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Avalanche fatality in Madison Mountain Range

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On Jan. 19, a skier was killed in an avalanche near Cedar Basin in the Madison Mountain Range, according to Doug Chabot with the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center.

"The avalanche took him into trees and his three partners rescued him quickly, but he died of trauma," Chabot wrote in a press release. "We are extremely sad to hear of this incident and our condolences go out to his family and friends."

Though the GNFAAC primarily serves Gallatin County, Madison County backcountry enthusiasts still use the center's information about snowpack and avalanche conditions when planning excursions into the Tobacco Root Mountains, Madison Mountains and Gravelly Mountains.

Chabot investigated the scene on Jan. 20 and reported two on-duty Yellowstone Club ski patrollers were helping two Montana State University graduate students collect data

for snow science research.

"They were on private land in an uncontrolled backcountry setting, when, skiing back in-bounds to the (Yellowstone Club), one of the patrolers triggered an avalanche," Chabot wrote. "He jumped off a cornice onto a steep wind-loaded slope, which avalanched on his second turn."

The slide was around 300 feet wide and carried him through thick trees.

"He was partially buried at the toe of the debris 300 vertical feet below," the report continues. "His partners got to him within three minutes, but the trauma was fatal."

The Cedar Basin area, where the avalanche occurred, is located in Madison County, just south of Fan Mountain in the Madison Mountain Range, according to Eric Knoff, with the GNFAAC.

Knoff added that the current snowpack is "unstable."

"Avoid steep slopes and slopes that have been recently wind-loaded," Knoff recommended. "Across the entire advisory area we are dealing with unstable conditions."

As of Monday, Jan. 25, the avalanche danger was rated considerable on wind-loaded slopes and moderate on non wind-loaded slopes.

FOREST HEALTH

Forest Service proposes aspen treatment across BDNF

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Aspen, a valuable species in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is on the decline – in fact, aspen have dwindled to less than 20 percent of their minimum historic range, according to a BDNF proposed action for comment.

"Aspen occurs throughout the BDNF mostly in small stands," the proposal states.

"There are a few places where aspen is more widespread and connected (like the Gravelly landscape)."

According to Amie Shovlain, BDNF wildlife biologist out of Dillon, one of the forest's goals is to increase aspen.

"Conifers are out-competing aspen for light and water," Shovlain said. "We are losing aspen stands."

When aspen declines, browse pressure increases, because the tree is popular forage for ungulates, especially during the winter, Shovlain said.

Alex Dunn, BDNF environmental coordinator, said aspen, due to its ecology, evolves with disturbances, such as fire.

"There's less fire on the landscape than there was in the past," Dunn said. "Aspen is under represented out on the landscape ... If you look at aerial photography, even from 50 years ago, there are significantly more conifers than there were."

A solution

The Forest Service currently has a proposal out for

public comment through a categorical exclusion.

"Categorical exclusions are for projects that don't have significant impacts," said Dunn. "We've been doing aspen treatments across the forest for more than 30 years and we've been documenting it for at least 30 years. Our monitoring has shown that we are not having a significant impact (treating aspen) but that what we're doing is beneficial to the environment."

A Forest Service team completed a preliminary analysis that indicates the aspen treatment will not significantly affect the habitat in a negative way.

"Here's an example,"

Shovlain said. "Bull trout are very sensitive to sediment loads. We have bull trout in the (Pintler Mountains), and if we did treatment within 300 feet we could expect a negative impact. So we will either have buffers, or we won't treat near streams with bull trout."

In other words, the project has been designed so it will not have significant effects, Dunn explained.

Aspen benefits

If aspen is allowed to grow, it forms a forest canopy, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist Dean Waltee.

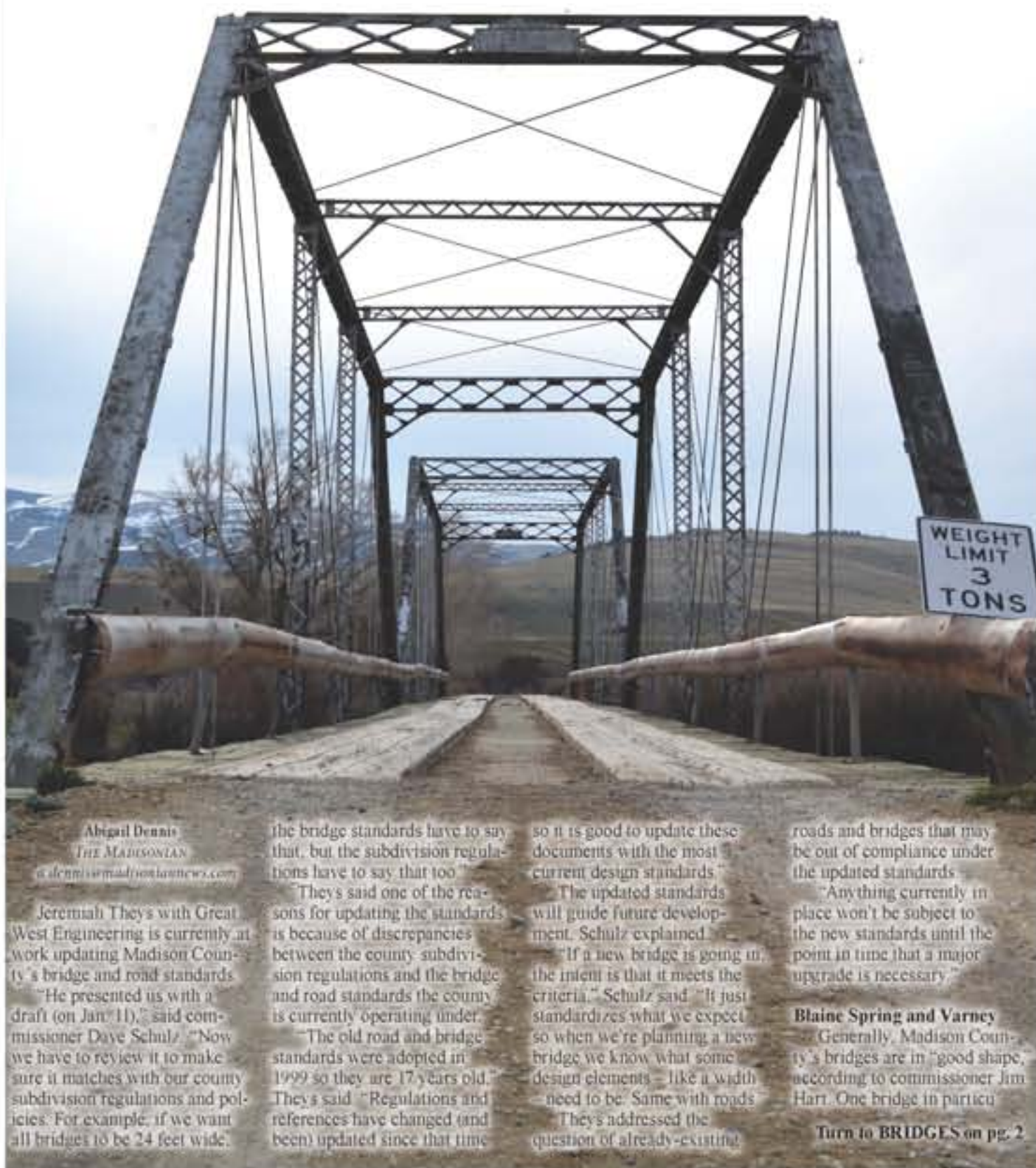
"It provides thermal cover from heat in the summer and cover from storms and wind," Waltee explained. "The canopies are a lot less dense than say, a (Douglas fir) forest, and they go away in the fall and

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MADISON COUNTY'S BRIDGES

County updates bridge, road standards

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Varney Bridge, located south of Ennis on the Madison River, needs to be updated.



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Jeremiah Theys with Great West Engineering is currently at work updating Madison County's bridge and road standards.

"He presented us with a draft (on Jan. 11)," said commissioner Dave Schulz. "Now we have to review it to make sure it matches with our county subdivision regulations and policies. For example, if we want all bridges to be 24 feet wide,

the bridge standards have to say that, but the subdivision regulations have to say that too."

They said one of the reasons for updating the standards is because of discrepancies between the county subdivision regulations and the bridge and road standards the county is currently operating under.

The old road and bridge standards were adopted in 1999 so they are 17 years old. They said "Regulations and references have changed (and been) updated since that time

so it is good to update these documents with the most current design standards."

The updated standards will guide future development, Schulz explained.

"If a new bridge is going in, the intent is that it meets the criteria," Schulz said. "It just standardizes what we expect so when we're planning a new bridge we know what some design elements – like a width – need to be. Same with roads."

They addressed the question of already-existing

roads and bridges that may be out of compliance under the updated standards.

"Anything currently in place won't be subject to the new standards until the point in time that a major upgrade is necessary."

Blaine Spring and Varney

Generally, Madison County's bridges are in "good shape," according to commissioner Jim Hart. One bridge in particu

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Park to cull 900 bison

Yellowstone National Park releases plan to decrease bison migration, population

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The National Park Service released plans on Jan. 7 to cull up to 900 bison in an effort to reduce the increasing population. Prior to the NPS release, Governor Steve Bullock issued a decision on the year-round habitat of the animal. Bullock's decision allows for bison to be managed like wildlife and will allow for the "presence of bison year-round in Montana on the perimeter of Yellowstone National Park," according to the release.

Bullock also said the decision is an adaptive approach and will assess effectiveness of managing the breed.

"This decision is a very modest expansion of the conditions under which bison may remain outside of (Yellowstone

National) Park, in response to changing science and changing circumstances on the ground," Bullock stated in the release.

The release also stated that Bullock's decision is an adaptive adjustment to the Interagency Bison Management Plan, which was created in 2000, after the state sued the NPS because of bison migrating out of the park.

The IBMP is made up of several cooperating agencies including the NPS, InterTribal Buffalo Council, U.S. Forest Service, Montana Department of Livestock, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Nez Perce Tribe, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Migrating out of Yellowstone

Because YNP does not offer ideal winter habitat, bison move out of the Park and onto

private and public lands looking for better forage, potentially increasing the spread of disease.

"The larger the population numbers, the greater the numbers come out of the Park," said Maria Daley, public affairs officer for Custer Gallatin National Forest. "A higher population consequently could mean an increased risk of (disease) transmission."

While the IBMP manages bison migration patterns and numbers around the Park, part of their work also includes the management of brucellosis, a highly contagious bacterial infection. Because of the many species of brucellosis, some may be zoonotic, meaning they can be transmissible to humans.

"The disease is spread (in animals) through calving products and fetal fluids – placenta, fetus and other birth fluids," said state veterinarian Martin

Zaluski. "Animals might lick or even ingest those materials and become exposed."

While meat does not become infected, according to Zaluski, humans can contract some species of the disease through unpasteurized milk.

"Currently, it is against state and federal laws to move any wild bison exposed to brucellosis anywhere except to approved meat processing or research facilities," as stated in the release.

Because of the lengthy quarantine process after a herd has been exposed to the disease, the release also states the Park is looking to develop facilities that would allow bison that repeatedly test negative for brucellosis to be sent to public, private or tribal lands for either conservation or food production.

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lar, however, is a concern. "Varney (Bridge) is the poorest bridge in the entire county and is likely close to being the poorest in the entire state," Hart said. "It has been on our radar for quite some time."
 Though Varney has been a concern for "quite some time," because of prioritizing bridge updates throughout the county and available money,

Varney was put on the backburner but not forgotten. "Now it's to the point where we have to do something," Hart explained. "We've about taken care of all other bridges in the county."
 Varney is located around 10 miles south of Ennis along the Madison River – from the west, one has to cross Blaine Spring Bridge to access Varney. "In order to rebuild Var-

ney, it makes more sense to be able to work from both sides of the bridge, which necessitates taking care of Blaine Spring first," Hart said. "Construction on Blaine Spring (Bridge) will start around July, there's a fish window from July through I think September, where it's best for the fishery."
 Blaine Spring Bridge should be completed this summer, and then work can get roll-

ing on Varney Bridge. The updates are being funded by the Montana Department of Transportation, Madison County and private citizens. "Private folks were interested in the design being kept similar to what is there now," Hart said. "As a result of that, they were willing to put their money where their mouth is, you could say."

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winter, which allows a lot of sunlight to get to the ground which allows other plant species to thrive in an aspen forest."
 In Douglas fir forests, ground vegetation often gets "shaded out," and because of ample sunlight, ground vegetation does much better in

aspen forests, Waltee said. "Not only do they provide cover, they provide a valuable food source year-round," Waltee said. "They have more benefits than evergreens, which are what is replacing them."

Implementation

Specific areas of aspen have not been identified for treatment

under the proposed project. "We don't have a spatial component on the ground for where we want to treat," Shovlain said. "Some of the stands are very small or barely alive – (if this proposal is approved) it will give us an opportunity for rangers out in the field to treat aspen as they come across it. It doesn't have

to be identified beforehand."

Want to weigh in?

Comments can be directed to BDNF forest supervisor Melany Glossa by calling 683-3900 or by emailing comments-northern-beaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us with the subject line Beaverhead Deerlodge Aspen Project.

Photo courtesy U.S. Forest Service
 The Cottonwood Bench in the Gravelly Mountain Range in 1921, before conifers covered the mountainside.
 INSERT: The Cottonwood Bench in 2005 – the mountainside in the background is covered in conifers.



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According to the release, while the existing management plan through IBMP has been successful at preventing brucellosis transmission and maintaining population, Park officials say a new plan is needed.

Because of high reproductive and survival rates, it will be necessary to cull 600 – 900 bison to offset the expected increase in population, as stated in the release.

"The state of Montana has requested 3,000 (bison) be the population within the park," said Sandra Snell-Dobert, public affairs officer for Yellowstone National Park. "In order to manage for decreasing population, you have to balance out the expected increase from this year's birth of calves."
 Snell-Dobert said that while

the park can hold a bison population anywhere from 5,000 to 7,000, it is the IBMP and the state that wants to keep the population within the park closer to 3,000.

The IBMP will manage bison with two methods: public and tribal hunting outside Yellowstone National Park and trapping bison to be transferred to tribes for processing and distribution.

According to the NPS release, capture and trapping operations will occur at the Stephens Creek facility near the north entrance of the park and will operate between the middle of Febru-

ary through the end of March.

"Bison calving within the park are not exposing the disease to cattle," she said. "If bison on the landscape are mixing with cattle, that would be an issue – to date, it has not been an issue."

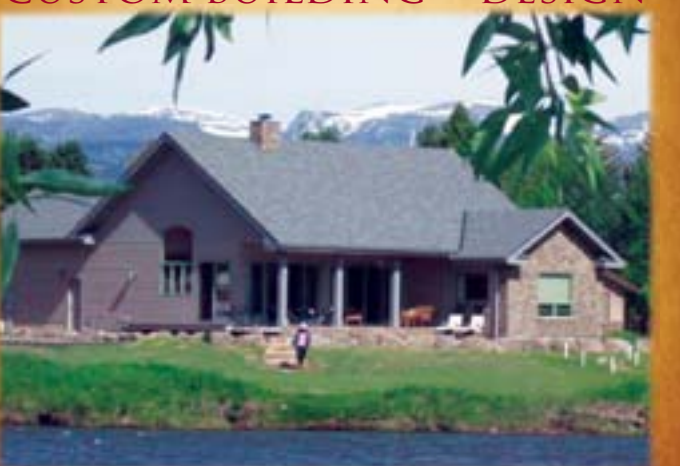
Because bison are so heavily managed, groups and agencies do as much as they can to ensure geographical and spatial separation from cattle, according to Daley.

Bullock also stated in his release he was confident in the livestock industry staying protected regarding the presence of bison.

Managing both bison and disease

"Many people are uncomfortable with the practice of culling bison, including the National Park Service," said Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk in the release.

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Moose in the Tobacco Roots

FWP wildlife biologist surveys moose in Madison County

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At the end of December, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologist Dean Waltee completed a moose survey within hunting district 320, which encompasses the Tobacco Root Mountains.

"The purpose of this survey was to explore the feasibility of developing a repeatable trend survey that I feel would provide reliable information to help make future management decisions," Waltee explained.

Those management decisions center around hunting, Waltee said.

"It will also help us understand what the distribution of moose is," he added. "Some of it has to do with understanding general moose health too."

Waltee took to the air three times with the intention of looking for moose.

"We surveyed mountain drainages from the bottom until deciduous vegetation stopped and then back down," Waltee explained. "We looked along drainage bottoms and deciduous patches along canyon sides. In addition to these moose-specific

efforts, we also documented additional moose observed while completing elk surveys."

The numbers

Waltee observed 51 moose – 46 adults and five calves.

"Understand, this does not represent the total number of moose in the district, but the absolute minimum number (known) to be alive at the time of survey," he pointed out.

One thing that stood out was the calf to adult ratio – Waltee said it was lower than he has typically observed during other moose surveys in the Ruby, Blacktail and Centennial areas.

"Summer classification efforts ... indicated that moose calf production was down across the greater landscape this year," Waltee said. "Some of this is likely the product of very good production last year, which means many of the cows cur-

rently alive are yearlings and will not produce their first calf until this coming spring."

Waltee also said that this is only the second year of moose

forts," he said. "Although I don't have a sure answer for why production was down this year, I hypothesize that the very mild winter and healthy

Jefferson River valley and the other 34 were spotted in the upland portion of the district.

"Upland observations were well distributed across the district," Waltee said.

"Observing twice as many moose in the uplands than in the valley bottoms demonstrates that recent increases within the valleys are not the product of moose displacement from predators in the uplands."

Waltee said he does suspect there is some seasonal moose movement into and out of the valleys, which is most likely influenced by livestock movement – though Waltee emphasized that is only a guess.

"I suspect some moose drift into the valley,

where good habitat exists, in the summer when livestock move into the hills," he said. "I suspect the opposite occurs in the fall when livestock return from the valley to the hills."

Hunting permits

For the last 11 years, the district has offered three antlered and three antlerless permits. Antlerless moose are either adult cows or calves of either sex.

"Given recent hunter feedback and interest, the 10-year harvest success and what was observed during recent survey efforts, I would be comfortable recommending the addition of one or two bull permits to this district," Waltee said.

As for antlerless permits, Waltee said he recommends not increasing those permits until he has a better grasp on moose production, following more surveys.

If Waltee decides to recommend a change to moose hunting in the district, that recommendation has to be submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Commission by March 18 if he requests more than six antlered and five antlerless permits, or June 10 if he requests fewer.

For that reason, Waltee said he is interested to hear from the community.

"I would appreciate your feedback on possibly adding some bull harvest opportunity and leaving antlerless opportunity where it currently is," he said.

Waltee can be reached at dwaltee@mt.gov or by calling 842-7407.



Photo courtesy Dean Waltee
Two bull moose make a living in mountain mahogany.

surveys in the area, so it is hard to determine what average calf production is for the area.

"We will gain this understanding with continued summer classification ef-

winter tic infestations last year stressed moose populations."

Distribution

Seventeen of the moose observed were spotted in the

SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD

Long-time teacher retires; board prepares for negotiations

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The Sheridan School Board held their first meeting of 2016 on Jan. 12 and discussed a fairly light agenda, including teacher contract negotiations, an approved pay matrix and fifth grade teacher Kathy Lane's retirement.

Lane has been with the Sheridan School District for 38 years. She spent 10 years as a substitute teacher and 28 full-time as either the Title I

instructor, gifted and talented teacher, math coach, testing coordinator, cheer advisor, assistant track coach and, most recently, as the fifth grade teacher.

"Each of these jobs has been fulfilling and challenging and I've enjoyed every minute of it," said Lane in her retirement letter to the board. "I wouldn't have wanted any other career than the one I chose."

Lane said she is excited to spend time with her family and her seven grandchildren and not have to worry

about the school calendar.

"I won't miss having to correct papers, but I will miss working daily with students and

seeing them get excited about learning new things," she said.

School negotiations

This year marks a negotiation year for the school, which means all teacher contracts are up for review and negotiation before the board.

"We're coming off a three year contract with all certified teachers," said Superintendent Mike Wetherbee. "We'd like to have a collaborative negotiation."

The board also approved a pay matrix for the school's support staff with new job descriptions and some grade changes based on skill level. According to Wetherbee, a

committee met throughout the past year and talked to surrounding businesses and schools to create a competitive basis for the matrix, which was used to determine the grade levels.

"We'd like to move forward and keep doing a good job," said Wetherbee.

Wetherbee also said the school is hoping to showcase some of the tools that have been incorporated into the curriculum through Science, Technology, Engineer (STEAM) in late February or early March.

"Each of these jobs has been fulfilling and challenging and I've enjoyed every minute of it."
 — Kathy Lane, Sheridan teacher

BASKETBALL ROUND UP

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ENNIS

The Mustangs were on the road last weekend – first the teams traveled to Lima on Jan. 22, and the following day they were on the road to West Yellowstone.

Ennis at Lima

It was a good weekend for the Mustangs – they started with a win against Lima, 71 – 26. Jake Knack led the team with 23 points. Gavin McKitrick put up 15 points and Tanner Wood scored 14. Cole Crowley, Kyler Barney and Tracer Croy also scored during the game.

The Lady Mustangs also pulled off a win against Lima, 60 – 24. Amanda Kimmey led the charge with 15 points, and nine other Ennis players scored during the game.

Ennis at West Yellowstone

The Mustangs took the W against the West Yellowstone Wolverines on Jan. 23, 55 – 26. Jake Knack scored 23 points. Gavin McKitrick scored 10, Ty Morgan scored nine, Kyler Barney scored five, Tanner Wood scored four and both Tracer Croy and Cole Crowley scored two.

The Lady Mustangs beat the Lady Wolverines, 54 – 22. Danika Philpott had 13 points and Danyel Martin scored nine. Eight other Mustangs scored.

During the game, junior Emily Schaufler was knocked to the floor in a collision that resulted in a concussion.

"It was an unfortunate accident but all the proper steps were taken medically," said Ennis Superintendent Jon Wrzesinski. "From what I've heard, the student is improving greatly since Saturday."

Wrzesinski said the school could not offer a further comment since Schaufler is a minor.

HARRISON

The Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats welcomed Lone Peak to their gym on Jan. 22. On Jan. 23, The Falcons and Lady Falcons traveled to the east side of the county from Twin Bridges to take on Harrison. See a feature on that game on page A5.

Lone Peak at Harrison

According to head coach Nick Dyk, the Wildcats played "quite well" against the Big Horns, working as a team and playing with intensity. Parker Galt had 10 rebounds during the day. Lane Buus had six assists and Chas Buus connected on his first five shots of the game and added four assists as well. Final scores and statistics were not available by *The Madisonian's* press time on Tuesday.

Though the Lady Wildcats made an impressive comeback in the fourth quarter, they were unable to beat the Big Horn, and ultimately lost, 42 – 43. Makenna Livezey and Josie Hokanson each had 11 points, Taya DeFrance had eight, Addie Nesbit had seven,

Hailey Hokanson had three and Alexys Bacon scored two.

SHERIDAN

Last weekend, Sheridan welcomed White Sulphur Springs to the Ruby Valley on Jan. 22 and then traveled to Lone Peak to take on the Big Horns the following day.

White Sulphur Springs at Sheridan

Though the Panthers scored 32 points against the Hornets, it was not enough to get them the W, as White Sulphur Springs scored 72. Panther powerhouse Tristen Horn scored 15 points to lead the team. Both Ben Larsen and Tyler Haag scored four points, Moritz Remmert scored three and Isaac Bendon, Kenny Foster and Isaiah Galiger each scored two.

The Lady Panthers lost to the Lady Hornets, 21 – 59. The girls put up a strong effort

in the first half, scoring 18 of their points before halftime. Destiny Fabel led the team with seven points. Alexis Woirhaye scored six, Janie Smart scored five, Tionna Schwend scored two and Zoe Lee scored one.

Sheridan at Lone Peak

Sheridan scored an impressive 54 points during the Lone Peak game, but it was not enough to topple the Big Horns, who scored 87. Tristen Horn led the charge with 40 points, and Ben Larsen, Isaiah Galiger, Kenny Foster, Moritz Remmert and Isaac Bendon also scored in the game.

Scores and statistics for the Lady Panthers were not made available by *The Madisonian's* press time Tuesday.

TWIN BRIDGES

On Jan. 22, the Falcons welcomed the Gardiner Bruins to their gym. The next day, they hit the road and traveled to Harrison to take on the Wildcats. See a feature on that game on page A5.

Gardiner at Twin Bridges

The Falcons and the Bruins battled it out to the bitter end on Jan. 22, and Twin Bridges won in overtime, 47 – 42. Cooper Christensen and James Bendon led the team with 17 and 16 points, respectively. Monty Tipps, Wesley Harshbarger and Ethan Orrin also scored in the game.

The Lady Falcons more than doubled the Lady Bruins' score, winning 61 – 23. Kailee Oliver-son scored 17 points, Madyson Beagley scored 12 and Jessica George scored 10. Megan Martin, Brooke Schandlmeier, Cassidy Wetzel, Mara Johnson, Cassie Williams and Savanna Stewart also scored in the game.

HAVING AN OPINION

Thoughts on being objective ... and school spirit!

Hi readers,

A friend recently asked me why *The Madisonian* does not take a stand on community issues. It is a good question, and one that deserves an answer.

We are a hyper-local, small town paper and I want our readers to trust our articles. I want everyone to feel represented and to be informed, so I am always very careful to tell the affirming and dissenting opinions that swirl around every issue. As a reporter, I am careful not to insert my feelings into the articles I write. I strive to present the information necessary for each of you to make informed decisions for yourselves. As an individual, of course I have opinions.

I'm sure nearly everyone in Madison County has heard about the controversial sidewalk issue in Ennis. It's been in the news for more than a year. Personally, I have an opinion about what happened.

But as a reporter, and the editor of *The Madisonian*, I promise to nix opinion from my writing. I will tell all sides of the story – there are often more than two – through people with varying opinions. I will present facts and exclude rumors that have been fueled by emotions.

Let's be real. I'm a human. I have opinions. BUT. I care too much about being a trusted voice in this community to let those opinions influence how I report the news. I hope you all know that. That being said, let's move on!

Basketball season is in full swing, and Caitlin and I are doing our darndest to make it to as many games as possible. We are featuring games where Madison County teams play one another – Ennis vs. Twin Bridges, Sheridan vs. Harrison, etc. Aside from that, we cannot commit to attending other games, but be sure to look for a weekly basketball round up. I spend Monday mornings talking with athletic directors and coaches to make sure we can get team results to all of you.

Last week's basketball standings showed three of the four Madison County boys' basketball teams in the top five. Same thing for the girls – three of Madison County's four teams rank in the top five, and the undefeated Lady Falcons hold the number one spot. Sheridan, however, holds the last spot – 11th – in both the boys and girls rankings.

It's been a difficult year for both Panther teams – they are young, inexperienced and have limited substitutes. I find the Panthers and Lady Panthers impressive ... They never give up on the game – or on their smiles. Freshmen Panthers are already playing full games and getting experience on the court – I can't wait to see how they continue to mature as athletes in the next few years. The cheerleaders and mascot do an incredible job of pumping up the community, which always shows up in full force to support the players, which is a common theme throughout Madison County.

Last Saturday, I spent the evening in Harrison to watch the Twin Bridges Falcons go head-to-head with the Wildcats. Twin Bridges fans made the commute to the east side of Madison County in droves, and though Harrison's numbers were fewer, their cheerleaders did a fantastic job of engaging the crowd. It was fun to watch.

And I tell you what, I'm getting excited for tournament time! Madison County has some real contenders.

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The middle class cannot afford to get shafted again

Dear Editor,

I watched the Republican debates. They called them debates, but it was more like the dislikes for each other. I did not want to use the word "hate" for each other, but the "hate" oozed out most of the night.

They also talked about how much they dislike the American government, but for all their dislike for America they still want to be in charge.

They also said they want

to get back to the good old days. They never really said what days they wanted. They never did mention the good old days of the last Republican president. Not one word. They never mentioned the accomplishments of the last Republican president. They never even mentioned his name.

The last Republican president facilitated many accomplishments for the super rich and the super rich corporations. But also, we had the

worst economy since the Great Depression. The super rich got richer and the middle class got shafted. Financial regulations were disregarded, but the super rich got richer. We had an unneeded illegal war, thousands lost their lives, a \$3 trillion cost, but the rich got richer.

The list goes on and on with great accomplishments for the super rich. We do not need to go back to these days of recession, wars, disregard for women's rights, disregard for

education, disregard for health care for all Americans, disregard for senior citizens and social security. The Republicans want the "good old days" for the super rich. But these "good old days" are not good for 99 percent of the American citizens. The middle class cannot afford to get shafted again.

LaVon D. Brillhart
Dillon

Sidewalk project debate left me dumbfounded

Dear Editor,

The sidewalk project debate has me completely dumbfounded. A group of citizens, who on their own time, secured funding and coordinated with officials and engineers to design a plan for the project at no cost to the town. What an amazing effort from so many selfless people. After attending a town hall meeting recently (admittedly, my first), remarkably three of four town commissioners (Brian Vincent, Audra Bourk and Brandi Palmerton) voted down a "controversial" section of the project.

I am confused why this one

portion of the sidewalk (Pearl Street to Fan Mountain Inn) is "controversial." The town hall was packed full of people in attendance and only two were opposed. How is that controversial? Engineers and professionals were present at the meeting signing off on the project explaining that the entire design was within safety regulations. It was standing room only with supporters. The town attorney made his recommendations. And yet, our elected commissioners Vincent, Bourk and Palmerton were deaf to us all. Which begs the question: to whom are these commissioners listening to anyway and why? I would gladly

hear a valid concern that has not already been addressed. I just have not heard one yet. Look. It is 2016. Our town is growing. There is currently no safe established walkway linking our town around the "Y." Officials have identified Ennis as a high priority for lack of pedestrian access and town connectedness. Approving this project in its entirety does not mean we cannot still retain our "cow town" appeal. Sidewalks are all over rural Montana. At last check, there is no national debate that sidewalks are somehow less safe than no sidewalks. Towns are not ripping up sidewalks because they are hazardous. We

need all sections to be approved. As a parent of a student at Ennis Community Children's School, I would encourage all the commissioners to watch ECCS staff attempt to safely navigate the "Y" with a dozen or more preschoolers and no sidewalks during summer tourism season on the "controversial" section. If anything, that section needs a sidewalk the most. Is this whole debate a satire from *The Onion* or real life?

Justin Edge
Ennis

Nobody hates war more than those who fought

Dear Editor,

In his tirade about war, LaVon D. Brillhart failed to explain why some of those wars happened.

Revolutionary War – America's freedom; War of 1812 – keeping that freedom; Civil War – freedom for the slaves; Mexican War – to punish and

evade Poncho Villa; World War I – to free Europe; Spanish American War – "remember the Maine"; World War II – to free the world; Korean War – to keep South Korea free; Vietnamese War – "we won the battles, politicians lost the war"; Grenada – to keep Grenada free; Panama – to keep Panama free and jail a crooked dictator; Iraq

number one – to free Kuwait; Iraq number two – to finish Iraq number one; Afghanistan – "this is a losers war, no one has ever won in Afghanistan."

War is horrible – known better by those who fought them.

Brillhart says "war is a three letter word," well, I count four letters in free but I count billions in the number of people

America brought freedom to by fighting those wars.

Speaking of trillions of dollars, what about the trillions of dollars lost on a 60 year "war on poverty?"

Bill Hanley
Twin Bridges

Town council votes against safety, improvements to infrastructure

Dear Editor,

Incredibly, at the Ennis Town Council meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, short sighted commission members Brian Vincent, Audra Bourk and Brandi Palmerton voted to not approve, against the advice of the town attorney, a section of the Montana Department of Transportation's proposal to enhance safety and improve infrastructure on the west side of Highway 287 'Y' intersection by adding a sidewalk which ties from the Ennis Schools complex and city hall to Madison Foods. The three commissioners ignored overwhelming public support for

the project and by doing so created additional safety issues and liability concerns for the town and the businesses affected.

Council members Vincent, Bourk and Palmerton gave no specific reason for their refusal to approve all of the project. Perhaps they caved to the pressure from a few inconsiderate and short sighted business owners, instead of fulfilling their duty to provide for the safety of the public and improve the infrastructure of the major approach to the town. The three commissioners owe the public an explanation of their motivations and resulting actions and need to reconsider their actions.

The short sighted business owners who opposed it also owe the public an explanation of the real reason for their opposition.

They incorrectly believe that a sidewalk will disrupt business and apparently are not concerned with the safety of the people that patronize their shops. They do not recognize an opportunity to improve the area.

Three sections of the project were approved, we thank the commissioners for that, however, why not do all of the job? It is unlikely that Ennis will ever see another opportunity to improve this section of the highway. Federal Transportation Alternatives Grants funding has been drasti-

cally reduced and the competition for these grants from other towns in Montana is intense.

The commissioners must reconsider their refusal to approve this section of the improvement project at the next commissioner meeting. Call the town hall at 682-4287 or send them an email: Vincent – brianv@ennismontana.org, Bourk – audrab@ennismontana.org, Palmerton – brandip@ennismontana.org and let them know that they need to listen to the people and approve this section of the sidewalk project.

John White
McAllister

Clarification

In a photo titled "New baby" that ran in *The Madisonian's* Nov. 26 edition, Cordelia Eloise Burns' parents are Michael Scott Burns and Carina Curnow Burns.

OBITUARIES

Alice Michelle Segota Boss

January 12, 1963 - December 27, 2015

"Shelley" Segota Boss, 52, of Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away Dec. 27, 2015. She was born on Jan. 12, 1963, in Ennis, the daughter of Dan and Virginia (Schabarker) Segota. Shelley attended the Ennis school system and graduated from Ennis High School in 1981. Many strong and lifelong friendships were formed throughout these school years.

After a short time in Texas, Shelley moved to California and attended the John Rob-

erts School of Modeling, and she also worked as a bookkeeper. Modeling did not come to much fruition; however, the bookkeeping was a job she worked at for the rest of her working career. While in California, Shelley met and married Craig Szczepaniuk of Grand Rapids. Three children were born of this union – two girls, Shay and Kylee, were born in Huntington Beach and a son, Cy, joined the family after having moved back to

Craig's home town of Grand Rapids. Shelley and Craig later divorced and in 2010, Shelley remarried to Larry Boss.

Shelley is survived by her husband Larry Boss and her three children, Shay, Kylee and Cy Szczepaniuk and one step son, Nathan, all of Grand Rapids. She is also survived by her mother, Virginia Segota; two sisters Danette (Gayle) Clark and Connie Diede; and her brother Steve Segota, all of Ennis. Her in-

laws of Grand Rapids and two uncles and many nieces, nephews, great nephews and cousins survive. Shelley was preceded in death by her father Dan Segota and all of her grandparents and her brother in law, Jerry Diede.

A family celebration of life has taken place in Grand Rapids on Jan. 12, 2016, and her ashes have been returned to her beloved Montana and will be laid to rest at the McAllister cemetery at a later time.

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The Madisonian does not enforce the viewpoints or statements of those who submit letters to the editor. Please do your own research about individuals and issues so you can form the best opinion(s) for yourself.

& SPORTS



HARRISON/WILLOW CREEK UNABLE TO DEFEND HOME COURT AGAINST TWIN BRIDGES

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A long line of Falcon fans wound their way through Silver Star and Whitehall to Harrison on Jan. 23 to watch their teams take on the Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats. Though the Wildcats and Lady Wildcats put up a good fight, but both Falcon teams came out on top.

Girls basketball

The girls kicked off the varsity games and the Lady Falcons started slowly pulling away in the first quarter. "It was a good game," said Falcon head coach Rob Lott. "(The Wildcats) are a good team and it was a good, even game."

The teams entered the locker room at the half with the Lady Falcons up 33 - 19. The Lady Wildcats stole the ball to start the third quarter and Josie Hokanson scored on a fast break. Sophomore Kailee Oliverson scored a field goal for the Lady Falcons, and the Wildcats answered with a three pointer. Just like that, Twin Bridges was up 35 - 27 with 5:11 left in the third quarter.

The Lady Falcons went on a run after that, capital-

ized when Brooke Schandemeier scored two points and drew a foul.

The Wildcats were unable to sink shots, and the Falcons drew ahead - the fourth quarter started with Twin Bridges up, 45 - 27.

As the clock wound down, Falcon Megan Martin scored what seemed like the last points of the game, but the Wildcats were not done - they knocked down a three pointer as the buzzer sounded. The Falcons won, 57 - 36.

"We were just able to slowly pull away a little bit," Lott said. "Our depth helped a lot. They were playing seven girls and we play 11 or 12."

Nine Lady Falcons scored during the game - RaeAnne Bendon, Martin and Oliverson all hit double digits.

For Harrison/Willow Creek, four players scored. Josie Hokanson scored 15 points, Taya DeFrance scored 12, Addie Nesbit scored seven and Hailey Hokanson scored two.

Boys basketball

Falcon Wesley Harshbarger put Twin Bridges on the board first with a three pointer, but Harrison's Parker Galt was immediately sent to the line and

knocked down one of two to put the Wildcats on the scoreboard.

Wildcat senior Chas Buus went to work, scoring two points then stealing the ball on the next play and scoring two more. Just like that, the Wildcats were up, 5 - 3. Their lead did not last long, as Falcon Tracen Eggers stole the ball and tied the game.

Eggers' bucket put the Falcons in motion and they started to pull away, with Harshbarger and Eggers scoring back to back.

With time winding down in the first, Eggers stole the ball again and raced down the court for a lay up at the buzzer, bringing the score to 13 - 5.

"I thought we had a fairly decent effort on rebounds, but we didn't shoot very well," said head coach Nick Dyk. "They were really able to capitalize on our turnovers ... we had a season high 21 turnovers during that game."

It was more of the same as the game continued. Though Harrison never gave up, the Twin Bridges Falcons won 54 - 30.

"The kids did well and played hard the whole game," Dyk said.

* Statistics for the Twin Bridges/Harrison-Willow Creek game were not made available by *The Madisonian's* press time Tuesday.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

The Harrison gym played home to the Wildcat/Falcon face off.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

Wildcat Lane Buus (23) tries to work the ball around Falcon Wesley Harshbarger, who also wears number 23.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

Taya DeFrance (33) scores two points for the Wildcats.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

Madysen Beagley (12) rushes down the court while Josie Hokanson (15) rushes to defend the basket.



OBITUARIES CONTINUED FROM PAGE A4

Michael D. "Mick" Devereaux September 18, 1939 - January 20, 2016

Michael D. "Mick" Devereaux, age 76, of Sheridan surrounded by his loving family departed this earth Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at his home.

Mick was born Sept. 18, 1939, in Yakima, Wash., to Helen Edwards. Mick was adopted by Harold and Leola Devereaux who were very loving parents. He lived in Yakima;

Exeter, Calif.; and Sheridan. He married Ronna Kensmoe on Dec. 17, 1967. They owned and operated Mick's Tree Service in Exeter, retiring in 2001. They

then moved to Sheridan in 2002. Mick is survived by his wife Ronna; daughter Michelle Devereaux; granddaughter Micara Devereaux; two sisters, Vera

Coleman of Moxee, Wash., and Roberta (Clifford) Smith of Lacey, Wash.; and nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, at 4 p.m.

at the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship at Sheridan. K&L Mortuaries and Crematory of Sheridan is assisting with arrangements.

Althea G. Hancock July 7, 1921 - January 20, 2016



Althea G. Hancock (Patrick) was born in a small log building south of Cardwell to Almond and Beryl Patrick on July 7, 1921. She was 94 1/2 years old at the time of her passing at Parkhaven Retirement Community, Manhattan. She grew up in the Whitehall area and attended school there, moving with

her parents to Butte for her last three years of high school. She graduated from Butte High in 1938. After graduating she worked for Hennessey's Clothing Store in Butte. In 1940 she met Shirley (Hank) Hancock on a blind date. They married Jan. 24, 1942. Six months later Hank joined the Army Air Force and flew in heavy

bombers against Germany. He was released from service at the end of the war. Together they raised three sons: Gary was born 1947, Dale in 1950 and Steven in 1957. Hank served with the Montana Highway Patrol from 1948 until 1970. They then moved to Sheridan, where they built a home and lived for 41 years. Althea

played the organ and piano at the Methodist Church and worked at the water department for the town of Sheridan for several years. She lost her parents and older brother many years before her own passing. She and Hank moved to Parkhaven Retirement Community in 2011. She is greatly missed by many friends and loving

family. She is survived by her husband Hank; her three sons; five grand children; and 13 great grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in Sheridan in the spring. K&L Mortuaries and Crematory is assisting with arrangements.

Kim C. Warburton May 1954 - January 22, 2016



Kim C. Warburton, 61 of Billings, passed away suddenly of natural causes in Ennis while visiting his mother Jan. 22, 2016. Kim was born May of 1954 in Ennis. He moved with his parents Gene and Esther Warburton to Stevensville in 1957 where he attended school and graduated from

Stevensville High in 1972. Kim worked for Buttrey Foods as a journeyman meat cutter in Missoula, Bozeman, Billings and Moorhead, Minn. He was the Protein Specialist for Sysco of Montana for many years and won several national awards. Kim was still employed by Sysco at the time of his death.

While working in Minnesota, Kim met and married Stacey Hanson. Kim and Stacey later divorced. They have one daughter, Danielle, the love of Kim's life. Kim was full of life and always brought a smile to the faces of all around him with his quick wit and one-liners. Kim was preceded in death

by his father, Gene Warburton. He is survived by his daughter Danielle Warburton of Dillon; mother Esther Warburton of Ennis; brother Richard (Patti) Warburton of Shelby; sister LuAnne (Casey) Power; and niece Alexandra Power of Bozeman. Visitation will be Wednesday, Jan. 27, 5 - 7 p.m. at

K&L Mortuary in Ennis. Services will be Thursday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church, 402 Madison Street, in Ennis. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Danielle Warburton Special Needs Trust, Dillon Stockman Bank, 590 N Montana, Dillon, MT 59725.

Diane Louise Keller March 4, 1951 - January 15, 2016



Diane Louise Keller (64) passed away Friday, Jan. 15, 2016. She was born March 4, 1951, in Seattle, Wash., to Gerald and Helen Ring. After graduating high school she met and married Ron Handlos in 1971.

The couple moved to Ennis and together had two children, a daughter Kelley and a son Keith. The marriage ended in divorce. Later in 1982, she met and married Stanford (Buzzy) Keller. Together they had a son,

Colt. Diane started cooking for Meals on Wheels in 1985 and managed the kitchen for almost 30 years. Diane is preceded in death by her mother Helen Ring and her husband Buzzy Keller. She leaves behind

her children Kelley (Scott) McKay who resides in Great Falls, Keith (Janelle) Handlos in Dillon and Colt Keller in Ennis. She also leaves behind three grandchildren, Kenzie McKay, Taylor Handlos and Sky Keller;

a brother Glen Ring who resides in Poulsvio, Wash.; and her father Gerald Ring of Federal Way, Wash. A service in her honor will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. at K&L Mortuary in Ennis.

MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG 1/3/16 - 1/23/16

1/3/16
Accident with damage on US Hwy 287 MM 44.5 Cameron
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 1-2 Ennis
Wildlife complaint in 300 Blk W Main St Ennis
Wildlife complaint in 100 Blk N Main St Sheridan
Assault on Wisconsin Creek Road Sheridan
Animal problem on MT Hwy 41 MM 60 Whitehall
Welfare check in Silver Star

1/4/16
Citizen assist in Virginia City
Theft complaint on Sunrise Loop Ennis
Threats/harassment on Ruby Springs Ln Alder
Alarm - false on W Williams St Ennis

1/10/16
Missing person in Virginia City area
Wildlife complaint in 3100 Blk MT Hwy 287 Sheridan
Suspicious person/circumstance in 400 Blk N Madison St Twin Bridges
Citizen assist in Madison County
Suspicious person/circumstance on Nye Road Twin Bridges
Alarm on Bieler Lane Sheridan
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 5 Ennis
Alarm in 100 Blk Tobe Road Ennis

1/11/16
Dog complaint in 200 Blk Norwegian Creek Road Harrison
Citizen assist on US Hwy 287 MM 61 Norris
Criminal mischief in E Bench Road area Twin Bridges
Theft in Virginia City area

Suspicious person/circumstance in 4000 Blk MT Hwy 287 Twin Bridges

1/5/16
Citizen assist on Main St Sheridan
Accident with damage on MT Hwy 287 MM 6 Ennis

1/6/16
Fire - controlled burn on Upper Ruby Road Alder
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 24 Twin Bridges
Accident - no injury/damage in Big Sky
Domestic dispute in 100 Blk E Steffens St Ennis

1/7/16
Fire - controlled burn in Alder

Road Hazard on US Hwy 287 MM 65 Norris
Traffic complaint on Main St Sheridan
Abandoned vehicle on Sterling Road Norris

1/12/16
Accident with damage on I-15 S MM 96 Dillon
Abandoned vehicle at Ennis Lake Road and Trail Creek McAllister
Accident with injuries on Upper Ruby Road Alder
No contact violation on Ruby Springs Lane Sheridan
Accident with damage on US Hwy 287 N MM 75 Harrison

1/13/16
Citizen assist on Antler Trail Ennis
Agency assist in 100 Blk Johnson Road Pony
Medical aid on Varney Road Ennis
Suspicious person/circumstance in Sheridan

Agency assist out of Madison County
Accident with damage at US Hwy 287 and MT Hwy 359 Harrison
Lost or found property on MT Hwy 287 MM 3 Ennis
Abandoned vehicle on N Willow Creek Road Pony
Accident with damage on MT Hwy 357 MM 4 Alder
Animal problem on MT Hwy 359 MM 9 Cardwell

1/8/16
Theft complaint in Sheridan
Animal problem on Carey Ln Sheridan
Scam complaint in Silver Star
Theft complaint in Virginia City
Welfare check in Twin Bridges
Suspicious person/circum-

1/14/16
Public safety complaint on Mayflower Road Whitehall
Citizen assist in 100 Blk Gourley Lane Sheridan
Accident - no injury/damage on US Hwy 287 MM 78-79 Harrison
Lost or found property on Wildcat Dr Harrison
Welfare check in 100 Blk W Canyon Road Ennis
Wildlife complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 33 Cameron
Agency assist at Firelight Condos in Big Sky
Agency assist in Sheridan

1/15/16
Dog complaint in 100 Blk Antelope Meadows Dr Ennis
Accident with damage on US Hwy 287 Ennis
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 54 Silver Star

stance on Main St Sheridan
Accident with damage on US Hwy 287 MM 52 Ennis
Accident with damage on US Hwy 287 MM 50 Ennis

1/9/16
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 12 Dillon
Vandalism complaint on US Hwy 287 Ennis
Accident with damage on MT Hwy 359 MM 12 Harrison
No contact violation on Ruby Springs Ln Alder
Citizen assist at Comley Way and US Hwy 287 Ennis

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 50 calls for service from Jan. 3-9, 2016.

1/16/16
Citizen assist on MT Hwy 41 MM 52 Silver Star
Trespassing complaint at Davis Lane and Nye Road Twin Bridges
Dog Complaint in 100 Blk E Hugel St Ennis
Suspicious person/circumstance in 400 Blk Beaverhead St Ennis
Medical aid on Dry Boulder Lakes Road Twin Bridges
Trespassing complaint on US Hwy 287 Cameron
Suspicious person/circumstance in 100 Blk N Main St Sheridan
Threats/harassment on MT Hwy 84 MM 9 Norris
Trespassing complaint in 100 Blk Wall Creek Canyon Cameron
Assault on Wisconsin Creek Road Sheridan

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 66 calls for service from Jan. 10-16, 2016.

1/17/16
Accident - No injury/damage on MT Hwy 41 N MM 23 Twin Bridges
Suspicious person/circumstance in 100 Blk N Main St Sheridan
Wildlife complaint in 800 Blk Norris Road Norris
Citizen assist in 100 Blk S Madison St Twin Bridges
Accident with damage on MT Hwy 287 MM 2.5 Ennis
Accident with damage on MT Hwy 287 MM 2 Ennis

1/18/16
Road hazard on Old Mill Road Harrison
Dog Complaint at Main St and Hamilton St Sheridan
Abandoned vehicle at Lone Elk Mall Ennis
Theft complaint in 100 Blk Wet Georgia Road Twin Bridges
Alarm - fire - false in 100 Blk N Sun West Road Cameron
Alarm - false in 1500 Blk US

Hwy 287 Cameron

1/19/16
Fire - controlled burn in Silver Star
Alarm - fire - false on Crofoot St Sheridan
Alarm - false in 100 Blk Main St Ennis
Suspicious person/circumstance in Virginia City

1/20/16
Medical aid in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis
Road hazard on US Hwy 287 MM 60 McAllister
Coroner call on MT Hwy 287 Sheridan
Accident with damage on US Hwy 287 MM 76 Harrison
Alarm - false in 5500 Blk US Hwy 287 McAllister
Agency assist on Patrick Lane Sheridan
Abandoned vehicle on US Hwy 287 MM 12 Cameron
Theft complaint in 200 Blk Water St Sheridan
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 28 Laurin
Road hazard on MT Hwy 87 MM 8 Cameron
Dog complaint in Laurin

1/21/16
Warrant - arrest out of Madison County
Fire - controlled burn in 5600 Blk MT Hwy 41 N Silver Star
Accident - no injury/damage on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis
Suspicious person/circumstance in 100 Blk Pennington Road Twin Bridges
Vehicle theft at Summer-time Trail Head McAllister
Welfare check in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis
Suspicious person/circumstance in 1000 Blk S Boulder Road Cardwell
Privacy in communications out of Madison County

1/22/16
Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 41 S MM 10 Twin Bridges
Domestic dispute in 100 Blk S Boulder Road Cardwell
Coroner call in Ennis
Threats/harassment on Front St Alder

Agency assist on US Hwy 287 MM 52 Ennis
Road hazard on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis
Citizen assist in Trail Creek-Ennis Lake area McAllister
Citizen assist on MT Hwy 287 MM 20 Alder
Theft complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 23-24 Alder

1/23/16
Suspicious person/circumstance in 400 Blk MT Hwy 359 Cardwell
Wildlife complaint on MT Hwy 55 MM 1 Waterloo
Alarm - false in 500 Blk S Main St Twin Bridges
Animal problem on Falcon Lane McAllister
Suspicious person/circumstance at Mill Gulch and Larkspur Lane Laurin
Suspicious person/circumstance on Main St Sheridan

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 59 calls for service from Jan. 17-23, 2016.

REAL ESTATE CORNER

Dive into the area's real estate options!

2015 IN REVIEW

Submitted by Melinda Merrill
BHHSMT

Residential Sales set a new all time high record with 25 homes selling inside Ennis proper, 56 country homes selling in the Madison Valley and an additional 6 in Virginia City, 2 in Harrison, 2 in Pony and one each

in Alder and Cardwell.

In Town homes sold averaged a record high of \$192,106 with an average of only 130 days for time on market. Out of Town homes, still not quite reaching the high set in 2007, climbed another 12% reaching an average of \$419,488 in the Madison Valley. (Ask your local REALTOR to

help find the averages in the outlying areas). The average time on market is 9 months.

Bare land sales continue to be all over the board in pricing but the number of sales are up to 98 sales in 2015 from 67 in 2014 making it easier and easier to find solid averages and trends. The vast majority of the sales are in

subdivisions but always keep in mind that a distress sale or larger acreage sale can really change the average price per acre. There is a definite uptick in sales of Mining Claims and remote properties as "off grid" living becomes more and more popular. Owner financing is also really helping to boost this area of the market.

Commercial Sales continue to be about average with another 3 sales on Main Street in Ennis hitting the stats. Commercial, like bare land, requires looking at individual information to help find comparables.

The best thing you can do, whether you are considering purchasing or selling a property, is to become educated

with an accurate picture of what is happening in your area. Call your local REALTOR to get a free CMA (Comparative Market Analysis). Make sure that your REALTOR, whoever you choose, goes beyond a quick look at a computer and finds the true market value. Be informed before you make your choice.

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- \$59,000** → Pronghorn Meadows, 3.3-acre lot → across from park. #198414
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- \$67,000** → Mustang Ranches, 20-acre lot → near Forest Service. #204971
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My lifetime of memories in the Madison Valley started many years ago...

With Grandma Evans at the Evans Ranch in Jeffers - 1977

Playing in the dirt with my little brother at house on Fagin Street - 1981

Marrying my husband, Gordy - 2000

Saddling up and ready to enjoy the Madison Valley back country with Brutus - 2012

Making memories with my daughter - 2015

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK HARRISON

It is my pleasure to nominate **Stephanie Strong** for Student of the Week for Harrison High School. Stephanie is kind to her classmates and is always helping others; she is a friend to all in the school. She is very conscientious about her school work and consistently excels in her academics. Stephanie is currently the high school girls' basketball manager and works very hard to take care of everyone's needs on the team. She is an incredible young lady, very positive and is very deserving of this award.



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District FFA; Ruby Valley takes first in parliamentary procedure

Submitted by Charali Wetherbee

Recently, the Ruby Valley FFA Chapter went to parliamentary procedure districts. Parliamentary procedure is an

event that takes place during a mock meeting. Members make motions and demonstrate their basic knowledge of parliamentary procedure under the statute of an acting chair or president.

This event typically has six participants – our chapter simply uses the officers. This group consists of Cady Guinane, Janie Smart, Destiny Fabel, Cameron Haag, Charali

Wetherbee and Zane Bowey. This was our first year in over 10 years winning the district contest. This means we will advance to the state contest at the end of March.

MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday



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

Friday



Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs 30 to 40.

Saturday



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

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.

Quote of the Week:

“No problem is too big to run away from.”

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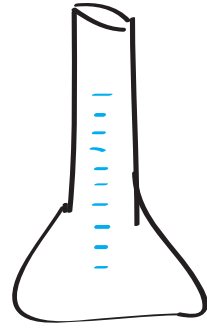
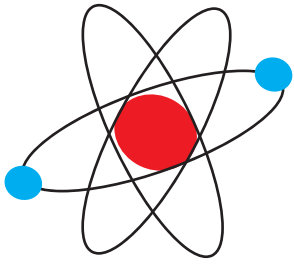
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SCIENCE FAIR



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Caitlin Avey
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Ennis and Twin Bridges students showcased experiments this week after spending months to prepare, hypothesize and conclude their projects for the annual science fair. Students have to the opportunity to continue on to the regional science fair in Butte toward the end of February.

Ennis

This year marked the 23rd year students have participated in the school science fair, and the ninth year science teacher Mellissa Newman has been in charge of the program. "It's great to see how much these kids get out of science and to watch them experiment," said Newman. Ennis' program starts in kindergarten where the students work as a

class to create a project and find a solution.

"It's a great way to introduce them to the science fair," said Newman.

Kindergarten through third grade does a classroom project, and individual projects start in fourth grade. Eighth and 10th graders are also required to do a project but can work as a team if they choose.

There are a variety of projects and experiments every year – from determining the best popcorn to whether different heats of salsa can dissolve rope, there is always something to learn.

"Students have pretty much from the beginning of the year to think of a project," said Newman. "It's always fun to see what they come up with."

Twin Bridges

The Twin Bridges students held their annual science fair on Jan. 21, with 14 students qualifying for

the regional science fair.

"Science fair is an opportunity for students to use the scientific process to explore a topic of interest to them," said seventh and eighth grade science teacher Jen Kearns. "(Science fair) promotes a higher level of thinking while allowing students to engage in hands-on exploration of a subject matter."

Students from fifth through eighth grade classes participate in the event, exploring not only science but also engaging their desire to learn as well as improving their public speaking skills and reasoning.

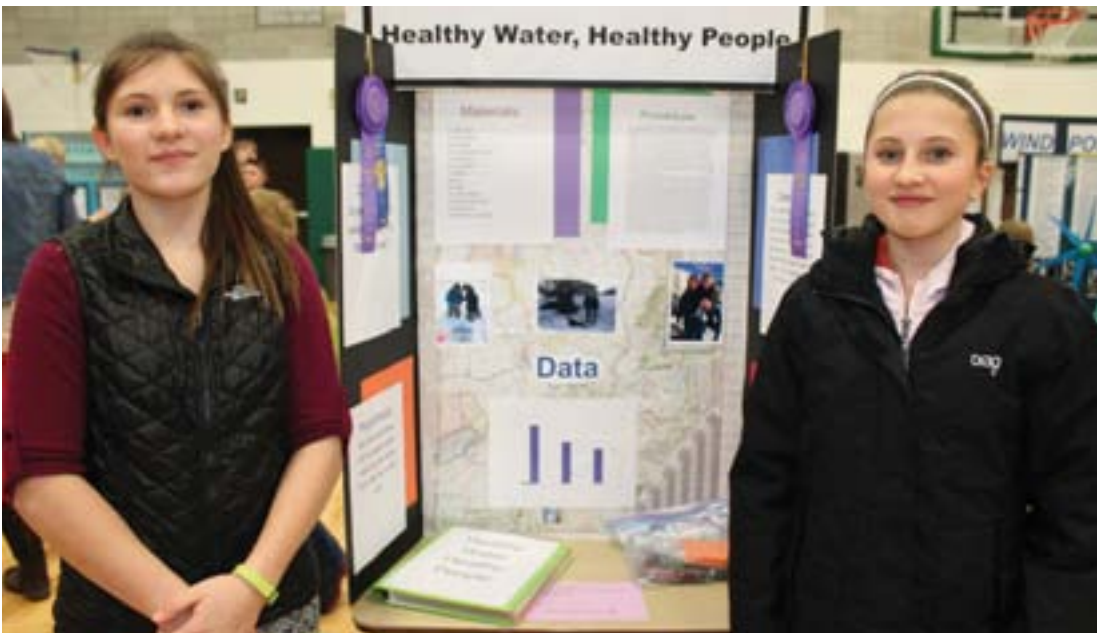
"Although viewed as a rather unexciting event, science fair is a wonderful outlet for students to explore the science world and inspire each other to learn more," said eighth grader Brooke Melhoff, who will take her experiment, "Pigmented Palates?" to the regional qualifier.



Photo courtesy of Jody Sandru
Twin Bridges students experiment with "super putty" during their science fair on Jan. 21.



Photo courtesy of Jody Sandru
Twin Bridges students in the seventh grade present their projects and findings to judges



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Ennis students Kara Elliott (L) and Maida Knapton (R) work as a team for their eighth grade science project, looking at stream health.



Photo courtesy of Jody Sandru
Twin Bridges student Brooke Melhoff takes a moment before judging to prepare her final thoughts.

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Jesse Anderson from Ennis wondered if cooked burgers molded and took samples from various fast food restaurants. His conclusions showed that none of the burgers molded.



Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Ennis high schoolers Mars Oldham (L) and Chrissy Akerman (R) experiment with different music to determine the best genre for studying.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

HYPOTHERMIA AND OLDER ADULTS

Tips for staying safe in cold weather

Submitted by the National Institute of Health

The cold truth about hypothermia is that Americans aged 65 years and older face this danger every winter. Older adults are especially vulnerable to hypothermia because their body's response to cold can be diminished by underlying medical conditions such as diabetes; some medicines, including over-the-counter cold remedies; and aging itself. As a result, hypothermia can develop in older adults after even relatively mild exposure to cold weather or a small drop in temperature.

These tips from the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health will help older people avoid this dangerous cold-weather condition. When the temperature gets too cold or the body's heat production

decreases, hypothermia occurs. Hypothermia is defined as having a core body temperature below 95 degrees.

Someone suffering from hypothermia may show one or more of the following signs: slowed or slurred speech, sleepiness or confusion, shivering or stiffness in the arms and legs, poor control over body movements or slow reactions or a weak pulse. If you suspect hypothermia, or if you observe these symptoms, call 911.

Here are a few tips to help older people avoid hypothermia:

- When going outside in the cold, it is important to wear a hat, scarf and gloves or mittens to prevent loss of body heat through your head and hands. Also consider letting someone know you are going outdoors and carry a fully charged cellphone. A

hat is particularly important because a large portion of body heat can be lost through the head. Wear several layers of loose clothing to help trap warm air between the layers.

- Check with your doctor to see if any prescription or over-the-counter medications you are taking may increase your risk for hypothermia.

- Make sure your home is warm enough. Some experts suggest that, for older people, the temperature be set to at least 68 degrees.

- To stay warm at home, wear long underwear under your clothes, along with socks and slippers. Use a blanket or afghan to keep your legs and shoulders warm and wear a hat or cap indoors.

The NIA has free information about hypothermia that you can read by calling NIA's toll-free number: 1-800-222-2225.

Photo courtesy Bev Bishop
Mammography technologists from L:
Martie Calkins and Annette Bracha.



Imaging department at MVMC announces mammography system

Submitted by Bev Bishop
MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER


Madison Valley Medical Center is pleased to announce the latest acquisition in the imaging department. Staff members have worked diligently to bring the finest in imaging technology to the Madison Valley. Hologic's Digital-3D mammography system is known as the Genius 3D Mammography. This new unit has been installed in a newly remodeled suite at the medical center. The Hologic system is

considered to be a clinically superior breast tomosynthesis exam as approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Tomographic imaging or "slices" are performed along with the 2D image adding a few seconds to the exposure with no additional compression. Multiple images from varying angles provide high resolution at different levels in the breast tissue especially in tissue that is complex or that is considered dense. Over lying densities can be separated and viewed to determine if there are any abnormalities.

This endeavor is in conjunction with the radiologist at Advanced Medical Imaging in Bozeman.


As with all of the other imaging modalities, the radiologist at Advanced Medical Imaging in Bozeman will interpret these studies. These radiologists have received the designation of being one of the best imaging centers in the northwest by the American College of Radiology. Highly trained radiologists and technologists work together to provide the superior imaging quality. Two registered mammogram technologists will perform exams and oversee the new mammography program. Annette Bracha and Martie Calkins each have over 20 years experience in mammography. These ladies will job share in Ennis every Thursday to provide this service. Each technologist will continue working at AMI to keep their credentialing and skills current. Bracha and Calkins are excited to participate in this new service and become part of women's health care in this community.

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By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Dubious compliments

Recollections concerning the art of aging gracefully

A few years ago while walking the streets of Butte, I glanced at the person approaching me on the sidewalk. At the same time, he glanced up to see me. We both stopped in our tracks. If anyone had been listening closely, I am sure they would have heard the sound of two aged minds grinding furiously.

What followed was one of those awkward moments that folks my age (67 at the time) too often encounter. Instinctively, we both assumed a feet-spread-wide, knees-bent-outward, hands-poised-at-our-sides stance that suggested an Old West style gunfight might break out. For what seemed like several minutes, we eyeballed each other from a distance of about 10 feet.

Finally, the old boy spoke up: "I think I know you, but I don't know from where and I can't remember your name either." Embarrassingly enough, I had to confess my recollections of him were equally uncertain. Still, we both sensed our paths indeed



Art Kehler

had crossed in the distant past. Even so, I couldn't recall if we had been friends or adversaries at the time (I never claimed to be a saint).

So, while still retaining a defensive posture, we warily began exchanging the names of places where we had worked and people we had known over the years. After a while, our life stories began to connect somewhat. With that, the mutual mood relaxed to the point where we felt confident enough to reveal our identities. Regrettably, even hearing the other guy's name didn't ring a bell for either of us.

Suddenly, the mystery man blurted out: "Now I remember! You're Hammer Slammer, ain't ya?" Recognizing my nickname from the 1970s, I abruptly remembered him and replied, "Yes I am, and you're Michelob Mick (not his actual nickname), right?"

Immediately, frowning expressions were replaced with wide grins. Hearty handshakes quickly followed. As it turned out, we had worked together as carpenters for a short time in Big Timber.

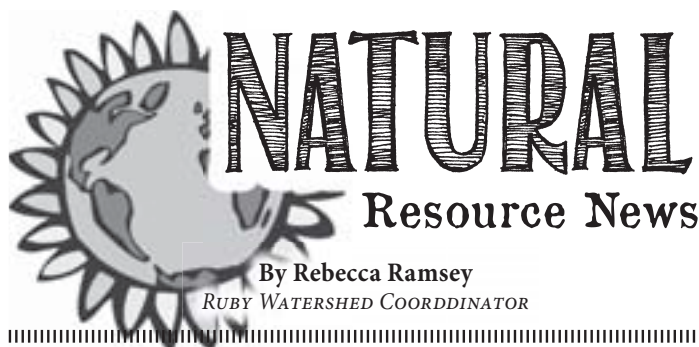
Then, as so often happens when older gents meet again after 40 years, the conversation went awry. I began by expressing the expected compliments regarding his appearance while, at the same time, saying to myself what I really thought.

"You look great" (Egad, this guy looks like a botched attempt at taxidermy)! "You haven't aged a bit" (I've seen dried cow pies with less-conspicuous wrinkles). "You look as though you could still put in a hard day's work" (He couldn't stack marshmallows). "Your manners of speech are colorful as ever" (He sounds like a belch from beyond the grave).

Of course, when I'd finished showering him with obviously insincere accolades, he responded in blatant kind. The signs of deceitful speech were clearly evident: the barely suppressed gasp of shock at my appearance, the inability to look me in the eye while spewing his dubious compliments and his forced smile. Certainly, what transpired was a charade, but then, we both knew it was better than hearing the brutal truth. All in all, I reckoned it was a finely orchestrated exercise in the art of aging gracefully.

Upon parting, Michelob Mick and I agreed not to wait another 40 years to meet again, which made sense because by then, chances are we'd both be dead. When all was said and done, I had to admit it was good to see the old boy. Despite its tentative beginnings, our encounter had brought back many memories, even if they were dubious.

Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines and online magazines.



By Rebecca Ramsey
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

HIBERNATION



Rebecca Ramsey

While there have been some days recently that give the hope of spring, with radiant sunshine,

frozen green grass peeking through bare spots of melted snow and seed catalogs in the mail, it is still the dead of winter. This is the time of year I like to be hunkered down in front of the fire, a stack of good books beside me and a simmering pot of soup on the stove. I love to take this time of year to "hibernate" and so do a lot of other members of the community.

Hibernation is a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in endotherms. An endotherm (from the Greek: endon = "within," thermē = "heat") is an organism that maintains its body at a metabolically favorable temperature, largely by the use of heat created by its internal bodily functions instead of relying on ambient heat. Endotherms are primarily mammals and birds (think of the common way we say warm blooded or cold blooded animals).

This internally generated heat is the result of the animal's routine metabolism, but under conditions of excessive cold or low activity, special mechanisms have adapted specifically to assist in heat production, such as shivering.

Hibernation is characterized by low body temperature, slow breathing and heart rate and low metabolic rate. Although traditionally reserved for "deep" hibernators such as rodents, the term has been redefined to include animals such as bears and is now applied based on active metabolic suppression rather than based on absolute body temperature decline.

Some mammals have multiple days where they go through daily "torpor" during hibernation (up to several weeks) in winter. Torpor is a state of decreased physiological activity in an animal, usually by a reduced body temperature and metabolic rate. Torpor enables animals to survive periods of reduced food availability. A "torpor bout" can refer to the period of time a hibernator spends at low body temperature, lasting days to weeks, or it can refer to a period

of low body temperature and metabolism lasting less than 24 hours, as in "daily torpor."

Animals that undergo daily torpor include birds and some mammals, including many marsupial and rodent species (such as mice), and bats. During the active part of their day, such animals maintain normal body temperature and activity levels, but their metabolic rate and body temperature drops during a portion of the day (usually at night) to conserve energy. Torpor is often used to help animals survive during periods of colder temperatures, as it allows them to save the energy that would normally be used to maintain a high body temperature.

Often associated with low temperatures, the function of hibernation is to conserve energy during a period when sufficient food is unavailable. To achieve this energy saving, an animal will first decrease its

metabolic rate, which then results in a decreased body temperature. Hibernation may last several days, weeks or months depending on the species, ambient temperature, time of year and individual's body condition.

Before entering hibernation, animals need to store enough energy to last through the entire winter. Larger species eat a large amount of food and store the energy in fat deposits. In many small species, food caching replaces eating and becoming fat. Some species of mammals hibernate while gestating young, which are either born while the mother hibernates or shortly afterwards.

There are all sorts of scientific nuances to hibernation, and the varying degrees of how animals make it through the winter. I now know that I am like a bear with frequent bouts of torpor – enjoying this time of personal hibernation to survive until the longer days of spring!



Tales from Cecil Elliot, Part I

By Charlie Rossiter

In 1929 the stock market tanked on what became known as Black Friday. This resulted in the United States and most of the world going into a depression, which lasted until the start of World War II. During this period, employment was scarce and some professional people took work wherever they could, sometimes out of the country. One of those people was Cecil Elliot, a mining engineer from the Ruby Valley. In 1934 he traveled to the far East where he corresponded with friends about life there at the time.

Philippine Islands, Sept. 14, 1934.

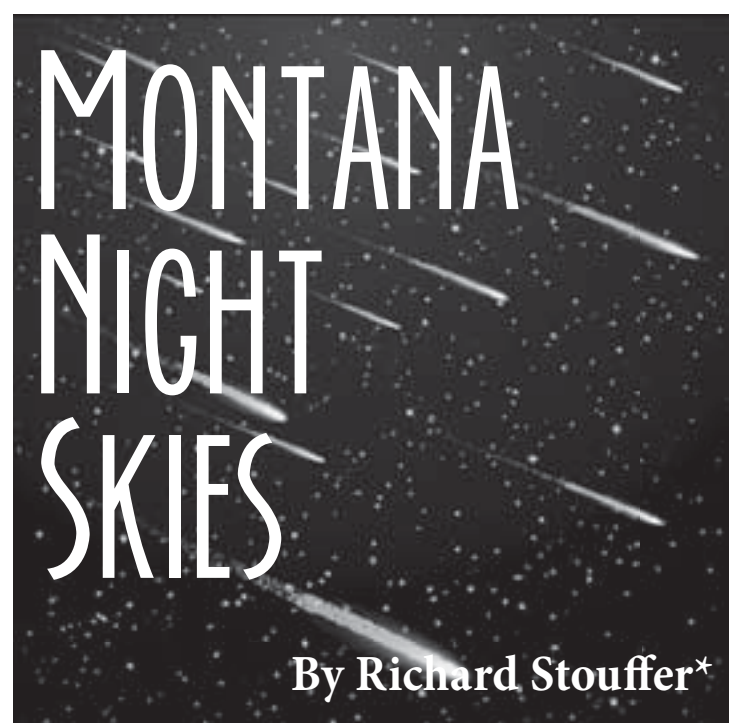
Dear Raymond,
As you probably know I left San Francisco Nov. 17 on the Dollar Liner President Pearce. My expenses over were paid

for of course and in first class. Tips were even included in my expense account. In fact from the time I left our house in Canoga Park, Calif., I was traveling at company expense. Well, the trip to Honolulu was very nice. Wonderful people on board and the going very smooth. From Honolulu to Yokohama we had some very rough weather and I missed a couple of meals and land looked mighty good to me after not seeing any for 12 days. I did not think much of Yokohama, but Tokyo is quite a city. I took in all the sights and there are a lot of them. Kobe, our next stop, is not much to brag about. The Japanese are a hustling lot, but their customs are quite queer, but I guess they think ours are to, so each one to his own way of thinking. The "restricted

district" or I should say the "unrestricted district" of Yokohama is the largest in the world. Everyone goes through it and it's worth seeing. Some of those Japanese girls are very beautiful, and their hair dress is a work of art. A lot of them are dressing in American or European closes and the result is quite hopeless. In their own native costume, they are on the whole very attractive. Took in everything I could, including some of the nightlife. Everyone did on board, and it was certainly funny running into sedate old couples from the ship in some of the wildest places. The trip from Kobe through the Japanese inland sea is beautiful. The ship winds its way through narrow channels and hundreds of small islands and in some places so close to

land that it is almost possible to touch the sides. It is in here that Japan hides its fleet. No one seems to know how many battleships she has or where she keeps them, but there are hundreds of places for her Navy to hide. All the way to the channel is marked by buoys. And it would be just too bad to go very much out of the marked passages as the whole place is mined. Besides, a plane followed the ship all the way through. Circling around and never being very far away at any time. Japan is making herself feared in the orient and hated also, but she is strengthening her position all the time. They're awfully cocky.

Check back next week for part two of Cecil's letter.



MONTANA NIGHT SKIES

By Richard Stouffer*

The highlight of the Montana night sky in February is the simultaneous appearance of all five naked

eye planets in the morning sky. To have all five of these planets viewable at the same time is a rare

opportunity that hasn't happened since 2005.

While the morning sky has all of the action, the month begins with no planets visible in the evening sky. This situation starts to change as one by one the participants in the morning show begin to make their appearance. The first of the morning show participants, Jupiter, rises a little before 9 p.m. as the month begins. By the end of the month, Jupiter becomes an evening planet as it rises about a half hour after sunset. Next up of the naked eye planets is orange colored Mars, which rises about 1:35 a.m. as the month begins and about 12:50 a.m. by the end of the month. The third participant in the morning show is golden colored Saturn, which rises about 4 a.m. as the month begins and about 2:20 a.m. as the month comes to a close.

Brilliant Venus is next up in the night sky, rising about 6 a.m. as February begins and about 6:10 a.m. by month's end. The final participant in the morning show of planets is Mercury, which rises about 6:20 a.m. as the month begins, but is lost in the solar glare beginning about Feb. 18. Mercury will be the most difficult of the five naked eye planets to find and will require a clear view of the eastern horizon. There will be help finding Mercury, however. As the month begins, look for reddish Mercury to the lower left of Venus. Mercury and Venus will be joined by a crescent moon and together will form a triangular formation on Feb. 6. Then on Feb. 12 and 13, Mercury and Venus will make their closest approach to each other. To see all five planets in the same sky, plan to do

your viewing during the first half of February, when Mercury will be its most visible. Begin by looking toward the eastern horizon about 45 minutes before sunrise so as to find Mercury before the sky brightens too much. There you will see Mercury with Venus to its upper right. Further to the upper right of Venus, you will find golden colored Saturn. To the upper right of Saturn will be orange colored Mars. Then, to complete your tour of all five naked eye planets, you will see the giant planet Jupiter far to the upper right of Mars.

In addition to the close approach to Mercury and Venus on Feb. 6, the moon will pass to the upper left of Mars on Feb. 1 and to the upper left of Saturn on Feb. 3. On the evening of Feb. 15, the moon will pass to the lower of Aldebaran,

the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, and then will pass extremely close to Aldebaran in the early morning hours of Feb. 16. The moon will make a close approach to Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on Feb. 21. Then, the moon will be full on Feb. 22 and will pass to the lower right of Jupiter on Feb. 23.

For meteor shower watchers, there are no major meteor showers this month. However, a sporadic meteor can flash across the sky at any time. From a dark site, meteors typically can be seen at a rate of about five meteors per hour.

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

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- 15 Largest continent
- 16 — canto
- 17 Get ready, for short
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- 20 Eye layer
- 22 West Virginia industry
- 26 — nerve
- 29 Japanese sash
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Three Cheers for Bacon Cheeseburger Queso Dip

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No game day is complete without queso, and Sherry Monfils's Bacon Cheeseburger Queso Dip is a nice way to kick-up queso. The addition of bacon is great and adds some smokiness. The tomatoes with chili add a bit of heat, but not too much. Serve this is a super easy party dip with thick tortilla chips and it'll be a winner.



Sherry Monfils
Worcester, MA
(pop. 181,045)

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- Janet

Bacon Cheeseburger Queso Dip

What You Need

- 1 lb lean ground beef, can use ground turkey too
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 lb light Velveeta® cheese, cubed
- 4 oz reduced-fat cream cheese, softened and cubed
- 1 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes with chiles, drained
- 1 lb center cut bacon cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 c milk, you may need more
- 1 c shredded Mexican-style cheese

Directions

- In large skillet over medium-high heat, brown beef, drain the beef.
- Then, saute diced onion in large skillet until translucent.
- In large saucepan, melt Velveeta cheese, cream cheese and 1/2 cup milk.
- Stir over medium heat until melted.
- Add shredded Mexican cheese, beef, tomatoes and bacon. Mix until combined.
- If too thick, add a little more milk.

Submitted by: Sherry Monfils, Worcester, MA (pop. 181,045)
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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. Call Cindy, 682-5024. 13-2-b

Ennis Mayor Position Opening
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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 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

Route Bus Driver. Ennis School School bus route driver needed for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Must have, or be qualified to obtain, a commercial driver's license. All bus drivers are subject to pre-employment drug testing and must be part of our random testing program as required by DOT. The route will be 3 1/2 hours per day with starting salary at \$13.75.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUMMONS

NANCY E. NELLIS f/k/a NANCY E. EGLER Plaintiff, - vs. - C.T. BARNHOUSE and WILLIAM F. BARNHOUSE, SHELLEY BURKE, MADISON COUNTY TREASURER, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE OR INTEREST IN, OR LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON, THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S OWNERSHIP, OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, WHETHER SUCH CLAIM OR POSSIBLE CLAIM BE PRESENT OR CONTINGENT, Defendants.

Cause No. DV-15-9 THE STATE OF MONTANA SEND GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN, GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days 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: Government Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 Patent recorded in Book 112, Page 192, Records of Madison County, Montana. WITNESS my hand and sea of said Court this 11th day of March, 2015. Kacey Smart, Clerk of District Court /s/ Kacey Smart J. Richard Orzotti, Esq. Poore, Roth and Robinson, P.C. 1341 Harrison Avenue PO BOX 2000 Butte, Montana 59702 Telephone: (406) 487-1200 Fax: (406) 782-0043 Attorneys for Plaintiff (Pub. Jan. 14, 21, 28 2016) prr MNAXLP

NOTICE TO THE BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

An Election of two trustees for the Big Sky Fire Department Rural Fire District Board of Trustees will be held on May 3, 2016. Petitions for nomination for the election are available at the Big Sky Fire Department, Station #1 - Westfork Meadows, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky, Montana and the Gallatin County Election Department, Gallatin County Courthouse, 311 W. Main Street Room 210, Bozeman, Montana. Original petitions must be filed with the Gallatin County Election Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2016. (Pub. Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2016) bsfd MNAXLP

ENNISMAYOR POSITION OPENING

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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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE ON March 18, 2016, at 11:00 AM at the Main Entrance of the First American Title Company located at 122 South First Street in Ennis, MT 59729, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana: Land Situated in the County of Madison in the State of MT. Lot or Tract No. 029 of the Shining Mountain Unit II Subdivision, Twn/Rng/Sect 07S/02W/24, the plat of which is of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana in Book 4 of Plats, Pages 50-57 More Correctly Described as: Lot 29 of the Shining Mountains Unit II, the plat of which is filed in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, in Plat Book 4, pages 50-57, records of Madison County, Montana Cynthia S Hutchison, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Title Source, Inc., as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Reverse Mortgage, LLC, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust on November 29, 2013, and recorded on December 19, 2013 as Document No. 154063. The ben-

eficial interest is currently held by Live Well Financial Inc., First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana.

The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to pay taxes and insurance, beginning May 28, 2015. The total amount due on this obligation as of August 31, 2015 is \$252,414.00 principal, interest at the rate of 2.68700% totaling \$11,835.88, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$14,156.33, plus accruing interest at the rate of \$18.58 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Dated: November 6, 2015 Dalia Martinez Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company, LLC Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services PO Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho) ss. County of Bingham) On this 6 day of November, 2015, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, know to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. Shannon Gavin Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Commission expires: 01/19/2018 100333-1 (Pub. Jan., 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2016) mk MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE FORM FOR CHANGE OF LOCATION

Notice of Intent to Transfer Location of Air Quality Permit (Pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 7, PERMIT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AIR CONTAMINANT SOURCES). RE Miller & Sons will file on or about January 22, 2016, a notification of intent to transfer location of an air quality permit with the Permitting and Compliance Division/ Air and Waste Management Bureau of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Applicant seeks approval of its transfer of location of Portable Crushing Equipment Air quality Permit #3040-02 to 509, T045, Ro6W, 11 E Bench Road, Sheridan, MT 59749. The division must approve or disapprove the permit transfer within 30 days of receipt of a complete notice of intent. Any member of the public with question or who wishes to review a copy of the permit and the division's analysis of it or to submit comments on the change of location must contact the division at 1520 East Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901 phone (406) 444-3490. Any comments on the location transfer must be submitted to the division within 15 days after the date of this publication. (Pub. Jan 28, 2016) rem MNAXLP

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

Reference is hereby made to that certain trust indenture/deed of trust ("Deed of Trust") dated 07/18/03, recorded as Instrument No. 93467 Bk: 490 Pg: 594, mortgage records of MADISON County, Montana in which Gregory L. Ruff, a single person was Grantor, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. was Beneficiary and Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. was Trustee. First American Title Insurance Company has succeeded Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. as Successor Trustee. The Deed of Trust encumbers real property ("Property") located in MADISON County, Montana, more particularly described as follows: Unit 1429 of Beaverhead Condo Subdivision, situated on a tract of land being a portion of the Amended Beaverhead and Custer Condominium Subdivision and all of the Phase E of Beaverhead Condominium Subdivision, and a portion of the NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. Together with a 2.49% undivided interest in an to the common areas appertaining to such unit, as set out and established in Declaration for Beaverhead

Condo Subdivision, recorded November 23, 1992 in Book 366, Page 415, records of Madison County, Montana, and as subsequently amended. Said unit is intended for residential purposes only. More accurately described as follows: Unit 1429 of Beaverhead Condominium, Phase A and B, situated on Parcel A of Certificate of Survey in Book 7 of Surveys, page 435 and Parcel B of Survey recorded in Book 6 of Condominiums, page 381, as shown and designated on those certain Basic Unit Floor Plans and Site Map recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana being a portion of a tract of land located in the NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana (Amended Plat of Beaverhead Condo filed in Book 4 of Plats, page 601-BA, records of Madison County, Montana) TOGETHER WITH an undivided 1.97% interest in and to the Common Areas and Facilities appertaining to said unit, the Declaration for which was recorded April 13, 1981 in Book 276, page 851, and amended by instruments recorded in Book 277, page 321; Book 284, page 724; Book 291, page 850; and Book 298, page 432, the records of Madison County, Montana. By written instrument recorded as Instrument No. 160754, beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-AR10. Beneficiary has declared the Grantor in default of the terms of the Deed of Trust and the promissory note ("Note") secured by the Deed of Trust because of Grantor's failure timely to pay all monthly installments of principal, interest and, if applicable, escrow reserves for taxes and/or insurance as required by the Note and Deed of Trust. According to the Beneficiary, the obligation evidenced by the Note ("Loan") is now due for the 03/01/11 installment payment and all monthly installment payments due thereafter. As of December 10, 2015, the amount necessary to fully satisfy the Loan was \$422,775.86. This amount includes the outstanding principal balance of \$351,735.95, plus accrued interest, accrued late charges, accrued escrow installments for insurance and/or taxes (if any) and advances for the protection of beneficiary's security interest (if any). Because of the defaults stated above, Beneficiary has elected to sell the Property to satisfy the Loan and has instructed Successor Trustee to commence sale proceedings. Successor Trustee will sell the Property at public auction the North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace St., Virginia City, MT 59755, City of Virginia City on April 27, 2016 at 2:00 PM, Mountain Time. The sale is a public sale and any person, including Beneficiary and excepting only Successor Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding at the sale location in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by trustee's deed without any representation or warranty, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis. Grantor, successor in interest to Grantor or any other person having an interest in the Property may, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, pay to Beneficiary the entire amount then due on the Loan (including foreclosure costs and expenses actually incurred and trustee's and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred. Tender of these sums shall effect a cure of the defaults stated above (if all non-monetary defaults are also cured) and shall result in Trustee's termination of the foreclosure and cancellation of the foreclosure sale. The trustee's rules of auction may be accessed at www.northwesttrustee.com and are incorporated by the reference. You may also access sale status at www.Northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. (TS# 7023.110036 RUFF, GREGORY

L.) 1002.268323-File No. (Pub. Jan., 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2016) nts MNAXLP

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LIQUOR LICENSING NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FOR MONTANA

On January 4, 2016, White Buffalo Star, Inc. - Shareholders with 10% or more: Darcy Taylor and Christopher Dobb, filed an application for the transfer of a license to be used at Blue Moon Saloon & Cafe, 3793 US Highway 287, Cameron, Madison County Montana. A license to be used at Blue Moon Saloon & Cafe, 3793 US Highway 287, Cameron, Madison County Montana. The license to be used at Blue Moon Saloon & Cafe, 3793 US Highway 287, Cameron, Madison County Montana. A license to be used at Blue Moon Saloon & Cafe, 3793 US Highway 287, Cameron, Madison County Montana. A license to be used at Blue Moon Saloon & Cafe, 3793 US Highway 287, Cameron, Madison County Montana.

Each proprietor is required to mail a separate letter of protest that contains in legible print, the proprietor's full name, mailing address, and street address. Each letter must be signed by the proprietor. Protest petitions bearing the names and signatures of more than one proprietor will not be considered. Protest letters must provide the license number, trade name, or applicant name associated with the license being protested for identification purposes. Protest letters must contain a clear statement of the writer's intent to protest the application. The grounds for protest of an application for a transfer of location are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA, for a denial of a license, and public convenience and necessity as set out in section 16-4-203, MCA. If the protested application is for a transfer of ownership not involving a transfer of location, the grounds for protest are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA. Protest letters which do not provide the information described in this paragraph will not be considered valid protest

letters. Only those grounds for protest raised in valid protest letters will be considered at hearing. An individual's testimony will be limited to the grounds for protest raised in that individual's valid protest letter.

If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(a), MCA, a hearing will be scheduled in Helena, Montana. If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(b), MCA, to determine public convenience and necessity, a hearing will be held in the county in which the proposed premises is located. All qualified protestors will be notified of the time, date and location of the hearing. Hearings are typically scheduled within 90 days following the protest deadline.

If a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing are not received and all licensing criteria have been satisfied, the department may issue the license without holding a hearing. DATED: January 19, 2015

BY: Danette Tennessee Compliance Specialist (Pub. Jan 28, Feb. 4 2016) mdr MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CASE 41F-A15 (PART OF)

Kroenke Land and Livestock Company LLC (claimant) has requested amendments to water rights on Jack Creek and one stock water right from Cedar Creek.

Claim Numbers 41F 15327 00 through 41F 15335 00 Claimant has requested the points of diversion for Claim Nos. 41F 15327 00, 41F 15328 00, 41F 15329 00, 41F 15330 00, 41F 15331 00, 41F 15332 00, 41F 15333 00, 41F 15334 00, and 41F 15335 00 be amended to correct scribers' errors and reflect historic use. The source is Jack Creek. The current points of diversion, SWSWNNW Section 34, Twp 5S, Rge 1E and SWNENE Section 33, Twp 5S, Rge 1E, will be corrected to the following point of diversion, SWSWNNW Section 34, Twp 5S, Rge 1E.

Claim Numbers 41F 26868 00 through 41F 26871 00 Claimant has requested the point of diversion for Claim Nos. 41F 26868 00, 41F 26869 00, 41F 26870 00, and 41F 26871 00 be amended

to reflect historic use. The source is Jack Creek. The following point of diversion, NENWNE Section 33, Twp 5S, Rge 1E, will be corrected to the following location: SWSWNNW Section 34, Twp 5S, Rge 1E.

Claim Number 41F 26871 00 The claimant has requested that the place of use and period of diversion for Claim No. 41F 26871 00 be amended to correct scriber's errors and reflect historic use. 41F 26871 00 is a stock water right from Jack Creek. Place of Use ID #1 will be corrected from NESENNW Section 31, 5 South, 1 West to NESENNW Section 31, 5 South, 1 East. The Period of Diversion is being amended from June 1-Oct 15 to May 1-Oct 15 to match the period of irrigation, because the stock drink while water is diverted for irrigation.

Claim Number 41F 153955-00 Claimant has requested corrections to legal land descriptions for the Points of Diversion and Places of Use for stock water Claim No. 41F 153955 00. The locations where livestock have been drinking from the creek and ditches are not changing. The source is Cedar Creek and its tributaries on Claimant's property. For a complete description of the corrections, please contact the Water Court. Objection Date:

In accordance with Section 85-2-223(6), MCA, any response or objection to the Motions to Amend must be filed with the Montana Water Court, P.O. Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389, by March 27th, 2016. Please indicate "Case 41F-A15" on any response, objection or other correspondence related to this Motion to Amend. (Pub. Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and 11, 2016) dms MNAXLP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

Madison County Sanitarian's Office P.O. Box 278 - 103 W. Wallace Street Virginia City, MT 59755 (O) 406-843-4275 (F) 406-843-5362 mcsani@madison.mt.gov

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The Madison County Sanitarian's Office will be holding a series of ServSafe trainings. A successful passing grade will satisfy the Montana Food Code, which requires all licensed food establishments to have a Certified Food Manager on staff. The dates and locations are listed below:

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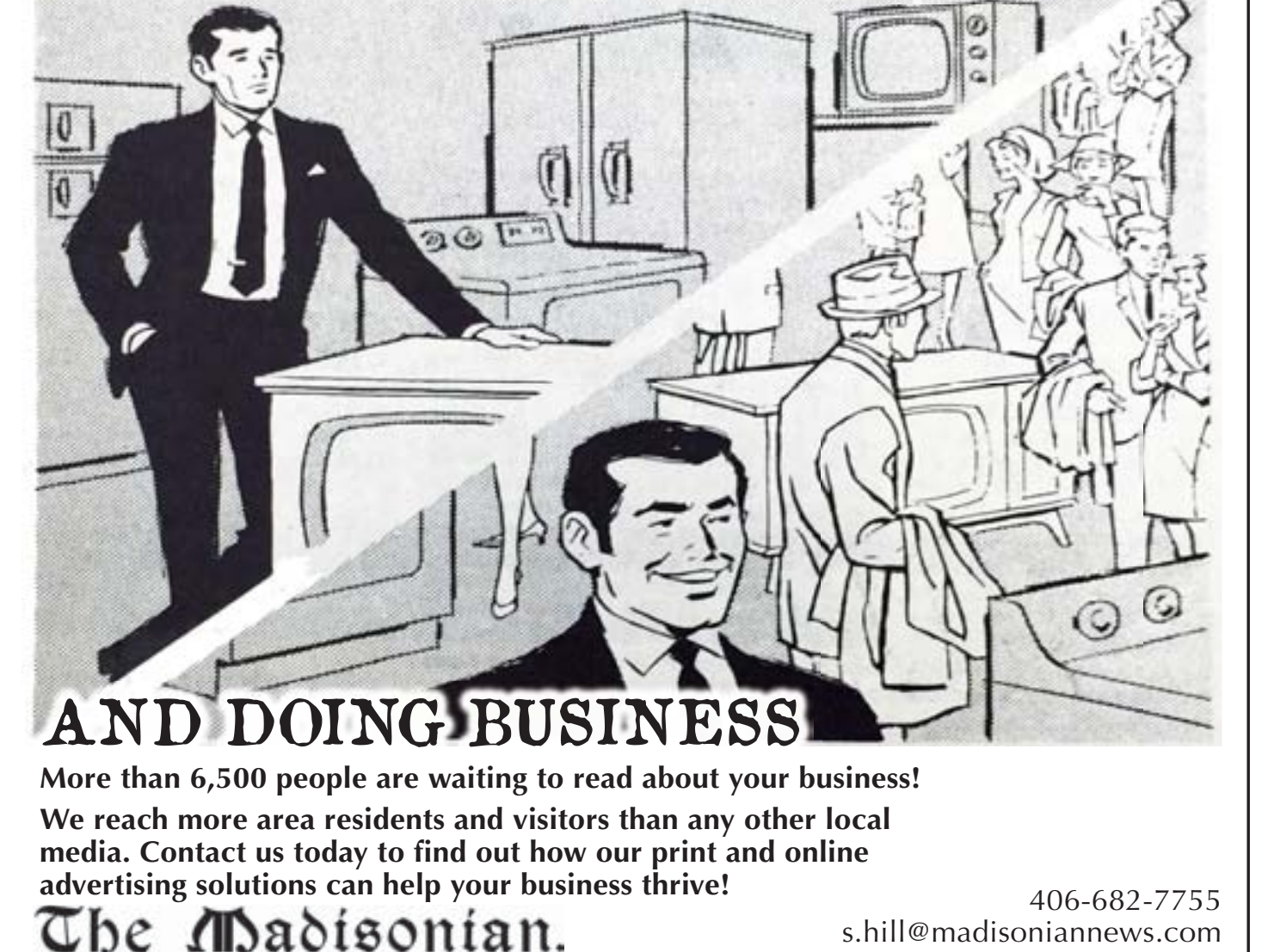
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Registration Deadline: One week prior to the class

Registration forms can be found on the Sanitarian's page of the Madison County website at madison.mt.gov, or the Sanitarian's Office, located at 103 W. Wallace Street in Virginia City.

Textbooks will be available for pick up at the Madison County Sanitarian's Office. Applicants must be registered and fees paid in advance of receiving textbooks and exam materials. Lunch will be provided at no cost. Please call the Sanitarian's Office at 843-4265 to register for this training. Seating is limited, so please register early.

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NorthWestern Energy and The Missouri-Madison River Fund Trust announce nearly \$700,000 for 2016 public recreation projects

Submitted by Butch Larcombe
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

NorthWestern Energy and The Missouri-Madison River Fund have announced funding awards for seven public recreation improvement projects on the two rivers where the company operates nine of its 11 hydroelectric facilities.

A combination of \$139,227 from NorthWestern and \$349,869 from The Missouri-Madison River Fund combined with \$201,602 from agency and private partners has been given to complete seven projects totaling \$690,698. In addition, NorthWestern Energy contributed more than \$410,000 for operation and maintenance efforts at 32 existing recreation sites in 2016 as required by the Project 2188 (Madison-Missouri River) FERC License. "Recreation facilities

and opportunities will be enhanced on the Missouri and Madison rivers through completion of seven competitively selected projects in 2016," said Jon Jourdonnais, leader with Hydropower License Compliance. "NorthWestern Energy and its employees are proud to continue to support this collaborative private-public effort to improve recreation facilities and opportunities on these great rivers for all Montanans."

Funded recreation projects for 2016 include:

- Repair of a landslide at the Rainbow Overlook near Great Falls;
- Upgrading site amenities and delineating use areas at Spring Creek Campground on Hebgen Lake;
- Chip sealing asphalt surfaces at Devil's Elbow Campground and Clark's Bay Day Use Site on Hauser Lake;
- Replacing a pedestrian bridge over Whitmore

Ravine near Great Falls;

- Installing trail amenities such as benches and shelters on a new birding trail at Missouri Headwaters State Park;

- Replacing latrines at Black's Ford Fishing Access Site on the Lower Madison River;

- Drilling a new well for drinking water at Palisades Recreation Area on the Upper Madison River.

The Missouri-Madison River Fund, a \$6.7 million trust fund for public recreation, was created through the collaborative efforts of NorthWestern Energy; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Bureau of Land Management; Madison, Gallatin, Broadwater, Lewis and Clark, Cascade and Chouteau counties; and numerous other public and private partners.

This year marks the 10th year in which earnings from the trust have been awarded

to recreation improvement projects through the River Fund program. Since 2007, nearly \$4.3 million has been awarded by the river fund and the utility in support of 86 projects totaling nearly \$6.9 million in recreation enhancements in the Missouri-Madison corridor.

Created as a public-private partnership to meet public recreation needs along the Madison and Missouri rivers, the River Fund supports ongoing efforts to protect and enhance recreation from Hebgen Reservoir downstream to Fort Benton, excluding the Toston and Canyon Ferry hydroelectric plants and the river segment between them. The River Fund awards for qualifying projects will continue on an annual basis, with grant awards in December.

A list of projects can be found under the "river fund" tab at <http://www.missourimadison.com/>.



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Joe Smithson tells his stories about lost mines in the Madison Valley.

MVHA learns about lost mines

Submitted by Lee Robinson

Joe Smithson spoke for the monthly Madison Valley History Association program meeting on Jan. 22, about the legends of "lost mines in the Madison Valley." One of the earliest stories involves the Highland Mary lost mine, purported to be 10 miles due east of the mouth of Wigwam Creek. The location was shown to Julius Fairchild by an Indian he had befriended probably Chief

Tendoy, according to Smithson.

Tendoy showed Fairchild the mine because he was a friend who had helped him, but he showed it on the condition that Fairchild should take only what he could carry. After that he was to leave the mine and never return.

Unfortunately greed answered better than a promise for the young man, and he and some associates returned to the location of the Highland Mary and mined it for several months. But when

the mine collapsed and two of the men were buried and killed, the others packed up their mules with several hundred pounds of ore and headed out. They managed to get to the river, but when trying to cross, they were all killed and the gold was lost at the bottom of the Madison River. The mine itself has not been found again.

Smithson has done a lot of reading on the lost mines in the area and has a wealth of information on legends that have come down to our time.

NEWS FROM THE MANOR



Submitted by Melody Clark

Madison Valley Manor residents took the snowy trail to the Pony where they were entertained by some good old-fashioned country music. The residents munched on some great ranch size burgers, enjoyed by everyone.

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Harrison School second quarter honor roll

Submitted by Doreen Young

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Lane Buus*
Doug Christensen
Derik DeFrance
Taya DeFrance*

Edwin Elpel
Jurgen Haenke
Hailey Hokanson
Josie Hokanson
Nolan Ore
Spencer Ore*
Stephanie Strong
Zane VonBergen
*denotes 4.0

High School "B"

Honor Roll

Jack Chater
Josie Griffis
Layne Homner
Zach Jackson
Jakob Nye
Justin Reed
Samantha Talley

Junior High "A" honor roll

Angela Cain
Rosie Chater
Vern Homner
Shylee Morrow

Junior High "B" honor roll

Aleena Bacon
Kayley Christensen
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Twin Bridges regional science fair qualifiers

Submitted by Jenifer Kearns

Fifth grade projects and qualifiers
Music to my Heart – Ruby Waller
Say Nay to Tooth Decay – Kyra Oliverson
Exploding Power – Zeke Redfield

Sixth grade projects and qualifiers
Uplifting Discoveries – Christopher Fraser
Water Voltage – Sam Konen
Melting Machine – Chase Fitzpatrick

Seventh grade projects and qualifiers
Fruit and Vegetable Power – Tate Smith
Do Plants Really Need Water – Delilah Puckett
Raising Up the Masses – Kyle Salerno
Do Plants Need Water? – Brynna Wolfe

Eighth grade projects and qualifiers
Passive Solar Heat Exchanger Optimization – Rob Dale
Choose Your Weapon – Beth Wrzesinski
Pigmented Palate? – Brooke Melhoff
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AROUND THE COUNTY

Producers reminded to report forage loss

Submitted by Derek Pruitt

Jefferson County United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Executive Director Derek Pruitt reminds livestock producers that they have until Feb. 1, 2016, to enroll in the Livestock Forage Disaster Program.

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers, due to drought in the county, on privately-owned or cash-leased land, federal leases/permits, state leases, and some private AUM leases or fire on federally-managed land. Producers in Jefferson, Madison and Silver Bow counties are eligible to apply for 2015 LFP benefits on native and improved pastures on dryland acres and used for grazing. Irrigated acres used for grazing or aftermath grazing are not eligible under this program.

Livestock producers are encouraged to contact the Jefferson County FSA Office with any questions regarding specific crops and production methods that are eligible.

For more information about LFP, contact the Jefferson County FSA office at 782-3262.

Cover crop seminar in Sheridan

Submitted by Billy Whitehurst

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, from noon to 3 p.m., head to the Moraine Center in Sheridan to learn about cover cropping to improve soil health, using sheep to manage weeds and terminate cover crops and cover crops in vegetable and meat chicken production systems. To RSVP, call 447-8350.

Ennis science fair results

Submitted by Mellissa Newman

The following students will represent Ennis at the regional science fair in Butte at the end of February.

Students who participated in the science fair not only had to the opportunity to qualify for regionals, but some were also awarded special monetary prizes from groups and businesses around the community, totaling \$2,600.

Fourth grade

Biological:
first (medal): Walker Story
second: Grace Stecker
third: Kaleb Rice

Physical:
first (medal): Nolan Brown
second: Megan Knack
third: (tie) Jesse Anderson and Addy Oliver

Fifth grade

Biological:
first (medal): Kody Suplee
second: Jaylynn Jenkins
third: Tanner Inman

Physical:
first (medal): Will Inman
second: Nicholas Johnson
third: Genesis Boyles

Sixth grade

Biological:
first (medal): Shae Lovett
second: Taylor Barney
third: Cassidy Carruthers

Physical:
first (medal): Henry Lukas
second: Bo Kelley
third: Tait Olson

Seventh grade

Biological:
first (medal): Chance Story

Eighth grade

Biological:
first (medal): Maida Knapton and Kara Elliott

Physical:
first (medal): Riley Green and Daniel Johnson

10th grade:

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first (medal): Chrissy Ackerman and Marlena Oldham
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THURSDAY JANUARY 28

Mad Gals, Ennis
Mad Gals monthly meeting 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.

Family movie night, Sheridan
Family movie night at Sheridan Public Schools featuring "Despicable Me 2" in the CB Murray media room. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:30 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.

State B/C speech and drama, Ennis
The class B/C State speech, drama and debate meet will be held Jan. 29 and

Jan. 30, at the high school. For times and event information please contact the school at 682-4258.

Book signing, Twin Bridges
Local Twin Bridges author Therese Hutchinson will be signing her new children's book "My Wild Garden Zoo" at the Twin Bridges Public Library beginning at 6 p.m. Refreshments provided.

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!

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3

Shrine meeting, Dillon
Southwest Montana

will be meeting at the Klondike Inn with social gathering beginning at 6 p.m. and the meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Please call 925-1183 if you need a ride. All Shriners are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4

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

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.

FEBRUARY 6-7

Pond hockey, Virginia City
The Virginia City Winter Classic Ice Hockey Tournament will be held the evening of Feb. 6 and run all day Feb. 7. Come watch 14 of the best hockey teams in the west battle for the coveted VC Cup at Pace Park. Call Justin at 579-2168 or Scott at 581-1354 for more information.

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.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10

Meeting, Ennis
The school board will hold its monthly meet at 5 p.m. at the high school.

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. For more information call 596-0463.



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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- MONDAYS** info @ 685-3481
- Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City**
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Monday, unless noted, public welcome, 9:30 a.m. Annex Building
 - TOPS, Ennis**
Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 am. Meetings at 9:30 am. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299
 - Books and Babies, Ennis**
Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244
 - Grief Support Group, Ennis**
Everyone welcome. Meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church
 - TUESDAYS**
 - Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City**
Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in County Commissioner's conference room in Broadway Annex.
 - Ennis Arts Association, Ennis**
Meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. ennisartsassociation.org
 - Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City**
Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.
 - Movie Night, Virginia City**
Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every OTHER Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Please call 406-843-5346 to find out what is playing!
 - THURSDAYS**
 - MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH**
NO meetings June, July or August.
 - MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH**
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom
 - FRIDAYS**
 - Tennis, Ennis**
9 a.m. til 2p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.
 - Story Time, Ennis**
Pre-K to Grade 2, 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library. 682-7244.
 - Live Music, Ennis**
Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room, 5:30 p.m.. See the weekly ad on this page for performers.
 - WEDNESDAYS**
 - Tennis, Ennis**
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 - 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.
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