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The Madison County Fairgrounds.

Commissioners meet with fair board to discuss next steps

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On Nov. 17, Madison County commissioners Jim Hart and Ron Nye met with the fair board and fairgrounds manager Dana Escott for a joint meeting to discuss a variety of topics, from an agreement with the Twin Bridges Fire Department to the future of the fairgrounds.

Lloyd Carlson, fire chief, said the fire department has a lease with the fair board expiring in 2018 to use the grounds to home fire trucks and equipment.

"We don't want to be against the gun," Carlson said. "We've had an agreement for 18 years. We won't have a new fire station (by the time it expires) and we need to have a place to keep our fire trucks."

Randy Lowder, fair board chair, said the drafted agreement had been hashed out over several meetings between the board and the fire department.

"We want to be on the same page," he said.

Nye moved to accept the agreement between the fire department and the fair as recommended by the fair board and reviewed by the county attorney. Both Hart and Nye voted in favor, and the agreement was finalized.

Job descriptions and protocol

The commissioners, along with county human resources representative Bonnie O'Neill, presented draft descriptions for the jobs of fair manager, groundskeeper and secretary, to be reviewed by the board.

The fair board expressed concern calling Escott's job "fair manager," since she does more than work during the fair. O'Neill said she would amend the title to "fairgrounds manager."

Hart said the fair board is an advisory board.

"(Escott) is an employee of the county

and must report to the commissioners," Hart said. "Like any other county office."

Fair board member Tom Leo said Escott's job description looked like it added duties and responsibilities, which concerned him since she has limited hours.

"That's because the old fashioned handshake of 'this is your job,' is not how it's done anymore," Hart said. "We have to make the job description as close to what the job duties are ... very detailed."

The board also reviewed its bylaws, and suggested a few amendments, including emergency meeting notification rules.

"If it's an emergency, we don't have 48 hours to wait," Lowder said.

O'Neill said the purpose for outlining the job descriptions and protocols was to make them consistent with the rest of the county government, and to remain transparent to the public.

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Hwy 64

Madison County asks for MDT speed study

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MT Highway 64, which branches off U.S. Highway 191 and goes to Big Sky, has not been the subject of a Montana Department of Transportation speed study since the early 90s.

"The traffic up there has changed dramatically since then," said Madison County commissioner Jim Hart. "That's one reason we asked for a study."

Hart and Madison County's other commissioners sent a letter to MDT last week requesting they perform a speed study on MT Highway 64.

At a commission meeting in Big Sky on Oct. 27, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce interim director Britt Ide said the study should be done during peak season, and the request must go to MDT from the commissioners of both Madison and Gallatin counties.

In order for MDT to make any changes on the highway, like adjusting the speed limit or adding double yellow lines to prevent passing, there has to be a current speed study.

"With the amount of traffic they get, the speed limit, which for the most part is 55 miles per hour, might be too fast," Hart said. "They have to conduct a speed study before they can make any determinations on changes."

Though Hart was unsure of MDT's timeline, he heard they were two years behind on completing speed studies, which would put this project a few years out.

Ide also wants MDT to complete a full corridor study for the Big Sky area, but said she cannot apply until the 2018 cycle.

Ide is pursuing starting one independently, by hiring an engineering firm.

"And good news," she said. "MDT is committed to looking into the intersection at (U.S. Highway 191) and (MT Highway 64)."

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
MT Highway 64, heading to Big Sky.



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At the Harrison School Board meeting on Nov. 14, the board unanimously voted to allow the school to offer alternative diplomas to students statewide, who might not graduate otherwise.

"Harrison requires 23 credits to graduate," Superintendent Fred Hofman explained. "However, in order to get a diploma in Montana, all you really need is 20 credits - that's the state minimum."

The board chose to allow "at risk" students to enroll in the

district from anywhere in the state and work toward their 20 credit minimum online so they can receive a diploma.

"There are a lot of kids in Montana who are drop outs, but who have met the state minimum, or are close," Hofman said. "Say you have a kid in Boze-

man who will not be able to get up to the 24 credits the school requires. That student could, theoretically, sign up and take a couple classes online through us to get to the state minimum, and then we would issue them a

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Board approves alternative diploma, transportation legislation moves forward

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Future plans

Earlier this summer, Madison County applied for a Community Development Block Planning Grant to fund the creation of a strategic plan for the fairgrounds, including floodplain and facilities studies.

Nye said the CDBG was awarded in the amount of \$20,000, which requires a 30 percent match from the commissioners.

"Hopefully we'll get started in the spring," Nye said. "And see how much we get done."

In the commissioners' point of view, once the planning process is complete, it will determine the direction the fairgrounds needs to go.

"The problem with improving (the fairgrounds) is that it means it will take more time to manage it," said board member Chad Armstrong.

"And what we've heard from the commissioners about more time is no."

Armstrong asked what Hart and Nye saw for the future of the fairgrounds.

"Is there an option of increasing our income by increasing fees?" he asked. "What about a mill levy so we can cover extra hours for more events."

The fair board proposed a fee increase schedule to the commissioners a few months ago, but never heard back, Armstrong said.

"Rate increases are not going to make money," Lowder said. "But maybe they will cut our losses to \$0."

Board member Nick Novich pointed out the fairgrounds exists to serve county residents, a point Leo agreed with.

"As a county facility, our goal is not to be a profit cen-

ter," he said.

Hart said the joint meeting was productive, because he and Nye were able to hear justification from the fair board for the things they have requested, like rate increases.

Another issue is the capacity of the facilities during fair time. This year, the number of pigs entered in the fair was more than could fit in the pig barn, and portable facilities were used. Growth of the fair is not excluded to swine either.

This coming year, Boulder is hosting its own small fair, which will hopefully lessen the pressure on the facilities during the Madison County fair.

What about a mill levy

Leo asked the last time the fairgrounds' budget has been increased. Though mill values go up yearly, they do not ap-

preciate as rapidly as the cost of living, materials and more.

"If your budget needs to increase, it needs to go through mills," Hart said. "It needs to go through the voters."

If the fair board decides to go to the public to ask for increased mills, Hart said they need to have a clear vision of where they want the fairgrounds to go.

"It will have to be a campaign," he said.

"What do we have to lose?" Novich asked. "If it's voted down, we're still right here."

Hart expressed a desire to meet with the board again, and also include the county finance office in the discussion.

"We can't make a decision tonight," he said. "We need to come up with a vision for the fairgrounds."

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diploma."

Hofman said this does not change Harrison's graduation requirements.

"There is potential to help hundreds of kids," he said. "I'm not sure if there is any other school in the state (that offers an alternative diploma)."

Transportation legislation

Last year, the Harrison School Board submitted a proposed resolution to the Montana School Board Association, suggesting giving school districts the option to get reimbursed for running bus routes if they use smaller vehicles than buses, like vans or suburbans.

"The way the state finance law is set up for schools is that you get reimbursed by the state for transportation, but it's based on the size of the bus," Hofman explained. "Why do we have to send a big bus on a route if we are only picking up three kids? If we send our school van, we don't get reimbursed."

Hofman presented an example of why the resolution

could make a difference for schools like Harrison.

We had a bus route that cost us \$52,000 to run," he said. "About 40 percent of that was reimbursed by the state, but the rest was paid for locally by county and local taxpayers. We only picked up three kids. It was a colossal waste of resources. The law does not allow us to buy a school van to go pick them up - but if it did, we could have run that (bus) route at a fraction of the cost."

At MTSBA's annual conference in October, representatives from school boards statewide voted unanimously to move forward with the proposed resolution, Hofman said.

"Now the folks at MTSBA will put together an actual bill and find someone to sponsor it in the legislature," he said. "And it will be one of the bills the legislature looks at this session."

Hofman believes the bill is a "no-brainer."

"It doesn't change the funding formula for big districts," Hofman said. "But for a school like Harrison, it would make far more financial sense for the

taxpayers of Montana and the Harrison district to say, go buy a new van and get reimbursed, rather than spending so much more money on a bus."

Athletic co-op

Last month, the school

hosted a parent meeting to discuss the future of athletics at Harrison, particularly pertaining to girls sports.

"The girls want to ride it out," he said. "They know the numbers and know they will probably be the smallest school participating."

Currently, Harrison co-ops with Willow Creek for basketball, but Harrison High School has 22 students. Willow Creek High School has four. And to make matters even more complicated, Harrison's girl to boy ratio is one to two.

There were two ways to

move forward: either Harrison can pursue a co-op with Whitehall or Three Forks, which they would need to do by January, or they can roll the dice and pull up eighth graders.

The girls and parents

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- Fred Hofman, Harrison School Superintendent

expressed a desire to do the latter.

"They would rather continue to represent our community and school," Hofman said. "This year and next will be our lowest, and then we will get some help coming up from the lower grades."

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The 2016 Ennis Mustangs proudly display their championship plaque.



Ennis wins Class C 8-man State Championship in sudden death overtime

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It all came down to the Mustang defense. Ennis was up, 30 – 24, against Charlo in a sudden death style overtime for the Class C 8-man State Championship, and the Vikings had four chances to make it into the end zone from the 10 yard line. If they scored six, the game continued. Any more than that, Ennis would lose.

The powerhouse Ennis football team charged through regular and post-season play until the state championship game in Charlo on Nov. 19. There, the Vikings made the Mustangs earn the title of the number one class C 8-man football team – and earn it, they did.

Twin brothers and teammates, Corbin and Tanner Wood, said they were not expecting Charlo to give them as much of a fight as they did.

“We knew they were going to be good,” T. Wood said. “They gave us more of a fight than we were expecting.”

Mustang Jake Knack put Ennis on the scoreboard in the first quarter, and the Mustangs led for the remainder of the half, 6 – 0. It was a contest of defenses. Though Ennis pushed within striking distance a few times, the Vikings made their presence known in the backfield and each team was forced to punt multiple times.

After a scoreless second quarter, Charlo came out of the locker room after halftime ready to play. Viking Jared Doty scored on the opening drive of the third quarter with a 55 yard touchdown run. Unable to capitalize on the conversion, the teams were tied up.

However, with 2:30 left in the third quarter,

Ennis fumbled the ball and Charlo came up with it, a play that made the difference when the Vikings scored a few moments later. It was the first time the Mustangs have trailed an opponent this season.

Undeterred, Ennis fired back on their next possession. Quarterback T. Wood launched a long pass to Gavin McKittrick, and the game was tied up at 12 with 2:17 left in the third quarter.

Then, the Mustang defense showed why they are a dominant force in Montana class C 8-man football. They forced the Vikings to punt, and Ennis had an opportunity to take back the lead.

As time ticked down in the fourth quarter, the Mustang contingency plodded downfield, both Knack and T. Wood making big plays to move the ball forward. Knack punched through the Charlo line for a touchdown, and though Ennis was unable to make good on the conversion, they still had the lead, 18 – 12, with 8:35 left in the game.

The Vikings were not done, however. Charlo tied the game at 18 with 3:45 left in the game. Fortunately, McKittrick knocked down a pass on the conversion attempt that would have given Charlo the lead.

Less than a minute later, McKittrick made big

at the opposite end of the field, catching a long pass from Wood to put the Mustangs back in the lead, 24 – 18.

That is when the team did what they do best – they held the Vikings and forced a punt. With less than two minutes in the game, all Ennis had to do was hang onto the ball and run out the clock. Unable to best the Charlo defense, however, the Mustangs turned it over on downs and gave the Vikings one last chance to tie the game or take the lead.

With 39 seconds left in the game, the Vikings scored. Unable to punch in the PAT, the game was tied up at 24 at the final buzzer.

“I just knew we had to stop them,” T. Wood said. “In overtime, we had to get it done.”

Per Montana High School Association rules, overtime is played sudden death-style. Charlo, who won the coin toss, chose to be on defense first, and the Mustangs had four chances to score a touchdown from the 10 yard line. They did just that. Wood connected with his twin brother, Corbin, in the end zone and the Mustangs took the lead. All they had to do was prevent Charlo from getting into the end zone from the 10 yard line.

The Mustangs stood strong and played tough, gritty football in the mud. Thanks to big plays in the backfield, where Charlo’s Landers Smith was tackled for losses, the Vikings were unable to score, and Ennis won the championship.

“I was in tears,” C. Wood said. “I was so happy – everyone was so happy with the great game. (My teammates) are my brothers and we worked together and fought hard for it.”

Head coach Chris Hess said the game was the best one he has “been a part of.”

“The guys never gave up and just kept fighting through a very tough game,” he said. “It’s an amazing group of young men that accomplished something that is so difficult.”

Knack said the win was the result of dedication and the love the team has for one another.

“Within a few moments of the game ending, all the pain, nerves and anxiousness disappears,” he said. “At that moment, you feel like you could do anything.”

Knack describes it as one of the “best feelings in the world.”

“Then it sinks in. All the hard work, dedication, practice and studying of the game,” he added. “Makes you realize it was all worth it.”



PHOTO CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT
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Gavin McKittrick (11) receives high fives from proud Ennis fans who traveled to Charlo.

Corbin Wood (5) prevents a Charlo player from gaining yards.

Jake Knack (23) takes the ball around the outside to gain yards.

Tanner Wood (1) takes a tackle head on as he advances the ball.

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In the article, Hoop shoot results, in last week's paper, Charlie Kruer's school should have been listed as Twin Bridges. *The Madisonian* apologizes for any confusion.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Women's Resource Center has office in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY KE'LAH SAVAGE

Women's Resource/Community Support Center

The Women's Resource/Community Support Center has a new office in Sheridan located in the Philanthropy River Building, 120 S. Main St, Suite 102.

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SUBMITTED BY HOLLI BOGGUS

Ennis

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Time for the Ruby Valley giving tree

SUBMITTED BY BILLIE RATCLIFFE

Ruby Valley Giving Tree

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Dec. 7 is the last day for submitting names. Gifts need to be returned to the bank by Dec. 19. Call Billie Ratcliffe at 842-5044 and leave a message as soon as possible if you are in need or know someone who is. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

Breastfeeding class in Ennis

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Christmas stroll in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY LYNDA JOHNSON

On Friday, Dec. 2, head to Sheridan for the Christmas stroll. 5:30 – 7 p.m. Santa will be at the Prospector Restaurant –bring the little ones to see Santa. There will be hayrides and music through out the town. While you are strolling through main street do not forget to check out the Christmas gift shop. There is something for everyone.

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Ennis chamber hosts Christmas stroll

SUBMITTED BY KENZIE CLARK

Ennis Chamber of Commerce

On Friday, Dec. 2, the Ennis Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Christmas stroll downtown. The stroll starts at 3 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. While you are there, be sure to head to the ski swap at the Gravel Bar.

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Sheridan Town

Council moves forward with corrosion control plan following lead incident

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“We decided to accept the plan Great West Engineering submitted and have it on (Department of Environmental Quality’s) desk by Dec. 31,” said Mayor Tom Shaffer after the Town of Sheridan’s November meeting.

In early August, the town discovered elevated levels of lead in the drinking water after routine sampling by DEQ. In a press release regarding the lead contamination, DEQ stated “results of 29 samples taken identified an exceedance of the lead action level of 0.015 micrograms per liter,” and identified a plan of action to correct the issue.

“We’ve outlined the steps (the town) needs to take including public education and information, collecting samples at both the source of the water and home taps and have provided other recommendations with regard to treatment,” said Kristi Ponozzo, public policy director for DEQ.

What might be the final step for the town is the corrosion control plan.

“We don’t have to do anything, yet,” said Shaffer. “Unless we have further positive lead tests during two, six-month cycles.”

The two consecutive six-month cycles include 20 tests per cycle that must show less than 10 percent of lead contamination. The cycles will begin on Jan. 1 and Shaffer said the town will only act on the corrosion control plan if they find continued exceedances of lead.

“Right now, it’s just a plan,” he said.

Other business

Councilmembers also awarded the bid for the public works shop to MQS Builders out of Stevensville after hearing bids for the new building and are hoping to get started yearly next year.

“We’re hoping to get on their schedule in February or early

March,” Shaffer said.

The shop, which used to be housed in what is now the Ruby Valley Search and Rescue building, will be on the lagoon property just north of town.

“We’re kind of out in the cold since (RV SAR) bought the building,” Shaffer said. “So it will be nice to have somewhere to call home.”

Also on the council’s November agenda was addressing safety procedures for town employees after an inspection from the Department of Labor and Industry.

“They suggested we get a safety program in place and put together for all employees and so that’s something we’re working on right now,” Shaffer said.

Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson expanded on the importance of safety plans, even in small communities.

“(Safety plans) are important to have in place and when you are putting one together you need to take into account the needs of the school or business you’re implanting one for,” Thompson said. “One size doesn’t fit all.”



Madison County canvasses votes

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The morning of Nov. 18, Madison County commissioners Jim Hart and Ron Nye, along with treasurer Shelly Burke canvassed the votes from the recent election.

“We reviewed the numbers for each of the candidates to make sure the clerk and recorder did a good job,” Hart said. “Everything was right – it was done well.”

Hart pointed out a high point from the election. Madison County had 79.91 percent voter participation.

“It was very good turnout,” he said. “The lowest (turnout) was in Ennis and the Ennis rural district, which had 76 percent and 72 percent. One doesn’t know why.”

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
On election night, Nov. 8, Madison County election officers tally votes at the Madison County Administrative Building in Virginia City.

The power of sports in a small town

Hi readers,

Three years ago I moved to Madison County toward the end of the high school football season. By the time I was settled in at the paper and going out on assignments, the Ennis Mustangs football team was the only county team left in the playoffs. All avid Mustang fans will remember how that season ended – in a state championship! From the team’s opening drive to the final seconds of the game, the Mustangs led the Wibaux Longhorns in the Class C 8-man State Championship game. That date, Nov. 23, 2013, was Ennis’ first football championship appearance in 30 years and their first win in 31 years.

This past weekend the Mustangs did it again! By defeating the Wibaux Longhorns two weekends ago, they earned a trip to the championship game. On Saturday I joined a long caravan

of Madison County license plates leaving Ennis and heading northwest to Charlo. The four hour drive to and from the game was not a deterrent ... the number of Mustang fans made it feel like home.

My Kansas City high school of nearly 1,000 students was all about athletics. Our football, volleyball, basketball and soccer programs were frequently involved, and had great success, in post-season play. Our football and track facility was a state-of-the-art stadium, complete with college-quality bleachers and concessions. Games were social events for the student body, but other than the athletes’ parents, very few adults showed up and we never saw elementary or junior high kids.

That’s what’s so special about rural communities like those in Madison County, a game is much more than a place for underclassmen to hang out. Alumni, business owners, young families,

seniors and folks who have no school affiliation show up to support their hometown team.

It is truly noble to invest your time and emotions in an interest outside of yourself. It’s also enjoyable and entertaining to have the camaraderie of cheering for and supporting a common cause. Sometimes, that cause is high school sports. In a small town where nearly everyone knows one another, it’s a great feeling to congregate and cheer for your own kids or those you’ve watched grow up.

Congrats to all Madison County teams on their successes. Thanks for giving us all something to connect to, believe in and support.

Abigail



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My friend, Laura Gilmore, suggested the Mustang fans who traveled to Charlo pose for a photo with the team following their championship win. Go Mustangs!

Marine Corps celebrated in Ennis



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Don Bowen cuts the cake at the celebration.

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Ennis

On Nov. 10, 70 patriots gathered to celebrate the 241st birthday of the United States Marine Corps and honor the sacrifices that have been made by our American service men and women. Along with the grand celebration, silent and live auctions generated funds to ensure that the Madison Valley Veterans' Memorial will continue to be improved and expanded. R. D. Marks officiated as president of the Mess, with Dave Hajny as vice president and Joey Sperber assisting. Lt. Col. Andrew DeBona, retired, was the honored guest, in absentia. Judge Loren Tucker and Dan Reinoehl were outstanding as the auctioneers and Don Bowen and Michael Bowen were honored as the oldest and youngest Marines at the event.

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Buzz from the schools

Hello from Harrison!

In case you missed it, Harrison's football players' 2016 season wasn't too shabby. The Whitehall-Harrison Trojan's incredible season in boys class B football came to a close in Eureka on Nov. 12. The boys' playoff schedule saw them travel to Shelby, Ronan and Eureka, where they ultimately lost in the state semi-final, after leading at halftime. They finished the season a week earlier than we all wanted with a final record of 10-2. A stroll through the trophy hallway at Harrison School shows that in 1992 and 1996, our Wildcats played on football teams that also reached the state semi-finals. The boys played with Ennis during that time. Thus, this year's team had the school's best finish in 20 years and they tied for the best football finish in Harrison's school history. Nice job boys, you were fun to watch!

Our fish hatchery went from holding 100 rainbow trout eggs to holding 93 very small rainbow trout! They started hatching on Sunday, Nov. 6. We anticipated



losing 10-40 of them but it looks like we have lucked out! They are growing bigger every day and most are now in the fry stage. Due to room temperature issues as well as viewing access for our students and community, the hatchery is located in the school lobby, not the science lab as originally anticipated. Jakob Nye, a high school student at Harrison, built a very nice and appropriately-themed buffer in the school lobby to protect the hatchery from inadvertent contact with flying or bouncing objects. Be sure to check it out when you are at the school or when you come to our basketball games this winter! Thanksgiving is a time for thanks

and I am thankful my daughter and the students at Harrison have such a great little school to learn and grow in. We are lucky that we have great teachers and staff at Harrison and I am thankful for all they do to make our school function so seamlessly, regardless of the obstacles we encounter. Despite our enrollment woes, our students get an amazing education and have unique educational opportunities that do not exist elsewhere, largely due to the efforts and commitment of our staff and for that, I am truly thankful!

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Harrison School Superintendent

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Unsuccessful attempts to be cat free

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After losing their beloved feline, Dave and Laurie Schmidt tried to go without.

"We could never get away because we always had to look after the cats," Laurie said. "But we couldn't stand living without them."

A quick trip to the animal shelter and Dave and Laurie were armed with three new, domestic short hair black cats: Smooks, Crabapple (a.k.a. Crabby) and Lincoln.

"We're partial to black cats," Laurie laughed, adding their previous rescues have all been black.

Maybe it is the superstition associated with black cats, but Laurie said they can

be hard to adopt out. So when the shelter had Smooks, Crabby and Lincoln socialized all together, it was a package deal.

"It took Smooks about a year to come out from under the bed," Laurie said as she talked of all three's unique personalities. "They're all totally different but they are all such loving animals and so good with people."

Dave and Laurie also have two rescue Vislas, Brody and Stella, that share the home with Smooks, Crabby and Lincoln.

"It was amazing - (the cats) act like they don't even know they're a different animal," she said. "They'll jump on them and just act like 'I'm not afraid of these things.'"

After taking in their first rescue dog, Laurie said she would never go back to

buying from breeders.

"Shelters do a really great job on trying to match the animal's personality with an owner and really try to find out about the animals," she said. "I agree that you get to raise puppies and kittens and get to mold them your way, but sometimes you get things you'd never expect from a rescue."

Laurie said she would advise future rescue adopters know what they are looking for a really ask themselves what they want.

"It is a (fur)ever commitment!"

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Home Park Assisted Living

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The Simonsens have worked hard over the last five years to provide a not only a great place for our aging seniors to live but also a place of employment that promotes family values and places a premium on having happy residents and employees. Over the past five years Home Park has provided care for 30 different residents, employed 25 people either part time or full time all while supporting our local communities by purchasing almost exclusively from local businesses. Home Park has made the commitment to support our local economy because the residents who have lived with us helped build it from the beginning and it is that sense of community that helps make Madison County a great place to live.

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Friday
Mostly cloudy. High 39F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday
Snow showers early. Peeks of sunshine later. High 39F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 50%.

Sunday
Partly cloudy early followed mostly cloudy skies and a few snow showers later in the day. High 38F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 30%.

Monday
Mostly cloudy skies and a few snow showers later in the day. High 38F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 20%.

Quote of the Week:

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WHERE IS THE SNOW?

The importance of a successful snowpack

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On Nov. 17, the Madison Valley received a dusting of snow; the equivalent to a brief but somewhat effective hailstorm that melted by the noon hour. The Ruby Valley received nothing. Surrounding areas in the state received several inches of white powder that caused slick roads and power outages. But not here. So, where is the snow?

"That's a difficult question," said Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources and Conservation Service's Montana Snow Survey. "Over the last few years, we've seen some extremely wet and some extremely dry years."

After a hot and dry August, September in Madison County had more precipitation than normal. Now, as we dip toward the end of November, we are used to bundling up and throwing chains on our tires. But that does not seem to be the case, yet. Are we in rough shape for the 2017 summer season?

Importance of snowpack

Zukiewicz' main job is to forecast water supply. "We oversee 98 stream gages across the state, monitoring snowpack and precipitation and the number of parameters to forecast what we're going to see in the summer," he said. "In terms of what we're talking about, stream flows, and specifically snow melt, is a dominating driver of river and streams and plays a crucial role to irrigators in the valley," Zukiewicz said.

Ethan Kunard, water programs manager with the Madison Conservation District, said the Madison Valley is slightly below average for snow water equivalent, though it is

early in the season.

"Snow water equivalent is one of the more useful measurements to look at when trying to understand how much actual water is present on the landscape in the form of snow," Kunard said. "This value combines snow depth and snow density to measure the amount of water in the snow. Ultimately, this is what will result in available water in the spring and summer."

Dan Doornbos is the president of the Ruby Water Users Association and relies, along with 100 other water users, on the supply from the Ruby Reservoir, as well as snowpack.

"No snowpack creates a problem on maintaining flow," he said. "We can all take advantage of the high water but we depend on the snowpack to sustain flows so we can continue to irrigate throughout the year."

The Ruby Reservoir, thanks to the wet fall weather, is in a pretty good place and above where it was at this time last year, according to Doornbos.

"We won't have a problem filling the reservoir by the time we start contracts in May," he said.

While this is good news for irrigators, recreators and all those who call this part of Southwest Montana home, Doornbos said this is not always the case.

"I remember when I first became president, we had an awful water year," he said. "But all our water users have learned to cope with it."

One way users in the valley

have learned to "cope" with a water shortage or snowpack shortage is by making the switch from flood irrigation to using pivot sprinklers.

"To put it into perspective, we used to use 300 inches of water to flood irrigate," Doornbos said. "When we converted to a pivot sprinkler system in 2009, we started using considerably less – 70 inches of water."

While this year looks good,

For many like Doornbos in both the Ruby and Madison valleys, a good snowpack is important for more than just irrigation.

"We have not had a really good snowpack for several years for our mountain springs and we depend on those springs for our livestock," he said. "I've had to move cattle out of grass pastures because they have good grass but there isn't any water. If you don't have water, you can't

aspects: recreation, agriculture and public land.

"That lingering impact goes into the soil and transports into rivers and flows to keep putting water into that system," said Zukiewicz.

One fan of a good snowpack year is Michael Goicoechea, fire staff officer on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

"Snowpack is one of the big, key factors, however there are many, we look at that can make or break a fire season," Goicoechea said. "If it's a really fast melt or gets really warm in the spring, the benefits of that snowpack are short lived."

Goicoechea has been with the Forest Service since 1995 and been the fire staff officer since 2012. As a fire staff officer, Goicoechea's job is to prepare crews for a slow or busy season, based off of forecast like Zukiewicz puts out.

"We're designed to get people ready for a slow or busy season and every summer, if we're having a slow season, we'll send people somewhere it's busy," he said. "In order to do that, we start watching all indicators: how many folks can we let go to help, how many will we need and what are the conditions."

The more moisture and precipitation, the better.

However, when the moisture is not there, or does not appear to be on the horizon, Goicoechea and his team have prevention methods in place to help aide in a poor, or less than favorable, winter snowpack year.

"We do prescribed burning in the fall or spring if conditions are favorable, we have our One

Less Spark prevention program to help education and we work across agency boundaries," he said.

Fire ecology and resources

Because fire is necessary to the earth in terms of a healthy forest ecosystem and providing new growth, without a successful snowpack or water resource, the ability to allow a fire to burn may be limited.

"It's easiest to look at it by saying we never just let a fire burn," said Goicoechea. "We still make intense observations and develop a plan based off of all the factors we look at, one of those being the weather."

If conditions are favorable in terms of weather, fire fighters and officers can decide to let a fire burn under a watchful eye. By doing so, they are allowing fire to aide in recycling nutrients, opening the forest floor for new growth and more.

According to Goicoechea, another big, key factor is the available resources.

"We only have so many fire fighting resources available," he said. "We can't expend every resource so we have to decide where to put those resources and life and property are always first."

Understanding snow

The seasonal cycles all play a certain role in the production of life and harvest in Madison County, but one thing is for certain, snow is important. Snow is also hard to understand.

"Snow is a real definitive variable," said Zukiewicz. "That makes it a little more difficult in understanding water quantity and seasonal volume – we're just now starting to understand those trends."

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**Lucas Zukiewicz,
Natural Resources and Conservation
Service's Montana Snow Survey**

Doornbos said there is always the potential of experiencing either extreme – too much or not enough.

"It's a juggling act and there are two extremes: probably the best I've seen was when the excess water (in the reservoir) ran over the spill all the way through July 20," he said. "The worst is when we haven't seen the reservoir fill at all and then our users have to immediately get storage water contracts and are reduced. That can have a significant impact on their land and the hay crop."

have animals."

Snow and fire?

You may not want to suffer through another winter of subzero temperatures, icy roads and heavy snow falls, but that might be what the valley needs in order to thrive in the spring and summer season.

"Snow melt is one of the most critical components of how water works and how snow impacts summer streams," said Zukiewicz.

A slow and steady melt is most beneficial to the area in all



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Sheep in the Ruby Valley race through last year's snow.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

November is National Family Caregiver Month

Montana Lifespan Respite Coalition celebrates family caregiver month

SUBMITTED BY JON EBELT
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The Montana Lifespan Respite Coalition and the Department of Public Health and Human Services is encouraging Montanans this November to celebrate National Family Caregiver Month.

The theme this year is Take Care to Give Care.

Governor Steve Bullock recognizes the vital service

caregivers provide in Montana. In fact, Bullock has recently announced proposed budget to further support respite care in Montana. "I admire the thousands of Montanans who find themselves in the caregiver role," Bullock said. "They are truly remarkable and it's so important that we take time to recognize their efforts."

Respite is a short break for primary caregivers of people with all types of

disabilities, chronic illness, physical mobility issues and developmental disabilities. Caregiving is a rewarding experience, but it is also physically and emotionally demanding.

According to AARP Valuing the Invaluable: 2015 Update, Montana has nearly 118,000 family caregivers providing 110 million hours of unpaid care. If the work of these caregivers were to be paid at \$12.97 per hour the total economic value of their caregiving would be valued at about \$1.4 billion annually.

Caregivers provide a variety of services including everyday tasks such as cooking, feeding, bathing, transferring from a chair to a bed and transportation to doctor appointments.

Additionally, they help with administration of complex medications and other health related interventions. Many family caregivers find their role as a caregiver provides spiritual, emotional and even physical benefits. The responsibilities and challenges can cause stress on the family caregiver, resulting in physical and

emotional health risks.

"The coalition has been working to educate caregivers of all ages about the importance of taking a break from their caregiving responsibilities," said Kerrie Reidelbach of the DPHHS Lifespan Respite Program.

In July 2015, the coalition launched a respite voucher program to help family caregivers get the break they need. Funds are available on a sliding fee scale to make respite care affordable for all Montana caregivers.

The coalition, in partnership with the Aging and

Disability Resource Centers, and DPHHS has created a searchable website to assist in finding available local and statewide resources throughout Montana. This website focuses on resources related to Montana seniors, adults with disabilities and respite services for all ages.

"Our long-term care system is very dependent on these family caregivers, many of whom are juggling work and caregiving," Reidelbach explained.

For more information about the coalition go to www.respite.mt.gov.

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SUBMITTED BY ANNA O'DONNELL
AAA MountainWest

AAA projects that 48.7 million Americans will journey 50 miles or more from home this Thanksgiving, an increase of one million travelers compared with last year. This represents a 1.9 percent increase over 2015, and the most Thanksgiving travelers since 2007. The Thanksgiving holiday travel period is defined as Wednesday, Nov. 23, to Sunday, Nov. 27.

This year's increase in Thanksgiving travel is spurred by improvements in the economy during the second half of the year, including rising wages, increased consumer spending and overall strength in consumer confidence. And despite recent incremental increases in the national average price of gasoline, AAA estimates United States drivers have saved more than \$28 billion so far at the pumps this year compared to the same period last year.

"One million more Americans than last year will carve out time to visit with friends and family this Thanksgiving," AAA MountainWest spokesperson Anna O'Donnell said. "Most will travel on the tried and true holiday road trip, thanks to gas prices in Montana averaging close to \$2.33 for regular. Others will fly, take the bus or set off on a cruise to celebrate with their loved ones."

Driving remains most popular mode of travel for Thanksgiving

The vast majority - more than 89 percent - of holiday travelers will drive this Thanksgiving. The 43.5 million

Americans planning a Thanksgiving road trip represents an increase of 1.9 percent over last year. Air travel is expected to increase 1.6 percent, with 3.69 million Americans flying to their holiday destinations. Travel by other modes of transportation, including cruises, trains and buses, will increase only slightly this Thanksgiving, to 1.44 million travelers.

Thanksgiving gas prices second-cheapest in nearly a decade

Today's national average price for

a gallon of gasoline is \$2.20 more/less than the average price on Thanksgiving last year (\$2.05). Most U.S. drivers will pay the second-cheapest Thanksgiving gas prices since 2008, when the national average was \$1.85.

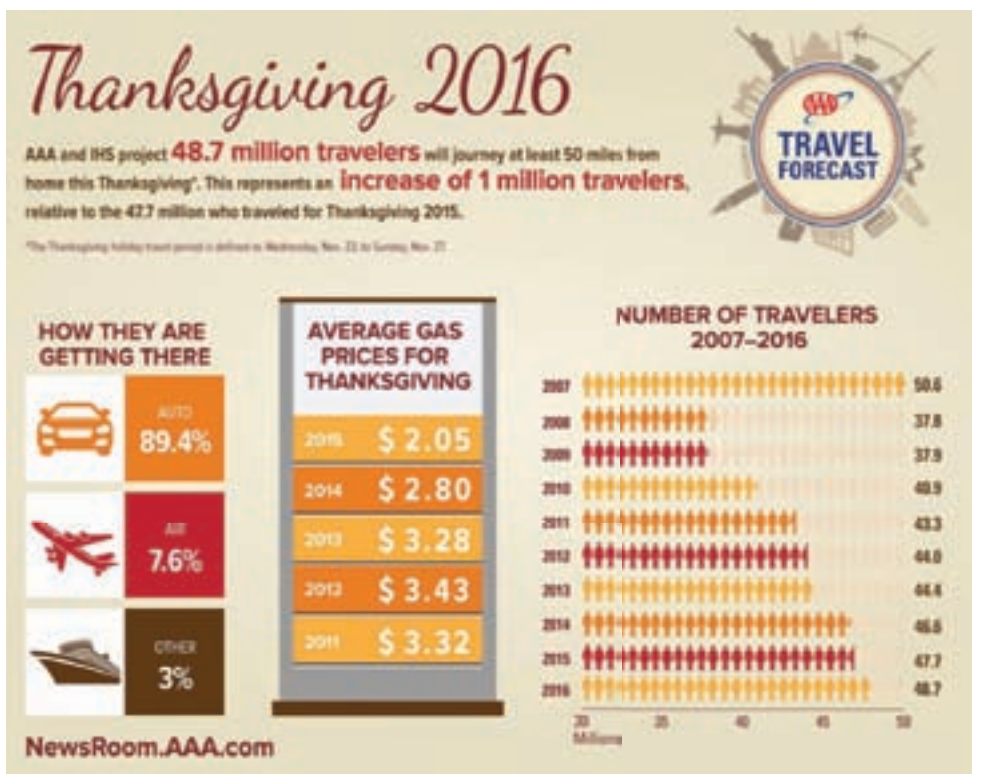
Thanksgiving airfares, hotel rates and car rental prices mixed

According to AAA's Leisure Travel Index, airfares are projected to increase 21 percent this Thanksgiving, landing at an average of \$205 for a roundtrip flight for the top 40 domestic routes.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on simple joys and celebrate blessings that matter most. Wishing you a beautiful and healthy holiday!

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COLUMNS



This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Keep it real

How grateful I am ... for I have learned how to get along happily whether I have much or little. - Philippians 4

Good grief!

The day after Halloween my email inbox became flooded with alerts that Christmas is coming and, what's more, Black Friday deals would start sooner than ever!

Yippee (said I to myself with the enthusiasm of a goldfish on bennies). Ugh!

It's not that I don't like to save money, but I have learned that one saves a lot more money when one doesn't buy anything at all; no advertised special can beat that.

Don't get me wrong; I'm all in favor of businesses flourishing, for the beeps and jingles of cash registers improve the likelihood businesses will be hiring people. That's a good thing – a very good thing, indeed – yet it bothers me that the very survival of so many merchants comes down to this “make it or break it” time of year.

Ironically, it's not good for business when people are “satisfied.” It's a general sense of dissatisfaction that motivates us to seek more, bigger, better, faster goodies. That is one of the factors that gets people into the stores to pick up the latest and greatest whiz-bangs that roll off the factory floors.

Before we start to make our way through the looking glass and on down the deep, dark rabbit hole known as Christmas, I would like to suggest we pause for a moment and consider our options more carefully.

First, we ought to recognize that not all is right with the world. Many people are in trouble, sorrow, sickness and facing a wide variety of adversities; so let's at least acknowledge that the jingle jangle of seasonal cheer may be more nerve-wracking than blessing for many; so let's keep it real.

What I mean by “keeping it real” is simply being aware that this season will mean different things to many of the people we meet, so we may want to devote more time to listening well than to well-intended (but possibly inappropriate) well-wishing.

When greeting folks on the streets, at the malls, or in their homes, be attentive to what they say and how they say it. People will often “mirror” the attitude of those they're with initially, but then slip back into their actual mood. So pay attention; listen with an empathetic ear.

The second thing I mean by “keeping it real” is recognizing that spending money is not proof of love. We are often tempted to keep up appearances by matching our spending patterns with the rest of the world, but money and love are NOT the same thing. We know it, but we sure don't act like it at times.

When I see commercials with bow-topped luxury automobiles, or diamond rings large enough to derail a freight train, there is a side of me that believes (for just a moment) that if I REALLY loved my wife, she would find one or both of those in the driveway (or under the tree) on Christmas morning, but I don't think she would approve the debt load that would put us under.

Keeping things real means shifting one's focus from ways to spend money to finding ways to exhibit love that are genuine, heartfelt and timely.

If we struggle to figure out what to give someone this year, maybe we are asking the wrong question. We don't need window shopping, internet browsing or advertisements to inspire us. We need to take in a breath of fresh air and ask one question: What can I give of myself to this person (or these people) that will persuade them that THEY matter?

Can you provide kind words as needed – year round? Can you visit or call them from time to time – year round? Can you have them over for a meal, fellowship and pleasant fun from time to time – year round?

If that sounds like too much work, that's sad, for love is work – the only work truly worth giving.

Love isn't defined by or limited to a day or a season; it is a changed life which reflects God's inner-presence year round. We are the presents God has provided to put around trees and tables this year; and that's how we can keep it real in this, our valley.

NATURAL Resource News

By Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator

WILD TURKEY

This week, many of us will have the traditional turkey dinner on our tables as we celebrate Thanksgiving. The turkey we typically feast upon is not the ones we see in our fields, forests and where I live in Sheridan – all over town! The birds on our table are typically farm raised domestic varieties, and the wild turkey we see here in Montana are Merriam's Wild Turkey, one of five subspecies of wild turkey in North America.

The five subspecies are all native to North America, but live in different habitat areas and have slight differences: the eastern wild turkey (*M. g. silvestris*, meaning “forest turkey”) resides in roughly the eastern half of the United States and is the most abundant of the subspecies; the Florida wild turkey (*M. g. Osceola*, named for Seminole chief, Osceola), resides in the southern half of Florida; the Rio Grande wild turkey (*M. g. intermedia*)

resides in the south-central plains states and northeastern Mexico; the Gould's wild turkey (*M. g. Mexicana*) is found in northwestern Mexico and parts of southern Arizona and New Mexico; and lastly the subspecies we find here, the Merriam's wild turkey (*M. g. merriami*), named in honor of C. Hart Merriam, first chief of the U.S. Biological Survey.

Merriam's wild turkey are native to the pine forests of the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, and have been introduced to Montana, Nebraska, Washington, Oregon and California. Since their introduction, their range now includes portions of Idaho, Wyoming and South Dakota. The adult males, known as a tom or gobbler, weigh an average of 18-24 pounds, but have been recorded as large as 28 pounds! (Try to fit that big guy in the oven!) The Merriam's wild turkey is characterized by

near white tipped tail coverts, and white tail feather tips, as well as white tipped breast feathers. The body feathers are iridescent purple, bronze and blue. Female turkey are known as hens, and weigh an average of 8 – 14 pounds.

The Merriam's wild turkey have a wide variety of foods in their diet, including chokecherries, bear berries, pine nuts and grains. I've had local ranchers report of opportunistic turkey eating corn and other grains with their cattle! They also enjoy eating insects such as grasshoppers, spiders and beetles. The Merriam's lay their eggs from late March to early April, and typically lay a clutch of 10 – 12 eggs. This process can take up to two weeks, as they often only lay one egg a day. The incubation period is 26 – 28 days, and the hen will move the eggs periodically throughout the day. The eggs usually hatch within a 24 hour period of one another. The hen and her newly hatched poults (baby turkeys) will leave the nest within 24 hours of being hatched in search of food.

The wild turkey is a native bird to the North American continent, and was the largest ground-nesting bird that was first found by European immigrants. Their numbers were abundant, and were written about in early historical accounts of the colonial settlements. But as the European settlers expanded through the forests and plains, they cut down the forests for

building needs, cooking fires and warmth and eventually expanding the landscape for agriculture. This eliminated much of the primary turkey habitat while the settlers were simultaneously hunting the turkey year round, as they were an important source of food for the pioneers. There were reportedly 4 million colonists by 1790, and by 1813 Connecticut had completely lost its wild turkey population. Vermont in 1842 and then other states followed. By 1920, the wild turkey had vanished from 18 of the original 39 states.

In the late 1930s, conservation practices began to improve, and previously clear cut forested areas began to recover, returning suitable habitat. Laws to protect wildlife began to be enacted and the nation began recovering from the depression. After World War II, serious efforts began to help restore the wild turkey populations with trapping and relocating birds, then to planting pen-raised birds. Neither were hugely successful, but as habitat and game management advanced, so did the recovery of wild turkey. By 1990, wild turkey numbered about 3.5 million birds across North America, and today there are around 7 million.

Wild turkey had dwindled to be found only in inaccessible areas in isolated pockets of population, but now occupy more square miles of habitat than any other game bird in

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The Headless Horseman of Warm Springs Creek: Part III

By Charlie Rossiter

If you remember, we left off last week with a mysterious decapitation!

The people of Sheridan were not convinced the natural causes conclusion was what truly occurred and it led to many hypotheses about the particulars of Lyttle's death. Some speculated it had been a contract killing from his dark past but the most popular assumption was that Lyttle had been gunned down by his nemesis Morgan. Everyone seemed to have an opinion, but one local man was out to prove it was murder.

In the local Forest Service office in Sheridan worked a young forester who fancied himself as a pretty hot amateur sleuth and took his fancy very seriously. He'd heard all the scuttlebutt around town and had speculated on his own theory of Lyttle's death. As word of Lyttle's death came through, young X, we'll call him, got his superior's unspoken consent to take care of something or other in the vicinity of Morgan Gulch. Now, the running Lytle/Morgan feud was apparently general knowledge. X must also have known of their latest

encounter, and felt this might be the clincher necessary for him to come riding in with the guilty party in tow and a signed confession.

X was not notoriously discreet – but on this day, as he rode into Morgan's camp, he had his psychological technique well in hand; a gentle approach, leading the suspect into the trap and then zing! Springing it on him. After he arrived at Morgan's cabin, he visited in the pleasantest of manner for several minutes and then casually brought up the matter of Lyttle's death. Nonchalantly he said, “By the way, did you hear about Lyttle being killed?” This was his opening salvo, his voice still in a friendly tone. “Good! Good! Best news I've heard for a long time,” replied Morgan. “But,” pursued X, “his body was found near the porch; whereas, his head was on the other side of the fence on the hill side. Now, how do you explain that?” X virtually shouted the last – the trap was baited and now ready to be sprung. Morgan replied, “Easy. The ornery SOB probably took his own head off and threw it up there!” Obviously, Mr. X rode out with an empty trap.

After hearing stories around

town all day of the unusual case, and their imaginations running rampant, a group of area school boys decided to have a look at the deceased. They dared each other to view Lyttle's grotesque body in the funeral home and quickly found themselves standing at the front door of the Olson's establishment. They entered the dimly lit room and saw the sealed coffin with the cardboard box sitting precariously on top of it. The boys were shaking from head to toe, and their eyes wide open from apprehension as they walked over to the casket and surrounded it. One of the lads reached up and delicately touched the box containing the head, which shifted its weight and fell off the casket, crashing to the floor below. After hitting the floor, the skull rolled out of the box and the horrified boys took flight, on a dead run out of the funeral home. The terrified youngsters were yelping and screaming as they dashed for home and countless nights of sleep deprivation due to macabre nightmares. Early the following morning, Ole began receiving phone calls from irate parents of the inquisitive youths involved in the previous night's escapade.

They were wondering what kind of shop of horrors he was running that had scared their dear little progenies so badly. He quickly got to his parlor where he found the head on the floor. It was a non-stop procession to view the grisly remains for the remainder of the day. Ole decided that it would be in everyone's best interest (especially his) to bury the body early the next morning in an unmarked grave to prevent trophy hunters from disturbing the remains.

Marion D. Lyttle was given a short, small service at the Olson Undertaking Parlor in Sheridan, performed by Rev. Cunningham. His interment was at the Sheridan Cemetery and had only one relative present, J. Scott Harrison, from Helena. He had arrived the previous day and made all the arrangements. His grave was never identified as the authorities thought best. All of his possessions were removed from his cabin and taken to Helen with J. Harrison and the horses were disposed of by Bill Marshall, who the court had appointed as executor of the estate.

The case was never reopened and went down as a very questionable conclusion.

Commodity Insite! Double Whammy

by Jerry Welch

The two days leading up to the presidential election and the four days after were among the most volatile in history for stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities: the Big Four. The two days before the election were mostly bullish but the following four days quite bearish except for the stock market and the United States dollar. And in my column from last week I highlighted how gold, bonds and soybean prices simply collapsed election night inflicting huge losses on the bulls as the votes were being tallied and thereafter.

The one market I did not highlight last week, however, was silver futures. I will do that now. The Friday, after the Tuesday election and early in the morning, silver futures rose to a high of \$18.85 an ounce but in late afternoon trading, values fell \$17.18 an ounce. Those bullish and bought the high and held on as it collapsed lost as much as \$8,350 per contract at one time. They were losing \$1,341 per hour. Or \$231 per minute.

Keep in mind there was no bearish news out that day that shoved silver prices deep in the red. The only news was the presidential election and the volatility it spawned with silver, gold, soybeans, bonds and a host of other markets. And those that may

have bought silver that day and carried the position into the new week lost even more money. The following Monday, silver futures dropped to \$16.63 an ounce, leading to another \$2,750 loss per futures contract. Add the Friday, loss of \$8,350 to the Monday loss of \$2,750 and in the short space of two trading sessions, silver futures lost more than \$11,000 per contract.

This week, a semblance of stability settled in and the volatility was reduced from what it has been since election day. But this week the U.S. dollar suddenly jumped to a new, 14 year high, promoting more uncertainty and setting the stage for additional volatility.

In the column I wrote for this newspaper dated Dec. 31, 2015, entitled, Outlook for 2016, I stated: “Not only was 2015 a bumper for commodities and a huge disappointment for stocks, bonds and cash, but the volatility increased dramatically in the final month of the year which simply sets the stage for more of the same in the New Year. Stocks, shares, equities and the Dow for example, endured the most volatile and capricious December since 2008.”

In other words, 2015 ended with a great deal of volatility and the same scenario is

rearing its ugly head here in late 2016. But the wild card moving forward which may spark an even more intense bout of violent price swings rests with the U.S. dollar. Here is what I also wrote in part two of Outlook for 2016: “The New year will be known as the, ‘Year of the Dollar.’ In 2015, the dollar rose 9 percent and is off to a good start in 2016. The Fed hiking rates will provide the ‘ol greenback with a stiff tail wind for all of 2016 and likely beyond. When President Reagan was in office in the ‘80s, the dollar rallied to 128.00 and in the 2000s, when Mr. Clinton was president, the dollar rallied to 112.00. This week, the dollar kissed a one month high of 99.73. My work suggests the dollar will peak a bit above where it was when Mr. Reagan was in office before the rally ends.”

With the exceptionally violent market swings seen since the presidential election the one market grinding higher and higher with little notice and fanfare is, believe it or not, the dollar, the ‘ol greenback. This week, it hit a high of 101.54, the best it has been since late 2002, 14 years ago.

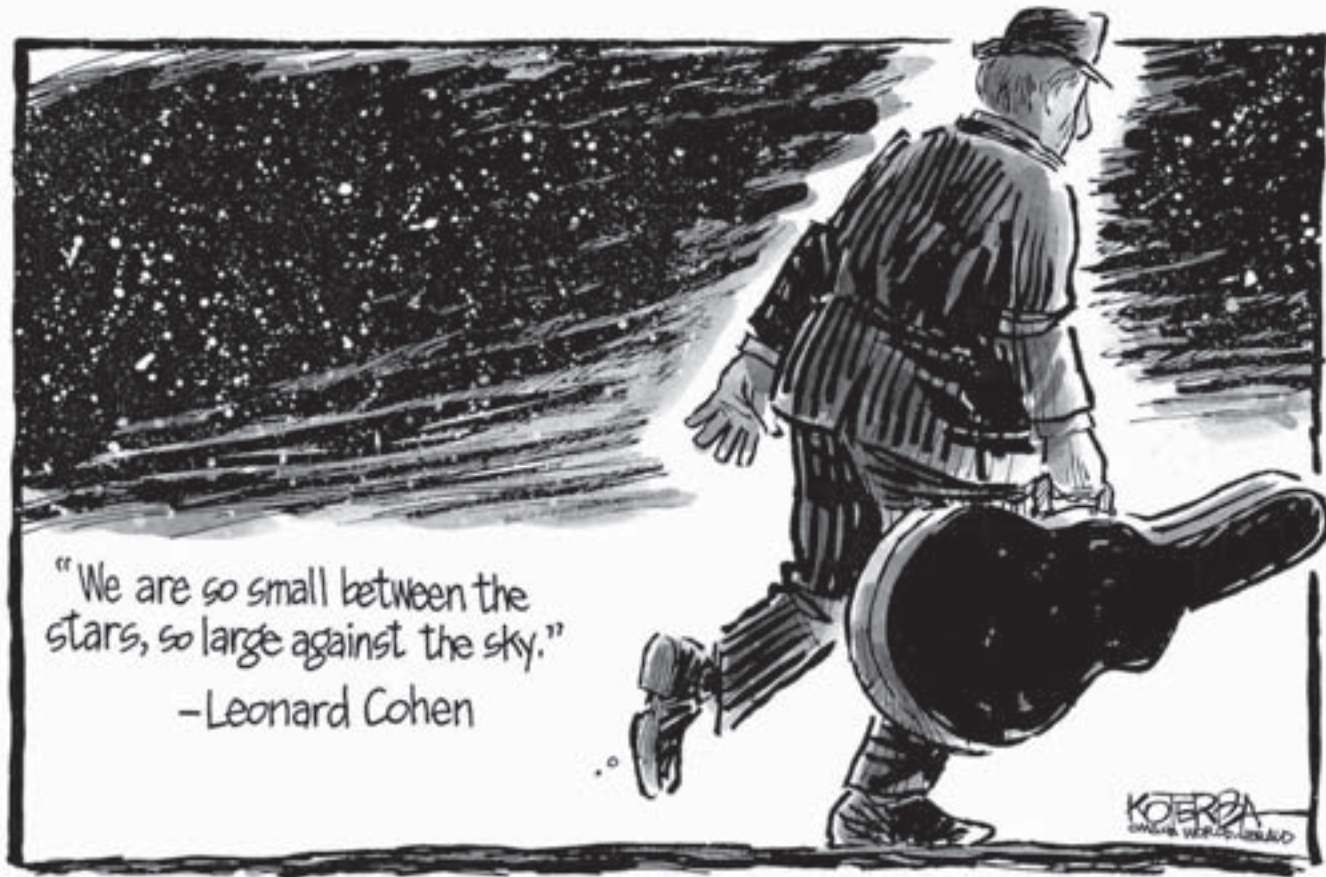
I stated clearly in my column, Outlook for 2016, that is year would be known as the Year of the Dollar. I also stated clearly what

tends to happen to commodities per se when the dollar becomes king. Hard assets, commodities if you will, tend to work lower to sharply lower. Rallies when they unfold are feeble and short lasting That is an absolute fact based on the history of the dollar and its relationship to hard assets.

Unfortunately, U.S. ag-producers are facing a double whammy. Not only has the ‘ol greenback rallied to a new, 14 year high but at the same time, the Chinese currency, the Yuan, has fallen to an eight year low. For nearly a decade, the saying, “as China goes so goes U.S. ag-prices,” has been as right as rain. China has been the main buyer of U.S. soybeans and in recent years, a major buyer of U.S. pork. But the landscape has changed dramatically this year with the dollar being so strong, the Yuan so weak and Chinese purchasing power sharply curtailed.

There is a great deal of uncertainty everywhere when it comes to markets of all kinds. But the double whammy of a strong dollar and a weak Yuan is not uncertain at all. It is a bearish scenario for U.S. agriculture. And hopefully I am wrong about that and it would not be the first time I was wrong. But only time will tell as the New Year draws near.

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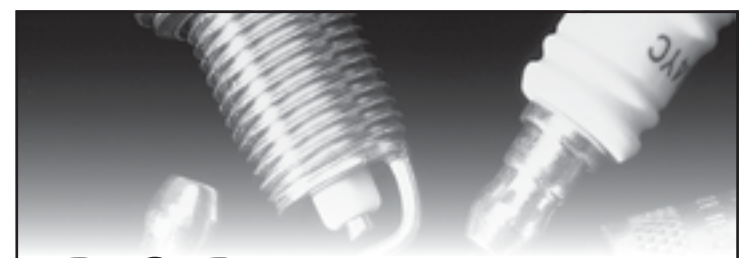
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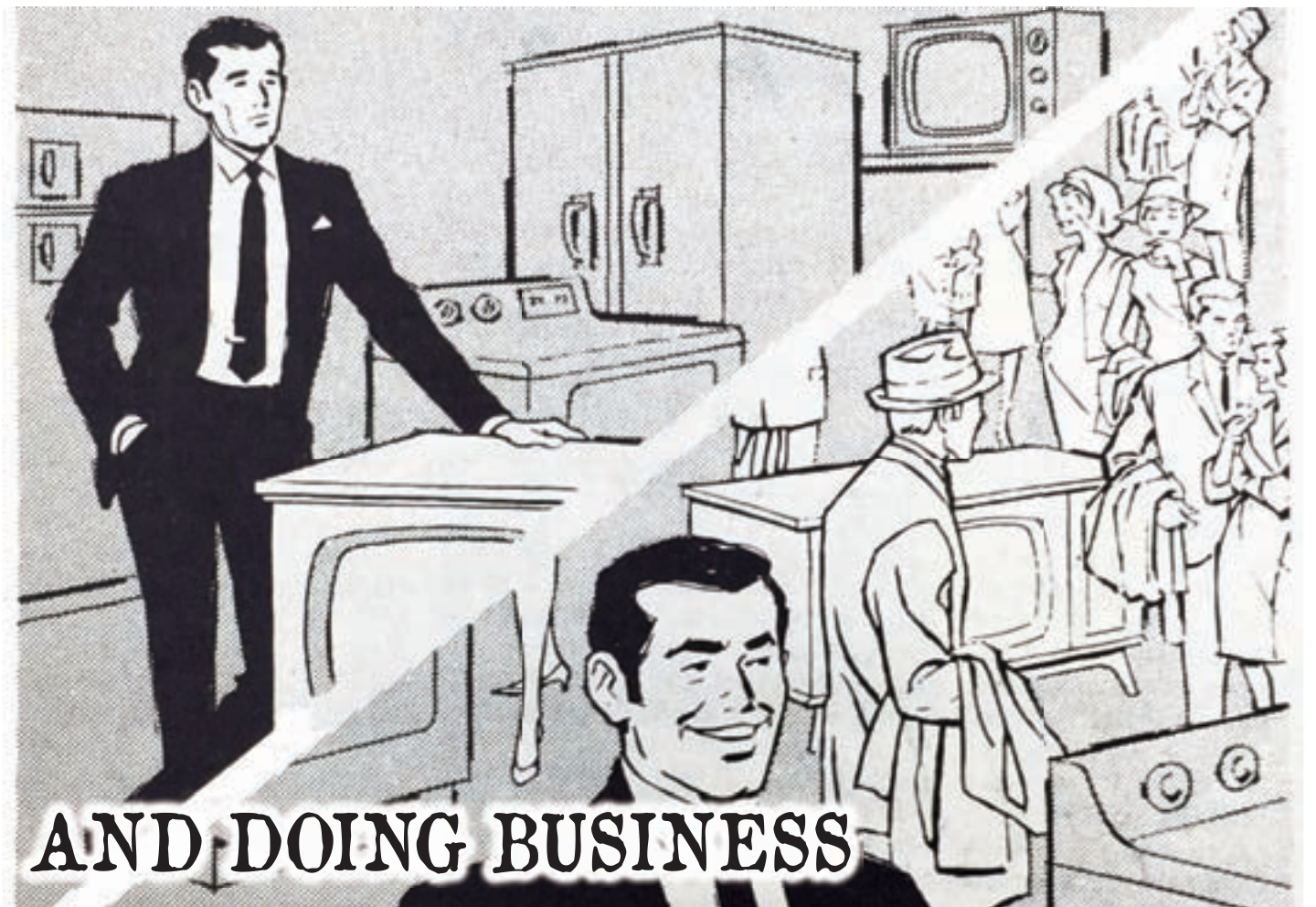
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MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JAMES F. GEARDE,
Deceased.
No. DP-29-2016-26
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Virginia City Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining public comments regarding the draft Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Town's water and wastewater system, and the assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed improvements. The Public Hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. local time on December 1, 2016, at the Rehearsal Hall at 316 W. Idaho Street.
In 2015, the Town received funding from the Montana Department of Commerce Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) and Montana Department of Natural Resource and Conservation Renewal Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) to complete the PER for the systems. At the hearing, the project will be explained, including the purpose, proposed area of the project, activities, budget, possible sources of funding, and any costs that may result for local citizens because of the project. Everyone will be given the opportunity to express their opinion regarding the draft PER and its effect on the environment. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing before 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2016. Written comments and request for further information should be sent to Mayor Scott Peterson at PO Box 512, Virginia City, MT 59755. A copy of the draft PER and Environmental Assessment are available at the Virginia City Town office at 316 E Wallace Street in Virginia City.
(Published Nov. 17, 24, 2016) tovc
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PUBLIC NOTICE
A.M. Welles, Inc., will file on or about Novem-

ber 17, 2016 a notification of intent to transfer location of an air quality permit with the Permitting and Compliance Division/Air and Waste Management Bureau of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Applicant seeks approval of its transfer of location of Gravel Crusher Air Quality Permit # 2921 to Section 16, TSS, R1W, 3 miles north of Ennis on east side of 287. The division must approve or disapprove the permit transfer within 30 days of receipt of a complete notice intent. Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to review a copy of the permit and the division's analysis of it, or to submit comments on the change of location must contact the division at 1520 East Sixth Ave., PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 phone (406) 444-3490.
Any comments on the location transfer must be submitted to the division within 15 days after the date of this publication.
(Pub. Nov 24, 2016) amw
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST
Deed of Trust: Dated January 23, 2006
Grantors:
Melvyn L. Sprout
4327 US Hwy 287 N.
Ennis, MT 59729
Melvyn L. Sprout
PO Box 1031
Ennis, MT 59729
Melvyn L. Sprout
639 Mirza Way
Ennis, MT 59729
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c/o Madison Valley Manor
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Ennis, MT 59729
Melvyn L. Sprout
c/o Lorraine Van Ausdold, Guardian
300 N. Willson Ave., Suite 3004
Bozeman, MT 59715
Melvyn L. Sprout
c/o Peter J. Fischer
Fischer Law Office, PC
PO Box 161811
Bozeman, MT 59716
Original Trustee:
First Boulder Valley Bank
PO Box 207
Boulder, MT 59632
Original Beneficiary:
First Madison Valley Bank
PO Box 307
Ennis, MT 59829
Successor Trustee:
Jenny M. Jourdonnais
HANSBERRY & JOURDONNAIS, PLLP
3111 Grant Street, Suite B
Missoula MT 59801
Date & Place of
Recordation:
Original recorded 01/27/2006 under Document No. 111461, in Book 552 at Page 8, records of the Clerk & Recorder of Madison County, Virginia City, Montana.
The undersigned hereby gives notice that on the 14th day of February, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 West Wallace, Virginia City, Montana, JENNY M. JOURDONNAIS, as Successor Trustee under the above-described instrument, in order to satisfy the obligation set forth below, has elected to and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, payable at the time of sale to the Successor Trustee, the interest of the above-named Trustee, Successor Trustee and Grantor, and all of its successors and assigns, without warranty or covenant, express or implied, as to title or possession, in the following described real property:
Lot 6, Block 3 of the Mirza-Norby Addition to the town of Ennis according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Madison County Clerk and Recorder in Book 2 of Town Plat, Page 62.
The defaults for which this foreclosure is made are the failure of the above-named Grantor, and all of their successors and assigns, to pay when due the monthly payments provided for in the Promissory Note in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for the months of April, 2016 through October, 2016; together with interest which continues to accrue at the rate of seven and 25/100 percent (7.25%) per annum; together with past due interest in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Four and 12/100 Dollars (\$1,794.12).
The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is the principal balance of

Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-three and 92/100 Dollars (\$49,223.92), plus interest thereon at the rate of 7.25% from and after the 1st day of April, 2016 to September 15, 2016, in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Four and 12/100 Dollars (\$1,794.12), plus per diem interest thereafter at the rate of Nine and 75/100 Dollars (\$9.75), plus all costs, expenses, attorney's and trustee's fees as provided by law.
DATED this 5th day of October, 2016.
/s/ Jenny M. Jourdonnais, Successor Trustee
Hansberry & Jourdonnais, PLLP

3111 Grant Street, Ste. B
Missoula MT 59801
STATE OF MONTANA
County of Missoula
This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 5th day of October, 2016, by Jenny M. Jourdonnais, Successor Trustee.
/s/ Susan Marshall
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Commission Expires: March 17, 2019
(Pub. Nov 24, Dec 1, 8 2016) hj
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Payment of taxes may be made at the Madison County Administration Building in Virginia City, MT, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on legal holidays or at any time before the due date. Taxes may be mailed to Madison County Treasurer, P.O. Box 247, Virginia City MT, 59755, postmarked no later than November 30, 2016. PLEASE NOTE: IF TAXES ARE PAID AFTER THIS DATE, PENALTIES AND INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED AND YOUR CHECK WILL BE SENT BACK TO COLLECT THEM. PLEASE CALL FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT OWED AFTER THE DUE DATE! WE NOW HAVE A NIGHT DROP AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE ADMIN BUILDING WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED UNTIL 5:00 PM. NOVEMBER 30, 2016 FOR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.
Telephone inquiries may be made to 406-843-4212 or e-mail sburke@madison.mt.gov
Web site: www.madisoncountymt.gov
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11 and 12-year-old winners: Rylee Klasna, Bo Kelley

Madison County Elks hoop shoot first place winner: Marisa Snider



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The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated.

SENIOR MEALS, VIRGINIA CITY
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on **Tuesday & Thursdays** from 11 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.
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Twin Bridges student participates in all star band

SUBMITTED BY CARLA WISLER
Twin Bridges Schools

Haley Fournier represented Twin Bridges musicians as a member of the University of Montana All-Star band on Nov. 11, 12 and 13. A senior at Twin Bridges, Fournier plays both alto and bari saxophone for the Falcons. Fournier participated in the all star band at the nomination of her director, Carla Wisler, and based on her leadership in band and her experiences in Montana High School Association festival events. The students who made up the all stars represented five states and worked together for approximately 12 hours of rehearsal to put on a stellar concert Nov. 13. Two pieces of contemporary electroacoustic band music were prepared with the composer, Alex Shapiro, in the rehearsals. Shapiro taught the performers about the craft of composition and the vision she had for the music. Fournier represented her school's music department with pride and excellent musicianship.



NRN from pg. B3

North America according to the National Wild Turkey Federation, who reports that they occupy every state except Alaska. In 1991 spring hunting seasons were opened for the first time in every one of the 49 states with turkey populations.

Contrary to popular belief, Thanksgiving and turkey as the centerpiece of the meal did not become common until about 1800. But as you celebrate the bounty of the land, give thanks for the people who helped to recover the Merriam's wild turkey, an interesting and tasty bird, and give thanks for living in this beautiful place with them!



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A special gift

Brown family honors bid for Twin Bridges collage

SUBMITTED BY JANIS HANSEN
Kid Country Daycare

In 2014, Kelly Downing, artist, parent and board member of Kid Country Daycare in Twin Bridges, produced a beautiful collage of the round barn. The daycare board asked for bids on it.

After the tragic death of Trevor Brown, Molly Pritchard, Kid Country director, went to check on the bids and found the highest and last bid was from Brown. Pritchard and the board pondered what to do. They decided that although it was a difficult matter to speak to the family about, Pritchard would call Brown's dad, Randy Brown, and let him know Kid Country was grateful for the bid, but would be glad to provide the collage to the bidder preceding T. Brown.

But R. Brown replied, "Oh, no, (T. Brown) loved art, and he would have wanted to donate to the daycare."

With great appreciation, the board received the generous check from R. Brown.

Then Pritchard and the staff deliberated on how to spend the donation. They decided on a swing set.



Shaws presented with weather service award



SUBMITTED BY MATT MOORMAN
National Weather Service

Janell and Lony Shaw were presented with a 10 year length of service award from the National Weather Service in Great Falls for recording and reporting daily maximum and minimum temperatures, precipitation, snowfall and snow depth.

The weather data the Shaw's report is part of a national co-op program of about 8,500 weather stations that collect the nation's official weather records. The station at their home in Twin Bridges has been in the family since 1961 and continues the records for that area dating back to 1899.

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Lony and Janell Shaw and their daughter Lauren.

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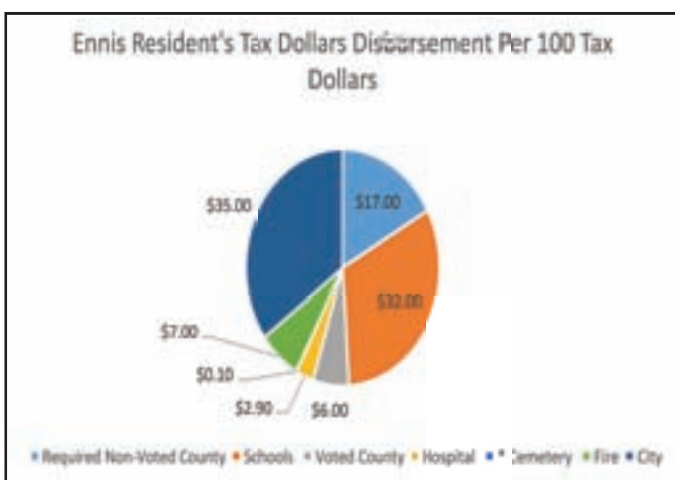
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Airport	\$ 0.51
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Library	\$ 0.34
Planning	\$ 0.34
Required Non-Voted County	\$ 17.00
Schools	
County Equalization	\$ 13.12
County Retirement	\$ 2.56
County Transportation	\$ 0.64
State Equalization	\$ 9.60
State University	\$ 1.28
Ennis School District	\$ 4.80
Schools	\$ 32.00
Voted County	
MadCo Nursing Home	\$ 4.14
Weed	\$ 0.36
Library	\$ 0.36
Public Health	\$ 0.36
Search and Rescue	\$ 0.30
Senior Citizens	\$ 0.48
Voted County	\$ 6.00
Hospital	
Madison Valley Hospital	\$ 2.90
Hospital	\$ 2.90
City	
Ennis	\$ 35.00
City	\$ 35.00

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**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 24**

Thanksgiving dinner, Ennis
Dinner provided at the Madison Valley Baptist Church, 5050 Hwy. 287 N. from 1-4 p.m. Shut-ins delivery available. 682-4244.

**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.

Christmas stroll, Sheridan
Stroll along Main Street businesses from 5:30-7 p.m. and celebrate with the community in the Main Street park from 7-8:30 p.m.

Ski swap, Ennis
Ski swap at the Gravel Bar during the Christmas stroll.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4**

Talk, Twin Bridges
Dr. Kristin Ruppel from Montana State University will present a talk at the Church of the Valley at 12 p.m.

Potluck style luncheon so please bring a dish.

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 6**

Meeting, Ennis
Madison Meadows Golf Course board of directors meeting at the library at 6 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.

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 13**

Meeting, Sheridan
Anderson-Simpson Post 89 will hold its December meeting at 6 p.m. in the Post building.

**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.

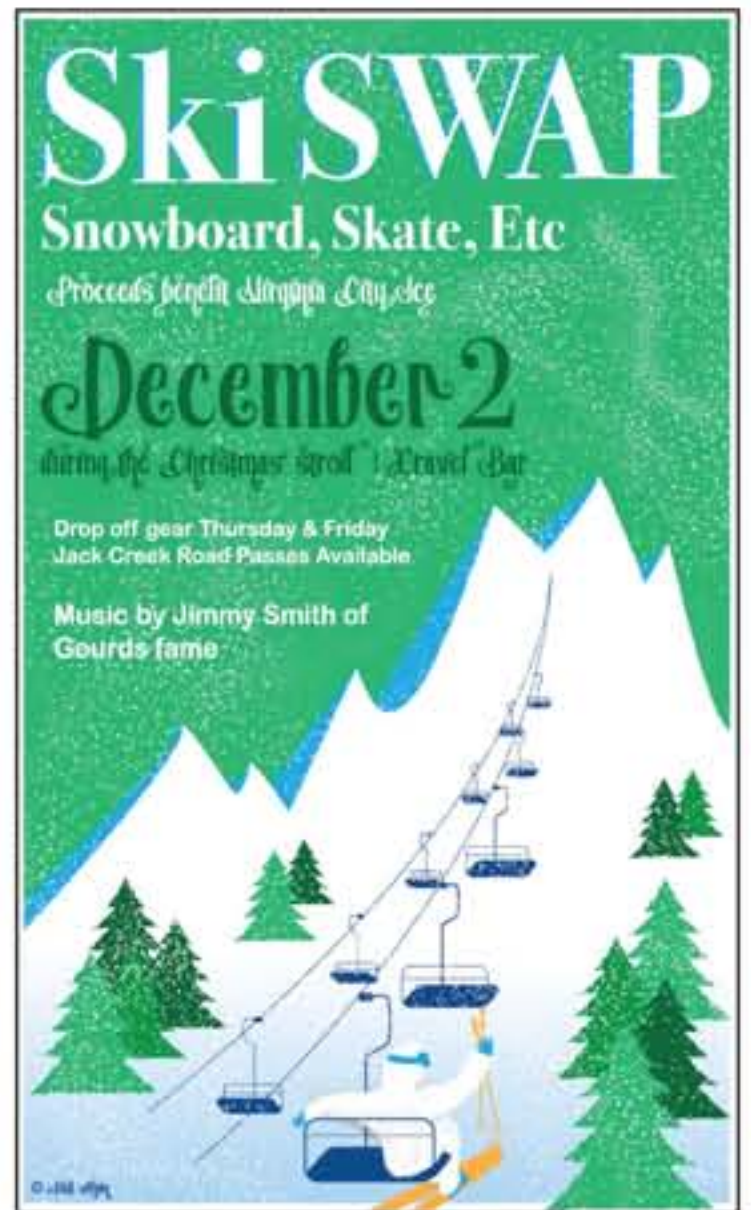
**SATURDAY
JANUARY 21**

Chautauqua, Virginia City
Chautauqua winter season begins at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center on the third Saturday in Jan., Feb., March and April. Potluck dinner at 7:30. Call 843-5507 for more information.

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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

Baby Bistro, Ennis
First and third Wednesday of the month at the Madison Valley Public Library and 11 a.m.

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.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
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