, a roof that was sometimes capable of sloughing off some of the rain that occasionally fell and a door that gave a hint of security (although anything more robust than a fuzzy moth could generally gain access without breaking a sweat).

The road from Oso was a former logging road with switchbacks bracketed by cliffs into the wilderness to see if the woods and creeks were still there - and by Jove, they were!

While I would never wish to be 10 or 12 again, those were wonderful, carefree and idyllic times. The days were warm in midsummer, but never hot. The forest kept the air a bit cool, and if we got overly warm, we could go splash about in the near-freezing waters of "our" glacier-fed lake.

It was hard not to feel a bit like Daniel Boone or Davey Crocket up there at Lake Cavanaugh. We would often creep away into the deep woods looking for big game and wild animals armed with nothing more than our wits and some stick we'd picked up on the side of the trail.

The woods were safe for the most part as we moved with the stealth of an armored division on maneuvers, so we seldom spotted anything more magnificent than a pine beetle or a banana slug. But still, it was fun to imagine all the carnivores lurking just out of sight.

At night our extended family of aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins and all would gather 'round the campfire talking about whatever it was that crossed our minds. The kids would recount their adventures while the adults would solve the problems of the world. We would roast marshmallows (which I had a knack for burning - consuming so much charcoal over the years that I am still quite good at filtering out political kopros a Greek term that needs no defining). Believe it or not, it was these family gatherings around the fire that I am reminded of when I am in church. We gather, we light the candles and we share the stories of our lives – comparing and contrasting them with the stories of biblical villains and heroes. We share what we think and believe, and test those ideas with friends and neighbors who may experience life differently - and while we may disagree on occasion, we respect the dignity of each person gathered, for we are family and we share a common light.



WINTER FEED FOR HORSES

Keeping livestock healthy

during the

rough winter

months is an

important topic

for many in our

area, and much of it starts with animal Sunni Heikesnutrition and Knapton the forage they

need to withstand the conditions. Horse owners in particular need to put some thought into what their horses will need to survive the cold weather, and there are several factors to consider in determining the best care.

The Fall 2013 issue of Big Sky Small Acres magazine (a product of Montana State University Extension) addressed this topic with some helpful information on calculations to account for horse size and weather conditions. Below is a summary of important things to consider:

When people ask the question of how much hay their horses will need for the winter, the answer can involve several factors. Part of the answer depends on where you live in Montana, but for the most part, you need to be prepared to feed your horses through the entire winter season. In general, a mature horse

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should be fed approximately two percent of its body weight per day in total feed. For example if you have a 1000-pound horse. it needs 20 pounds of hay daily to maintain body weight in ideal weather conditions. For three horses, depending on their weight, the quality of the hay and weather conditions, you will need approximately

one ton of hay per month.

Feeding good quality hay in sufficient amounts is one of the best ways to help horses keep warm and maintain ideal body weight. High-fiber feeds produce more heat during digestion. The lower critical temperature for horses with a heavy winter coat during dry, calm weather is 30 degrees Fahrenheit.

For each 10-degree change below 30 degrees, horses require an additional intake of approximately two pounds of feed per day. If there is wind, horses require an additional 4 to 8 pounds of hay per day to meet increased energy requirements. Also, if horses get wet and have no shelter, they may need an additional 10-14 pounds of hay per day.

If the weather is not ideal, consuming an extra 10-20 pounds of hay per day becomes impossible for many horses because they

get full, and hay alone is usually insufficient to supply the energy a horse needs. Therefore, in extreme conditions, some type of additional grain is justified. Consider feeding hay in a feeder to minimize waste.

Finally, don't forget to provide adequate water in the winter. An average horse will drink five to 10 gallons of water per day. During the winter months, horses consume large amounts of dry forage and reduced water intake will increase the chance of horses suffering from impaction and colic."

While it may appear that horses have plenty to eat in their winter pastures, it's important to remember that the nutritional needs of the animal may not be met by the forage that remains from the growing season. Setting your animals up with enough calories and water will mean good things for their health now, and also in the seasons ahead.



A telling of actual events

By Charlie Rossiter

The following poem was written by Rich Bayers and depicts actual events that happened on the Bayer Ranch.

The legend of 'Boghole Charlie' A tribute to Bing Ashcraft and his ole hoss

make a packhorse of him while elk huntin' To haul their pans, food and other somethin's.

They headed up the mountain and up through the switchback When Boggie balked and crow hopped, due to a noise in his pack. Well he reared up and went arse over tea kettle Down the mountainside, with the sounds of clanging metal. The boys peaked over the edge and were solemn as a Quaker, Cuz, surely Boghole Charlie had met his maker!

dead meat horse, Without a scratch on his body, of course!

He stood there by the campfire, just a quiverin' With a tattered pack and pannier underneath him.

dude started raising his hand. Well that hippy turned cowboy, got him for cheap But Bing left the auction with some cash and nary a peep.

You might think that this was the last you'd hear

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to either side. Fortunately, my grandparents' place was on a stretch of mostly level land a couple hundred yards or so from the lake. Dad would quietly nose the ole '56 Studebaker onto the property, but never had to announce our arrival.

Upon setting the parking brake, the car doors would blow open with the force of a jet fighter's ejector. Riding four kids across in the back seat, with sleeping bags and luggage holding us safely in place (as we had no seat belts back then), was sometimes a less than pleasant experience, and so once the President's momentum ceased, we bailed out whooping and hollering like there was no tomorrow.

Sometimes it would take a few hours for us to decompress without the benefit of a hyperbaric chamber; if we had the bends, we simply took them in stride as we sallied forth

Respecting one another is largely what keeps the wilderness from becoming a jungle here in this, our valley.

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

By Rich Bayers

Well there was cowboy on the ranch, by the name of Bing Not his given name, but for a ranch hand, it had a nice ring. Well Bing was a real hand and could rope and ride Was fearless with horses and anything with a cowhide.

But he met his match with a colt named Boghole Charlie Who got his name by boggin' his head down, bucking hard and being snarly. Boghole was fast as hell and really tough But when Bing threw a loop he would always buck!

Now over time ole Boggie was a bustin' Bing up somethin' bad And Bing's old ranchers back was getting pretty sad. So they decided to

They went back down the mountain to look for signs of life But never found any evidence of Boggie that night. So they set up camp and to regroup for the next day, Shaking their heads at the wreck of the screwball bay.

As they were settling down for sleep for the night They saw emerging from the trees a dreadful sight! Out walked the presumed

So the legend of Boghole Charlie was alive and well, But not the least of which was coming back from certain hell!!

So this was about all Bing could stand He'd run that bay horse through the sale ring, and have cash in hand. His son, a brave young lad, said he'd ride him through the ring, To possibly get more money for him and Bing.

Now this was risky, because he might buck Then Bing would really be out of luck. But he rode him in and the auctioneer started cryin', But Boghole Charlie just stood there a shakin

The biddin' started slow and it looked really bad Then a long haired hippy

Of Boghole Charlie, the hoss of the year. But a couple of years went by and Bing got a call From the Montana brand inspector, late in the fall.

A loose horse was found up in the wilderness they call "The Bob" With a faded brand that was on this scraggly old Cobb. He described the horse to a T and asked if the horse was his, With tongue in cheek, Bing replied, well no, he had never seen a horse like this.

What happened to the horse or the rider, we'll never know And I'm sure that's a whole 'nother story, to be told. And you might even feel sorry for that hippy who resembled Bob Marley,

But that's what happens when you buy cheap horses and are part of the legend of Boghole Charlie!

Commodity Insite! Shortest column ever

by Jerry Welch

Stocks, shares, equities and the Dow Jones are off to the worst start for any new year ever. Commodities per se that closed lower five years in a row thru and including 2015, slumped to a new, 13 year low this week. Commodities have never done that ever. Despite the New Year being quite young, stocks and commodities, paper and hard assets, are moving south in a state of panic selling seldom seen any time in history unless the nation was in the grips of a severe recession.

The weakness across a wide variety of paper and hard asset markets is being blamed

on several fundamental forces. One, global economic weakness and in particular with China. Two, slumping crude oil that fell to \$29.13 a barrel this week, a new, 11 year low with values 75 percent below where they were in June 2014. And the Federal Reserve policy of hiking interest rates for the first time in nine years. History shows clearly that higher rates is bearish all markets with the possible exception of the U.S. dollar.

Nothing in my ramblings is new. I described the stock market as "bubble like' early last year and that

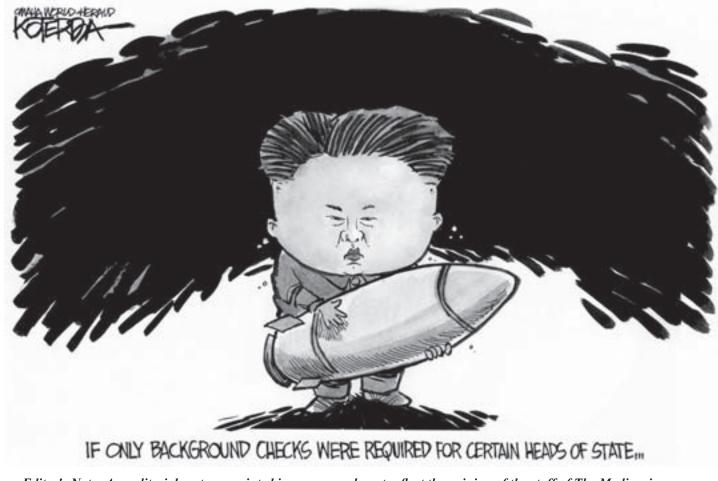
forecast is rapidly unfolding to the chagrin to the bulls. I discussed the mess in China several times last year and also "bad mouthed" the crude oil prices as well. I also explained time and again the implications of higher interest rates and the collateral damage and benefits that that emerge when the dollar is king.

Personally, I am exhausted by it all. So exhausted in fact that I am ending this column right now. And in doing so, it makes this week's issue of Commodity Insite! the shortest ever. Ever.

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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe Spicy Fried Onion Balls Will Liven-Up Your Next Party

"I wanted to try something different!"



Kathy Sills's Deep Fried Onion Balls with Cajun Ranch Sauce are a wonderfully different appetizer for your next party (maybe for the big game?). With 4 tablespoons of red pepper, they do pack a healthy punch! If you're not a fan of spicy, feel free to adjust the seasonings. These were a unanimous hit with our Kitchen Crew and will be with your friends and family too.

See step-by-step photos of Kathy's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

Kathy Sills Harrisville, MS (pop. 23,762)

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Directions

• In a medium bowl, add the sour

cream, ranch packet, 1 tbsp of

cajun seasoning, and 1/2 tsp of

cayenne pepper, mix well. Chill.

• In a medium bowl add the flour,

• Add 4 tbsp of cajun seasoning to

• Add salt and black pepper. Mix

• Take each onion boiler and coat

egg and milk. Mix well.

• Add 4 tbsp of cayenne.

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• Pour oil into deep fryer and

preheat to 400 degrees.

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Deep Fried Onion Balls w/Cajun Ranch Sauce

What You Need

- 8 oz. sour cream
- 1 small packet
- powdered ranch dressing & seasoning
- mix
- 5 tbsp Cajun seasoning, divided
- 4 1/2 tbsp cayenne
- pepper, divided
- 2 c self-rising flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 egg
- 1 c milk, add more if needed
- 2 bags onion boilers, peeled

1 bottle canola oil

- Deep fry 1-2 min. • Drain on paper towel.
 - Enjoy with cajun ranch sauce!

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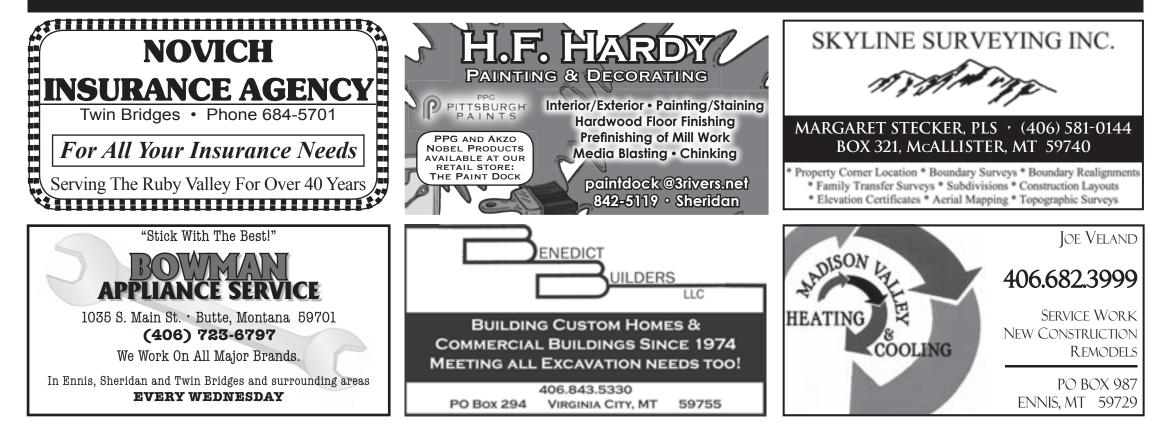
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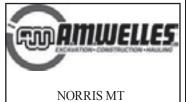
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MCA CODE 7-4-4301. Qualifications for mayor. (1) A person is not eligible for the office of mayor unless the person:

(a) is at least 21 years old;
(b) has been a resident of the state for at least 3 years; and
(c) has been a resident for at least 2 years preceding the election to office of the city or town or an area that has been annexed by the city or town.

(2) The office of mayor of a city or town is considered vacant if the individual elected as mayor ceases to be a resident of the city or town. Letters of interest must be received by February 8, 2017; 4:00 p.m. at 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 59729 or in person at Ennis Town Hall (328 W. Main Street). Any questions regarding the position can be directed to Ennis Town Hall. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday –Friday. Phone (406)682-4287 13-2-b

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Trustee Positions for Ennis Schools. Ennis School District 52 is currently seeking two trustees for three year terms and one trustee for a one year term. Anyone qualified for and interested in running for these positions may pick up a petition from Ginger Martello at Ennis High School. Petitions must be turned in at the School District Clerk's office prior to 4 p.m. March 24, 2016. No candidate may appear on the ballot unless he or she meets this deadline. If you have any questions about the trustee position, please call Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski at 682-4258. 12-4-b

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the Berkshire Hathaway Home Services office in Ennis. 12-tfc-b

Madison Farm to Fork seeks a Market Master to run its summer Farmers' Market. The position is approximately 8hrs./week starting March 1. The duties of Market Master include: weekly promotion/advertising, market set-up on Wednesdays 4-8pm starting June 1, contact vendors, & oversee market 13-2-b 7-tfc-b

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUMMONS

NANCY E. NELLIS f/k/a NANCY E. EGLER Plaintiff,

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Cause No. DV-15-9

THE STATE OF MONTANA SEND GREET-INGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFEN-DANTS 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 of after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgement 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: Gov-ernment 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. Kacev Smart. Clerk of District Court /s/ Kacey Smart J. Richard Orizotti, 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 MNAXLP

NOTICE TO THE BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUST-EES

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 MNAXLP

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. (Pub. Jan. 14, 21, 2016) mcc MNAXLP

ENNIS MAYOR POSITION OPENING The Town of Ennis has an opening for the remainder of the Mayors term of office. (The term ends December 31, 2017)

ends December 31, 2017) Qualifications to hold the position of Mayor are: MCA CODE 7-4-4301. Qualifications for mayor. (1) A person

is not eligible for the office of mayor unless the person: (a) is at least 21 years old;

(b) has been a resident of the state for at least 3 years; and

(c) has been a resident for at least 2 years preceding the election to office of the city or town or an area that has been annexed by the city or town.
(2) The office of mayor of a city or town is con-

sidered vacant if the individual elected as mayor ceases to be a resident of the city or town. Letters of interest must be received by February 8, 2017; 4:00 p.m. at 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 59729 or in person at Ennis Town Hall (328

W. Main Street). Any questions regarding the position can be directed to Ennis Town Hall. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday –Friday. Phone (406)682-4287 Brian Vincent Commission Chair Town of Ennis (Pub. Jan. 21, 28 2016) toe MNAXLP

NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETING CHANGES:

The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting the week of February 1, 2016, as they will be attending the Montana Association of Counties Midwinter Conference in Helena, Montana. They will conduct a regular meeting on February 8, 2016.

The Board will not be holding a regular meeting on Monday, February 15, 2016, as County Offices will be closed to observe the Presidents' Day Holiday. The regular Commission meeting for that week will be held on February 16, 2016. (Pub. Jan. 21, 28 2016) mcc MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved payroll for payment in the amount of \$831,318.18 and claims for all funds in the amount of \$858,723.48 with a total of \$1,690,041.66 for the period beginning December 1, 2015, and ending on December 31, 2015. The full and complete claims and payroll lists are available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Courthouse. Individual requests for personal copies of these lists will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office and can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madison.mt.gov. Signed this 12th day of January, 2016. Kathleen Mumme

Madison County Clerk and Recorder (Pub. Jan. 21, 2016) mccr MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning December 1, 2015, and ending on December 31, 2015, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Courthouse. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madison.mt.gov. Signed this 12th day of January, 2016.

Kathleen Mumme Madison County Clerk and Recorder (Pub. Jan. 21, 2016) mccr MNAXLP



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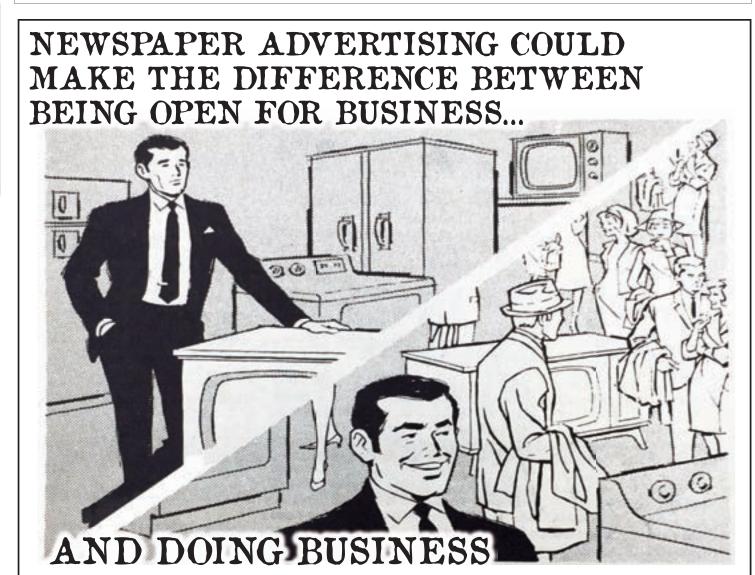
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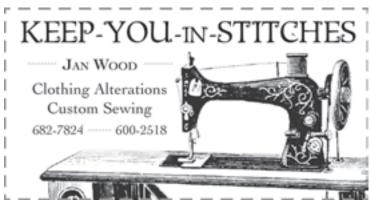
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Obituaries continued from A4

Andrew Wilson Clark September 1, 1969 - January 6, 2016



Andrew Wilson Clark, age 46, died suddenly of natural causes at his residence on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2016.

Born Sept. 1, 1969, in Santa Clara, Calif., he resided most recently in Belgrade. He worked as a bus driver for Karst Stage in Bozeman.

Andrew had a passion for auto mechanics that fueled his love for racing. His greatest love though was his family and children.

Survivors include his father Stephen (Joan) Clark of Glenmoore, Penn.; step father Dennis Painter of

Three Forks; two children, Tyler and Joan of Grass Valley, Calif.; sisters Stephanie (Jim) Mayes of Douglassville, Penn., and Renee Clark of Glenmoore; brother Shane Clark of Pottstown, Penn.; three step-sisters; as well as multiple extended family members. Andrew was preceded in death by his mother Joyce Painter and brother Darryl Clark.

Viewing was on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 3:30-5 p.m. followed by Rosary and Vigil at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service and Crematory, 113 S. Wilson Ave, Bozeman. Funeral Mass was held

at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 14 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery in Three Forks.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service, www. dokkennelson.com.

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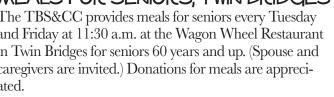


Cows inhabit a field in Jeffers.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian









Ruby Valley Hospital Auxiliary donates \$75,000 to capital campaign

Submitted by Nondi Harrington

"Ruby Valley Hospital Auxiliary volunteers have an enormous impact on the health and well-being of our community. We are grateful to all the members for their dedication and the many hours of work they so generously give back to our hospital and community." Les Gilman, President Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation The Ruby Valley

Auxiliary in support of the Ruby Valley Hospital in Sheridan is a non-profit organization, established in



1961. The RVHA's mission is to assist the hospital in their endeavors to provide quality healthcare to the people living in the Ruby Valley, surrounding areas and visitors.

Since inception, auxiliary volunteers have generated funding by hosting raffles, rummage sales, movies, dances, calendar sales, and bazaars to purchase equipment, furniture and supplies for the hospital. Throughout the years these devoted members have also made dressings, bandages, and blankets and supervised the Candy Stripers! In 1984, the Ruby Valley Clinic fund was started and the auxiliary donated \$30,500 toward the building and assisted in furnishing the clinic. In 1992, they also raised \$5,000 toward the purchase of a refurbished x-ray machine. The auxiliary has also awarded two \$500 scholarships; recipients were Dawne Degel and Juliana Bartoletti. In 1993, the Ruby Valley ReRun Thrift Shop opened in the old Ruby Valley Hospital building. The store is solely managed and run by community volunteers who diligently

sort through donated items and price them at affordable rates. Funds realized from all thrift shop sales are managed by auxiliary officers and are restricted and designated

accordingly to hospital projects and equipment.

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Montana Western names students to dean's list

Submitted by Rainier Butler Office of University Relations The University of Montana Western

The University of Montana Western named 476 students to the 2015 fall semester dean's list. Of those students, eight are from Big Sky, Ennis, Harrison, McAllister, Sheridan and Twin Bridges.

Eric Drissell, Allyson Reamy, Braydon McKitrick, Walker Mckittrick, Britt Cooper, Paul Peterson, Kristen Ashcraft and Jason Ferris received dean's list honors.

To achieve this honor, students must be enrolled full-time or for 12 semester credits and carry a minimum 3.33 grade point average.

Samantha Welch chosen to attend Jepsen **Cambridge Program this** summer

Submitted by Tom Perry EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF Strategic Communications AND MARKETING Marietta College

Marietta College's Samantha Welch of Ennis will join a distinguished group of McDonough Scholars who have participated in the University of Richmond's Jepson Cambridge Program.

Marietta has been sending students to the five-week summer program to study at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, for nearly a decade.

"Sam is a very strong student who will take full advantage of this incredible opportunity," said Dr. Gama Perruci, dean of McDonough. "She truly represents our commitment to academic excellence, and I believe that she will represent us well in this challenging setting. We are honored that the Jepson Cambridge Program reserves a spot for a McDonough Scholar every year. We have sent several students over the years to this program, and they always perform well. I think our rigorous curriculum prepares them well for this wonderful program." Welch, who is majoring in political science, became interested in the program after her friend attended last summer. "We are both interested in attending law school after college, and since she enjoyed the program so much, I decided to apply myself," Welch said. "I think it sounds like a fantastic opportunity." Students participate in classes, lectures and outof-town trips to examine law and leadership in an international context and to experience the rich intellectual and cultural history of England. Meeting an international political leader, analyzing

the leadership style of an international corporation and boating along the River Cam are all experiences students can have during the program. "I think this program

will be very beneficial, as I will be attending Cambridge with other law school students," Welch said. "I will get insight on how law school classes are as well as how the course load is."

The curriculum changes every summer and courses are taught by Cambridge faculty. At least two courses have been determined: legal history and comparative public law of U.S. and U.K.

"I'm expecting the classes to be challenging, but I'm expecting to be able to gain a lot from the program," Welch said. 'Not only that, I'm excited to be able to experience England for the first time."

Welch, who graduated from Ennis High School, is confident she is ready for the challenge that awaits. "I think Marietta College has done a great job preparing me for this opportunity. My teachers have challenged me in classes since my freshman year, and this will definitely help me while I am at Cambridge," she said. "Furthermore, McDonough has given me the critical thinking skills necessary to succeed not only at Cambridge, but later while I am at law school as well." McDonough has also awarded Welch a \$1,500 grant to be used toward the costs associated with the summer program. Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy begun in 1797, the College was officially chartered in 1835. Today Marietta College serves a body of 1,200 full-time students.



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INSTRUCTOR KATE ALLDER THE CLASS WILL RUN FOR FOUR HOURS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH STARTING AT 1:00 PM. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO FIVE STUDENTS. Learn to make a Viking chain bracelet by weaving wire around a mandrill and then stretching it to make it flexible. Material

> List: Mandrill, wire, end caps, beads, clasps MATERIAL COSTS: \$8/STUDENT

WOMEN'S WEIGHTS CLASS

INSTRUCTOR: GAYLE SCHULLER DATES: FEB. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 6-7 PM, LOCATION: SHERIDAN SCHOOL WEIGHT ROOM GEAR NEEDED: WORKOUT CLOTHING, DRY TENNIS SHOES, WATER BOTTLE.

Women's free weights & kettle bells and TRX (Total Resistance Exercise) circuits. The class is for any level, beginner to advanced. It will introduce free weights & kettle bell exercises & how to properly use the weights and kettles.

The second portion of the class is TRX Suspension Training (my own equipment, that is easily portable) and used in combination between weight reps. The TRX is used for strength, flexibility and stretching. TRX will be used primarily for suspended planking, proper planking form and the benefits of planking to develop a strong core. THE CLASS WILL BE CAPPED AT 8 WOMEN, SINCE SPACE IS LIMITED.

DECORATIVE PAINTING CLASS

INSTRUCTOR - ROBIN BIEROTH DATES- TUESDAY EVENINGS, FEBRUARY 2ND -MARCH 8TH, 6:30-8:30 PM 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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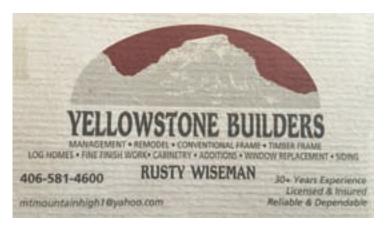
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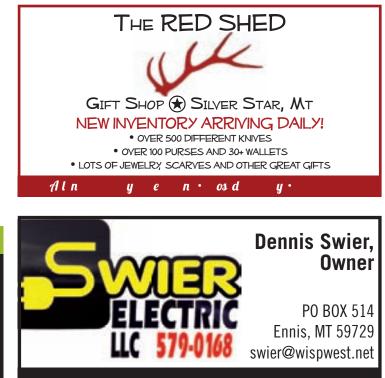
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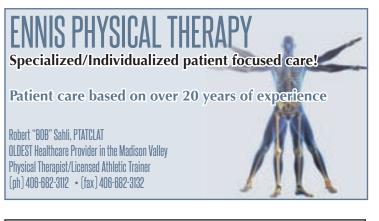


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WEDNESDAY **JANUARY 20**

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.

Open house, **Twin Bridges**

Twin Bridges speech and drama team will perform their competition pieces with the community beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school,

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.

FRIDAY **JANUARY 22**

Workshop, Sheridan Make and use star finder to find constellations, planets and major stars at

the Sheridan Library for the "What is in our night sky" workshop. Begins at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY **JANUARY 23**

Gathering, Virginia City

Come to the Virginia City Lodge Building at 1 p.m. to commemorate the coming together of lodges to form the Grand Lodge of Montana. Procession to follow.

MONDAY **JANUARY 25**

Concealed weapons class, Ennis

Braggin' Rights Guns will be hosting two concealed weapons permit classes, Jan. 25 and 27. This is a no-shoot class and will be discussion based. The class is designed to get you mentally prepared to think through when, where, how and also the consequences of being involved in a shooting incident. The class will run from 6:30-9 p.m. Please call 682-4540 for further information

such as directions, pricing and permits.

TUESDAY **JANUARY 26**

Musical duo, Dillon Armed with a clarinet and piano, Kornel Wolak and Chris Donnelly present a blend of classical and jazz music rarely heard in live performance. Begins at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Montana – Western Beier Auditorium.

THURSDAY **JANUARY 28**

Mad Gals, Ennis Mad Gals monthly meet at Valley View Golf Club. Bring a friend and call for reservations by Jan. 25. Luncheon and business meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY **JANUARY 29**

Open mic, Sheridan Open mic night at the Shovel and Spoon begins at 6:30 p.m. All local performers are invited to share their talents.

SATURDAY **JANUARY 30**

Art club dessert auction, Sheridan Sheridan High School Art Club is holding a Silent Desserts Auction to help cover their trip expenses to Seattle. Bidding ends at half time off the second basketball game. Delectable homemade artistic desserts are our specialty!

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

Discussion, Ennis

Judy Frey will lead a program on "The Five Questions," an end of life discussion booklet. The first Saturday library programs about life questions and beginning a series on end of life issues, 11 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

MONDAY **FEBRUARY 8**

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13

Honoring marriage A Valentine's day date night, Sheridan Focus on the Family presents a fun-filled stand up comedy event, too hilarious to miss. A casual evening dedicated to honoring marriage starting

with a potluck dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m.



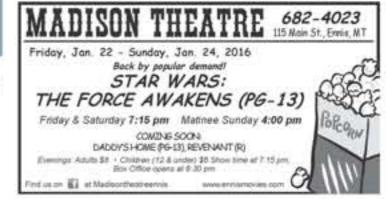
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Annex Building TUESDAYS

MONDAYS

Commissioner's

Meeting, Virginia City

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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

> **Books** and **Bables**, Ennis

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

Grief Support Group, Ennis

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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

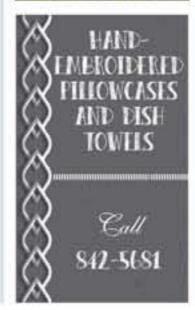
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4

Business after hours, Ennis BAH will be hosted

NORRIS HOT SPRINGS MUSIC THIS WEEKEND: Fri 1/22 - Jeff Carroll Sat 1/23 - Amber Bæman Sm 1/124 Eddy Danger Accounty Palentic

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Pool & Cafe (Sept - May) Thurs Fri-Mort 410 pm SatSure 12 noon40 pm Closed Tues & Weds



For more information call 596-0463.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's dinner, Sheridan

Valentine's dinner in the upstairs of the Ruby Hotel with homemade Italian food. Dine in or take out from 5:30-8 p.m. Please call 842-7956 for more information. Reservations are not required but are appreciated.





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6:15 pm

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

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

Food For Thought Cooking Class Thursdays (5-6:30 pm), FCS Room Jamie Diehi \$40 Materials fee or \$10 g class to drop in Begins January 2 Menu available unline

Intro to Mapping & Orienteering Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30 pm | HS Rm 4 Tim Gogerty | Begins Feb. 3rd

POSTFONED UNTIL SPRING SESSION: Lend a Helping Hand: Practical Skills for Family, Friends and Neigh-bors Room #19 Jr. High | Darci Sgrignol

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS

(\$10 Each unless otherwise stated)

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

Couples Yoga and Thai Massage Workshop Saturday, Feb. 13th 10 am - 2:30 pm | Jen Davles | \$20 *come with a partner, friend, or by yourselft



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