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Hunting season wrap up



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Elk hunting in Southwest Montana.

Preliminary harvest rates down from record-breaking 2015 season

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Depending how you "slice" the data, the 2016 general rifle hunting season around Madison County was within the long term average for elk harvest, but certainly below the last 10-year average harvest, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist Julie Cunningham.

"Still, it wasn't the worst harvest on re-

cord," Cunningham wrote in a final summary. "(Because) 2011 and 2012 showed fewer elk harvested. Nonetheless, we can all agree it was nothing like last year or 2010 - our prior records."

Nov. 26 and 27, the final weekend of the general deer and elk hunting season in Southwest Montana, saw little change in hunter harvest success, according to FWP's Andrea Jones.

"Minimal precipitation throughout the

duration of the season made hunting challenging, especially for elk," Jones reported. "The highest success rate seen in the region occurred in the Alder area where FWP biologist Dean Waltee checked a high number of mule deer and white-tailed deer."

Waltee checked 306 hunters - 19 white-tailed deer, 23 mule deer and 15 elk were harvested for an 18.6 percent success rate.

Nine of the white-tailed deer were males and 10 females; 16 male mule

deer and seven female; and six of the elk were male and nine were female.

On the Madison Valley side, the Cameron check station saw the most hunters - 431 stopped by.

"There, FWP staff checked 43 elk, three white-tailed deer and 11 mule deer," Jones reported.

Of those white-tailed deer, two were female and one was a juvenile. Ten of the 11 mule

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Snowpack in the valleys

Precipitation averages hold steady throughout warm, dry spell

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"I'm excited it's snowing," said Lucas Zukiewicz, water supply specialist with Natural Resources and Conservation Service's snow survey and water supply forecasting program. "It's my business."

Through the end of October and the first week of November, the Madison and Ruby river basins received above average precipitation.

"It's important for us to get fall mois-

ture because it puts water into our soils," Zukiewicz explained. "That's the good news. The water freezes in the soil in the winter, and it's stored. Then the soils aren't as hungry during runoff in the spring, so it's more efficient."

Since the first week in November, however, Madison County has not seen much precipitation.

"It's not news that it has been warm and dry," Zukiewicz said.

As of Nov. 17, the mountain locations in the Madison River Basin were at 54

percent of average precipitation, though the mountains outside of West Yellowstone did benefit from a few passing storms.

"Above Hebgen has been very dry the last two years, so it is good to see them get snow," Zukiewicz said. "We got less precipitation as you move north through the valley."

Since November is not generally a "big" month when it comes to accumulating precipitation, its below-average status is not too concerning, Zukiewicz said.

"The Madison River Basin is still 174 percent of average for the water year because October was so above," he said. "It's not like comparing the numbers to April or May, because those are months we usually get a lot of precipitation."

The story is the same in the Ruby River Basin. At the upper basin mountain locations of Divide and Clover, precipitation ranges from 117 to 179 percent of aver-

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Snow and rainstorms in October and early November benefitted Southwest Montana's early season snowpack.



New bridge, same design

Blaine Spring Creek Bridge nearly complete

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As of Thanksgiving week, construction on the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge was nearly complete.

"They poured the slab," said Madison County commissioner Jim Hart. "They need to do the guardrails and fix up the road itself."

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

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

On deck is the reconstruction of Varney Bridge, just to the east of Blaine Spring Creek Bridge. Varney Bridge crosses the Madison River, and is in need of repair.

"We had a pre-engineering meeting with MDT last week, and the plan right now is to have it go out for bid in 2018 and probably have construction in 2019," Hart said. "Which means we will most likely have two years of being able to drive that road in the summer (before it is closed for the Varney project)."

Hart said construction on the Varney Bridge will probably take the same amount of time as the Blaine Spring Creek Bridge - if anything, it will take a longer because the Varney Bridge is twice as long.

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deer were male, with only one female coming through the check station. Finally, Cunningham checked seven male elk, 26 female and 10 juvenile. "The resulting hunter

success rate was 13.2 percent for deer and elk only," Cunningham stated. "1 percent of elk only and 13.5 percent for all game."

The additional "all game" percentage came from one

bighorn ewe that was checked at the station.

"The sixth weekend numbers of hunters checked, elk checked, mule deer checked and hunter success rates were within recent average," ac-

ording to Cunningham. "The number of white-tailed deer checked was below recent average."

Jones said FWP region three will not be enacting a season extension.

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age for the water year, even though the November precipitation total was around 50 percent of average.

Area reservoirs

Hebgen, Ennis and Ruby reservoirs are not close to capacity, but that is no reason to worry this time of the year, Zukiewicz said.

As of Nov. 1, when the

reservoirs were last measured, Hebgen was at 104 percent of average, Ennis was at 99 percent of average and Ruby was 108 percent of average.

"It's important to remember percent of average is not the same as capacity," Zukiewicz said. "For example, the Ruby gets pulled pretty low every year by this time because of irrigation need."

"It's important for us to get fall moisture because it puts water into our soils ... The water freezes in the soil in the winter, and it's stored. Then the soils aren't as hungry during runoff in the spring, so it's more efficient."

- Lucas Zukiewicz, Natural Resources and Conservation Service

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"Right now the consideration is if it should be a single-span or a double-span," Hart said. "Currently, there is a pier in the middle of the river. We have to decide if we should build it

like that with another pier, or take it all out and make it single-span."

Funding for the Varney Bridge is not finalized, though the county does have a \$750,000 TSEP grant, and MDT is also looking into

other sources of grant monies.

"The rest would be funded by MDT and possibly some private funding if folks are willing to do that like they did with Blaine Spring Creek Bridge," Hart added.

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The Blaine Spring Creek Bridge under construction Thanksgiving week. When complete, the replacement bridge will look like the original.

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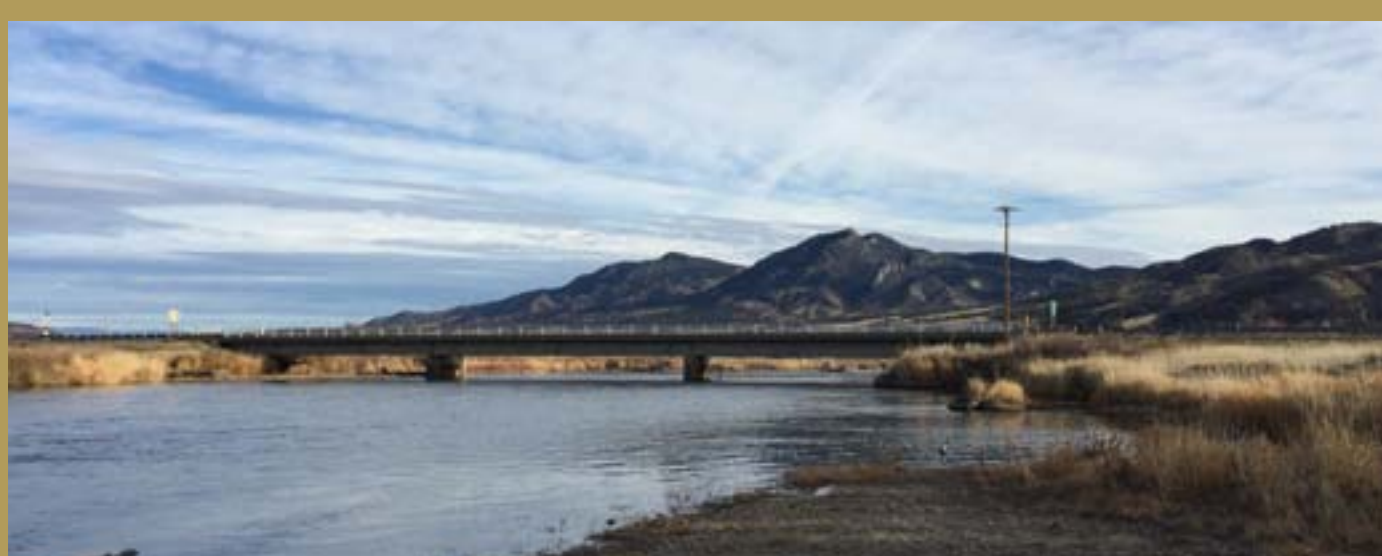


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SPORTS:

BASKETBALL PRIMER

What to expect from the Mustangs, Wildcats, Panthers and Falcons

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'Tis the season ... for basketball in Madison County. *The Madisonian* reached out to the varsity coaches from Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges so we have an idea of what to expect from our teams this season.

For a full schedule for each team, turn to pages A8 – A11.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ennis

If you ask head coach Jared Smithson, we can expect great things from the Mustangs this season.

“These boys are very talented and are willing to work hard toward the goals of the team,” Smithson said.

Last year, the Mustangs took first in the conference and won the district tournament. After losing to Arlee and Valley Christian in the divisional tournament, they took fourth place and did not make it to state.

“We only lost three seniors last year and some other students have recovered from injuries,” Smithson said. “We have a pretty loaded team this year.”

Smithson said the team’s ability to pressure their opponents on defense is going to come as a surprise.

“They will be very exciting to watch offensively also,” he added. “With all of our different offensive threats we can run the ball through.”

Many of the same athletes who just won the state football championship are taking their talents to the court, so Smithson said they have high expectations.

“(Keep an eye on) Jake Knack, Gavin McKittrick, Ty Morgan and Tracer Croy,” he said. “There are a couple more players who will be very fun to watch, but those are the guys who were a big part of our success last season.”

Ennis kicks off its season on Dec. 10 against Manhattan Christian, which Smithson said is a “don’t miss” game.

“Other games to look forward to would be against Twin Bridges,” he added.

Harrison

Youth and heart will be two big drivers for the Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats this season, according to head coach Nick Dyk.

“I expect us to be undersized against most teams this season,” he said. “However, we will look to play solid defense and work on our positioning.”

Last year’s Wildcats wrapped up the season with an 8-13 record and graduated six seniors.

“(We) return only two players – Lane Buus and Derik DeFrance – with significant varsity experience,” Dyk said. “Although Layne Homner stepped in at the end of last season and gave us some solid minutes.”

Homner and Doug Christensen, who was injured last season, will join Buus and DeFrance and receive a lion’s share of varsity time.

Right now, the young Wildcats are working on learning their offensive and defensive assignments.

“We have a steep learning curve to bring in five new starters,” Dyk said. “We are a younger team and have some very good workers. We will be good at getting multiple players involved every night.”

The team is “absolutely” excited to hit the court, Dyk said.

“Several of the boys spent time during the summer and started out the season significantly improved from last season,” he said. “We look to improve each and every day. Good luck to all the teams in the conference.”

Dyk said the Wildcats’ first game out of the gate is one to see – head to Big Sky on Dec. 3 to watch the team take on Absarokee.

Sheridan

Sheridan athletic director Ed Burke said the Panthers have struggled in recent years – last year, they only won a single game, beating Lima at home.

“We are returning everyone from a year ago, and we do have a couple new players out that didn’t play last year,” said Burke. “We have about 13 on the roster, so we’re hoping we can play a junior varsity schedule throughout the season.”

The Panthers are under new leadership this year from Clay Pierson, a former Twin Bridges player who also played football at the University of Montana. Pierson said the team is working on “competing and finishing.”

“We’re trying to figure out what it takes to win,” he said. “(The team) is excited for the year to get going and I am too.”

“(Pierson is) bringing a lot of enthusiasm,” Burke said. “Hopefully that will translate into us being a little more competitive.”

Burke said the “don’t miss” games will be the match ups against Harrison, though Pierson said all the games will be good.

“Expectation-wise, we are going to come out and try hard, to say the least,” Pierson said. “We’re going to be solid and play in-your-face defense.”

This year’s team will be led by senior Tristan Horn.

“He got good time playing as a freshman,” Burke said. “And he hasn’t left the floor in the last two years. He has a lot to do for us, but hopefully this year the kids that got time last

year as freshmen can step up and help him.”

Twin Bridges

The Falcons will be competitive this year, thanks to a blend of returning experience and great new, young players, said head coach Josh Keller.

“I think our defense is what we really take pride in and will continue to do so,” Keller said. Last year, the Falcons finished the season 15-6, ending their post season play the Saturday of the district tournament.

“We have three returning starters back, Wes Harshbarger, Cooper Christensen and Chace Guinnane,” Keller said. “We will also be adding to the mix some great young talent. I have a great freshman class joining us as well as a couple of talented sophomores.”

Some of that younger talent includes Clay Wolfe, Daniel Krueger and Bryce Nye.

Though playing their rival, the Ennis Mustangs, is a game that should not be missed, Keller said Drummond and Phillipsburg will be good games as well, since those teams are new additions to the conference and well coached.

“I would say they are ready to get after it,” Keller said.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ennis

The Lady Mustangs finished their 2015-2016 season with a 15-10 record and a trip to the divisional tournament, but lost out to Seeley-Swan. Back under the direction of second year head coach Jordan Overstreet, the Lady Mustangs are looking to redeem themselves.

“The season is off to a great start,” said Overstreet. “We have a great bunch of girls that work hard every day and I’m excited to see what this group can accomplish with their selfless attitudes and strong work ethic.”

After losing only a few girls to graduation and moves, the Lady Mustangs are feeling strong as they head into the 2016-2017 season.

“I really want to put an emphasis on the defensive end,” said Overstreet. “Last year, we were solid defensively but I believe we can be even better this year with our athletic ability.”

Overstreet, who played college basketball at the University of Montana Western, said he is excited about this year’s team.

“I get to coach a great group of girls ... they are a fun group to coach and interact with,” he said, adding the team’s strength is when they play as a whole.

As far as games not to miss, Overstreet suggests those against Twin Bridges and Drummond.

“Those will be two tough conference match ups.”

Harrison

The Lady Wildcats from Harrison will once

again co-op with Willow Creek, and head coach Zach Dyk said three girls will participate from Willow Creek, bumping the roster to 11 players, once the junior high season ends and players can swing up to varsity.

“We are going to be a fairly young team,” Dyk said.

The Wildcats have seen a significant decline in athletes the past couple seasons, much in part to the high school’s declining enrollment. But that does not deter this Lady Wildcat team.

“I’m most looking forward to watching how these girls develop as a team and as individuals,” Dyk said. “I expect competitiveness, class and hard work each and every game.”

The Wildcats have four returning players from last year and will be bringing up three eighth graders.

“Josie Hokanson is returning after a successful season last year,” said Dyk. “She is hungry and I am looking to her for leadership on and off the court as well as further developing her skills. I am also looking toward Alexys Bacon to make strides this year in every facet of her game.”

Dyk graduated from Harrison High School, where he played basketball, earning both all-conference and all-state honors. This will be his second year as the Lady Wildcats head coach.

“I always thought I would coach boys but when I moved back in 2013, I found out (former head) Coach (Lisa) Cooper needed an assistant and I haven’t really looked back since,”

he said. “I have been fortunate to be around a great program with tradition and I look forward to passing on to every team I coach.”

Sheridan

Last year’s Lady Panthers did not win a single basketball game, but team leaders Janie Smart and Tionna Schwend are back and motivated, according to Sheridan athletic director Ed Burke.

“They are the same girls who led us in volleyball and they will be doing the same in basketball,” Burke said. “(Matthew Rockeman) is our new head coach. He coached our junior high a year ago.”

Burke said Rockeman is bringing enthusiasm, hustle and effort to the floor.

“It’s okay if we don’t match up ability wise with certain teams, but we have to match their effort,” he said.

The Panthers split wins with the Harrison Wildcats during basketball season, and Burke said the basketball match up is likely to be competitive as well.

Though the team is young – six of nine players are freshman – Burke said there is good enthusiasm to get the season rolling.

Twin Bridges

The Lady Falcons finished their 2015-2016 season with a 22-3 record and made it to the divisional tournament, taking home the fourth place title after a close loss to Seeley-Swan. With four seniors this season and a flock of

young talent, head coach Josh Keller said he expects big things.

“I think we will see a fast paced team that will go hard every night and leave it all on the floor,” Keller said. “I expect big things from the girls this year.”

Keller added the Lady Falcons administer a tough and aggressive defense and Keller plans to build on that strength.

“The girls have been such a great press team in the past and we will continue to build on that, as well as add to these strengths,” he said.

Varsity veterans and seniors Mara Johnson, Cassie Williams and Brook Schandelmeier are returning to the court, along with Audrey George who sat out last season due to an injury. RaeAnne Bendon, Michaela Madden and Kailee Oliverson are a few of the juniors on the team who Keller said he will be looking to on the court.

“All will be big contributors,” he said.

Keller said the game to watch will once again be against Ennis as both the boys’ and girls’ teams are coming off successful and powerful volleyball and football seasons.

“Once again Ennis showed their power and they will be a very tough team to beat,” Keller said.

The Falcons will open their regular season play against Ennis on Dec. 16, and Keller is excited for the season to start.

“They gave me everything on the court at our first practice,” he said, adding the girls seem to be excited to get into the season.



OPINION

Thank you for the help, comfort

Dear Editor,

Many thanks to Vick Kemp and Hank Croy for trying to revive Bob. Thanks to the staff at the

Madison Valley Medical Center, Ennis Ambulance, Bozeman Reach helicopter crew, Doug Young and all the loving volunteers. Our hearts and many

thanks go out to all that came to comfort our family. Many thanks to the Madison Valley Baptist Church, Pastor Ray, Nichole Fredson and volunteers who helped

make the celebration of life truly a blessing to our family and friends.

Blessings,
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Here we go again: another president

Dear Editor,

Here we go again. A new president. What will happen? Over the past years, every president we have had, millions were in favor and millions were not in favor. But we survived no matter what we thought.

Remember Richard Nixon? He told us he was not a crook. But because of Watergate he had to resign.

We got Gerald Ford. He had trouble falling down and had the misfortune of the bribes of Spiro Agnew. Oh yes, and he pardoned Nixon.

Then Jimmy Carter. A nice smile but what did we get? Peanuts. We got the Iran hostage situation and big oil prices.

Then Ronald Reagan. Some still think his administration is a bad movie. He supplied weapons to our enemies. He had more documented corruption than any other president.

Then George H.W. Bush. He left us with over a trillion dollar debt. Many did not like his appointment of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. We got bushwacked with the economy for the

middle class.

Then Bill Clinton. Many did not like his NAFTA treaty. He failed to sign the landmine treaty. We got a lot of cliches and caginess from Clinton. Lots of pardons at the end of his term.

Then another Bush. George W. Bush. Many still remember his bludner with hurricane Katrina. We got an illegal, unneeded war. The economy went down the drain and he left us with over a \$13 trillion debt. But the rich got richer.

Then Barack Obama. Unity went out the window. The naysayers had no respect

and would not work with Obama. He sent more troops to Afghanistan. What about Obamacare?

Now it will be Donald Trump. Remember, a trump card will win over any other card. I do hope we all have an ace in the hole. I hope Trump will suit us with hearts and forget about the clubs. I hope he does not tower over the middle class and the working poor.

Oh well, I have survived over the years.

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Cecil Earl Davis

September 1, 1950 - November 27, 2016



Cecil Earl Davis passed away at his home on Nov. 27, 2016.

He was born on Sept. 1, 1950, in Coos Bay, Ore., to parents Norma (Edwards) and Robert Davis. He spent his early childhood there before moving to Klamath Falls, Ore., in 1960.

Cecil played baseball from the age of 10 and eventually became a well known pitcher for the Falcons. He attended Klamath Union High School, taking many advanced classes and graduating with honors in

1968.

After high school, he attended Pacific University for a short time before transferring to Southern Oregon College in Ashland, Ore. It is during these years Cecil met many of the people that would remain his lifelong friends. It is also during this time he first met Patricia Trew, the true love of his life and soul mate.

Cecil had a variety of jobs including carpentry, United Grocers warehouseman, cookie delivery driver, real estate and finally Blue Bird Bus salesman. Cecil loved selling Blue Bird Buses. He believed in the products he sold and enjoyed the caring people he worked with including Tracy and Hartley Hageness and Max Bouchard.

Cecil loved being outdoors and moved to Montana in 1993 to be able to fish, camp and hike. He picked Ennis so he could fish the blue ribbon trout population of the Madison River. In more recent years, Cecil found a passion for golfing and could be found out on the

course any day that was over 40 degrees. He shared his passion for golfing with his good friend Carl Pearson. He had a passion for politics and would bend an ear to anyone who had the time and patience to listen to his views.

In 1998 he was contacted by one of his lifelong friends and was put in communication with Patty once more. After a few months of daily phone calls, she too moved to Ennis to spend the rest of her life with Cecil. They would remain true soul mates for the next 18 years. The love they shared would help them cope with his difficult diagnosis of ALS.

It was also after moving to Montana that he reconnected with his daughter Amie. Amie would spend several years in Montana and would stay in contact with her dad.

Cecil believed in the good of every person and felt we should love each other exactly as we are and not try to change anyone. He had a "the more the merrier" attitude. He used

these philosophies to start the Sanctioned Outers Club in 1974. From eight young men partying over Memorial Day, Cecil and his friends grew this club into the family oriented yearly celebration it continues to be to this day.

Cecil wanted everyone to know that even though his life was cut short due to a battle with ALS, he believed his life to be complete because he had the love of his family.

Cecil is survived by his wife Patty Davis of Ennis, sister Darlene (Bill) White of Salem, Ore., daughter Amie (Rob) Tingey of Elmira, N.Y., step daughters Sarah (Con) O'Connor of Eugene, Ore., and Holly (Brian) Barney of Ennis, and grandchildren Ella, Jack, Taylor and Katie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Charlene.

A memorial service is being planned for the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Bozeman Health.

Ruth Beecher Klatt

July 14, 1924 - November 19, 2016



Born July 14, 1924, on a farm in Fullerton, N.D., where she attended country school before going into Ellendale for high school.

She married Cecil Klatt on July 21, 1944, after meeting him at a dance where he was playing music while

she danced. This summer they celebrated that day up at Black Butte on their 72nd anniversary.

The young couple moved to the Madison Valley in 1946 after purchasing the Lockhart Ranch up Wall Creek in the Gravelly Range. Ruth was only 22 years old, and due to the remoteness of the ranch, she had a lot of work with no electricity, hot water and a steady stream of guests. She canned jar after jar of wild meat and vegetables from her large garden.

Ruth and Cecil bought a house in Jeffers to be closer to school in 1951. Later, after selling the ranch, they lived there full time and have ever since.

The two of them enjoyed

three boys, Bill (Linda), David (Cory) and Richard (Jackie); five grandchildren, Shiloh, Joshua (Amanda), Jake, Gwen (Chad Kashmir) and Luke (who left us too early, but God needed him); and six great grandchildren, Caitlin, Tanner, Cameron and Claire Klatt and Addison and Cade Kashmir. Her love in life was her family, who always came first. Everyone always left with a bag of cookies.

Ruth was a member of the PTA and woman's club. She was a scout den mother and helped with little league. She enjoyed helping start the Ennis First Lutheran Church and loved to hear the word of God, as Jesus was her rock.

She loved to fish our small streams and the Madison River. She loved riding her favorite horse, Violet, throughout the mountains and grouse hunting up on the Gravellys. Ruth also enjoyed the big picnics and get-togethers with family and friends. She sure loved to laugh and had a very generous heart.

"Ruthie," as they called her, passed away in her sleep on Nov. 19 at the Madison Valley Manor. The family would like to thank the manor's staff for the great care they gave during those three months. A graveside service will be held Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Ennis Cemetery along with a celebration of life on July 4.

OBITUARIES CONTINUED ON A5

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MORE NEWS:

Search and rescue mission for hunter

Emergency services mobilize to Bear Creek, keep victim alive overnight

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On Nov. 21, a two-day search and rescue mission for a man suffering from a medical emergency while hunting in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness culminated in an air ambulance transport to Bozeman. "On Nov. 20, 2016, (at 2:20

p.m.), the Madison County Sheriff's Office received an emergency phone call from a subject ... reporting a medical emergency involving a 58-year-old male in his hunting party," according to Madison County Undersheriff Phil Fortner. Just two minutes later, the sheriff's office received a phone call from the International

Emergency Response Center, advising of a SOS signal from an emergency beacon device activated by someone in the same hunting party, with GPS coordinates indicating the hunters were in the Bear Creek area of the Madison Mountain Range. "The Madison Valley Search and Rescue unit was dispatched

to the area as well as REACH Air Medical Services of Bozeman," Fortner said. "REACH arrived at the scene at approximately (3:25 p.m.) and was able to provide medical aid by two of the crew members, however, the air craft was unable to extract the patient from the area." Due to darkness and incoming weather, the patient was

accompanied by two medical aid personnel and members of his hunting party overnight. The next morning, at 8:26 a.m., the patient was extracted from the area by Central Helicopters and delivered to the REACH ambulance to be transported to the hospital in Bozeman. Fortner was unsure of the

patient's condition as of *The Madisonian's* press time Tuesday. In addition to the sheriff's office, Madison Valley SAR and the helicopter services, the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Gallatin County Search and Rescue and the Ennis Ambulance responded to the incident.

Falling into place

New electronic billboard added to Sheridan Main Street

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After a year of planning, grant writing and donations, the new electronic billboard on Sheridan's Main Street has finally come full circle, bumping Sheridan into the league with Twin Bridges and Ennis.

"It was a great team effort and it replaces the old static sign," said Karen Talley.

Talley formerly served on the school board, ending her term in 2016, and took on the role as community point person for the sign.

"I'm excited about it because its intent is to be a sign that informs the Sheridan community of school and community functions," Talley said, adding it is the first billboard in the state that can be programmed from the Internet.

The new sign can be accessed wirelessly and is tied in with Madison County's Emergency Services. Dustin Tetrault, director of emergency management, can update it

anytime there is need or emergency. "Tetrault just updated it not too long ago and notified the community of a planned power outage, so it's already serving its purpose," Talley said.

"It's just one more step in helping to notify people of what's happening in the area," said Tetrault.

Because the billboard was partially funded through a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, Tetrault said one stipulation was that it be used for emergency purposes.

"For instance, had we had it up during Sheridan's lead issue, we could have been posting where people can get water and other public notices regarding that issue," he said. "Some ideas I have for it now that it is activated is posting fire danger levels and restrictions for people visiting the area."

Tetrault also said getting the sign was a big push on his part in order to expand the county's method of communication, along with implementing the CodeRED

system, from which the board will be able to automatically feed and update.

"It's just another tool we can use as it gets harder and harder to notify people," he said.

Final phases

Though the sign was slated to be up last summer, resources were pushed back and the design did not come to fruition until spring, something Talley was fine with.

"It really gave us the summer to brainstorm the design and Rodney Braaten at the school built it all," she said.

Sheridan Superintendent Mike Wetherbee said he is happy to finally see the sign up so the community can be informed on what is happening with school as well as knowing what is going on in the community.

"It looks really good and there is one more little piece that we're building at the school to add recognition of people who donated to the project," he said.



MOORE CREEK PROJECT

Culvert replacement complete, contractor to complete punch list

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More than four months after the Moore Creek culvert replacement project was scheduled to wrap up, the contractor completed work on the culverts – all that is left is the punch list, which is a list of things that must be completed or cleaned up before final

payment.

"If those things are not handled then we will hire someone else to do it and take the cost of that off the current contract," explained Madison County commissioner Jim Hart.

The project replaced eight culverts along Moore Creek, starting at Main Street and First Street and running southwest through

town, eventually ending up at MT Highway 287 near the Mormon Church, south of town.

Since the project was behind schedule, the contractor has been getting reduced payment each pay request as a result of liquidated damages, Hart said.

"He has requested consideration of a delay because of weather and finding city water and

sewer lines to reduce his liquidated damages," he added. "It was supposed to be done by July 8, and we are at the end of November. That's nearly five months late."

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

25 percent match – \$381,200.38.

Hart said some of that \$381,200.38 was funded by a Department of Natural Resources and Conservation grant and a Montana Department of Transportation grant. Since the county committed money to the project for planning and engineering, Hart said they were responsible for around \$30,000.

OBITUARIES CONTINUED FROM A4

Evelyn June Phelps Loucks September 19, 1928 – November 10, 2016

Evelyn June Phelps was born in Scobey on Sept. 19, 1928, to Jasper and Jenny (Severson) Phelps. She was the oldest of four children. She died at the Madison Valley Medical Center on Nov. 10, 2016.

June married Philip

Loucks on Nov. 2, 1948. He preceded her in death by 12 days. June is survived by son Steve (Debra) of Ennis, son Jeffery (Brenda) of Dillon, son Curt (Jeanette) of Latah, Wash., daughter Lori of Ennis, sister Marion Hoyt of Big fork, and brother Jerry

(Donna) of Plentywood. She is also survived by grandson Jaron (Katy) of Manhattan, granddaughter Brandi (Eric) of Ennis, granddaughter Deserea (Dustin) of Ennis, family friend Pat Merwin of Wolf Point, and several nephew and nieces. June is

also survived by four step grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Besides her husband of 68 years, she was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Ralph.

She was raised on the family farm south of Redstone.

She graduated from the Plentywood School in 1946.

Mom worked as a cook at the Ennis School for 25 years.

Mom loved her family above all else. She was a wonderful mother, a great wife and friend. She was broken hearted when Dad died and

just wanted to join him. Mom died of a broken heart.

Memorials may go to the Madison Valley Medical Center or donor's choice

A memorial service for Mom and Dad is being planned for early summer 2017.

William J. (Nick) Simmons 1920 – November 18, 2016



William J. (Nick) Simmons, 96, passed away on Nov. 18, 2016, at the Madison Valley Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Gail Simmons; children, Kip Simmons and Nancy Mask; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Nick was a native Georgian, but spent the last 30 years as a summer resident of McAllister.

Fly fishing, golfing, hunting and other outdoor adventures brought him to the Madison Valley that he loved so dearly.

Nick was a World War II veteran. He served in Italy,

France and North Africa and was very proud to be an American having fought for his country.

The Simmons family would like to extend our gratitude to all the staff at the Madison Valley Medical Center for the compassionate and loving care

given him during the last few months.

Donations may be made in memory of William J. (Nick) Simmons to Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation, PO Box 993, Ennis, MT 59729-9900 or online at www.mvmcf.org, click 'support' on

the main menu, then 'honorary and memorial donations,' and/or Warriors and Quiet Waters Foundation (helps wounded veterans) at <https://warrior-sandquietwaters.org>.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Ann Storey July 14, 1914 – November 9, 2016

Ann Storey, 102, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, in Bozeman. She was born on July 14, 1914, in Twin Bridges. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

RUN LIKE THE WIND!

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Few souls braved the wind for the seventh annual Ennis Turkey Run on Saturday, Nov. 19. The 4.2 mile course brought just over 20 participants out to run or walk for a cause, with all proceeds going toward the Madison Valley Caring and Sharing food bank. With 35 pounds of food and \$580, which will be matched by Town Pump, the event brought in a monetary amount of \$1,160 for the food bank.

A small awards ceremony was held at the completion of the course where runners and walkers in their divisions were gifted with hats, shirts and pies baked by the students in the culinary arts class.



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Blacktail check station

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I operated a hunter check station at the Mator Ranch HQ in the lower Blacktail on the Sunday of the fifth weekend of hunting season. This was the first time I operated this check station. The purpose of this effort was to communicate with a sample of hunters from this portion of the Gravelly Elk Management Unit and the mule deer either-sex area, as well as increase sample sizes of elk and mule deer checked within these respective management areas.

I visited with 215 hunters that spent 456 days hunting. Twenty-three (11 percent) of the hunters harvested a big game animal. I checked six elk (four antlered, two antlerless), 11 mule deer (10

antlered, one antlerless) and six white-tailed deer (five antlered and one antlerless).

Twenty-five, 4 and 71 percent of hunters reported hunting only elk, only deer and both species, respectively. Twenty-nine, 62 and 9 percent of hunters reported being from Beaverhead County, another Montana county and non-resident, respectively.

Twenty-four percent of hunters reported observing at least one elk and reported observing an average 1.2 elk per hunter day effort. Hunter reports indicated that elk remains scattered in small groups across all elevations and forested habitat types.

Forty-three percent of hunters reported observing at least one mule deer and reported observing an average of 1.5 mule deer per hunter day effort. Thirty-two percent of hunters reported observing at least one moose and reported observing an average of 0.15 moose per hunter day effort. One percent of hunters reported observing a wolf reported observed an average of 0.02 wolves per hunter-day effort. No grizzly bear observations were reported. Thirty-six percent of hunters reported observing no game. Of these hunters, 36 percent reported their hunting efforts consisted on only driving country roads. Mild weather conditions and continued access to a healthy fall green-up of grasses is keeping elk and deer scattered across most of the landscape in small groups. Hunter reports indicate elk are spending much time in forested habitats. These conditions are surely reducing the number of elk and mule deer hunters are currently finding.

I hope to operate the Blacktail check station more in the future.

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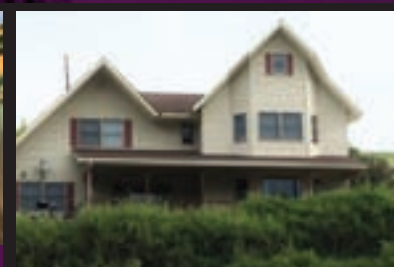
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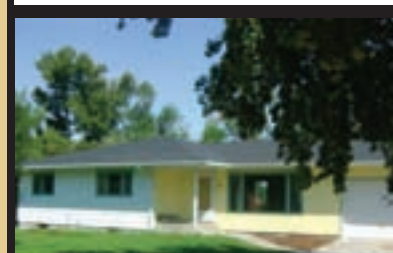
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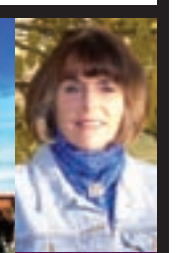
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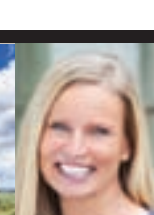
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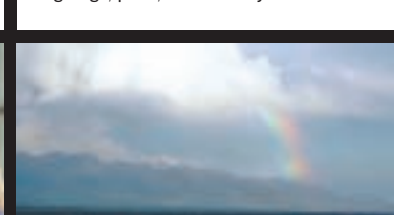
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Junior varsity games generally begin at 4 p.m., with the first varsity game following at 5:30 p.m., and the second varsity game at 7 p.m.

FALCONS SCHEDULE

- DEC. 9-10 - THREE FORKS TIP OFF TOURNAMENT
- DEC. 16 - ENNIS, AWAY
- DEC. 17 - HOME GAME VERSUS LIMA
- DEC. 19 - HOME GAME VERSUS SHERIDAN
- DEC. 20 - HOME GAME VERSUS DRUMMOND
- JAN. 3 - WHITEHALL, AWAY
- JAN. 6 - HOME GAME VERSUS LONE PEAK
- JAN. 12 - HARRISON, AWAY
- JAN. 13 - HOME GAME VERSUS PHILLIPSBURG
- JAN. 20 - LIMA, AWAY
- JAN. 21 - HOME GAME VERSUS ENNIS
- JAN. 27 - DRUMMOND, AWAY
- JAN. 28 - SHERIDAN, AWAY
- FEB. 3 - LONE PEAK, AWAY
- FEB. 4 - HOME GAME VERSUS WEST YELLOWSTONE
- FEB. 10 - PHILLIPSBURG, AWAY
- FEB. 11 - HOME GAME VERSUS HARRISON



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- NOV. 19 WAS THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE
- DEC. 3 - TIP OFF TOURNAMENT
- DEC. 8 - HOME GAME VERSUS LONE PEAK
- DEC. 10 - TIP OFF TOURNAMENT
- DEC. 16 - SHERIDAN, AWAY
- DEC. 17 - DRUMMOND, AWAY
- DEC. 20 - PHILLIPSBURG, AWAY
- JAN. 6 - HOME GAME VERSUS LIMA
- JAN. 7 - WEST YELLOWSTONE, AWAY
- JAN. 12 - HOME GAME VERSUS TWIN BRIDGES
- JAN. 14 - HOME GAME VERSUS ENNIS
- JAN. 20 - HOME GAME VERSUS DRUMMOND
- JAN. 21 - HOME GAME VERSUS SHERIDAN
- JAN. 26 - HOME GAME VERSUS GARDINER
- JAN. 27 - PHILLIPSBURG AT WILLOW CREEK
- FEB. 3 - HOME GAME VERSUS WEST YELLOWSTONE
- FEB. 4 - LIMA, AWAY
- FEB. 10 - ENNIS, AWAY
- FEB. 11 - TWIN BRIDGES, AWAY

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DEC. 20 - SHERIDAN, AWAY
DEC. 21 - HOME GAME VERSUS LIMA
JAN. 6 - HOME GAME VERSUS WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
JAN. 7 - GRANITE, AWAY
JAN. 9 - HOME GAME VERSUS BOZEMAN
JAN. 13 - HOME GAME VERSUS DRUMMOND
JAN. 14 - HARRISON, AWAY
JAN. 20 - LONE PEAK, AWAY
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FEB. 3 - HOME GAME VERSUS GRAINTE
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- DEC. 19 - TWIN BRIDGES, AWAY
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- JAN. 7 - GARDINER, AWAY
- JAN. 13 - LIMA, AWAY
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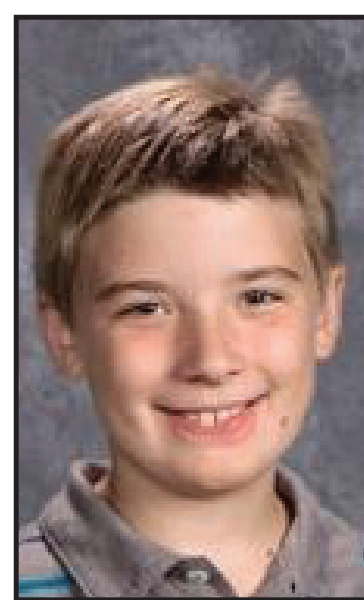
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Saturday
Cloudy. Snow showers developing in the afternoon. High 32F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 50%.

Sunday
Mostly cloudy skies with a few snow showers later in the day. High 34F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 40%.

Monday
Mostly cloudy skies and a few snow showers later in the day. High 38F. Chance of snow 30%.

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Pronghorn pose in the snow in Jeffers.

WINTER WILDLIFE

How Madison County's furry friends survive the cold

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Winter is coming.

For the human species, that means icy roads, powdery ski hills and lots of cups of hot cocoa or hot toddies. For those non-domesticated and four-legged, their lives are in the hands of Mother Nature during winter. Ride or die, essentially.

Many animals call Madison County home: moose, mule deer, elk, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, big horn sheep, bears, mountain lions, wolves, bobcats and the occasional lynx, just to name a few. Most of these animals spend their spring, summer and fall seasons feasting on green grass, shrubs and other forage, or consuming prey, all in preparation for the winter season. The riding out of the storm. The

potentially long, harsh storm that is winter.

Danielle Oyler, the bear education coordinator for the Southwest Montana Bear Education Working Group said animal survival should be thought about in three categories: move, adapt or die.

"Animals need to adapt to winter conditions, by hibernating, finding alternate food sources or living through the winter on stored fat, like many wild grazing animals (elk, bison), who don't eat enough in winter to maintain weight and usually lose a significant portion of their body weight, or finding other strategies," she said. "Migration, or movement, is another way animals thwart winter. This is very common in birds, of course. Migration can also be local, like pronghorn, who migrate to areas with less snow. If animals don't

find a way to adapt, or move somewhere else, their only other option is death. Doing 'nothing' is not an option, and indeed, any animal that lives through winter has and is adapting to those pressures."

So let's take a look at how some of Madison County's wildlife survive.

Bears

Oyler wants you to be aware of one thing first – bears are indeed hibernators, though they hibernate differently than other animals.

"When compared to hibernating rodents, for example, bears keep a higher body temperature, higher heartbeat and respiration while keeping the same low metabolism," Oyler said. "Bears can 'wake up' in the middle of winter, though they may still be in a bit of a stupor."

Bears hibernate as a way to conserve fat reserves because of a lack of food, not necessarily because winter is cold and/or harsh, according to Oyler.

"(Bears) are driven by the conditions," said Dean Waltee, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist. "... and the length of hibernation time varies depending on those conditions."

Waltee demonstrated this by comparing the 2015-2016 winter season to the 2016-2017 season; by Nov. 1 of last year, the vast majority of bears in the county were hibernating.

"As of two weeks ago, there was still a lot of bear activity," Waltee said.

Bears, unlike other hibernators such as squirrels or marmots, recycle their metabolic waste to build protein that allows them to maintain muscle mass. Squirrels and marmots, however, must wake every several days to raise their body temperatures by feeding on stored food and passing waste.



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A moose prepares for the impending winter.

THE "BEAR" FACTS

- Prior to hibernation, bears can gain up to 30 pounds per week by foraging off carb-rich berries.
- Bears hibernate in burrows, dens, hollowed out trees and rock crevices that are often just big enough for a bear to squeeze through.
- Bears rake in twigs, leaves and other plants to make a nest.
- During hibernation a bear can keep a steady body temperature around 88 degrees Fahrenheit, allowing them to react to danger.
- During hibernation a bear's breathing pattern will slow to one breath every 45 seconds.



*sources: www.pbs.org and www.nps.gov

Ungulates

Ungulates, or any hoofed mammal, are commonly seen in Madison County. These are your elk, moose, white-tailed deer, mule deer and many more that roam the valleys, foothills and agricultural fields.

According to Waltee, most ungulates forage on any above-snow browse, including non native forage such as hay from the agricultural valley bottoms.

"Pronghorn will be wintering on native grassland areas looking for light snowpack or places with no snow," said Waltee. "When the snow is deep, they will eat sage brush leaves."

Moose have a couple of options according to Waltee – they might move into high elevations where they adapt to navigate through deep snow feasting on willows, aspen or other deciduous trees, or they will move low into the valley, especially during severe winters, and feed on a widespread plant variety known as curl-leaf mountain mahogany. Waltee

also stated there are a few moose in Madison County that will stay in the valley year round eating hay.

Much like bears, ungulates are at the mercy of Mother Nature in how they survive winter.

"What you're looking at with ungulates is that winter is what I would define as a negative energy balance state, meaning they go into (winter) with some amount of fat that has been driven by summer and fall forage and are continuously burning that fat to maintain their body temp," Waltee said.

Unlike bears, who recycle body waste to maintain a steady body temperature, ungulates will lose a portion of fat gained in the foraging season resulting in a slow rate of weight loss which in turn could produce leaner mammals in the spring season. But, it all depends on the severity of winter.

Springtime expectations

Based off our weather thus far and the wetter fall weather we received, Waltee said he is predicting most animals in Madison County will survive the winter and that we should see healthy calf and fawn crops in the spring. These predictions are also made through ocular assessment of the muscle mass on the animals he saw through the hunter check stations this past hunting season.

"I look at the muscle mass on the hips and shoulders and neck," Waltee said, adding he also looks at the fat thickness on the sternum.

Conclusion

Winter is indeed coming. We might be at a delayed start but she is on her way.

So when you are out and about this winter season, do not forget about the animals that call the county home – they are just trying to survive the winter the best way they know how.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mental health treatment works: Part one

SUBMITTED BY
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Mental illnesses are some of the most treatable chronic disorders of the body. Yet nearly 60 percent of adults and nearly 50 percent of children ages 8-18 in the United States who live with a mental illness did not receive treatment in the previous year. What is preventing so many of us from seeking and receiving treatment that could help us manage this type of illness and perhaps recover from it?

Despite recent efforts in Montana, across the nation and around the world to promote more widespread understanding of mental illnesses as treatable disorders of the brain, the stigma of mental illness remains huge. We find it difficult to admit to ourselves or our doctors that we're struggling to function in our daily lives. Whether depressed, anxious, subject to dramatic mood swings or panic attacks, addicted to alcohol or drugs or having psychotic episodes, we may be reluctant to say, "I'm having trouble. I need help." Treatment of mental ill-

ness may involve counseling (therapy), lifestyle changes and/or medication. Depending on particular symptoms and diagnosis, many people find therapy effective, often in combination with lifestyle changes. Medications provide relief for others. Lifestyle changes may include diet, exercise, breathing techniques, meditation, massage, aromatherapy or acupuncture. Consultation with a psychiatrist can help in difficult situations. Counseling or therapy can take many forms. Counseling is the term most often used for treatment pertain-

ing to life challenges such as relationship problems or parenting skills. Therapy or "psychotherapy" is a general term for treatment characterized by talking with a specially trained mental health professional. This may be a psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker, addiction counselor or professional. When you see a therapist, he or she creates a safe, secure and comfortable environment. The atmosphere is unbiased and nonjudgmental. The therapist helps you understand the issues that have brought you in and create your personal goals. In treat-

ment, you learn about your condition, feelings, thoughts and behaviors. You learn to take control of your life and how to use healthy coping skills. Psychotherapy can be helpful for such problems as stress and anxiety, depression, addictions (alcohol, drugs, gambling), post-traumatic stress disorder, trauma, fears and insecurity, health concerns, desire to make a life change and major mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and personality disorders. Not everyone who can benefit from psychotherapy has a mental illness. Psycho-

therapy can help you better manage conflicts with a partner or spouse, stresses at work, major life upsets (death of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce or being diagnosed with a serious illness) and unhealthy behaviors such as road rage; it can also support recovery from abuse or a sleep disorder. Counseling or therapy can help you overcome negative emotions and fears. It can help you put an end to negative or harmful thoughts or habits, discover your inner strengths, and make a plan to cope with crises or challenges.

Holiday food safety tips from DPHHS

SUBMITTED BY JON EBELT
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The holidays are a happy and often chaotic time of year for families. Food safety inadvertently can go by the wayside while people plan for visitors, budget for the holidays and prepare for festivities.

The Department of Public Health and Human Services is offering numerous food safety tips to help Montanans stay healthy this holiday season. "Being safe while preparing food is easier than people think," said Ed Evanson of the DPHHS Food and Consumer Safety Section. "Keeping these guidelines in mind will ensure that you can have happy and healthy holiday meals."

Safe Storage

- Make sure there is ample room in the refrigerator for everything that you plan on storing. Not having adequate room for air circulation may cause foods to not cool properly and may cause mechanical problems in the unit.
- Consider all the space that will be needed to store frozen and refrigerated items. You should also consider how you will keep foods hot and cold during mealtime

and plan accordingly.

Handwashing

- Handwashing is the most effective way to ensure that food contamination does not occur. You should wash your hands before food preparation begins, when switching between foods, after handling raw meats or whenever your hands get dirty.
- Remember, to follow these steps for proper handwashing: first wet your hands with clean running water, then lather your hands with soap for 20 seconds – do not forget your nails and between your fingers; rinse your hands with water; and then dry them using a clean towel.

Thawing

- Turkeys should only be thawed in the refrigerator, in the microwave or under cold running water; never on the counter. The first three methods allow the turkey to keep a safe temperature throughout, while the last does not.
- You should keep in mind that using your refrigerator to thaw your turkey may take three to four days, depending on what temperature you keep the refrigerator at and how big the bird is.
- It is important to remember not to rinse



the turkey before cooking, as rinsing will only spread bacteria.

Safe food preparation

- Use different cutting boards for vegetables and different types of meat. If multiple boards are not available, thoroughly wash the boards between uses.
- Place food items in the refrigerator so contamination is prevented. This can be achieved by placing items that will not be cooked on the top shelf of the refrigerator, and then store raw meats according to cook temperatures. The best arrangement would be foods that have already been cooked and foods that

will not be cooked on the top shelf, then raw pork, beef, seafood and eggs, then raw ground meats and raw poultry and game meat on the bottom shelf.

- For example, a vegetable tray and pie would be stored at the top of the refrigerator, raw beef and raw eggs would be stored in the middle and the turkey and other poultry would be stored at the bottom.

Cooking

- The amount of time it takes to cook your turkey will depend on the size of the bird. A meat thermometer should be used to ensure that the entire turkey reaches 165

degrees Fahrenheit.

- The thermometer should be used in three places: innermost part of the thigh, innermost part of the wing and thickest part of the breast.

- Slow cooking or partially cooking the turkey should be avoided. If possible, cook the stuffing separately.

- Serve hot foods promptly after cooking to ensure that the food remains safe.

Leftovers

- Leftovers should be put away within two hours of eating. As with storing food before the feast, make sure

Whether you are preparing a meal from scratch, or reheating leftovers, follow these food safety tips from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

there is ample room for air flow to ensure that everything cools properly. Store leftovers in small, shallow containers.

- Leftovers should be consumed within three days, or moved to the freezer.

- Leftovers should always be reheated to at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit and gravy should be brought to a boil before serving.

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THE HOWLING GODFATHER

Observing the dastardly deeds of a local character

Like many small towns, Harrison has its share of characters. However, it would be wrong to conclude that all of them are human. In fact, through observing his actions, I believe the town's most famous (infamous) character may well be a dog.

The aptly-named "Pork Chop" is a sizeable black Lab. It's obvious at a glance that he considers himself to be a dog in name only. Furthermore, Pork Chop deems himself to be on an intellectual par with humans and he may be right. In the final analysis though, what sets the brash creature apart is his uncanny flair for criminal enterprise.

For instance, each morning, Pork Chop resolutely walks to the back of my



Art Kehler

neighbor's house. Once there, he parks his chubby butt and begins barking boisterously. What's

more, the persistent animal absolutely refuses to shut his great-gaping-yap until a chunk of meat (preferably smoked beef jerky) has been tossed at his feet. After gobbling his ill-gotten gains, the ever-starving hound continues his rounds through town.

Pork Chop's second stop is at the local grocery store, where he mounts a bench next to the front window. From that commanding position, the mooching pooch positions his salivating oral cavity inches from the unsuspecting cash register operator and launches yet another canine clamor. After prying their finger nails from the ceiling, the store employees exasperatedly fling another piece of jerky out the door. Then, without the slightest remorse, the single-minded mutt heads for the café before striking a path to the school's kitchen door. Seven-days-per-week, winter, spring, summer and fall, the routine never changes.

Moreover, I have noticed that, as compensation for his rewards, Pork Chop makes

it a point not to (at least not while they're watching) exercise his bowels on his clients' property. Conversely, to those foolish enough to refuse his demands, he makes them an offer they can't refuse – a malodorous, doggy do-do dump. Furthermore, Pork Chop makes no effort to conceal his intent; preferring to perform the dastardly deed in broad daylight, immediately upon rejection. Even worse, as well fed as he is, the dog is capable of leaving a generous deposit.

Additionally, I have noticed that when traffic approaches his home, Pork Chop deliberately stands in the middle of the street, fully expecting motorists to steer around him. He also considers running undignified for a citizen of his standing in the community. Rather, the pretentious pooch prefers to strut along in a purposefully unhurried swagger. Overall, his persona simply doesn't project the status of a piteous beggar. Rather, Pork Chop exudes the aura of an earnest businessman worthy of rightful compensation for the services he provides.

As might be expected, many townsfolk dismiss old Pork Chop as a shameless, yet adorable, mooch. I, however, assign a more sinister motive to his behavior than mere mooching. To put it bluntly, I believe that Pork Chop is the canine embodiment of a Mafia godfather. Fact is, the service he provides to his unwilling clients (victims) is the equivalent of mob protection from none other than his mobster self. In other words, Pork Chop's actions are a blatant act of criminal extortion!

Even so, the howling godfather and I maintain a civil relationship. In short, I don't feed him, and ... he poops on my lawn. Still, there's no bad blood involved. After all, what transpires between us doesn't amount to a personal vendetta – it's just business.

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NATURAL Resource News

By Michael Mooney, range technician, Bureau of Land Management

THE BEAR TRAP WILDERNESS INVASIVE WEED MANAGEMENT PROJECT

How to succeed with a little help from your friends

Introduction: The Bear Trap Wilderness encompasses the area along the Madison River contained within the boundaries of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and was the first designated wilderness area on Bureau of Land Management lands. Consisting of approximately 6,000 acres, the area is bounded by the power station at the dam on Ennis Lake to the south and Warm Springs day use area to the north and is located approximately 45 miles southwest of Bozeman. The Bear Trap Wilderness is made up solely of public lands managed by BLM, and because of its wilderness designation there are no motorized vehicles or equipment allowed inside its boundaries. The only access routes into the area are a foot trail along the east side of the river, an incomplete trail on the west side of the river and the river itself.

In April 2001 members of the BLM, Montana Wilderness Society, Madison County weed board, Forest Service, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Gallatin County weed district and other interested individuals floated through the Bear Trap Wilderness. They determined that due to the size, density and location of spotted knapweed and leafy spurge infestations, eradication was no longer an option but rather a long term plan of control and containment would be more practical and cost-effective. A second float trip was conducted in August 2001 to devise a plan of action.

Management: Spotted knapweed and leafy spurge control was initiated in late September 2001 using both biological control agents and herbicide, applied by a backpack sprayer. Biological control agents were released in the more inaccessible areas and above the hiking trails, while herbicide was used along the trails and from the trails to the river, where public use is the highest. Herbicide application was done as a joint effort

between the BLM and the Madison County weed board with joint spray days held twice yearly, one in spring and the other in fall. A minimum of three float trips per year have allowed access to some infestations of leafy spurge that are inaccessible by land.

During the past 15 years, the number of volunteers has varied between 20 and 55 with participation primarily from the BLM Dillon Field Office and permanent and seasonal staff and Madison County; Beaverhead County helped in spring 2002 after a fire burned a section of the trail and left the area prime for invasion. In 2006, funding was acquired for two

summer seasonal employees whose main duty is to treat weeds on public lands around and within the wilderness. The Montana Youth Challenge program has provided from four to six cadets since 2010, when the project expanded to include the west side trail that begins at the Warm Springs day use area. Gallatin County Weed District joined the project in 2013 after a large fire went through part of the project area in July 2012. A Montana Conservation Corps crew assisted in 2015 and 2016 for two weeks in June to help with some of the more inaccessible areas that have been missed during other volunteer days.

Results: After the first year of treatment, we were surprised at how the native grasses came back and competed with spotted knapweed. Throughout the project, infestation levels have decreased with a few spikes during years with more precipitation.

- Biological controls that were released on spotted knapweed have spread throughout the project area, but population numbers haven't increased to the levels needed for effective control.

- Biological controls that have been released on leafy spurge have shown similar results as those for spotted knapweed except in areas that burned in 2012. These areas were augmented with new releases in 2013

because of fears that populations were reduced due to the fire. Control of leafy spurge in these areas has increased dramatically over the last three years.

- Due to the use of herbicides that are more effective on leafy spurge and spotted knapweed but have little effect on mustards, hoary alyssum has started to become a weed of concern.

Management implications: Controlling noxious weeds in the Bear Trap Wilderness has shown that even if you have large infestations that are hard to access, control can be achieved with help from others and persistence. Even though the number of volunteers over the years has gradually increased, the amount of herbicide applied has significantly decreased. The use of BLM staff helps to educate everyone on the impacts of noxious weeds and the methods of control. It has also given the people that have taken part over the years a sense of accomplishment by being able to see that their efforts have made a difference. Future challenges include treatment of hoary alyssum and infestations of spotted knapweed, leafy spurge and cheatgrass that are on the canyon walls.

For more information about this project or to volunteer for future spray days contact the BLM Dillon Field Office at 683-8000.



Commodity Insite! Trump Bump and Slump: Part I

by Jerry Welch

Since the night of the presidential election, stocks have skyrocketed upward and a handful of unrelated commodity markets jumped to multi-month highs. The media is agog at the rise with the Dow that fell to a six-month low of 17,400 on election night but then began to rally non-stop and this week and hit 19,148. The media is calling the rally with a few commodity markets and the stock market the Trump Honeymoon effect.

However, markets do not go on honeymoons. A more suitable or proper description of what is underway would be to call the scenario unfolding with the Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities, the Trump Bump and Slump. The reason my moniker is more appropriate is because some markets such as stocks, a few commodity markets and the dollar are in the midst of a wildly bullish post-election bump up while other markets are caught wildly bearish post-election slump.

On election night when it became evident Trump would be president, stocks as measured by Dow Jones futures fell a record 800 odd points while the United States dollar also dropped sharply in value. At the same time, precious metals, treasury bonds and all ma-

commodity currencies rallied sharply. But early in the morning, everything began to reverse. The Dow and the dollar rose as if on a mission while metals, bonds and other currencies collapsed.

Here we are less than three weeks after the presidential election and all stock indexes have rallied to new all-time highs while the U.S. dollar is now at a 14-year high. Bonds, on the other hand, fell to their lowest levels since July 2015 while gold prices slumped to a nine month low. The world's major currencies have dropped like the proverbial rock with the Mexican peso hitting a four year low and the Chinese yuan falling to an eight year low.

Late this week, old crop and new crop soybean prices rose to a new five to six month high while cattle, feeder cattle and lean hog prices jumped to their best levels in three to four months. But sugar, coffee, cocoa and oat prices dropped to a multi-month lows. Commodity values have enjoyed a bump and a slump at the same time!

The best markets since the election and the ones part of the Trump Bump are stocks, the dollar, livestock and soybean prices. The worst markets since the election and the ones making up the Trump Slump are precious metals, all

the world's major currencies and U.S. treasury bonds. A few market such as crude oil and products are higher than election day but not doing that much at all.

Needless to say, the volatility since election night is virtually without precedent. When volatility becomes commonplace and taken for granted strange scenarios tend to surface which can leave investors, traders and agricultural producers perplexed and oftentimes bit lighter in the pocketbook. The reason is simple. In a market environment that is unusually volatile, trends, prices, values and markets of all kinds can reverse in a blink.

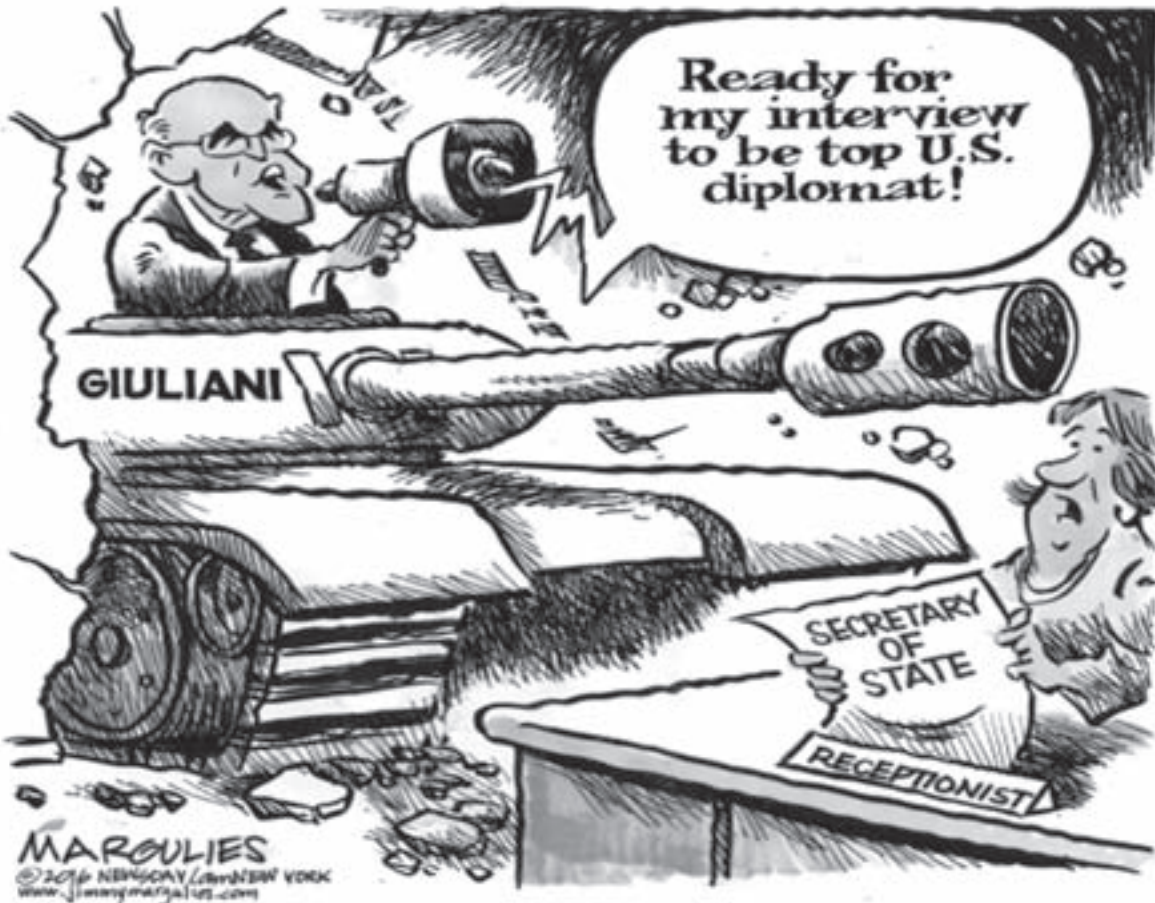
My lean toward most all markets is that of a bear. When bonds are doing what they are doing, namely collapsing, and the dollar doing what it is doing, namely hitting a 14 year high, I shy from the long side of most all markets. Again, the reason is simple. The deadly combination of lower bonds, higher interest rates and a U.S. dollar showing unusual strength, has always been a bearish scenario for most markets. Of course, that does not mean the markets per se have to morph into bearish markets right now. Sometimes it takes a while but it generally happens. Still, there are exceptions to every

rule. According to Old West wisdom, "There never was a horse that couldn't be rode, there never was a rider that couldn't be thrown." But I would bet heavily that out there somewhere, there is indeed a bronc that was never rode and just as positive there is a cowboy somewhere that has never been, "thrown." There are exceptions to every rule, which includes the deadly combination of lower bonds, higher rates and a stubbornly strong dollar can have on markets. Or, a skilled cowboy and an ornery bronc.

Nonetheless, with the Trump Bump and Slump pushing markets, values and prices all over the place the past few weeks I am reminded of one of my favorite old sayings that goes like this regardless of rules or exceptions: "The race is not always won by the swift, nor the battle by the strong. But that is the way to bet."

Based on collapsing bond prices, higher interest rates and an exceptionally strong dollar, investors, traders and agricultural producers may look back on the days following the presidential election and realize the Trump Bump touted loudly by the mainstream media quickly morphed into the Trump Slump. Only time will tell.

COMICS & PUZZLES



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- 1 Trails behind
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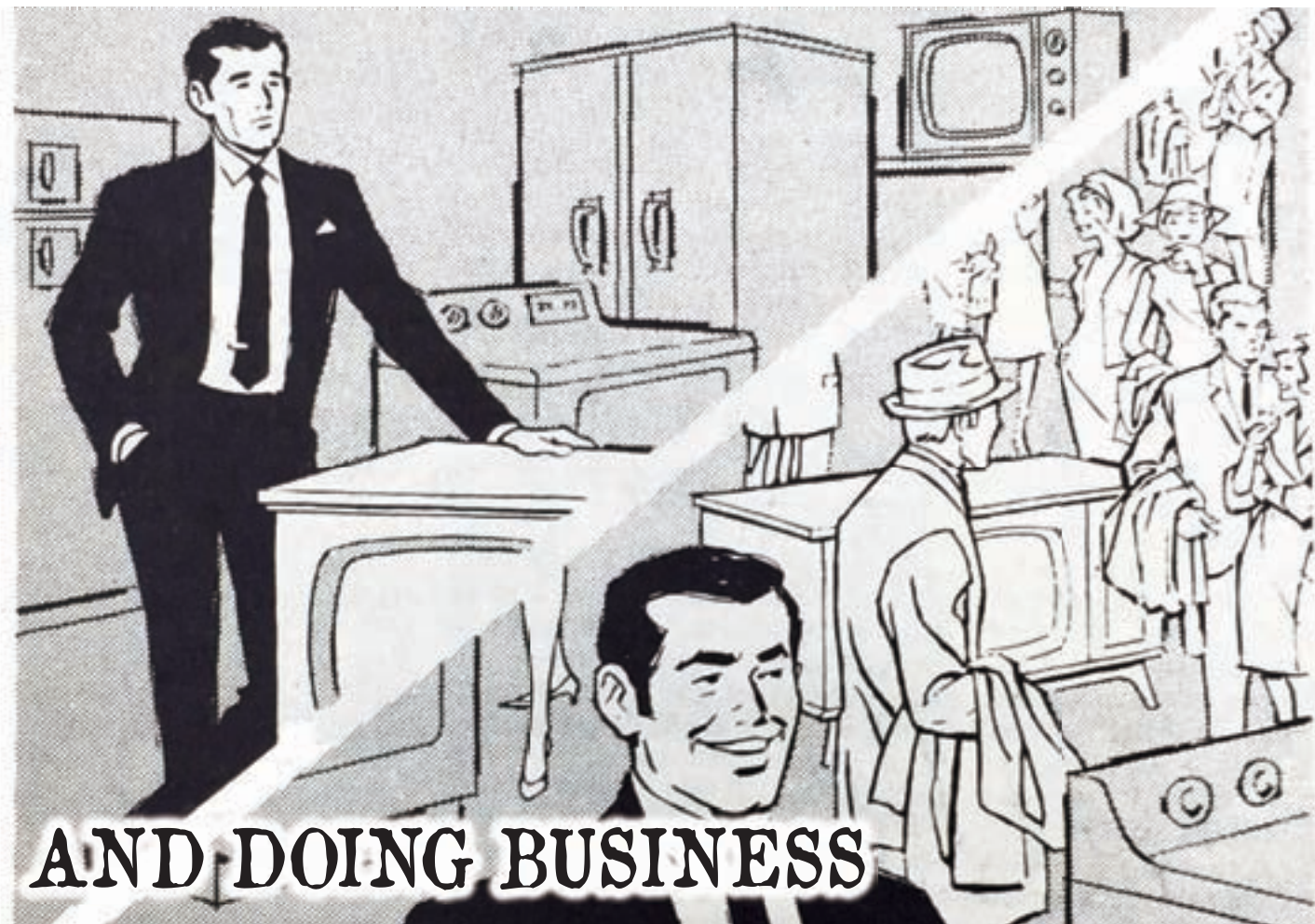
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 3111 Grant Street, Suite B
 Missoula MT 59801
 Date & Place of
 Recordation:
 Original recorded 01/27/2006 under Docu-
 ment No. 111461, in Book 552 at Page 8,
 records of the Clerk & Recorder of Madison
 County, Virginia City, Montana.
 The undersigned 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 Mad-
 ison County Courthouse, 110 West Wallace,
 Virginia City, Montana, JENNY M. JOUR-

DONNAIS, as Successor Trustee under the
 above-described instrument, in order to sat-
 isfy 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 as-
 signs, without warranty or covenant, express
 or implied, as to title or possession, in the fol-
 lowing 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 as-
 signs, 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 an-
 num; 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 Dol-
 lars (\$1,794.12), plus per diem interest there-
 after 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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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSFER LOCA-
 TION OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT (PURSU-
 ANT TO SECTION 75-2-211, MCA AND ARM
 TITLE 17, CHAPTER 8, SUBCHAPTER 7,
 PERMIT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERA-
 TION OF AIR CONTAMINANT SOURCES).**
 A.M. Welles, Inc., will file on or about No-
 vember 24, 2016 a notification of intent to
 transfer location of an air quality permit with
 Air, Energy and Mining Division/Air Quality
 Bureau of the Montana Department of Envi-
 ronmental Quality. Applicant seeks approval
 of its transfer of location of Gravel Crusher
 Air Quality Permit # 2921 to Section 25, T6S,
 R4W, Madison Co., 3.5 miles south of Alder
 on Anderson Lane. The AQB must review the
 permit transfer within 30 days of receipt of a
 complete notice of intent. If AQB does not ap-
 prove, conditionally approve or deny a permit
 transfer within 30 days after receipt of a com-
 plete notice of intent to transfer, the transfer is
 deemed approved. Any member of the pub-
 lic 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 AQB within 15 days after
 the date of this publication.
 (Pub. Dec. 1, 2016) amw
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**AUDIT PUBLICATION INTRO-
 DUCATION**
 An audit of the affairs of the TOWN OF EN-
 NIS, Montana, has been conducted by OL-
 NESS & ASSOCIATES, PC, CERTIFIED
 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. The audit covered the
 fiscal year ended in June 30, 2016. Sec-
 tion 2-7-521, MCA, requires the publication of
 the following summary of significant findings.
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS
 The audit report for the fiscal year ended June
 30, 2016 contained an Independent Auditor's
 Report on the basic financial statements. The
 report issued for the fiscal year ended June
 30, 2016 was a qualified report.
 The audit report also contained other auditor's
 reports. Following is a listing of the reports
 and a summary of the findings included.
 This is only a summary and is not intended to
 be used as an audit report.
**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
 FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLI-
 ANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON
 AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS.
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUES-
 TIONS COSTS
 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES
 AUDITOR PREPARED FINANCIAL STATE-
 MENTS
 OPEB**

**REPORT ON PRIOR AUDIT RECOMMEN-
 DATIONS**
 Public Inspection of Audit Report
 The complete audit report is on file in its en-
 tirety and open to public inspection.
 (Pub. Dec. 1, 2016) toe
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TOWN OF ENNIS REPRESENTATIVE ON MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD POSITION

The Town of Ennis is accepting applications
 for appointment as the Town representative
 on the Madison County Planning Board.
 The Planning Board serves in an advisory
 capacity on community development issues,
 including subdivision plat review and growth
 policies. The representative must be a resi-
 dent property owner (preferably within the
 Ennis planning area) willing to be an active,
 prepared participant on the Board. The Plan-
 ning Board generally meets the last Monday
 of each month.

For more information on the Planning Board,
 please contact Charity Fechter, Madison
 County Planning Director @ (406) 843-5250
 or at the County Planning Office located at
 103 W. Wallace St., Virginia City, MT.
 Interested persons can submit a letter of ap-
 plication to Town of Ennis/Planning @ 328
 W. Main St., Ennis, MT 59729 by mail or in
 person. The deadline for application is De-
 cember 20, 2016 @ 4:00 p.m.
 (Pub. Dec. 1, 8, 2016) toe
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NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:

The Board of Commissioners has vacancies
 on the Mental Health Local Advisory Coun-
 cil (2 positions), the Planning Board repre-
 senting the Pony, Norris, Harrison Area, the
 Madison Valley Cemetery Board, the Alder
 Rural Fire District Board and the Virginia City
 Fire District Board (2 positions). If you are
 interested in serving on any of these boards
 please contact the Commissioners' Office at
 406-843-4277, by email at madco@madison.
 mt.gov, or visit our website at www.madison.
 mt.gov.

The Madison County Board of Commis-
 sioners also has a vacancy on the Big Sky
 Transportation District Board, and a vacancy
 for a Madison County member on the Big Sky
 Meadow Trails, Recreation, and Parks Spe-
 cial District Board. (Members of these two
 boards must reside in the respective county
 and either own property or reside within the
 district boundary from which they are ap-
 pointed...)
 (Pub. Dec. 1, 8, 2016) mcc
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REQUEST FOR CATERING BIDS FOR COURTHOUSE CHRIST-

MAS PARTY:
 Madison County will be accepting bid propos-
 als to prepare and serve a holiday meal for
 the County Employees' Christmas party, for
 approximately 85-100 people, to be held at
 the Elks Lodge in Virginia City, Montana, on
 December 30, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
 Typical menu items include a meat entrée
 with an optional poultry or fish item also be-
 ing offered. Potato, vegetable, salad, bread,
 and dessert should also be included with the
 price of the meal. The Caterer also provides
 plates, napkins, and utensils; and if the kitch-
 en at the Elks Lodge is needed, the caterer
 will be responsible for any user fees plus the
 cleaning deposit. Please contact the Com-
 missioners' office at 406-843-4277 or email
 at madco@madison.mt.gov if you have ques-
 tions. Please submit completed bids to the
 Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O.
 Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755, by
 1:00 p.m. on December 12, 2016.
 (Pub. Dec. 1, 8, 2016) mcc
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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Minutes of the Madison County Board of
 Commissioners' meetings for the period be-
 ginning October 1, 2016, and ending on Oc-
 tober 31, 2016, are now available for public
 review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder
 at the Madison County Administrative Office
 Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual re-
 quests for personal copies of these minutes,
 or any previous minutes, will be accepted by
 the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Ap-
 proved minutes can also be viewed on the
 Madison County website at www.madison-
 countymt.gov. Signed this 25th day of No-
 vember, 2016.
 Kathleen Mumme
 Madison County Clerk and Recorder
 (Pub. Dec. 1, 2016) mccr
 MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Madison County Board of Commis-
 sioners approved payroll for payment in the
 amount of \$897,893.97 and claims for all
 funds in the amount of \$1,054,609.46 with a
 total of \$1,952,503.43 for the period begin-
 ning October 1, 2016, and ending on October
 31, 2016. The full and complete claims and
 payroll lists are available for public review in
 the office of the Clerk and Recorder the Mad-
 ison County Administrative Office Building in
 Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for per-
 sonal copies of these lists will be accepted by
 the Clerk and Recorder in her office and can
 also be viewed on the Madison County web-
 site at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed
 this 25th day of November, 2016.
 Kathleen Mumme
 Madison County Clerk and Recorder
 (Pub. Dec. 1, 2016) mccr
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 Love, Berta High*

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Greytak Calendars available

SUBMITTED BY KATHERINE SMITH
Madison-Jefferson Extension Office

The Madison-Jefferson Extension Office just got in a shipment of the popular Greytak Calendars for 2017. Supplies are limited so contact us today and place your orders. Email madisonjefferson2@montana.edu or call 287-328.

Community Christmas dinner in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY DOUG MARTIN
Veterans of Twin Bridges

Annually, the Veterans of Twin Bridges put on a free to the community Christmas dinner for the entire surrounding area. They serve approximately 400 full turkey dinners, which includes around 100 meals delivered to local residents unable to come to the dinner. Twenty-five turkeys are cooked by community residents and brought into the dinner for veterans to carve and serve with all the trimmings. The local rotary, Women for Veterans, 4H and Closeup kids all help at this event. After dinner we have a fund raising raffle of items

that were donated from the surrounding area and Santa visits all the kids.

This is our 58th year of the dinner – the original dinner was in 1958 and was a moose feed. This year's dinner will be on Dec. 17 and go from 5 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Twin Bridges School; the raffle will start at 7 p.m. Please come out to a good meal and enjoy the company of your neighbors.

Homebuyer education class

SUBMITTED BY JENÉ MATZKANIN
Headwaters RC&D

Headwaters RC&D Small Business Development Center will be holding a two day class for prospective homebuyers. The class will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, and Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, at the Thornton Building, second floor conference room, 65 East Broadway in Butte. The class will cover budgeting and credit, the mortgage process, down payment and closing cost assistance programs and homeowners and title insurance.

Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Please contact Jené Matzkanin at 533-6781 or jmatzkanin@headwatersrcd.org to register or for information about cost.



CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
A curious neighbor waits for The Madisonian to be delivered at the McAllister post office last week.

Ruby Valley Baptist Church
Tony Shaw, Pastor
842-5602

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

One block behind IGA, Sheridan



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Rocky Mountain Baptist Church
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Morning Worship 11:00 am
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Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com

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Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
Wed. 7:00p.m.

3560 | MT State Hwy 287
Sheridan 842-5860

Bishop Dustin 684-5255

MASS TIMES
St Joseph's in Sheridan
Sat. at 4 pm & Tues&Thurs at 7:30 am
St Mary's in Laurin
Sunday at 8:30 am
St. Patrick's in Ennis
Sunday at 11 am, Weds. at 9 am

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

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Pastor Ken Stensrud

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- Bible Study 10:15 am
- Sunday School 10:15 am

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Ennis Branch

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

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

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Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

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Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

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Loving God, Loving People

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Ministries
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM
Family Dinner 5:30 PM
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT
682-4197

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Join Us for Sunday Worship!

Trinity Jeffers/Ennis
10 a.m. adult forum
11:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Virginia City
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

Christ Church Sheridan
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Bible Study
9:00 a.m.

www.rvec.org
Prayer requests:
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ALDER SCHOOL
10 am

Christ-centered,
Bible Based Teaching
Open Question Forum

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Pastor Tom Luksha

AREA SENIOR MEALS

MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

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

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.

Thursday, December 1: Orange Chicken and rice, peas and carrots, dessert

Tuesday, December 6: Cabbage rolls, green beans, dessert

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN

Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - noon. Located at 114 N. Main St. in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN

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

ENNIS MEALS ON WHEELS, ENNIS

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

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

- DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 8**
THURSDAY DECEMBER 1: CHICKEN & STUFFING, VEGGIES, ROLL, DESSERT
FRIDAY DECEMBER 2: BAKED FISH, RICE PILAF, VEGGIES, DESSERT
TUESDAY DECEMBER 6: CHILI, CORN-BREAD, SALAD, DESSERT
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7: CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, MASHERS, VEGGIES, DESSERT
THURSDAY DECEMBER 8: PORK CHOP, TWICE BAKED CASSEROLE, VEGGIES, DESSERT



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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
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Same Time - Same Place

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Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley
Thursdays, 8 pm

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Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm
Suzy 685-3692

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Bethany Hall, Sheridan
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Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
Faced with a drinking problem?
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SUazN - 10 a.m., No Smoking,
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MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking
682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis
843-5352 Virginia City

Meets every Saturday at 6 p.m. & starts with a meal.

DAYSRING MISSION
3648 Hwy 287, Sheridan
596-0707

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

PHOTO COURTESY JIM FORSBERG

The Ennis Lions Club completed the annual Peace Poster Contest. Each year, lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. The theme of this year's contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Ennis middle school sixth and seventh-graders created the artwork, and the winners are: seventh-grade first place Joselyn Evans; seventh-grade runners up Cassidy Carruthers and Taylor Barney. Sixth-grade first place Will Inman; sixth-grade runners up Eli Beardsley and Andrew Beardsley. The posters will be displayed at the Ennis Post Office.



Kid's submerge ministry in Ennis



SUBMITTED BY BLISS BENEDICT
Ennis Assembly of God

Ennis Assembly of God Kid's Submerge Ministry recently had a king-fu belt-up Sunday. This means kids and adults have studied junior bible quiz questions, and bible agility exercises. From listing all the books in the bible

to deeper understanding of scripture, these kids have been going after God in a fun new way. There were a total of 19 king-fu wrist belts earned, with a few individuals belting up more than one belt. The excitement we feel for what the Lord is doing through our Kid's Submerge Ministry is tremendous.

PHOTO COURTESY BLISS BENEDICT

From L: Melissa Carney, Lola Rosdahl, Marlyssa Ledgerwood, Pastor Chris Benedict, Pastor Bliss Benedict. Next row: Mikendra Ledgerwood, Hayden Rosdahl, Mikayla Ledgerwood. Front row: Pastor Greg Ledgerwood, Megan Carney and Ryan Carney. Belt recipients not pictured are Josie Blazer, Ruby Blazer, Elizabeth Olson and David Carney.



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Ennis check station week 5 report

SUBMITTED BY JULIE CUNNINGHAM
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks


On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 and Nov. 20, the Cameron check station was open from 10 a.m. to dark, which was around 5:15 p.m. Personnel included Julie Cunningham, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Sam Allen and Cameron Wischhusen from Montana State University.

Temperatures were in the 40 degree Fahrenheit range both days, with higher winds during Saturday and moderate winds and some overcast Sunday. Light snow fell during the week, but weather

continues to be unseasonably warm and dry.

We checked 232 hunters on Saturday and 231 hunters on Sunday for a total of 463 hunters. Game checked included 20 elk, 11 mule deer and four white-tailed deer. The resulting hunter success rate was 7.6 percent for deer and elk, 4.3 percent for elk only.

The fifth weekend of season showed average hunter numbers, average white-tailed deer and mule deer harvest, and below-average elk harvest and hunter success rates. Hunter success rates were the lowest in the last 12 years, though comparable to 2012 (7.8 percent) and 2011 (7.9 percent).

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MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

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305 N. Main, Ennis, Montana

MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH LOG

November 13 through November 26, 2016

11/13
Suspicious Circumstances in 3400 Blk MT Hwy 287 N Sheridan
Fire Call in 300 Blk River-view Dr Ennis
Alarm Call on Upper Canyon Loop Alder
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 55 MM 8 Whitehall
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 359 Cardwell
Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 17 Cameron

11/14
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 48 Twin Bridges
Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk River St Twin Bridges
Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk Charles Ave Ennis
Wildlife Complaint on Airport Rd Ennis
Medical Aid in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 200 Blk S Main St Sheridan
Disturbance on W Baker Ln Twin Bridges

11/15
Disturbance in 100 Blk W Wallace St Virginia City
Trespass Complaint in 800 Blk E Bench Rd Twin Bridges
Disturbance in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis

11/16
Abandoned Vehicle on US Hwy 287 MM 31 Cameron
Fire Call South Boulder Rd Cardwell
Citizen Assist on Carey Ln Sheridan
Theft Complaint at S Boulder Rd & Carmichael Rd Cardwell

11/17
Citizen Assist on MT Hwy 287 Ennis
Theft Complaint on Carney Ln Silver Star
Citizen Assist in 300 Blk E Main St Ennis

Threats Out of County
Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 31 Cameron
Wildlife Complaint at Varney Rd & Johnny Ridge Rd Cameron
Wildlife Complain on US Hwy 287 MM 29 Cameron
Accident on MT Hwy 41 Mm 24 Twin Bridges

11/18
Suspicious Circumstances on Elk View Rd McAllister
Fire Call on Jack Creek Rd Ennis
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 300 Blk W Wallace St Virginia City
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 18 Alder
Suspicious Circumstances on Judy Ln Alder
Wildlife Complaint in 300 Blk Poppleton St Sheridan
Alarm Call in 300 Blk Madison St Sheridan
Suspicious Circumstances on Andren Ln Silver Star

11/19
Alcohol/Tobacco Violation in 300 Blk N Main St Twin Bridges
Animal Complaint on E Main St Ennis
Medical Aid on Johnny Ridge Rd Cameron
Citizen Assist in 100 Blk S Madison St Twin Bridges

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 87 calls for service from Nov. 13 - Nov. 19, 2016.

11/20
Welfare Check in 2500 MT Hwy 287 Sheridan
Wildlife Complaint in 200 Blk W Fagin St Ennis
Fire Call near Papoose Trail Head/Lee Metcalf Wilderness Cameron
Suspicious Circumstances in 800 Blk Middle Rd Twin Bridges
Rescue in Bear Creek Rd/

Lee Metcalf Wilderness area Cameron
Citizen Assist in 200 Blk W Grizzly St Ennis
Animal Complaint on Shining Mtns Loop Rd Ennis
Citizen Assist on Biltmore Rd Twin Bridges
Assault in 100 Blk E Main St Ennis

11/21
Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 22 Alder
Wildlife Complaint at Indian Creek & Mill Creek Sheridan
Fire Call in 300 Blk S Main St Sheridan
Deceptive Practices in 100 Blk W Wallace St Virginia City
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 60 McAllister
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 84 MM 10 Norris
Medical Aid in 200 Blk Prospect Mine Rd Virginia City
Disturbance in 3500 Blk MT Hwy 287 Sheridan
Medical Aid in 400 Blk Mill St Sheridan

11/22
Accident on Upper Ruby River Rd Alder
Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 83 Harrison
Accident on Windy Pass Ln Ennis
Citizen Assist on Alder Gulch Rd Virginia City
Medical Aid on N Second St Ennis
Coroner Call in Twin Bridges
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 69 Norris

11/23
Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 78 Harrison
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 60 McAllister
Disturbance in 300 Blk US Hwy 287 N Ennis

11/24
Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk Ruby St Sheridan

Accident on MT Hwy 87 MM 8 Cameron
Alarm Call in 300 Blk US Hwy 287 N Ennis
Accident on Jack Creek Rd Ennis
Citizen Assist in Big Sky
Accident on MT Hwy 87 MM 1 Cameron

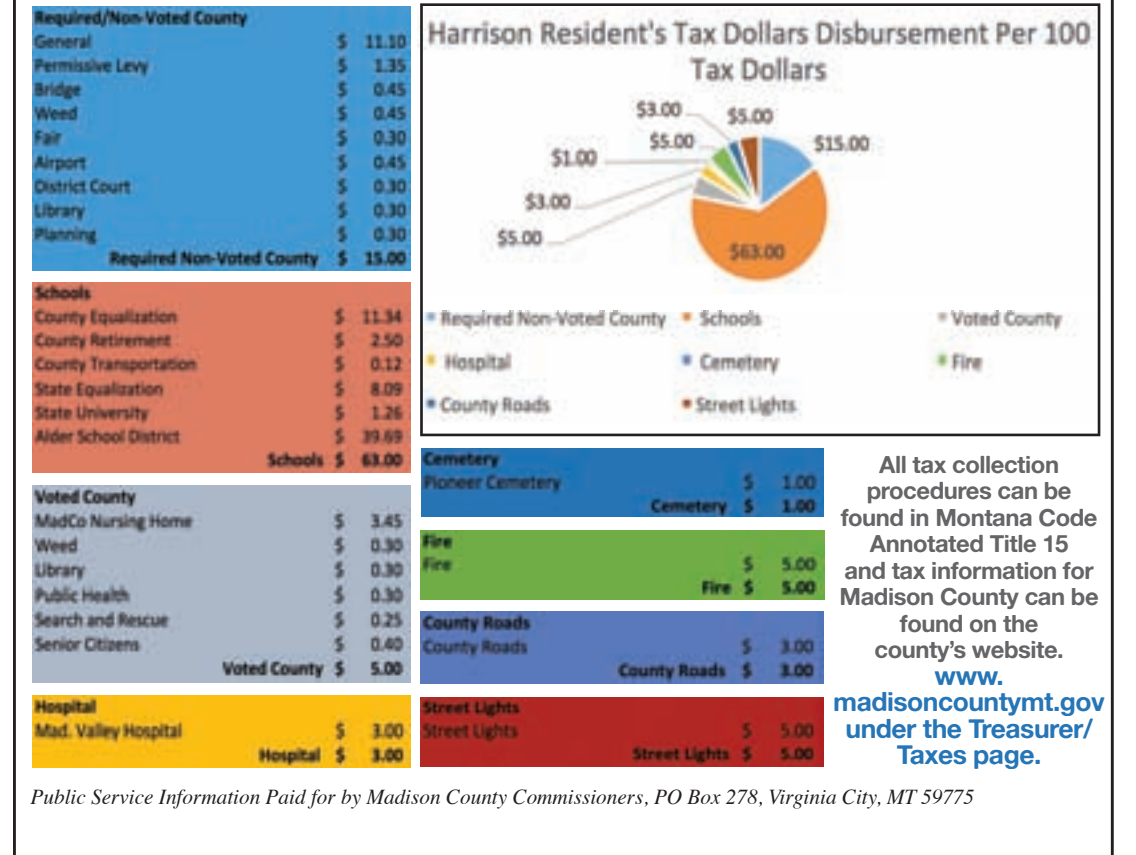
11/25
Medical Aid on Centennial Dr Ennis
Disturbance in 300 Blk Madison St Harrison
Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk W 4th Ave Twin Bridges
Fire Call in 800 Blk MT Hwy 55 Silver Star
Theft Complaint on Lake Rd Harrison

Accident on South Meadow Creek Rd McAllister
Medical Aid in 3700 Blk MT Hwy 287 Sheridan
Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 359 MM 11 Cardwell
Traffic Complaint on I-15 MM 89 Melrose
Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 13 Twin Bridges
Privacy in Communications on N Madison Ave Harrison
Vandalism on MT Hwy 287 MM 7 Ennis
Accident on Varney Rd Ennis
Citizen Assist on US Hwy 287 MM 76 Harrison
Theft Complaint in 200 Blk Airport Rd Ennis
Disturbance in 100 Blk Ennis Lake Rd McAllister

11/26
Wildlife Complaint in 800 Blk Beaverhead St Ennis
Theft Complaint in 300 Blk S Main St Twin Bridges
Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 50 Ennis
Medical Aid on Rainbow Loop Dr McAllister
Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 27 Laurin
Suspicious Circumstances in 1200 Blk US Hwy 287 N Cameron
Disturbance in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis

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**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 1**

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

Meeting, Divide
Join the watershed in the Missouri Headwaters to watch a screening of the documentary Headwaters to a Continent, and learn what is going on in your neighboring watersheds at the Divide Grange Hall at 6 p.m. If you are from the Madison or Ruby Valleys, please bring a side dish!

Concert, Ennis

Ennis Community Choir will perform an "Appalachian Winter" at the Ennis Assembly of God Church at 7 p.m.

Concert, Sheridan
Sheridan Schools K-6 Christmas concert in the high school gym at 6 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**

Presentation, 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.

Concert, Virginia City
Ennis Community Choir will perform an "Appalachian Winter" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Virginia City at 2:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 6**

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

Meeting, Big Sky
The Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum will hold a community Town Hall meeting from 4-6 p.m. at Buck's T-4, to share information on water resources in the Big Sky area.

**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.

Meeting, Dillon
Floodplain Discovery meeting to give a background on the project and get feedback from stakeholders on flood related concerns for the community at 6 p.m. at the USDA Dillon Service Center. Channel Migration public meeting to see a presentation of the draft Beaverhead River Channel Migration Map follows 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 Eiling 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.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10**

Concert, Dillon
Ruby Range and friends holiday concert and sing along at 1 p.m. at the Depot Theater.

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 12**

Concert, Ennis
Ennis Schools K-5 program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high

school gym.

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 13**

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

Concert, Ennis
Ennis Schools 6-12 program will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

**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 Eiling House Arts and Humanities Center on the third Saturday in Jan., Feb., March and April. Potluck dinner at 6:30, performances at 7:30. Call 843-5507 for more information.

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Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
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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.
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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.

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