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## FALL IN THE AIR

### Labor Day Weekend precipitation 'much needed'



Storm clouds bring heavy precipitation and a dusting of snow to Madison County over Labor Day Weekend.

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Crisp air and storm clouds heralded in the start of September over Labor Day Weekend.

"We're on the upswing here," said Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service's Montana Snow Survey. "As we move into fall, we'll start to see more of these types of events in this area."

Over the weekend mountainous areas in the Madison River Basin generally received about 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches of precipitation.

"September isn't typically a wet month, so this seems really good," Zukiewicz said. "For the whole month, we usually only get about 2 inches."

Though the Ruby River Basin was not quite as fortunate, Zukiewicz said the mountainous areas in the Ruby Valley received around 1/2 inch of precipitation.

"The Tobacco Root Mountain Range got the most out of that storm," he added. "They got 1 1/2 inch of precip."

The cooler temperatures and precipitation at the start of September was "much needed" after August, Zukiewicz said.

"Our precip for August was generally about 25 to 40 percent of normal," he said. "It was great to see that change at the beginning of September."

#### Cooler temperatures

Last week's cooling off benefitted the area in multiple ways. Though the Upper Madison River temperatures are partially protected by Hebgen Dam and the reservoir, Ennis Lake and the Lower Madison River were warm.

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**- Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist, NRCS**

"It was great to see the cooler temperatures return and the stream temperatures drop a little," Zukiewicz said.

As of Aug. 18, Hebgen Lake's elevation was 6,531.89 feet, which is 2.98 feet below full pool and 1.63 feet above the recreation level, according to a North-

Western Energy release.

"The elevation is lower than is typical for this time of year due to the downstream flow requirements and below average inflow," the release states. "Pulse flows, which help attenuate daily temperature spikes in the lower Madison River for fisheries protection, were required 16 days in July and five days to date in August."

During warm weather patterns, Hebgen outflow was managed to provide downstream minimum flows and re-fill Ennis Lake to support pulse flow requirements for the Lower Madison River.

#### The coming water year

Last year was one of the strongest El Niños on record, Zukiewicz said. The Climate Predication Center, however, is predicting a weak La Niña for the coming year.

"That generally means cooler weather and wetter weather," Zukiewicz said. "But since we're making the transition from a strong El Niño, we don't have a lot of experience with what that means."

The good news? Zukiewicz said even neutral conditions favor Montana's snowpack and stream flow, especially compared to last year's warm, dry weather patterns.

Ben Larsen from Sheridan races toward the finish line at the Pony cross country meet on Sept. 10.

For more sports coverage, see pages A5 and A6!

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## Construction underway

### MTD starts 3-part project around West Yellowstone, Reynolds Pass, Quake Lake

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If you have traveled around West Yellowstone recently, you most likely know there is road work happening around Quake Lake and Reynolds Pass.

The construction is three separate projects tied into a single Montana Department of Transportation contract with Jim Gilman Excavating, Inc., out of Butte, which was awarded the \$4,376,956.46 contract in March 2016.

Along MT Highway 87, beginning at the Montana/Idaho border and running to the highway's junction with U.S. Highway 287, MDT's project includes milling, paving, seal and cover, digouts, guardrail, retaining wall and bridge repairs, according to Bill Fogarty, MDT district construction supervisor.

"Except for seal and cover and final pavement markings; all other work on this project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2016," Fogarty said.

Similar to the Reynolds Pass project, MDT work from the junction of MT Highway 87 and U.S. Highway 287 to Quake Lake will include milling, paving, seal and cover, digouts, guardrail and signing, Fogarty explained.

"Except for seal and cover and final pavement markings, all other work on this project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2016," he said.

The third segment is along Targhee Pass, from U.S. Highway 20 beginning at the Montana/Idaho border and extending 9.3 miles east to the town of West Yellowstone.

"Work includes crack seal, seal and cover and pavement markings," Fogarty said. "Work on this project will be completed in the 2017 construction season."

## Alder Gulch Phase One Improvement Project

### Reconstruction of dams at kid's pond, horseshoe pond complete

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Last October, Rowe Excavation, Inc., out of Dillon started reconstructing the dam at the kid's pond, which is located between Virginia City and Nevada City. After installing and stabilizing a new dam, they moved onto the dam at the horseshoe pond, located just up the gulch toward Virginia City.

Now both dams are completed, meaning phase one of the Alder Gulch Improvement Project is done.

"We just have a little left to do, putting out reports," explained Kelly Rowe, of Rowe Excavation, Inc. "But we're finished. The county, city and (Montana Heritage Commission) have some signage to wrap up."

Rowe said the project turned out "really nice."

#### The construction

The dam at the kid's pond was completed first, so it could serve as an access road from the highway to the mines on the far side of the ponds – once the kid's pond dam was completed, work will begin on the horseshoe pond dam.

"We were fighting winter last year, but when we got back to work in the spring everything went twice as fast," Rowe said.

Reconstruction at the kid's pond took longer than expected because Rowe's crew found an unexpected pipe buried in the structure, as well as phone lines.

"The horseshoe pond was better," he said. "We had to dig out some old pipes, but we knew about them and accounted for them."

The River of Gold, which runs through Nevada City west of the ponds, dried up when the dam was initially finished.

"We installed a water structure for fire protection for Nevada City," Rowe explained. "When we filled the leaks in the dam, there wasn't any water, but the new (water structure) can be controlled at the dam to let water down there."

Rowe completed construction in June – the idea was to be done before July 4 and the busiest part of the year.


"We made (the kid's pond) more kid friendly," he said. "We put in fishing points. And a new walking path along the south side between the two dams so you can do a full loop without walking on the road. We built eight fishing points and put rocks around to landscape."

#### The background

In the spring of 2009, a high water event led to flooding in the Alder Gulch, and the water in the horseshoe pond threatened to top the dam. The flooding was the result of a plugged culvert at the horseshoe pond.

Ruby Watershed Coordinator Rebecca Ramsey and the Ruby Valley Conservation District got involved and wrote a planning grant to the DRNC, showing how they wanted to address the issue. Then, Ramsey applied for a DNRC grant to create a project to remedy the situation. The \$300,000 grant was awarded in 2011.

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**ALDER GULCH from pg. 1**

Though the DNRC grant funded the majority of the project, Ramsey said the county, the town of Virginia City and Rowe Excavation, Inc., all contributed a "significant" amount of in-kind work.

"I haven't seen the figures for the current in-kind contributions, but between all the partners, I imagine we'll be well over \$60,000, perhaps more than \$100,000," Ramsey said. "I can't say enough good about (Rowe) and his crew - he's earning his oats on this project."

**On deck**

Though it is great to have the construction on the dams wrapped up, there is more to be done.

"Our next step is to work with our agency partners in the DEQ Abandoned Mines program to evaluate the stream above the depot pond, so that we can see where the majority of sediment is sourcing from, and how to best address the sediment loading of the depot pond, which in turn is caus-

ing significant sediment in the horseshoe and kid's ponds," Ramsey said. "For instance, by doing reclamation upstream, we may be able to improve the ponds downstream."

That requires more information, however.

"Depending on what that shows, we'll make the next plan of action," Ramsey said. "The RVCD and (Ruby Watershed Council) want to do what we can to keep the pond system healthy and functioning, as it is a vital recreational and aesthetic resource for the town of Virginia City."

Ideally, Ramsey said rehabilitation work would continue to take place along the whole Alder Gulch, from its headwaters to the confluence with the Ruby River.

"Will that happen in our lifetimes?" she asked. "Probably not, because the cost would be immense. However, we will be working with our local and agency partners to understand and improve the health of the stream corridor as much as we can within the confines of available funding assistance and feasibility on the ground."



**TOP**  
 ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 The horseshoe pond dam still allows water to move into the kid's pond.

**LEFT**  
 ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks stocked the kids pond with fish after construction finished, so area residents and tourists could use the pond to recreate all summer.

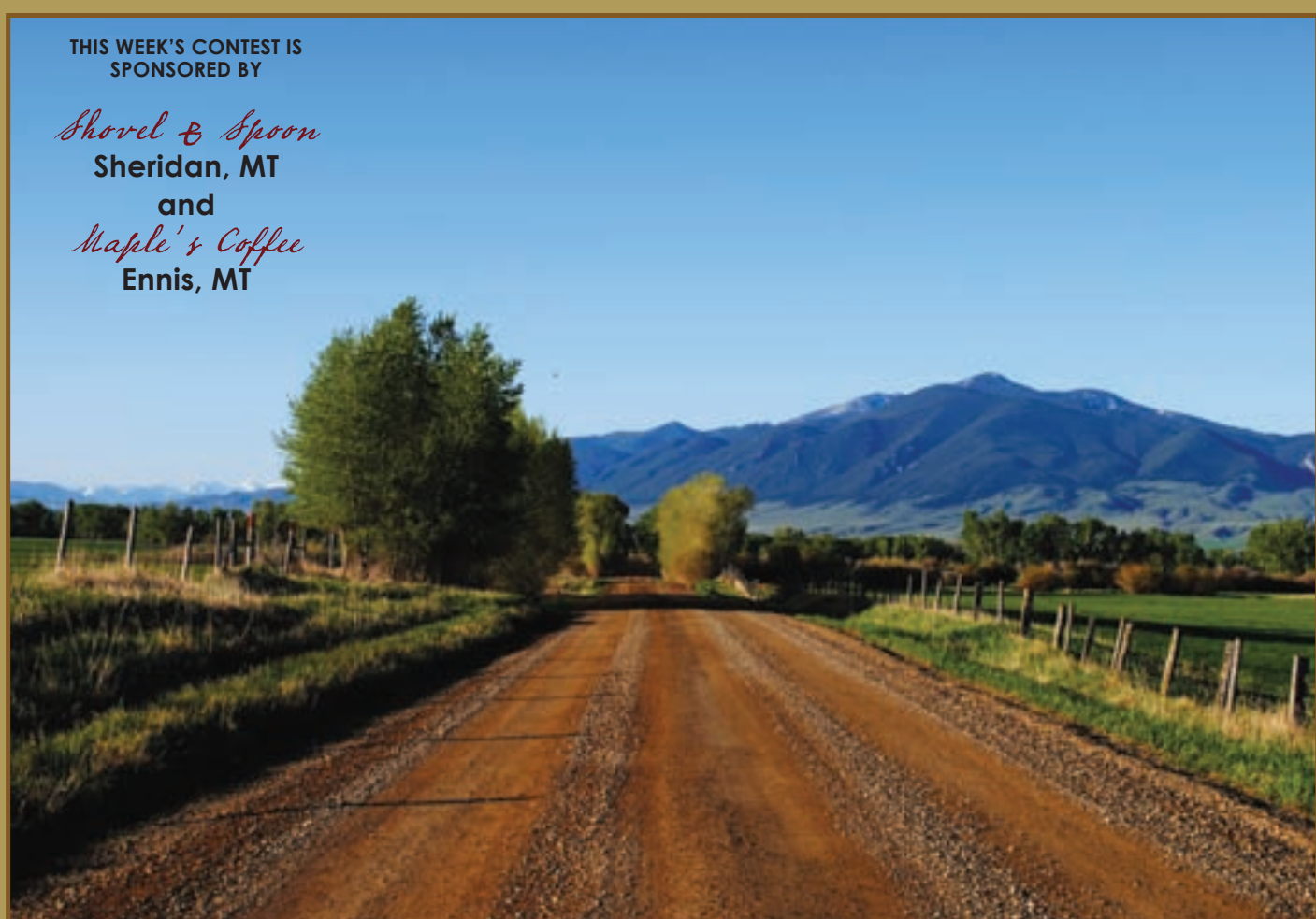
**CLARIFICATION**

In the Sept. 8 issue of *The Madisonian*, the article, "Drawing a line," should have emphasized the Madison County Clerk and Recorder discovered a discrepancy in the county's voter address library. We apologize for any confusion.

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 I'm looking at you, Sheridan folks, to guess it!  
 Call 682-7755 anytime!

# MORE NEWS:

## Ennis Town Council votes to dissolve planning board, join county's

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At their regular meeting on Sept. 8, the Ennis Town Council voted to dissolve the town's planning board and join Madison County's, pending approval from the commissioners.

"With their approval, we will join the county planning board and have a representative there," said council-member Lisa Roberts.

The "impetus" for the dissolution of the town board came from the fact there were not enough people willing to serve, according to Mayor Larry Pine.

"We couldn't physically get people to serve on the planning board," he said.

"The state statute determines

how many members we need on (a planning board)," added Roberts. "There have to be seven, so we couldn't just say we will operate with three."

Planning boards deal with things like the town's growth policy, subdivision regulations and variance requests.

"Having a plan is important," Roberts said. "It's a good way to get community input."

Ennis will have a representative on the county planning board, which is based in Virginia City. According to planning board director Charity Fechter, the county has been acting as the planning board for Twin Bridges and Sheridan for years.

Both Pine and Roberts pointed out the Ennis community will still

have the chance to be involved in town growth and planning through a citizens' advisory council.

"The town could form an advisory council say, when the growth policy needs to be updated next," Roberts said. "We could form a CAC to advise the town – it's easier to ask people to volunteer for one task instead of asking them to join a planning board for forever and go to meetings for forever."

### Economic development

Rob Gilmore from the Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development Council attended the meeting to discuss economic development opportunities in Ennis. Gilmore runs the Madison County Economic Development Council.

"In June we had two work sessions with about 22 business people from the local community attending," Gilmore said. "The idea was to find out if the heart was there to want to look at economic development strategies for Ennis."

Gilmore attended the town council meeting to keep the councilmembers in the know about building a strategy for the city of Ennis business community.

"Ennis is a little broken up – there are a number of businesses not in the city limits, but broken into county and city. So first, we want a strategy for the city of Ennis business community," Gilmore said. "And then maybe we'll get the boundaries redrawn. From that starting point, we want to look at

how we can grow the communities in the way we want to go."

The final focus of economic development work in Ennis revolves around housing.

"We always hear housing is an issue," he said. "So we're in the process of setting up three committees: one for overall, two for downtown businesses and the third for housing."

### Animal ordinance

The council is still in the process of updating the town's animal ordinance, and they held a work session this week to discuss the ordinance.

"The police department is bound by those laws," Roberts explained. "For example, instead of saying 'dog a large,' maybe it should say 'animal at large'."

# Making progress

## Blaine Spring Creek Bridge reconstruction nearing completion

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If things go according to plan, the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge reconstruction will be completed before the end of October, according to Madison County commissioner Jim Hart.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed," Hart said. "The steel truss is going up and they should be pouring the deck itself in a couple weeks."

All that will be left is finishing work – the contractor will clean up the approaches, put the rail on and pave a portion of the road around the intersection of Gravelly Range Road and Varney Road.

The county received \$700,000 in 2010 from a TSEP grant to replace the bridge, which is located just west of Varney Bridge near the Madison River south of Ennis. Though the project is estimated to cost more than \$2 million when finished, the county is only responsible for around \$250,000, per an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation. The MDT will cover all expenses except for the \$700,000 from the TSEP and the county's contribution, Hart said.

"We set aside \$200,000 over the years, and we got \$65,000 from private donations, to ensure the new bridge will look like the old one," Hart said.

In 2018, the county is going to progress with replacing Varney Bridge, Hart explained.

"We already have a TSEP for \$750,000 (for Varney Bridge)," he said. "MDT, as I understand, is applying for a (Federal Lands Access Program) grant."

That means recreationists can access the Varney fishing access site from either the highway or Varney Road next summer.

"The county will likely have to do a bit of work on the planking to tide us over for a year and a half," Hart said. "Then 2018 will be a challenge – we have not figured out how people will actually get into the fishing access site (while work is done on Varney Bridge) because the equipment and the construction site will most likely spill into the current access site."



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Construction on the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge should wrap up next month.

## Hiker rescued from Madison Mountains by Gallatin County SAR

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In the early morning hours of Sept. 11 – 2:20 a.m. to be precise – the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office received a call from an adult male near Chilled Lakes in the Madison Mountain Range.

"The male was complaining of being very cold and possibly suffering

from hypothermia and dehydration," according to a Gallatin County Sheriff's Office press release. "The subject was only wearing shorts and a t-shirt and had no other clothing with him."

Though the hiker was in Madison County, the Chilled Lakes area is more easily accessed from the Spanish Creek Trailhead, Gallatin County. Gallatin County Search and Rescue was contacted – and SAR members

responded to the trailhead and started into the forest, while the possibility of helicopter assistance was explored.

Reach Air Medical Services was contacted – according to the sheriff's office release, the helicopter flew the area and located the hiker but was unable to land nearby.

"While Reach stayed nearby in case a medical flight was needed, Carisch Helicopters came in and landed near

the hiker," the release continued. "The hiker's health was initially evaluated and found not to have any emergent needs. He was then flown by Carisch Helicopters to the Indian Ridge Trailhead where an American Medical Response ambulance was standing by and performed a checkup of the hiker."

The hiker was released with a signed refusal and assisted home by a

sheriff's deputy.

"Fortunately, all turned out well in this event but as seen in many events recently, outdoorsmen are not doing the simple things," the release stated. "Having something warm in this event would have allowed the hiker to hike out that night or the next morning without the assistance of search and rescue."

# DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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### Hernandez enters not guilty pleas

Ramon Hernandez appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Sept. 12.

The state, represented by County Attorney Chris Christensen, charged Hernandez with two counts of sexual assault (minor victim), a felony.

The charges stem from alleged violations that occurred in May and June of 2016. According to a filed Information, "(Hernandez) knowingly subjected another person to sexual contact without consent."

Hernandez entered two not guilty pleas to the charges and was released with his previously-posted \$10,000 continued.

### Not guilty pleas about possession of drugs, paraphernalia

On Sept. 12, Paul Christian Morgan appeared

at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on two charges from the state.

County Attorney Chris Christensen charged Morgan with criminal possession of dangerous drugs, a felony, and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor.

"... the defendant possessed marijuana, which is a schedule one dangerous drug," according to court documents. "... the defendant possessed a pipe used to ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a dangerous drug."

Morgan entered not guilty pleas and was released until a future court date can be set.

### Charge of 4th or subsequent DUI

Doug Clemen Pendergraft appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Sept. 12, entering not guilty pleas to charges stemming from an alleged DUI and other traffic violations.

The state, represented by County Attorney

Chris Christensen, charged Pendergraft with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fourth or subsequent offense, driving while license is suspended or revoked, driving without proof of insurance and turning without signaling.

Pendergraft entered not guilty pleas to all counts.

### Workman changes plea

Kenrick Owen Workman appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Sept. 12 for a change of plea hearing.

The state, represented by County Attorney Chris Christensen initially charged Workman with assault with a weapon, assault, resisting arrest and driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, according to court documents.

Workman allegedly caused "reasonable apprehension of serious bodily injury in another

with a weapon," or more specifically, "pointed a revolver at (the victim) under circumstances which caused (the victim) to reasonably fear that the revolver would cause him bodily injury." In addition, the state alleges Workman grabbed and/or shoved the victim, attempted to prevent one or more peace officers from effecting an arrest and drove a motor vehicle on a public highway of the state while his privilege to drive was suspended.

Workman entered Alford Pleas to counts one and four, and the state dropped counts two and three. An Alford Plea is a type of guilty plea, where the defendant is saying the state could prove the charges, even if the defendant does not remember, does not know or does not think they did anything wrong, according to Judge Tucker.

Christensen requested a presentence investigation be completed before sentencing, and Judge Tucker ordered a PSI before releasing Workman.



# & SPORTS:

## FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Ennis defeats Tri-Cities, 62 – 12, Falcons shut out Darby, Whitehall wins by a point

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### ENNIS

“This is a pretty good start for the Mustangs,” game announcer Dan Olkowski said over the loud-speaker, just a few seconds into Ennis’ game against Tri-Cities on Sept. 9. “One play and one touch-down.”

Mustang Jake Knack ran the ball 40 yards for a touchdown 18 seconds into the game, setting the tone for Ennis.

At the end of the first quarter, the Mustangs were ahead, 38 – 0. They scored on every possession, effectively stopping the Tri-Cities players and forcing fumbles on defense.

Though the team slowed a little after an explosive first quarter, the Mustangs went on to score 62 points while holding Tri-Cities to two touchdowns.

Knack rushed three times for 145 yards and three touchdowns to lead Ennis offensively. As a team, the Mustangs amassed 509 yards on offense, 387 rushing and 122 passing.

Next week, Ennis has its second home game of the season against DGS (Denton/Geyser/Stanford).

“(DGS was) last year’s six man champs,” said Mustang head coach Chris Hess. “This is a must win for the divisional championship and they are a solid and disciplined football team.”

	1	2	3	4	Final
Ennis	38	6	6	12	62
Tri-Cities	0	0	6	6	12

### TWIN BRIDGES

The Falcons hit the road for the Bitterroot Valley on Sept. 9, where they defeated Darby, 22 – 0.

“Our kids competed well against a solid team,” said head coach Brett Nordhal. “Our offensive and defensive lines faced much larger opponents but they kept battling every play and helped us get the win.”

Falcon Trystan Harmon got things started on offense with a 53-yard touchdown run on Twin Bridges’ second offensive play.

Next week, the Falcons welcome Clark Fork to Twin Bridges.

“They use a wide range of offensive sets and motion so it is important that our guys know who they have on every play,” Nordhal said. “Our goal is to keep the ball in front of us and not get caught on any trick plays.”

	1	2	3	4	Final
Twin Bridges	13	9	0	0	22
Darby	0	0	0	0	0

### WHITEHALL

The Whitehall Trojans held onto their undefeated record by a single point, defeating Anaconda, 28 – 27.

Quarterback Braden Larsen completed 23 of 39 passes for 311 yards – he also carried the ball 11 times for 88 yards.

Next week, the Trojans head to Boulder.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Whitehall	-	-	-	-	28
Anaconda	-	-	-	-	27



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Jake Knack (23) takes the ball into the end zone for the Mustangs.

# Falcons take on Mustangs, Wildcats

Cross county volleyball action leaves Twin Bridges 1-1

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“Say yes, we do, we do believe in you!” chanted young Falcon fans as the Lady Falcons hosted the Ennis Mustangs for some cross county action on Sept. 8.

Though the Falcons lost in three sets to the Mustangs, the young varsity team worked hard to stay in play with the hard-hitting Mustang front row.

“Ennis is a powerhouse,” said Falcon head coach Karen Degel. “They have no weaknesses, really, but I felt (our) girls played pretty well. We need to work on our blocking

and swing on the ball a little harder.”

Ennis’ Jourdain Klein was on fire at the net blasting kill after kill, rattling the Falcons and putting distance between the teams in points. With 11 kills and seven blocks at the net, Klein played all around the court and contributed three perfect passes from the back row. Danyel Martin, Ennis’ other aggressive middle hitter, chalked up six kills and one block against the Lady Falcons.

Head coach Betty Klein was into the action as she stood with the bench to celebrate a block or offer passing suggestions to her team.

“We served tough and played well,” she said, regarding the Mustang win in three.

With Brigit Croy and Whitney McKittrick each knocking down four aces from behind the serving line, the Lady Mustangs were able to secure the win and bump up their conference standings to 2-0. Overall, the Mustangs are 2-1, with a loss to class B Three Forks in five sets.

The Falcons did not give the game away easily, however, as they rallied to stay within a point at the start of each set. During the second set, the Lady Falcons saw some great passing from senior libero, or defensive specialist, Cassie Williams, who connected perfectly with setter Savanna Stewart – Stewart’s sets were knocked down by junior standout Kailee Oliverson. With a five-point lead in the second, the Lady Falcons could no longer hold on as the Mustangs found their footing and took back the game.

“All in all, they played team volleyball,” said Degel. “We’re going to have to work on pushing our offense a little but I felt they played really well.”

Leading the Falcons was Oliverson with eight kills and two blocks from the top of the net, while Williams

passed up 11 digs on the court.

Turing right around, the Lady Falcons hosted the Lady Wildcats from Harrison on Sept. 10, where they bested the Wildcats in three sets.

“They played much better and hit well,” said Degel. “There is always room for improvement, but they were much more aggressive with the ball.”

Degel said her team tends to dig themselves a hole and have to work their way out.

“We will work on intensity from the beginning of the first set,” she said.

Oliverson paved the way against the Wildcats, leading the Falcons in blocks and kills, as well as contributing four assists and six aces. Seniors Mara Johnson and Brooke Schandelmeier also had a good night of serving, earning seven and six aces, respectively.

The Lady Wildcats held on strong in the first set, only losing by eight before falling shorter and shorter to the Falcons in the last two sets.

“When we get the initial pass, our offense is great,” said Wildcat head coach Phil Taylen. “We will be working on hard digs and better coverage.”

Juniors and veteran varsity players Alexys Bacon and Josie Hokanson led the Lady Wildcats as Hokanson had 10 aces, six digs and five assists for the Wildcats. Bacon led the team in blocks and kills with two and five, respectively.

The Wildcats will travel to Mustang territory and the Falcons will host the Panthers on Sept. 15 for more cross county match ups.



Twin Bridges vs. Ennis: 15-25, 13-25, 13-25  
Twin Bridges vs. Harrison: 25-17, 25-14, 25-11

### ROUND UP

Prior to their game against Twin, the Wildcats hosted the Lady Prospectors out of Phillipsburg on Sept. 8, losing in three sets.

Harrison vs. Granite (Phillipsburg): 19-25, 8-25, 15-25

### Sheridan

The Panthers hosted a tournament on the 10th and fared pretty well against their opponents, taking home two wins and losing their final game to Granite (Phillipsburg).

“Overall, I was really proud of my team,” said head coach April Wuefing. “We came out strong at our 9 a.m. game and played very well

and wanted the win badly.” The Panthers played Lima, Shields Valley and Granite, besting Lima and Shields Valley.

“The girls played confidently and just jelled together as a team,” said Wuefing.

The Panthers traveled to Lima on Sept. 13 but due to *The Madisonian’s* Tuesday press time, were not able to submit scores.

Sheridan vs. Lima: 14-15, 15-13, 15-11  
Sheridan vs. Shields Valley: 15-13, 15-11  
Sheridan vs. Granite: 3-15, 7-15

TOP  
CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Whitney McKittrick sets the ball over the net.

LEFT  
ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Kailee Oliverson (12) sends the ball over the net, earning a point for the Falcons.



# & MORE NEWS:

## CROSS COUNTRY ROUND UP

### Harrison hosts meet in Pony

ABIGAIL DENNIS  
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All four of Madison County's cross country teams faced off in Pony on Sept. 10 for a cross country meet hosted by Harrison.

#### Harrison

The Wildcats traveled to Kalispell the day before their home meet – Derik DeFrance ran an 18:03 for his first meet of the year and placed 61st, but fifth out of the class C racers. Doug Christensen ran a 23:14.

Results from Pony:

#### Junior high

Martin Ore, 15th

#### Varsity

Derik DeFrance, 10th, 17:27:33

Donny Crill, 18th, 18:14:14

Doug Christensen, 24:47:61

#### Twin Bridges

Savanna Stewart led the Falcons with a second place finish in Pony and a personal best time.

#### Junior high

Morgan Hendrickson, 10th

Landon Wentzel, 24th

Taylor Smith, 25th

Wiley Stockett, 29th

Pablo Babcock, 31st

Kate Fisher, 5th

Kara Dale, 12th

Emma Fisher, 16th

#### Junior varsity

Noah Harbor, 27th

#### Varsity

Garrett Wentzel, 22, 18:31:71

CJ Wayland, 20:08

Rob Dale, 22:08:88

Justice Morris, 22:09:84

Kyle Minert, 23:27:90

Savanna Stewart, second, 20:05:29

Raeanne Bendon, 19th, 24:05:37

Mara Johnson, 22nd, 24:37:93

Blu Keim, 28th, 27:45:31

#### Sheridan

All three Sheridan athletes set new personal records at the Pony meet, and Riain Deavel broke the school record, which he set last year.

#### Varsity

Riain Deavel, eighth, 17:23

Ben Larsen, 21st, 18:26

Tyler Haag, 19:54

#### Ennis

The Ennis cross country team also brought home many personal records from the Pony meet.

#### Junior high

Tait Olson, 16:33

Bo Kelley, 16:39

Lucas Belding, 16:45

Becca Tichenor, 20:05

#### Junior varsity

Maida Knapton, 2nd, 22:25

Max Trapp, 6th, 20:28

Kyle Lohrenz, 10th, 20:28

Wyatt Fredson: 27:17

#### Varsity

Dillon Williams, 18:04

Quinten Hamilton, 19:26



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT  
ALL PHOTOS ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN

Quinten Hamilton from Ennis races past two Trojan runners.  
Harrison's Doug Christensen heads toward the finish line.  
Falcons Kyle Minert and Rob Dale keep pace with one another at the Pony meet.

## PET SUCCESS

### Kalvin the pup

CAITLIN AVEY  
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If you enjoyed the story of Korbi, you will surely be intrigued by the story of one of her pups, Calvin! Korbi was our pet success feature a few weeks ago, and was rescued from the highway near Whitehall. Upon her rescue, the shelter learned she was pregnant with four male pups, all who have since been adopted.

Dixie Brookings was in the market for a puppy when she came across Korbi and her owner at the community garden near her home, a divine intervention of sorts.

"I started talking to her and she told me she had just rescued (Korbi) and that she just had pups," said Dixie. "I've never adopted before but I had been thinking of

getting a puppy and my friend has worked with rescues and I thought 'I can do this!'"

Kalvin is a 5-month-old McNab puppy who has made a place for himself in Dixie's home. While she has trained pups before, she has always had females and said that training males was new for her.

"I have a trainer I can call when I have questions," she said. "It's been 14 years since I've had a puppy."

Dixie said Calvin minds well for a puppy and right now is just focusing on the basics – sit, stay – but is hoping to train him to start herding sheep.

"We have sheep in the summer to help keep the pastures down and I want to get him trained on that – probably once he turns a year we'll work toward that," she said.

Kalvin is dedicated, attentive and always right by Dixie's side, but is definitely a type A personality.

"He just runs from one end of the house to the other and throws toys for himself," she said. "If you don't give him a job to do he'll find one for you."

Though Calvin is her first adopted pet, Dixie said she is very happy with her decision.

"I'm not sorry at all," she said. "He's everything I expected; he listens and is willing to learn."

\* Editor's note: If you have a pet success story, let us know! We want to share your tale with our readers. Email Caitlin at news@madisoniannews.com or call her office at 682-7755.



Obituaries continued from page A4

**Gary Flanagin**  
December 2, 1949 – September 6, 2016



Gary Flanagin, 67, was born Dec. 2, 1949, in Butte. His parents were Ray and

Betty Flanagin. Both are deceased. Gary was taken from us on Sept. 6, 2016, at St. James Hospital. He died in the city he loved and grew up in, Butte. He loved Butte and the Irish culture with which he grew up. He was educated at St. Mary's Catholic School up on the hill. He then went on to Butte High School. Gary decided to

join the United States Marine Corps before he graduated. While in the Marine Corps he received his GED. Gary served our country well and did a tour in Vietnam. This was one of his greatest achievements. He then returned home to Butte. Gary married Linda Bacon and they had two children. Bobbie Jo (deceased) and Scott

(Cassie). He later found his second wife Colleen Guinnane. She was a very special person to Gary. They later divorced. Gary came to live with Dennis and Cheryl on the ranch. He loved this part of the country. He worked on several ranches during the years. He loved to fish and help with haying. He also

loved to pitch horseshoes and won several championships. He is survived by his sisters Cheryl (Dennis) Bacon, Debbie Jaramillo, Diane; brother Patrick (Dannel), Mike Flanagin (deceased); several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Gary will be missed by all. Gary's family would like to thank all the special people he

had in his life. Funeral services for Gary were held Monday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. from St. Mary Catholic Church at Laurin with Father John Crutchfield officiating. Interment with military honors followed in the Twin Bridges Cemetery. A viewing was held Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from the K&L Mortuary Chapel at Twin Bridges.

**Elma "Carolyn" Darby**  
April 20, 1920 – September 7, 2016



Carolyn was born in Rego, Ind., the fourth of seven children of Merle and Eska Rutherford. Carolyn was an avid student and graduated from nearby Paoli High School. She married Paul Freeman in 1940 and together they moved around the world, first with the Army, then the Army Air Corps and finished with 30 years in the U.S. Air Force. Carolyn loved the adventure of moving to new places and always

made it a positive experience for her children, Toni and Teri. Carolyn loved to drive fast sports cars and was an avid golfer. While stationed in the Philippines, Carolyn was club champion at their golf course. She was still taking lessons at age 94 with Pat Stoltz at Madison Meadows, who claimed she still had a great swing! Carolyn moved to Ennis in 2012 to be closer to her daughter, Toni Bowen. Her other

daughter, Teri Freeman (aka the Rusty Cowboy) had moved to Bandera, Texas, in 2011. Carolyn was a good driver and still driving at 96. The DMV had just renewed her driver's license for four more years. Carolyn loved taking care of Toni and her husband, Don. At the end of June, Carolyn moved into a little cabin that Toni and Don had built for her next to their home and was getting settled into her new home. On

July 22, a fall and a broken arm lead to a lengthy hospital stay and decline. But she loved the doctors, the nurses and was content being at the Madison Valley Medical Center, where she was treated like a queen. She could not have received better care or more attention anywhere else. She passed away peacefully on Sept. 7 at the hospital. Carolyn will be remembered for her great sense of

style and humor and her love for her large, extended Rutherford family. She was very organized and neat – nothing ever out of place! Carolyn leaves behind her daughter, Toni Bowen, and husband Don; daughter, Teri Freeman of Bandera, and granddaughter, Michelle Peetoom of Cairo, Mo. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation in her name.

**Mary Holmes Lielke**  
December 27, 1930 – September 3, 2016

Mary Lielke, 85, left this world and entered her heavenly home on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016. Mary was born Dec. 27, 1930, in Minot, N.D., to Ole and Anna Holmes. She was the youngest of five children growing up on a farm in Lansford, N.D. She graduated from Lansford High School in 1948. On Feb. 14, 1961 (Valentine's Day), Mary married the love of her life, Walter Lielke, who happened to be her boss at the time. She often joked that he must have thought she was a pretty good worker. Together, they owned a grocery store in Lansford. Soon, they moved to Minot, and then to

Ennis in 1973. Mary and Walt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2011. She enjoyed following Walt on his numerous bowling adventures, and keeping up on local news. Mary's greatest joy was loving and caring for her family. She also enjoyed many years of fishing, camping, doing jigsaw and search-a-word puzzles and bantering with hunters when they brought in wild game. Mary loved making her doctors smile and was widely known for her sense of humor. She was greatly loved and will never be forgotten. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband

Walt; sister Shirley Knutson; brothers Lester, Virgil and Milton; cousin Don Knack who was like a brother; and sons Rolland and James. She is survived by children: Deborah (Rick) Johnson, Lori (Donald) Scott, Kevin Lielke, Jeanne Bodine and Janice (Robert) Heesen; 18 grandchildren; and numerous great and great great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church, Sept. 24, 2016, at 11 a.m. Afterward, a reception will be held, followed by a graveside service for both Mary and Walt at the McAlister Cemetery.

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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:** Is it true that you shouldn't sleep if you think you may have a concussion? Or, is this an old wives tale?

**A:** It's an old wives tale. After suffering a concussion, the traditional advice was to keep the person awake for fear that they might fall into a coma or lose consciousness. The most important thing to do if you've hit your head and may have a traumatic brain injury (aka, concussion) is to see a qualified medical professional. The risks from a traumatic brain injury can be fataly serious and a medical professional will test you for symptoms of epidural or subdural hematomas. If you experience loss of consciousness, have dilated pupils, headache, trouble walking or talking, vomiting or dizziness, a medical examination is essential. Even if you don't have these symptoms, don't say, "I'm fine" and ignore the event. Get checked. However, after you've been examined, get some sleep. The brain needs to rest and recoup.




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**EYE CARE**

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

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



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**A:** Here are 14 quick tips for losing weight!

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5. Eat breakfast
6. Try HIIT training
7. Bulk up your meals with veggies
8. Brush your teeth after every meal
9. Get plenty of protein
10. Eat at home
11. Quit soda
12. Limit salt, white flour and refined sugar
13. Sleep more
14. Remind yourself to eat healthier

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**PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**Q:** What is a TENS unit?

**A:** "Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation," TENS is the use of electrical current to stimulate nerves for reducing pain. It can be used for acute or chronic pain. The basis of a TENS unit is stimulating sensory nerves or motor nerves (muscles) to decrease pain.

A TENS is used for neck/back pain, shingles and numerous conditions involving pain. The electrical current blocks the pain from being sent back to the brain by stimulating sensory and muscular nerves to decrease pain. They are set up by physical therapists or other healthcare professionals.

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**BIRDING**

**Q:** Does Backyard bird feeding affect migration?

**A:** With fall rapidly approaching and winter on right behind it, we get a lot of questions about feeding and migration. Should you keep feeding the birds during the winter or take a small break so as to not deter their migration? Luckily, seasonal bird migration is triggered by changes in day length, and not the availability of food. Stragglers at feeders that frequent backyard feeders usually will not linger past their normal migration time. Stragglers at feeders are generally birds that are injured or that lack migration talents. Instead of keeping birds from migrating, available feeders actually give them a much needed energy boost to help them survive their long journeys. While the same birds may regularly visit feeders as part of their daily foraging, studies have shown that wild birds only get an average of 25 percent of their food from feeders. There are many wild food sources that birds prefer and while they will visit feeders out of convenience, they are well able to find other sources of food if feeders are unavailable. Feeders may become more critical during harsh winters.




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**Q:** My child threw a ball in the living room that hit and cracked the LCD screen on our new television... Is this covered by my homeowner's insurance?

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**Q:** Do Men Experience Mental Health Issues?

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- Changes in appetite resulting in weight losses or gains, not connected to dieting
- Difficulty thinking, concentrating, or making decisions
- Feelings of worthlessness or inappropriate guilt
- Restlessness or irritability
- Thoughts of death or suicide or attempts at suicide
- Distracting behavior, such as spending a great deal of time at work or on sports

You are human. Many men feel embarrassed of being labeled as depressed, but remember that you are a human being, and that male depression generally gets better with treatment. If you have concerns and would like to talk to someone, please call Lisa at (406) 670-4546.



**Lisa Brubaker, LCSW**  
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**REAL ESTATE**

**Q:** I'm a seasonal resident thinking of selling my home. If it will be vacant all winter should I list it and put the information on-line? Or does that open me up to vandalism risk?

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- How do I feel about people coming in and out of my home to look at it when I'm not there to check on it once they leave?
- Agents are careful to lock doors and secure properties but they aren't mistake free.
- How do I feel about the public knowing that my house is for sale, driving by it to see if they're interested, and learning it is vacant?

While we have not had any incidents of break-ins, you need to be comfortable knowing people will be driving by while you're away. Knowing your comfort level can help you decide if the situation is right for you.




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<b>Friday</b>	Sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs 60 to 70.
<b>Saturday</b>	Mostly clear. Highs 65 to 75. Lows 40 to 45.
<b>Sunday</b>	Mostly clear. Lows 35 to 40. West winds 5 to 15 mph...becoming south after midnight.
<b>Monday</b>	Sunny. Highs 55 to 65. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

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# FINDING HIS CALLING

## Local dentist promotes education in Nepal.

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For Peter Schmieding, it had always been small town dentistry first. "I've been in dentistry for 35 years," Peter, who prefers to go by Pete, said. Pete originally worked out of Big Sky before moving his practice to Ennis three days a week.

"(The town) needed a dentist and I've always loved small town dentistry – the people here are really easy going," he said.

While small town dentistry may have been what Dr. Pete thought was his original life plan, it was not until he met his wife, Karen Fellerhoff, that he truly found his calling.

### From private to worldwide

Karen is rather famous among the climbing world as she was the first woman ever to lead an expedition on Mt. Everest, according to Pete.

"She's climbed all the major peaks in the world," he said with a certain admiration.

With her connections in Nepal, Karen and her dear friend Tsering Dolka Lama, someone Pete compares to Mother Theresa, began funding young Nepalese girls a chance at an education. What started as a small private endeavor 20 years ago has since grown into an established 501(c)3 with funding worldwide, thanks to Dr. Pete.

"Once I got involved, with my business background, I thought we could really take this somewhere," he said.

And that is when it happened – you can tell by the way he talks, Dr. Pete, the longtime, small town dentist found his true calling.

### Education efforts among disaster

"Karen, Tsering and I felt that educating bright, young girls from families and situations where they would have few opportunities otherwise would bring the greatest long term benefits," said Dr. Pete. "... not just to the girls and their families, but for the Nepal society as well."

In the past couple years Nepal has seen great tragedy. In April of last year Mother Nature, in the form of a 7.8-magnitude earthquake, rocked the capital city of Katmandu. A month later, a second earthquake shook the country. Between the two, more than 8,000 people died and more than 450,000 homes were destroyed.

"I was there for the second earthquake," Pete said. "It was scary – I didn't sleep at night."

Because of the damage, Dr. Pete and Karen's efforts in Nepal have grown slowly due to the lack of infrastructure and government. Pete estimates only 10 percent of the damage has been rebuilt, adding mostly private organizations that work outside of the government's control have had more "direct on the ground involvement." Dr. Pete and Karen have focused most of their work in three villages in the northeast region of Katmandu, rebuilding schools and providing

medical clinics.

"In the months after the quakes we delivered food, medicines, blankets, roofing materials and tents, as well as cooking supplies to help families rebuild their lives," said Dr. Pete.

While the couple helped to rebuild one of the world's poorest countries, their main focus of traditional education never wavered too far.

"This year we have over 150 children, 90 percent of which are girls, in day or boarding schools all over Nepal," Pete said.

### Bringing Nepal to America

While Dr. Pete and Karen travel back and forth to provide aid and education in Nepal as well as sponsoring young Nepalese people through college, the couple also adopted three sisters, Tashi Jangmu, 17, Palden, 13, and Tashi Dawa, 10. Tashi Dawa was adopted first, and after an eight year battle with both the Nepalese and American governments, her sisters joined the family.

"They're true sisters," said Dr. Pete. "And two of them have only been in America for two years."

The girls are Sherpas, which Dr. Pete describes as an ethnic group from the most mountainous region of Nepal, whose father died on Mt. Everest. Most Sherpas who work on the mountain are either leading climbers or carrying loads for people up the 29,000 foot peak.

Though the girls' mother and great grandmother – who just so happens to be the last known oldest living Sherpa woman at 94 – are both still alive, Dr. Pete said their mother gave them up in order to provide them a better life in America.

"We have a very close connection to the girls' biological mother," he said, adding all five family members returned to Nepal last year for a visit.

Nepalese government does not allow for families to designate who can adopt their children, according to Dr. Pete. This is a way for the government to stop or lessen child trafficking and should you choose to adopt a child from Nepal, you are given one at random – like drawing from a hat. Unless the mother of the child or children is a widow, which was the case for Dr. Pete and Karen.

Though it took eight years to get all three girls together in America, the couple never looked back.

### Finding their way

The sisters are the first of their family to ever attend school and even operate a vehicle, as Tashi Jangmu prepares for her drivers license.

"They all love to ride horses and they play basketball at school," Dr. Pete said admiring his three girls. "They're bright young girls."

Dr. Pete said it took some convincing to prove that the girls were just as capable as American children.

"I had to convince the oldest that she can be anything she wants to be because in Nepal, they can't," said Dr. Pete. "If she wants to be a nurse, we'll put her through nursing school or whatever she wants to do, we will make it happen. It took about a year for that to sink in."

While Dr. Pete jokes that he will be raising children until he is 70, there is a certain tone in his voice and a glimmer in his eye that tells the world he really does not mind.



PHOTO COURTESY DR. PETER SCHMIEDING  
Karen and Peter with their three adopted Sherpa children, Tashi Jangmu, 17, Palden, 13 and Tashi Dawa, 10. It is common for children to have the same name as they are often named by the local monk based on the day of the week or the season.



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Tsering and a young Sherpa child.

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## First West Nile Virus death for 2016 reported in McCone County

DPHHS officials remind Montanans to take precautions and prevent infections from mosquitos

SUBMITTED BY JON EBELT  
Department of Public Health  
and Human Services

The McCone County Health Department and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services are reporting Montana's first human death from West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2016.

This case brings the total number of WNV cases reported in Montana to six for 2016. Previously, four cases were reported in Dawson County and one in Garfield County. Additionally, several horses and mosquito pools, predominately in eastern Montana, tested positive for WNV.

The deceased, an adult McCone County resident,

passed away from complications related to WNV infection. The individual had no history of travel outside the state within the past month and the infection was believed to be locally acquired.

"This is an unfortunate reminder that infection from WNV can have serious consequences," said DPHHS Director Richard Oppen. "We want to remind people to take precautions and protect themselves."

Nationally, 406 human cases of WNV have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention thus far in 2016, including 10 deaths.

WNV is transmitted to humans by infected mosquitos through bites. Most, about four out of five, people

infected will experience no symptoms and become immune to the WNV infection. About one in five infected people develop a low grade fever, headache and muscle aches that begin a week or two after becoming infected. Generally, no treatment is needed.

However, in less than 1 percent of infected people, serious, life-threatening symptoms develop including headache, rash, high fever, stiff neck, mental confusion and other symptoms. Individuals who develop any of these symptoms should see their health care provider immediately.

Mid to late summer is a high-risk period for WNV and public health officials encourage everyone to take

steps to avoid mosquito bites and prevent infections. Public health officials want to remind the public that while local transmission WNV is a concern in Montana, local transmission of Zika virus is not. In fact, the mosquitos that carry Zika virus have not been found in Montana or neighboring states.

To minimize risk of WNV, experts recommend reducing mosquito populations by removing mosquito breeding areas in and around the home. Simple steps such as draining bird-baths, wading pools or any container with still water every few days will minimize breeding sites.

Because it is not possible to eliminate all breeding sites, people are reminded to

follow specific recommendations to avoid being bitten. This includes wearing and safely using insect repellent when outdoors and wearing pants and long-sleeved shirts when possible.

The 4 D's of WNV prevention should be followed to reduce the chance of mosquito bites.

**Dusk/Dawn:** Peak mosquitos biting hours are dusk to dawn. Limit outdoor activity during those times. If you must be outside, be sure to protect yourself from bites.

**Dress:** Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants to reduce the amount of exposed skin.

**DEET:** Cover exposed skin with a repellent containing the chemical DEET, which is most effective

against mosquito bites.

**Drain:** Empty any containers holding standing water because they can be excellent breeding grounds for virus-carrying mosquitoes.

The number of WNV human cases in Montana varies from year to year. Over 200 cases were reported in 2003 and 2007, but generally the average is about 10 reported human infections each year.

"No one can predict the severity of WNV season," said Christine Mulgrew, DPHHS WNV program manager. "But we can protect ourselves from mosquito bites and eliminate breeding sites around your home."

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Back to school is an excit-

ing time of year for families, but it also means new exposures to germs.

From school desks found to have 400 times more bacteria than the average toilet, to personal items like backpacks and cellphones, germs are everywhere. Taking steps to reduce exposure can make for a healthier school year ahead.

Remember to wash hands and your items frequently – did you know that backpacks have 10,000 germs per square inch? Then, use shelf liner in areas of your home where school items are stored for extra protection.

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# COLUMNS



## This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

### Shadows and darkness

*"Never fear periods of darkness in life. They are the atrium to new phases of life, the threshold to new experience, the invitation to move on from where you are to where there is more for you to learn"* – Joan Chittister

I'm not much for driving at night anymore. It isn't the darkness that bothers me, but the brightness of oncoming headlights.



Rev. Keith Axberg

Today's headlights seem to be a reflection of changing attitudes in our world. Back in the day, standard headlights were round and held in place by a ring of light aluminum or steel. They were mounted so you could adjust them up, down, left or right. They had set screws for "aiming" so you wouldn't blind oncoming traffic. There seemed to be an understanding that roads were meant to be shared, and as important as it is and was to see at night, it was equally important not to blind those with whom we shared the roads.

In the 1970s, automakers began to upgrade headlights, transitioning from the sealed beam headlight technology that had been developed in the 1930s to halogen and other brighter lights. They were technically illegal when I was a cop, for the state code specifically required "sealed beam headlights" – but that was a throwback to the days when sealed-beams were an improvement over the carriage lamps cars used to have.

I suppose I could have written tickets to folks with halogen headlights, but I suspect prosecutors and judges would have questioned my sanity before questioning the code, so I exercised the better part of valor (and common sense) at decided to keep legislators in the dark on the matter.

I have no idea if the code has been re-written to permit the various crazy headlights we see "out there" today (I presume it has), but things sure are different.

Headlights now come in every shape and hue imaginable, and I sometimes wonder if many of them do the job they're intended to do. What's worse, they don't seem to be adjustable – there is no apparent mecha-

nism for aiming them as in days of yore. Drivers are at the mercy of engineers. They seem to be designed more to make a car look cool, than to function as illuminators of the nighttime road.

It also means it does little good to flick our lights at oncoming traffic at night, for as often as not, they may or may not be running with their high beams on. It's a sad state of affairs when the automaker is more interested in form than in function, because the driver is at the mercy of the machine and courtesy, as an option, is taken away.

There's not much we can do, of course. No one wants to spend a fortune buying a motor vehicle, simply to then turn around and spend another fortune reverse-engineering it to be more courteous and kind. And I am certain we don't want to return to the days where an automobile driven at night is required to have someone walking in front of the car, lamp or lantern in hand, to show the way.

No, for good or ill, we have what we have – and we're stuck with it until some better option comes along.

Until then, there are several tried-and-true alternatives we can employ when driving at night. The first is simply to slow down. If one is driving a tad slower, one has more time to react to dangers in the road. I know that goes against the grain as we all want to get to where we're going as quickly as possible, but slowing down works.

Secondly, when cars approach with their lights glaring, look away (toward the fog-line on the edge of the road). This protects your retinal nerves from being overloaded with the light, and allows your eyes to recover more quickly when those oncoming lights have passed.

Jesus once said, "If your eye offends you, pluck it out." He was exaggerating, but the point he was making was: Take responsibility; be responsible!

We can't change the auto industry (at least not overnight), but we can change what we do and how we do it, so we may as well use our heads, protect our eyes and enjoy our nocturnal journeys as best we can in this, our valley.

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By Rebecca Ramsey  
Ruby Watershed Coordinator

## MAKE FIRE SAFETY FIRST THIS SEASON

With the dry conditions on our native rangelands and forested areas, fire prevention methods should be adopted by everyone spending time in the outdoors. Good practices put into place by early season hunters and other recreationalists are key to successful fire prevention during the late summer months of Southwest Montana.

September is the beginning of hunting season for many of Montana's critters. Montana archery hunters have already headed out with licenses for antelope, big horn sheep, deer, elk, black bear, wolf and mountain lion. Most upland game birds and moose seasons are open too. (Please check <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/seasons/> for the full Montana hunting season dates and regulations.)

This late summer/early autumn is a critical time to minimize risk of fire. Hunters driving on roads with drying vegetation along the edges or growing down the middle of a two-track road can cause late-summer fire starts from engine heat. This time of year especially, when fires have already been burning and the human and financial resources to help fight fires are burnt out (pun intended), we all need to be paying special attention to our actions. It is a matter of human safety, as well as our responsibility to help protect private property, public landscapes and our resources.

Hunters and other recreationalists should remember to:

- Drive only on established roads. Going off road, where grasses may be particu-

larly tall and dry is risky and unnecessary.

- Avoid roads with tall vegetation in the middle track. Look to drive where the road is gravel or dirt and well traveled.

- Never park over dry grass and other vegetation. Park in established sites, preferably graveled or in areas where vegetation is very low or moist.

- Carry a fire extinguisher – or water-filled weed sprayer – shovel, axe and a cell phone for emergency calls. This may seem like lots of additional gear since you'll already be out



Rebecca Ramsey

with so much, but these are worthy additions! And responding to a fire within the first seconds of ignition, while it is small, makes it easier to extinguish.

- Restrict camping activities to designated camping areas. Not only does this reduce fire risk, but it also reduces the impact to the resources. Do your best to minimize disturbance!

- Build campfires only in established metal fire rings. If you are in a more remote area, then build your fires in established rock rings. Do your best to clear the surrounding

area of any combustible materials.

- Put your campfires DEAD OUT! Think ahead to have a bucket of water or sand handy to keep nearby in case you see a spark, and also to insure that your fire is completely out, not smoldering at all, when you retire for the evening or leave your campsite.

- Smoke only inside buildings or vehicles. It only takes a second for a tossed, smoldering cigarette to ignite dry grasses and pine needles!

- Respect closure areas. These roads or recreational areas are closed for your safety, the safety of others or the safety of the sensitive environment it is in.

Keeping all these things in mind, and putting these thoughts into action while you are out hunting or recreating this late summer and early autumn will help to prevent or respond to emergency. It is essential to have an action plan for fire starts, as well as for other types of accidents or injuries. Planning ahead can keep you, your friends and family, and our forests and rangelands safe.

For up-to-date details on fire and drought-related restrictions and closures, visit FWP's website at [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov).

## MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

# FIRELINE

By Steve Orr | MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

August proved to be another active month for the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department. While calls for service were down substantially, the MVRFD still responded to 16 calls in August.

With wildlands fire season in full swing, the MVRFD was dispatched to five smoke check calls over the month. Though these calls proved to be related to other fires in the region or from other non-fire related origins, the demand on time and resources became taxing.

On Aug. 7 at 7:33 p.m. the MVRFD, along with a U.S. Forest Service engine, was dispatched to a lightning caused fire on Leonard Creek. The MVRFD responded an engine with three firefighters from station one, with four additional firefighters standing-by with further resources. The fire was confined to a single tree.

On Aug. 13 at 9:40 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a vehicle versus propane tank crash on Tobe Road. The MVRFD responded an engine and a tender with seven fire-

fighters from station one and an engine with two firefighters from station three. Two additional firefighters responded in private vehicles. Firefighters established and maintained a safe zone until the situation could be stabilized.

On Aug. 16 the MVRFD was dispatched to a five man crew to assist with fire suppression efforts at the Skinner Fire north of Belgrade. Upon arrival, Fire Chief Shawn Christensen was assigned to the overhead team as a division supervisor, overseeing firefighting activities on an entire front of the fire. One MVRFD firefighter was attached to a short staffed Sheridan Fire Department engine, while the remaining MVRFD firefighters worked the fireline with their engine.

The MVRFD was dispatched for mutual aid to the Harrison Fire Department on Aug. 20 at 8:15 p.m. for the report of an explosion with fire. The MVRFD responded an engine, a ladder, a tender and a command with seven firefighters from station one and an engine with two firefighters

from station three. No incident was located by responding Harrison Fire Department units and MVRFD response was canceled.

On Aug. 21 at 10:07 a.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a kitchen fire in the Shining Mountains sub-division. The MVRFD responded an engine with four firefighters from station one and two engines with four firefighters from station three. The fire was extinguished by the homeowners before the fire departments arrival. Firefighters check the walls of the structure using thermal imaging devices to assure no fire had extended into the walls.

The Montana Highway Patrol requested MVRFD resources to conduct traffic control on MT Highway 84 on Aug. 22, while troopers conducted a traffic crash investigation. The MVRFD assigned two commands with three firefighters to provide the requested traffic control.

The MVRFD was dispatched to a chimney fire on Ennis Lake Road at 03:22 a.m. on Aug. 26. The MVRFD re-

sponded an engine and a tender with six firefighters from station one. Upon arrival, firefighters found a working structure fire as the chimney fire had extended into the walls of the structure. The fire was quickly extinguished but firefighters were on scene for nearly two hours with overhaul operations to assure the fire in the walls was fully extinguished.

False alarms, a cat stranded on a power pole and a couple of medical assistance calls to support the Ennis Ambulance Service rounded out the volume of calls for service for the MVRFD in August.

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

## COMMODITY INSITE!: Hog wreck ahead

by Jerry Welch

In last week's column entitled, "Adjust and be nimble," I stated, "Moving forward, ag-producers and traders need to adjust to the current roller coaster market environment and be nimble. Adjust and be nimble. It is that simple. But then again, we know full well it is not that simple." In this week's column, my intent is to show that I am adjusting to the difficult market environment gripping all markets and practicing being nimble as well.

On Jan. 8, the date of my first column for this newspaper, October live cattle futures were trading over the \$125 level and October lean hogs were above the \$66 level. I offered a bold forecast and wrote, "... it is the livestock complex that offers the greatest downside potential and especially if stocks and the Dow endure an unusually severe decline and corn remains cheap.

Cattle futures falling to \$100 and hog futures to \$50 would not be a surprise."

Early this week, front month live cattle futures fell to a low of \$99.37 while June 2017 futures hit \$96.32. My downside target for cattle was achieved. Now that cattle have met my downside target, I have been nimble of late and trading the market from the long side of the ledger. Gingerly, of course, but still from the long side of the ledger.

Hog futures, on the other hand, have yet to hit my downside target. This week ended with October hog futures closing at \$59.22 and December futures at \$53.92. Hog futures have to come off another 922 to 392 points before my forecast is proven correct.

But here is the rub. My recent work is now suggesting that this year's hog market is akin to the

mess that unfolded in the fall of 1998. To fully understand the wreck the hog market experienced 18 years ago, here is a synopsis written by Patrick Luby in April of 1999 entitled, "The Hog-Pork Industry Woes of 1998." The work is courtesy of Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison Cooperative Extension, University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Mr. Luby wrote: "A sudden, severe economic storm system hit the hog-pork industry in 1998. It grew increasingly violent and culminated in a tornadic outbreak near the end of the year. Following two years with the highest two year average hog prices in history (averaging \$52.36 per cwt. for 1996 and 1997), hog prices collapsed to their lowest annual average

(\$31.83) in 26 years. And, in December, the monthly average price fell to the lowest average price (\$13.92) in over 35 years – since April, 1963. Fewer than half of today's population were even alive at that time. In real (deflated) dollars, hog prices have never been lower."

The reasons Mr. Luby claims hog prices collapsed in the fall of 1998 were several. There was a large increase in pork production. A rapid growth of mega hog producers. Hog prices were coming off unusually high prices from previous years. Rapidly falling feed prices. Hog marketings were surprisingly large in the fourth quarter of 1998. And finally, a decrease in hog slaughtering capacity. It was the perfect storm for lower hog prices and when all was said and done, it was as, Mr. Luby wrote: "In December, the monthly average

price fell to the lowest average price (\$13.92) in over 35 years – since April 1963."

The collapse of hog prices in 1998 due to the various fundamental reasons outlined above are eerily similar to this year. Hog prices are coming off unusually high prices. The mega producers are still at it. Hog marketings the past few weeks have been breathtakingly large. In fact, some now argue that the pace of marketings is so large that there may not be the capacity to slaughter the animals. In other words, a producer may take a load of hogs to a slaughter plant to sell but they will say, "We don't want 'em!"

My work for the past nine months predicted hog futures would drop to \$50. But hog futures have not traded at or below \$50 since October 2009, seven years ago. Such a downside target may seem far too pes-

simistic but consider the follow facts. In the past few weeks, oat prices fell to an 11 year low, rice and wheat prices to a 10 year low, corn prices to a seven year low and cattle prices to a six year low. If the oinker market drops to a seven year low, it will not be doing anything out of the ordinary based on the current market environment.

Here is another rub. One of my favorite livestock analysts believes the potential exists for hog future to fall to \$46, far below my target of \$50. Only once since 2002 have hog futures traded at or below \$46. A move to \$50 with hogs would be classified as a wreck. A move down to \$46 would be called a disaster. But whatever unfolds in the period ahead, it will pale in comparison to the debacle seen in the fall of 1998 when the price of hogs fell to a 35 year low.

# COMICS & PUZZLES



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- 4 Highlanders
- 9 AAA job
- 12 Scatter seeds
- 13 Monastery head
- 14 Years you've lived
- 15 9-Ball setting
- 17 Popular sandwich, for short
- 18 Him (Ger.)
- 19 They can't be compared to oranges
- 21 Thickly entangled, as hair
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- 25 Playwright Levin
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- 8 Trample
- 9 Mealtime chat
- 10 Lecherous look
- 11 Drenches
- 16 Illuminated
- 20 Seniors' dance
- 21 Anger
- 22 Opera solo
- 23 Swear
- 27 Lad
- 29 A Great Lake
- 30 Witnessed
- 32 Old Italian money
- 34 Washington city
- 37 Haphazard
- 39 Vacillated
- 42 Relinquish
- 44 Pump up the volume
- 45 Has bills
- 46 Grate
- 50 Trench
- 51 Rowing tool
- 52 Harem room
- 53 Lower limb

### DOWN

- 1 Cleopatra's snake
- 2 Egg — yung
- 3 Pair
- 4 Accumulate
- 5 Strand

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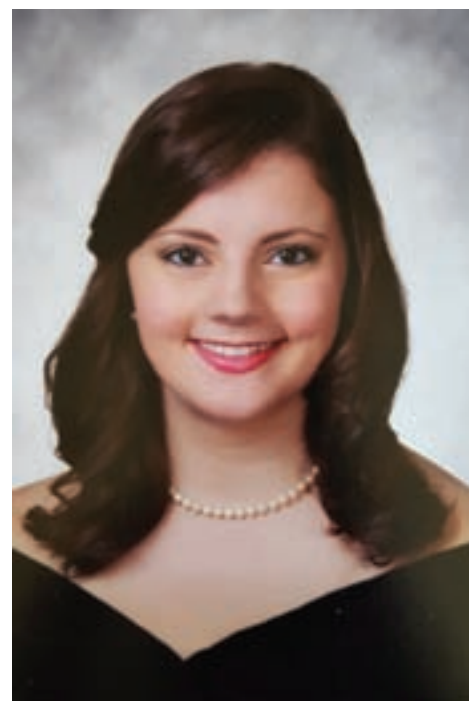
# Welch graduates from LIM College with master's degree

SUBMITTED BY CARRIE WELCH a minor in advertising and public relations. Welch is the daughter of Jerry and Carrie Welch of Ennis.

Ally Welch, a 2011 graduate of Ennis High School, graduated last month from LIM College in New York City with a master's degree in fashion marketing.

LIM College is a private college in Midtown Manhattan that specializes in the business of fashion. During her time at LIM, Welch interned in the public relations department at Talbots, a women's fashion retailer.

Welch graduated from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in marketing and



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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Ice cream social for the Sheridan Public Library

SUBMITTED BY CAROL DELISI  
Friends of the Sheridan Public Library

Enjoy ice cream at the Sheridan Public Library's ice cream social on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Join us for ice cream, pie and music by David Stout in the lovely Sheridan City Park, in the company of your neighbors and friends. The ice cream social is a fundraiser for the library to support future expansion plans to enable the library to remain vigorous, significant and valuable in the services it provides to the community. Bring a lawn chair and your appetite.

## Speaker in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY RAND BRADLEY  
Twin Bridges Rotary Club

Dr. Kristen Ruppel, Professor of Native American Studies at Montana State University will be the featured speaker at the Twin Bridges Rotary Club on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Montana Room at Twin

Bridges School. Dr. Ruppel will be describing her recent educational trip to Mongolia with students. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

## Display at Berkshire Hathaway

SUBMITTED BY PATSY ECKERT  
Ennis Arts Association

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services at 123 E. Main Street in Ennis will be displaying the artisan works of the Ennis Arts Association in their bay window for the month of September. As part of their community service this year, Berkshire Hathaway is displaying information on organizations in the window. EAA has been around since 1968, going on 50 years, sponsoring and promoting community events, scholarships and donations to our arts community of Ennis and surrounding communities.

## Folk singer, storyteller, autoharp virtuoso to perform at FMVB

SUBMITTED BY LUCY ENNIS  
Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library

Legendary folksinger, storyteller and autoharp virtuoso (and Walnut Valley Festival entertainer) Adam Miller will perform a concert of traditional folksongs at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, at the First Madison Valley Bank, 213 W. Main Street in Ennis. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for complementary light appetizers and wine. The program is benefits the Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library.

One of the premier autoharpists in the world, Adam Miller is a renowned American folksinger and natural-born storyteller. Miller accompanies his rich, resonant baritone voice with lively finger-picking acoustic guitar and stunningly beautiful autoharp melodies. A masterful entertainer who never fails to get his audience singing along, he has distinguished himself as one of the great interpreters of American folksongs, and as a performer who appeals to audiences of all ages.

## An evening of art

SUBMITTED BY PEGGY GIBLIN  
Cattleman Gallery and Custom Framing

You are cordially invited to an evening of art in Ennis on Friday, Sept. 16, 5 - 8 p.m. Participating will be the Maydak Gallery and Studio, Muddled Moose Studio and Gallery, and the Cattleman Gallery and Custom Framing. Come out and meet our featured artists, and enjoy refreshments! For more information call 490-1453 or 682-5775.

## Fundraiser for 4 Paws

SUBMITTED BY MISTY HAMMERBACKER  
4 Paws Rescue

An upcoming fundraiser for 4 Paws Rescue begins in Butte, starting with a Friday, Sept. 23 GLOWGA, or glow in the dark yoga, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Imagine Butte Resource Center. From there it continues with Go to your Mats with TEssi Preston from the Yoga Center at 8 p.m., meditation by Dharma Group at 8:30 p.m. and wine and food and acoustic music by Clark Grant.

On Saturday, plunge for your pets begins at 3:30 p.m. at Norris Hot Springs, with music by local artists, drink, foot and raffle prizes.

All the proceeds go directly 4 Paws Rescue. For more information, call Shannon at 490-6394 or Misty at 439-1405.



# Find Fellowship With Us

### Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor  
842-5602

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

*One block behind IGA, Sheridan*

### Rocky Mountain Baptist Church

Pastor Phil Taylen

Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
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### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting  
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School  
11:20 a.m.

R S & Priesthood  
12:10 p.m.

Mutual (Youth Group)  
Weds. 7:00p.m.  
3560 | MT State Hwy 287  
Sheridan 842-5860

Bishop Dustin 684-5255



**NEW MASS TIMES & LOCATIONS**  
Beginning 9/10/16: 4 pm, Saturday night Mass at St. Joseph's, Sheridan  
As of now: 11 am, St. Mary's, Laurin and 8:30 am, St. Patrick's, Ennis  
Beginning 9/13/16: 7:30 am, daily (Tuesday & Thursday) Mass at St. Joseph's, Sheridan  
Beginning 9/14/16: 9:00 am daily, (Wednesday) Mass at St. Patrick's, Ennis  
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WORSHIP  
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Pastor Ken Stensrud

- Sunday Service 9:00 am
- Bible Study 10:15 am
- Sunday School 10:15 am

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Ennis, Montana 496-6849

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Ennis Branch

Sacrament Meeting  
10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School  
11:20 a.m.  
R S & Priesthood  
12:10 p.m.

Family History Center  
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614  
Pres. Thompson 682-7415  
133 MT Hwy 287

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Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Ministries  
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM  
Family Dinner 5:30 PM  
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood  
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682-4197

### NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Your Local Assembly of God Church

114 N. Main, Sheridan  
842-5845

Pastor Duane Deshner

Sunday Service  
10:30 a.m. (Children's Ministry)

Wednesday (Kids/Youth)  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)  
Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)  
Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

Ruby Valley Food Pantry  
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

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Phil 2:16  
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**Dr. Ray Teston**  
Pastor

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT  
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— King Crossword —  
Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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Valley, Twin Bridges  
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Same Time - Same Place

#### ALANON

Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley  
Thursdays, 8 pm

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(behind Methodist Church)  
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843-5352 Virginia City

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596-0707

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON NAME CHANGE PETITION**

Cause No. DV-29-2016-38  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF MARGARET TRACY FRANCE Petitioner.  
IT APPEARING TO THE CLERK OF THIS COURT from the Petition on file herein, that the Petitioner is legally of age to change her surname on her own volition from MARGARET TRACY FRANCE to MARGARET TRACY CARR.  
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the time and place for the hearing on the Petition for Name Change as above-referenced shall take place in the above-entitled Court on the 26th day of September at 11 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and that publication of the time and place for such hearing on the Petition for Name Change shall be published in The Madisonian, once a week for four successive weeks, the newspaper published in Madison County, Montana, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give notice to interested parties.  
Attest my hand and seal of said Court this 12 day of August, 2016  
Carmin Hill  
Clerk of the District Court  
The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON NAME CHANGE PETITION filed in cause of DV-29-2016-38 was mailed August 13, 2016 to the following:  
Karen J. Miller, Clerk of Court  
/s/ Carmin Hill  
Deputy Clerk  
Karen McMullin  
Attorney at Law  
PO BOX 55  
Ennis, MT 59729  
(Pub. August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15 2016) km  
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**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
LOIS F. MERKLER, Plaintiff,

vs.  
THOMAS B. ALEXANDER, WILLIAM A. ALEXANDER, and KIMBERLY D. ALEXANDER (a.k.a. KIMBERLY D. CLARK) Defendants.  
Cause No. DV-29-2016-12  
THE STATE OF MONTANA, GREETINGS TO: THOMAS B. ALEXANDER  
You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after the publication of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 70-29-111(2), the above-entitled action is one for partition of heirs' property legally described as follows: Parcel No. 3 of Sunrider Ranch, Unit 1 according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Madison County Clerk and Recorder in Book 7 of Surveys, Page 493.  
Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 25th day of August, 2016.  
/s/ Karen J. Miller  
Clerk of the District Court  
(Pub. Sept 1, 8, 15, 2016) ll  
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**MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.  
The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Lodge Residences Subdivision (Moonlight Basin Ranch) of 7.14 acres into 2 condominium lots of .86 acre and .50 acre for 13 townhome units and 2 open space lots totaling 1.06 acres. It is located on the east and west sides of Mountain Loop Road at the Moonlight Lodge parking lot on Open Space 1 of Cowboy Heaven Phase 3B PUD and an unplatted tract of land, in the SE¼ of Section 24 Township 6 South, Range 2 East, PMM  
Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 26, 2016, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to drobison@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.  
The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at:  
• Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City;  
• Madison Valley Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis;  
• Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky  
Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.  
John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board  
(Pub. Sept 8, 15, 2016) mcpcb

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**BUDGET HEARING**

The Town of Virginia City will hold a budget hearing at 5:00 p.m. at the Town office on October 6, 2015. A copy of the proposed budget can be reviewed at the Virginia City Town Office during normal business hours.  
Nancy Stewart  
Clerk/Town of Virginia City  
(Pub. Sept. 8, 15, 2016) tovc  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A.M. Welles, Inc., will file on or about September 6, 2016 a notification of intent to transfer location of an air quality permit with the Permitting and Compliance Division/Air and Waste Management Bureau of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Applicant seeks approval of its transfer of location of Gravel Crusher Air Quality Permit # 3219 to Section 25, T65, R4W, Madison County, 1.5 miles south of Alder, MT on Anderson Rd, turn left and go 2.5 miles east on county road. The division must approve or disapprove the permit transfer within 30 days of receipt of a complete notice intent. Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to review a copy of the permit and the division's analysis of it, or to submit comments on the change of location must contact the division at 1520 East Sixth Ave., PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 phone (406) 444-3490.  
Any comments on the location transfer must be submitted to the division within 15 days after the date of this publication.  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Contents of storage unit #10 and four travel trailers (and contents) to be sold on Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 pm at 2144 Highway 287. Bill of sales for storage and trailers will be issued, which can be taken to Madison County Courthouse to receive new titles.  
(Pub. Sept 15, 22, 29 2016) mh  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 5th day of October, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, the following described property:  
2004 White Lincoln Navigator: VIN #5LM-FU28R74LJ18878, as is condition.  
Dated this 7th of September, 2016.  
//s//ROGER THOMPSON,  
SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY  
(Pub. Sept 15, 22, 29 2016) mcs  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Monday, September 19, 2016, as they will be attending the Montana Association of Counties Annual Conference in Billings, Montana. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016.  
(Pub. Sept 15, 2016) mc  
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**INVITATION TO BID**

Separate sealed bids for construction of the Madison Manor Parking Improvements will be received by the office of the Madison County Board of Commissioners at the County Courthouse, 205 N. Broadway Street, PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755 until 2:00 p.m. local time on September 26, 2016 and then publicly opened and read aloud.  
The project consists of miscellaneous parking lot improvements to the Madison Manor Parking Lot located at 211 North Main Street, Ennis, Montana. Improvements will include, but are not limited to: saw cutting and disposing of a portion of the existing parking lot, relocating concrete jersey barriers, installing new curb and gutter, new asphalt section, landscape bulbs, curb cuts and concrete spill apron, storm ponds, drainage swales, 12" CMP culvert with flared ends, overflow weir, and light poles with associated electrical improvements.  
Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.greatwesteng.com or www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00. These

documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab. The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineer, located at 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, MT 59601., phone (406) 449-8627 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required deposit is \$50.00 per set, which is not refundable. In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations:  
Bozeman Plan Exchange  
Helena Copy Center  
Butte Builders Exchange  
There will be a Pre-Bid Conference at the project site at 2:00 p.m. on September 19, 2016. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend.  
Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, PO Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by Montana Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.  
Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Madison County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.  
Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 16.02 of the Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids.  
The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner.  
Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
Published by the Madisonian in Ennis, Montana, September 15 and 22, 2016  
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PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755  
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## AREA SENIOR MEALS

**MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES**

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.

**Friday, Sept. 16:** Cowboy casserole, tossed salad, Dad's Greek salad, fruit kabobs, strawberry pie

**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

**SEPTEMBER 15 – SEPTEMBER 22**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15:** RED HATS, HAM, CHEESEY POTATOES, VEGGIES, BIRTHDAY CAKE

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16:** TUNA MELT, POTATO CHIPS, FRUIT, DESSERT

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20:** CIABATTA PIZZA, SALAD, DESSERT

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21:** BINGO, CHICKEN SKEWERS, POTATOES, DESSERT

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22:** FRIED COD, COLE SLAW, FRIES, DESSERT

## Public Notice

NorthWestern Energy is proposing to construct a new 29 foot tall self-supporting communications structure at NorthWestern Energy's Twin Bridges Substation located in Twin Bridges, MT.

The structure will be located at Latitude 45-32-38.90N NAD 83, and Longitude 112-18-53.60W, within the Twin Bridges Substation yard. The proposed structure will have no lighting and will not be painted. Per the Determination issued by the FAA under Aeronautical Study 2016-ANM-727-OE, this structure presents no hazard to air navigation. As part of the permit process NorthWestern Energy has applied for a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration Number (ASR).

Interested persons can review this application at [www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications).

Members of the public may comment on the potential environmental impact of this tower by filing a Request for Environmental Review by contacting the FCC. The FCC encourages you to file your request for Environmental Review online. Instructions for making a filing can be viewed at [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest). Interested parties may also file a paper copy by mail at FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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# MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

Aug. 28 – Sept. 10, 2016

**8/28**  
Medical Aid on Fairgrounds Loop Twin Bridges  
Dog Complaint on US Hwy 287 Ennis  
Alcohol/Tobacco Violation in 400 Blk MT Hwy 287 Ennis

**8/29**  
Medical Aid in 100 Blk MT Hwy 287 Ennis  
Animal Complaint in 200 Blk E Main St Ennis  
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk S Main St Sheridan  
Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 16 Nevada City  
Coroner Call in Ennis  
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 100 Blk Two Bumps Loop Rd Ennis  
Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Beaverhead St Ennis  
Threats Complaint in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis

**8/30**  
Abandoned Vehicle in 5000 Blk US Hwy 287 N Ennis  
Fraud Complaint on Two Bumps Loop E Ennis  
Welfare Check in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis  
Medical Aid on W Cotentail Run Ennis  
Fire Call on MT Hwy 287 MM 4 Ennis  
Animal Complaint in 200 Blk E Main St Ennis  
Assault at MT Hwy 359 & S Boulder Rd Cardwell

**8/31**

Abandoned Vehicle on US Hwy 287 MM 72 Harrison  
Fire Call on Noack Rd Ennis  
Medical Aid in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis  
Medical Aid in 400 Blk N Main St Twin Bridges

**9/1**  
Fire Call in 100 Blk N Main St Sheridan  
Dog Complaint in 800 Blk Bauer Ln Ennis  
Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk Nye Rd Twin Bridges  
Fireworks Complaint in 4300 Blk US Hwy 287 N Cameron  
Welfare Check in 400 Blk W Hugel St Ennis

**9/2**  
Fire Call on Upper Ruby Rd Alder  
Abandoned Vehicle on Madison St Twin Bridges  
Medical Aid at MT Hwy 41 S & East Bench Rd Twin Bridges  
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 52 Ennis  
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk Washington Stub Rd McAllister  
Privacy in Communications in 200 Blk N First St Ennis  
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 77 Harrison  
Suspicious Circumstances on Cemetery Rd Ennis

**9/3**  
Missing Person in 1800

Blk East Bench Rd Twin Bridges  
Accident on Mayflower Rd Whitehall  
Alarm Call in 1000 Blk S Boulder Rd Cardwell  
Privacy in Communications on MT Hwy 287 Ennis  
Traffic Complaint on Bear Gulch Rd Twin Bridges  
Medical Aid on Old Mill Rd Harrison  
Coroner Call in Ennis  
Fire Call on Jeffers Rd Ennis  
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 500 Blk Charles St Ennis  
Welfare Check in 200 Blk N Main St Ennis

*The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 69 calls for service from Aug. 28 – Sept. 3, 2016.*

**9/4**  
Welfare Check in 500 Blk Charles St Ennis  
Public Safety Complaint in McAllister area  
Fire Call on US Hwy 287 MM 52 Ennis  
Public Safety Complaint in 300 Blk E Ennis St Ennis  
Dog Complaint on Storey Loop Cameron  
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 55 McAllister  
Suspicious Circumstances on Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan  
Citizen Assist in 200 Blk E Crofoot St Sheridan

**9/5**  
Accident on MT Hwy 87

MM 7 Cameron  
Medical Aid on Sturdy Ln Cameron  
Welfare Check at West Fork/Miller Flats area Cameron  
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 21 Cameron  
Theft Complaint on Bieler Ln Sheridan  
Welfare Check on Cornucopia Rd Virginia City

**9/6**  
Medical Aid on W Cotentail Run Ennis  
Fire Call in 5500 Blk US Hwy 287 N McAllister  
Traffic Complaint on Varney Rd MM 8 Ennis  
Traffic Complaint at US Hwy 287 & MT Hwy 87 Cameron  
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk Chowning St Ennis  
Trespass Complaint on S Jefferson St Pony

**9/7**  
Medical Aid in 600 Blk S Third St Ennis  
Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 32 Sheridan  
Privacy in Communications in 300 Blk S Main St Twin Bridges  
Welfare Check in 7600 Blk US Hwy 287 Harrison  
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 21 Alder  
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 23 Cameron  
Suspicious Circumstances on Spring Canyon Rd Alder  
Fire Call on Windy Pass

Ln Ennis  
Disturbance in 700 Blk E Cover St Virginia City  
Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk South Boulder Rd Cardwell  
Fire Call at Elk Park/Discovery Park Virginia City

**9/8**  
Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 27 Cameron  
Accident on MT Hwy 41 MM 50 Silver Star  
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 35 Sheridan  
Abandoned Vehicle at US Hwy 287 & N Ennis Lake Rd McAllister  
Animal Complaint in 200 Blk Old Mill Rd Harrison  
Medical Aid in 500 Blk Upper Ruby Rd Alder  
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 1 Cameron  
Accident on N Ennis Lake Rd McAllister  
Animal Complaint on Booth Gulch Ln Sheridan  
Fire Call in 100 Blk North Meadow Creek Rd McAllister  
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 55 McAllister  
Medical Aid on W Cotentail Run Ennis  
Suspicious Circumstances in 500 Blk Judy Ln Alder

**9/9**  
Theft Complaint on Cotentail Run Ennis  
Animal Complaint on Bluebird Ln Ennis  
Accident at E 6th Ave & Main St Twin Bridges  
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 27 Cameron  
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 69 Norris

**9/10**  
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 McAllister  
Suspicious Circumstances on N Ennis Lake Rd Ennis  
Medical Aid at Jefferson St & Pony Rd Pony  
Disturbance in 300 Blk E Madison St Sheridan  
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 359 MM 6 Cardwell  
Animal Complaint in 100 Blk Dyk Rd Harrison  
Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk Silver Spring Rd Sheridan  
Threats in 300 Blk E Madison St Sheridan  
Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis

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## WINNER WINNER!



SUBMITTED BY PAMELA KIMMEY  
Madison River Foundation

The Madison River Foundation is pleased to announce Nena Amberson of Ennis was the winner of this year's customized ClackaCraft Eddy drift boat at the fly fishing festival in Ennis.



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## Thank You!

Norling's Floor Covering in Sheridan, MT would like to thank all the people who have supported us in the past. As of September 16, 2016, we will be handing the business over to Don and Debbie Jennings. Don and Debbie have worked for us this past year. They would truly appreciate your support in the future. They will be known as Tobacco Root Flooring, 842-7133


*Thank you so much, Conn and Laurie Norling*

# POKER RIDE PROS



SUBMITTED BY BILL MOORE

The Harrison family from Jeffers during a poker ride in Virginia City. From L: Ray Harrison rides Cisco with his son Earl, on 2Bits, and his wife Monica riding Tux during the poker ride sponsored by the Virginia City Chamber of Commerce, Bale of Hay Saloon and Montana Heritage Commission. Earl Harrison was the youngest of 89 entries.



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## Most early shoulder seasons wrapped up last week

GREG LEMON  
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

The early shoulder season opportunities for the 2016 hunting season concluded in most hunting districts Sept. 2. According to John Vore, Wildlife Management Bureau Chief for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, we have received scattered reports of success. But by and large few elk have been taken. According to Vore,

these August hunts were intended in most cases to target elk depredation issues.

While some shoulder seasons will conclude with the beginning of archery season others will reopen following the general big game season which closes Nov. 27.

Vore encourages folks to check the regulations as there has been some confusion as to where shoulder seasons are open. According to Vore, with a few exceptions shoulder sea-

sons occur only on private land.

Complete information on shoulder season opportunities is available on FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.

**Important dates**

Sept. 1 – Mountain, sage and sharp-tailed grouse opened along with partridge and fall turkey and mourning dove.  
Swan permit application deadline.

Sept. 3 – Archery season opened for antelope, black bear, deer, elk, bighorn sheep, wolf and mountain lion.

Sept. 15 – Hunting seasons open for moose and mountain goat. General hunting seasons for big horn sheep, black bear and wolf open as do the back country hunting districts for elk and deer.

Sept. 24-25 – Youth pheasant and waterfowl weekend.

## Reaching new heights



PHOTO COURTESY TRUDI GILLIAM  
A bear spends time in a tree on Trudi Gilliam's property in the Madison Valley on Sept. 7, 2016.

Re-Elect **DAVE SCHULZ**

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Madison County Commissioner

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**ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY BENEFITTING MADISON COUNTY** –

- Quarterly InterAgency meetings with State and Federal Partners –proactively discussed upcoming topics and projects.
- BLM RAC – Advising BLM on resource decisions.
- Helped write Montana Weed Management Plan – now implemented by every county and state agency.
- Worked with Alder Community to construct a much needed sewer system.
- Helped incorporate areas around Virginia City into a fire district.
- Worked to expand Madison County Public Health Department, providing more health related services to our citizens.
- Assisted VC Ranches subdivision, at their request, to create a road improvement district.
- Helped Madison County livestock producers create Livestock Protective Committee, which assists with • • predators, litigation and other needs affecting the livestock industry.
- Regular participant to the Library Board, Public Health Board, Weed Board,
- Fair Board and Airport Board, keeping informed and offering guidance.
- Chair of Forest Service RAC-designating over \$1.5M of Secure Rural School Funds to projects benefitting USFS through Title II grant program.
- Chair of Beaverhead Deerlodge Working Group, assisting the Forest Service in prioritizing resource management projects on both Forest and range land.
- Sit on MACo Ag & Public Lands Committees and Work Comp Board.
- Past President of MACo – Represented Madison County and Montana on numerous issues – giving Madison County a voice.
- National Assn. of Counties - Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee member, addressing issues such as Waters of the U.S., Clean Air Act, Forest Management, Brucellosis and other topics.

*Your vote in November is appreciated!*

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# Buzz from the schools

Welcome back to our newish column, "Buzz from the schools." In each edition of the paper, the superintendent from one of Madison County's schools – Alder, Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges – will keep us up-to-date.

Good afternoon Madison County ... greetings from Twin Bridges Schools!

It is simply incredible that we are about to enter the fourth week of school for the 2016-17 year; the student body is back in the routine and working hard, the staff is rolling and the excitement of school starting has the community fully in support of the Falcons!

I know I have mentioned this before, but just a quick shout out on Twin Bridges Schools' "big three" initiatives for the upcoming year! We will be focusing on the six traits of writing across our entire kindergarten through 12th-grade curriculum the entire year with several personal development opportunities for staff and writing opportunities for students.

Also within the curriculum, Twin Bridges Schools will be implementing Project Lead the Way (PLTW) in our middle school; the program focuses on STEM concepts centered on critical thinking skills and hands-on learning!

Our third area of concentration is the completion of the Carroll Field Improvement Project (CFIP); this project has over 80 percent of the necessary funds committed to the new construction of the restrooms, concessions, ticket booth and storage facility at Carroll Field. We hope to have all funds secured by Dec. 31 and construction completed by Aug. 1, 2017!

For any further information regarding any of our "big three" or other programs, please contact us at the school at 684-5656.

Next month I will be taking a closer look at the new staff



at Twin Bridges Schools. Thank you and have a wonderful September.

*Chad Johnson*  
Twin Bridges Superintendent

## Freshman-Senior day for Sheridan students



**U.C. CAFE**

*"After Season" Hours* - BEGINNING SEPT 13

TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY: 11 AM TO 3 PM  
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SUBMITTED BY LAURIE BARTOLETTI  
Sheridan Schools

Sheridan's annual Freshman-Senior day was held at the Upper Canyon Ranch. Hosts were the Tates, McDonalds and the Ubaldo, who allowed high school students to descend on their ranch for a day of activities.

Lots of team building activities helped students be involved and get to know each other. Overcoming challenges was a main focus of the day.

School counselor intern, Emily Johnson, and student teacher, Tucker Taylor, shared their thoughts and insights.

Cassie Ubaldo, a 2003 graduate of Sheridan High School and originator of the freshmen-senior day was the motivational speaker. The theme of her talk was ExploreIt! She encouraged students to step out and take adventures whether those be educational, service to others and/or travel; we learn from exploration.

Seniors shared their inspirational thoughts with the freshmen. Janie Smart and Juan Pablo Du-Pond were chosen by the freshmen to give their reflections on high school life.

Highlights of teambuilding were the minefield activity and the Anatomy Shuffle. Toward the end of the day, students spent time setting goals for the year.



**Ennis Continuing Education**

**Register Now!**  
CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

- Yoga for Athletes | 6-7 am | Mondays and Wednesdays | Cori Koenig
- Open Sew | 4-7 pm | Mondays | Kathy Olkowski & Jamie Diehl
- Advanced Vinyasa Yoga | 5:30 -6:30 pm | Mondays | Manu Redmond
- Early Bird Yoga | 6-7 am | Tuesdays and Thursdays | Cori Koenig
- Barn Quilts | 4-7 pm | Tuesdays | Bonnie Leitgeb
- 12 Weeks of Christmas | 5:30-8:30 pm | Wednesdays | Kay Gogerty and Guest Instructors
- **DATE CHANGE:** Wet on Wet Landscape Painting | 6-8 pm Tuesdays | Jack Finley

**WORKSHOPS:**

Mudslinging in the Land of Gold & Silver. . . .  
And Copper: Some of Montana's Most Colorful Elections  
Tuesday, October 11th, 6-8 pm | Gary Forney

Bird Feeding Discussion | Monday, November 7th, 7-9 pm  
Marc Elser

Hike and Taste of Local Wild, Edible Plants of the Area | Kay Gogerty | Friday, September 16th 10am- afternoon | Jack Creek Preserve | \$35

The first hour will be spent walking and identifying the edible plants and then we will return to the Jack Creek Education Center for a delightful Wild Foods Brunch featuring dishes and teas created from the plants we just discussed. The walk will start at 10 a.m. immediately followed by the brunch. In case of inclement weather the talk will be inside as well.

New Land/Homeowner's Weed Workshop | Melissa Griffiths, Madison Valley Ranchlands | Wednesday, September 28th 6:30-8pm | Multipurpose Room | \$10

Noxious Weed Management for Property Owners

This short course will cover the basics on noxious weeds in SW Montana. We will cover the following and more:

- What is a noxious weed?
- Why should I care?
- What does the law say?

- Why do we need to manage noxious weeds and what are some methods for management?
- What available resources are in place to assist Madison Valley landowners?

Additionally, we will provide attendees with some reference materials and identification guides as well as some tips on which weeds they are most likely to find locally.

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*Sincerely,*  
Brooke Mehlhoff

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*Sincerely,*  
Johnny Hall



Thank you **TITAN**, for buying my Steer at the Madison County Fair and for supporting me in 4-H.

*Sincerely,* Austin Baum

# OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

**B12** Thursday, September 15, 2016

GO TO [outpostevents.net](http://outpostevents.net) FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

**Meeting, Ennis**  
School board meeting at the high school at 5 p.m.

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16

**Workshop, Ennis**  
Hike and taste local, wild and edible plants at 10 a.m. For more information call Cori at 682-4258.

## Art walk, Ennis

An evening of art with the Maydak Gallery and Studio, Muddled Moose Studio and Gallery and The Cattleman Gallery from 5-8 p.m. Meet the featured artists and enjoy refreshments.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

**Author event, Ennis**  
Cameron author, David Crowley, will discuss his book "Steep Turn." It tells about his life as a medical doctor turned commercial airline pilot at 11 a.m. at the MVPL.

**Open house, Ennis**  
Open house and potluck at the Madison Valley History Museum at 4 p.m.

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

**History program, Laurin**  
"Lee Metcalf: Wilderness Convert and Warrior" presented by Dr. O. Alan Weltzien at the Robber's Roost begins at 2 p.m.

**Ice cream social, Sheridan**  
Pie and ice cream in the park next to the Sheridan

Public Library at 3 p.m.

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

### Breastfeeding class, Ennis

Join Dr. Davenport from MVMC and Melanie Duval from Healthy Gallatin Lactation Education Program at the MVMC for new parenting classes to help you and your baby breastfeed at 6 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

**Speaker, Twin Bridges**  
Dr. Kristen Ruppel, professor of Native American studies at MSU will give a presentation on her recent education trip to Mongolia in the Montana Room at the school at 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22

**Mad Gals, Norris**  
Mad Gals fall meeting at the Norris Bar. Social hour at 12:30 p.m., lunch at 1 p.m.

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

**Music, Ennis**  
Folk singer Adam Miller will preform at the First

Madison Valley Bank at 6:15 p.m. Call 682-4215 for more information.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

**Music, Virginia City**  
Dave Walker will play the Bale of Hay Saloon beginning at 8 p.m.

### Madison Conservation District Meeting

Held the 3rd Monday of every month (except December)  
Call 682-7289 for time & location  
7:00 p.m.



**Montana Rose**  
September 17  
7:30 pm

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**Harvest dinner, Virginia City**

A celebration of locally grown food featuring live music in a casual family-friendly atmosphere at the Elling House beginning at 5 p.m. Call 843-5454 for more information.

at 7 p.m. to update the community on the current status of the mission to redirect long-haul truck traffic off our local highways.

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

**Meeting, Ennis**  
The Citizen's Road Alliance will hold a meeting at the Madison Valley Public Library

## Noxious weed workshop, Ennis

Managing noxious weeds on your property - 6:30 p.m. at the school. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.



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FRIDAY OCT 14TH: SHARON ILTIS  
FRIDAY OCT 21ST: 6-8 PM  
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## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

**MONDAYS** Jeanne, 682-3299

**Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City**  
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Monday, 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.

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

**Paddle board classes, Ennis**  
Tuesday at Ennis Lake at 6 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**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

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

**Paddle board classes, Ennis**  
Thursday at Ennis Lake at 7 a.m.

**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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