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SNOWY, WET: Southwest Montana in good place



Madison County's rivers and creeks like the Ruby River (pictured) should be in good standing during spring runoff thanks to early season snowpack. *Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian*

Snowpack percentages in area near or above normal

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It is a good year to live in Southwest Montana, according to Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service. "The southwest part of the state has really been favored this year," Zukiewicz said,

talking about current snowpack conditions. "We got a lot early in the winter. Because of the way our mountains are oriented, when storms approach like they have been, we are favored – it's a flow pattern we haven't seen often in the last few years." Zukiewicz said precipitation in the Jefferson and Madison river basins was down in January, but snow

from earlier in the winter kept the basin percentages where they "need to be." Zukiewicz pays close attention to Montana's snowpack because most of the annual streamflow in the area originates as snowfall that accumulates high in the mountains during winter and early spring. According to the Feb. 1 Water Supply Outlook report, "as the snowpack accumulates,

hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts." **Jefferson River Basin** The Jefferson River Basin encompasses the Big Hole, Beaverhead and Ruby rivers, and impacts the western half of Madison County. This year, the Jefferson River Basin started the new year above **Turn to SNOWPACK on pg. 2**



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McAllister man dies in crash on Highway 84

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Over the weekend, a 25-year-old McAllister man died in a car crash on MT Highway 84 just east of the Visser Road turnoff in Gallatin County. At 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, Montana Highway Patrol trooper Bertie Lau received a call about a single vehicle crash on MT Highway 84. "It happened near mile marker 23," Lau said. "The vehicle was traveling west-

bound when the driver, for some reason, went off the road on the north side, overcorrected and went off the road on the left side and rolled over, down a steep embankment." The Gallatin County Sheriff's Office identified the victim as Spencer Shrader. "We are still investigating the crash," Lau said. "It's likely he just drifted off the roadway and overcorrected. He was not wearing a seatbelt." Shrader was the only occupant of the vehicle, Lau said. She added that he was ejected from his vehicle and died on-scene.

Moore Creek culvert construction behind schedule

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Construction is finally rolling on the Moore Creek culverts near Main Street in Ennis. "We did some exploratory excavation to uncover water lines and fiber optic lines (near First Street and Main Street)," said Dan Karlin, project manager with Great West Engineering. "That (fiber optic) line feeds the whole town, all the way over to Alder ... it was not where we thought it would be, and it was a lot shallower than we anticipated." Due to those hang ups, construction on replacing all eight of Moore Creek's culverts as they pass through downtown Ennis was slowed, but is now back on track, Karlin explained. The contractors are still working on replacing the first

of eight total culverts. That culvert crosses Main Street west of First Street – the other seven culverts run southwest through town and eventually cross MT Highway 287 by the Mormon Church south of town. The current culverts are too small for the volume of water and debris that flows in Moore Creek, Karlin said, explaining the need for the culvert replacement. Since the first culvert is the most complicated, it is being completed in three sections, commissioner Jim Hart added – he also said the contractor is working with 3Rivers Communications to ensure they have correctly identified the fiber optic lines. "They won't be tearing up a whole lot at a time," Karlin explained. "They'll start on the downstream end by Pic-a-nic Basket and work toward Main Street."

When the work reaches Main Street, the contractor will fill in the first stretch before tearing up Main Street and putting in a detour for traffic, Karlin added. "When they finish with the work on (Main Street) they will fill it in," he said. "It will be gravel there until spring, but people will be able to drive on it. Once the contractor has done that portion, he will move on to the area by Shedhorn (Sports)." Karlin said the Main Street culvert was prioritized as the first one to complete because it has the most impact on the town. "This first section has been the hardest," Karlin said last Friday. "Power lines are in the way of the crane, but everything will start moving quickly because they will be past that. By mid-week next week, they will be moving quicker." "They are likely a bit behind

schedule, but that is understandable because this first part of it is the most time consuming and difficult," Hart added. "As they go upstream, it gets easier."

Initially, the contractor planned to start in early November and break for the winter after completing the downtown culvert, but since the construc-

tion schedule was delayed, Karlin said work will most likely continue into the spring. **Turn to CULVERTS on pg. 2**



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Construction on the first Moore Creek culvert is underway near the intersection of First Street and Main Street in Ennis.

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normal, and received enough snowfall in January to remain above normal as of Feb. 1.

"Like the rest of the state, the region was plagued by mostly dry conditions during the first two weeks but western flow mid-month and southwest flow during the third week helped to stop the decline in basin snowpack percentages," the report states. "Currently all of the sub-basins in the Jefferson are near to above average for (Feb. 1)."

As of Feb. 1, the Beaverhead River Basin was at 112 percent of normal, the Ruby River Basin was at 99 percent of normal and the Big Hole River Basin was at 115 percent of normal.

"There is more snow water in the basin than last year at this time, which is excellent news for water users in the

basin," the report continues.

Madison River Basin

The story is much the same on the east side of the Tobacco Root Mountains. The Madison River Basin benefitted from early season snowpack that fell during November and December, and was able to remain near normal as of Feb. 1.

"Shortly before the new calendar year began, high pressure set into the state which resulted in mostly dry conditions during the first two weeks of the month," the report states. "The major pattern shift mid-month marked a return to wetter conditions before a final storm at the end of the month dropped up snow in the basin."

The basin overall was at 95 percent of normal as of Feb. 1, though that percentage ranged from 88 to 114

depending on what SNO-TEL sites were studied.

Reservoirs

The reservoirs that serve Madison County are also in good shape as of Feb. 1. The Ruby Reservoir was at 110 percent of normal, which is above average for this time of the year.

"Continued snowfall, spring precipitation and wise water management will be needed to reach normal levels for summer use," the report states.

In the Madison Valley, Hebgen Lake reported 111 percent of normal as of Feb. 1, and Ennis Lake was at 97 percent of normal.

What to hope for

"A lot of the basins in the north part of the state get front-loaded," Zukiewicz said. "But as you move south and east in

the state, the land gets more reliant on spring precipitation."

According to the water supply report, early winter snowfall patterns tend to favor basins along and west of the Continental Divide, and late winter and spring tends to favor basins along and east of the divide.

Because of that, March, April and May are considered "big months" in Southwest Montana and have a major effect on streamflow.

"I would like to see continued normal snow for the next few months," Zukiewicz said. "And precipitation through the spring. And then just a wet summer ... We are ahead of where we were this time last year, but considering how we ended up during runoff last year, we want to keep accumulating more."



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"They will most likely just keep moving on it," he said. "Since we're already this far along in the season."

The money

The project is being primarily funded through a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant. According to a FEMA letter, they are funding \$1,143,601.12, and the county is required to provide a 25

percent match – \$381,200.38.

Hart said some of that \$381,200.38 is being funded by a Department of Natural Resources and Conservation grant and a Montana Department of Transportation grant.

Since the county has already committed money to the project for planning and engineering, Hart said they are only still responsible for around \$30,000.

"It will be a combination of finances and in-kind contributions," he said.

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Okay, here's a tricky one. Who can name this Madison County road? Call 682-7755 AFTER 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 12 with your guess!

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MOUNTAIN GOATS IN MADISON COUNTY

Hunter harvest provides information about species in Tobacco Roots, Snowcrests

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For the 2015 hunting season, there were three either-sex mountain goat permits available for the Tobacco Root Mountains and three more available for the Snowcrest Mountains.

“(In the Tobacco Roots), this quota has been set at three since the 2009 season, when it was reduced from 15,” explained Dean Waltee, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologist.

Last year, all three Tobacco Root permit holders harvested a male goat, Waltee wrote in a release.

“(It was) the fourth consecutive year that each permit holder harvested a goat,” the release continued. “The average age of harvested goats was 5.2 years – equal to the observed average in 2014 and 10 percent below the long-term average of 5.8 (years).”

The three hunters reported hunting a total of 19 days and during that time they observed 39 goats – 27 adults and 12 kids, which is an adult to child ratio that is 29 percent higher than what was observed in 2014.

“All three harvests occurred in the southern (portion) of the mountain range,” Waltee wrote. “Since 2007, harvest has been well distributed throughout the mountain range.”

Waltee surveyed the Tobacco Roots for mountain goats via helicopter in 2014 and 2015. “My 2015 efforts showed a minimum of 27

goats – relative to a long-term average of 55. I observed a ratio of 35 kids: 100 adults – relative to a long-term average of 22,” Waltee said. “These surveys indicate a population decline since they were last surveyed close to 10 years

and locals that spend time observing goats.

In the Snowcrest

The Snowcrest permit quota has been set at three since 2009 as well.



Photo courtesy Dean Waltee
A mountain goat in the Tobacco Root Mountains in 2015.

ago. Without continued survey data, I don’t have a good understanding of when this occurred or what the causes were. I hope to build a better understanding of mountain goat trends by returning to annual surveys, and increased communication with mountain goat hunters

“All three permit holders harvested a male goat last year – the fourth consecutive year that each permit holder harvested a male goat,” Waltee said. “The average age of harvested goats was 6.8 years – 24 percent higher than 2014 and 19 percent

above the long-term average of 5.7.”

Two of the goats were harvested on Hogback Mountain and one was harvested in the head of Jug Creek, Waltee explained.

The Snowcrest goat population is more stable than the population in the Tobacco Root Mountains.

“I observed 48 goats during my survey effort last fall,” he said. “This is right at the (long-term average) for the district. Of the 48 observed goats, 35 were adults and 13 were kids ... All seems to be functioning well in terms of mountain goats in the Snowcrest.

Moving forward

Waltee said he plans to contact people who hold Tobacco Root permits prior to hunting season in years to come.

“Part of this discussion will focus on attempting to harvest males for the time being,” Waltee said. “In terms of permit quotas, I have heard from individuals that want the quota increased and those that want it left at its current conservative level. I will commit to looking closer at goats moving forward, but will not draft and sign a justification for a quota increase until I have data that indicates that is a sound and sustainable recommendation.”

Waltee said he is interested in hearing about any mountain goat observations in the Tobacco Roots and Snowcrest mountains.

“I need the total number observed, number of kids and adults if possible, location of observation and observation date,” he said.

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Pappa given deferred sentence

Steven Pappa appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Feb. 8 for a sentencing hearing. The state, represented by Deputy County

Attorney Justin Ekwall, charged Pappa with criminal possession of dangerous drugs, in relation to an April 14, 2015, incident.

“(Pappa) possessed a dangerous drug, to-wit: the defendant possessed amphetamines and/or methamphetamines,” according to court documents.

According to state law, the maximum penalty for criminal possession of dangerous

drugs, a felony, is imprisonment in the state prison for a term not to exceed five years or a fine not to exceed \$50,000 or both. However, a person convicted of a first violation is presumed to be entitled to a deferred imposition of sentence of imprisonment, the law states.

Pappa pleaded guilty to the charge.

Prior to sentencing, Judge Tucker asked Ekwall and Pappa’s attorney, Vic-

tor Bunitsky, for their recommendations.

“He has no criminal history prior to this offense,” Ekwall stated.

Both Ekwall and Bunitsky recommended sentencing follow a plea agreement they drew up that suggested a three year deferred sentence.

Judge Tucker agreed, and gave Pappa a three year deferred sentence and did not order Pappa to pay any fines.

SHOWCASING OUR BEST

... And days spent with (wo)man’s best friend

Hi readers,

First of all, we need your help! Last week, our staff went on a short retreat to the Sacajawea Inn to organize submissions for the Montana Newspaper Association’s Better Newspaper Contest.

We spent the evening combing through every issue of The Madisonian from 2015 and selecting some of our favorite stories, layouts, advertisements and photos. In the next few weeks, we will narrow down those favorites to the best of the best and submit them to the contest to be judged. In June, we find out the results! Last year we placed among the top three in eight categories and got one first place. We’re hoping to do even better this year!

So here’s our plea. If there was a story that stood out to you, a photo that made you look twice, or an ad that made you want to call the business right away, please let us know! Give us a call (682-7755) or email me (editor@madisoniannews.com) so we know what caught your attention in 2015. That way we can consider it for submission!

I do have something embarrassing to admit about our staff retreat – and no, it’s not about the amusing antics of my coworkers. Though I was only away for one night, I desperately missed my dog!

If you’ve read any of my past columns, or if you follow me on Instagram (@abigaildennis), then you know how much I adore Calamity Jane. She’s a year and a half old and the cutest chocolate lab I’ve ever seen. She is my constant companion and my best



buddy. Whether I’m spending the day in the car, hiking, fishing or just relaxing on the couch, she’s always within arm’s reach. I confide in her about everything and she really listens, I promise!

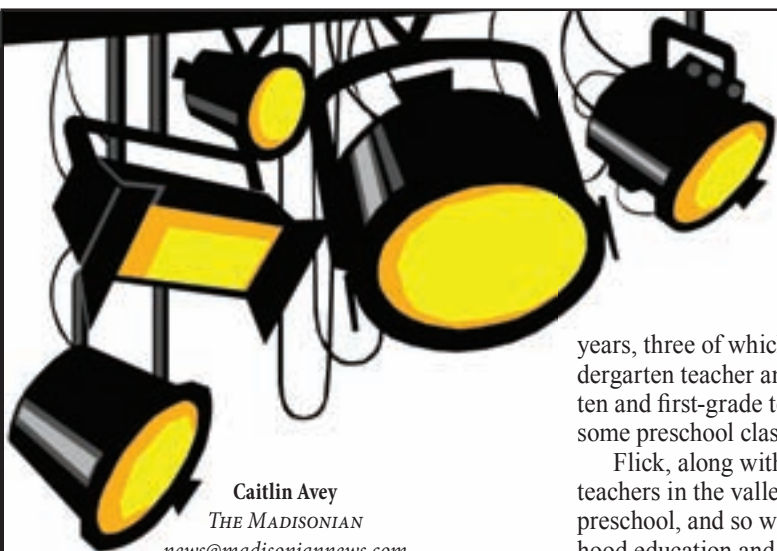
Where I grew up, people don’t connect with their dogs the way Montanans do. In inner city Kansas City, dogs stay home during the day and are often kenneled while owners run errands. They are walked on leashes or let out in fenced-in backyards. I’m so happy Jane and I live in rural Montana. She grew up in my car and is great on road trips. I’ve leashed her a few times – like when we take walks in town – but, she is free to roam when we hike and I think it’s made her a better listener ... and obey-er. I’m comfortable letting her out in my yard to sniff and explore without a tether because I trust her, and I trust our community.

In Montana, many dogs have a purpose other than being a pet. Cow dogs work on ranches. Bird dogs retrieve ducks, geese, pheasants and grouse. Jane is still young and inexperienced, but I’m convinced she’s going to become a first-rate shed hunting dog because she loves finding deer antlers. And if she doesn’t get the shed hunting thing down, we already know she makes a great couch potato and foot warmer.

Abigail

KATHY FLICK: Giving the gift of life

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



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Kathy Flick has been in the Ruby Valley for almost 33 years. For those 33 years, Flick has done her part to give back to the community in more ways than one.

When she moved to the valley in 1983, Flick taught at the Alder School for seven

years, three of which she spent as the kindergarten teacher and four as the kindergarten and first-grade teacher. She even taught some preschool classes in the afternoons.

Flick, along with the other kindergarten teachers in the valley, saw a need for a designated preschool, and so with her training in early childhood education and her love for kids, she helped start the Ready Set Grow Preschool in Sheridan.

“We did pretty good with kids,” Flick said regarding class sizes. “It was a need in the community so I asked my church and we started planning it.”

The school first operated in the house next to Bethel United Methodist Church and moved

into its current location in Bethany Hall after an addition was added to the building.

“When we planned the addition, we planned it with the preschool in mind,” said Flick, who helped form a committee to see the project through.

With the preschool complete, Flick set off on a new project – one she still heads today.

Flick has spent the last 20 or so years as the site coordinator for the Ruby Valley Blood Drive.

“I do all the calling and make appointments,” said Flick, who joined the hospital auxiliary, which sponsors the blood drive, in 1987.

She also enlisted the help of local 4H groups and the high school Family, Career, Community Leaders of America to make cookies to give to people donating.

“It’s nice because it works as a community service project for kids to provide cookies for the blood drive,” Flick said.

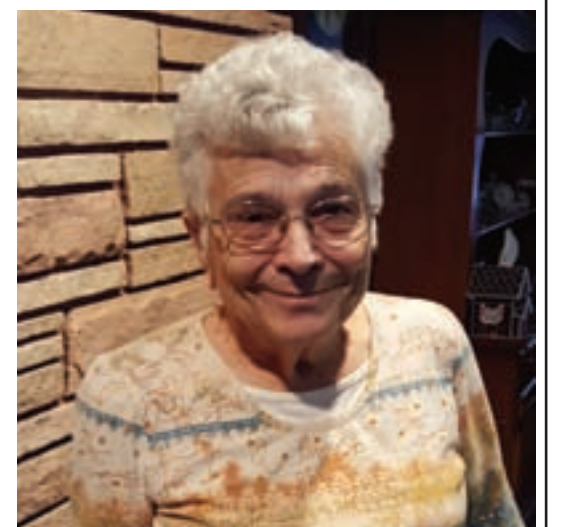
Being able to give back is something important to Flick – she also serves as president of the Patchwork Pals Quilt Guild, a group of residents from around the community who donate quilts to different charities and groups around the valley.

In her free time Flick has taken to a life of travel and has been all over the state and country within the last five years.

“A group of four of us floated the Colorado River and did some rough camping about five years ago,” Flick said with a smile of accomplishment.

While she enjoys traveling, Flick said she does not like to travel alone – so she joined the Global Grannies, a group of dedicated travelers looking to enjoy new experiences without having to travel alone.

“We have a good time,” she said.



Thank you for your dedication!

Keep up the good work!

~ The Madisonian



& SPORTS:

UP NEXT:
 Harrison plays Manhattan Christian on Feb. 11 and Shields Valley on Feb. 13. Sheridan plays Ennis on Feb. 12 and Twin Bridges on Feb. 13. The following week, both teams will travel to Manhattan Christian for the district tournament.

BATTLE OF THE BIG CATS

Harrison Wildcats, Sheridan Panthers face off



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Cross-county rivals – Harrison and Sheridan – clashed in the Harrison gym on Feb. 6 for a night of purple-themed basketball. Both schools have cat mascots, Wildcats and Panthers, and both claim purple as their school color. Up first, both lady cat teams took the floor, and Harrison came out on top. Next on deck was boys varsity, and the story was much the same as Harrison got the win.

Girls basketball

The Lady Wildcats started strong, outscoring the Panthers 22 – 2 in the first quarter alone. Addie Nesbit, Taya DeFrance, Makenna Livezey and Josie Hokanson were all able to get on the scoreboard in the first few minutes of play, and for Sheridan, only Alexis Woirhaye connected with the basket for two. “I was happy that we started strong and that we got everyone involved,” said Harrison’s head coach Zach Dyk. “I was pleased with our rebounding and defensive effort.”

The Wildcats worked hard on defense and held Sheridan to four points at the end of the first half.

Coming out of the gate at the second, however, Sheridan found a rhythm and with three minutes left in the third quarter, Woirhaye knocked down a three pointer.

The Panthers played with renewed vigor in the fourth quarter and outscored the Wildcats by five points. Sheridan’s girls started boxing out and snag-

ging rebounds, but they could not stop the Wildcats from connecting with the basket.

Then after a steal and fast break from Janie Smart that resulted in two points, the Panthers went on a run, scoring five points in a minute while holding Harrison to one field goal.

Hokanson put an end to that with a steal and an easy layup, which brought the score to 51 – 15 with 2:30 left in the game. Smart returned the favor, capitalizing on a Panther steal with a three pointer and the score was 51 – 18, where it stayed until the buzzer.

“We’re getting healthy just in time and we’re starting to understand our roles,” Dyk said. “I expect a great week of practice and then some good games to close out the regular season.”

Hokanson ended the game with 19 points to lead the Wildcats. Her teammates Nesbit, DeFrance, Hailey Hokanson and Livezey also contributed to the team’s final score.

Woirhaye was the Panthers’ top scorer with nine points. Smart ended the game with five and both Amanda Grow and Tionna Schwend scored two.

Boys basketball

Though the Panthers controlled the tip, their success was short-lived when Daly Nesbit stole the ball and took it down the court for a layup to put Harrison on the scoreboard first. The Panthers were undeterred, however, and Tristen Horn knocked down a three-pointer on the next play.

The first few minutes of play followed that vein – Harrison’s Parker Galt scored a field goal

and Horn returned fire. The Wildcats slowly started pulling away, capitalizing on steals, and the first quarter ended with Harrison up, 22 – 9.

The second quarter was much the same – though the Panthers scored on numerous possessions, they were unable to keep up with the Wildcats’ speed and size, and Harrison continued to pull away. The teams entered the locker room at halftime with the Wildcats up, 43 – 17.

After the half, it took the Panthers awhile to find their rhythm, but by the fourth quarter they were firing on all cylinders. Five of Sheridan’s players scored in the final quarter of the game – the Panthers scored 17 points to Harrison’s three and cut down on their deficit. As the clock wound down, however, it was too late and the Wildcats won, 65 – 39.

Harrison had an impressive nine players score during the game. Galt, Nesbit and Matt Fouch ended the night with double figures – 14, 12 and 12, respectively.

For the Panthers, Horn led the charge and ended the game with 20 points. Moxon Lee scored six points, Moritz Remmert and Kenny Foster each scored four, Isaac Bendon and Tyler Haag each scored two and Isaiah Galiger scored one.

“The kids played hard but we need to play for all 32 minutes,” said Sheridan coach Chad Elser. “We came out slow in the first half but the players regrouped at half time and came out with more intensity.”



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
 Sheridan’s Kenny Foster (21) puts up a three-pointer against the Wildcats.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
 Alexis Woirhaye (20) navigates past Harrison’s Josie Hokanson (15).

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
 MaKenna Livezey pulls up for a quick jumper and scores two points.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
 Daly Nesbit (22) charges toward the basket in the first quarter of the game.

TOURNAMENT TIME

Pond hockey enthusiasts converge on Virginia City



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

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Thirteen hockey teams from around Southwest Montana traveled to Virginia City on Feb. 6 to play 25 total games.

Photo courtesy Amy Kelley

The Pigeons from Big Sky took home the coveted pond hockey trophy.

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Peter Kelley takes advantage of a break between games to practice his hockey skills.



BASKETBALL ROUND UP

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ENNIS

The Mustangs and Lady Mustangs hit the road on Feb. 4 and traveled to Boulder. The following night they returned to their home gym and welcomed Shields Valley.

Ennis at Boulder

The Mustangs were unable to topple Boulder, and lost on the road, 39 – 50. Jake Knack had a standout game with 23 points. Gavin McKittrick also scored in double figures with 12, and Ty Morgan contributed four to the team's total.

The Lady Mustangs lost in a one-point heartbreaker to Boulder, 30 – 31. Caitlin Klatt scored eight, MaKenzie Moen scored five, Danika Philpott

scored four, Amanda Kimmy scored three and Danyel Martin contributed one.

Shields Valley at Ennis

As of press time Tuesday, scores and statistics for the boys game were not made available to *The Madisonian*.

Though Shields Valley had an impressive fourth quarter, the Lady Mustangs were able to hold onto their early lead and won the game, 52 – 47. Danyel Martin and Jourdain Klein led the team with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Caitlin Klatt scored eight, Danika Philpott and MaKenzie Moen each scored six, Amanda Kimmy had three and Lexi Lindemulder and Brigit Croy each added a point to the team's total.

HARRISON

The Wildcats played two games this week, first they went

up against the Lima Bears on Feb. 5. The following night, the Wildcats played the Sheridan Panthers at home (see a feature on the game on A5).

Lima at Harrison

The Wildcats beat the Bears by nine points, 52 – 43. Daly Nesbit and Lane Buus each had 10 points, while Zan VonBergen and Parker Galt each scored nine. Chas Buus added seven to the team's total. Matt Fouch and Derik DeFrance also scored in the game.

It was all about the Lady Wildcats on Feb. 5 – the girls won, 45 – 19. Josie Hokanson led the team with 13 points, followed closely by Taya DeFrance who had 11. MaKenna Livezey and Addie Nesbit each scored eight. Hailey Hokanson scored four and Alexys Bacon contributed one.

SHERIDAN

The Panthers were on the road last week – first they traveled to West Yellowstone on Feb. 5 to take on the Wolverines. The following night they were in Harrison (see a feature on the game on A5).

Sheridan at West Yellowstone

The Panthers found their rhythm in the second half of the game against the Wolverines, but were unable to make up their first half deficit and lost, 54 – 66. Tristen Horn scored an impressive 36 points, 34 of them in the second half of the game. Moxon Lee and Kenny Foster each scored five, Tyler Haag scored four and Isaac Bendon and Isaiah Galiger scored two apiece.

The Lady Panthers fell behind the Lady Wolverines early on in the first quarter, but rallied to make it a closer game in the second half. They ultimately lost, 17 – 44. Janie Smart scored eight, Tionna Schwend scored

four, Madison Fabel scored three and Alexis Woirhaye added two to the team's total.

TWIN BRIDGES

Manhattan Christian made the trip to Madison County on Feb. 5 to play the Falcons, who then welcomed West Yellowstone to the gym the next night.

Manhattan Christian at Twin Bridges

The Falcons eked out a win over the Eagles, 61 – 59. Tracen Eggers led the team with 22 points. Wesley Harshbarger scored 12 and Chace Guinnane, James Bendon and Cooper Christensen each contributed nine to secure the win.

The Lady Falcons also battled it out to the end against Manhattan Christian

and ultimately won, 55 – 52. Kailee Oliverson led the charge with 20 points. Mara Johnson scored nine, Brooke Schandelmeier had eight, Jessica George scored six, RaeAnne Bendon scored five, Cassie Williams contributed four, Megan Martin scored two and Madyson Beagley had one point.

West Yellowstone at Twin Bridges

The Falcons soared to a win against West Yellowstone, 56 – 18. Cooper Christensen was the high scorer with 11 points, but eight other Twin Bridges players scored during the match up.

It was all about the Lady Falcons on Feb. 6 – the girls beat West Yellowstone, 46 – 17. Kailee Oliverson scored 18 points. RaeAnne Bendon contributed eight, Madyson Beagley had seven and Michaela Madden scored four. Five other Lady Falcons scored during the game.

FOLLOWING CODE

Virginia City council continues sign ordinance discussion

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"Nothing is more important than our downtown district," said councilman Scott Kelley at the Feb. 4 Virginia City Town Council meeting.

During the meeting, councilmembers revisited the fact some businesses in town have signs that are not in compliance with the current sign ordinance. The issue was first brought to the council's attention in December of 2015, when they received a written complaint regarding businesses that were using non-compliant flags.

In order to keep with the historic nature of the town, the council put a sign ordinance in place in 1995, regulating all businesses and business owners follow set standards to resemble Virginia City in the 1860s.

"Inasmuch as Virginia City in its entirety is designated a national historic landmark, signage in all areas of the town shall reflect a respect for its unique historic assets and complement its historic integ-

riety," the sign ordinance states.

Since Virginia City gets more traffic during the summer, only a few businesses stay open in the winter. During the January meeting, the council and business owners clashed over the design of the flags that were being used to "stop traffic" during the winter months and attract customers.

After much debate, the council agreed to work with winter businesses to create a compromise and design a flag that met the town code as well as Historic Preservation Advisory Committee requirements. Elijah Allen, executive director of the Montana Heritage Commission, offered to help with payment and design of any new signs or flags.

Mayor Scott Petersen said he met with business owners and they were open to the idea of a winter flag, but said he wanted to help the businesses as well. Because Peterson allowed business owners to continue flying the flags until the council could decide on a final design, some businesses continued to use non-compliant signs

and flags to attract business.

"I thought as long as they were working with me (on a design) that they could leave the flags up for awhile – I guess not," Petersen said later.

"I appreciate the council really trying to do a compromise," Allen said at the meeting, emphasizing that MHC would pay to have new signs and flags created. "But when (businesses) dismiss that, that's when I ask the town step in."

While some business owners did remove their non-compliant flags, some did not, continuing to go against town code.

"This is a volunteer position and we are doing what's best for the town," said Kelley of his role on the council. "It's a direct challenge of what little authority we have."

Historic Preservation Officer Jeff MacDonald offered to help the council and businesses with designing compliant signs, saying the town's signs are "based in fact."

"The history of the town is why we look at signs so intensely," said MacDonald during the meeting, adding

the town has access to historic documents and photos to help guide and determine a "flavor" for potentially compliant winter signs.

As of now, MHC has proposed a design that will first go through HPAC before being presented to the council for final approval at their next meeting.

The town will also be sending packets of information to all business owners regarding license renewals, which will include information regarding the sign ordinance and other various town codes. Businesses that are not in compliance with town codes are subject to fines and could ultimately lose their business license.

Other business

• Allen gave a report for MHC and spoke about the potential for MHC to extend their property line near the

kid's pond, located at the northwest end of town.

"Basically, we own five-sixths of the land so we're just going to buy them out," said Allen, adding Central City LLC, who owns one-sixth of the property, is worried about road liability with all the current construction to replace the pond's dam.

Allen and the MHC board are still in the beginning stages of the project and will hear a boundary realignment proposal at the end of March. Should the board approve the proposal, it will be open to public comment and may be subject to the State Land Board.

"The intended purpose is to make the road on the backside of the pond and the train tracks 100 percent owned by the state," said Allen.

With the current construction on the kid's pond ongoing, Allen said the

schedule has not changed and progress should continue.

•Public works director Roger Williams gave a report regarding roads and the water and sewer system, focusing on addressing the well water pressure at the northeastern end of the town.

"There are difficult spots to develop with limited access availability," Williams said, regarding future development and the tough terrain and high elevation.

Williams suggested talking with Great West Engineering to determine possible alternatives to the water pressure issue.

•The council passed a motion regarding research requests in the town offices to help recover cost and time lost by town employees. The council agreed on a \$50 charge per hour spent by town employees researching data requests for members of the public and a \$0.25 charge per page copied.

Want to read the sign ordinance for yourself?

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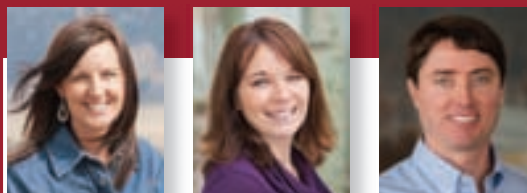
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Submitted by Tricia Hansen
AVP, MARKETING DEPT. MANAGER
STOCKMAN BANK

Ruby Valley Healthcare received a \$15,000 donation from Stockman Bank. The contribution will be applied to the capital campaign effort to build a new healthcare facility, and fund new equipment and technology in Sheridan.

Shane Puyear, branch manager of Stockman Bank in Dillon, recently presented Terry Todd, Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation capital campaign committee member and

Julie Todd, Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation board member with a check for the donation.

The foundation's capital campaign goal is \$2.5 million, and has already secured \$1,837,642.37 as of January 2016.

In honor of their contribution, Stockman Bank will have naming rights to the Community Coffee Room in the new facility.

"It is truly gratifying to contribute to a project that will touch so many lives in and around Sheridan," said Puyear. "I'm very excited Stockman Bank can be a

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Submitted by Mike Hughes

The Falcon eighth grade basketball team won the championship game at the Bozeman Hardwood Classic. Over 125 teams competed at the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade division. Back row: Bryce Nye, Charlie Krueer, Nate Konen, Tristan Harmon, Aaron Grabil, Coach Andy Nye. Front row: Axton Anderson, Jake Hughes.

2016 HARRISON HOMECOMING



Submitted by Fred Hoffman, Harrison Superintendent

Since Harrison co-ops with Whitehall for football, the school has its own unique tradition of celebrating homecoming in the winter. Last week, Harrison students participated in homecoming activities all week, and crowned a king and queen at halftime during Saturday's basketball game against Harrison. Pictured from left: Donny Crill, Josie Griffiths, Derik DeFrance, Alexys Bacon, Zach Jackson, Kaelin Hodgson, Homecoming King Tristan Machado, and Homecoming Queen Taya DeFrance.



Courtesy Roseann Troyer
Roberta High at the Hawaiian day celebration.

TRMCC January story

Submitted by Roseann Troyer

January 2016, started with a lively group of residents holding a resident council meeting on the 5th. Grade school children showed up at 4:30 p.m. and spent time socializing with several of our residents.

On Jan. 15, several members from the American Legion Post #31 in Twin Bridges arrived to present our five veterans with a veterans pin and certificate. Petty Officer from the Navy Jim Paull read a document explaining what was about to happen and why. Army Major Jerry Redfield pinned each veteran, presented him with a certificate and saluted him. Veterans receiving the recognition were "Doc" Lott (Army), Don Mantha (Army), Dick Payment (Marine), Matt Stiles (Marine) and Dick Hansen (Navy). Helping at the ceremony were Doug Martin, Air force Master Sergeant and Joe Whitherspoon, Army Master Sergeant. Steve Wilcox played the song "Proud to Be an American." After the event refreshments were served to the veterans, friends and family. The group also presented our facility

with a brand new American flag.

The Women for Veterans group hosted the January birthday party at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center on Jan. 22. Residents with January birthdays are Gene Byler and Marie Tate.

Sara Paull and Tami Hutchings served treats to the birthday celebrants and partygoers and we had beautiful flower corsages made.

To chase away the winter "blahs" we had a very colorful Hawaiian day. Everyone wore bright Hawaiian shirts; some wore grass skirts with coconut bras. Pink, purple, yellow and orange necklaces adorned everyone's neck.

Our dietary department went the extra mile and served all you could eat shrimp with cocktail sauce. We also had sweet and sour chicken over white rice and chunks of fresh pineapple. Dessert was a pineapple up-side down cake. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

We ended the month with a variety of snacks and an array of beverages from rum and coke or mimosa's to apple cider – and it's already February, time flies when you're having fun!

Students of the month for Sheridan Schools

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

Submitted by Emily McParland
SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

January

- Kindergarten
Hazalin Maddison
- First grade
Jace Allhands
- Second grade
Jaxon VerHow
- Third grade
Kaden Browne
- Fourth grade
Gunnar Decker
- Fifth grade
Bella Wright

- Sixth grade
Caitlyn Galiger
- Seventh grade
Mackenzie Fabel
- Eighth grade
Micara Devereaux
- Ninth grade
Aislinn Deavel
- Tenth grade
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Spelling bee winners — from left to right: Rachel Zielinski, Emily Nelson, Ruby Rossiter, Jorien VerHow and Henry Sutton.

Sheridan spelling bee sends winners to county bee

Submitted by Rod Stout

Sheridan Elementary School held their annual spelling bee on Feb. 4. The competition's announcer was Dawne Smith and the judges included Lynette Larson, Rachel Minert, and Mr. Anderson. This year's winners were Rachel Zielinski, Emily Nelson, Ruby Rossiter and Jorien VerHow, who took first, second, third and fourth places, respectively. The alternate is Henry Sutton. Other students competing included eighth graders Grace Larsen, Grace Hill and Michael McCormack; seventh graders Lane Hitchcock and Leah Sanders; sixth grader Kayden Batzler; and fifth grader Devany Davidson. Sheridan spellers will advance to the Madison County Spelling Bee in Virginia City on March 2.

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Sunday
Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Highs 30 to 40.

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Mel performing the "Roman Race" for the Brander Sisters at the Deer Lodge rodeo in the 1930s.



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COWBOY-UP!

Melvin Icenoggle inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame

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What defines a cowboy? Look at a textbook and you will learn a cowboy is one who tends to cattle or horses; but to many, a cowboy – or cowgirl – is so much more than that.

"It's the spirit of the cowboy," said Christy Stensland, executive director for the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center. "It's their honesty, integrity and commitment – it's not just a cowboy, it's the spirit of Montana."

Living in Madison County, we are surrounded by cowboys and cowgirls young and old. From the endless green pastures and pivots that outline our valleys to fuzzy faced herds poking around our landscape, our way of life in the Madison and Ruby valleys is steeped in rich cowboy history.

In particular, one name stands out when you hear the words "Montana cowboy" – Montana rodeo legend Mel Icenoggle, who was recently inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Making a cowboy

Mel was born in Bozeman in July 1912, just two months after the passing of his father, Joe Icenoggle. His mother, Mary, had fallen on a wet floor during her pregnancy, resulting in Mel being born two months premature. Although premature, Mel would grow into a strong, independent cowboy, appropriately named "strong grandpa" by his grandchildren.

"He was made of cast iron, from what I could tell," said Mel's granddaughter Gina Kerzman.

At 5 feet 9 inches and close to 170 pounds, Mel was built "stout."

"He was an extremely hardworking guy," said Mel's youngest son Bruce Icenoggle. "He grew up in the height of the depression and it was so difficult to find work and make a living in the 30s and

40s."

Mel worked in timber, broke horses, worked on ranches and did anything he could to get by, something he had learned at an early age.

"His mother took him to California to live with an uncle in his formative years," said Bruce.

He exercised racehorses at the Tanforan Race Course in San Francisco for an uncle and farmed with a team of four to six horses at age 12 in Oregon.

It was in California that Mel got into rodeos – he won his first rodeo money for bull riding at the age of 16.

"He had to make his own life very early," said Gina. "And that made him very tough."

A Montana rodeo

"He was absolutely fearless," said Bruce.

It was Mel's fearless attitude that brought him back to his home, where he attended school in Cardwell and later met and married his wife Lila Nicholls of Twin Bridges.

Mel and Lila lived in Twin Bridges, Dillon and Ennis, where Mel worked at the Jumping Horse Ranch, breaking and training racehorses.

Having worked nearly every job under the sun, Mel refused to give up his passion – rodeo. A tremendous athlete, he competed in saddle bronc, bareback and bull riding, steer wrestling, wild horse racing and calf roping.

"He would light a cigarette as he walked up to the bucking chute just before getting on a bucking horse," according to Mel's oldest son, Edgar. "He did it every time, just like clockwork."

In a biography submitted by his family for the induction ceremony, it states through the 30s and 40s, Mel clowning "utilizing wild original acts such as harnessing a wild steer to a swiveling Roman-style chariot with eccentric oscillating wheels."

"He rode for a rather famous group of rodeo sisters known as

the Brander Sisters," said Bruce. "He worked for them and rode horses."

Mel would perform a "Roman Race" for the Brander Sisters at the Deerlodge rodeo where he stood on the backs of two racehorses and rode around the track.

"It was a flat out horse race on racehorses," said Bruce. "He was willing to try anything."

With many rodeo titles under his belt, Mel and Lila moved from participation to production, producing their first rodeo in the late 40s in Twin Bridges.

Mel and Lila, along with partner Frank Fox, put on rodeos at the Madison County Fairgrounds where Mel was the producer, chute boss and often times a contestant.

"During the war, good cowboys were often hard to come by," said Bruce, adding that Mel and Frank would change hats and clothes and perform several different events to make a show.

Reviving rodeo

Mel has been credited as one of many cowboys to revive the Ennis rodeo, which in turn led to the founding of the Ennis Rodeo and Racing Association, still active today. He was also a founding member of the Montana Rodeo Association.

One of his greatest accomplishments, however, would be his design and construction of a portable arena after the Fieldhouse in Bozeman was built in 1957.

"They were holding one spring rodeo a year outside of Belgrade, so the idea of course occurred to people to put a rodeo in the Fieldhouse," said Bruce.

Mel proposed a design to Montana State University, which the college bought, and his jackleg and split rail panel design served as the home for the college rodeo for 20 years until it was replaced with steel.

Turn to COWBOY on pg. 8



Photo courtesy Gina Kerzman

Edgar Icenoggle, Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame director Mark Larson, Bill Icenoggle and Bruce Icenoggle at the induction ceremony.



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Members of Mel's family at the Cowboy Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Feb. 6, 2016.

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DPHHS officials urge awareness of Zika virus, travel recommendations Health officials to monitor returning travelers from affected areas

Submitted by Jon Ebel
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

State health officials said Montanans need to be aware of the risk of Zika virus infection before traveling to Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Pregnant women especially need to take note of the recent travel recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control that urge them to postpone travel to affected areas if possible. Specific travel recommendations for pregnant women can be found here <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/index.html>.

Pregnant women are most at risk for complications from the Zika virus because serious birth defects have been reported in children born to women who are infected with the virus.

"At this time, (Montana Department of Health and Human Services) recommends that pregnant women consider postponing travel to a Zika-affected area and women trying to become pregnant talk to

their doctor about the risk of Zika virus infection before traveling to affected areas," said Jim Murphy of DPHHS Communicable Disease Bureau.

DPHHS is also working with local health departments to monitor Montanans returning from Zika-affected areas and have in place efforts to report, test and conduct follow-up with individuals suspected of infection.

Zika virus is spread to people primarily through mosquito bites, not casual person-to-person contact. While rare, transmission of the virus from blood transfusions and sexual contact have been reported.

"The mosquito species associated with the spread of Zika virus does not exist in our state or region," Murphy said.

To date, no cases of Zika virus infection have been reported in Montana.

According to CDC, the most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain and red, itchy eyes. Symptoms are usually mild and last several days to a week.

About one in five people infected with Zika virus will get sick. For people who get sick, the illness is usually mild. For this reason, many people might not realize they have been infected.

In those who become ill, symptoms present two to seven days after infection and an infected person will carry the virus in their blood for up to seven days before the body clears the infection. Once a person has been infected, he or she is likely to be protected from future infections. There is currently no vaccine or treatment for the virus.

Travelers who think they may be ill with Zika virus should consult their health care provider. Public health officials will coordinate testing of symptomatic individuals who have returned from a Zika-affected area.

DPHHS has created a website page with Zika virus information. The page includes a direct link to CDC for information about how to prevent Zika virus, symptoms and detailed information for health care providers, facts sheets and more. Go to www.dphhs.mt.gov.



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Tips to avoid overeating

Submitted by StatePoint

For many people, the biggest hurdle in their quest to eat sensibly is not a question of what they should eat, but how much?

If overeating is an issue you face, consider the following tips:

- Stay hydrated. Thirst is often confused for hunger. Stay hydrated so that when true hunger strikes, you will know what your body needs.
- Snack. It may sound counter-intuitive to eat more meals. But staying fueled throughout the day will prevent you from feeling ravenous and over-eating later.
- Rest. Lack of sleep

can leave you hungry. Get proper rest each night.

• Make more room. It sounds simple but the more calories you burn, the more food your body requires.

If you like large meals, consider "working up an appetite," first.

Even if you follow the tips above, you may have trouble relying on your intuition when it comes to doling out properly sized portions. But with a few tricks and tips,

you can land on the perfect portion sizes that will leave you feeling energized and satiated after meals.



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By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

Modern telemarketers

Venting against an advertising avalanche

Goodness knows I am an advocate of free enterprise. However, while surfing the Internet recently, I couldn't help but notice the overabundance of advertisements. Additionally, I was appalled at the devious methods advertisers have devised to capture viewers' attention. It wasn't long before I discovered that when it comes to viewing online commercials, even I have limits of tolerance.

Initially, I clicked the Internet access icon. Immediately, a large ad appeared at the top of the search engine home page. I instinctively clicked the "close" button. Instead of the commercial disappearing, an insulting text box appeared asking why I wanted to close the ad! My blood pressure shot up at being subjected to such an idiotic inquiry; especially when the answer was so obvious - BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT THE BLASTED THING, THAT'S WHY!

With my mood turned resentful, I browsed through the news stories listed on the home page. I soon noticed one proclaiming, "See photos of the world's 10 most exotic beaches."



Naively, I clicked on the site. Contrary to what I expected, the ten photos were not present on the succeeding page. Rather, to see all the photos required clicking through 10 successive, agonizingly slow-loading pages, each containing a single beach picture. Of course, each page also included a barrage of different advertisements for my viewing displeasure.

Next, while mumbling expletives, I searched for a specific site containing needed information for a newspaper article I wanted to write. Before having a chance to read a single word, several exasperatingly distractive, commercial videos automatically began playing. Worse yet, the "close" buttons were cunningly situated in difficult-to-find locations. Consequently, I was unable to close said ads until they had all played in their entirety. Most galling, merely dragging the

cursor across the text or down the side panels triggered an additional blizzard of dancing burritos, gyrating gorillas, talking heads, etc. By the time I'd gathered the needed information, I was nigh onto foaming at the mouth.

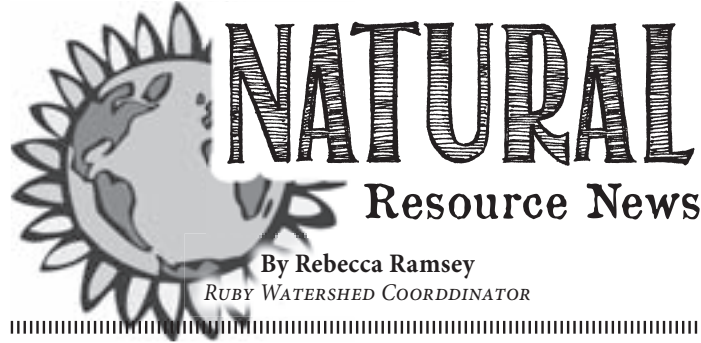
Lastly, before exiting the Internet, I foolishly decided to check my email. I then suffered the final online indignity of the day when I found even more ads sprinkled amid my email messages. So, in order to read my personal communications, I was obligated to navigate through a veritable minefield of additional maddening diversions.

Just then, it dawned on me that if one tallied the time spent shutting down online commercials; it may well exceed the time spent reading sought-after information. Thus, I contend that today's Internet advertisers are little more than yesteryear's telephone telemarketers gone cyber. Aggravating unsolicited phone calls have been replaced with infuriating, self-initiated, audio-video intrusions. It's only a matter of time before a 3D cyber ad extends from my monitor screen and shoves a nasal inhalator up my nose for a trial puff.

However, I have news for online advertisers: their incessant bombardment is having the opposite effect of what they hoped for. Simply put, forcing me to endure endless cyberspace commercials overloads my limited mental circuits. Therefore, at the end of a surfing session, all that remains in my memory concerning their relentless efforts is an entirely indecipherable digital goulash.

In the end, the number of advertisements I encountered was both absurd and obscene. How sad that what was once an enjoyable endeavor has been transformed into an odious task. Truth be known, my humble protests aren't likely to slow the Internet advertising avalanche. Nonetheless, now that I have vented, I feel better.

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NATURAL Resource News

By Rebecca Ramsey
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

THE DIRT ON CO₂

Carbon is an element found in all living things on earth. It is in plants, animals, micro-organisms, people and soils. Most often, however, we hear about carbon in its oxidized form (CO₂) because there has been a drastic increase in the emission of carbon dioxide over recent decades. Some of the carbon released into the atmosphere is taken up by plants, some of it gets stored in the oceans, while the rest stays in the atmosphere. When carbon is stored in one

of these forms it is called "carbon sequestration." There is, however, another place where carbon is stored, and it is right beneath your feet. There is more carbon stored in the world's soils than there is in the earth's atmosphere and plant life combined. How does carbon get into the soil? Well, it starts with photosynthesis. Photosynthesis is the process where plants use sunlight and CO₂ to produce their own food source (the by-product of this is oxygen). The excess carbon that plants don't use passes through the root system and is then used to help feed soil organisms. Here, the carbon becomes stored in the soil organic matter. Soil organic

matter is what turns "dirt" into "soil." High soil organic matter means better water-holding capacity, better soil structure and better fertility for plants. In order to make this entire cycle function, however, you've got to have a healthy soil and plant life to start with.

Researchers have found that cultivated soils around the world have lost upwards of 70 percent of the carbon they once stored. When soil is turned over, the carbon stored in the soil organic matter is oxidized and returned back to the atmosphere as CO₂. When you consider that only 3 percent of North America's tallgrass prairies remain intact, you can begin to imagine how much carbon has been lost from soils in the U.S. alone. This trend, however, can be reversed. Restoring soil can provide an opportunity to restore this great carbon sink, while also improving productivity to help feed our growing population. Researchers believe that restoring the world's degraded soil ecosystems can have the potential to store up to three billion tons of carbon each year. When translated into CO₂ emissions, this equates to

about 34 percent of the carbon dioxide released from fossil fuel emissions each year. A few examples of practices that can improve soil health and increase carbon storage include: replanting and restoring degraded areas, planting cover crops, pasture management, conservation tillage and erosion control. These practices have been used locally with great success and they are becoming more widespread throughout the country due to the many benefits they provide to the landscape and the landowner.

Restoring the world's soils is not a small undertaking, but soil is arguably one of our most important resources, and is therefore worth managing carefully. Furthermore, as CO₂ emissions continue increasing in coming decades, restoring our landscapes to help carbon sequestration might be one of the most viable and sensible solutions to help mitigate the amount of this gas that is released into the atmosphere. We have an opportunity to take advantage of the billions of tons of carbon being emitted around the world, and we can put it back into the ground where it's of better use to us all.

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MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRELINE

By Steve Orr | MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Year started off busy for the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department. The two responses on New Year's Day set the tone for the total seven calls for service received in January. This compares to only two calls for the full month of January 2015.

On Jan. 1 at 12:25 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a jackknifed semi accident at mile marker 2.5 on U.S. Highway 287 South. The MVRFD responded a rescue with one firefighter from station two, a rescue with four firefighters from station one, and an engine with two firefighters from station three. Station one and station three response was canceled when station two personnel arrived on scene and found that the semi had just slid into the ditch and was being pulled out by a local contractor. Station two personnel conducted traffic control operations until the semi could be pulled back onto the road surface and the roadway made safe.

On Jan. 1 at 1:04 p.m. the MVRFD was requested to provide traffic control while a logging truck was pulled out of the ditch on the Virginia City Hill at mile marker eight on MT Highway 287 near the scenic

turn-out. The MVRFD responded a command with two firefighters from station one. Firefighters conducted traffic control operations until the logging truck could be towed from the scene.

On Jan. 3 at 3:13 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a semi versus elk accident at mile marker 44.5 on U.S. Highway 287 North. The MVRFD responded a command and a rescue with four firefighters from station one and an engine with one firefighter from station three. Firefighters controlled coolant leaks and conducted traffic control operations until the released from the scene by Madison County sheriff's deputies.

On Jan. 5 at 11:41 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched for mutual aid to the Harrison Fire Department for a power line incident. The MVRFD responded a rescue and a command with seven firefighters from station one. Upon arrival the MVRFD personnel found the road blocked approximately 1 mile below the actual incident location by heavy equipment and a Northwestern Energy vehicle that was already on scene. It was discovered that the company installing fiber optics lines in the

area had accidentally dug up the line. Northwestern Energy advised that they had the situation under control and MVRFD resources were released.

On Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a vehicle accident at mile marker 2.5 on MT Highway 287. The MVRFD responded an engine and a command with nine firefighters from station one. Station one response was canceled when a Madison County sheriff's deputy arrived on scene and discovered the incident was a simple slide-off accident due to icy roads.

On Jan. 17 at 5:31 p.m. hours the MVRFD was dispatched to a one vehicle rollover accident at mile marker 2.5 on MT Highway 287. The MVRFD responded an engine and a command with seven firefighters from station one. One firefighter arrived on scene in private vehicle while two additional firefighters stood by at station one and one firefighter stood by at station three.

The road surface at the incident scene was very icy. First arriving units found a pick-up truck in the barrow pit on its top. MVRFD personnel checked the driver, who was out of

the vehicle, for injuries and conducted traffic control operations until the vehicle could be removed from the scene of the incident and the roadway cleared of emergency vehicles.

On Jan. 29 at 6:07 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a chimney fire on North Meadow Creek Road. The MVRFD responded an engine, a command and a tender with nine firefighters from station one. One additional firefighter stood by at station one. Firefighters found the fire upon arrival. A search for fire extensions was conducted with the use of a thermal imaging camera. No extension was detected. Firefighters removed some of the creosote buildup in the chimney so the homeowner could heat the structure in cold conditions.

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

Commodity Insite! Bumpy to the extreme

by Jerry Welch

In my first column of the year entitled Outlook for 2016, the final sentence read as follows: "Buckle up as the New Year is going to be bumpy. It already is!" What I was specifically referring to was the clear and simple fact that 2015 was bearish stocks and commodities. What I did not know at the time, however, was January and February of this year turned out to be one of the most bearish starts to any New Year ever. Ever. Bumpy indeed! But it now seems I may not have been descriptive enough regarding the how awful 2015 was for stocks and commodities. I say that because last week, Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, the world's most valuable company, had this stark and eye opening comment about the strong domestic and global headwinds Apple faced in the fourth quarter of last year.

He said, "We're seeing extreme conditions unlike anything we've experienced before just about everywhere we look."

Cook's comments were made as Apple posted record profits. He also said, "we began to see some signs of economic softness in Greater China earlier this month, most notably in Hong Kong." According to CNN Money, Cook mentioned China 13 times on the Apple (phone) call, a notable jump from nine times a year ago. And despite all-time record profits, Apple stock fell to levels last seen in late 2014.

There are other notables also concerned about the weakness surfacing with the Chinese economy. In late January, billionaire investor George Soros told Bloomberg T.V. that China's weakening economy is contributing to global deflation.

Bloomberg quoted Soros as saying, "A hard landing is practically unavoidable. I'm not expecting it, I'm observing it."

If Cook's observation - "we're seeing extreme conditions unlike anything we've experienced before just about everywhere we look" - is close to being accurate, while Soros' examination of the Chinese economy in that, "a hard landing is practically unavoidable" is also on target, me describing 2016 as "bumpy" for investors, traders and agricultural producers may turn out to be a gross understatement. Come mid-year, I may have to amend my description of the New Year to something far more pointed. Such as wildly bumpy. Insanely bumpy. Or bumpy to the extreme.

What is important to remember, however, is not

the wording I use to describe the stiff headwinds stocks and commodities face this year.

What is important to remember is the CEO of Apple, the most valuable company in the world, is nervous about the economic events unfolding in Asia. And also keep in mind that one the most widely followed, respected and at the same time detested but highly successful market speculators of all time, George Soros, is also bad mouthing the Chinese economy.

A weak Chinese economy is one thing. A hard landing with the Chinese economy is something altogether different and far more bearish stocks and in particular commodities. One of the most often quoted sayings over the past decade is, "as China goes, so go commodities." But it is also a fact that the boys

and girls on Wall Street are also sensitive to the whims and ways of the Chinese economy. In early January, for instance, the Wall Street Journal posted piece with a blaring headline that read, "Dow Tumbles Nearly 400 Points on China Worries."

Based on the influence China now holds across the globe, that saying should be amended to, "as China goes, so go stocks and commodities." Moving forward, keep that newly amended saying in mind. If you happen to be a stock market investor, an agricultural producer or simply a trader I suggest you scribble that saying on a piece of paper and keep it around where you can see it and read it every now and then.

Writing an old saying on paper and keeping it handy is second nature to me. Over the years, I have endured countless

complaints about my views regarding the markets and now take such criticism in stride.

One of the most common complaints folks have with me is stubbornness. I do not change my mind easily. And to remind me of that character flaw I have an old Scotch-Irish prayer attached to my computer monitor. The prayer reads as such: "Lord, grant that I may always be right, for Thou Knowest I am hard to turn."

The interesting thing about the character flaw of being stubborn when it comes to markets, investing or trading is this simple truth. Being stubborn is how you make a great deal of money. Unfortunately, being stubborn is also how you lose a great deal of money. And it is because of that obvious conundrum, I keep that old Scotch-Irish prayer close at hand. Very close.

COMICS & PUZZLES



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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Comforting Weeknight Meal, Baked Chicken and Dumplings

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- Janet

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Baked Chicken and Dumplings

What You Need

- 4-5 large chicken breasts, boneless
- 1 stick butter, plus 4 tbsp
- 1 1/2 c self-rising flour
- 1 1/2 c milk
- 1/2 c sour cream
- 3 c chicken broth
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1/2 tsp savory (rosemary or thyme may be used)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

- Place chicken, 4 tbsp butter, salt and pepper in a large stock pot. Cover with water, at least 2 in. over the chicken.
- Cover and bring to a boil over high heat.
- Reduce heat to simmer and boil chicken until tender, about 30 to 45 min.

- When chicken is done remove from broth and cool. Shred into pieces.
- Preheat oven to 375 F.
- Melt 1 stick butter and pour into 3 qt. baking dish.
- Spread chicken on top of butter.
- In a separate bowl, whisk flour and milk together. Carefully pour evenly over top of chicken, scrape bowl.
- In the same bowl, whisk together 2 c chicken broth, cream of celery soup, sour cream and savory. Carefully pour this mixture over top of chicken and flour mixture.
- Bake for 30-40 min or until a golden brown.
- Let cool for about 15 min. Then pour the remaining 1 c chicken broth evenly over the top.
- Let stand for about 5 min or until the broth has "soaked" into the chicken and dumplings.

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at the front door of the Madison County Court-house located at 110 West Wallace Street in Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:

ing \$8839.53, late charges in the amount of \$458.16, escrow advances of \$1701.94 plus accruing interest at the rate of \$38.61 per diem, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.

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Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Commission expires: 01/19/2018 Green Tree V Schwend 42072.406 (Pub. Feb. 11, 18, 25, 2016) mk MNAXLP

whether the permit shall be issued. Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator Madison County (Pub. Feb. 11, 2016) mcp MNAXLP

amount of \$867,184.66 and claims for all funds in the amount of \$750,040.65 with a total of \$1,617,225.31 for the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending on January 31, 2016.

Ruby Valley Lenten Schedule:

- Ash Wednesday, February 10: Bethel United Methodist Church in Sheridan. Wednesday, February 24: Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan. Wednesday, March 2: St. Mary's Catholic Church in Laurin. Wednesday, March 9: Dayspring Church on Hwy 218 in Sheridan. Wednesday, March 16: Notre Dame Catholic Church in Twin Bridges.

Ruby Valley Baptist Church Tony Shaw, Pastor 842-5602 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Eve 7 p.m. One block behind IGA, Sheridan

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Dayspring Church Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship Joel Trenkle/Pastor Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com 596-0707 • 3648 Hwy 287 Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome Sacrament Meeting Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m. Mutual (Youth Group) Weds. 7:00p.m. 3560 | MT State Hwy 287 Sheridan 842-5860 Bishop Dustin 684-5255

Liturgy Schedule St. Patrick, Ennis Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m. St. Mary, Laurin Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m. Deacon Andy Dorrington, Pastoral Administrator ~ 842-5588



SENIOR MEALS, VIRGINIA CITY Winter Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Thursdays (through May 2016) from 11:30 am to 12:30 for \$3.50.

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MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES The TBS&CC provides meals for seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Donations for meals are appreciated.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS Ennis Branch Sacrament Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m. Family History Center 682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614 Pres. Thompson 682-7415 133 MT Hwy 287

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COWBOY from pg. 1

Upon completion of the arena, MSU offered Mel a job in the maintenance shop. He worked for the college until his retirement in 1972.

With a new arena in place and rodeo in their blood, all of three of Mel's sons participated in college rodeo at MSU, then carried on the tradition to their children.

"All my siblings rodeo," said Gina. "I have two older sisters and a younger brother — three of us competed for MSU ...

my brother competed at Powell." **Hall of fame**

On Feb. 5, Icenogge was inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Great Falls. His three sons, Edgar, Bill and Bruce, were all in attendance, along with a handful of family members, and were presented a plaque in their father's honor.

Inductees are nominated and selected by a board of trustees based out of their district. All 56 Montana counties are divided into 12 districts with up to 20 trustees in each district, and

inductees are chosen based on their notable contributions to Montana and western heritage.

"We feel it's a great honor for him and we're very proud of him," said Bruce.

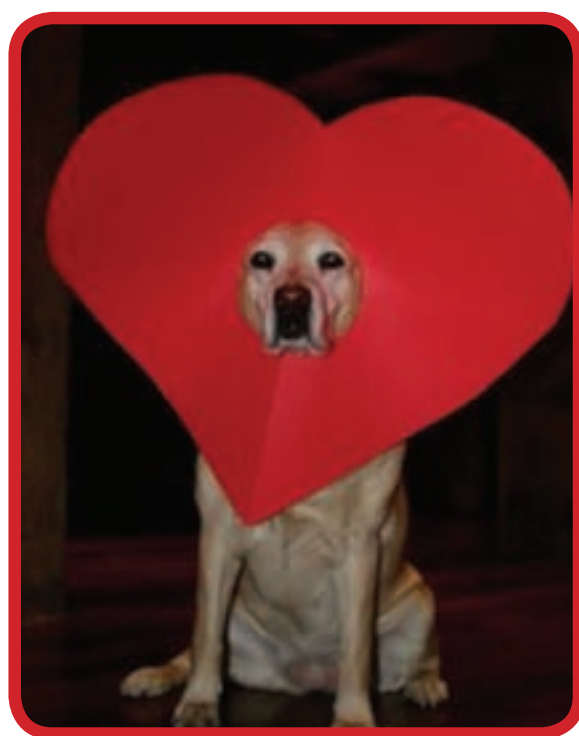
"I think it signifies, not only to us because as a family we were proud of Grandpa, but by him being inducted, it recognizes that people outside the family thought he was a pretty good man," said Gina. "It's not just us that thought he was cool."

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Mel performing a clown act in the 1934 Dillon rodeo.




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3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of Trustees has selected the Nominating Committee for the 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. 63rd Annual Meeting. These committee members are looking for interested 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. members who live in the listed exchange areas to be candidates for the position of Trustee on the Board of Trustees. This Board manages the business and affairs of 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an active participant on the Board of Trustees of 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. please call one of the Nomination Committee members listed below for requirements, qualifications and responsibilities by February 15, 2016.

At-Large	Committee Member: Linda O'Connor	406-738-4373
At-Large	Committee Member: Jeanette "Tootie" Rasmussen	406-466-2091
Lima/Melrose/Sheridan/Virginia City/Twin Bridges	Committee Member: Dale Giem	406-596-3253
Fairfield/Augusta/Fort Shaw/Helena	Committee Member: Ken Naylor	406-467-3409
Big Sky	Committee Member: Maggie Biggerstaff	406-580-6244
Browning/Heart Butte	Committee Member: Brother Dale Mooney	406-338-5290 ext 111

In addition, there are two other ways to be nominated:

1. Any 15 or more members acting together may make nominations by petition up to 30 days prior to the meeting.
2. The president of the board will call for additional nominations from the floor at the actual meeting.

For further details on these alternative nomination procedures, please call 1-800-796-4567 ext 4132.

The election will be held in Fairfield at the Community Hall on Monday, March 21, 2016.

The business meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Nominations sought for local stewardship awards

Submitted by **Sunni Heikes-Knapton**
MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Do you know a local resident who makes an effort to take care of our land and water? Do they go out of their way to try something new? Do they make an effort to educate others? Isn't it time to give them some well-earned recognition? Consider nominating them for the 2016 stewardship award and give them the honor they deserve.

The Madison and Ruby Valley conservation districts are looking for nominations for their annual stewardship awards. These awards, presented each year at the conservation districts' banquet, honor local people who have made a strong commitment to conservation and stewardship of natural resources in our area. An award will be given to a steward from each district.

Good candidates for the awards should demonstrate stewardship efforts that provide lasting benefits to the landscape, natural resources and community.

Any resident of the Madison Conservation District or the Ruby Valley Conservation District can be nominated for an award. Winners of the awards will receive two tickets to the April 16, 2016, banquet, recognition of their efforts at the banquet and a framed photo with a plaque.

To nominate someone outstanding in the Madison Valley and Harrison/Pony area, download the nomination form from www.madisoncd.net, and send nominations for residents of the Madison Conservation District to ATT: Sunni Heikes-Knapton, P.O. Box 606, Ennis, MT 59729

or sunni@madisoncd.org.

In the Ruby Valley, send nominations for residents of the Ruby Valley Conservation District to ATT: Rebecca Ramsey, P.O. Box 295, Sheridan, MT 59749 or rubbywatershed@gmail.com.

Nominations are due by 5 p.m. March 11, 2016.

Conflict resolution training

Submitted by **Billy Whitehurst**
MADISON/JEFFERSON COUNTY
MSU EXTENSION

Ever been in conflict with a peer, boss, employee, co-worker, spouse, kid, coach, agency, official or a hard headed neighbor? Are you the hard headed neighbor? Then this is the workshop for you. Head to First Madison Valley Bank at noon on Feb. 18 (lunch provided). Or if you are closer to the Ruby Valley, head to the Wagon Wheel Restaurant at 5 p.m. on Feb. 18 (dinner provided). Please RSVP by noon on Feb. 16 by calling the extension office at 287-3282.

Private and commercial applicator training

Submitted by **Billy Whitehurst**
MADISON/JEFFERSON COUNTY
MSU EXTENSION

The Montana Weed Control Association is sponsoring a private and commercial applicator training on Thursday, Feb. 18, at Headwaters Livestock Auction Barn in Three Forks. The training starts at 8:30 a.m. and runs to 4:30 p.m. with a break for lunch at noon. Contact Scott Dunning for more information at 266-9243 or by emailing brweed@co.broadwater.mt.us.

Crop school

Submitted by **Billy Whitehurst**
MADISON/JEFFERSON COUNTY
MSU EXTENSION

Gallatin, Madison/Jefferson and Broadwater county extensions are hosting a crops school on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Headwaters Livestock. Check in begins at 10 a.m. Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. by calling the Gallatin County extension office at 388-3213 or by emailing gallatin@montana.edu.

New resource for Montana's beginning farmers, ranchers

Submitted by **Annie Heuscher**
FARM LINK MONTANA

The vast majority of farmland in America will change hands in the next 20 years as farmers age and retire. While many states are worried

about how this will affect their communities, one new resource is helping Montana buck that trend by making new farmers better prepared to take over.

Farm Link Montana is a comprehensive online clearinghouse for beginning farmers and ranchers. The project seeks to provide new producers with the resources and tools to start successful, sustainable businesses. The new website includes resources on production, marketing, financial management, financing, risk management, land access and evaluation and many other tools specifically geared towards Montana's producers. In addition, the site includes three new programs to link new farmers with internships, mentorship and land.

Farm Link is being launched in conjunction with farm business planning courses being offered across the state through a partnership with Montana State University Extension. Workshops will utilize a new curriculum developed for Montana farmers; the full curriculum is available online on the Farm Link site.

For more information, visit FarmLinkMontana.org.

Madison Farm to Fork closes greenhouse

Submitted by **Cindy Owings**
MADISON FARM TO FORK

Madison Farm to Fork's board of directors has decided to close the production greenhouse for the 2016 growing season. In 2010, MF2F initiated the greenhouse project to fill the gap in produce at our first farmers' markets. We had bakers, bedding plants and crafters, but no commercial produce vendors. Since 2010, production in our greenhouse and outdoor garden has supplied produce for our farmers' market, directly to customers at the greenhouse and to two restaurants in Ennis. We also donate to the food bank. Because of the business we are able to do, MF2F has ended up competing with produce growers who have entered the market since, which was not our intent. Our intent was to encourage produce growers to start businesses based on example.

The board is considering what to do with the greenhouse in 2016 and appreciates suggestions from the community.

Valentine's movie in Ennis

Submitted by **Sue Swanson**
ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Head to the Madison Theatre on Valentine's Day at 7 p.m. to see "Mom's Night Out." The Ennis Assembly of God Church is sponsoring the film. The youth group will be babysitting at the church during the film — starting at 6:30 p.m. — for a donation. Call 682-4197 for more information.



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The Madison loses a friend

Submitted by Jeff Laszlo
GRANGER RANCHES

Following a courageous battle with cancer, Alex Diekmann passed away peacefully at his Bozeman home on Feb. 1. He was 52 years old. He is survived by his beloved family, sons Logan and Liam and his wife Lisa.

Likely most reading this will not have known Diekmann, yet his life was inextricably connected to the Madison and greater Yellowstone area. Diekmann was the Senior Projects Manager at The Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit specializing in the protection of places critical to people, communities and wildlife. In this role he worked diligently to conserve the Madison's working ranches, natural resources and access to its cherished areas.

Diekmann's association with the Madison Valley began 16 years ago. Local efforts were ongoing to ensure continued public access to the river's famed Three Dollar Bridge area but the challenge was formidable. He became engaged with this dream and found a way to help make it a reality. Doing so required his knack for bringing together diverse interests including landowners, elected officials, government agencies and nonprofits. It also called for his talents in finance and fundraising. When I recently asked Rick Reese, one of the participating landowners, about Diekmann's role in this effort he answered unequivocally, "Without Alex it never would have happened."

This answer resonated with me because I felt exactly the same after working with Diekmann for several years to structure the conservation easements now placed on our ranch. He was instrumental in overseeing a complex process that resulted in the preservation of our lands, agricultural operations and the O'Dell Creek headwaters. The latter set the stage for a decade of stream and wetland restoration, which transformed an important but degraded landscape into an ecological treasure. But for Diekmann's involvement, dedication and creativity none of the above would have been realized.

Through our association, Diekmann and I developed a close friendship, which was a true gift. Simply stated he was one of the most unique and inspiring people I have ever known. Whether it was his work or family, running or Nordic skiing, he gave it his all.

After graduating from Yale University and receiving a business degree from University of California, Los Angeles, Diekmann worked on Wall Street and in the commercial real estate industry. While on this lucrative career path, he felt a calling to use his unique abilities toward a different end. He wanted to do something that would have lasting impact and leave the world a better place. His love of nature, all manner of outdoor activities and his fellow man led Diekmann to the Trust for Public Land whose motto is "Conserving Land for People."

While pursuing this new mission he achieved more than most could imagine. From one end of the Madison Valley to the other, his scorecard includes protections of The Olliffe Ranch, The Sun Ranch, The Granger Ranches, The Boltz Ranch, The Gecho Ranch and The Crumley Ranch. These perpetual easements, comprising 23,000 acres, not only safeguard open space and working lands but also wildlife habitat, water resources and migratory corridors. When added to the Three Dollar Bridge project with its four miles of public river access and

accompanying easement to the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, his legacy is immeasurable. He took quiet pride in these accomplishments but never elected to bask in their glory. Achieving the goal was good enough. Doing something enduring was enough. To use Diekmann's own words, "It is unbelievable how proud people are of being involved in this (conservation) and that's something you can't put a price tag on. The rewards are entirely different. It is all about the heartfelt connection we have with the places we help conserve."

He was loved for his enthusiastic and generous spirit. He made one feel good about the world, always offering a kind word of encouragement and a big smile. He was honest to the core. What you saw is what you got.

Successful conservation starts with conversation and Diekmann was a great listener. He took people's interests and concerns to heart and put those ahead of any desire to get a deal done just to chalk up another victory. Developing friendships with partners and stakeholders was clearly as important to him as the conservation values his work sought to protect.

His career at the Trust for Public Land was summarized by Dick Dolan, Northern Rockies Director, who said "Between 2001 and 2015, Alex completed 55 land protection efforts across the Northern Rockies from the Gallatin Valley (32,000 acres) to the Taylor Fork to the stunning Sawtooth Mountains of central Idaho. His preservation efforts total more than 100,000 acres of agricultural lands, restored spring creeks, forests with access for fisherman and sportsmen, and even an historic homestead within the confines of Glacier National Park. Additionally, Alex retired 772 acres of mining claims near Yellowstone National Park which threatened the headwaters of the Yellowstone and Stillwater Rivers."

Despite fighting a vicious disease, Diekmann continued to work on what would be his last projects, conserving 23,000 acres of forested lands surrounding Whitefish. These projects include the 3,020 acre Haskill Basin Conservation Easement. The coda to his exemplary life will permanently secure the municipal water supply for the city of Whitefish, support sustainable timber management, and provide recreational public access to lands that are prized by the Whitefish community.

If the night sky should appear slightly different it is because a very bright star is gone. Alex Diekmann will be dearly missed but his conservation triumphs will be with us forever.



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SERVSAFE TRAINING

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DATE: FEBRUARY 9TH, TUESDAY, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM HELD IN VIRGINIA CITY
FEBRUARY 25TH, TUESDAY, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM HELD IN VIRGINIA CITY

Fee: \$75.00
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.
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10

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

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11

Book club, Ennis
Library book club will be discussing "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline; discussion led by Kevin Brenneke at 1 p.m.

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.

Concealed weapons class, Ennis
This class will cover

basic handgun safety, Montana Code for conceal and carry and discuss a variety of situations one might encounter that may require a force multiplier and the potential consequences. This class is designed to make you think about the responsibilities of carrying a concealed weapon and if so, how to do it lawfully. Call 682-4540 for more information.

FEBRUARY 13-14

Winterfest, Virginia City
Come cheer on your favorite broomball team and have lunch at the Elks Lodge, a warm place with activities for children to celebrate Valentine's Day and President's Day as well as inside broomball activities and games. Proceeds from lunch to benefit the community park's ice rink.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's dinner, Sheridan
Valentine's dinner in the upstairs of the Ruby

Hotel with homemade Italian food provided by Jackson's Garden. Dine in or take out from 5:30-8 p.m. Please call 842-7956 for more information. Reservations are not required but are appreciated.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16

Meeting, Ennis
The Madison Conservation District will hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18

Nonprofit management series, Dillon
Join the Montana Nonprofit Association's four-part nonprofit management series. These day-long workshops in Missoula and Dillon will give you the tools and templates you need to develop your organization into a stronger, more effective nonprofit. Please contact the University of Montana - Western campus for more information.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19

Retreat, Virginia City
Join us for The Virginia

City Women Writer's Retreat and share a creative experience that will touch body and soul. Workshop leaders are Allyson Adams and Montana Poet Laureate Tami Haaland. Workshop is Friday-Sunday. Call 818-825-9750 for more information.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20

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

Avoiding violence class, Ennis
This is a six hour class that prepares you mentally and physically to read and anticipate a potentially dangerous situation and if necessary, to use your natural instincts to get away. This class will enable you to be aware of your mindset and those around you and is terrific for everyone, young children to elderly, men and women. Call 682-4540 for more information.

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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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

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

FRIDAYS

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!

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.

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

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.

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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