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ENNIS FOOTBALL ON A6!

PUBLIC WEIGHS IN

DRNC meeting about proposed land exchange

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On Nov. 1, more than 40 people gathered at the Twin Bridges School for a public meeting hosted by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

In February 2015, DRNC received a proposal from SRI River Holdings, a Twin Bridges-area landowner, which requested trading 861.48 acres of their land in Rochester Basin and along the Big Hole River, for 611 acres of state land along the Jefferson River northwest of Twin Bridges (see included map).

In earlier interviews with *The Madisonian*, DNRC Dillon Unit Manager Tim Egan said one of the pieces of state land SRI River Holdings wants is behind their houses, and in the past people have hunted the land and "bullets would go flying by the houses."

Egan said the area was closed to rifle hunting, but the signs somehow "came down," and in a recent hunting season, a sportsman was back with a rifle.

"I understand where they are coming from," Egan said. "They want to have more control."

Three DNRC representatives attended the Nov. 1 meeting to hear public comments.

"This is for any person to submit data or opinions," said Martin Balukas, DNRC Trust Land Program manager from Helena, who led the meeting. "Many of you probably already made comments."

Public comment is open through Nov. 15, and comments may be made via email or mail.

Balukas requested those opposed to the proposal - or part of the proposal - speak first, followed by proponents.

Opponents

Multiple members of the public who spoke during the "opponent" time, clarified they are not necessarily opposing the entire proposal, but expressed concerns about the 80 acre parcel the state is trad-



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ing away on the Jefferson River.

Losing public access to that 80 acres greatly concerns members of the Jefferson River Canoe Trail Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The 80 acre public land parcel is called Beaver Chew, and is one of "few pieces of public places along the Jefferson River that also has significant historic importance because Lewis and Clark camped there," explained Don Bishop from Belgrade during his comment.

"I'm very much understanding the

appeal to improve access to public elk hunting land," Bishop continued. "But we would lose a historic piece of public property that is irreplaceable."

Though members of the Jefferson River Canoe Trail have worked with SRI River Holdings representatives and the DNRC to come up with compromises to preserve Beaver Chew - those negotiations are not part of the DNRC's proposed swap.

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SIDEWALKS AROUND 'Y'

Ennis council rescinds past vote, moves forward with MDT project

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On Oct. 28, the Ennis town council voted to rescind a February 2016 vote about sidewalks around the "Y" intersection in town, and move forward with the originally proposed Montana Department of Transportation project.

When complete, the four-segment MDT project will connect the Y. Segment one runs from Shedhorn Sports to Chowning Street; segment two runs from First Street to the south entrance of the Madison Valley Medical Center; segment three runs from Pearl Street to Fan Mountain Inn; and segment four runs from Fan Mountain Inn to Madison Foods.

In February 2016, the commissioners voted in favor of segments one, two and four, but along segment three, voted to allow the business owners from Deemo's Meats to Sugar High to construct a private sidewalk in front of their buildings that would connect with MDT's sidewalk.

That private sidewalk was constructed early this fall, but when MDT representatives came to Ennis to survey it, they found it was not in compliance with ADA requirements.

"I got an email on Oct. 26, (from MDT) that said they could not tie into the sidewalks that were built by the business owners," said Lisa Roberts, town commissioner. "They said they would either eliminate the sidewalks on the entire west side, or build the project that was originally proposed."

When informed about the issue, the business owners expedited construction of a ramp along their sidewalk, with the hope that would make it okay for MDT to tie into.

On Friday, Oct. 28, Terry Voeller from MDT and an ADA inspector traveled to Ennis to survey the private sidewalk. "There was nothing I wanted more than for it to work," Roberts said. "I just wanted to move forward with the project ... they came out to inspect it and it was still not ADA compliant."

John Heckler, who owns a business along segment three, said the issue was one piece of old concrete - he wrote a letter promising to have it corrected by the time MDT started on their work.

Kelly Elser, Ennis public works director, said other areas were out of compliance as well.

"When the ADA compliance inspector from the state measured the ramp, it was off," Elser said. "There has to be a handrail on the ramp also ... it was more than just a square of the old concrete."

The vote

Commissioners Roberts, Blake Leavitt and John Bancroft voted in favor of the motion to move forward with MDT's original design, which would install a sidewalk through the MDT right-of-way in front of the businesses. Commissioner Brandi Palmerton voted against the motion.

"In my opinion, we need the sidewalks," said Leavitt. "It wasn't worth losing the whole west side of the project just because the private sidewalks were not ADA."

Palmerton said her vote was not against "moving forward."

"It wasn't worth losing the whole west side of the project ..."

- Blake Leavitt, Ennis town commissioner

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DEQ proposes to release bond for Alder mine

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Last week, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality announced they are proposing a full bond release for the Red Was Alluvial mine site located near Alder.

"A bond is a word that has many meanings, but when we use it in connection with hard rock mining, we are talking about financial assurance," ex-

plained Warren McCullough, chief of the DEQ Hard Rock Mining Bureau. "It is money the state holds in some form from the operator of the site to guarantee a reclamation plan is carried out."

That means, if a site operator disappears, goes bankrupt or is unwilling to reclaim the site once it has been mined, the state has the money to do it.

In 2014, DEQ approved a

partial bond release reflecting the reclamation of most of the disturbed land at the site, but \$10,800 was retained to ensure reclamation of erosion features and weed control.

"DEQ inspected the site in Aug. 4, 2016, and now proposes releasing the remainder of the reclamation bond," according to a DEQ press release.

Reclamation work can include regrading, adding topsoil, weed control and more,

according to Herb Rolfe, permit sections supervisor with the DEQ Hard Rock Mining Bureau.

"When they have completed everything, they can ask us to do a bond release," Rolfe said. "Before we can release it, we have to do a legal notice and have a public comment period."

That public comment

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MORE NEWS:

TRMCC receives 5 star rating

Both Madison County nursing homes top quality according to CMS

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According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both Madison County-owned nursing homes are five star facilities, which is the highest rating given.



Saza Lee

"It's significant for any nursing home," said Saza Lee, administrator of the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan. "This facility has been four star, but we've worked to get to five star."

The change in CMS rating means TRMCC joins the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis as a top rated facility.

According to CMS, the five star quality rating system is in place to help consumers, their families and caregivers compare nursing homes easily.

CMS looks at three important factors when

determining a facility's rating: staffing, quality measures and health inspections, or surveys. According to Lee, quality care is usually what holds facilities back from reaching five star status.

"The quality rating was my focus when I came here," Lee said. "Our survey performance in the past has been very good. We have a high staffing ratio so we do well there."

TRMCC brought in a rehab facility and helped the nursing staff with training for what to look for in terms of quality, Lee said.

"It's a big deal," he added. "Right now, we can proudly say both nursing homes in the county are five star."

Commissioner Dave Schulz expressed pride in TRMCC.

"It just exemplifies the quality of care, passion and responsibility our employees put into their work," Schulz said, referring to the five star rating. "Years ago, when Madison County – long before the current commission – built the first nursing home and went away from what used to be called a 'poor farm,' there was a commitment from the commissioners, embraced by the population, to attend to our seniors. Those folks being the people who built our communities and made our county great."

Madison County has remained committed to caring for the senior population, Schulz said.

"Interesting enough, over the years I have

been in a number of care facilities in other communities in Montana as well as other states in the west, and the cleanliness, the smile the employees have and the comfort and happiness of the residents is unprecedented in our facilities next to the others we have been in," Schulz said. "I'm jazzed. It's a big deal. As family members

are looking at various places for their loved ones, that five star rating stands out."

PHOTO COURTESY TRMCC
Commissioner Dave Schulz congratulates care center staff, administration and residents on the five star rating.



Ennis School looks to the future

Second strategic planning meeting focuses on an ideal school

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On Nov. 1, members of the Ennis School Board, administration, faculty and a mix of community members gathered in the school library for a strategic planning meeting with the Montana School Board Association.

The meeting, which was facilitated by MTSBA's Brenda Silk, was the sec-

ond of three planned meetings regarding strategic planning for the school.

"We're not looking to change anything," Silk said, referring to the meeting. "We're just taking stock of where you are."

After the first meeting with MTSBA, the board discussed the school's identity by determining the core purpose and values, or what they want those values to be.

"The core purpose of Ennis Public Schools is to provide a safe, positive and stimulating environment that challenges each student to reach his/her full potential in life," according to the board's draft, which was made available to everyone in attendance.

The board also drafted what they want the school's core values to be: community, integrity, respect and pride.

politics and social views," instructed Silk.

The groups spent time brainstorming the future and, in a perfect world, what that looks like and then reported their findings to the other groups. Their second brainstorm session focused on barriers and drivers present in the school.

In a perfect world

During the first of two brainstorming sessions, the groups discussed what they would like see at the school in a perfect world.

"I'd like to see a skill center," said Wendy McKittrick. "Like a track system – pick a track."

While some argued not all students know where they want their life to go, McKittrick said some do.

"If you know that you want to be a nurse, they would be able to get on that track and get ahead for when the leave here," she said.

Aside from a skills center, groups threw out ideas such as offering more college credit classes, evolving with technology and advancing fine arts and sports, while still keeping small classes and a small town community.

Barriers

In the second brainstorming session of the night, each group was assigned a focus area and asked to look at drivers and barriers to success

in each area. From demographics to technology to politics, each group laid out two to three barriers they face as well as the drivers they have to give them success.

While many groups focused on how funding and politics will play into the school's future, one thing was pretty certain throughout – maintaining education and local control.

"We need to keep education important," said Ross Lingle.

Conclusion

"It's not easy to think about 15/20 years ahead and to think about that big, audacious goal," Silk said. "I like to compare it to Mt. Everest. If getting to the top is your audacious goal, you need to know where your base camps along the way are, and how you're going to get there."

The final planning meeting will focus on a three to five year goal and a one to two year strategy of getting there, according to Silk.

Before dissolving for the night, board chair Maria Lake thanked everyone for their work and commitment to the school's future.

"We need to realize that this is a plan and an evolving document," she said. "We will have a better vision of where we're going."

The third and final strategic planning meeting will be held on Jan. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the school library.



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The Ennis School Board met with Montana School Board Association's Debra Silk and member from the community for a strategic planning meeting regarding the future of the school system.



Del Bieroth: Giving back in emergencies

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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Del Bieroth and his family moved to the Ruby Valley in 1993. "We're newcomers," he joked. After moving to the area from southern

Idaho, Del was eager to get involved in a community – fortunately, Sheridan welcomed him and his family with open arms.

"I like this town and it's a way to give back," Del said about serving as an EMT with the Ruby Valley Ambulance. "They've been good to me and my family."

Del first got involved in emergency services in 1997.

"It was kind of a two fold thing – I

worked on a ranch and I was worried about accidents and wanted to know what to do that was right instead of wrong," he said. "And our daughter with spinal bifida passed away in 2005, so it was kind of a way to keep up with the doctors."

Del is the president of the ambulance service, and said they are struggling to get volunteers.

"Volunteerism is down and the culture is a little different," he said. "We need firemen, we need EMTs, we need people. All organizations are hurting."

Small communities rely on one another to survive, and Del said it is important to give back.

"If you're going to be part of a community, it's beneficial to help out."

While volunteering is a way Del feels he can give back to a community that has given him so much, he also said he enjoys the feeling he gets from helping out.

"The feeling you get is immeasurable – I guess that's why we keep doing it," he said.



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Let's focus on healing when dust settles

Dear Editor,

Most people are tribal. We may have had a thousand and one reasons for voting for this person or the next, but most of us will have cast a vote for the person in "our tribe" – whether Democrat, Republican or other. That is

all well and good. We each tend to look to our own best interests. The millionaire will have likely supported those who promise to reduce their taxes; the poor will likely have supported those who promise to provide them food and shelter. The key issue following this most

recent election, though, is getting those elected to work to meet the needs of the larger tribe. I like seeing everyone work together, so no matter how you and I may have voted on Nov. 8, I would urge all of us to take an extra step and insist each elected official (when the counting is

done) set aside their partisan credentials, and promise to serve all of us as Americans – our primary tribe. On my part, I promise to work and pray for healing when the dust has settled.

Keith Axberg
Ennis

How do you measure success?

Dear Editor,

The Townsend golf course recorded increasingly gusty winds for the last regular season cross-country meet this fall. Regardless, this would be the last time Ennis runners would have the chance to beat their personal goals/times.

At days end, the winds took a toll as I witnessed emotions ranging from frustration to elation (the meet was over) to sheer disappointment that took one runner's emotions to the brink as she lay on the ground sobbing inconsolably.

After observing the team for three meets this fall, culminating this windy day, I wondered, "how do they measure success?" As a life time athlete, the philosophy of success has always intrigued me. Are you successful if you beat your season goals? Are you successful if you are the fastest in the district?

As a coach, participant or parent, one has to be extremely careful how you measure success. Set your goals too low, success comes too easily. Set your goals too high, success may evade you entirely. I was fortunate observing the Ennis cross

country coaches, Cori and Nicole. Coach Cori met each runner at a designated place on the course shouting encouragement, running along beside in some instances, then ran off to the finish line to shout more encouragement. You could see the runners respond – heads down, grit teeth, pumping arms. Coach Nicole kept time splits and stats. She met the runners at the one mile mark and recorded time compared to their goals, responding when a runner called out "time!" Then she would hustle off to meet the runners at the finish, albeit several months

pregnant, to cheer them on to the end. After each race, the coaches would congratulate runners and always found something positive to say regardless of their individual efforts. The coaches made every one of the runners feel successful whether they finished first, last or somewhere in the middle.

One measure of success is the number of times you fail, and keep trying. For the cross country team, success begins with great coaching. How do you measure success?

Rick Fasching
Ennis

Be careful driving in winter conditions

Dear Editor,

Winter is coming and we all know what that means ... snow, ice, wind and bitter cold. In reflecting back on last winter and other winters, the thing that really sticks out in my mind is the fact that every year we have auto accidents that involve either wildlife, icy roads or both on U.S. Highway 287 between Ennis and the Montana/Idaho line. Especially dangerous are the black ice and

blowing snow conditions on the flats. Add an elk crossing the highway and, well, you get the picture. People involved in these accidents are of all ages and some are familiar/unfamiliar with this particular stretch of roadway. The 70 mile per hour speed limit does not help either. My husband is a volunteer firefighter and I cringe when he gets called out to these accidents. Last year there were two fatalities along the U.S. Highway 287 stretch, one of

them was a friend I knew. So, enough is enough and we need to do something about it as a community to prevent any further fatalities. So here is a proposal: install two big light up signs (the kind that run on solar like the ones during the Fourth of July parade). These signs would have lit up warnings. An example would be something like these: migrating elk on road next 34 miles; extreme icy road conditions ahead; or proceed with extreme cau-

tion.

I have seen similar warning signs, both on rural roadways and highways in different counties. Why not here? Those little post signs can barely be read, especially in snowy conditions. Trucks ignore them anyway, but that is a different story. The question is, who do we contact and what is needed to get his going before another fatality occurs? We already had two vehicle/wildlife accidents. We should take serious action to make Madison County travelers/visitors better aware and safer on U.S. Highway 287 that can turn so treacherous this winter. If one life is saved, it is worth it.

Rachel Linn
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THREE SET SWEEP

Ennis Mustangs win divisional volleyball championship, head to state

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The Lady Mustangs were in Butte last weekend for the western divisional tournament, where they swept all four divisional matches in three sets, taking home the championship title and plaque.

"I thought the girls played very well - they passed really well and played great defense, which allowed our setters lots of options," said head coach Betty Klein. "The hitters played smart and found holes or put the ball down ... I am very excited about state and can't wait to see what this team can do."

The Mustangs went into the tournament as the number one seed from the 12C district and were pitted against the Valley Christian Eagles, the number two seed out of the 13C district.

Defending the front row, Jourdain Klein and Danyel Martin stood tall and each grabbed 12 kills for the Mustangs. Martin also led the team in blocks with nine.

Senior libero, Ana Garcia, dominated from the serving line with two of the team's four aces and contributed to their win with eight of 37 total digs.

Up next, the Mustangs faced off against district 11C number one seed, Gardiner. While some were expecting a tough match against the Bruins, the Mustangs came out strong and played the game the way they know how.

Klein and Martin were once again big at the net, each putting down 14 kills for the Mustangs. Martin rounded out her game with eight digs and Klein grabbed four blocks.

Setters Payton Fortner and Whitney McKittrick each put three aces on the ground against the Bruins and helped catapult the Mustangs to another three set victory.

Friday, Nov. 4, the Mustangs played a semifinal match against their neighbors from in Lone Peak - the Lady Big Horns. The Lady Mustangs continued their three set sweep, besting the Big Horns quickly.

Senior Brigit Croy led the team with eight digs from the back row and one ace against the Big Horns, while Klein put down 15 kills from the middle of the net. Martin had seven blocks for the night.

In the championship game, the Mustangs were back up against The Lady Bruins. With a shot at redemption, the Bruins were able to close the point gap, but not by much. With a guaranteed spot in the state tournament, the ladies in green were not about to give away the title of champion.

The Mustangs came out strong and played team volleyball, much to the cheers and excitement of the crowd. Martin and Klein traded positions as Martin grabbed an impressive 17 kills while Klein made big at the top of the net, blocking seven attempted Bruin points.

Croy dug up seven kills for the Mustangs and put down one ace. Fortner was a good playmaker for the front row and grabbed 17 assists to help the Mustangs clinch the divisional title.

The Lady Mustangs will play their first game of the state tournament on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. against the number two seed from the southern division, Custer/Hysham.

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Danyel Martin pushes the ball across the net against the Valley Christian Eagles.

Payton Fortner contributed to the Mustangs' victory in assists and aces during the western C divisional tournament.

The Lady Mustangs celebrate their first round win at the western C divisional tournament. The Mustangs head to the state tournament Nov. 10 - 13.

Employee of the year

Kaatz receives judicial recognition award for exemplary service as court administrator

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Because of her dedication and exemplary service to the state of Montana, court administrator Diane Kaatz was recognized and awarded a plaque from the Montana Supreme Court on Nov. 1.

Kaatz, who has served as the court administrator for the fifth judicial district, which covers Madison County, for 16 years, was nominated by Judge Loren Tucker for the judicial award that is given to four recipients throughout the state every year.

"It's really nice to be recognized and to know that Judge Tucker appreciates the work I do," said Kaatz.

This is the second time Kaatz has received the award, having previously been honored five years ago.

"She's an exemplary employee and the people of the state of Montana are getting their money's worth," said Judge Tucker, who will end his 16 year run as Fifth Judicial District Judge at the end of the year. "She's industrious, diligent and undertakes initiative and carefully considers all that can be and should be done."

"It's just really nice that (Judge Tucker) thinks I should be recognized - it's an honor, really," Kaatz said.

While Judge Tucker is on his way out, he said he will miss working with Kaatz for all the same reasons she was recognized.

"She's been very helpful over all the years," he said. "She has great dedication and serves in unparalleled capabilities."

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Kaatz, left, was one of four judicial employees to receive the award this year.



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The Mustangs celebrate their 60-6 win over Cascade after the final buzzer.

ONE STEP CLOSER

Ennis defeats Cascade, prepares for football semifinals against Wibaux

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For the Mustangs, every win is special. But their defeat of the Cascade Badgers last Saturday was extra poignant. Jay Fredrickson, former Ennis football head coach, returned to the Madison Valley, but this time he was at the helm of a tough Cascade team.

The Badgers gave the Mustangs a run for their money, but Ennis' powerhouse athletes prevailed and advanced to the semifinals. "They guys are very excited," said head coach Chris Hess. "(They) have been waiting a year to be in this situation."

Though Ennis kicked off to start the game, the Badgers did not have possession for long. Unable to battle past the Mustangs' tough defense, Cascade was unable to get a first down and had to punt within the first minute of play.

The first quarter was a tale of many fumbles for the Mustangs and the Badgers. Ennis was forced to punt, and then the team traded fumble recoveries. With less than two minutes left in the first quarter, quarterback Tanner Wood found the end zone for the first points of the game. Teammate Jake Knack made good on the two point conversion, and Ennis led the game with 1:54 left in the quarter, 8-0.

The Badgers found themselves at a fourth down with five yards to go at the start of the second quarter, and were forced to punt.

Ennis' Austin Baum was back to receive, and took the ball to the 32 yard line before the Mustangs were called for holding and the ball moved back 10 yards.

Wood directed the ball downfield, launching a pass to Gavin

McKitrick and tossing Knack a handoff, before another Mustang fumble gave Cascade control.

That is when the defense went to work, and the Badgers were kept far away from the end zone. Halfway through the second quarter, the ball was back in Mustang hands and Knack battled through a handful of Cascade defenders and into the end zone. Baum made good on the two point conversion, and it was 16-0 Ennis with 6:01 left in the first half.

"We started slow and it took us awhile to settle in," Hess said. "Coach (Kurtis) Koenig had a great defensive game plan though and the guys were very solid on defense."

Though Cascade got the ball back, they were unable to hang on to it for long, and Mustang Tracer Croy recovered a Badger fumble and took it all the way to the end zone, giving Ennis a 22-0 lead.

Ennis' defense held the Badgers again, and on the Mustangs' next possession, Wood took the ball up the middle for another touchdown, widening the lead to 28-0.

As the first half wound down, a Cascade player picked off a Wood pass, but their possession did not last long. Croy was back in action on defense, picking off a Badger pass and putting the ball back in Mustang hands.

At the start of the second half, Baum returned Cascade's punt all the way to the end zone, but the ball was called back due to a flag on the play.

"We are still getting too many penalties," Hess said. "We just need to play smarter football and make sure we start fast."

Fortunately, the Mustangs were undeterred - Knack found the end zone and Wood made good on the conversion.

In the middle of the third quarter Cascade scored their first, and only, touchdown. It was too little too late, however, because the Mustangs were in a groove. On Ennis' next drive, Wood launched a 42 yard pass to McKitrick, who made it to the end zone. Corbin Wood caught a quick pass from his twin brother for two points after, and the Mustang lead extended to 44-6.

"(McKitrick) sparked us on both side of the ball," Hess said. "He had some key catches and monster game on defense."

Knack and McKitrick each scored another touchdown to make the final score 60-6.

This weekend, the beast from the east, Wibaux, comes to Ennis for a battle of the number one seeds.

"Wibaux is a power football team that doesn't make many mistakes," Hess said. "They try to pound the ball and play great defense."

Hess said the Mustangs have to cut down on penalties

and turnovers if they want to beat Wibaux and earn a spot in the state championship.

"We have to be sound on both sides of the ball," Hess said. "(The boys) are very familiar with Wibaux and I expect they will play their best game of the year on Saturday."



ABOVE
ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
Ty Morgan high fives Mustang fans after the game.

LEFT
ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
The Mustang defense held the Badgers to only six points.



In the aftermath of the election, I hope we unite

Hi readers,

Quite frankly, I'm not concerned with whom people voted for. I hope everyone made informed decisions, and that they are satisfied and confident in the bubbles they blackened on their ballots. What I do care about is how we all move forward.

When I read Keith Axberg's letter to the editor this week (see page A4), one sentence in particular popped out and stuck with me. "I like seeing everyone work together, so no matter how you and I may have voted on Nov. 8, I would urge all of us to take an extra step and insist each elected official (when the counting is done) set aside their partisan credentials, and promise to serve all of us as Americans -- our primary tribe."

I hope Keith's plea is heard. As he said, when the dust has settled, let's work together. It's no secret this was an exceptionally ugly year for politics, on the national, state and even local level. But what we all need to remember is that the majority of us share the same hopes and values for our families and communities. This is especially true in Montana.

Last week, I attended a public meeting about a state land exchange near Twin Bridges. More than 40 people attended and opinions were nearly split down the middle between proponents

and opponents. As a few "opponents" pointed out, they were not in total opposition, but wanted certain points acknowledged, discussed and worked out. At the end of the day, everyone in the room cared about increasing and preserving public access.

Although we may disagree on what to prioritize or which route to take, not much separates our underlying goals in life. I hope we can remember that in the aftermath of this election.

Abigail

P.S. Though we've recently elected a new president, I'm considering tossing my name in the hat for next time around! I was voted most likely to be president as my senior superlative in high school. Check out the photo!



OBITUARIES

George B. Foreman, JR, aka Jud
May 19, 1936 – October 30, 2016



Jud was the oldest of three boys, born in Petaluma, Calif. He grew up in Marin County; Sausalito and Mill Valley; and attended

Cal Berkeley. He served six years in the United States Air Force upon graduation from Cal and was stationed in Spain which he loved. Upon discharge in 1966, he went to work for IBM which began his career in data processing (as it was known then). He left IBM and began his journey into Healthcare Information Systems where he held management positions in sales and customer services; which led to the meeting of his wife Lynn, of 23 years. Jud and Lynn have been resi-

dents of Ennis for 11 years.

Jud loved life, and lived it to the fullest. He was a sportsman; ran track and played football in high school; pitched on IBM's baseball team; was a Class AA skeet shooter; competed in ocean bill fishing tournaments; played tennis; and later in life, took up golf and even bowling upon moving to Ennis. He hunted in Wyoming and British Columbia and birds in California; and enjoyed fly fishing after moving to Ennis. Other hob-

bies included photography and history; he loved to read, as evidenced by the volume of books in his home. His knowledge of wine and single malt scotch was extensive, and he enjoyed sharing with friends. He claimed to be the World's Best Cribbage Player until he was dethroned by Lynn. His life was enriched by his pets (dogs and cats) over the past 20 years with many funny stories.

Jud was so proud of his daughter Sasha who is an Oncologist with an M.D.

and PhD, and is currently at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Wash. She is both a clinician, treating patients and doing breast cancer prevention research. He was fortunate to have seen her the week before his passing. He enjoyed spending time with his brothers; Lynn's sister and her family; Lynn's two sons and their families; his nephew Chris and family in Brussels; and many friends.

He will be missed by many. He is remembered

by all who know him as the friendly, witty character with the twinkle in his eye and smile. He was not the least bit shy and could strike up a conversation with anyone. His laugh was infectious – especially when he would laugh at his own jokes. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Ennis Senior Center where he was a frequent patron. Donations in his memory may be made to the Ennis Senior Center – building fund.

Philip Chester Loucks
May 2, 1925 – October 29, 2016

Philip Chester Loucks was born in Plentywood on May 2, 1925, to Harry D. and May (Vannice) Loucks. He was the youngest of six children. He died at the Madison Valley Medical Center on Oct. 29, 2016.

Phil married June Phelps on

Nov. 2, 1948. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, June of Ennis; son Steve (Debra) of Ennis; son Jeffery (Brenda) of Dillon; son Curt (Jeanette) of Latah, Wash.; daughter Lori of Ennis. He is also survived by his grandson Jaron (Katy) of Manhattan, granddaughter Brandi

(Eric) of Ennis, granddaughter Deserea (Dustin) of Ennis, family friend Pat Merwin of Wolf Point, his four legged buddy Rupert the cat and several nephew and nieces. Phil is also survived by four step grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Phil was preceded in

death by his parents and all of his siblings.

He was raised on the family farm north of Redstone. He graduated from the Redstone School in 1943 and served in the Army Air Corp from 1944 – 1946.

Dad had various careers. He

was a farmer, Highway Patrol Officer, Madison County Sheriff and Madison Valley Hospital Administrator. Most of all, he was great husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Dad had a great sense of humor and loved to tease. He could be very out spoken, es-

pecially in later years as anyone who read his Facebook posts can attest to.

He loved animals, so any memorials can go to the Heart of the Valley animal shelter or donor's choice.

A memorial service is being planned for early summer 2017.

Marge Novich
May 10, 1927 – 2016

Marge Novich was born Margret Alice Holmlund to Art and Julia Holmund in Great Falls on May 10, 1927. She moved with her family to Anaconda, where she spent most of her childhood. In Anaconda she sold her mother's home baked cookies door to door and delivered telegrams during the depression years to help her family meet ends. In 1945 she moved to Twin Bridges with her aunt to work at the local telephone office as a switch

board operator, and it was there she met her future husband, Steve Novich, at a local dance. Marge and Steve were married Oct. 4, 1945, in the Serbian Orthodox Church in Butte, after which they moved to the Novich family ranch where she worked and raised her family.

Marge worked at the Montana Children's Center as a cook before owning and operating the Diamond Three steakhouse, all the while raising a family and helping run

the ranch. Following Steve's death and upon her retirement, Marge moved to town but continued to stay busy gardening, making povitica and selling her goods and crafts at the local farmers' market. Marge was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. She enjoyed spending time with her family by celebrating holidays, camping or attending the many sporting events her children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren

participated in for 61 years. Marge was a generous person, and no one who stopped by to visit ever left without a home cooked meal or the enjoyment of one of her many tasty baked treats; and if Marge came to visit, she always brought a plate of cookies or baked treats to share.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents Art and Julia Holmlund; sister Judith Marceau; husband Steve Novich; and sons Tom, John and Frank Novich. Also preceding

her in death were brothers-in-law Dan (Lucille) Novich and Pete Novich. Marge is survived by her daughter Marcia (Bill) Gibson of Twin Bridges; daughter-in-law Shaun Novich of Devada; brother-in-law Duck Novich; sisters-in-law Cora Novich and Betty Novich; grandchildren and their spouses Travis (Ryann) Gibson and Trent (Sarah) Gibson, all of Dillon; Shane (Misty) Novich of Arkansas; Lacy (Brian) Schenk of Florida; and D.J. Novich of

Nevada. Great grandchildren include Haley and Darby, Arkansas; Shaine and Ramsey, Florida; Pete, Jack, Tyler, Bryanna, Audryanna and Aspen of Gibson of Dillon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted at the K&L mortuary in Twin Bridges on Monday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.

The family requests memorials be made in Marge's name to the Twin Bridges Historical Association or the Twin Bridges Senior Citizens.

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SUBMITTED BY ROSEANN TROYER
 Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center

After our well attended resident council meeting, veterans from Post 31 from Twin Bridges and the American Legion came to our care center to raise our new flag on our newly relocated flag pole. Members performing this patriotic gesture were Doug Martin, Joe Witherspoon and Jim Paull. Joining them was the local Cub Scout troop. They all looked very dapper in their uniforms. Also, Steve Wilcox played and sang very patriotic songs for the crowd in our dining room. The students from the PALZ program in Sheridan made their first visit of the season. All our visitors enjoyed the good cookies and good company for the remainder of the afternoon.

On Oct. 6 we toured Madison County on our leaf peeping tour. We drove up the canyon to Virginia City and enjoyed the many shades of gold, yellow, orange and red leaves. We stopped on the top of Boot Hill for a truly awesome view.

Oct. 14 some of our residents and the activity depart-

ment got busy and baked delicious items to sell at the auxiliary's annual hunters bake sale. We baked caramel apple muffins, decorated peanut butter balls and chocolate oatmeal no-bake cookies. All were delicious.

Going out to lunch in Twin Bridges on Oct. 20 was a very pleasant experience. The service and the food were very good. When we arrived back we set up for the October birthday party, sponsored by the Ladies of the Ruby Valley Baptist Church. Ladies that helped serve and set up were Carol Brugman, Alice Gilbert, Susie Hampton and Loretta and Natasha Shaw. The residents with October birthdays are Willa Lipsy and Bret Eveleth. Lipsy had a wonderful time celebrating with her family. As always, a florist from Whitehall provided corsages with cute black spiders on them.

The Senior Citizen Harvest Dinner put on by FCCLA at the Sheridan Elementary School was the event we attended on Oct. 26. Twelve of us wheeled over at 5 p.m. in the fresh Montana air to enjoy a home cooked turkey

dinner with all of the trimmings. Dessert was a choice of homemade pie. From apple to pecan and everything in between. Very tasty. Good food and company was had by all.

That brought us to Halloween, which was a very fun and busy day.

A parade of costumed characters strutted their stuff through our day room and hallways. There were angels and super heroes, army guys and iron man. A most diverse array of costumes. There were well over 100 children in this Halloween parade. Three residents and the care center rewarded the kids with candy for stopping by.

After the parade, two resident judges decided the winners of the staff costume contest. Tai won first for dressing up as a lady pirate, Darcy won second for a flapper lady on the beach, while Jody captured third place as Flo from Progressive Insurance.

The event of the afternoon was a funny, scary show: The Munster's T.V. show on the big screen T.V. The activity department provided fresh popped buttered popcorn. A good way to end the day.

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 Sheridan School kids at the Halloween Parade.



Twin Bridges FFA at Nationals

SUBMITTED BY BROOKE SMITH
 Twin Bridges FFA Chapter

In the past, all high school students were eligible to attend the National FFA Convention. The Twin Bridges chapter usually attended the convention every year, dependent on how many wanted to go, but in the past four years we have not attended. We discussed the possibility of going last year,

but then decided against it due to lowering funds and not much interest.

This year, we were lucky enough to be able to attend the convention in Indianapolis, Ind., with seven students and our advisor. We traveled to Indianapolis on Oct. 19 and returned Oct. 22. Indianapolis itself was an amazing experience, but attending the trade show and the morning session on Saturday was the

icing on the cake. The trade show included some of the top colleges of agriculture in the country speaking to perspective students and booths selling FFA attire. The motivational speaker of the morning session was Jason Brown, former National Football League center for the Baltimore Ravens. His speech brought about some amazing points not only about the importance of agriculture,

but also about helping others before ourselves.

The chapter learned so much more about the FFA program, what it offers and also consider it the trip of a lifetime. We owe so much to those who supported this trip and also to our advisor, Colton Hellwinkel, for dealing with us and driving around Indiana. We will not soon forget this amazing experience.



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AROUND THE COUNTY

Operation Christmas Child in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY KELSEY HENG
 Samaritan's Purse

Madison Valley Baptist Church will serve as collection site this year for Operation Christmas Child - the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. During National Collection Week, Nov. 14 - 21, local residents are invited to donate shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, notes of encouragement and fun toys, which will be delivered to children in need around the world. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Drop off hours at Madison Valley Baptist Church are Nov. 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (253) 572-1155 or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Veterans to be honored in Ennis

SUBMITTED BY O.J. PALMER
 VFW #1723

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, area veterans and family members are invited to Ennis Elementary School for a breakfast from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. At 12:30 p.m. in the Ennis High School gym, there will be a program, and all veterans should show up to be recognized.

That evening, veterans and family members should head to the Baptist Church in Ennis for a dinner.

Buzz from the schools



Greetings from Mustang country!

It's been a fast and furious fall here at Ennis Schools and we are well on our way to a fantastic year. Aside from all the exciting success our football and volleyball teams have had, our students and staff have been successful in the classroom. There are times that perhaps small schools get wrapped up in athletics and not academics. I will say that we get wrapped up in both athletics and academics! We are doing wonderful things in the classrooms due to the strong leadership of our staff and principals. As a result, morale across the district is very high. Engaged staff and engaged students is what it's all about.

To kick off the football quarterfinals and the divisional volleyball tourney, we celebrated and demonstrated Mustang pride

at an all school pep rally. To begin the pep rally, the student body welcomed our new mascot Thunder to the gym and the kids got loud and cheered on our athletes. Be looking for our mascot to have a new look come basketball season! Coaches and team captains gave exceptional speeches to the student body during the rally. Our coaches, students and athletes have made our school and community proud.

Probably the most exciting news districtwide is our strategic planning. We met for our second session on Tuesday, Nov. 1. I am pleased to announce we opened it up to community organizations and stakeholders, which has yielded approximately 35 active members to partake in the planning. This last session we broke down into groups and collaborated on what we viewed the district to look

like 10 to 15 years down the road. The conversations were interesting and when the groups reconvened, we shared our thoughts. Of the five groups, there were many similarities. Probably the most similar was student growth and how the district would plan to accommodate that. The district has grown nearly 40 students from last year and if that growth continues even just gradually, we will need to look at our facilities and expanding. We then broke back into our groups we discussed topics such as social, politics, demographics, legislature, etc. and the barriers associated with those specific areas. Our next session is Jan. 10 where we will put all our ideas together and develop a plan to give the district a solid focus.

Casey Klasna
Ennis School
Superintendent

Ennis student qualifies for regional punt, pass and kick

SUBMITTED BY DON DAVIS
NFL Punt, Pass and Kick

Nine youths from Western Montana have qualified to compete in the NFL Team Championship of the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick (PPK) program.

The youths, their age and hometowns are: Delonte Old Person, 7, Macao Jackson, 13, and Elizabeth Bluemel, 14, all from Ronan; Sawyer Tackett, 8, and Kale Konen, 11, both from Dillon; Hailey Lowe, 7, from Thompson Falls; Marisa Snider, 9, from Ennis; Cade Morgan, 13, from Columbia Falls; and Addison Arlint, 14, from St. Ignatius.

The Seattle Seahawks' region includes all of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, plus Western Montana. The Montana youngsters had to win not only their respective local PPK competition and the western Montana sectional event, held in Missoula on Oct. 9, but also be

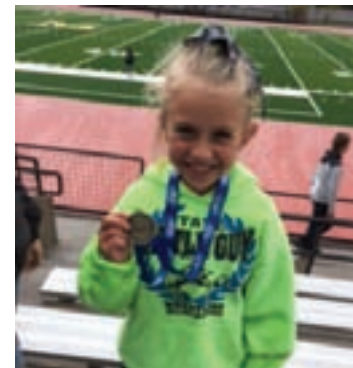
among the top four of the 11 sectional age-group winners in the Seahawks' region. Thirteen other central and eastern Montana youngsters qualified to compete in the Denver NFL Team Championship, making a total of 22 Montana regional PPK qualifiers in 2016.

Western Montana youths have fared well at the Seattle regional competition, never failing to win at least one age-group championship over the past 21 years, and winning three age-group championships in three of those years. To advance to the national PPK championship in January, the youths competing in Seattle or Denver must win that event and be one of the top four scorers among all other regional winners representing each of the 32 NFL teams throughout the country.

Western Montana youths have performed admirably at the national level as well. In 2015, then-15-year-old Calla

Haldorson of Corvallis won her age group at the national finals, and in 2014, then-7-year-old Easton Reimers of Missoula won the national title for his age group. Including Haldorson and Reimers, Montana has produced 10 national finalists and four national champions over the past 21 years.

The competition will be held in Seattle on Saturday, Nov. 19, with an awards luncheon and halftime exhibition as part of the Seahawks vs. Philadelphia Eagles NFL game on Nov. 20.



Marisa Snider

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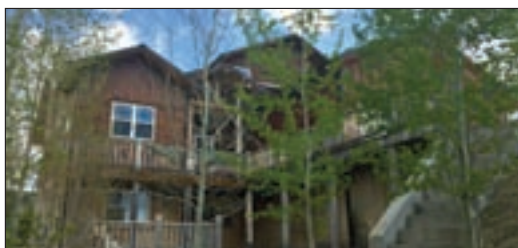
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Deer Lane - Ennis - \$499,000
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Saturday
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 59F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday
Rain showers early with some sunshine later in the day. High 51F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Monday
Sun and a few passing clouds. High 48F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Quote of the Week:
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KIDS!

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Local Virginia City kids (from left) Peter Kelley, Bo Kelley and Catcher Murphy play with some new kids on the block.

4 PAWS RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK



JULIET

Well shoot! All my siblings got adopted and here I am. Last again. I was last to be picked up - well caught - after the fire and here I go again. Last to be adopted. At least I hope to be adopted soon. I'm a healthy lady, spayed, got all my vaccinations (for this year anyway), tested clean for FIV/FeLV and I'm house trained. Gollllleeeee! You'd think someone would be looking for a nice gal like me. I'm a nice companion, get along well with people and other cats. I'm not really sure about dogs (I am but I can't tell my foster people so they don't know.) Please, purrrrry please call on me soon. You can call Misty at 439-1405 and please do it soon. Thanks, Juliet

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Friday
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 65 to 75. Lows 45 to 55.

Saturday
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 70 to 80.

Sunday
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 75 to 85. Lows 45 to 55.

Monday
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 75 to 85. Lows 45 to 55.

Quote of the Week:

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

George Bernard Shaw

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AN AWARD WINNING HATCHERY

Ennis National Fish Hatchery named hatchery of the year for third consecutive year



“The award recognizes the dedication and innovation of our hatchery employees to find every opportunity to be environmentally conscious.”

**- Greg Gerlich,
Mountain-Prairie Region assistant regional director for
Fish and Aquatic Conservation.**

CAITLIN AVEY
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For the second year in a row, the Ennis National Fish Hatchery has been recognized as the hatchery of the year by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The hatchery was also recognized for the award in 2014 and 2015.

The National Fish Hatchery System, which consists of 70 hatcheries across the United States, is responsible for stewardship of the nation's fish and wildlife resources – the Ennis hatchery is the largest of only three broodstock operations in the nation.

Fish farmers

“We are basically famers,” said Connie Keeler, fisheries biologist. “We just farm fish.”

Keeler has been biologist at the Ennis National Fish Hatchery for six years, having a bachelors degree in fresh water fish, a masters in wildlife and a PhD in conservation.

The Ennis National Fish Hatchery is the largest broodstock hatchery in the nation, meaning they supply certified, disease-free eggs that can be shipped all over the nation.

“A broodstock hatchery specializes in rearing fish to adult size, taking eggs from each female and fertilizing the eggs with milt from adult male broodstock,” according to the hatchery brochure.

The main objective of a broodstock hatchery is to cultivate the best genetics possible and keep the habitat free of contamination and disease.

“We have water like very few (hatcheries) do,” said Keeler, explaining why the hatchery is able to care for and produce 22 million eggs every year.

The Ennis hatchery utilizes water from Blaine Springs Creek, which flows at a constant 15,000 gallons per minute, according to Kristin Cook, biologist at the hatchery, and keeps the 12,000 fish onsite at a cool and comfortable 54 degrees Fahrenheit.

“We’re very fortunate we have no disease,” said Cook.

Though the hatchery cannot stay in complete control of a natural spring, there are ways they can help prevent potential contamination and disease spread.

“We don’t allow waders or boats on the premise so that helps to keep disease out, and we have foot baths at every entrance which use virkon to disinfect,” said Cook.

Virkon is a multipurpose disinfectant that is often used to contain hazardous spills.

Daily life at the hatchery

Cook, who has her degree in wildlife biology, became “hooked” on fisheries after doing research on arctic grayling.

“I just kind of converted into fisheries – now I’m hooked,” she said.

With 160 acres dedicated to producing and caring for six strains of trout, there is a lot to do around the facility and the biologists on staff follow a fairly routine weekly schedule.

“Monday we ship eggs, Tuesday we sort through all females, Wednesday we spawn, and that can run a little longer, and Thursday we shock the eggs,” said Cook.

The hatchery ships and transports eggs, which go to other hatcheries, agencies and wherever else eggs have been requested. The process to transport an egg is fragile and must be carefully constructed.

“The first process is to separate the live eggs from the dead eggs,” said Cook.

Part of this process is accomplished when biologists shock the eggs – when the eggs hit cold water hard, the process separates good and bad eggs based on color. If an egg is bright orange that indicates a good egg versus a milkier, white egg or bad egg.

To further help indicate the best eggs, a sorting machine that uses optical sensing will separate live and dead eggs, according to Cook.

“Once that process is done, the live eggs, depending on how many are requested, are packed into trays and shipped on ice,” said Cook.

Broodstock and projects

The purpose of a broodstock hatchery is more than just rearing eggs to be sent around the country. They raise young trout to be stocked in Montana lakes and reservoirs and provide research facilities to universities, according to Cook.

“We assist with the Harrison Lake strain and go out and collect eggs in the wild,” said Cook.

The Harrison Lake strain, according to the brochure, is believed to be whirling disease resistant, Whirling disease can cause deformities in young fish. Because this strain is resistant to, biologists at the hatchery trap and spawn fish at the lake and raise the eggs at the hatchery to be sent out or reared and returned to the lake for future broodstock.

Aside from their own broodstock operation, the Ennis hatchery has taken over caring of a portion of eggs from a hatchery out of West

Virginia after the hatchery flooded and was contaminated. Because that broodstock hatchery is now “offline,” there are only two active broodstock hatcheries in the nation.

“That hatchery will be offline for three years,” said Keeler, adding the Ennis hatchery picked up the vast majority of eggs. “It’s a process to decontaminate the hatchery and they have to test the water every year before they bring back eggs.”

The hatchery is also working with the Harrison and Alder schools to bring a trout program into the classroom, an expensive year long project the hatchery helped set up for the two schools.

“(The students will) spend one year with the fish and get to test the water quality and watch the hatching process,” said Cook.

Hatchery of the year

For Keeler, beside the aspect of growing fish and the “seasonality” of the job, she said she enjoys working with young biologists who are interested in fisheries.

“I like that we’re able to bring young biologists on and get them as excited as I am,” said Keeler. “I always loved a good mud puddle as a kid.”

Keeler also said she is proud of the hatchery’s environmental and conservation purposes, one of the many reasons the hatchery received top honors.

“The hatchery is being recognized for innovative thinking in the construction of a vertical wetland for the treatment of hatchery wastewater effluent,” according to a Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks press release.

“The award recognizes the dedication and innovation of our hatchery employees to find every opportunity to be environmentally conscious,” said Greg Gerlich, Mountain-Prairie Region assistant regional director for Fish and Aquatic Conservation with U.S. FWS.

Keeler feels the same.

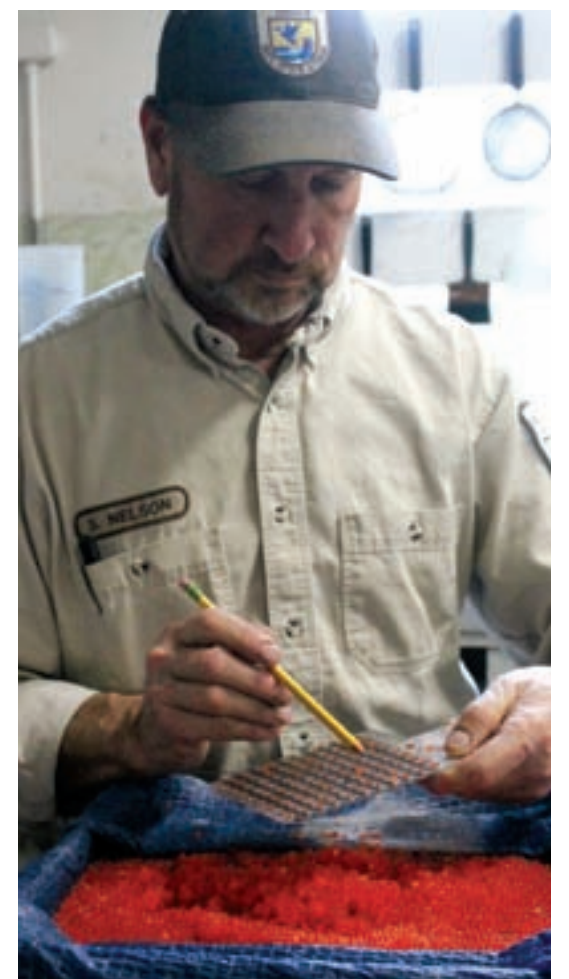
“There’s a comfort in the seasonality of the job but you never know what each day will bring you,” she said. “It’s a lot of work but you don’t do this job unless you like it – and I love it.”

Clockwise from top left

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Kristin Cook has spent just over a year as a fisheries biologist with the Ennis National Fish Hatchery.

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The hatchery has 12,000 fish onsite, ranging from young fry sacs to mature trout.

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Steve Nelson counts and sorts eggs to be shipped.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Do not let animals damage your day

Here are tips to help you steer clear of a crash

SUBMITTED BY ANNA O'DONNELL
AAA MountainWest

Tragically, many animals are struck by cars each year. Although the injuries are not always fatal, animals can put a serious dent in your vehicle, if not destroy it completely.

While any animal on the road is dangerous, deer are most often the cause of collisions. According to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety, there are more than 1.5 million deer-vehicle

collisions each year, resulting in 150 occupant deaths and tens of thousands of injuries. In Montana last year, AAA Insurance policyholders had a total of 94 animal-related auto claims.

"Although deer and other animals are unpredictable, and you never know when one might dash in front of your vehicle, there are actions you can take to help prevent an accident or reduce the damage from an animal collision," said Anna O'Donnell, spokesperson

with AAA MountainWest.

Tips to avoid animal collision

- Keep your eyes moving back and forth. Continuously sweep your eyes across the road for signs of animals and movement. While the most likely accident would be caused by an animal darting in front of you, one might also hit you by running into the side of your car.

- Be especially attentive in early morning and evening. Many animals, especially

deer, are most active during prime commuting hours – roughly 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- At night, use high beams when there's no oncoming traffic. Your brights can help you spot animals sooner. The light reflecting off their eyes may also help reveal their location.

- Slow down and watch for other deer to appear. Deer rarely travel alone, so if you see one, there are likely to be one or several more nearby.

- Honk your horn with

one long blast. A long blast on your horn may frighten large animals, such as deer, away from your vehicle.

The Insurance Information Institute advises against relying on devices such as deer whistles and reflectors, which have not been proven to reduce collisions with animals.

- Use brakes if impact is imminent. If an animal is in your path, stay in your lane. Swerving away from animals can confuse them so they do not know which way to run. It can also put you in the

path of oncoming vehicles or cause you to crash into objects on the side of the road.

- Always wear a seatbelt.

According to the I.I.I., the chances of getting injured when hitting an animal are much higher if you do not have your seatbelt on.

- Do not go near a wounded animal. A frightened and wounded animal can be unpredictable. If it is in the middle of the road and blocking traffic, call the police immediately.

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3 ways to enjoy the great indoors

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But there are plenty of ways to have fun at home. From redecorating to catching up on your favorite book, here are some time-tested

ideas for occupying your time in the "great indoors."

Reorganize and redecorate

Spend an afternoon organizing and adding personal touches to the rooms that your family enjoys the most. It can be a faster and more enjoyable task than you might

think, if you are properly prepared.

Consider purchasing affordable, decorative baskets to hold papers, toys, books and other items that can clutter your home. Once organized, you can add accent pillows and decorative accessories like lamps, throws and pic-

tures to complete the look.

Movie day

Instead of making a trip to the movie theater, bring the movie theater home – complete with all the trimmings. Gather some of your favorite movies, snacks and candies for your own little film festival. Consider sticking to a theme, like a favorite actor, genre or era. This is a great way to spend time indoors with family and friends.

Catch up on reading

Spend a relaxing afternoon checking off books on your must read list. Set up a quiet, comfortable space for reading and be sure to leave your smartphone in another room, so you will not be tempted by interruptions. Make it a group activity by creating reading challenges between those in your family or even joining a book club.

Whether curled up with a book or hosting friends for a movie extravaganza, never underestimate the fun you can have indoors.



How caregivers can provide better care for loved ones and themselves

SUBMITTED BY STATEPOINT

More than 10,000 people in the United States turn 65 years old every day, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This growth in the aging population has led to an increased number of people who care for loved ones in their homes.

"While many people are happy to take care of aging loved ones, playing this

caregiver role can still be physically, mentally and emotionally draining," said Jill Turner-Mitchael, senior vice president, Sam's Club Consumables and Health and Wellness. "As a result, it can be easy for caregivers to forget about caring for themselves at times."

To help, Turner-Mitchael is offering time-saving, stress-reducing tips to help caregivers support their loved ones while also maintaining their own wellbeing.

- Focus on food and fitness. Maintain a healthy, energy-boosting diet that includes organic fruits and vegetables, lean protein and vitamins. Try to stay active, as well. To keep yourself accountable, consider using a wearable device that tracks your daily diet and activity level.

- Log on. To save time and effort, shop online when possible. In today's digital world, it is easy to get everything you need with the click of a button.

- Give yourself a break. Convene a family meeting to discuss any challenges that you are facing and see what others can do to lighten your load. Identify someone who can fill in for you for periods of time, so you can take breaks outside of the home to relax and refresh. Doing so will likely help you return to your role with even more energy.

- Seek support. Find a caregiver support group that can help you make connections with others who understand your perspective. Seek out other existing resources that are designed to support caregivers, as well.

"As the number of caregivers rises, so does the importance of offering resources that make their lives easier," said Turner-Mitchael.

- Engage your employer. Around 42 million Americans act as caregivers while also working outside of the home, according to AARP. If you are juggling work and home responsibilities, ask your manager about perks or policies that may help you find balance, such as flexible work schedules, emergency time off or on-site eldercare.

Neglecting your own health does no one any favors, so do not let caregiving mean the end of self-care. With the right resources and resolve, rest assured that you can provide the best care possible while also maintaining your own health.

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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

On eagle's wings

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My wife and I were out for a drive not too long ago.



Rev. Keith Axberg

We were on our way to Sheridan, driving down along the highway approaching Alder. I was keeping an eye on the road, watching for deer, moose, elk, badgers, skunks and other assorted road-hazards when the one thing I was NOT watching for swooped into view.

Approaching our little tin-can on wheels was the largest eagle I have ever seen. Eagles are magnificent birds, but since I am normally a hundred yards or more distant when I see them, this one caught me quite off guard. I was shocked by the sheer size of the bird. I am sure it was the raptor that rescued Gandalf from Saruman's awful tower in Middle Earth, but if not, it sure could have been a close relative (referring to the eagle, and not the wizard).

I think the poor creature was also taken aback to find us in his (or her) glide path; I suspect it was en route to pluck a fish out of Alder Creek, or maybe a marmot along the bank. As it approached the side of our car, it recognized the error of its ways and immediately banked right, like an F-16 avoiding a Russian MIG (and lord knows it was rushin').

Unfortunately, it was going so fast and was upon us so quickly, tragedy was imminent.

That's when the poor bird did everything she needed to do for survival. The incident took on one of those slow-motion effects one sees in movies when life is happening too fast for the naked eye to keep up. My mouth opened up to shout some "oh, shoot" sort of expletive, as my wife balled up into a fetal position and made herself as close to her birth-size as possible. There was a shriek to be heard, too, but whether it was the eagle, wife or me was too hard to tell with any precision.

As all of this was going on,

the eagle continued her turn and made an effort to ascend. She flapped her great wings with power and purpose, and then ... then the miracle happened!

She lightened her load explosively, which enabled her to streak skyward. She left her payload sprayed across the front and top of our car, but the mother of all collisions was avoided.

Simultaneously, our poor little Suzuki (which is a beautiful shade of black) took on the appearance of a skunk rolling along the highway atop a skateboard!

The good news, of course: we survived an accident that never happened due to the eagle's quick thinking (and the fact birds lack a control mechanism in areas not spoken of in polite company).

In any case, time returned to its normal pace and we finished our journey, returning home none the worse for wear (after giving our car a run through the local carwash).

I am truly grateful that neither bird nor humans were injured or killed there along the Alder Gulch. I am also grateful I was able to see the magnificent grace of an American Bald Eagle up close and personal. I probably could have done without it costing the car early for Halloween, but better to have it splashed on that than m'love and me, eh?

I learned a long time ago that it is quite helpful to "let go and let God" (as the old cliché puts it). If the bird hadn't "let go" - there's a chance God would have entered the picture for one or more of us sooner rather than later. I'm looking forward to the trip through the pearly gates, but I'm not in THAT big a hurry, I must confess.

Sometimes we think of letting go as something of a sacrifice - of giving up things we like and appreciate. But sometimes it is the other stuff, the stinky stuff we have to be willing to give up, and in doing so, come to find our lives are better for it. I'm thinking of things like resentments, frustrations or events from our past.

Giving those things up could be really good for us - our health and vitality, and dumping that stuff might just allow us to soar higher in this, our valley.



By Rebecca Ramsey
RUBY WATERSHED COORDINATOR

BE INFORMED AND RESPECTFUL

It is hunting season. This is a truly beautiful time of year, giving the opportunity for men and women to harvest the bounty of our land. It is also the time of year where there is a significant increase in the traffic on public lands, block management areas and across private property. No matter where you choose to hunt, it is critical to know where you are and the rules of that area, to respect other recreationalists, landowners and regulations - especially road closures.

It is your responsibility to know where you are hunting, and what the regulations are on that landscape. You always need to have permis-

sion from private landowners, even those private lands enrolled in the block management program. Ignorance is no excuse, and disrespectful to other recreationalists, landowners and managers. Take the time to know where you are going and the special requirements that may run with that land. You may go to http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ohv/ohv_maps.shtml to download a free motor vehicle use map, or do it the old fashioned way and stop in at the United States Forest Service Sheridan Work Center or the Madison Ranger District in Ennis to pick up a map that will show the land ownership and closed roads.

Road closures are in place for valid reasons: erosion, noxious weeds, wildlife security and respect for fellow land users. A "road closure" may mean historic roads that have been designated as closed by a public agency or adopted into a wilderness or other protected area, even if there are still tracks in the grass. It may mean a gate closed across a roadway or trail, or a sign at a trailhead that specifies no motorized vehicles.

It is the Code of the West, and absolutely imperative to the agricultural producers who may be giving you permission to hunt their property, that you leave a gate as you've found it! If it is closed, close it behind you and make sure it is secure. If it is open, leave it open. When you call or stop in to get verbal or written permission to be on private property, remember to double check to see if there is anything special you need to know about a location or if there are roads you should not be driving on.

On our public lands, managers go through a regular process of evaluating the road systems in place, as it is their job to keep public lands open to the public, while balancing effects on water quality, range health,

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Roadways are one of the main sources of noxious weed infestations. Weed seeds are easily picked up on trailers, wheels, fenders, seats, clothing, etc. and then transported and distributed all down the road. While roadsides are usually an area of concentrated spraying, an area of monitoring, recent weed removal or heavy weed infestation may be closed for management.

As you are out enjoying this beautiful season, and harvesting game to feed your family through winter, remember to know where you are, stay safe, respect regulations and your neighbors. It will make hunting season more bountiful for everyone!

Commodity Insite! Markets and uncertainty

by Jerry Welch

Market wise, uncertainty is always bearish. Investors, traders and agricultural producers do not want surprises. They are uncomfortable with the unknown. Yet in recent weeks, uncertainty abounds. It is blanketing every market on the board. The entire Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities, are facing uncertain times, and as a result, markets are struggling to rally and hold gains. Values have been heading south.

The Wall Street Journal posted a headline a few days ago stating, "U.S. Dollar and Mexican Peso Fall on Election Uncertainty." The first paragraph reads, "The dollar and the Mexican peso tumbled Tuesday as new polls indicate an increasingly uncertain outcome for the U.S. presidential race." What the WSJ was referring to was the fact the 'ol greenback hit an eight month high a few days ago but suddenly did a nose dive. The peso followed suit.

Historically, when the dollar shows unusual strength such as hitting an eight month high, it tends to support commodity prices per se. But the CRB Index, which is to commodities as the Dow Jones is to equities, was not supported when the dollar did a nose dive. The CRB, in tandem with the dollar, moved south, hitting a six week

low. And why, you ask, did the CRB take a beating along with the dollar? The CRB declined out of fears of uncertainty.

History also shows that bond prices tend to rise when stocks and commodities move lower. Bonds do best when doom, gloom and uncertainty is the norm. But this week, as markets of all kinds succumbed to the laws of gravity, bonds moved lower as well with futures hitting a six month low. The debt markets turned sour because of uncertainty.

Less than three weeks ago, natural gas prices rallied to a 17 month high on anticipation the onset of winter would be unusually cold and damp. At the same time, crude oil prices rose to a four month high on hopes OPEC would cut back production and lift prices going into the end of year. On the rally, crude approached \$52 a barrel and natural gas prices traded above 3.700.

But when the U.S. weather pattern became less certain and OPEC unable to come together on production cut-backs, crude prices slipped to nearly \$44 a barrel while natural gas prices dropped to a seven month low. Percentage wise, crude falling from \$52 down to \$44 represents an 8 percent decline and natural gas prices moving from 3.700 down to 2.725 is a 26 percent drop. Natural

gas was especially bearish with prices going from a 17 month high to a seven month low in three weeks. Crude did the same. And the weakness can be blamed on uncertain weather conditions and uncertainty regarding the resolve of OPEC.

The uncertainty gripping a host of markets did not go unnoticed on Wall Street. In early August, the Dow Jones was approaching 18,550 and the S&P was over 2180. This week, both markets closed at their lowest levels in four months with values back to where they were in early July. The weakness is being blamed on the upcoming election. Some blame the weakness on the Fed possibly hiking interest rates. Others blame the weakness on the uncertainty gripping every market on the board.

Here are a few thoughts from Investopedia regarding markets and uncertainty: "Every day it seems like the world is getting smaller. If you watch any financial television station or read the newspaper, you are most likely aware of how events in one country seem to have an ever-increasing effect on other countries around the world. We are more interconnected now than at any other time in history. It goes without mention that globalization definitely has its positives, but when threats of financial crisis, war, global

recession, trade imbalances, etc. do occur, it often leads to talk of moving money to safer investments and increasing government deficits. This rising uncertainty can confuse even the well-informed investor."

Investopedia asks the following question: What does an investor do? They answer: "... you can't go wrong over the long term by keeping yourself well-informed and getting into a position so that you can take advantage of prices when things reverse." Investopedia goes on to state: "When situations of heightened uncertainty arise, the best defense is to be as well-informed as possible. Keep updated by reading the newspaper and researching individual companies. Analyze which sectors have more to gain and lose in a crises and decide on a long-term plan. Times of heightened uncertainty can lead to great opportunities for investors who position themselves to take advantage of it."

I could not agree more with Investopedia about the great opportunities that can be found when markets move in a herd instinct, up and down, north or south when uncertainty rears its ugly head. Over the past few weeks with the onset of uncertainty there are a host of markets undervalued and poised to rally. A host of markets.

The Headless Horseman of Warm Springs Creek: Part II

By Charlie Rossiter

Lytle always traveled with a custom gun - a Lugar fully automatic pistol (a Lange Pistole 08) - and the unusual thing about it was that it had a stock like a rifle. The stock was hollow and could be used as a scabbard. It could also be snapped on to a pistol grip and be sighted as a rifle. Lytle always strapped the scabbard to the front of his saddle and stuck the pistol down into it. He'd only had one episode in the valley prior to this incident which involved his gun. An area rancher managed to get on Lytle's bad side, and later recalled, "While I was sitting on my horse at the time, he took offense to a comment I'd made and fired his gun multiple times into a nearby pine tree, and then he sighted that gun on me! He was aiming between my eyes, and was the meanest looking man I ever saw. After I got him calmed down a little, I put some day light between us as quick as I could."

Over time, Lytle kept stewing over the clash with Morgan,

and decided one day that it was high time to confront his enemy once and for all. On that day, Lytle rode into Morgan's place and appeared at the door while Morgan was preparing his noonday meal. With his gun drawn, Lytle said, "All right, Morgan, this has gone on as long as it's going to. I'm shooting you and getting it over with."

Morgan calmly said, "Okay, there's not much I can do about it, obviously. But couldn't we have a cup of coffee and talk civilized for a few minutes before you pull that trigger?"

Lytle agreed there was no great hurry, and if Morgan wanted a last cup of coffee, he was agreeable to it. Morgan busied himself about while making the coffee; suddenly, he made a fast move and snatched Lytle's gun. He leveled the gun at his enemy, and Morgan said, "Now, I've got the upper hand. Unlike you, Lytle, I'm going to give you a fighting chance. I'm going to count to 10, and if you can make it to your horse, get

mounted and ride outta here before I reach 10, then you can live. But, you better never come back! One!"

Needless to say, Lytle took off in all possible haste, making a leaping jump into his saddle and was galloping off at the count of 10. As he was riding away, Morgan squeezed off a round and knocked the heel off Lytle's left boot. Other than that, it didn't do any damage and Lytle got safely away. There was always speculation as to whether Morgan really tried to gun down Lytle and deliberately missed - Morgan was known as a crack shot.

In 1923, Jim Marshall was the rider for the stock association, which included Warm Springs Creek. Jim noticed that for several days he'd been seeing Lytle's dog at different places, but never with his master. Jim thought to himself: Now, I should meet up with that old man soon. The dog always disappeared before and I never saw Lytle. One day I was go-

ing up Davis Creek, and I met the dog coming down the trail alone. Right then I figured I had better go up and see if something had happened to the old character. It was about 5 miles on up the road so I trotted right along and soon came into sight of his cabin. When I was about 100 yards away from the cabin, I had to cross the creek. Just after I crossed it, there, laying alongside the trail, was what looked like a large sack of rags. My horse wouldn't go near it. It appeared to be a dead body. Well, as I'd never had anything to do with a dead man, I thought it best to get the law. I went back down to the ranger station, where they had a telephone line over the ridge to the Lyon Station on the Madison. They got the message to the sheriff and he said he'd meet me at my brother's place that afternoon. That afternoon, I met the sheriff and the undertaker at my brother Bill's place, at the mouth of Warm Springs Creek. They had a team of horses and a wagon

and I piloted them up to where the old man's body lay. We traveled on a rough game trail as there wasn't a wagon road out there at the time. When we arrived everything appeared to be the way I left it earlier. The only thing that was amiss was the head! The sheriff, Ole Olson, and I approached the body which had ripened to a rather extreme degree and could not be approached any closer than 15 to 20 feet. Ole was called out, not only to fetch in what remained, but also to ascertain in his dual role as coroner what might have transpired. By the time we showed up, it'd been some time after the fact and Ole, with our help, was forced to secure a lasso in some manner about the remains (from the neck down, that is), and then drag the grim object over into Warm Springs Creek nearby. After this treatment was performed for quite a while, things became more manageable, and Ole was able to load the body on the wagon and then on to

town. Ole recalled later that he had the dry heaves for days just thinking about the horrendous smell. There were several head of horses in the corral and the stallion was in the barn and the sheriff told me to turn them out, which I did as they'd been in there for about 10 days. Jim said, "I saw the horses a few days later and they seem to have suffered no ill effects from the 10 day fast. The stallion had never been out on grass before and he seemed to be thoroughly enjoying it. It was getting dark when we left the cabin but I knew the trail well and we had no trouble in finding our way down to Bill's place. I think the sheriff and undertaker were glad to get in their old car and head for town. I know I was glad to get back to my own little cabin after such a hectic day. I got myself something to eat and drink and soon after I hit the hay. I admit that my dreams that night were interrupted by visions of headless horsemen!"

Check back next week!

COMICS & PUZZLES



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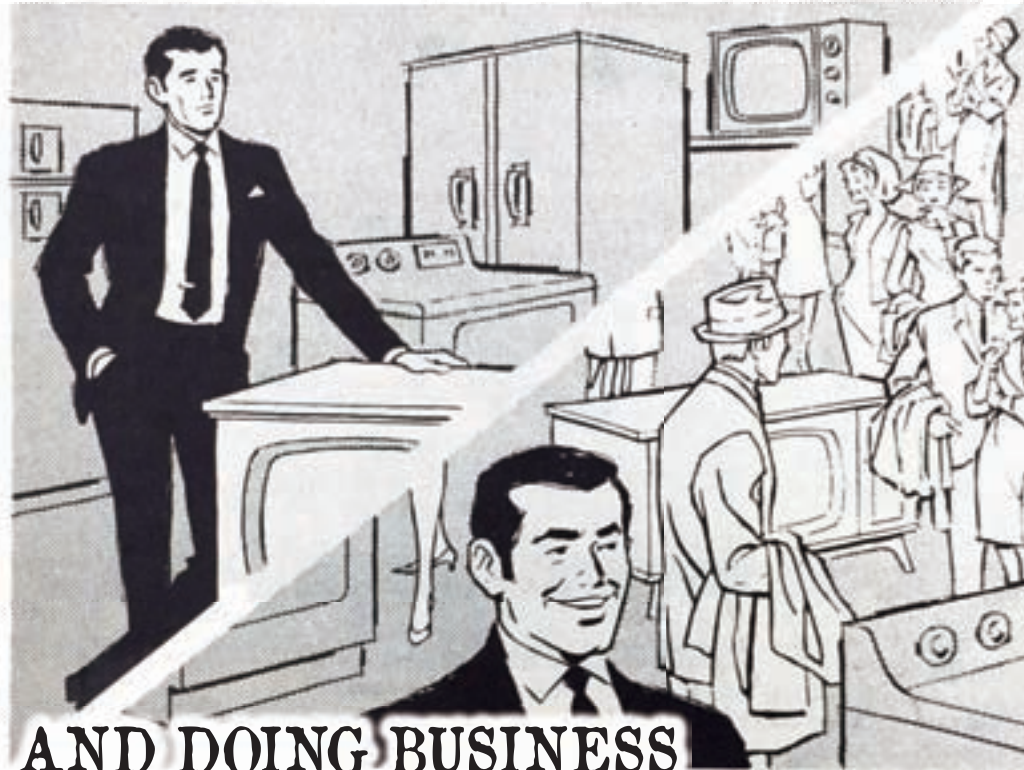
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON
IN RE ESTATE OF:
MARIAN JOSEPHINE MARTINSON PETERSON, also known as MARIAN JOSEPHINE PETERSON,
Deceased.
Cause No. DP-29-2016-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to JEFFREY EDWARD PETERSON or DIANE JANETTE MILLER, the Co-Personal Representatives, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1103, Ennis, MT 59729 or 12828 - 210th Avenue, New Richland, MN 56072, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
Dated: October 3, 2016
/s/ JEFFREY EDWARD PETERSON

Co-Personal Representative
/s/ DIANE JANETTE MILLER
Co-Personal Representative
STATE OF MONTANA

ss
COUNTY OF MADISON
JEFFREY EDWARD PETERSON, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s/ JEFFREY EDWARD PETERSON

Co-Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd day of October, 2016.
/s/ JANET R. COOKSON

Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: Ennis, MT
My Commission expires: 1/30/2017
(seal)

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
ss
COUNTY OF FREEBORN)

DIANE JANETTE MILLER, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s/ DIANE JANETTE MILLER

Co-Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19th day of September, 2016.
/s/ DESIRAE D. WAGNER

Notary Public for the State of Minnesota

Residing at: Albert Lea, Minnesota
My Commission expires: January 31, 2020
(seal)
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Published Oct 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, 2016) km
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON
IN RE ESTATE OF:
WALTER JAMES WARDEN, also known as WALTER J. WARDEN,
Deceased.
Cause No. DP-29-2016-27

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to HARRIETT L. WARDEN, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 805 S. Taft Street, Humboldt, IA 50548, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
Dated: October 11, 2016
/s/ HARRIETT L. WARDEN

Personal Representative
STATE OF IOWA

ss
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HARRIETT L. WARDEN, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s/ HARRIETT L. WARDEN

Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11 day of October, 2016.
/s/ Michelle Nielsen

Notary Public for the State of Iowa
Residing at: Iowa
My Commission expires: 9/25/17
(SEAL)

Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Pub. November 3, 10, 17, 2016) km
MNAFLP

ss
COUNTY OF MADISON
DIANE JANETTE MILLER, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s/ DIANE JANETTE MILLER

Co-Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19th day of September, 2016.
/s/ DESIRAE D. WAGNER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JAMES F. GEARDE,
Deceased.
No. DP-29-2016-26
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Rep-

resentative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must either be mailed to Mary E. Gearde, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of Gray Law Office, PO Box 1065, Bozeman, Montana, 59771, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
Dated this 10th day of November, 2016.
/s/ Mary E. Gearde
Mary E. Gearde
Personal Representative
c/o Gray Law Office
PO Box 1065
Bozeman, Montana 59771
(Published Nov. 10, 17, 24, 2016) cg
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Golf Course Villas Phase 2 Subdivision will create 12 rental condominium units in 3 four-plexes on previously platted Lot 3 of Golf Course Villas (5.59 acres). Located south of the Yellowstone Mountain Club Golf Course off West Golf Course Road in the NE ¼ of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, PMM. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to the proposed subdivision is available for review at Madison County Planning Office, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City, Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis; Yellowstone Mountain Club, Big Sky.
Corral Planned Unit Development will create 1 condominium lot with 26 residential condominium units (10 duplex, 2 triplex) and 1 open space lot. Located north of Warren Miller Lodge and adjacent to Lots 1 and 2 of the Settlement subdivision in the NE ¼ of Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 2 East and in the NW ¼ of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 3 East, PMM. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to the proposed subdivision is available for review at Madison County Planning Office, 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City, Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis; Yellowstone Mountain Club, Big Sky.
Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on November 28, 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 drobinson@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
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John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
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The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the following:
South West Entry Subdivision to create 1 lot with 18 residential condominium units (3 buildings with 6 units each). Located Northwest of Mountain Loop Road and west of Strawberry Ridge Subdivision in the NE¼ Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, PMM. 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; 66 Mountain Loop Rd, Big Sky.

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October 24 – November 5, 2016

10/24
Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 40 Twin Bridges
Trespass Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 9 Cameron
Public Safety Complaint on Bluff View Ln Ennis
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 66 Norris
Animal Complaint Out of Madison County
Suspicious Circumstances on Granite Creek Rd Nevada City
Medical Aid on US Hwy 287 MM 60 McAllister
Public Safety on US Hwy 287 N MM 61 Norris
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 1 Ennis
Alarm Call in 200 Blk E Main St Ennis
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287 N MM 77 Harrison
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk S Main St Sheridan
Animal Complaint in 500 Blk Centennial Dr Sheridan
10/25
Alarm Call in 400 Blk Pony Rd Pony
Animal Complaint at

Beaverhead St & Madison Ave Ennis
Citizen Assist in 100 Blk Dry Creek Trl Ennis
Animal Complaint in 200 Blk Pond Rd Cameron
Abandoned Vehicle on Fan Mtn Court Ennis
Medical Aid on Tobacco Root Dr Ennis
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 77 Harrison
10/26
Accident on MT Hwy 41 N MM 49 Twin Bridges
Accident in 400 Blk W Fagin St Ennis
Traffic Complaint on Upper Ruby Rd Alder
Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 35 Cameron
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 2200 Blk MT Hwy 287 Alder
Warrant Service in Big Sky
10/27
Medical Aid in 500 Blk Mill St Sheridan
Fire Call on Geyser St Ennis
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 84 MM 7 Norris

Citizen Assist in 200 Blk Comely Way Ennis
Wildlife Complaint in 400 Blk Varney Rd Ennis
Attempt to Locate in Rochester Basin Twin Bridges
Wildlife Complaint in 100 Blk E Idaho St Virginia City
10/28
Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 40 Twin Bridges
Animal Complaint at MT Hwy 287 & Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan
Medical Aid in 200 Blk Ruby River Dr Alder
10/29
Theft Complaint in 100 Blk N Main St Twin Bridges
Animal Complaint at US Hwy 287 & Norwegian Creek Rd Harrison
Threats on Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 71 Harrison
Suspicious Circumstances at E 1st Ave & S Main St Twin Bridges
10/30
Medical Aid in 300 Blk Main St, Ennis

Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 38 Twin Bridges
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 27 Laurin
Medical Aid on Canvasback Rd, Ennis
Fire Call in Mill Creek area Sheridan
Accident at MT Hwy 287 & Wet Georgia Rd Sheridan
Accident at US Hwy 287 MM 31 Cameron
10/31
Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 43 Ennis
Accident on MT Hwy 41 MM 58 Silver Star
Accident at Johnson Rd Pony
Trespass on 300 Blk Ennis Lake Rd McAllister
Threats on Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan
11/1
Theft in 100 Block First Ave Twin Bridges
Animal Complaint Out of County
Burglary in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis
Welfare Check in 500 Blk N Main St Twin Bridges

Animal Complaint at MT Hwy 287 & Hardy Ln Ennis
Traffic Complaint at MT Hwy 287 MM 3 Ennis
Wildlife Call at MT Hwy 287 MM 41 Twin Bridges
11/2
Animal Complaint at US Hwy 287 MM 65 Norris
Suspicious Circumstances at MT Hwy 287 & Madison Ave Ennis
Wildlife Call on Flyfisher Ln Alder
Traffic Complaint on Norris Hill
Issuing Bad Check Out of County
Mental Complaints in 100 Blk E First Ave Twin Bridges
Accident in 200 Blk W 6th St Twin Bridges
Gas Drive-off in 200 Blk Main St Sheridan
Disturbance on Tuke Ln Sheridan
Medical Aid in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis
11/3
Fire Call in 300 Blk Nye Rd Twin Bridges
Wildlife Call on MT Hwy

287 MM 18 Nevada City
Welfare Check on Jensen Park Rd Twin Bridges
11/4
Suspicious Circumstances on Duck Ln Alder
Citizen Assist on N Meadow Creek Rd McAllister
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 26 Twin Bridges
Citizen Assist in 100 Blk Hook and Horn Rd Cameron
11/5
Wildlife Call in 300 Blk Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan
Standby To Assure Peace on Rainbow Point Rd Ennis
Burglary on S Jefferson St Pony
Rescue on Sweetwater Rd Alder
Hunting Violation in 300 Blk Melrose Rd Twin Bridges
Medical Aid in 40 Blk MT Hwy 84 Norris
Welfare Check in Soap Creek Rd area Cameron
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Over nearly 6 decades and 4 Madison District Rangers, the owners of the Wonder Ranch have been told by the Forest Service that Wonder Ranch controls access to the National Forest lands east of the property. Repeatedly, the Forest Service has asked for, and been denied, an easement for the public to cross Wonder Ranch property, but we have always freely given our permission to cross Wonder Ranch.

"[You] have been very cooperative in allowing us to cross your land to get to the National Forest. However, a new owner may not be so inclined and the federal government would possibly have to resort to condemnation proceedings (sic) which are lengthy and costly to both parties involved."

Letter to Wonder Ranch from Blaine Tennis, Madison District Ranger, November 22, 1960

"We have been trying to gain access here for a number of years without success." "There is one other private landowner in Indian Creek who controls access up the creek. This is Mr. Bill Hudson, owner of the Wonder Ranch. He doesn't want to give us a right-of-way but has not denied access to anyone."

Virgil Lindsey, Madison District Ranger February 14, 1972

"Use of the existing trail and right-of-way is presently occurring **at the will of the landowner**. The landowner will not grant a right-of-way to the Forest Service." "The practical alternatives available to the Forest Service for resolving the situation are:

1. No Action – continue use of the existing trail at the will of the landowner. (emphasis added)
 2. Relocate and construct a new trail around the Hudson property.
 3. Acquire a right-of-way by condemnation of the existing location.
- Public access is not assured as the landowner could block access at any time."

Decision Notice Environmental Assessment, Joseph J. Wagenfehr, Forest Supervisor, February 24, 1983

Over the years Wonder Ranch maintained the road, bridges and path leading to and across the property and continued a cordial dialogue with the Forest Service regarding public access. At no time (until 2011) did the Forest Service state or infer it had a prescriptive easement.

"The bridge is on private property and no right-of-way exists for guaranteed public access to the National Forest." The bridge is owned by the owners of the Wonder Ranch." "Until an easement can be secured or agreement reached with the landowner, the Forest Service is not in a position to repair or replace the bridge."

Mark Petroni, Madison District Ranger, March 10, 1999

The South Indian bridge is located on CB Ranch property and has been replaced as recently as 2009 by Wonder Ranch with some materials donated by the Forest Service. The Indian Creek bridge on Wonder Ranch property was replaced 100% by Wonder Ranch in 1981 and 1999 with absolutely no input or help from the Forest Service.

Repeatedly, the Wonder Ranch owners have conveyed, with property signs, correspondence and face to face meetings, an agreement with the Forest Service that Wonder Ranch would not grant an easement but would grant permission to the public and the Forest Service to use the path across Wonder Ranch to gain access to the upper reaches of trail #328.

"The purpose of our effort was to present the Forest Service's desire to **acquire access** to the National Forest and resolve land ownership issues and occupancy trespass in the Indian Creek and South Fork of Indian Creek drainages." "While the current 'Gentlemen's agreement' for access and use of National Forest System Land appears adequate, conditions and perhaps relationships may change in the future that could jeopardize the interests of all concerned." "**No easement exists across the Wonder Ranch.**" (emphasis added)

Mark Petroni, Madison District Ranger, October 19, 2004

In a 1995 conversation on our front porch the Forest Service approached Wonder Ranch with the idea of creating a trail in a different location where we would be willing to grant an easement. These discussions continued amicably for over 15 years and we fully believed, with a surveyed and staked trail and a written signed easement agreement in hand, that we could secure permanent public access into the Indian Creek drainage.

"They (Hudsons) have offered to partner with us to **acquire an easement** across their property, assist with acquisition of an easement across their neighbor the CB Ranch and help fund NEPA and construction of a new trail location that avoids their lawn. This potential partnership is too good to pass up." (emphasis added)

Mark Petroni, Madison District Ranger, February 10, 2006

Despite nearly 6 decades of cooperative agreement and friendly interactions, apparently the US Government all along had a **hidden agenda** of active and complete deception to take control of our land. Use of the path was never 'adverse' and we now know the Forest Service was never 'open' about their true intent.

"The United States of America hereby states that it has and claims an easement for the Indian Creek trail No. 328 over and across the following described real property [the Wonder Ranch], located in Madison County, State of Montana."

David R. Myers, Beaverhead-Deer Lodge Forest Supervisor, Statement of Interest, filed September 1, 2011

Instead of following the U.S. Constitution and condemning our property to acquire access, the Forest Service bullied us into having to sue the United States of America to quiet title or the government would control the land in our front yard - forever. Beware if you are a landowner allowing access for hunting and fishing, because you are losing control of that land to the federal government. The Forest Service wants to create a countrywide precedent with this Statement of Interest scheme.

Maybe Montanans should ponder the dangers of a federal government emboldened with the untethered power to circumvent the U.S. Constitution and get from "no easement exists across Wonder Ranch" to "the United States has and claims an easement" with merely the clandestine implementation of a deceitful plan and the stroke of a pen.

THIS FALL, LIKE THE LAST 47 THAT THE HUDSON FAMILY HAS OWNED WONDER RANCH, YOU HAVE OUR PERMISSION AND ARE WELCOME TO USE THE PATH TO CROSS OUR PROPERTY TO ACCESS THE PUBLIC LANDS IN THE INDIAN CREEK DRAINAGE.

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Commander Matthew Barr, United States Navy

SUBMITTED BY KATE BARR
Ennis

Commander Matthew Barr, a resident of Ennis, graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1996. He received his commission upon completion of Officer Candidate School in 1996 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1998.

Commander Barr's first fleet service was piloting the SH-60B with the Vipers of HSL-48, where he made a Mediterranean Sea deployment on USS ANXIO (CG-68), and an Arabian Gulf deployment on USS HUE CITY (CG-66) as the detachment maintenance officer. Commander Barr's next tour of duty was as a flight instructor with the Airwolves of HSL-40, where he served as schedules officer, assistant operations officer, NATOPS officers and concluded his tour as the safety department head. While serving with HSL-40, Commander Barr earned Junior Officer of the Year for 2003 and Pilot of the Year for 2004. Commander Barr's next assignment was in USS BOXER (LHD-4), where he deployed in support of international military exercises in 2005 and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in 2006. During this tour, Commander Barr served as hangar officer, flight deck officer, aircraft handler and the assistant

air officer (mini boss). During this tour, Commander Barr qualified as command duty officer and officer of the deck under-way.

For his department head tour, Commander Barr reported to the Proud Warriors of HSL-42. After serving as quality assurance officer, he served as detachment 4 officer-in-charge on USS BOONE (FFG-28), completing a counter narcotics/terrorism deployment to the Caribbean Sea and East Pacific Ocean. Upon his return, Commander Barr served as squadron maintenance officer. In July 2009, he reported to the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., where he completed a master of arts in national security and strategic studies, earning full JPME credit.

In June 2010, Commander Barr reported to the Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, as a non-kinetic planner in the J5 Plans and Integration Directorate. Upon completion of this tour, Commander Barr earned the Joint Qualified Officer designation.

In November 2012, Commander Barr reported to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 41 as the executive officer. He received his initial MH-60R training and qualified as a FRS Instructor Pilot while onboard HSM-41. CDR Barr reported as executive officer of Helicopter Maritime

Strike Squadron 78 in June 2014 and assumed command in July 2015 through Oct. 13, 2016. Commander Barr has accumulated over 2,590 flight hours in the H-60 during his 20 year career.

CDR Barr's next tour of duty will be at the Pentagon on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

CDR Barr (also known as Hondo) is married to Tara Truchot Barr, formerly of Billings, also a graduate of the University of Montana. CDR Barr's parents are Dick and Kate Barr of Ennis.



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**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 9**

Veterans Day tea, Sheridan
Veterans Day tea at the Sheridan Elementary School at 9 a.m. with coffee, tea and cinnamon rolls. The Patchwork Pals Quilts Guild will also be presenting Quilts of Valor to WWII vets.

Meeting, Ennis
School Board meeting at 5 p.m. in the high school.

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 10**

Book club, Ennis
Book group discussion of "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats" by Jan-Phillipp Sendker. Discussion led by Lucy Ennis at the MVPL at 1 p.m.

Sports meeting, Sheridan
Sheridan Schools high school basketball meeting at 6 p.m. in the high school gym.

Public hearing, Ennis
The Ennis Town Commission will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall at 6:45 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed changes and additions to the animal ordinance.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 12**

Workshop, Virginia City
Ornament making workshop at 10 a.m. at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center.

Football, Ennis
Wibaux comes to Ennis for the football semifinals starting at 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13**

Celebration of life, Ennis
Come celebrate Jud Foreman's life at the Ennis Senior Center at 2 p.m.

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 15**

Workshop, Sheridan
Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour class that gives people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The workshop begins at 8 a.m. at the Moraine Room in the Philanthropy Building. Please call Doris at 842-7161 for more information.

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 17**

Film showings, Ennis
Film clips: Rodeo at old Womack Rodeo Grounds, Early Baseball game, others presented by the History Association at the First Madison Valley Bank at 4 p.m.

Mad Gals, Ennis
Mad Gals November meeting and lunch at Alley Bistro at 12:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 18**

Concert, Twin Bridges
The music students of Twin Bridges High School present: TB Music House, a variety show showcasing the band, choir, and applied music theory class at 7 p.m. in

the multipurpose auditorium.

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20**

Ruby Valley FFA auction, Sheridan
Come support FFA at the annual alumni auction! Lunch will be served starting at noon. The auction will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Sheridan Elementary School.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 1**

BAH, Ennis
Business After Hours at Fan Mountain Inn from 5-7 p.m.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 2**

Christmas stroll, Ennis
Come experience Ennis during an old fashioned Christmas stroll from 3-8 p.m.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 8**

Holiday concert, Twin Bridges
High School and Middle School holiday concert featuring band and choir students from Twin Bridges in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 9**

Christmas stroll, Twin Bridges
Enjoy the community Christmas stroll at the Madison County Fairgrounds with food, music and fun. Begins at 5 p.m.

Holiday craft festival, Twin Bridges
Check out the crafts in the Jeffers Building at the Madison County Fairgrounds before the Christmas stroll! Lots of vendors and door prizes! Begins at 1 p.m.

DECEMBER 9 - 10

Splendid Feast, Virginia City
Join the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center for their annual Splendid Feast Dec. 9 and 10 at 6:30 p.m. for food, live music and

camaraderie. Call 8473-5454 for more information.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 15**

Holiday concert, Twin Bridges
The Twin Bridges Elementary Students invite our community to our holiday concert in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m.



REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

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

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony
7 - 9 p.m. For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School Info @ 685-3481

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are

at 9 a.m. Meetings at 9:30 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

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

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

Yoga, Virginia City
Gentle yoga with Andrea Frederick at 6 p.m. at the library. Call to confirm.

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

Shape up, Ennis
Workout for seniors focusing on stretching and toning at the athletic club at 9 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.

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Live Music - Norris
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