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DEER SHOT, LEFT TO WASTE

FWP seeks information in Norris poaching

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Seven deer were shot, killed and left to waste over the Fourth of July weekend in the Norris area, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"A call came in Sunday, July 3 from a landowner off Sterling Road who had found a dead white-tailed doe on his property," a FWP release states.

Madison Valley game warden Shane Brozovich responded to the area and found another deer – a spike mule deer buck.

"Then, a couple days later, the adjacent landowner found five more," Brozovich said. "This is just disregard for animals."

The additional five deer were all mule deer – two does and three bucks, Brozovich added.

"The white-tailed doe and mule deer does were all wet does," Brozovich said. "Who knows what happened to the fawns."

Brozovich said the incident is "upset-

ting" and out of character for the area. In fact, this is the first poaching case of this magnitude he has seen since he came to the Madison Valley as a warden more than a year ago.

All the animals were shot and left to waste, the FWP release states.

"There's a lot of meat there, with seven deer," Brozovich said. "It was the late night of Saturday, July 2, or early in the morning hours of July 3."

FWP is asking for the public's help in reporting any information that may be related to animals' deaths by calling 1-800-TIP-MONT. Callers may remain anonymous, and may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000.

Judge Tucker defines width in Seyler Lane case

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At the end of June, Judge Loren Tucker filed an order with Madison County District Court determining easement widths for Seyler Lane where it crosses the Ruby River outside of Twin Bridges.

The order is a culmination of a more than 10 year long lawsuit about public access of the Ruby River. The case first appeared before Judge Tucker in 2004, when the Public Lands Access Association filed a lawsuit against Madison County concerning the issue of stream access at bridges – specifically focusing on a bridge crossing the Ruby River on Seyler Lane, a prescriptive right-of-way that crosses private land owned by James Cox Kennedy, according to a synopsis from the Supreme Court.

"The question (was), what is the public's right to use the area off the pavement of county roads," Susan Swimley, attorney for the Madison County commissioners for the case, explained. "What is the public's right in a county easement area?"

A county easement area includes the land on either side of a county road the county uses for road maintenance like snow removal, weed spraying and mowing, Swimley added.

The lawsuit claimed "private property owners had erected fences in the public right-of-way along county roads" near the bridge, preventing the public from accessing the Ruby River, the synopsis stated.

In 2012, Judge Tucker ruled public use of the Seyler Lane Bridge does not guarantee public use of the Ruby River from the bridge, according to Swimley. The adjacent right-of-way area could only be used by the county to perform maintenance on the road and bridge – anglers accessing the Ruby River would be considered trespassers if they left the pavement.

The PLAA appealed Judge Tucker's 2012 decision, sending the case to the Supreme Court. Then, in January 2014, the Supreme Court overturned Judge Tucker's decision and sent the case back to Madison County.

"The Supreme Court has said the public is entitled to

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SAVE YOUR *home*

Create defensible space to help structures withstand fire



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Create a green space with trimmed vegetation to protect your home.

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Armed with information and a few tips and tricks, homeowners can create defensible space around their homes to help withstand fires. According to Steve Orr, assistant fire chief with the Madison Valley Rural Fire District, there are a variety of home maintenance items homeowners can do to give their houses the best possible chance of surviving a wildfire. Simple things like trimming back vegetation and mowing lawns can decrease fuels, and more involved projects, like replacing wooden patios with cement, also help.

"Most homes don't burn because of the initial fire front," Orr explained. "They burn because embers land in the structure and smolder until they ignite."

Battling fire is an unpredictable fight because of a variety of fuels, wind patterns and general topography, which is why it is important for homeowners to take responsibility for their own structures.

"We are not going to endanger firefighters for something we are not going to be able to save," Orr said. "Generally, if a homeowner has not done the work to create defensible space, we most likely will not respond into that space."

In Madison County, every public fire service is run and manned by volunteers. For example, the MVRFD covers the Madison Valley from the Idaho border to the top of Norris Hill, and from the top of the Madison Range to the top of the Gravelly Mountains.

"That's a lot of ground to cover," Orr said. "We have a 33-man roster. Our response times, being volunteer, are more extended than they would be if it was a paid agency. Depending on the fire and the time of the day, and if our firefighters are even in the valley, we can usually muster eight to 15 people."

That's why it is important to give structures a "fighting chance" Orr added.

Fortunately, Madison County's volunteer services are not expected to stand alone when fighting forest fires on public land,

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Before (above) and during (below) images of a structure in the Bear Trap Canyon that was consumed by the wildfire that burned the area in 2013.



Madison County Republican Central Committee violated campaign laws

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On Thursday, July 7, Commissioner of Political Practices Jonathan Motl ruled the Madison County Republican Central Committee violated campaign laws in four ways: by filing its C-2 statement of organization late; failing to list the name of Rep. Ray Shaw as a candidate on whom it made an election expenditure; failing to report and disclose expenditures; and by failing to completely attribute as required by Montana's campaign practice laws.

Motl's ruling said the central committee filed its first statement of organization this year on May 31, but it should have been made within five days of its first expense. According to Motl's findings, those expenses began in February 2016 and continued throughout the spring.


"The central committee's late filing cannot, however, be completely excused given that its filing occurred well after the publication of censure of (Shaw)," according to the ruling.

The censure in question ran as an ad in the May 5 edition of *The Madisonian*, when the central committee withdrew support for Shaw's candidacy for House District 71, based on allegations Shaw made a number of votes that were in "direct conflict with the Montana Republican Party platform," during the last legislative session, according to the ad.

In the June 7 primary, Shaw received 1,247 votes to beat former Rep. Bob Wagner, of Harrison, who got 716 votes – Shaw won with 63 percent of the votes.

Cedar and Marilyn West, members of the central committee, said they had not been informed about the complaint and decision from Motl until they were contacted for interviews from two media outlets.

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according to Dustin Tetrault, Madison County director of emergency services. "County departments are used for initial attacks," Tetrault said. "We get the calls first, and we will go size up the scene and see if it's something we can handle."

If the fire calls for back up help, Tetrault said the county has mutual aid agreements with the Forest Service and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Service, both of which have firefighting crews and equipment.

The flame front

Consider this: If a wildfire or grass fire is approaching a structure built back in the trees, that flame front increases in intensity as it consumes the trees and reaches the structure, Orr explained.

"But if it is moving across short grass, that flame front intensity is going to be lower by the time it reaches the house," he said. "That's why you have to keep things mowed down and keep brush and trees away from houses."

Dan Doornbos, Alder fire chief, assesses structures off the bat to decide if the firefighters have a shot at saving them.

"We say, 'there's a place we can probably save, and there's a place we won't even go,'" Doornbos said. "It's not like you have to have bare dirt all around the house, but do simple things. Cut your grass." Doornbos said fires create

their own winds, which carry embers ahead of the flame front.

"If those embers land in leaves or built up pine needles in gutters, they have a chance to start a fire and create enough heat to start the building on fire," he said. "Clean your gutters and clean the roof, and those embers most of the time will roll off the roof."

Madison County participates in a cost-share program to help landowners and homeowners prepare for fire season by creating defensible space.

"It's a match program where people who want to create defensible space enroll with us to get money from DNRC and (Bureau of Land Management)," Tetrault explained. "I go out there with a forester or contracted company that handles fuel reduction, and we make a plan with the owner."

In places like the Sun West Ranch in the southern end of the Madison Valley, Tetrault said he has seen the cost share program benefit homeowners, and consequentially, firefighters.

Hot and dry

Fire season is upon Southwest Montana. For example, over the Fourth of July weekend, MVRFD responded to nine calls for service in three days - Orr said most of the calls were for grass fires started by errant fireworks.

"Our fuels are drying up at a really exceptional rate right now and it doesn't take much to ignite a fire," he added. "The more we can do to alleviate the potential to start a fire and create a mishap, the safer we will all be."

Tetrault said Southwest Montana entered spring in "good shape" snowpack-wise.

"Then it got hot - really hot - and the snow melted out extremely fast this year," Tetrault said. "Now we're drying out."

In years past, Orr said June is usually a good month for precipitation.

"We didn't get those June rains we are accustomed to," he said. "It just dried earlier this year."

Taking responsibility to create defensible space around your home can mean the difference of having a home or not after fire season.

"It gives us a chance to save it," Doornbos said. "We get a shot to defend a home when things have been done. But if we come in a place where the grass is tall and trees are against the house and the roof is covered with litter from those trees, then we are in a situation where we don't have a chance to save that home."

BE PREPARED

Here's a list of simple steps to prepare homes for wildfire season from the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department:

- Remove pine needles, dead limbs, twigs, dry leaves and flammable vegetation from within five feet of your home.
- Sweep porches and decks to clear pine needles and leaves.
- Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures.
- Thin a 15 foot space between tree crowns and remove limbs within 15 feet of the ground.
- Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.
- Remove all branches that extend over the roof.
- Keep woodpiles 30 feet from your home.

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use all the county uses," Judge Tucker explained.

The Supreme Court instructed Judge Tucker to define a width of the public right-of-way, which is what he did with the court order filed on June 27, 2016.

Judge Tucker's order states, "the width of the county road known as Seyler Lane ... are as follows: A-A 50 feet, B-B 50 feet, C-C 39 feet, D-D 47.5, E-E 47.5 feet, F-F 44 feet, G-G 65

feet, H-H 50 feet, I-I 50 feet."

Swimley said she thinks all the parties are going to seek "clarification" of Judge Tucker's order.

"I think Judge Tucker gave the county - and the public via the county - 5 feet on each end of the wing walls," Swimley said. "I haven't talked to the commissioners, but I am sure they are relieved that the case appears to be over."

Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz agreed with

Swimley, saying he read the order as if it gives the public 5 feet on either side at both ends of the bridge to access the river.

"Madison County has had the opinion that we haven't belonged in this case for several years," Schulz said. "It was heard in court, addressed in legislature, forwarded to Montana Supreme Court and remanded back to District Court for Judge Tucker to come up with a decision."

Schulz said though he


would "like to think" Judge Tucker's order puts clarity and finality to the Seyler Lane case, but he would not be surprised if one of the parties filed an appeal.

"I haven't heard if anyone is going to do that," he said. "It has been costing Madison County a significant amount of money over the years, and even though we are still named in the lawsuit, it has not been about Madison County for a number of years."



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Madison County moose

FWP biologist classifies 77 animals in 50 locations

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Throughout the spring, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologist Dean Waltee kept a tally of moose he saw in the field and accepted documented moose sightings from landowners and recreationists.

“The purpose of this effort was to document the post-winter calf to adult ratio, which we can compare to the post-neonatal calf to adult ratio documented last summer,” Waltee said. “(We can) gain some understanding of calf moose survival through their first winter.”

Waltee then uses that data to monitor trends through time. That way, if calf recruitment issues arise, the data will indicate if it is the result of poor production or poor survival.

“Each could be caused by very different factors,” Waltee said. With help from the public, Waltee classified 77 moose from 50

locations across the area observed, which includes the Tobacco Root Mountains and the Gravelly/Centennial/Blacktail mountain complex.

“Of those 77 moose, 64 were adults and 13 were calves, which equals 20 calves to 100 adults,” Waltee reported. “This compares to 22 calves to 100 adults documented last summer – a 9 percent reduction.”

The calf to adult ratio documented this spring was 31 percent lower than the calf to adult ratio documented during spring 2015. Waltee suspects this is mostly likely the result of a very high calf to adult ratio in 2015, which means there are currently a healthy number of yearling moose in the population.

“Those yearling cows are classified as adults, but won’t begin producing their first calves until this spring as 2-year-olds,” Waltee said. “As those yearling females reach reproductive age, I anticipate the calf to adult ratio will increase. Because of limited years of data, I do not yet fully understand what is normal, low, high production and recruitment for local populations. Continued monitoring will provide that understanding.”

Although the calf to adult ratio documented this spring was lower than last spring, it was only 9 percent lower than the calf to adult ratio documented during summer 2015. This suggests that calf survival through their first winter was close to that of adults, Waltee said. The data suggests that although calf production was higher in 2015, calf survival was higher in 2016.

Waltee started coordinating with volunteers to collect 2016 calf production data in early July.

This year, calf survival was close to that of adults, Waltee said. However, the observed spring calf to adult ratio was 31 percent lower than the ratio in 2015.

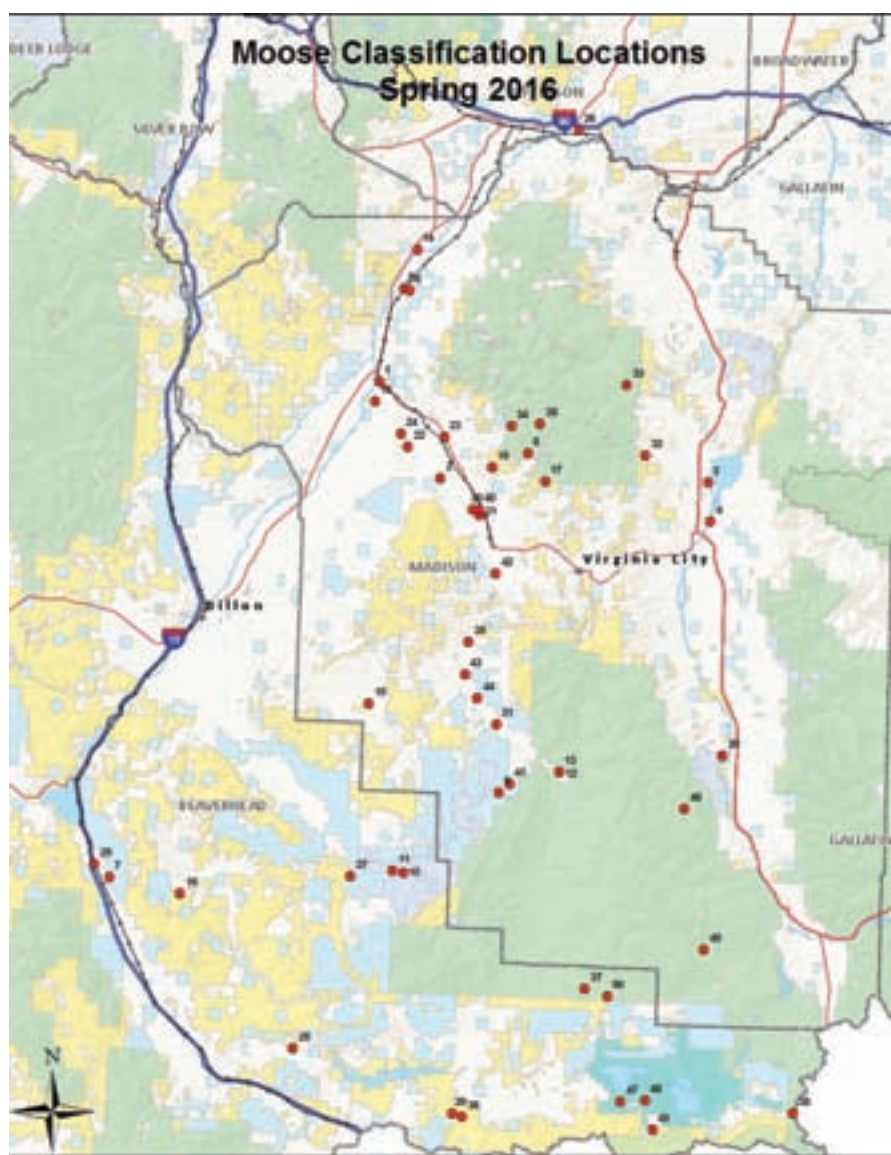
“However, the documented calf to adult ratio during summer 2014 was 82 percent higher than the summer 2015 ratio,” Waltee said. “This data suggests that although calf production was higher in 2014, calf survival was higher this past year.”

That most likely influenced the lower calf to adult ratio Waltee observed this spring – there was a healthy number of yearling moose in 2015, and those moose are non-productive.

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Habitat reduction

Waltee has concerns about winter browse for moose in the Ruby Watershed. Willow and aspen reduction as a result of juniper expansion in the area will eventually suppress moose production and population.



MOOSE SAFETY

“Give them space,” recommends Andrea Jones, FWP information and education manager. “Seriously. Give a moose a wide berth.”

Jones said all moose are potentially dangerous, especially cows with calves.

If you encounter a moose:

- Do not try to pass it on a trail
- Slowly back off
- If it charges, get behind an object like a vehicle or a tree
- If it knocks you down, curl up and protect your vitals

Bear spray may help deter an aggressive moose, so it is a good idea to have it handy when enjoying Montana’s outdoors.

“Data from the winter trend area in the Ruby Watershed suggests this might already be occurring,” he said. “Since the late 1980s, the population trend has experienced fluctuation but a stable trend, but there has been a gradual decline in the observed calf to adult ratio.”

Waltee said he is currently working with the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to promote habitat enhancement projects on moose winter habitat.

“Without disturbance that reduce juniper competition and increases willow and aspen, I suspect the calf to adult ratio trend will slowly continue down and the population trend will eventually follow,” he said. “This scenario is also a good example why regulated harvest of individual moose is valuable to the population’s long-term health. At this point, reduced or removed harvest would only expedite habitat and population suppression.”

Wall Creek addition is dedicated

Wildlife management area south of Ennis increases by nearly 10 percent

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On Saturday, July 9, community members gathered at Wall Creek Wildlife Management Area 20 miles south of Ennis with members of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to celebrate the addition of 631 acres to the WMA.

“The addition, a property purchased by the RMEF in 2015, was sold to FWP in January of 2016,” according to a FWP release. “Funding for the purchase came from the Habitat Montana program and Pittman-Robertson funding.”

When the addition was purchased by FWP in January 2016, Howard Burt, FWP region three wildlife manager told *The Madisonian* the purpose of the acquisition was to see the land “incorporated in the WMA to preserve the land and prevent any subdivision up there.”

“That whole area up there is pretty key elk winter range,” Burt explained. “We typically have 1,500 to 2,000 elk wintering there.”

Prior to the dedication, more than 20 volunteers pulled more than a mile of unneeded fences on the addition.

“We’d been seeing a family of antelope navigating this fence for a couple days – now they’re and the wintering elk herd, don’t have to worry about it anymore,” said Julie Cunningham, FWP wildlife biologist. “Afterward, we had a barbecue and dedication of the property.”

Use of the land

The addition increases the acreage of Wall Creek by nearly 10 percent, and is not subject to the management rules that apply to wildlife management areas.

“Consistent with the rest of the WMA, this addition would be open to public use and access subject to FWP commission rules, including a Dec. 1 – May 15 winter closure period for wildlife security,” according to an Environmental Assessment about the addition.

Cunningham said the acquisition was not

about FWP “building a kingdom,” but rather about helping winter range work in partnership with public and private landowner neighbors.

“We can be an effective piece,” Cunningham said. “Wall Creek has a tradition from the earliest pioneers and their ranches in the Madison Valley. We are getting to help preserve open space and open land characteristics that many others in the valley work to maintain.”



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TOP LEFT

Crews work hard removing fence on the property to allow animals to move freely.

BOTTOM LEFT

From L: Shane Brozovich, Dean Waltee, Matt Ashley, Lt. Governor Mike Cooney, Sam Sheppard, Julie Cunningham, Larry Irwin, Mike Baugh, Howard Burt, Mike Mueller and Fred King hold the dedication sign.



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and on.

Safe and lucky as I feel living in our beautiful corner of the world, I am having trouble simply attributing these recent tragedies to Life in the Big City. The edges of our personal preferences and prejudices are hardening all across the country and around the globe. Hard edges become walls between and within our communities. The walls are based on politics,

economic status, educational achievement, race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender, disability, age. People who look, act or speak differently from us are increasingly looked upon with suspicion, even hatred.

I urge us all to take some time to reflect on our own behavior as we go about our daily lives. The biggest threat to our personal freedoms is not rules and regulations. Rather,

it is the lack of civility in our language, the lack of respect for one another and the deafening silence when hateful acts or speech go unchallenged.

Mounting intolerance is what I fear. Please, let's not go there. Not in the United States, not in Montana, not in Madison County.

Doris Fischer Sheridan

OBITUARIES

Nathan Miller Adams

April 7, 1934 – July 10, 2016



Nathan Miller Adams, writer, editor, adventurer, hunter, flyfisher and Son of The Great West, passed away

at Madison Valley Manor in the early hours of July 10, 2016, where the wonderful staff tended to him the last two months.

In his younger years he lived in Kenya, India and England; he traveled the world for his investigative reporting. He was a passionate flyfisher and hunter and loved the American West. His father owned a dude ranch, "Ramshorn Ranch," in Kelly, Wyo., now belonging to the Park, where Nathan learned the cowboy trade. He broke horses, shoed

them, rodeoed in Jackson Hole and often visited Ennis with his father, a friend of Otis Crooker, who owned the Sportsman's Lodge. "Uncle" Otis gave Nathan his first flying lesson off the airstrip behind Sportsman's Lodge. His father taught him flyfishing and hunting.

Every fall he spent one to two months in Ennis fishing, hunting and hanging out in tackle shops. He made many friends, so it was a given that he was going to spend his sunset years in the place he loved

best, Ennis, in God's Country. He moved there with his wife, Anneliese Pirschner Adams, in 2000 and both set deep roots.

Nathan was preceded in death by his father, Alvin Philip Adams, his mother, Elizabeth Miller Adams, his brother, Alvin Philip Adams, Jr., and his sister, Didi Adams Kiggen.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Anneliese "Hasi" Adams.

Cremation has taken place – his ashes will be scattered on some of his favorite spots.

Audrey Triplett

October 26, 1916 – February 25, 2016



Audrey Marie Brobst Triplett passed away on Feb. 25, 2016, while in Dillon's Kindred Healthcare Nursing Facility for only a short time. She was born in Medicine Lake on Oct. 26, 1916, the third child to Herbert F. Brobst and Inez Belle Wigmore Brobst. Her great grandparents, Reuben and Sarah Richmond, came by wagon train from Kentucky and settled near Virginia City in 1863. Audrey's grandmother Lillie Jane Richmond Wigmore was born in Alder

Gulch. She was thought to be the first white girl born in the area. Her grandfather James Charles Wigmore emigrated from Wales to the United States and became one of the most successful cattlemen in Montana. In the late 1860s the Wigmore family settled at Lott's Bridge near Twin Bridges.

Audrey attended school in Medicine Lake until her sophomore year, when the family moved to Twin Bridges. Audrey graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 1934 and worked in Yellowstone National Park as a waitress, one of her most favorite jobs.

When World War II broke out she went to Kodiak, Alaska, and worked at the Navy coffee shop where she met and married Clifford Stevens. In 1947 both Clifford and their baby son died of tuberculosis. Audrey returned to Twin Bridges and while working at

the Blue Anchor Café she met Harvey Triplett. They were married in Wallace, Idaho, in 1948 where they lived for seven years. Harvey was a miner and his job took him too many mining towns and camps. Meeting new people and seeing new and different places was something Audrey enjoyed.

In 1967 they built their home in Twin Bridges, spending summers and vacation time in their home until Harvey retired. They both enjoyed the nearby mountains, fishing and hunting and Audrey enjoyed her garden and flowers. She was always happy to have her friends come for coffee and a chat.

Audrey was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary #3843, the Ruby Valley senior citizens and the Twin Bridges Alumni Association, where she was the oldest graduating alumni for several years. She

always enjoyed and attended the annual school banquet. Also, to her delight and surprise, she was the co-Grand Marshal of the county fair in 2014, for her contribution to the 4-H department.

Harvey passed away in 1989 and Audrey continued to live in their home until her death. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Grace Theige, San Diego, Calif., Esther Sommers, Twin Bridges and Duane Brobst, Pullman, Wash. She is survived by many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Her celebration of life services will be held at the Church of the Valley in Twin Bridges on July 22 at 2 p.m. with reception to follow.

Desired memorials in memory of Audrey may be sent to the Twin Bridges Historical Association, Church of the Valley or the Twin Bridges Alumni Association.

Thomas R. Hillier

October 11, 1933 – July 3, 2016

Thomas R. Hillier left this earth on July 3, 2016. He was born to Losee and Elmer Hillier of Twin Bridges on Oct. 11, 1933, and was raised in Twin Bridges. He met Lois Peters while attending Western Montana College in Dillon and the two soon moved to Livingston, where they were married and had five children: Kirk, Kim, Todd, Lana and Lisa. While in Livingston, Tom taught school, worked as a juvenile court judge and eventually opened the Farmer's Insurance Group agency, the vocation that ultimately became his chosen career.

In 1965, the family moved to Missoula, where Tom continued to excel in the insurance business. His marriage to Lois ended a short time thereafter, but after a few other shaky relationships, Tom

eventually met Elizabeth "Liz" Carter and the two were married in 1972 and remained together until recently when their respective health conditions required they live apart in separate facilities.

Tom was a life-long Mason and faithfully practiced the tenets and teachings of Free Masonry. He was also a Shriner and gave freely and generously of both his time and money to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children so that those children in need of care could receive it free of charge. He also chaired the Hospice Ball for many years in Missoula and helped raise substantial funds for the local hospice foundation.

Tom was well respected in the life and health insurance industry both in Missoula and across the state of Montana. Though he held

numerous positions and received countless awards in the insurance profession, he always had time or made time to teach or help anyone who came knocking at his door for advice or assistance. He was intelligent, quick-witted, generous and had a personality that could light up any room in an instant. And he could play pinocle like nobody's business ... Bob Rheinschmidt and Don Steele can attest to that!

Tom also loved to fish, hunt and play golf. And considering his rather large size the majority of his life, he was very light on his feet on the dance floor. He had a big heart, a generous soul and he had many, many friends who were truly life-long friends. He will be sorely missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Losee and

Elmer Hillier; his first son, Kirk Thomas Hillier; and his stepson, Dean Carter. He is survived by Liz Hillier of Post Falls, Idaho; children Kim (and Steve) Brunelle of Otis Orchards, Wash., Lana (and Jim) Beyers of Spokane, Wash., Lisa (and Tim) Wolfe of Spokane, Todd (and Leanne) Hillier of Bozeman; stepson Gary Carter of Spokane; grandchildren Ross Brunelle, Brady Brunelle, Taylor Schraudner, Dillon Hillier, Rachel Shollenberger, Scott Wolfe, Tyler Wolfe, Grace Carter and Sophia Carter; and great granddaughter, Sophia Ragsdale.

A service will be scheduled and announced at a later date in Missoula. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests any donations to the donor's charity of choice or to any Shriner's Hospital.

MEMORIALS

Bob Endecott

A celebration of life will be held for Bob Endecott on Sunday, July 24, at 11:30 a.m. at the Ennis Rodeo Grounds. Please bring stories to share.

& MORE NEWS:

Lott is synonymous with coach



Rob Lott retires from teaching, coaching after more than 3 decades on the job in Madison County

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Rob Lott is humble. In fact, he did not want to be featured in the paper at all. "Who's to say I deserve this?" he said. "There are probably some people who are glad to see me go."

After more than 30 years teaching and coaching around Madison County, Lott is putting away his pen and hanging up his whistle – for now, anyway.

Lott's great-grandparents homesteaded Twin Bridges. His great-grandfather and one of his great-great-uncles were in the vigilantes, and actually ran a store in Virginia City.

"My family has been here as long as white men have been here," he said. "I was born in Sheridan because that's where the hospital was, but I lived in Twin (Bridges) my whole life."

Lott grew up a sports fanatic – he played football and basketball and ran track for a few years. He loved baseball, but there was not a team in Twin Bridges. After high school graduation, Lott went to Miles Community College on a basketball scholarship.

"I played a year there," he said. "I missed a year and then went back for another year. The end of that year was the end of my playing career."

Lott ended up at Western Montana College in Dillon, a little lost at what he wanted to do with the rest of his life.

"I didn't initially want to be a teacher," he said. "But I always loved sports. Back then, you had to be a teacher to coach. So that's why I was a teacher, just so I could coach."

He graduated with a physical education major and math minor, and even student taught in Ennis, where he helped coach the football team.

"I might just be the only person who has coached the Ennis, Sheridan and Twin Bridges football teams," he said.

After student teaching, Lott taught part of the year at the Pine Hills School for Boys in Miles City, but a job opened up in Sheridan and he applied – before long, he was headed back to Madison County to teach math.

"My first year in Sheridan was the fall of '82," he said. "And I stayed there 11 years."

While teaching in Sheridan, Lott coached basketball, track and football too. After his stint as a Panther, Lott made a "personal and professional decision" to apply for the math job in Twin Bridges – the fact the head football coach position has just opened also contributed to his

decision.

"I came to Twin (Bridges) for math and football and they asked me to do boys basketball as well," he said. "I can't quite remember how it all happened, because I was always coaching something."

As Lott's daughters were reaching the age where they were interested in basketball, Lott transitioned to coaching girls instead of boys.

"At that time, girls basketball was still in the fall," he said. "As much as I loved football, my daughters were coming up so I took the girls basketball job and had to give up football."

Fortunately for the Falcons, girls basketball transitioned to winter and a few seasons later, the football job opened back up and Lott assumed the head coach position again.

When asked if he prefers football or basketball, Lott struggled to answer.

"I have no preference," he said. "They are totally different. Football is football – school is starting, it's the fall and there's enthusiasm. But I love basketball."

For whatever reason, Lott said he has always been able to get along with his student athletes.

"Or, they could get along with me," he joked. "As I got older, I got way crankier. But the kids are so loyal and work so hard."

Since the early 2000s, Steve Davis assisted Lott with the Lady Falcons basketball team.

"He came after me to help out with the junior high kids, and then I moved up from there," Davis said. "I enjoy working with the kids. It was fun, and I think everybody had some fun in the deal. We also had some success."

Davis said it was "great" to work with Lott. "He is a great coach and really teaches the girls the fundamentals of basketball," Davis said. "He could explain things so well."

The athletes are what made coaching worth it, Lott said.

"The reason I became a teacher is because I was a sports nut when I was a kid," he said. "I loved to compete; I've always enjoyed it. The only way I could continue in sports was as a coach. And for the most part, I'd say 95 percent of the time, it was nothing but great."

Time to move on

Lott's decision to retire was heavily influenced by how he has seen education change.

"I had been in the classroom enough years," he said. "There is so much change going on with education now. I still enjoyed the actual teaching part of it, but so much is different now than when I started 34 years ago."

Per Montana Teachers' Retirement System, someone who retires from teaching cannot have anything to do with the school district for 150 days, according to Twin Bridges Superintendent Chad Johnson.

"In order to keep your benefits, you can't look at possible job employment or coach or do any of those things," Johnson said.

When asked if he would consider returning to the court or the field after his 150 days are up, Lott said "maybe."

"I'd be lying to you if I just said no," he said. "But I also can't promise I'm going to pursue it. It's really time for someone new to do it, but on the other hand, if they were struggling, I would gladly help out."

For now, Lott has decades of memories from football and basketball – in fact, he said he remembers nearly every team, athlete, game and

tournament.

"I've had a lot of highlights," he said. "In Sheridan, we got the track championship for three years in a row. I happened to have a really, really good team ... it wasn't the coaching, believe me. And getting the Twin (Bridges) boys to the playoffs and winning the football championship in 2011 was probably the biggest highlight."

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ABOVE
Rob Lott, back left, and Steve Davis, back right, with the 2016 Lady Falcons.

BELOW
Rob Lott (middle, black hat) instructs the Lady Falcons during practice.



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Jim Wallace moved to the Ruby Valley six years ago after spending 31 years in Absarokee where he was a teacher and coach for the school

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jim Wallace: Giving back with the Ruby Valley Food Pantry

system.

"I've known the Madison Valley all my life and wanted to get back to Southwest Montana," said Wallace about finding his way back. "I didn't know the Ruby Valley as well and we ended up here and it's great."

Right away, Wallace wanted to get involved in his new community.

"It's an overused expression, but I've always felt we should give back anyway we can," he said. "As a retired teacher, I was looking around

and wanted to involve myself in the community and help people."

Eventually, Wallace found his way to the Ruby Valley Food Pantry, where he has been on the board for four years and is serving this year as board president. The pantry serves people from Virginia City to Silver Star, and is able to provide food staples: eggs, milk, meat, bread and more, according to Wallace.

"Without the community's help, not just through monetary donations, but ranchers give us beef and (Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks) gives us illegally killed deer and antelope – without the community, we'd be nothing," he said.

Because the pantry is a non-profit and not affiliated with the state food bank, all work and donations come straight from community efforts.

"On average, we serve over a 100 clients a month, at least," said Wallace, adding that those numbers continue to rise. "There's a real need for what we do and, for me, I'm happy to do it. I feel fortunate that I'm able to do it."

With his new role as president, Wallace said

he has some big shoes to fill but that he will do the best he can.

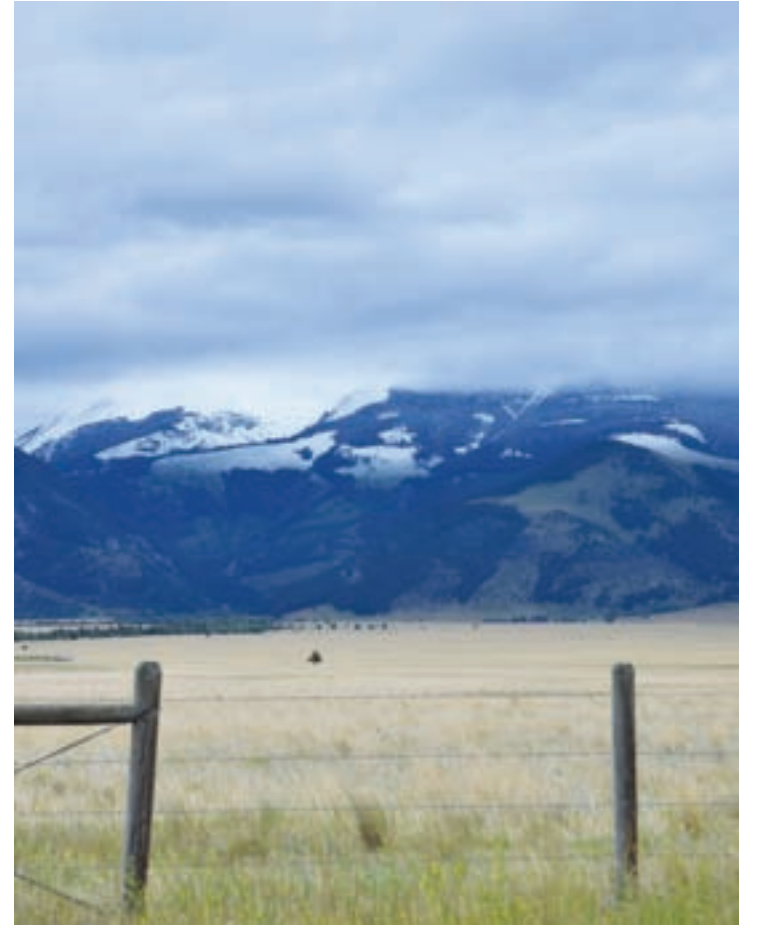
"I have great help from all the board members and the volunteers," Wallace said. "It's a good commitment and thank goodness there are a lot of people that fill in."



& EVEN MORE NEWS:

Snow IN JULY

A cold front moved across Madison County last weekend, bringing a dusting of snow to the mountains



The Madison Mountain Range received a dusting of snow late Sunday night. Snow in July is a welcome sight for Madison County. ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN

Virginia City Historic Preservation Officer resigns

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During the July council meeting, members of the council and community heard from current Historic Preservation Officer Jeff MacDonald about his plans to resign.

"I'll begin by saying with reluctance that I have submitted my resignation to the town for the position of historic preservation officer," Mac-

Donald said at the start of the July 7 meeting. "I was offered a position with the University of Montana's Center for Integrated Research on the Environment for a project that they needed some assistance with – there's a lot of traveling and I won't be able to cover all the bases."

MacDonald has been the HPO since October 2012 and as been dedicated to preserving the history of Virginia

City, according to Mayor Scott Petersen.

"We're absolutely going to miss him," Petersen said. "He's still got his fingers in a bunch of projects so he'll still be around every once and awhile, but we appreciate all he's done."

The HPO is in charge of maintaining the history of the town and historic character as well as administering the design and review program

and applying for grants to help go toward town and building repair and maintenance.

"(MacDonald) really did a lot of with trying to get an educational center here and bring in more people to use (Virginia City) as a study area," said Petersen.

Other news

Since December of last year, the council has been dealing with the town's sign

ordinance and businesses not being in compliance with town code.

"It's a really hard position to be put in because we want to help our businesses but we have been chosen to uphold these ordinances," said Petersen during the July 7 meeting.

At last month's council meeting, councilmembers had planned to set a fine amount for those not in compliance with town ordinances, but no

decisions were made at the July 7 meeting regarding fines and penalties.

"We really haven't (set a fine standard) we're still kind of up in the air," said Petersen, adding that he hopes to find some sort of consistency with administering fines.

The town also unanimously voted to switch water bills back in to the names of property owners and will no longer allow for water bills to be put in renter's names.

FIRE UPDATE

Things looking 'really good' for Pole, Fine fires in the Gravelly Mountains

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As of the afternoon of July 11, the Pole Fire in the Gravelly Mountains was 50 acres, and the nearby Fine Fire was 28 acres, according to Leona Rodreck, public information officer

with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

"Both fires had visible smoke (on July 10), however, they received up to 0.4 inches of precipitation," Rodreck said. "And when (the firefighters) got up this morning, they had a little more than 4 inches of snow on the fire."

Rodreck said most of the resources are being sent home because the fires are moving to a type five incident, meaning an engine will be on scene everyday to keep an eye on them.

"Things are looking really good, but underneath all the snow is still some embers," Rodreck said. "As it dries out, the possibility

of it getting going again is there."

The Gravelly Range Road was partially closed last week due to the fires, but is back open.

"Given we got a lot of moisture, I caution people to be very careful," Rodreck said. "Those roads can get difficult up there."

It's not goodbye, it's see you later

Hi readers,

Sometimes, I still feel like a little kid. I'm 25 years old, I live 1,300 miles away from my family and I am definitely an adult. But every once in awhile, I miss the days when my mom made all my big decisions.

For example, when I get an email about my health insurance, I want to forward it to my mother. But I'm an adult, and it's up to me to do my research and pick an insurance plan. Last week, however, I got to be a kid again for a little while.

My mom, dad and grandma came to Madison County, and while I played tour guide, they took me out for dinners and re-stocked my refrigerator and pantry.

Growing up, cooking Thanksgiving dinner was a two-day affair for Gran and me. We spent the day before in the kitchen

mixing dough and rolling out delicious rolls. The day of the feast, we basted a big bird, made dressing and mashed pounds and pounds of potatoes. I haven't been back to Kansas for Thanksgiving since I graduated college, so this summer, Grandma brought Thanksgiving to me.

When my mother and I picked her up at the Bozeman airport last week, she was armed with a grocery list so we could get everything necessary for making our favorite meal. We took over my little home in Ennis, rolled up our sleeves and got to work. The fruit of our labor was a tasty, filling meal. As an aside, we had a 23 pound turkey for five people, so if anyone is craving a taste of Thanksgiving, give me a call ... Mike and I will be eating turkey and potatoes for weeks to come!

It was great to spend time with my family and show them my home. When I

say home, I mean all of Madison County. Dad and I drove the Gravelly Range Road, Mom and Gran explored Virginia City and we made sure to drive all around Jeffers, which is one of my favorite places.

Still, when it came time to say goodbye Monday morning, I was sick to my stomach. Kansas City is far away – too far away for a weekend trip, so I see my family sparingly. It's the biggest sacrifice I've made to live in Montana. I think they all felt the pull of Madison County during their time here ... My dad is already planning next year's trip back!

After I watched their car pull out of town, I spent a weepy, dreary Monday at the office. If you happened to be one of the folks who swung by *The Madisonian* office on July 11, I apologize. I was not a friendly face at the door or very good company.

Mike helped me change my attitude

after work Monday. He told me to take the word "goodbye" out of my vocabulary and replace it with "see you next time."

So, Mom, Dad and Gran – see you next time! Madison County is waiting for you!

Abigail



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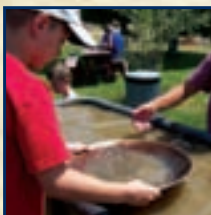
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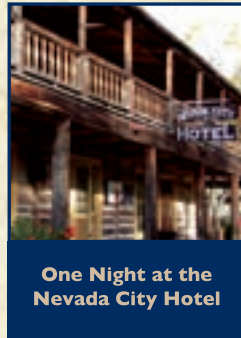
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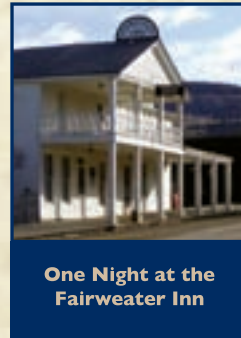
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VIOLATION from pg. 1

"The party had not done anything for years," C. West said, referring to the central committee's activity in Madison County. "Then (M. West) volunteered to be treasurer, and as she learned what she had to do, she did it."
 M. West said she paid for the ad that ran in *The Madisonian* on July 7, and that she had five days from that point to report the expense, which she did - she said the central committee was not out of compliance.
 C. West said the central committee was called out because they "dared to tell the truth," referencing the censure on Shaw.
 "Democrats are helping the Republicans they want get into office," C. West said.

The complaint

The complaint against the central committee was filed on May 16, 2016, by Jesse O'Hara,

a former Montana legislator who now resides in Florida.
 "I am very, very concerned about the political scene and what is happening recently," O'Hara said. "Our party - the Republican Party - is being taken over by the Libertarian Party. So often, if you don't agree 100 percent with them, then they want to take you out politically. If you aren't in lockstep with them, you are a traitor."
 O'Hara said Madison County has two "very good legislators," referring to Shaw and Rep. Jeff Welborn, who is running for Senate District 36.
 "The central committee was coming after them," O'Hara said simply. "That committee needs to follow the rules."
 O'Hara said the central committee was taking sides in the primary and spending money without reporting it.
 "They didn't record it or anything and you just can't do that," he said. "When you spend

money on a candidate, you have to record it and report it."
 For O'Hara, compromise is not a dirty word. "Here's a major point: In the state of Montana, just because we might be adamantly opposed on one issue does not mean we can't be teammates on another issue," he said. "Even with the Democratic Party, we differ maybe on 20 percent of the issues, maybe 10 percent. That's not the case in Washington, D.C., but that's how it is in Montana."
Enforcement
 According to Motl's ruling, civil prosecution of the central committee is "justified."
 "Because of the nature of the violations (the failure to report and disclose occurred in Lewis and Clark County), this matter is referred to the county attorney of Lewis and Clark County for his consideration as to prosecution," according

to the ruling.
 The ruling continued to say most matters referred to the county attorney are waived back to the commissioner for further consideration, meaning Motl will most likely pursue settling the matter with a negotiated fine.
 "In setting that fine, the commissioner will consider matters affecting mitigation," Motl wrote. "While it is expected that a fine amount will be negotiated and paid, in the event that a fine is not negotiated and the matter resolved, the commissioner retains statutory authority to bring a complaint in district court against any person who intentionally or negligently violates any requirement of campaign practice law."
 Essentially, if the Lewis and Clark County Attorney waives the right to prosecute, and Motl is not able to negotiate a fine with the central committee, Motl reserves the right to instigate an enforcement action via the court system.

High winds in Madison County

Funnel clouds spotted near Dillon, Twin Bridges Sunday

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On Sunday, July 10 just after noon, two funnel clouds were

spotted in the Dillon/Twin Bridges/Sheridan area, according to Madison County director of emergency services Dustin Tetrault.

"We got the initial report of a funnel cloud heading north-east toward Twin Bridges from Beaverhead County," Tetrault said. "Within five minutes, we sent out an alert to people in that area via our Code Red system."
 The alert notified Twin Bridges area residents to go indoors and seek shelter, Tetrault said.
 Tetrault responded to the area with Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson and all sheriff deputies on duty. The Sheridan Fire Department also responded.
 "We had a great response," Tetrault said.
 At one point as the funnel

cloud moved between Twin Bridges and Sheridan west of the towns, Tetrault said it formed a tail, but never formed the rest of a leg to create a tornado.
 In Dillon, however, a funnel cloud turned into a tornado, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
 "The National Weather Service in Great Falls received reports of strong winds up to 50 miles per hour, hail ranging from pea-size to quarter-size, funnel clouds and one tornado



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Clouds rotate in a funnel outside of Twin Bridges on Sunday, July 10, 2016.

touched down for about a minute before it lifted. Fortunately, there were no injuries or damage from with these storms."

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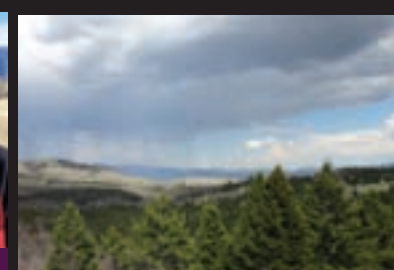
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Where are they now? How Madison County youth prepare for fair

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Megan Martin (middle) is in her final year of 4-H.

The Madison County Fair is fast approaching. With less than a month to go, Madison County youth have entered crunch time as they prepare their market animals, finish their indoor projects and perfect their recipes. With the fair slated to begin Aug. 10, recent Twin Bridges High School graduate and member of the Starbusters 4-H club, Megan Martin, has her hands full.

"I'm taking a steer and a dog," Martin said.

Martin has been in 4-H for 10 years and this year's fair will mark her final year as she prepares to head to Montana State University to study accounting.

"(4-H) has been a really good learning experience and makes you get out there, show an animal, learn and bond with your animal and have a friendship," she said. "Hard work pays off – it's a long process but the end result is always very rewarding."

Growing up on her family's ranch, Martin was introduced to the life of ag early on and was able to learn about animals and watch them develop.

"It's a cool aspect," she said. "To go through the fields and look for calves when they're born and check them and watch them grow from babies."

Martin picked out her steer for this coming fair in October, after sorting through the herd with her dad.

"My dad helps me a lot," Martin said. "It's kind of a family thing, actually. We'll go out and look at this calf that I've had my eye on ... My family hasn't missed a show and my dad's always there in the morning helping me."

Martin's mom, Mary, also happens to be one of her 4-H leaders and said she thinks (4-H) is a great thing for families.

"(4-H) teaches great life lessons and is a great family event," Mary said. "Everyone has to work together to get everything done."

What to look for

During her time in 4-H, Martin has learned to look for depth in her animals and a wide hind end.

"I've learned throughout the years and from watching the judges that you don't want (the steer) to be really shallow," she said. "You want them boxy with a nice topline."

Getting to the show

Originally, when she started in 4-H, Martin chose to show pigs but switched to steers.

"I did pig for seven years and then it became so big that I decided to move to steers," she said.

After picking out this year's steer, Martin said she started with the basics: feeding her steer hay and getting him started on grains, as well as working on halter breaking the 1,000 pound animal.

"I've got him halter broke by now and I'll walk (him) to get the muscles toned and work with a show stick so he can get used to it," she said.

Once they have made their way to the fairgrounds and been assigned a stall, it's time for the show.

"You want your animals to be the best, like 'here's the flashiest, best trained, look at me type animal,'" Martin said.

A veteran in the show ring, Martin said to always keep your eye on the judge and keep your animal between you and the judge.

"You'll walk around and line up on the edge of the ring, get your steer square and then the judge will come ask you questions to see how much you actually know about your animal, but always keep your eye on the judge," she said.

From there, if the judge likes what he or she sees, it is off to the round robin where fair entrants must show every animal depending on their showmanship level: steer, sheep, pig, horse, dog, cat, rabbit, chicken and usually a dairy animal.

Not just for market
Martin also shows her dog, Sunny, an Australian shepherd/red heeler mix.

"She's a Heinz 57 of sorts," Martin said with a laugh.
The dog show is one of the first events 4-Hers can enter at fair, and is an event Martin would recommend to everyone.

"You just build a wonderful bond with your dog and have a great companion," she said.

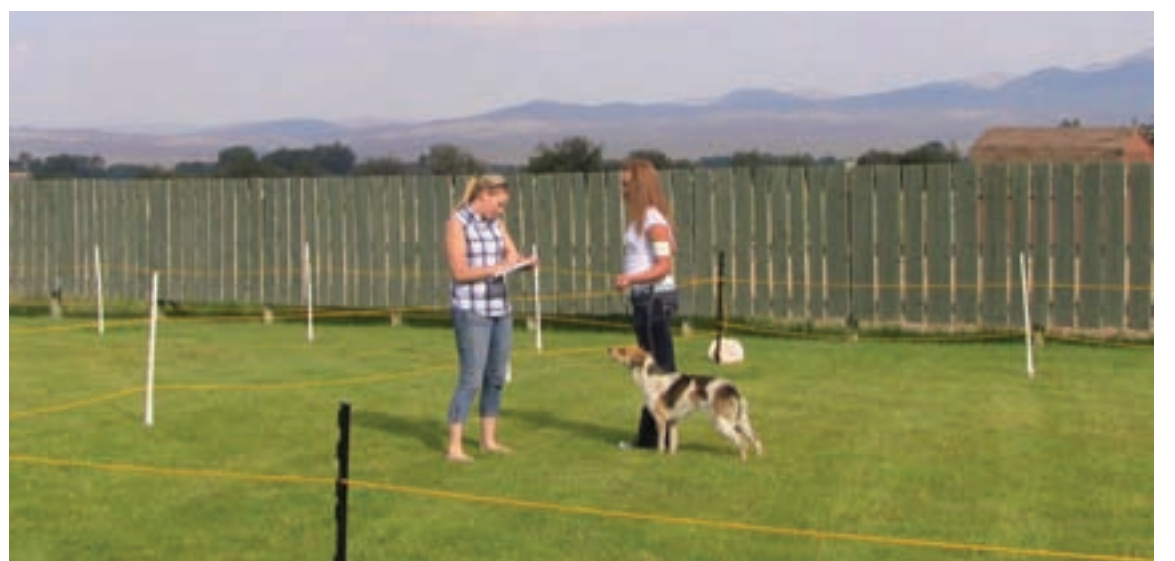
Dog classes started in April where the dogs and their trainers master all the basics, from sit, stay and heel, to working on agility and more intense obedience training.

"I like obedience more," said Martin, adding that it helps having a well trained dog on the ranch.

Reaping the benefits

Though it is a time consuming club to be a part of, the benefits of 4-H are greater than the time put in, and help to develop characteristics, qualities and skills kids can keep throughout their lifetime.

"(4-H) is very volunteer based and has taught me that no matter what, to always help others," said Martin. "It's a community that loves one another and will always be willing to help each other out."



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Top: Martin showing her steer at the 2015 Madison County Fair.

Middle: "I'd recommend dog to anyone," said Martin who will open the fair with her dog Sunny at the dog show on Aug. 10.

Bottom: Martin and her Australian shepherd/red heeler mix, Sunny.



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Tips for better family road trips

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Taking the family on a road trip? When kids are in tow, an extended car ride means thinking ahead to help avoid headaches and squabbling over personal space. A little planning can go a long way in making the trip enjoyable for passengers of all ages.

To minimize backseat frustrations and maximize fun on the open road, consider these tips:

Babies and toddlers: Manage meltdowns by factoring in nap time when planning your route. Drive while little ones are sleeping and take breaks that coincide with their regular eating schedule.

The grade school set: Let

each child pack their own road trip survival backpack. They can fill it with their favorite car-friendly snacks, crafting gear and tech gadgets. Make sure items are fully charged and bring along extra batteries. Think about bringing a new book or snack they have not seen before to keep things interesting when their interest begins to wane.

Tweens and teens: This age group has a lot of opinions. To help keep the peace, give them a say in some car-related activities. Let them choose the playlist for one hour or use an app to geo-locate a restaurant for lunch.

At every age: Safety should always be at the forefront of every road trip. Keep a first aid

kit handy and have extra bottled water in the trunk. Make sure every passenger is wearing a seat belt or is properly secured in his or her car seat before putting the car in motion. Infants should ride rear-facing until at least two years of age, or until they have reached the maximum height and weight limits of rear-facing car seats, according to The American Academy of Pediatrics.

Traveling with children will always be somewhat stressful, and requires a sense of humor, but if you involve them in decisions and think about ways to keep kids comfortable longer on the trip, you will be able to have greater peace of mind and a lot more fun while on the open road.

How to stay safe during outdoor summer activities

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Hitting the road for an outdoor adventure or just headed to a local park or pool? Get prepared. Before summer fun comes summer safety.

These tips can help ensure you have the tools you need to enjoy your summer days safely.

Be prepared

Whenever you hit the road for an outdoor adventure in warm temperatures, it is important to be prepared for whatever might come your way. For example, keep certain safety items in your car all the time, such as a first aid kit and rain gear. It is also a good idea to bring along more water than you think

you need.

You may be relying on your device to listen to music, take photos, use GPS, check the weather and of course to text and make calls, so always carry extra backup batteries to stay charged. Charge external batteries before leaving the house so they are ready to go if you need them.

Keep an eye on the weather

Whether you are going for a swim, having a picnic or heading into the wilderness for a long hike, the weather can be your best friend or your worst enemy. Luckily, these days, it is easier than ever to know what is in store for you. No more checking the weather report in the morning and hoping for the best. New tools can provide trusted weather data while you are out and about.

Protect yourself

Hopefully your plans coincide with a beautiful sunny day. Remember to wear sunglasses that offer UV protection. Both adults and kids should be protected from harmful rays. And, of course, reapply sunscreen as often as the bottle suggests.

If you are headed out somewhere near water, make sure everyone knows how to swim and that kids are under supervision. For natural bodies of water, check signage for conditions for hazards like riptides and local wildlife. On boats, lifejackets are a must!

This summer, a little preparation and real-time knowledge at your fingertips can help you head out the door with confidence.

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COLUMNS



By Sunni Heikes-Knapton
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THE VALUE OF NATIVE RANGELAND

To the untrained eye, our long expanses of native rangeland can appear to simply be empty land. Without stately forests, winding rivers or craggy peaks, they easily blend in as a quiet background and their values go may unnoticed.

But this distinct habitat type, found in a broad swath of our nation from the Great Plains to California, holds the key to many important functions. Since native rangeland also makes up a large part of Montana, it's worth examining the value of this landscape as part of Montana Open Lands Month.

Known for a hardy plant community comprised of native grasses, forbs and shrubs, these systems are typically dominated by species that grow back from their roots every year (also known as perennial plants).

These plants that grow on rangeland are very diverse and are particularly valuable

because they are adapted to the conditions of the site. Most rangeland is characterized by shallow well drained soils, and they are known to be regions with lower quantities of annual precipitation. Therefore, the healthy native plants that evolved in these settings are efficient of making the most of the limiting conditions of the site, and can tolerate drought conditions better than most other species.



Sunni Heikes-Knapton

The secret to rangeland survival is the amazing root systems of the plants, which can reach down into the soil 10 feet or more. As long as the above ground plant material maintains a healthy level of growth, these roots can reach down and protect the limited and valuable soil, help keep water on the landscape

and provide an important structure for the subsurface biology.

The predominant land use of native rangeland in Montana is grazing by many types of livestock. This occurs on both privately held land, as well as publicly held land. Many of the plant species provide excellent forage values for livestock and they recover quickly with proper management.

Since native range plants evolved with grazing by wildlife throughout history, a planned approach to livestock grazing is a very compatible use for this landscape. Proper grazing helps maintain or improve the ecological process of managing energy flow (capturing sunlight and turning it into forage), improving litter/soil incorporation, stimulating microbial activity, improving plant vigor and managing fuels loads to reduce wildfire threats.

Recommendations for best grazing practices on native range encourage short duration grazing with periods of rest for the plants to recover. Most ranchers accomplish this by knowing the plant species and forage production, and then building a grazing plan where animals have multiple grazing areas that can be used for a short time and then rested. This ensures that livestock is making efficient use of the forage, and then giving the plants a chance to regrow for another season. Since native range grows back every year on its own, it doesn't require

active cultivation to produce forage.

Wildlife habitat is also another important benefit provided by native rangeland. This resilient landscape provides the main components that many animals need to survive; here they find food, shelter and space. From large animals like elk and bears, to smaller creatures like birds and insects, there is an enormous number of species that call native range home for part or all of the year. Many animals use this area seasonally, staying on the lower elevation rangeland in winter and moving back up to the mountains in summer.

While historically not as valued as a benefit provided by native rangeland, more people are now recognizing the simple open space this landscape type provides.

With pressures from development expanding in Montana and throughout the west, these remaining native rangelands provide something that is more and more rare: a view shed that remains very much the same now as it has for thousands of years.

As you look out across our region and see the areas of native range, consider the important role it plays in the lives of so many. From sportsmen to ranchers, visitors to longtime residents, we all gain by having these areas remain healthy and productive for the future. Celebrate Open Land Month by visiting some native range near you.

HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler
FOR THE MADISONIAN

FROM SUPERMAN TO SEDENTARYMAN

An aging citizen's perspective on staying active

Finally, summer is here. The long, warm days invite me to be more active. As a result, I have decided to increase my exercise level. Sadly, in my case, that's not saying much. What I call exercise nowadays would have barely qualified as noticeable motion when I was younger. There are, however, reasons for that piteous state of affairs.



Art Kehler

To begin, I began participating in organized sports when I was 7 years old. My working years were defined by physical labor. Away from work, much of my time was spent engaging in rigorous outdoor activities. Alas, there is a bodily price to be paid for all that fun and frolic. So, now that I have reached my seventh decade of life - "Superman" is transitioning into "Sedentaryman."

Unless flopping one's gums at the local café is considered a sport, I no longer engage in sports. The sad fact is nobody wants a barely-ambulatory mossback on their team. Nevertheless, I do maintain a daily exercise routine that focuses on nominal-endurance, fractional-stretching and maintaining a respectable level of flab-tone.

Weather permitting, I still walk (mosey) for an hour each day. Lately, the nearly incessant popping and creaking of my vertebrae and joints has reached a decibel level that's unsettling. As a result, I've begun carrying a portable CD player along to drown out the racket. Ignorance really is bliss. To save time and to slow the advance of creeping, pre-rigor mortis (arthritis), I also stretch during my walks. On an average outing, I spend as much time extending stiff muscles as I do sauntering. It's pretty sad when bending over instigates heavy breathing.

Nowadays, hoisting a cup of coffee runs the risk of triggering a hernia. So, instead of lifting weights, I pull against an elastic, resistance band. Doubt-

less, wrenching against said band from strategic locations (overhead, between the legs, behind the neck, across the chest, etc.), has helped maintain flab-tone. Nevertheless, a golden-ager needs to be careful not to get carried away. As a case in point, recently, while performing an especially exuberant draw across my chest, I lost grip of the tautly-drawn band with one hand. Before I could blink, it whiplashed back and whacked me squarely in the mouth. My smarting lips served as a harsh reminder of the geezer grunter's golden rule - "moderation in all things!"

By far, of the three types of daily exercise (walking, stretching and resistance) I perform, stretching is the one I do most frequently. In fact, stretching is an all-day endeavor. Whenever I stiffen up, I do whatever is necessary to loosen up on the spot. Hence, family and friends have learned not to be alarmed if, while we are engaged in conversation, I suddenly begin whirling my arms in circles or drop into a deep-knee bend. Along those same lines, while attending a recent public meeting, my shoulder muscles began to cramp. Desiring not to create a scene, I discreetly clasped my hands behind my neck. Regrettably, instead of relaxing, my shoulder muscles tightened even more. So, for the next five excruciating minutes I couldn't retrieve my hands! I dare say, exiting a crowded room with a one's hands locked behind his ears and his elbows protruding to the side without drawing attention is impossible.

Ultimately, despite the mounting obstacles and occasional humiliations, this aging citizen fully intends to stay active. After all, daily exercise is still the best way to ensure that Sedentaryman doesn't transform into the equivalent of a petrified tree stump. Perish the thought.

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Skunkbusters

By Lexi Sundell

After our unhappy history with skunks, I was not pleased when one took up residence under our shed. Tending my flower gardens changed from a peaceful pastime into episodes of gagging.

A few years earlier, our dog Cosmo ran headlong into the bushes, chasing his beloved tennis ball. He emerged foaming at the mouth without the ball. The skunk scored a direct hit on the poor dog's face.

I tied him by the porch and turned on the garden hose. With the sprayer set to jet, I went after the skunk in a fit of temper. My husband, Bern, first saw the distressed dog and then me pursuing a black and white animal all over the yard with the hose. A wise man, he decided not to get involved.

The frantic creature escaped through an opening in the fence and headed for parts unknown to dry. I was perhaps the first person in Ennis to out-spray a skunk and I hoped it would never return.

If you believe tomato juice helps a skunked dog, I assure you it does not. After we struggled for three days with failed methods, one of our art collectors gave us the recipe that worked. A bottle of peroxide, a quarter cup of baking soda, and a teaspoon of Dawn dish soap mixed together in a spray bottle worked miracles on the smelly fur.

The next engagement with the skunk occurred in a flowerbed. Once again the dog chased his tennis ball into trouble, but escaped with a less direct hit. Bern did not chase the invader with the garden hose but went straight to our magic recipe instead.

Cosmo still pursues his tennis ball with single-minded intensity. When this skunk chose our shed as its home, I could see us buying peroxide in case lots for the rest of the summer if nothing was done.

Bern stopped painting fish

long enough to casually plop a few rocks around the shed to block the entrances, as if the culprit would not dig new ones. Of course, it did.

I suggested he fasten fencing wire around the bottom of the shed. This "Honey Do" did not get far. I found a piece of fencing lying on the ground in the abandoned project. He told me cutting the wire made his hands bleed.

In search of answers, my exasperated husband went to the hardware store, where someone said mothballs will evict a skunk. Well, if out-spraying a skunk does not work, why not try out-stinking the skunk? He cautiously put mothballs under the shed and the skunk smell disappeared. Satisfied, he left on a business trip.

While Bern was gone, it returned. I bought more mothballs and once again the skunk smell vanished.

When my cheerful husband returned from his trip, I suggested that he fasten hardware cloth around the bottom of the shed. Confronted with the prospect of new spraying events, he agreed.

My poppies are blooming

now, and the faintest whiff of mothballs sometimes wafts over the garden but the skunk is gone. The dog can chase his ball without trouble.

We learned a lot about skunks during these events, but life continues to bring surprises. I love walking at night in the moonlight when I have insomnia. As I crossed a cattle guard at 2 a.m. I saw a cat in the weeds.

I assumed it was a cat because I did not smell the all too familiar aroma, but it darted under the cattle guard in a decidedly un-catlike way. I stood motionless, uncertain of the situation. After a time, the animal emerged, its tail upright and the white stripe clearly visible in the moonlight.

Skunks raise their tails before spraying and I did not move a muscle, alarmed to be 3 feet from one about to shoot. To my relief, it stiffly walked away and I was safe.

Curious, I Google-d the lack of scent and discovered that a skunk does not smell bad until it has sprayed once. This is not good news for someone who walks at night without a flashlight. I better keep that supply of peroxide handy after all.

COMMODITY INSITE!: Prices go up on staircase but decline on an elevator

by Jerry Welch

Grain prices collapsed in a little more than a month. After staging a sharp rally in the April to early June period, prices for soybeans, corn and wheat have done a nosedive that will be remembered by grain producers for years to come. Corn prices dropped \$1.08 a bushel, wheat prices peeled off \$1.19 and soybean values did a swan dive to the tune of \$1.54 a bushel. And prices collapsed despite the fact that the heart of the growing season lies ahead.

As always, there are a host of reasons justifying what led to the collapse. Some blame the weakness on improved weather prospects and an easing of La Nina fears. Others blame the high frequency traders, the "algo boys" and the infamous funds for sending values tumbling as badly as anyone has seen in years. It certainly was massive liqui-

dation by those long grains. And the sell-off was so sudden and unexpected it proves the old adage, "prices go up on staircase but decline on an elevator."

Also, greasing the skids for lower grain prices was a report that hit the wires courtesy of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. From agrimony.com and a headline that blared ominously, Era of high ag-prices quite likely over: "The period of high ag commodity prices is 'quite likely over,' sapped by a slowdown in population growth, the OECD and United Nations said."

The same article held this message: "And prices look set, over the next decade to 'remain below recent peak levels,' undermined by a drop to 1 percent a year in the rate of world population growth, and economic slowdown in some

countries, with Chinese GDP seen expanding by 6 percent a year, down from 9 percent a year over the past decade."

There is, of course, plenty of time left in the growing season for grains to stage a rally based on threatening weather. After all, a corn crop is made or broken in July and a soybean crop in August. Mother Nature may still have the final say about which direction grain prices are headed. But in the absence of weather problems, the odds are exceptionally high that any rally with any grain market is a selling opportunity.

However, the grains are not the only commodity markets suffering the past month or so. Crude oil, a leading indicator market for commodities per se peaked in early June at \$52.28 a barrel and this week fell to a new three month low. Live cattle prices this week

came within a meager \$2 from hitting a multi-year low. The CRB Index, weighed towards grains and livestock, dropped below the worst levels of June and July, a rare development.

On the other hand, the collapse underway with grains and few other commodity markets is no surprise to yours truly. I have stated time and again over the past few months that there are few shortages of any type of commodity whatsoever. If anything, surpluses abound and in particular when it comes to the grains.

Moving forward if you wonder about my bias and outlook when it comes to the commodity markets in general, here are the titles of the past four columns I penned for this newspaper: The algo boys are baaaaack!; Everything is so bearish it is bullish; Worldwide market mayhem;

and As smooth as riding over cobblestones set in ruts.

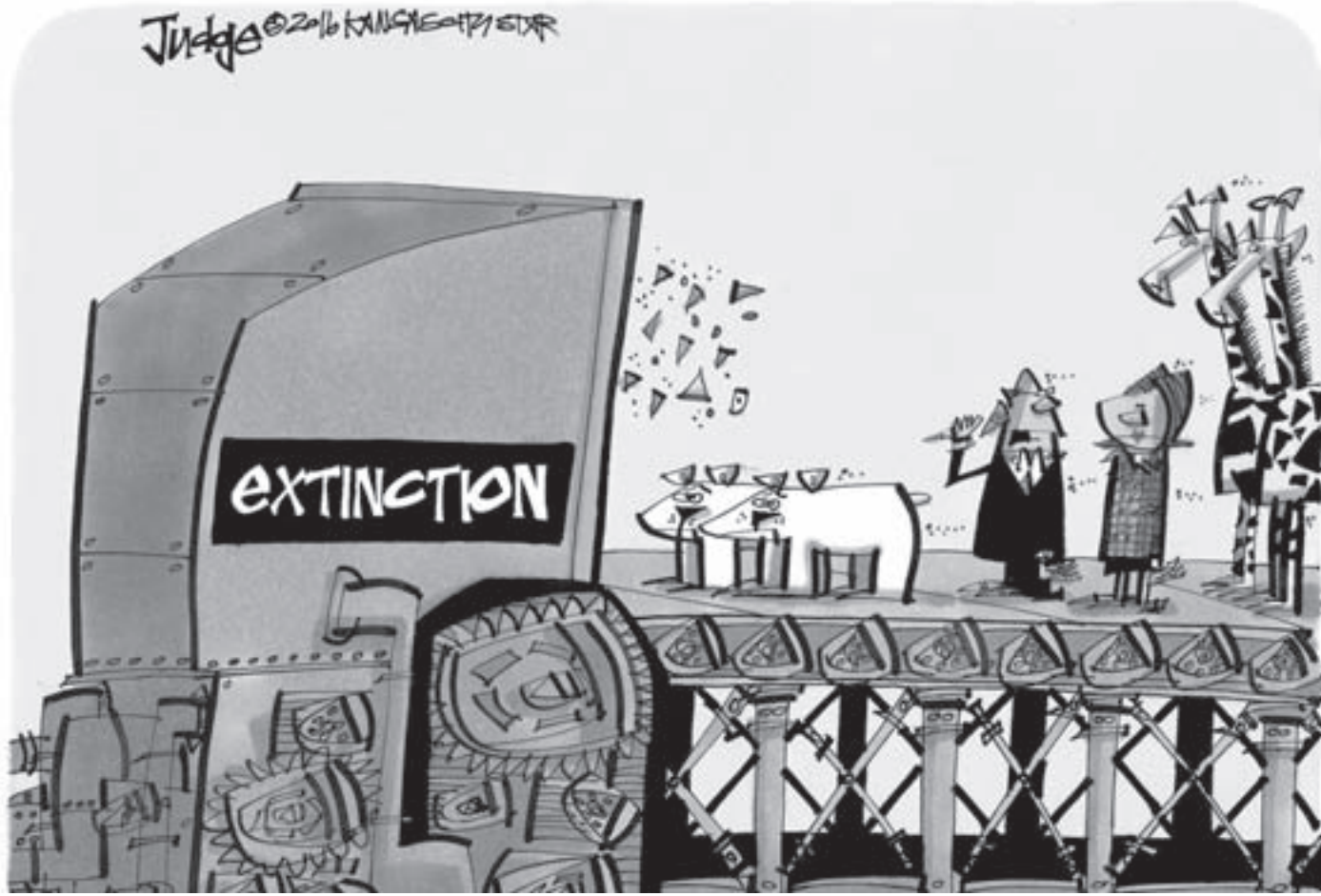
One reason grains are collapsing and other commodities are poised to do the same, is because the algo boys are baaaaack, placing massive orders swamping the buyers in minutes or less. One reason grains and other commodities have rallied so sharply is because the world's central banks viewed the global economy as so bearish they promised more stimulus measures to prop up values. One reason grains and other commodities have morphed to wild and crazy, is the mess called Brexit. As a result, the ride is far from smooth with any market whatsoever.

Here are some comments I made a few weeks ago in a previous column: "Personally, I am squirming in today's market environment. It is woefully dangerous when

asset classes, stocks, bonds and commodities move in tandem. Bonds do best, thrive the most, when everything is bearish, not bullish. And the fundamentals that are most certainly bullish bonds are not necessarily bullish stocks and commodities. Yet, all three markets are marching in unison."

Over the past month, grains did divorce themselves from stocks, bonds and most other commodity markets and so did cattle prices to a much lesser extent. But with a weekend looming, stocks as measured by the Dow are trading north of 18,000, bond futures are at new all-time historic high of 177 and most all, commodity markets closed higher, including grains and cattle. To my chagrin and concern, most asset classes are once more moving in tandem. Go figure.

COMICS & PUZZLES



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King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 See 1-Across
- 8 Old World duck
- 12 Inauguration recitation
- 13 Genetic stuff
- 14 Comic strip possum
- 15 Lo-cal
- 16 Squid's squirt
- 17 Acknowledge
- 18 Gold coin of old Italy
- 20 Differently
- 22 Berlin-born actress
- 26 Hackneyed
- 29 Banned pesticide
- 30 Ostrich's kin
- 31 Miners' finds
- 32 Pair
- 33 Oklahoma city
- 34 Zodiac sign
- 35 Onassis, familiarly
- 36 Isolated hill
- 37 Berlin-born actress
- 40 Census statistics
- 41 Slanted, in print
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- 47 Pitch

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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Tharpe

Simple Summertime Shrimp and Scallop Salad

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- Janet

Italian Shrimp and Scallop Salad

What You Need

- 5 cloves of garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
- 3 tbsp fresh celery leaves, chopped
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 c corn oil
- 2 c frozen 'petite' peas
- 2 lb bay scallops
- 2 lb small shrimp, peeled and deveined

- Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil over high heat.
- Pour in the peas, and return to a boil.
- Stir in the scallops, and boil for 3 minutes.
- Then add the shrimp and continue cooking for 1 1/2 minutes more.
- Drain well; cool in refrigerator for 30 minutes.
- Once seafood has cooled, toss with the garlic dressing until coated.
- Refrigerate for at least 3 hours or overnight.
- Toss again before serving.

Directions

- In a small bowl, stir together the garlic, parsley, celery leaves, salt, and corn oil; set aside.

Submitted by: Lillian Russo, Long Island NY (pop. 7.5 million)
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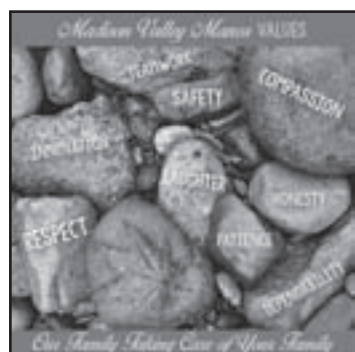
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Melissa Brummell, RN
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on August 22, 2016, at 11:00 AM at the Front Door to the Madison County Courthouse located at 110 West Wallace in Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana:

A tract of land situated in Section 17, Township 4 South, Range 5 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, more particularly shown as Lot 5 on the Amended Plat of 7M-4R Subdivision as filed in Book 4 of Plats, page 322-A, records of Madison County, Montana. Bret Carter and Connie L. Hill AKA Connie Hill, JT, WROS, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to First American Title Company of Madison County, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to American Federal Savings Bank, Corporation, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust on March 12, 2008, and recorded on March 12, 2008 as Document No. 124997. The beneficial interest is currently held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana.

The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments due in the amount of \$1,039.61, beginning March 1, 2013, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of March 31, 2016 is \$163,756.85 principal, interest at the rate of 5.87500% totaling \$30,465.74, late charges in the amount of \$203.52, escrow advances of \$10,610.52, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$70.91, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.

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

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default.

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On this 13 day of April, 2016, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dalia Martinez, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Amy Gough
Notary Public
Bingham County, Idaho
Commission expires: 6-9-2021
J P Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. vs Carter/Hill 100786
(Pub. June 30, July 7, 14 2016) mk
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY PROBATE NO. DP-29-2016-19
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY JOHN HERBERT, ALSO KNOWN AS HANK HERBERT DECEASED.

PROBATE NO. DP-29-2016-19
THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HAS BEEN APPOINTED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ABOVE NAMED ESTATE. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID DECEDENT ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS WITHIN 4 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE, OR SAID NOTICE, OR ALL CLAIMS WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

CLAIMS MUST EITHER BE MAILED TO LINDA HAMILTON, PO BOX 205, VIRGINIA CITY, MT 59755, OR FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT. DATED: JUNE 17, 2016

/s// LINDA R. HAMILTON, MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, THAT THE FOREGOING IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.
/s// LINDA R HAMILTON, MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR (Pub. June 30, July 7, 14 2016) lh
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NOTICE TO SOUTH BOULDER RIVER BASIN (41G) WATER USERS

Dan & Dixie Harrington have filed a Motion to Amend Statement of Claim 41G 13853-00 with the Montana Water Court seeking to amend the flow rate to reflect historical use.

The claimants are amending their flow rate from 32 miner's inches (359.10 GPM) to 48 miner's inches (1.20 CFS). The Harringtons allege they own the entire William T. Stephens November 12, 1871 decreed right in the 1919 South Boulder River decree, which is for 48 inches of water, so the flow rate should be amended accordingly.

OBJECTION DATE:
Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed with the Montana Water Court, P.O. BOX 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389, within 45 days of the date of the last publication of this notice, by (August 12, 2016) in accordance Section 85-2-233(6), MCA. Please indicate "Case 41G-A19" on any response, objection or other correspondence related to this Motion to Amend.
(Pub. July 7, 14, 21 2016) mk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF ENNIS, Plaintiff vs. NICHOLAS CONNELL, Defendant.
TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 28th day of July, 2016 at 11:00 am at Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, Madison County, Montana, the following described property:
Mobile Home: 1968 Magnolia 12x60
VIN# FHFDCMN1229L, including all personal property therein; located on Lots #3 & #4, Block 2, Love Addition, Ennis, Madison County, Montana; address of 110 Pearl Street, Ennis, Montana.
Dated this 24th day of June, 2016
/s/ Roger Thompson
Sheriff of Madison County
(Pub. July 7, 14, 21 2016) mcscd
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NOTICE TO JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN (41G) WATER USERS

Joseph and Victoria Besseghini filed a Motion to Amend their statement of claim with the Montana Water Court seeking to correct the point of diversion to reflect historical use. The claimants are amending their point of diversion from the NENSW of Section 28, TIN, R4W, in Madison County to SENSW of Section 22, TIN, R4W, in Madison County. They also seek to amend their claimed means of diversion from Dike to Pump.

OBJECTION DATE:
Any response or objection to the motion to amend must be filed with the Montana Water Court, P.O. Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389, within 45 days of the date of the last publications of this notice, (September 10, 2016) in accordance Section 85-2-233(6), MCA. Please indicate "Case 41G-A18" on any response, objection or other correspondence related to this Motion to Amend.
(Pub. July 14, 21, 28 2016) lr
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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. the Twin Bridges Town Council will conduct a public hearing at the Twin Bridges Town Hall located at 104 East 6th Avenue in Twin Bridges. At the public hearing, representatives of Great West Engineering will present a Draft Stormwater Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Draft Environmental Assessment prepared for the Twin Bridges Town Council. The Draft PER describes alternatives for the management of stormwater in Twin Bridges. The engineers will explain each option, the objective of the project, a proposed scope of work, possible sources of funding, and the project area. The engineers will also present the estimated cost of the scope of work, along with their assessment of its potential impact on the environment and possible financial implications for residents of Twin Bridges.

Following the presentation, the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the Draft PER and Draft Environmental Assessment. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing before the end of the hearing on Monday, July 26. Written comments may also be sent to Twin Bridges Mayor Thomas Hyndman at P.O. Box 307, Twin Bridges, MT 59754-0307. The Final PER and Final Environmental Assessment will include the Town's response to each substantive public comment received at the public hearing on the Draft PER and Draft Environmental Assessment.

For more information, contact Jeremiah Theys, P.E., of Great West Engineering at (406) 495-6193 or jtheys@greatwesteng.com. A copy of the Draft PER and Draft Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Twin Bridges Town Hall.
(Pub. July 14, 21, 2016) totb
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application for Air Quality Permit (pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Open Burning), Madison County Solid Waste Program
Will file on or about July 18, 2016 an application for a conditional air quality open burning permit from the Permitting and Compliance Division of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Applicant(s) seeks approval of its/their application to open burn clean wood waste and leaf branches, At Madison County Class III Landfills; Ennis S1/2, SW1/4, S36 T5S, R1W/ Twin Bridges NW1/4, SW1/4, S26, T3S, R6W
Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the Department's determination, and the location where a copy of the application and the Department's analysis of it can be reviewed, or to

submit comments on the application, must contact the Department at 1520 East Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, phone (406) 444-3490.

Any comments on the application must be submitted to the Department within 20 days after publication of this notice or filing of the application, whichever is later. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application for a conditional open burning permit may be reviewed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) according to the following procedure:

When the Department approves or denies the application for a conditional open burning permit under this section, a person who is jointly or severally adversely affected by the Department's decision may request, within 15 days after the Department renders its decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefor, a hearing before the Board. A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act.

The Department's decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section. The filing of a request for a hearing postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until the conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board.
(Pub. July 14, 2016) mcs
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NOTICE OF SALE OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY OF ENNIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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NOTICE TO ALL HIGH PEAKS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBERS

The supervisory committee is conducting its annual audit. Please check your statements of June 30, 2016 carefully. If there are any errors or discrepancies, please contact:
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MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

School Administrators, Board Chairs, Transportation Supervisors, and County Commissioners

The annual transportation meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday July 13th, 2016 at 10:00 AM** in the Community Meeting room at the Madison County Administrative Offices Building

All school transportation questions will be addressed at this time. Find the agenda at madison.mt.gov under department of Superintendent of Schools

IT'S FAIR TIME!

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Brunch in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY CARLA MARSH
Jackson's Garden

Jackson's Garden's seventh annual brunch will be Sunday July 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. An ecumenical worship service will be held at the garden at 9 a.m. This community brunch is a perfect opportunity to enjoy good food, music and conversation and see what is growing in the gardens. Breakfast will be ham breakfast casserole, potatoes, fruit and an amazing assortment of baked items, coffee, orange juice and iced tea – all for a donation. There will also be items to bid on in a silent auction. Jackson's Garden is a non-profit organization where the gardens are maintained by community volunteers and are free and open to the public. Jackson's Garden is located 2 miles east of Sheridan on Mill Creek Road.

The Warriors Shield program

SUBMITTED BY DANIEL CHESSEY
Under the Shield Foundation

The Under The Shield Foundation is pleased to announce the development of The Warriors Shield program. This all expense paid weekend respite will offer a safe haven for first responders who have faced life-altering incidents in their careers. TWS will offer resiliency training along with the confidential stress coaching UTS is known for. The first responder will gain coping mechanisms on how to handle the stresses of the job and the incident that altered his or her life. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Daniel Chessier at (205) 999-7663.

Ennis Arts Festival

SUBMITTED BY PATSY ECKERT
Ennis Arts Association

The Ennis Arts Association will hold the 21st annual arts festival in August. Raffle items for this year are: Antler gourd by Margie Reck, sterling silver necklace by John Glossa, framed painting by Barbara Pierce, stoneware platter by Carol Clarkson and framed stained glass by Larry Volkening.

Raffle items are on display at the Valley Bank in Ennis for two weeks then can be seen at the First Madison Valley Bank and in August at the Ennis Chamber of Commerce. Tickets available at these places.

Raffle will be held at the arts festival on Aug. 13, at Peter T's Park.

FAMACHA small ruminant parasite workshop

SUBMITTED BY DAVE SCOTT
National Center for Appropriate Technology

The Barber Pole Worm is the most common nematode present in flocks virtually anywhere in the United States. In Montana if you have irrigated pastures, you likely have the Barber Pole Worm. Dr. Whit Stewart of Montana State University Sheep Extension and Dave Scott of National Center for Appropriate Technology will discuss controlling this costly parasite using the FAMACHA system and integrated parasite management. Topics covered will be: how to score eyes using the FAMACHA technique; using the right dewormer, the right way; and grazing strategies to control the Barber Pole Worm on your farm.

The workshop will be at Dave and Jenny Scott's in Whitehall, July 30 at 9 a.m. For registration and details see www.ncat.org/events.

There will be a pot luck dinner for all following this workshop. Please RSVP to Jenny Scott, 287-3886. This workshop is brought to you by National Center for Appropriate Technology and MSU Sheep Extension.

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Sandru attends Supreme Court Summer Institute

SUBMITTED BY JODY SANDRU
Twin Bridges High School

Jody Sandru, of Twin Bridges, and a teacher at Twin Bridges High School, traveled to Washington, D.C., June 22 – 28, 2016, to attend the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute. After a highly competitive application process, 60 teachers were selected to participate this year. The institute, open to teachers in the fields of law-

related and civic education, is co-sponsored by Street Law, Inc. and the Supreme Court Historical Society.

The institute offers teachers the opportunity to study recent Supreme Court cases in detail and learn innovative teaching methodology for conveying this information to students. Well-known Supreme Court lawyers, reporters, scholars and educators were among the speakers and instructors for the institute.

This exciting opportunity culminated with a visit to the United States Supreme Court to hear the final three historical decisions of the 2015 term: Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, McDonnell v. U.S. and Voisine v. U.S. To be sitting in the courtroom when the justices read the decisions was an unforgettable experience.

Later that evening, the institute attended a reception at the court, and teachers had

the distinct pleasure of meeting Mrs. Thurgood Marshall and Associate Justice Kagan.

The institute teaches about law, democracy and the mission is to help students develop skills to improve their lives and strengthen communities. Sandru is available to present workshops on the U.S. Supreme Court, and to meet with fellow educators to discuss how these new skills and information can apply in their classrooms.

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Sheridan teens don goggles for a different view



SUBMITTED BY LYNN LOWDER
Madison County DUI Task Force

Teens one after another jumped in a golf cart to maneuver around a large figure eight made out of 40 bright orange cones as they wore the fatal vision goggles, also known as the drunk goggles – it gave them the physical sensation of someone who was intoxicated from binge drinking.

With the goggles on, almost every teen bent their head down and sideways while driving to see the path of the cones.

PHOTO COURTESY LYNN LOWDER

Colby Johnston and Tucker Horn drive a golf cart wearing goggles that simulate intoxication.

Still, the maneuvering was difficult with one out of four cones being the highest number hit. Each cone represented a person to make the demonstration have more impact – not that it needed to be; it was clearly obvious how drinking and driving really does impair your ability to drive. The goggles simulate the effect of alcohol impairment, including impaired targeting skills, slower judgment, diminished focus, delayed reactions, reduced peripheral vision and a loss of balance and equilibrium.

That was the point of the exercise the morning of July 7, offered through the Madison County DUI Task Force with members Mardi Elford, Randy Lowder and Lynn Lowder and a helping hand from Sheridan community members, especially Dale Anderson, who really enjoyed being a pedestrian for the teens and setting orange cones back up after each teen's turn, which was no small task. The program also included the teens walking the figure eight, when they quickly realized that was as difficult. It was meaningful to see parents engage in the conversation with several trying to walk and drive the course while wearing the goggles. They all agreed it was a great event and they felt it important especially that the teens in the driver's education class were able to see firsthand how impaired driving affects your ability to safely drive and even walk. Drivers education teacher April Wuefeling was instrumental in helping organize and allow the task force to come and provide the training without her efforts it would not have been possible. It takes a community of concerned citizens to get the message out to not drive impaired.

"As a parent and an educator it is kind of scary this time of year when impaired driving crashes are up and I am now thinking I'm a mother with my child in the vehicle do I really want to be out on the roads with my family tonight because now I know after the task force training that I am more likely to run into an impaired driver during the hours of 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Midnight to 3 a.m. on Saturdays so I find myself planning my trips accordingly to keep my family the safest," Wuefeling said.

Elford, who is the director of the victim impact choices and consequences program, shared the story of Brooks, her son, who died at the hands of an impaired driver.

"We know teens think they're invincible, but you are not," she said.

The teens were very somber listening to Brooks' story from baby, to toddler, to teen and then his death.

"It's a ripple in a pond, his death, those ripples touched many," Elford said. "If this task force training just saves one life and helps our teens to make the right choices then we are headed in the right direction."

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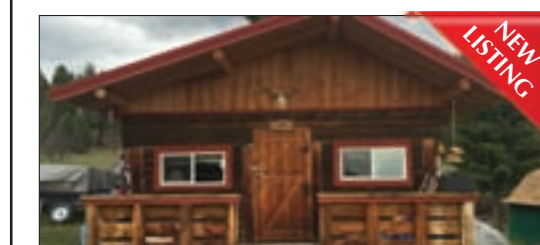
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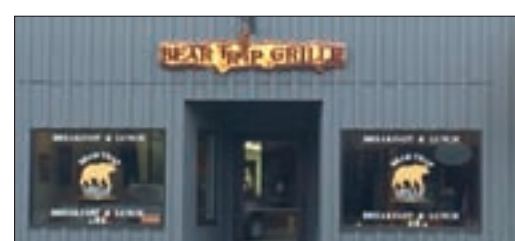
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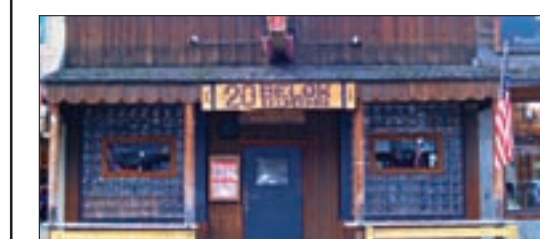
419 W Ennis St. Ennis MT - \$265,000
• 5 bed/2 bath +/- 2146 sq ft home • + .36 acres in the town of Ennis • Large garage/shop, fenced back yard, new carpet & paint • low down payment options available for financing



Highway 287 N – Ennis - \$449,000
• 1330 +/- sf retail space
• 4.249 +/- acres with plenty of parking
• includes shelving & lighting
• NO COVENANTS



Bear Trap Grille – Ennis - \$449,000
• charming restaurant, seats 80 • high ceilings, refinished wood floors • turn key business downtown Ennis • building, equipment & furnishings



Longbranch Saloon Ennis- \$595,000
• bar/restaurant, building, fixtures, equipment
• successful, locally owned • full beverage liquor license and gaming license
• big dining room, casino area
• central location, high tourist traffic



73 Grizzly Mountain Ln – Cameron, MT - \$854,400
• 3 bed 3 bath 4368 +/- sf
• 20+/- acres borders Forest Service
• Gourmet kitchen, large decks, trees & stream
• outstanding views of mountains and valley

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Celebrating science with the Madison River Foundation

SUBMITTED BY LIZ DAVIES
Madison River Foundation

The Madison River Foundation hosted an all day learning experience on a wide variety of topics on Saturday, July 9. The day started with Ethan Kunard of the Madison Conservation District demonstrating how closely tied our ground and surface waters are. Using a plexiglass apparatus, it could be clearly seen how a stream's water depends upon the groundwater. Injecting dyes into the simulator showed how quickly contaminants in a well can move to other areas.

Robert Younghanz, the bug guy, used aquatic insects he had caught earlier in the day to teach insect identification and how to choose the best flies for fishing based upon the presence of these insects.

Laurie Wolf brought skulls and pelts from Mon-

tana Wild in Helena to show carnivore adaptations – she presented data that is used to determine the numbers of hunting tags issued by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Local geologist and assayer, Russell Scruggs, taught geologic history of the Madison Valley and how this relates to our rich gold mining past. Kids were taught how to pan for gold and garnets in kiddie pools prepared by Russell.

Kay Suzuki informed the audience of her depth of local plant and pollinator knowledge. Plants from her Ennis garden were shown to emphasize the importance of a variety of pollinators.

Fire management has changed greatly over the years as Mark Petroni demonstrated with historical cases of fire incidents in the 1800s, in the last 20 years and presently in the fire in the Gravelly Mountain Range.

Amy Seaman of Montana Audubon explained the importance of our local IBA (important bird area) that is located from Ennis Lake to Varney Bridge. The restoration of O'Dell Creek has increased the number of species of migrating birds here tremendously so she stressed how these types of restorations impact our migrating birds.

Always have your bear spray ready when hiking in Montana. This was the message from Steve Primm of People and Carnivores. If you see a bear, get your spray in your hand because bears can move quickly. Primm even brought spray to practice with so everyone would be prepared if the need arises.

The day included a barbecue lunch from the Ennis Lions Club and an ice cream social from local business owner Sherri Shows. More than 20 Madison River Foundation members volunteered.



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Fourth of July parade winners

SUBMITTED BY KENZI CLARK
Ennis Chamber of Commerce

The Ennis Fourth of July parade had over 50 outstanding floats participate this year. A few parade entries took home bragging rights. The best overall in-town entry goes to Willie's Distillery for

the second year in a row. The best out of town entry goes to The Bozeman Saddle-ites. Honorable mentions include the Madison Wranglers 4-H Club for best youth entry and the Bale of Hay Saloon from Virginia City for the most creative float with their lawn chair drinking team.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

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8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

IRON PILOT
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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

AIRSHOW
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FEATURING A P51 MUSTANG & PITTS

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

FREE AIRCRAFT RIDES

(KIDS 8-17YRS)

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

PING PONG BALL DROP

11:30 AM

FREE BBQ LUNCH

(BY CHOICE AVIATION)

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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DOG AND GROG

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH
NOON TO 7PM

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NOON-7PM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PEARLS
9:30PM-CLOSE

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Ask the Expert

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

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

HEALTH CARE

Q: What is the difference between an occupational therapist and a physical therapist?

A: Occupational therapists focus on helping patients with the functional needs of daily living such as self-care, family care, and work activities following an injury, surgery or debilitating event, such as a stroke. Occupational therapy includes a behavioral spin on the medical model to find solutions to daily living issues. Physical therapists generally treat pain management and larger mobility or alignment issues to improve strength and flexibility. There is some overlap in treatments and certain circumstances require both occupational and physical therapy. Occupational and physical therapists often work collaboratively and integrate their treatments to maximize the optimal outcome for the patient.



Heidi Gleason, OTR/L
RUBY VALLEY HOSPITAL
SHERIDAN 842-5056 • TWIN BRIDGES 684-5546

EYE CARE

Q: Should I own prescription sunglasses?

A: According to a 2012 survey, nearly 90% of people believe that protecting their eyes is key to overall eye health. But most people who choose to wear sunglasses do so only to cut down on the sun's glare. There are many more reasons why you should wear sunglasses year-round. Our eyes are sensitive. Bright sunlight can be merely an annoyance, but prolonged exposure can cause soreness, headaches, and even permanent damage. Short term effects of sun overexposure include a temporary reduction in vision, known as snow blindness. Long-term effects include cataracts, macular degeneration, and loss of night vision. In both cases, the damage is caused by ultraviolet (UV) light, which literally burns the surface of the eye. Cancer of the eye and surrounding skin is also a risk of UV exposure. Sunglasses not only protect your eyes from the elements, but you'll also enjoy much clearer vision. With all the options available, you'll look great and be protecting yourself!



Dr. Jeff Squire
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Q: Why should I invest in advertising?

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Q: What is the pelvic floor?

A: The pelvic floor is a complex set of muscles located in the bottom of the stomach cavity. They are interconnected to the tailbone and hip bones and form a hammock like configuration. The function and purpose of the pelvic floor is stability of the pelvis for the intestines, female and male reproductive organs. Women generally exhibit pelvic floor problems due to vaginal childbearing and broader flatter joints surfaces in the pelvis. Symptoms are incontinence, pelvic pain as well as low back pain. Men have a low incidence due to the pelvis, narrower than women and muscular nature of that region. Pelvic floor dysfunction requires a women's health specialist with symptoms of incontinence. Low back pain with treatment of pelvic floor decreases back pain. Stability of the pelvis and spine is related to the pelvic floor muscle. These muscles and many others are directly related to the function and stability of a the pelvis and spine. Ennis physical Therapy, Robert "Bob" Sahli PTATCLAT, the "Oldest healthcare practice" in the Madison Valley. 682-3112.



Robert (Bob) Sahli, PTATCLAT
ENNIS PHYSICAL THERAPY PC • 406-682-3112

BIRDING

Q: What can I do to prevent window strikes?

A: Thump! It's that sickening sound that can only mean another bird has flown into one of your windows. Birds cannot see glass, especially if it is reflecting the nearby habitat or sky. These reflections do not register as such to a bird. This is why millions of birds die or is injured each year in collisions with glass windows in homes and office buildings.

1. The Feather Guard
2. Screens or netting on the outside
3. Plastic strips/pie pans/Christmas decorations/CD's
4. Hawk/owl/crow silhouettes
5. Mylar balloons/Mylar tubes
6. Commercial stickers reflecting ultraviolet light
7. Spray on fake snow
8. Plastic food wrap
9. Branches
10. Move your feeders



To learn more about these various techniques, stop in to our Bozeman Wild Birds Unlimited Store. We have more information on these tips and we sell several of the items mentioned above. Our friendly Certified Bird Feeding Specialist staff is more than happy to help you. If you do have an injured bird you should contact the Big Sky Bird Rescue (406-993-9303) for songbirds and the Montana Raptor Conservation Center (406-585-1211) for injured raptors.

Debi Naccarto, Owner
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INSURANCE

Q: What homeowners insurance definitions should I know?

A: Actual Cash Value (ACV), aka market value, is the standard insurance companies prefer when reimbursing policyholders for losses. ACV is equal to the replacement cost minus depreciation. It represents the dollar amount you could expect to receive for the item at a garage sale. Replacement Cost (RC) is a favorable reimbursement method for policyholders, because it compensates you for the actual cost of replacing property. If your camera is stolen, a replacement cost policy will reimburse you the full cost of replacing it with a new camera of like kind, regardless of wear and tear. Co-insurance is the % of value that the policyholder is required to insure - typically 80%. If you insure your home for less, a "coinsurance penalty" may be imposed once a claim is filed. Try to insure your home for close to 100% of construction cost at the time you take out your policy so that in 11 months when the construction rates in your area increase 12%, you are still within the required 80%.



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Amanda Smethurst, Agent
THE AGENCY INSURANCE DIVISION • 406-682-4202

MENTAL HEALTH

Q: What is a LCSW?

A: A LCSW is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. LCSWs work with clients to help deal with issues involving mental and emotional health. A LCSW may work with behavioral health issues, substance abuse, medical social work, marriage counseling, or children and family therapy. The Licensed Clinical Social Worker requires a Master's degree in Social Work and is licensed by a state board to provide social work-based behavioral health counseling. LCSWs must adhere to high standards regarding ethics and confidentiality as required by the board in the state they practice. A LCSW can provide direct therapy with patients in private practice or other settings such as a community health center. The LCSW uses evidence-based, strengths-based techniques with clients while assessing and rendering clinical evaluations of a client's mental or emotional health and will diagnose mental illness when appropriate. If you are interested in counseling, please call Lisa at (406) 670-4546 to make an appointment.



Lisa Brubaker, LCSW
(406) 670-4546

REAL ESTATE

Q: I'm considering purchasing my first home.....where do I start?

A: Whether buying your first home, your fourth home or even considering buying property for investment the place to start is with a good lender. Getting "prequalified" will answer to basic questions that you need to know before you start looking for a property. 1.) What can you afford? Your loan limit will help set your initial parameter for looking at what is on the market. 2.) How much down money/closing costs do I need? Having a Seller pay for a portion of your closing costs can be a part of the negotiations when purchasing. 3.) What type of loan is best for you? Interest Rates continue to be at an all time low and there are many programs available to help you get started with owning your home. We have Home Buyer Guides (Thank you First American Title Company) that can help with the purchasing process by answering these and many other questions you may have. Stop by and get your free copy today!



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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Q: I keep hearing advertising about your Facebook Friday. What exactly is that?

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 Back Row: Jessica George, Brooke Smith, Sierra Frandsen, Justin Nelson, Chase Kneeland, Roman Hendrickson, Bill Yeager, Ruth Redfield, Cassie Williams, Haley Fournier

National Honor Society students in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY JODY SANDRU
 Twin Bridges High School

The Twin Bridges Chapter of National Honor Society inducted nine new members

at the close of the 2016 school year. Students, grades 10-12, are selected by the Twin Bridges NHS faculty council based on scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Under the direction of NHS advisor Jody Sandru, the chapter organizes the community giving tree during Christmas and recycles paper throughout the school year.

Angling restrictions lifted on some Southwest Montana rivers

SUBMITTED BY TRAVIS HORTON
 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is alerting the public that angling restrictions are being lifted on sections of the Big Hole, Ruby and Beaverhead rivers effective Tuesday, July 12 as a result cooler weather and precipitation. Restrictions remain in place on other Southwest Montana rivers for the near future.

The restrictions being lifted Tuesday will open sections of the following rivers to all-day fishing:

- The Big Hole River from Saginaw Bridge on Skinner Meadows Road to the confluence of the North Fork Big Hole River
- The Big Hole River from the confluence of the North Fork Big Hole River to Dickie Bridge
- The Ruby River from Duncan District Road to the confluence with the Beaverhead River
- The Beaverhead River from Anderson Lane to the confluence with the Big Hole River

Regional Fisheries Manager Travis Horton says the recent weather pattern has eased conditions that are stressful to fish.

"Recent cool and wet weather has eased conditions for fish in sections of some Southwest Montana rivers," Horton said. "The long-term forecasts suggest a return to warm and dry conditions. FWP asks anglers to stay tuned as other changes to fishing restrictions may occur within the next week."

For up-to-date information on restrictions related to drought, visit <http://fwp.mt.gov/news/restrictions/>.

IT IS A BUSY TIME OF YEAR FOR ALL OF US!
 JUST A *gentle* REMINDER THAT ALL AD CONTENT, SUBMISSION, ETC. DEADLINES ARE GOING TO BE EXTRA STRICT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.
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The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated.

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN

Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - noon. Located at 114 N. Main St. in New Beginnings. Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Sandy at 842-7843 or Wannetta at 842-5783 for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN

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

ENNIS MEALS ON WHEELS, ENNIS

Tuesday-Friday 11:45 am to 12:30 pm
Reservations 682-4422

To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in. Ennis Senior center, 315 W Main Street

JULY 14, - JULY 22, 2016 MENU

- THURSDAY JULY 14:** Red Hats, BAKED MAC & CHEESE, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, DESSERT
- FRIDAY JULY 15:** CHICKEN STRIPS, FRENCH FRIES, FRUIT, DESSERT
- TUESDAY JULY 19:** CHICKEN ALFREDO, VEGGIES, ROLL, DESSERT
- WEDNESDAY JULY 20:** BINGO. PORK CHOP JOHN SANDWICH, VEGGIE STICKS, CHIPS, DESSERT
- THURSDAY JULY 21:** CHICKEN POT PIE, SALAD, BIRTHDAY CAKE

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 FRIDAY, JULY 15TH
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THURSDAY JULY 14

Magic show, Ennis
Magic show for the entire family at the library beginning at 10 a.m.

Magic show, Virginia City

Mr. E. Magic show for all ages begins at 10:30 a.m. at the library.

Meeting, Ennis

Fan Mountain Red Hat Ladies luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Ennis Senior Center.

FRIDAY JULY 15

Wee Dog, Virginia City
Kick off event for Dog and Grog at 9 p.m. at the Bale of Hay Saloon.

Presentation, Lewis and Clark Caverns and Clark Caverns
Archer Ellwein of Humanities of Montana will bring to live the great expedition of Lewis and Clark through Sgt. John Ordway's diary. Begins at 8 p.m.

Art walk, Ennis

Come and join us at the Cattlemans Gallery and Custom Framing, Maydak Gallery and Muddled Moose Studio Gallery from 5-8 p.m.

for featured artists and refreshments.

SATURDAY JULY 16

Dog and Grog, Virginia City

Montana microbrew festival under the big tent from 12-7 p.m. Music by the Gallatin Grass Project and the Rocky Mountain Pearls.

Air fair, Ennis

The annual Ennis Air Fair kicks off at 8 a.m. at the Ennis-Big Sky Airport. For more information call 682-7502.

Gathering, Virginia City
Daylight Creek gathering at the Bettinger place from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MONDAY JULY 18

Camp, Ennis
Good Thymes Camp, week two. Camp will run every day of the week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Concert, Alder
Dave Stamey to perform an afternoon concert at the Quinn Homestead, south of Alder. Please call 842-5940 for more information.

FRIDAY JULY 22

Cook off, Virginia City
Vintage chuck wagon and chuck box judging open to the public. Learn about what makes a good wagon that would travel on the trail and feed the families or work crew. Begins at 5 p.m. at the train depot.

SATURDAY JULY 23

Music, Virginia City
Corey Leone will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

Floatilla, Twin Bridges
2016 Twin Bridges Floating Flotillas and Fish Fantasies annual River Parade begins at 10 a.m. Call 684-5701 for more

information.

Alumni banquet, Twin Bridges

The 84th annual Twin Bridges alumni banquet will be held at the school at 7 p.m. Call 684-5505 or 684-5652 for reservations.

History trip, Ennis
Visit to historic site of Sterling with discussion by a descendant of early residents. Meet at the senior center at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY JULY 24

Magic show, Virginia City
Butte Magic will dazzle you with their skills beginning at 3 p.m. at

the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center.

FRIDAY JULY 29

Music, Virginia City
Bob Weber will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY JULY 30

Concert, Virginia City
Growling Old Men will play the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center at 7 p.m.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

KnitNite, Ennis

Meets at Right Angles Framing and Gallery from 5-7 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month.

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.

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis

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

Children's Story & Craft Time for babies, Virginia City

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

Movie Night, Virginia City

Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every other Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.

For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School Info @ 685-3481

WEDNESDAYS

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

Open Sew, Ennis

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

TOPS, Ennis

Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 a.m. Meetings at 9 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis

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

Grief Support Group, Ennis

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

Yoga, Virginia City

Gentle yoga with Andrea Frederick at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Farmers' market, Ennis

From 5-7 p.m. in the Elementary School parking lot.

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH

NO meetings June, July or August.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH

1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

Farmers' market, Sheridan

From 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Main Street Park.

Children's Story & Craft Time Elementary kids, Virginia City

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis

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

Story Time, Ennis

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

Live Music, Ennis

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris

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SUNDAYS

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Madison Conservation District Meeting

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