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## MOOSE AT BANK CREATES SPECULATION

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A young moose visit to First Madison Valley Bank in Ennis on New Year's Day has caused community members to speculate if the visit was a portent of a strong economy or world peace in 2018.

FMVB cleaning staff member Teri Smithson snapped pictures of the moose and alerted FMVB senior vice-president Mary Oliver. Smithson and Oliver took time out of their busy schedules last Thursday to answer some questions about the moose visit.

**THE MADISONIAN:** Was the moose informed the bank is closed on New Year's Day?  
**Smithson:** "No, I didn't tell him the bank was closed. I did go out and talk to him, though. I tried to get him to look at me. I said, 'Hey moose! Hey moosie-moosie!'"

**THE MADISONIAN:** Did the moose return during business hours to make a transaction?  
**Oliver:** "No, he didn't have the

patience to do so. But I believe the moose was waiting to be first in line to make a deposit in 2018."

**THE MADISONIAN:** What type of currency do moose use?  
**Oliver:** "The deposits that moose make usually have to be cleaned up."

**THE MADISONIAN:** Did the moose use the drive-thru instead?  
**Oliver:** "The drive thru is built to accommodate moose customers and I believe this was the first time we had a moose on our property. Hopefully, we will have some moose coming through the drive-thru."

**THE MADISONIAN:** Would the bank extend a loan to a moose?  
**Oliver:** "We would consider it. The moose is an animal of great strength and unpredictability. But we would consider it. We are an equal opportunity lender. The unpredictability might have an impact on their credit rating."

**THE MADISONIAN:** How great is it to have a moose as a FMVB customer?  
**Smithson:** "It was really cool

to see it. I was so excited and I was trying to clean, but yet I was texting so many people and sending a photo because I thought it was just really awesome. He wasn't even bothered by me, whatsoever, until I took my vacuum out and was vacuuming, and then he was annoyed at me. I sent pictures to my sister in Virginia Beach and as many people as I could think of.

**Oliver:** "I've received comments from several different people. Someone said, 'The significance is you should re-evaluate your strategy for the coming year, having crossed paths with a moose.' Teri said the moose kneeling was an invitation to kneel and pray for world peace throughout 2018. I think it's a really exciting start to the new year and we should be prepared to make quick decisions."

**Smithson:** "He might be chasing off the other customers."  
**Oliver:** "I was delighted when Teri sent me the picture on New Year's Day. I sent it out to probably 15 or 20 customers, who live out-of-state and international customers. I heard back from all but two. They said, 'unbelievable.' They said, 'We're going to send this off to our friends and say this is where we bank.'"



During its visit at First Madison Valley Bank on New Year's Day, this young moose enjoyed licking the salt from the sidewalk. (PHOTO COURTESY TERI SMITHSON)



David Bacon was nominated and sworn in as Virginia City council president. Bacon joined the council in 2015. (C. AVEY PHOTO)

## Virginia City council appoints new mayor, president

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During their first meeting of the 2018 term, Virginia City council appointed a new mayor and president, and new council members swore their oaths for the new term.

Justin Gatewood, a council member since 2014, stepped in as interim mayor after former mayor, Scott Petersen, resigned. Council appointed Gatewood to serve as Virginia City's mayor for the next term. "I'm honored to continue on as the mayor but if someone else wants it..." Gatewood said with a laugh.

David Bacon was appointed by council as its new president, a position previously held by Gatewood. Bacon has served on council since 2015.

Also joining council is Jon Osborn. Osborn was officially sworn in during the Jan. 4 meeting, but joined council during its December meeting.

### Other business

• Mayor Gatewood informed council that

Steve Primm, with People and Carnivores, had secured six bear proof cans for the town, as well as 15 residential cans. The project has been ongoing since this summer, after the town experienced heavy bear activity - especially around the Nevada City waste site.

"Those are coming in to a tune of about \$10,000," said Gatewood. "Hopefully, this way we can become more bear-resistant as a town."

• Public Works Director Dude Erdall is working on GPS locations of all the town's hydrants. Erdall said he hopes to have that completed before the installation of fiber optic cables by 3Rivers Communication this summer.

• Elijah Allen, executive director with the Montana Heritage Commission, updated council on the renovation of the old village pump station. Allen said nothing has changed with the design, and he is still waiting to meet with the gas company regarding regulations and standards for the pumps.

"We want to have everything figured out before we present it to you," said Allen, adding he hopes to present more information at the March council meeting.

## Sheridan loses TSEP grant

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**SHERIDAN** - The Town of Sheridan will not receive a Treasure Statement Endowment Program grant for upgrades to the town water system this year.

Mayor Bob Stump reported during the Sheridan council meeting Monday that the Montana Legislature is funding only the top 15 priority-ranked projects on the TSEP list this year. The Sheridan water project was ranked number 18 and will not be funded.

"We were granted a Treasure Statement Endowment Program grant for \$625,000 by

the last legislature," said Stump. "Due to the budget crunch within the State of Montana, approximately half of the TSEP grant money was removed from the program. We were ranked number 18, the cut-off was about the top 15 projects. At least for right now, we've lost our funding - we've lost our grant for \$625,000."

Sarah Robbins, consultant with Rural and Tribal Environmental Solutions, told council state funding cuts are continuing. "It seems like more and more are getting cut everyday," she said. "Approximately half of it was taken out. Normally, it's \$50 million that gets spread throughout the state in the

TSEP program. That was down to \$30 million in the spring legislative session, and it's been cut even further. They don't know, right now, if those who were to receive funding, like the Town of Sheridan, will have to re-apply. It's uncertain if you will have to re-apply and be competitive with everybody else again, or if those 10 or so that got cut will be at the top of the list."

Unrelated to the TSEP grant, Stump said the town would pursue a State Revolving Fund loan at 2.5 percent interest to fund the drilling of a new well for the town water

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Sheridan council member Rahn Abbot swears in Mayor Bob Stump during the council meeting Monday. (G. HAMILL PHOTO)

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supply. The town is currently relying on two wells due to the failure of a third well, and Stump said he is working with engineers to acquire a good well site. Acquisition of an SRF loan will require a rate increase, the mayor reported.

Stump reported the recent meter-reader device failure caused the town to issue estimated water bills, and any customer who was over-charged would receive a credit on their next bill.

Heidi Giem, certified public accountant with Amatics CPA Group, presented the town's annual audit report. The report indicated total town assets at more than

\$7 million. Giem reported no major negative findings, but reported a significant deficiency with the town's segregation of financial duties. The CPA said many small towns with a small administrative staff receive the same demerit every year.

Sheriff Roger Thompson reported a good month for the town and county with no serious criminal activity. "The last four weeks have actually been pretty good around the whole county," he said. "Some domestic things are starting to pick up but, for the most part, things are going pretty well."

The sheriff reported his officers had responded to some minor incidents in Sheridan, including a bar

fight, a hit-and-run with damage to a phone junction box, a fireworks complaint, a squatter at a motel, an abandoned vehicle, and vandalism of a plaque.

"We had a potential fight at one of the bars," said Thompson. "By the time we arrived, both men had left, which is a good idea. If you're going to fight, you ought to leave before the police arrive. That's always a good thing."

New Sheridan fire chief Ben Hitchcock reported the department is in need of a new fire truck. Hitchcock told council the VFD's 1998 model fire engine is experiencing numerous mechanical issues with repairs estimated between \$15,000 to \$25,000. The chief said he had located an

operational 2001 Pierce fire engine with a six-man cab in Chicago for \$15,000. Hitchcock is investigating grants to pay for the replacement truck.

The fire chief said he implemented the use of "run cards," which establish procedures for dispatching vehicles for certain types of calls. The chief said the cards would reduce the number of unnecessary vehicle runs.

Hitchcock reported two new members had joined the VFD in the last month, bringing the department's total membership to 13, including 10 firefighters and three junior firefighters.

The next regular Sheridan council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. at the town offices.

# NYE ELECTED COMMISSIONER CHAIR

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**VIRGINIA CITY** - The Madison County Commission elected commissioner Ron Nye as its new board chair on Jan. 2. Commissioners Dan Allhands and Jim Hart expressed confidence that Nye will do an excellent job. "He's a logical, level-headed, down-to-Earth guy who handles county business quite well," said Hart.

"He has four years experience and he's filled in for Jim as the chair and he's done a good job," said Allhands. "I think he'll be fine."

Hart, the outgoing chair, was elected president of the Montana Association of Counties last September, and assumes the office in December this year. His duties will require him to be in Helena or Washington, D.C., on a regular basis.

**Courthouse elevator project update**

Bill Hanson with ThinkOne Architects provided an update, via teleconference, on plans to build an elevator in the Madison County Courthouse. Hanson reported the current plan places the elevator on the back side of the building. The commission hopes to receive a finalized plan and cost estimate within the next two months for consideration.

"It's a tough one," said Hart. "We've been working on courthouse accessibility for 15 years. Initially, it was with another architect. ThinkOne has been working on it for the past year. Each time we think we have a plan that would be workable, like in the middle of the building, we ran into problems. Each time, sadly, something isn't workable because you're trying

to put something into a building that wasn't initially designed for it. I have five or six or 10 proposals, but each time, we run into some sort of challenge, so we try something else."

Hart noted the building's interior was remodeled with Save America's Treasures grant funding before he became a commissioner, and the grant money came with restrictions on building modifications. But Hart believes the newest plan from ThinkOne might be an option that works. "No elevator is not an option anymore," he said. "The option of no elevator going into the basement, into the sheriff's office, is part of what we have now decided. We were trying to get one into the basement to help the sheriff's office."

Commissioner Dan Allhands agreed that ThinkOne's most recent plan could come to fruition. "We're moving ahead and we'd like to get where we're in a progressive state," he said. "I think we're headed that way. We should see some definite results here shortly. We just got another set of drafts on it. From the preliminary drawings we were given from the architect today, it looks good to me."

**Sheriff gets approval for digital evidence storage**

Following a presentation by Sheriff Roger Thompson and director of information technology Chris Hunt, the commission authorized Thompson to move forward with procurement of a digital evidence storage system. Thompson said the system would consist of a secure computer, located in the sheriff's office, to store photographic, audio and video evidence.

On Friday, Thompson discussed the need for the storage

system. "As evidence collection become more technology-oriented in law enforcement, it becomes more important that we continue to maintain the evidence we're responsible for safe and sound for those who need it," wrote the sheriff in an email. "The Sheriff's Office is looking forward to this equipment that will also make us more effective on many investigations and allow us to be able to spend time on more issues the citizens care about."

**In other business, the commission:**

- Authorized Hart to purchase a snowplow truck, in the event an insurance estimator totals a District 3 snowplow that was crashed. Hart said the county's insurance will cover the cost of a repairs to or replacement of the wrecked plow, as well as a recently purchased snowplow. "The insurance people were at the shop today, and we had it insured - not only the truck but the sander and the plow - for \$130,000," he said. "Our insurance people were willing to cut us a check for a snowplow that we already purchased yesterday from an airport in Twin Falls, Idaho, which cost us \$28,500."
- Authorized Allhands to locate and purchase a semi-truck to replace a 1993 model used by county road crews for hauling gravel. "The one that we've got has a million-and-a-half miles on it," said Allhands. "Before we end up having to dump a bunch of money into it, we're going to look to upgrade it."
- Approved a resolution setting the county mileage rate at 54.5 cents for the first 1,000 miles traveled in a calendar month and 51.5 cents thereafter. If a business vehicle is available, but the public officer or employee chooses to

use a personal vehicle, the rate of 51.5 cents applies.

- Set its weekly meeting dates each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners' conference room.

- Established three places for posting public notices: the bulletin board in the front entrance to the administrative building, the bulletin board in the first floor of the courthouse, and the bulletin board in the Virginia City Post Office.

- Set the county rate of credit for incarceration at \$69 per day, which equals the actual cost incurred by the sheriff's office.

- Approved a progress payment of \$152,218 to Tamietti Construction for work on the new Laurin Bridge. The contractor is expected to complete the bridge by the end of this week.

- Approved a payment of \$32,907 to Robert Peccia and Associates for engineering work at the Ennis Big Sky Airport. Federal Aviation Administration funds will cover 90 percent of the cost.

- Authorized the human resources department to recruit a new safety coordinator.

- Approved an indemnification and maintenance agreement for sidewalks with Ruby Valley Hospital.

- Set a public hearing date for Jan. 16 at 11 a.m. for establishing county office hours.

- Tabled action on: authorizing use of disaster funds; support letter for re-naming Kelly Reservoir; district boundary changes, and a fairground master plan.

*The next county commission meeting is scheduled for Jan 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners' conference room.*

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Dear Editor,

Thank you to all who helped with the passing of Gaither Stewart. The Nursing Home staff was such a help in that last week. The Madison Valley Baptist Church was such a help to let us have the service there, and thanks to the ladies there who put on a dinner. Thanks to all who visited and brought food. Thank you to K&L Mortuary, as well.

*A sincere thank you from the family of Gaither Stewart*

# Thank you for your kindness and compassion

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my heart-felt thank you to all of the doctors, excellent nursing staff, volunteers, cleaning staff and physical and occupational therapists at the Madison Valley Medical Center. Too many people to name here - and I fear I would forget someone. Thank you for the compassionate care and kindness extended to me as I stayed with my husband, Harvey - outcome to be determined yet. Thank you to our many family friends, you know who you are, for being there for me. Nowhere else would I have been treated so well, as I have been here in Ennis.

*Sincerely,  
Patsy Eckert  
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# Local businesses are the lifeblood of our communities

Dear Editor,

We really enjoyed the article on Willie's Distillery. Hopefully our new editor will see fit to cover more of our locally owned businesses. They are the lifeblood of our communities in Madison County and many have newsworthy stories to tell.

*John & Janet Duncan  
Ennis*

# OBITUARIES

## Steven Ray Aamold

October 14, 1953 - January 1, 2018



Steven (Steve) Ray Aamold passed away suddenly on Jan. 1, 2018, at his home in Bozeman, after a courageous year-and-a-half battle with lung cancer. Steve was born in Great Falls on Oct. 14, 1953, to Roland and

Faye Aamold. Before graduating from Harrison High School in 1971, he lived in Stanford, Ennis, Butte and Harrison. Steve enlisted in the Army in 1971 and served for three years during the Vietnam war.

After graduating from the Aviation Maintenance Technology program in Helena, Steve worked for a few years as a mechanic in Yellowstone National Park and the final 20 years before retirement as a property and maintenance manager in Bozeman. He had many talents and could fix almost anything mechanical or electrical.

Steve was a life-long learner and could intelligently converse on just about any subject. He

extensively researched areas of interest. In addition to learning, he enjoyed reading, panning for gold, trips to the Oregon Coast, watching the Three Stooges, and cooking for his friends. He was an excellent cook and it was a blessing that he cooked and enjoyed New Year's Day dinner with friends. Steve was a very private person and frequently grumpy on the outside, but had a warm heart of gold on the inside.

Steve's parents, Roland Aamold and Faye Young, preceded him in death. He is survived by his stepmother, Dolly Aamold of Butte; sisters, Gayle Hokanson (Garry Spitzer) and Rhonda Mosteller of Bozeman;

brother, Don (Bunny) Preston of Lakeside; nieces, Heidi (Brian) Morrison and Aimee Hokanson of Bozeman; nephews, Lance (Natasia) Ek and Aaron Ek of Walla Walla, Wash., and many friends, including Tim Bell and Frank Baril of Bozeman.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at 644 St. Andrews Dr., Bozeman (586-2987).

Donations in Steve's honor may be made to the Bozeman Health Foundation (designation to the Cancer Center), 931 Highland Blvd., Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715 or a charity of your choice.

## Arthur J. Hall

June 19, 1935 - December 26, 2017



Arthur J. Hall, age 82, of Helena, passed away Dec. 26, 2017 at St. Peter's Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Art was born in Butte, Montana on June 19, 1935. He was the only child born to Glenn and Teane (Mackey) Hall.

He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1953. Art attended a host of universities,

and although he was just a few credits shy of graduating, he considered Northern Montana College to be his alma mater.

On a weekend home from college, Art met the love of his life, Shirley Nyhart, of Twin Bridges. It was love at first sight for Art, and after some coercing, they began dating and later wed. They were married more than 50 years and together they raised six children.

Upon leaving college, Art moved back to Boulder and dedicated his professional life to social work. He spent many years working at the Montana State School, the Intermountain Deaconess Home, the Montana Developmental Center and Westmont.

Art loved sports and his favorite teams included Capital High, Montana State, the Lakers and the Dallas Cowboys.

His most loved team though, was any that his children or grandchildren played on. He was known to heckle many a referee and it was not unusual for him to be "asked to leave" a sporting event.

Art's greatest achievements were his children and grandchildren. He had a special bond with each one. He was always stern but quick to forgive.

Art was diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer four years ago and he defied the odds. He fought a courageous battle, but in the end his body just gave out. His family finds comfort knowing that he is at peace and is free of pain in the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Art is survived by his wife Shirley; sons, Glenn "Chip" Hall, Deac (Laurie) Hall; daughters, Lisa Gadaire, Vina

(Bryan) Watson, Tabitha Hall; grandchildren, Seth (Shannon) Gadaire, Brittany Middlesworth, Kelsi (Jeremy) Watson, Kruze Gadaire, Kieffer and Kobie Morley, Sage Hall, Raine Watson, Mikayla, McCoy and Mikenlie Hall; four great grand children, sister-in-law, Gladys Davenport; brother-in-law, Ervin (Judi) Hedegaard; numerous nieces and nephews; and many "kids" who called him Dad. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Ronald Banks.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m., Fri., Jan. 12th at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, with a reception to follow. Memorials are suggested to St. Peter's Cancer Fund, Compassus Hospice or to donor's choice. Please visit [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Art.

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### WILDCATS PONCE ON THE BEARS

The Harrison/Willow Creek Wildcats Creek got a home win on Jan. 5 with a 60-41 victory against the Lima Bears. Derik DeFrance led the team with 21 points, 11 rebounds and four steals. Layne Homner collected 12 rebounds and three points and brother, Vern Homner finished with 11 points. Six other Wildcat players contributed to the final score.

### LADY WILDCATS LOSE CLOSE LIMA, WEST YELLOWSTONE GAMES

The Lady Wildcats junior varsity team suffered two close losses to Lima and West Yellowstone last weekend. On Jan. 5, the Wildcats fell 24-33 against the Lady Bears. Freshman Aleena Bacon led the team with 16 points, Rosie Chater finished with five points and Alexys Bacon, three points.

On Jan. 6, the Lady Wildcats challenged the Lady Wolverines and fell 30-34. Aleena Bacon charged the floor with 14 points, Alexys Bacon, 10, Sophie Mitchell grabbed four points and Rosie Chater finished with two points.

### WOLVERINES KNOCK DOWN WILDCATS IN OVERTIME

A Hail Mary shot from Wildcat Lane Buus in the final seconds of overtime bounced off the rim, and West Yellowstone held on for the win. Hosting the Wolverines on Jan. 6, the Wildcats pushed the game to a quick overtime, but ultimately lost, 44-45. Derik DeFrance had the game high with 19 points and finished with 11 rebounds. Vern Homner was close behind with 10 rebounds and put down two points for the Wildcats.

### PANTHERS FALL TO BRUINS, TROJANS

The Sheridan Panthers suffered a road loss against the Gardiner Bruins on Jan. 5 and dropped a home game against the Drummond Trojans on Jan. 6. The Panthers lost 30-81 against the Bruins and 23-72 against the Trojans. Ty Hagg led the Panthers with 13 points against the Bruins, Zane Bowey added five and Ben Larsen, six. Isaac Bendon, Mox Lee and Jack Gilman each finished with two points.

Bowey finished with seven points against the Trojans, Larsen, Haag and Kenny Foster each had four points, Bendon, three and Hartson Van Houten, one point.

### LADY PANTHERS SUCCUMB TO LADY BRUINS, LADY TROJANS

The Lady Panthers dropped a home tilt on Jan. 5 versus the Bruins, 24-57. Ruby Rossiter led the Lady Panthers with 18 points. Desaray Tipton, Destiny Fabel and Micara Devereaux each added two points.

On the road against Drummond, the Lady Pan-

thers were outmatched in a devastating 3-66 loss. Just two Lady Panthers scored in the rout. Tia Hill scored two and Dreonna Clark, one.

### MUSTANGS TROT OVER HORNETS

Chris Funston and Gus Dickinson led the Ennis Mustangs to a 48-40 victory over White Sulphur Springs on Jan. 6. Funston and Dickinson finished with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Tanner Wood added 12 for the Mustangs, Clay Coffman, three and Kurt Funston and John Fortier each scored two.

### PROSPECTORS MINE FOR THE WIN OVER MUSTANGS

The Mustangs saw action on Jan. 5 against the Granite Prospectors and lost, 26-43. Kurt Funston and Dillon Williams led the team with six and five points, respectively, while Tanner Wood and Gus Dickinson each added four. Three other Mustangs added to the final score.

### LADY MUSTANG'S WINNING WEEKEND

The Lady Mustangs continued their winning ways when they defeated the Lady Prospectors, 47-29 on Jan. 5. Danyel Martin finished with 18 points, Josie Hokanson with 11 and Jourdain Klein added seven points.

The Lady Mustangs notched another win against the Hornets, defeating White Sulphur Springs, 48-27. Danyel Martin paved the way with 14 points, followed by Jourdain Klein who grabbed 12. Whitney McKittrick and Josie Hokanson each had six points and Paige Anderson, four.

### LADY FALCONS SOAR PAST BIG HORNS, TROJANS

Kailee Oliverson was back on the court for the Twin Bridges Lady Falcons on Jan. 5 and led the team to a 65-20 win over the Lady Big Horns from Lone Peak. Oliverson finished with 30 points, Ashleigh Guinnane added 12 points and RaeAnne Bendon finished with eight. Five other Lady Falcons helped secure the win.

The Lady Falcons kept the W's rolling on Jan. 6 as they defeated Class B Whitehall, 54-19. Kailee Oliverson scored 18 points, RaeAnne Bendon grabbed 11 and Clancy Phillips, 10.

### FALCONS EDGE OUT BIG HORNS

The Twin Bridges Falcons slipped by the Lone Peak Big Horns 57-46, on Jan. 5. Daniel Kruer finished with 15 points over the Big Horns, Nate Konen grabbed 12 and Clay Wolfe and Bryce Nye finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Falcons collapse to Whitehall Trojans After defeating the Big Horns, the Falcons fell to the Trojans from neighboring Whitehall, 33-59. Bryce Nye led Twin Bridges with 13 points, Nate Konen, six points and Clay Wolfe and Eddie Kelly each added five.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT:** Derik DeFrance, 33, grabs a fast break layup against the Wolverines. DeFrance finished the game with 19 points. The Wildcats lost a nail biter by one point in the last seconds of overtime.

Cristian Contreras, 00, pushes the ball past Wolverine defenders during Harrison/Willow Creek's Jan. 6 game.

Jakob Nye, 15, passes the ball in the final quarter of the game.

Lane Buus, 23, keeps the ball in bounds for the Wildcats during their game against the West Yellowstone Wolverines on Jan. 6. (C. AVEY PHOTOS)



# Christmas Bird Counts Are for Birds of All Ages

SUBMITTED BY ENNIS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Twenty-two birding enthusiasts convened at Yesterday's Soda Fountain on Dec. 20 to participate in the 58th Ennis Christmas Bird Count. Last year, nine-year-old Finley Knapton joined us for the count while this year local birder Lester Klatt, now turned 90, joined us for yet another count, although he claimed it was his last hurrah. The Ennis count was started in 1958 by Dr. P.D. Skaar and this year his son Don was again one of the bird counters. The count participants came from Ennis, Bozeman, Deer Lodge, Helena, Livingston, California and Alaska. In addition, three local participants watched their feeders throughout the day adding their observations.

The Christmas Bird Count has a long history in America. The first one was held in 1900 when Frank Chapman, an ornithologist and officer in the relatively young Audubon Society, proposed a Christmas Bird Census. The modern day Christmas Bird Counts are held between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 all over North America. Locally, birders count in a 15-mile diameter circle that includes the town of Ennis, Ennis Lake, Norris Hill, Meadow Creek and Jack Creek. The goal of the count is to try and count all the feathered creatures inside the circle.

The weather for this count was challenging with blizzard-like conditions encountered throughout the day and temperatures that began at nearly 40 degrees then plummeted to 12. Even with the poor visibility and treacherous road conditions, we had an unexpected total of 63 species for the day with an additional 5 species seen during count week. Special thanks should go not only to the in-

repid counters but to the many local businesses that provide support for the count. Without the delicious meals and libations, comfortable lodging and special access to areas not open to the public, the counters would not be able to complete their task.

**Photos Clockwise from Top Right:**  
Harris's Sparrow by Sherry Gold, feeder watcher. (PHOTO COURTESY SHERRY GOLD)

White-throated Sparrow. (PHOTO BY ED HARPER)

Don Skarr with Lester Klatt at Yesterday's Soda Fountain. (PHOTO COURTESY ENNIS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT)



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REGISTRATION BEGINS: JANUARY 2ND, 2018

- **Yoga for Athletes** | Monday & Wednesdays | 6am - 7am | Cori Koenig | Commons Room
  - **Open Sewing & Quilting** | Monday's | 4pm-7pm | Jamie Diehl/Kathy Olkowski | High School Rm #6 | Maximum of 10 students | Limited Space
  - **Taic Carving for Beginners** | Mondays and Wednesdays 5:00-8:00pm | Richard Flager | High School Shop | Materials Fee TBA | Beginning January 22nd
  - **Introduction to Amateur Astronomy: Observing the Northern Winter Constellations using Binoculars and Telescopes** | Mondays | 7pm-9pm | Larry & Lonie Swenson | High School Rm #5 | Materials Fee \$25 | Maximum of 8 students | CLASS FULL
  - **Early Bird Yoga** | Tuesday & Thursdays | 6am-7am | Cori Koenig | Commons Room
  - **Legendary Big Foot** | Tuesdays | 5pm-8pm | Kathy Olkowski & Lexie Brundin | High School Rm #6 | Materials to be purchased by the student | Maximum of 8 students
  - **Piloxing/Barre Class** | Tuesdays | 5:15 pm-6:15 pm | Vicki Richardson | Upper deck of Library | Materials Fee TBD, \$20-\$25 | Limited Space
  - **Beginning Welding** | Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6pm-9pm | Charlie Zitting | High School Shop | Materials Fee \$40 | Maximum of 8 students | Limited Space
  - **Beginning Leatherworking** | Tuesdays | 7pm-9pm | Wade Miller | HS Room #3 | Materials Fee Depends on Project Chosen
  - **Fly Tying** | Wednesdays | 6pm-8pm | John Way & Bill Denuyter | Room #12 | Maximum of 8 students
  - **Conservation Concepts in the Madison Valley** | Wednesdays | 6-8pm | Multipurpose Room Partnering with Madison Conservation District and Madison Valley Ranchlands & Weed Committee to present individual workshops/lectures regarding natural resources issues. Come to one, several, or all \$5 per class, includes dinner. RSVP to ethan@madisoncd.org or 682-7289 by Monday, at noon each week.  
January 17th: **Understanding Chronic Wasting Disease**  
January 24th: **Improving your small pasture**  
January 31st: **The art and science of Composting**  
February 7th: **Back to our roots: improving soil health**  
February 21st: **Innovations in Irrigation Management**  
February 28th: **Conservation Tree Plantings**  
March 7th: **Protecting and promoting pollinator habitat**  
March 14th **Noxious Weeds: Understanding and Managing Invasive Transplants**
  - **Knitting 101** | Thursdays | 5-8pm | Emily Hayes | High School Rm #6 | Maximum of 12 students
  - **Wet on Wet Landscape Painting** | Thursdays | 7-9pm | Jack Finley | Ennis HS Art Room | Materials Fee Approximately \$140 | Students must sign up and pay by January 8 to ensure supplies! | Maximum of 6 students
  - **Line Dancing** | Thursdays | 7-9pm | Melissa Unger | Commons Room | CLASS FULL
  - **Lapidary** | Mondays | 5:30- 8:00 pm | Russell Scruggs | High School Rm #4
- All classes \$20 plus any additional material fees noted \*unless noted differently

### Workshops

- **The Felting Duo Shawl-Making Workshop** | Saturday, January 27th 9am-3pm | Jenn Doney & Gail Bamdt | HS Art Room | Materials Fee TBA, \$50-\$75 | **Workshop full, we are trying to fill a second date. Please call or email if interested.** Wool Lovers- come join us for a Workshop Day of Fun and Creativity. Make a large hand crafted full length Designer Shawl with local curly fleece. Choose a color base to work with. Finished Shawl to wear for formal occasion or with your best blue jeans. Gail and Jen have enjoyed teaming up for a couple of years sharing skills and enthusiastic love of design. Must sign up and pay by Friday, January 12th to reserve your spot!
- **Feed A Bird: A Guide to Bird Feeding and Bird Feeders** | Monday, January 29th 6:30-8:30 pm | Marc Elser | HS Room #5 | \$10

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## Jan Thomas: Volunteering to preserve

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"People always say, 'what do you find to do in that little town where you live?'" said Jan Thomas about living in Virginia City. "I tell them I'm as busy as I want to be." And busy she stays. Thomas is the newly appointed president of the Virginia City Preservation Alliance board and has been an active member since 2012-2013 when she first moved to the

area. "I thought it would be a good way to get to know the community and for them to get to know me."

Thomas started off as the editor for *The Nugget*, the quarterly publication produced by the VCPA. She worked her way to vice-president and officially stepped in as president in August of 2017. "I think (VCPA) was just happy to have a warm body interested," mused Thomas.

The VCPA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation, preservation and restoration of everything Virginia City and Nevada City. The organization helps to promote the town and its history through various events like the summer Chuck Wagon Cook-Off and the two Victorian grand balls. They also work in conjunction with other organizations to keep the history

of the area alive and well.

Originally from the Midwest, Thomas and her family moved to Virginia City full time in 2012 after living in Las Vegas, Nev. She spent 30 years in the education field, primarily as a reading specialist, and has lived on both coasts. Having worked and raised a family all her life, now retired Thomas said this is the time to give back.

"When I was busy raising a family or working full time or doing anything that we do when we're younger, there were groups and people that were taking care of these organizations," she said. "Now is my time to give back."

Not only is she active with the VCPA, Thomas also volunteers with the Friends of the Thompson-Hickman Library, Elks Lodge #390 and is on her church's council. She's the volunteer organist for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and enjoys anything musical to fill her time - be it concerts or singing the with Ennis Community Chorus.



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## HEALTH CARE

**Q:** How will a healthcare provider treat frostbite?

**A:** If you suspect you have frostbite, get to the emergency room. Indications of frostbite are (1) skin color changes (white, yellow, red or gray), (2) skin feels numb, prickly, itchy, burning, cold or painful, (3) severe pain as the skin thaws or (4) skin blisters appear. Before leaving for the ER, place cotton between fingers and toes to prevent damage from rubbing. Don't drink alcohol or smoke. Do not rub your skin. Treatment involves rewarming the area with warm water or wet wraps, pain medication as rewarming can be very painful, and IV fluids if dehydration has occurred. After the skin is thawed, the healthcare provider may remove dead tissue, administer thrombolytics, a tetanus booster or antibiotics, and order an MRI to help determine the full extent of the damage. To provide a proper diagnosis and treatment, a healthcare professional has to see and feel the affected areas. You can't call this one in.



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## BIRDING

**Q:** How do help birds survive extremely cold weather?

**A:** Typically, your feeders serve as a supplemental food source for birds. In contrast, during periods of extreme cold and severe winter weather, your birds may switch to using your feeders as a critical source of food that enables them to survive from day to day. So make sure your foods are worth their weight with quality, high calorie, fatty foods for the birds. You can play a vital role, as feeding the birds becomes critical when extremely cold conditions occur. At these times, a reliable supply of energy-heavy food can mean the difference between life and death for a bird. To stay warm, birds will expend energy very quickly, some losing up to 10% of their body weight on extremely cold nights. Food is the most essential element, providing birds with energy, stamina and nutrition they need. An ample supply of high calorie foods, such as suet, Bark Butter, sunflower and nyjer, is crucial to a bird's survival. And don't forget that they need access to water as well. Heated bird baths are an important part to their survival.



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## FITNESS

**Q:** How can I keep my New Year's Fitness Resolutions?

**A:** 1) Schedule It In: If your goal is to exercise regularly, schedule the time as you would any other appointment. Don't start "big" (2 hours at the gym), but a manageable amount (30-40 minutes) 3x per week. You can always increase later. But whatever time frame you schedule in, commit to that 100%. 2) Have Proper Gear: If you need shoes, buy them before you start! If you need new headphones, or workout clothes, or a water bottle...go get them. Don't let this be an easy excuse to not do it! 3) Set Goals: Start small and set "steps". (Example: week 1 workout 3x for 30 minutes. Week 2 workout 4x for 30 minutes. Week 3 workout 3x for 45 minutes, etc.) Write your goals down and be religious about reviewing them. 4) Get An App: There are apps to help track fitness goals, weight goals, nutritional goals, steps taken in a day and to provide workouts. They can be fun and help hold you accountable. 5) Reward Yourself: Set goals, meet them, and give yourself a reward. It's easier to keep on track if you have something to look forward to.

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## PHYSICAL THERAPY

**Q:** Chronic pain: Should I use pain pills or physical therapy?

**A:** Chronic pain is a common problem. It consists of pain/discomfort lasting greater than 6 months. This is a backache, headache long-term discomfort in any body part from trauma or activity. A current study of chronic pain from the American Physical Therapy Association indicates the "physical therapist" as crucial healthcare provider to manage chronic pain. The article states "The physical therapist plays an important role in managing chronic pain." Chronic pain is a debilitating illness. Physical therapy treatment includes flexibility, body awareness and strengthening exercises. Treatment is a slow process based on functional activities. Chronic pain is a complex problem. It requires a health care provider with knowledge and experience.



**Robert (Bob) Sahli, PTATCLAT**  
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## EYE CARE

**Q:** How can smoking affect my eyes?

**A:** The damage smoking can cause isn't limited to the lungs. A smoking habit can damage eyesight much faster than other diseases. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a disease that causes irreversible blindness. Smokers have triple the risk of developing AMD compared to nonsmokers, and are more likely to develop it up to ten years earlier than average for nonsmokers. Cataracts are the world's leading cause of blindness, and smoking doubles the risk of developing them—for heavy smokers, it triples it! Smoking also increases the risk of developing diabetes by 30-40% as well as increasing the progression of diabetic retinopathy. Not only does smoking affect the vision of the smoker, it can put the vision of everyone around them at increased risk too. The good news is that smoking is the most preventable cause of vision loss. Even someone with a long history of smoking can significantly reduce their risk of health complications by quitting.



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## INSURANCE

**Q:** What Questions Should I ask when purchasing Homeowners Insurance?

**A:** 1. Are there discounts available? Please explain in detail. 2. Are there deductibles and under what circumstances do they apply? And Are they flat or a percentage of the loss? 3. Are the rates different in different locations, or how close the house it to a fire department effect premiums? 4. Are the rates affected by the type of construction? 5. Is frozen or burst pipes covered under certain situations and is there a limit for damage? 6. What exactly is covered? Please explain the different kinds of coverage. HO3 or an HO5 7. What is excluded in the policy? Some exclusions include flood, wear and tear, earth movement and acts of war. 8. Are certain items such as computers limited in coverage? Certain items such as computers, silverware, jewelry, guns, and others listed have monetary limitations. You may be able to buy a rider for these items. 9. What optional, additional, or extended coverage can I purchase? flood coverage through the National Flood Insurance Program in many communities, higher levels of liability coverage, lower deductibles, earthquake, coverage for business pursuits on the premises. Just ask 10. Is umbrella coverage available? Is it discounted in any way?



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## MENTAL HEALTH

**Q:** How can I recognize suicidal thoughts?

**A:** Suicide is the most drastic choice an individual with mental health issues can make. It is critical to know how to recognize and identify signs that a person may be considering suicide. As stated by government data, 70% of people who commit suicide tell someone about their plans or give some other type of warning signs. Warning signs of suicide may include comments such as: "I'm finished," "It's all over," "My family would be better off without me," "There's no hope for me." Always take these signs seriously and never ignore them. Professionals can differentiate between someone who has a passing thought of suicide and someone who has a plan, means and intent. You do not need to know how serious an individual is in order to help them. Seek appropriate medical care and call 911 to help keep the person safe. If you have concerns and would like to talk to someone, please call Lisa at (406) 670-4546.



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## REAL ESTATE

**Q:** Should I take my property off the market in the winter?

**A:** No - The internet and changes to our Multiple Listing Service has dramatically changed our approach to taking properties off the market in the winter. 96% of all real estate purchases now begin with an on-line search. Most Real Estate Agencies now purchase IDX feeds (automatic feed of a property that is listed on the Multiple Listing Service) to Web Sites such as REALTOR.com, Trulia, Zillow, etc. You remove yourself from people looking for properties on line if you remove your listing from the MLS and you also remove Agents knowing it is for sale. MLS Rules have also changed requiring as much as six months "off the market" before the days on market reset. The ability to research the history of a property has changed so that the original information as to how long a property has been listed stays with the property regardless of it being taken off the MLS.



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## SKINCARE

**Q:** What is a Back Treatment or Back Facial?

**A:** A Back Treatment or Back Facial is facial for the skin on your back. It consists of cleansing the skin on the back with a soapy cleanser, then doing exfoliation on the back as well. Exfoliation is often a sugar or salt scrub but can also be a specific product exfoliator with scrubbing beads. Steam may also be applied to the back and extractions performed to remove any blackheads. Massage is also done to the back to promote relaxation of tense muscles, promote circulation and lymph drainage. After massage a mask is applied to help hydrate the skin and lastly a moisturizer is applied. Battling winter's dry skin can be a challenge. Most people think of the skin on their face and hands but remembering the rest of the body is important too.

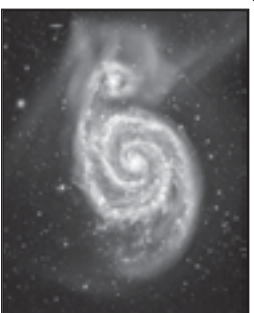


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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

**Q:** How can I discover whether astronomy would be an enjoyable and rewarding hobby?

**A:** Join Ennis Continuing Education for an 8-week-long course: "Introduction to Amateur Astronomy: Observing the Northern Winter Constellations Using Binoculars and Telescopes." January 15 to March 8, Mondays, 7-9 pm. We will learn about and observe our home galaxy, The Milky Way, and galaxies far beyond. We will use tools such as sky charts and planispheres, free astronomy software, and numerous on-line resources such as reports and videos. We will find celestial objects by identifying constellations and star hopping. We will have hands-on experience in the classroom and under the stars with several types of observing optics including our unaided eyes, binoculars, and various types of small telescopes. There will be a brief introduction to the life cycle of stars, amateur digital astrophotography, and the scientific research that is being done by amateur astronomers. The instructors are Larry and Lonie Swenson. They have been amateur astronomers for about 20 years.



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# Virginia City ice hockey program

Submitted by  
Scott Kelley  
VICE

Virginia City Ice is happy to announce the introduction of a "Learn to Play" program at the Virginia City ice rink. The LTP program is designed to introduce and teach hockey skills across several age groups. (Players will be divided into

10-under and 18-under age groups)  
The program is scheduled to run January 11 to February 8th and will occur on Thursdays and Fridays from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (Times and days subject to change.) The program costs \$5/per player per session.  
The Learn-to-Play Program will be instructed by USA Hockey certified coaches who

are committed to developing players' skills and abilities while teaching sportsmanship and helping players reach their potential.  
For more information and registration contact Coach Merrick by email at northern.scouting@gmail.com  
For more information on Virginia City Ice, check out their Facebook Page.



## BILL DENRUYTER: Jack of all trades

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Wisconsin native Bill Denruyter has found a forever home in the Madison Valley – thanks to the abundance of outdoor opportunities, but more importantly to his wife, Helen. "Her family homesteaded here," he said.

Helen's family tree extends back to the Clarks of the Cameron area and the Jacksons, who homesteaded around Norris. The family history was a key factor in bringing the couple to the Madison Valley in March.

Denruyter, a fishing and hunting guide for most of his professional career, said the "sights and sounds" of the Madison are an added bonus. "I really got into by myself," he said. "I was that kid that, at 12, my mom would drop me off by the river and I'd just be out there by myself – I loved being outside."

Denruyter's list of favorite activities includes fly fishing, ice fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and shed hunting, to name a few. He currently works as a fishing guide in the summer and, after 10 years as a hunting guide, is taking some time for himself. "It's a little bit of wanting to save the sport for yourself," he said. "I was hunting for work and fishing for work and snowmobiling for work. I want to spend that time with my wife."

The couple married on the Smith River this May and both live an active life. Be it

cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, fishing or walking their dog, Sage, their life of love has been built around the outdoors.

"The Madison Valley has both your vast and open mountains and your rolling hills," said Denruyter. "It's quiet and peaceful and there are all kinds of critters. I just enjoy all the sights and sounds of the river and woods."

The Madison Valley is different from the wooded forests of western Montana, were Denruyter moved from. But that is a change he has gladly accepted. "You're not far from a lot of cool country and it's just a different topography. But this place is gorgeous."



# Leadership Montana Accepting Applications

BOZEMAN, Mont., January 2 - Leadership Montana, the state's premier leadership development organization, has opened the application process for the Class of 2019. The class will meet in communities across the state during the months of September 2018 to April 2019. Applications are accepted until April 15.

"We continue to be humbled by the response to our leadership development program, even fifteen years since our founding," said president and chief executive officer Chantel Schieffer. "Our program is designed to meet the needs of professionals in all stages of their careers, from all industries and communities. Each year, we look forward to receiving

applications from each corner of Montana."

The Class of 2019 will visit Big Sky, Butte, Missoula, Helena, Great Falls, White Sulphur Springs, Glasgow and Billings. During visits, participants learn about challenges and opportunities facing Montana through conversations with community leaders and tours of emerging and traditional businesses. At the same time, participants learn from skilled leadership professionals who teach from a curriculum designed exclusively for Leadership Montana.

Leadership Montana is a non-profit collaboration of leaders from business, labor, healthcare, higher education, non-profit organizations and government coming together

to form a strong partnership for the betterment of our state. Leadership Montana offers participants a program that strengthens leadership skills while fostering personal growth and reflection.

Established in 2003, the program has nearly 600 alumni including members of the legislature, state, city and county government officials, and leaders of higher education, private businesses and non-profits across Montana. Leadership Montana is privately funded by generous individuals, foundations, and businesses across the state and region. More information about the program, including the application form, can be found at [www.leadershipmontana.org](http://www.leadershipmontana.org).

# ServeMontana award nominations sought

SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HELENA - The Governor's Office of Community Service is accepting nominations for the eighth annual ServeMontana Awards. The ServeMontana Awards recognize and thank Montanans for their everyday contributions to their community and civic life through service and volunteerism.

"Montanans who serve others show the best of what our state has to offer - its people," Serve-

Montana Executive Director Dan Ritter said. "This honor recognizes their tireless efforts help make Montana a better place to live for everyone."

The public is encouraged to nominate individuals of all ages and backgrounds, organizations, and groups. All services must be performed in Montana or by Montanans, and applications are due by March 31, 2018. Nominees should:

Volunteer in ways that cause a lasting change in people's lives.

Demonstrate a strong commitment to serving their community.

Engage in service that greatly benefits others.

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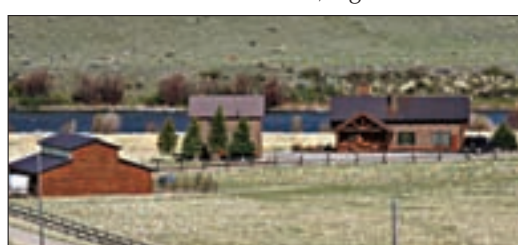
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# PLOWING THE WAY

Snowplow drivers have stressful, dangerous job

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MDOT Ennis section supervisor Chad Coffman shows off the section's four-wheel-drive snowplow. Coffman has been driving snowplows for nine years and manages a team of five snowplow drivers. The supervisor said snowplow driving is an often dangerous and thankless job. (G. HAMILL PHOTO)

Imagine a job in which you had no choice to stay home during severe winter storms, when dangerous, icy roads make traveling extremely hazardous. That's the reality for many public service workers, including state and county snowplow drivers, who work long hours to keep our roads as safe as possible.

Montana Department of Transportation Ennis section supervisor Chad Coffman has been driving snowplows for the past nine years. "At night, visibility can be pretty tough and it's scary sometimes," said Coffman. "When you're new, or even an experienced driver, and it's really snowing hard and you can't find the road, it's tough; it's mentally tough. When you come in here and park your truck and it's two o'clock in the morning, you've got to prepare your truck for the next guy to get in it; it's got to be fueled up and the windshield washed and everything. You can hardly keep your eyes open when you pull in here. And then you go home and you're just amped up and you can't go to sleep. I've gotten way better with that, but it was nerve-wracking. You're out there in the worst conditions. Mother Nature is tough sometimes."

Coffman's section has five full-time plow drivers in the winter, and is equipped with three two-wheel-drive plow trucks and one four-wheel-drive plow truck. The section is responsible for 154 lane miles, including Route 287 from Norris to the Montana Route 87 intersection, and the stretch of Route 287 between Ennis and Virginia City.

"We have these two passes, the Norris hill and the VC hill, that require a lot of attention," said Coffman. "If you're not taking care of these hills, they become impassable pretty quick. Norris hill has a tremendous amount of semi-truck traffic. If you're not on that, those

trucks spin out and get tangled up and make a mess."

State plow drivers work long shifts. "In the middle of a bad storm, we really like to stick to 12 hours, but sometimes you've got to go a little bit over," said Coffman.

As section supervisor, Coffman not only drives a plow on a regular basis, he has the complex tasks of scheduling drivers and dedicating resources where needed most. "In winter, one of the toughest things - outside of the phone ringing in the middle of the night - is scheduling," said Coffman. "You have your guys and they have lives and they need family time. Sometimes, that conflicts with getting the roads plowed and taken care of. Trying to keep 24-hour coverage with basically five guys, seven days a week. You have to shuffle around and have good communication. We have to work as a team. We're not always going to be on the same page, but we dang-well better be in the same book - and we are. They're a pretty good bunch of guys."

Coffman and two other MDOT drivers were plowing roads on Christmas morning. "We were out at four in the morning plowing snow, so that other families could be together opening presents," he said.

The most unusual situation Coffman dealt with in nine years with MDT was during the winter of 2009-2010, when the Madison River overflowed onto the highway south of Ennis, due to ice jams. "What we did was continually plowed it, and tried to make a berm on the south side of the road," said Coffman. "At that point, you're on 24-hour coverage with 12-hour shifts. We never had to close the road."

The overflow occurred again last year, but to a lesser extent. Ironically, MDT built new bridges

prior to 2009 to prevent overflows from occurring.

Generally warmer temperatures in recent winters have made Coffman's job more difficult. The supervisor explained snow will blow across a cold road, but will stick and turn into ice on a warmer road surface. "We're getting more ice than we used to," said Coffman. "It used to be, by the first of December, the roads were cold, you plowed the snow off, the trucks would go across and pretty soon it would be bare. You really didn't have to do much to it. Now, these storms, where it's 28 or 30 degrees and it snows, as soon as you drive over it, it turns to ice. We never used to have that problem in the past. It's because the road temp stays warm."

The Ennis section is responsible for road maintenance but not construction. Coffman has input to higher headquarters regarding where roads need paved, but not where guardrails are installed. Paving is normally done by private contractors. The supervisor said MDOT plans to chip-seal the highway between Ennis and Virginia City this year, although Coffman thinks it needs rebuilt. Those decisions are made by the higher-ups, not in Ennis.

MDOT uses a 10-percent mixture of magnesium chloride (a form of salt) combined with sand, as well as a sodium chloride solution, to treat hills and curves. According to MDOT, salt helps keep roads from becoming slick, improves safety and reduces accidents. Although MDOT has not done a study, the Colorado Department of Transportation reported a drastic reduction of snow, ice and slush-related accidents since the winter of 1995-1996, when it began the use of liquid anti-icers and de-icers on a large scale.

The cost of the sand/salt com-

ponent has increased "astronomically" in recent years, according to Coffman, while the MDT budget has been cut at the state level. But the supervisor said he has enough sand to properly treat roads in his assigned section. The budget cuts are having more of an effect on lower-priority construction projects, according to Coffman.

Dozens of MDT Road Weather Information System cameras are located at strategic points along Montana highways. The cameras update approximately every 20 minutes to provide maintenance workers and drivers views of road conditions at selected trouble spots. In the Ennis section, an RWIS camera is located on Norris Hill. "These cameras, they save me so much," said Coffman. "I can be home on a Saturday and I can look on the camera to decide if it's alright or if I need to get somebody out there."

The RWIS cameras are acces-

sible directly from the Montana.gov website in the Local Information section.

Coffman doesn't measure success by the number of vehicle accidents, because too many factors are involved, such as driver error. "You know you can't drive for the people, but you've got to try to set them up for success," he said. "You have to know that you're still dealing with Mother Nature. There are factors where you might have some bad roads, but if we're out there working on them, we've done our best to keep people safe."

The Ennis section also works during summer to make winter driving safer, installing reflective road delineators every 250 feet.

Sometimes, people thank the plow drivers. "Most of the time, with social media and stuff, you get bashed a little bit," said Coffman. "I tend to stay away from that. But you'll be fueling your truck at the gas station and

somebody will say, 'thanks a lot,' and that means a lot. That is a good measure of what you're doing. When you go to a high school basketball game and somebody comes up and says, 'you guys are doing a great job,' that's a good measure. But, just like anything else, you generally hear more negative than positive. That's why I have a Christmas card on my office wall that's two years old."

The job of snowplow driver does have some rewards, aside from a paycheck. "It's a sense of satisfaction that you're doing something that matters," said Coffman. "You're doing something to help people. At times, people would rather you weren't in their way. But, when I've got a string of cars behind me and I'm going over that hill, and I turn around at Norris and I watch that stream of cars headed toward Bozeman, I know I've done my job to get them part-way there."



This county snowplow rolled off the road during a snow storm this winter. Snowplow drivers operate during inclement conditions when visibility can be extremely limited. (PHOTO COURTESY MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION)



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## 5 Weight Loss Tips from a Woman Who Lost 128 Pounds

SUBMITTED BY STATEPOINT

Sometimes the best advice comes from someone who's been there, done that. So, if you're resolving to lose weight, why not consider the wisdom of someone who faced this challenge, and did so with great success?

Morgan Root, an Army veteran, found that after the birth of her second child, the scale kept going up instead of down. Determined to make a change, Morgan committed to losing weight and shed an inspiring 128 pounds. Here are her tips to help you lose weight this New Year:

- Make your excuse your motivation. When you flip your excuses into your motivation, it's amazing how much you can accomplish. Always remind yourself of why you started and what your motivation is when things get tough. "For me, my kids used to be my excuse for why I couldn't work out or make myself a priority, but now they're my motivation," says Root.

- Find a weight loss plan that works for you. Finding a plan that works for you is so important to fuel your weight loss goals and create sustainable success.

"Being in the army, I was used to structure. As a result, I turned to Nutrisystem, which provided the framework I needed to help me lose the weight," says Root, who is also a busy mom. "Having portion-controlled meals de-

livered to my home made it easier. My favorite food is the Margherita Pizza. I could eat pizza when my kids had pizza and didn't have to think about counting, measuring or weighing anything. It was a win-win!"

- Increase your water intake. Water is so important to your overall health, so invest in a new water bottle this year and drink up! A study found that when people drink six cups (48 ounces) of cold water, they increase their resting calorie burn by up to 50 calories per day. Water also helps you feel full and potentially eat less. Sometimes when you think you are hungry, you are actually just thirsty. Aim for 64 ounces per day.

- Change your rewards and comforts. When something good happens in life, we often reward ourselves with food, and when something bad happens we comfort ourselves with the same. Find other ways to reward yourself, like buying something new. Comfort yourself by taking a bath or long shower. Chances are, you'll forget about wanting that food.

- Get moving. Being active not only benefits your weight loss journey, it can also clear your head and will help you feel better overall. Aim for three 10-minute exercise sessions daily. Do a quick workout video before work in the morning, take a conference call on-the-go at lunch and take your dog for an extra

walk around the neighborhood when you get home. No matter what, always aim to be active for at least 30 minutes a day. By the end of the week, you'll have burned as many as 200 extra calories per day.

For more tips to help you on your weight

loss journey, visit [leaf.nutrisystem.com](http://leaf.nutrisystem.com).

A weight loss journey is never easy, no matter how much you have to lose, but it's absolutely worth it. "I have found myself again. I am stronger, healthier, confident, driven and determined more than ever," says Root.



Morgan Root, an Army veteran, after dropping 128 pounds. (STATEPOINT PHOTO)



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## SHAPE UP MONTANA REGISTRATION OPENS

SUBMITTED BY SHAPE UP MONTANA

Billings, Montana - Registration for the 16th Annual Shape Up Montana program is underway. Shape Up Montana is a team-based healthy lifestyle program of the Big Sky State Games that helps Montanans to be more physically active and make healthier nutrition choices. The team competition is based on Accumulated Activity, logging miles with the aid of an activity conversion calculator and smartphone app. A Weight Loss category, based on healthful eating and physical activity, can be added at no extra charge. Teams of 4 to 10 individuals work together

for three months (February 1 - May 1). Mileage is converted from regular daily activities (yard work, housework) and aerobic activity (swimming, running, walking, cycling, etc.).

Since it began in 2003, over 70,000 Montanans have logged more than 13.5 million activity miles! Organizers are working to reverse the progression of obesity and overweight trends in Montana.

Shape Up Montana works with the business community, member organizations and families to engage their employees and members in a team format that spurs increasing physical activity and encourages healthy eating habits. Past Shape Up

Montana teams have included businesses, church groups, organizations, friends, clubs, school staff and families.


Everyone who enters receives a Shape Up Montana T-shirt, free entry into the Shape Up Montana Virtual 5k Walk/Run, and access to a Shape Up Montana app for easy logging on the go. The program features health and wellness resources, weekly challenges for bonus miles, and exercise videos from Montana experts. Awards will be presented for weekly challenge completion, monthly reporting and for the top three teams in each division.

Online registration, entry forms and more information are available [www.shapeup-montana.org](http://www.shapeup-montana.org) or call (406) 254-7426. The deadline is January 31 for online registration (late entries accepted). Entry forms are also available at the Big Sky State Games Office in Billings (490 N. 31st, Suite 200).

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# COLUMNS



## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

### SLIP SLIDING AWAY

Addressing the advantages of multi-sensory driving

After having operated many different means of transportation for 53 win-

winters, I have learned a thing or two about cold-weather driving. For instance, when negotiating icy roads, I still drive by the seat-of-my-pants. Hence, I slowly increase speed until the automobile's rear end starts to slip and my rear end begins to fasten to the seat, simultaneously. At that critical juncture, I slow down enough to stabilize the vehicle and then, continue on at that speed.

True, the seat of one's pants is not the center of human cerebral activity. However, it only makes sense that, because it's closer to the highway, the butt is first to detect slippage. Therefore, in my opinion, only when both the butt and brain are fully involved does true, multi-sensory driving come into play. Regrettably, one day last week, I encountered a motorist who didn't give a hoot about my cautious navigation methods.

Shortly after leaving Harrison for Butte, on glare-ice roads, I glanced into the rearview mirror to see an SUV following too close for the slippery conditions. Evidently, it was too much to expect the other driver to grasp that, if I had to suddenly hit my brakes, he would have to hit his too. Just then, I saw a wide-eyed deer standing in the middle of the road ahead of me.

As I suspected would happen, shortly after I touched my brakes, both automobiles were slip-sliding-away across the hardtop. Fortunately, I had been driving slow enough to allow the deer time to scramble out of the way. Even better, the lead-footed follower and I were able to avoid colliding, but only barely. While waiting for my bulging eyeballs to recede back into their sockets, I was reminded of the first rule of

cold-weather driving: "Never forget about the other nuts on the road!"

During the remainder of my trip to Butte, most motorists I met drove in a multi-sensory, seat-of-the-pants mode. There were, however, a distressing number of reckless individuals (aka car kamikazes) who, because they had all-wheel-drive vehicles, insisted on driving at the posted speed limit. The blissfully oblivious dunderheads fairly blew the doors off my (in their view) dawdling car. Despite being hounded by such maniacal motorists, for whom my archaic driving methods were plainly no longer in vogue, I made it back to Harrison physically unscathed. However, I did suffer moderate psychological trauma.

That's not to say I don't believe modern automobile safety features (i.e. all-wheel drive, anti-lock braking, active traction control, skid control, etc) are helpful. In fact, they do reduce the chances of sliding and, to some extent, mitigate sliding severity after it has begun. It's just that I worry too many people are placing an over-reliance on current automotive technology. After all, when its tires have broken contact with the surface of a highway, it doesn't matter how many wheels are propelling the vehicle. At that point, the car is doing the driving, and the driver (spectator) is merely reacting as best he can.

In the final analysis, it's far better to avoid slip-sliding-away on an icy road in the first place, than to deal with the hair-raising consequences after the fact. So, here's to multi-sensory, seat-of-the-pants driving. May it soon be back in vogue! As I see things, when it comes right down to it, good-old common sense is still the primary safety feature a driver can employ when negotiating icy roads.

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# NATURAL

## Resource News

By Adam Sigler, MSU Extension

### GROUNDWATER QUALITY FROM PRIVATE WELLS IN MONTANA

When talking about water quality, I like to say water has a memory. It remembers where it has been, meaning, it has characteristics based on the path it has taken. So, to understand the quality of groundwater, we need a basic understanding of where groundwater originates. Ultimately it comes from precipitation, which is as close to distilled water as we find in nature. If the amount of liquid water on the land surface is greater than the amount of evaporation at any given time and place, the water can infiltrate into the ground to recharge groundwater.

A well owner should test their water quality if the well has been flooded or if they notice a change in the quality of their water. Annual testing is recommended for nitrate and bacteria. It is also a good idea to check with your local health department, water quality district or extension agent to find out if there are other constituents of concern in your area. The "Well Educated" program is a Montana State University Extension program that guides well owners through the process of testing and understanding their water quality. Below is some

basic information on a few parameters of interest for private well testing along with some insights based on results from the Well Educated program.

#### Nitrate

Nitrate is the chemical constituent that probably gets the most widespread attention in groundwater. Nitrate-N is a concern because at concentrations greater than 10 mg/L\* it can cause blue baby syndrome (methemoglobinemia) and there is some evidence that at high concentrations it causes increased risk of cancer. It is also of interest because natural concentrations in groundwater rarely exceed 2 mg/L\* but nitrate can come from human waste, animal waste or fertilizer. Nitrate-N is very soluble and moves readily in groundwater, so a concentration above 2 mg/L or a concentration that increases through time may be evidence that human activity is influencing a well water supply. Annual nitrate testing is a good idea, especially if the area up-gradient from the well includes a lot of septic systems or agriculture.

#### Bacteria

Bacteria can be found everywhere on Earth, includ-

ing groundwater. However, coliform is a specific group of bacteria not typically found in groundwater. Presence of coliform bacteria in groundwater is not an immediate indication of a health risk but is an indicator that groundwater is being influenced by surface activities. E. coli is a specific type of coliform bacteria found in the waste of warm-blooded animals and its presence is an indicator of fecal contamination. Presence of E. coli in a well is associated with risk of water-borne disease and use of E. coli contaminated water should be discontinued immediately. Coliform or E. coli in a well may come from a poorly capped well or from surface water or waste water reaching the water supply without adequate filtration through soil. Shallower wells are more susceptible to contamination from surface water, but any well is subject to contamination if the wellhead is not protected. For this reason, every well owner should conduct annual bacteria testing.

#### Arsenic

Arsenic occurs naturally in the Earth's crust at an average concentration of two to five parts per million (ppm) or two

to five grains in a cup of sugar. Higher concentrations are often found around hot springs and other geothermal sources; mined ores like copper, gold and zinc; and also in some areas with glacial geologic deposits. When groundwater flows through mineral deposits high in arsenic, the minerals can break down and release arsenic into the water. The arsenic concentration flowing out of Yellowstone National Park in the Madison River ranges up to more than 10 times the drinking water standard as a result of natural geothermal sources. As a result, the aquifers adjacent to the Madison River often have elevated arsenic. Arsenic concentrations above the 0.01 ppm drinking water standard have been detected through the Well Educated program in Big Horn, Cascade, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison and Missoula counties.

For additional information visit MSU Extension Water Quality website: <http://waterquality.montana.edu>. This article was originally published in the 2011 Winter edition of Big Sky Small Acres by Adam Sigler, MSU Extension Water Quality Associate Specialist

### Tips for blending generations in the workplace

Submitted by Sue Hawkes

"A divided country" is a prevalent theme in America today, and simultaneously many business leaders find the need for their employees to work well together has never been more important – or perhaps more challenging.

For the first time in modern history, the workforce consists of four and sometimes five generations within a single company. That age/experience difference can lead to varied ways of looking at things – and also varied ways in which co-workers perceive those from another generation. Research by firms that explore office interaction reveals generation gaps in areas such as communication style, goals, adaptation to change and technical skills. Bosses face the challenge of how to bridge these differences.

"It starts with dropping the stereotypes," says Sue Hawkes, a leadership expert and author of Chasing Perfection: Shatter the

Illusion, Minimize Self-Doubt & Maximize Success. "Belief in generational stereotypes limits your ability to harness the best from everyone at the table. A company's leader can learn how to unlock potential from all generations by engaging everyone around shared values."

Hawkes gives four tips on how business leaders can get employees in a multi-generational company to work well together through effective communication:

- Building bridges. Despite wide age disparities, common ground needs to be found. Hawkes says that requires investing the time to learn about others and their motivations. "The research and conversations about generations tend to focus on the differences," Hawkes says. "Millennials, for instance, get a bad rap in the working world, like they have an inflated sense of entitlement. Yet research

shows they share some traits with entrepreneurs."

- Daily check-ins. Reading the temperature in your multi-generational office doesn't include trying to read employees' minds. Hawkes emphasizes that younger people new to their career need interaction. "Don't assume people you're mentoring haven't asked a question because they already know the answer," Hawkes says. "Be proactive and make daily check-ins a habit. It gives them a chance to air thoughts and ask questions."

- Share a big enough "why." Employees of all ages and backgrounds are key gears that turn the big wheel. At the center of that wheel is the why – essentially, the core values of the company culture. "Some people are put off by a new or younger employee's need to know the why for the things they're asked to do," Hawkes says. "Once rules and methods are explained as

connections to success, everybody moves forward with a renewed purpose."

- Set clear expectations for projects, goals. No matter what generation leaders are from, they should make sure their mentee or employee understands exactly what they want and how with a specific timeline. "It's important to be explicitly clear," Hawkes says. "Someone from a different generation may not have the same ideas about what is relevant and necessary toward certain business objectives."

"I challenge the belief that any generation can be categorized and generalized in behavior," Hawkes says. "We can move from seeing the barriers between us to a place of common ground and opportunity, doing so with courageous and open conversations expanding on what each person brings to the table."

## Bubble of Historic Proportions

by Jerry Welch

In 2017, commodities per se as measured by the CRB Index posted a 11/2 year low on June 21, bottomed out and quickly headed north. On the final day of 2017, the CRB hit a 10-month high and back to the levels of mid-January. With the benefit of hindsight, it is clear the CRB was roller coaster like last year offering something for the bulls and something for the bears. But a New Year lies ahead and hopes are high that commodities will do better and be less rollercoaster-like.

I am on record as forecasting that commodities in 2018 will either go up or down. I am convinced of that. But here are a few more of my thoughts about the opportunities for investors and traders in the New Year.

In the first half of 2017, the only commodity markets to

do well on the long side of the ledger were cattle, hogs, wheat, lead, aluminum, gold, cotton, corn and silver. Values for each of those markets improved right into June, which also happened to be the month the CRB Index bottomed and began to march higher into the end of the year.

The weak markets in the first half of 2017 were soybeans, nickel, natural gas, crude oil and products coffee, cocoa and sugar. Each of those markets were defensive into June. And in the case of soybeans, cocoa and sugar, prices moved even lower into the final weeks of the year.

The impressive rally with the CRB Index, from June into the end of 2017, was due in large part to the fact that crude oil and copper did exceptionally well in 2017. As a result,

the general consensus is hard assets will do much better in 2018 than 2017 - or the previous 6 years for that matter. Yes, a growing consensus is that a whiff of inflation will be seen in the New Year, something not seen since the recession ended in 2009.

Several major Wall Street firms are now predicting that, due to global economic growth and in particular from the United States and Asia, commodity inflation will up-tick by 10 percent in 2018. However, the rise in inflation they are calling for is mostly with industrial metals and the energy markets. Few, if any, major firms are looking for much of a rebound with the ag-markets, grains, livestock or tropical markets such as cocoa, sugar and so forth.

But down through history,

two leading indicators for commodities per se are copper and crude oil. Copper prices ended 2017 at its best level in four years and crude at its best level in two-and-a-half years. Plus, gold prices enjoyed their best rally in 10 years because the dollar endured its most bearish year in a decade.

History shows as the dollar moves lower, commodities tend to move higher. History also shows that commodities per se tend to follow the lead of crude oil and copper. Looking at history, it is no great surprise, therefore, that a number of Wall Street firms are calling for a rise in inflation in the New Year.

If there is indeed is a meaningful rise with inflation the U.S debt markets and treasury bonds in particular are headed a great deal lower. I have stated

time and again the bond market is a huge bubble waiting to be popped and that remains my conviction. The debt markets will pop for certain if inflation is greater than expectations.

In late July, Bloomberg News published a piece entitled, Greenspan Sees No Stock Exc ess, Warns of Bond Market Bubble. "By any measure, real long-term interest rates are much too low and therefore unsustainable," the former Federal Reserve chairman, 91, said in an interview. "When they move higher they are likely to move reasonably fast. We are experiencing a bubble, not in stock prices but in bond prices. This is not discounted in the marketplace."

Mr. Greenspan went on to say in the same article. "The real problem is that when the bond-market bubble collapses,

long-term interest rates will rise," Greenspan went on to say, "We are moving into a different phase of the economy - to a stagflation not seen since the 1970s. That is not good for asset prices."

History also shows that when long-term interest rates rise, it is not bullish for stocks or commodities. Higher rates and lower bond prices slow economic growth, cap rising prices and keep inflationary pressure in check. That is how it is and that is why the Fed employs such a monetary policy.

In the New Year, I suggest probing the short side of the US debt markets, T-bonds and T-notes. As inflation rises, the debt markets should work lower while at the same time commodities either go up down. The big story in 2018 will be the loud

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- 4 Expert
- 7 Pops
- 12 Brewery output
- 13 Sleep phenomenon
- 14 Unmoving
- 15 Rotating part
- 16 Reason to call 911
- 18 Pump up the volume
- 19 Heathen
- 20 Lumber
- 22 Run-down horse
- 23 Blue hue
- 27 Toss in
- 29 Political refugee
- 31 Groan-inducing, maybe
- 34 Take as one's own
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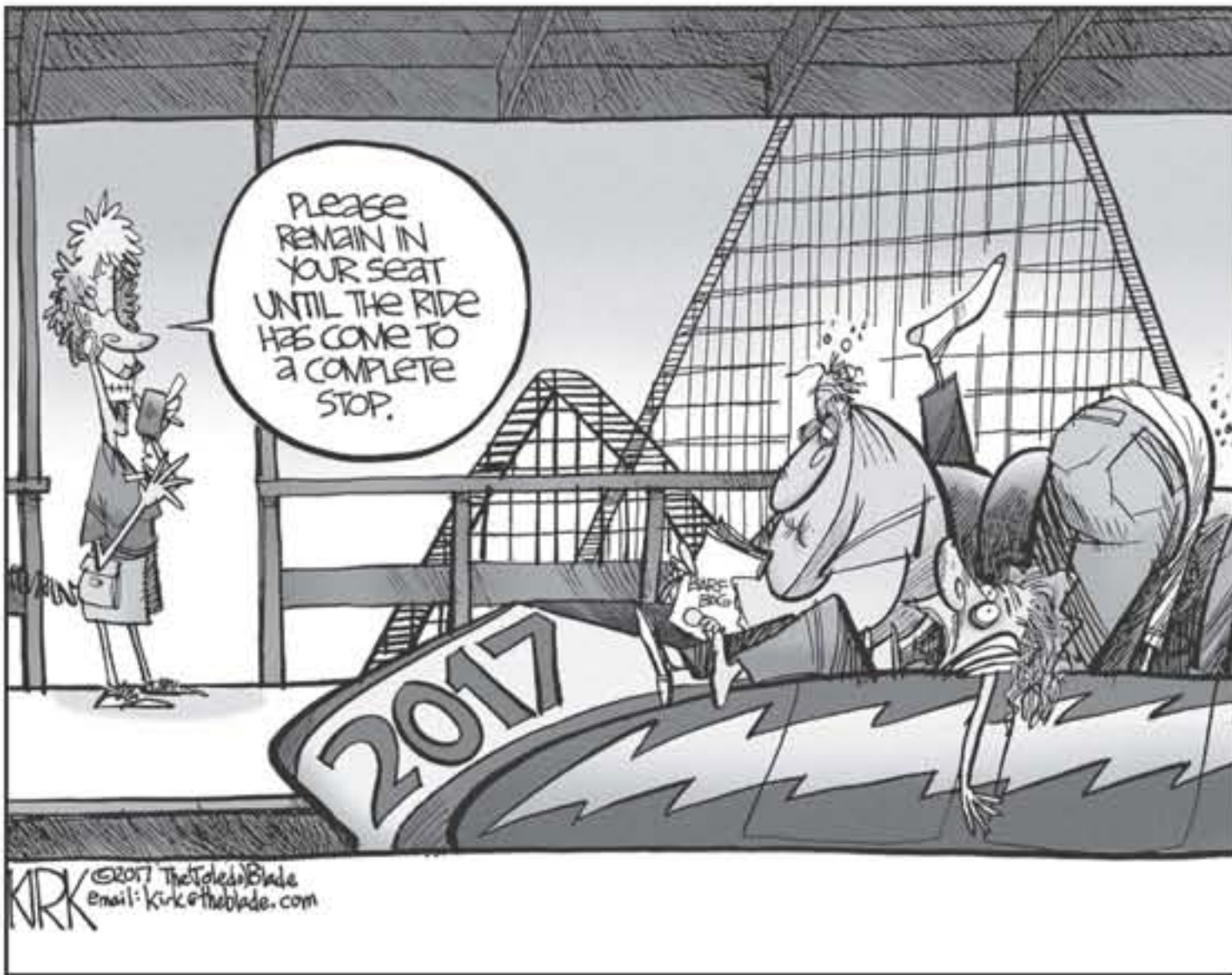
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RESPONDENT.  
CAUSE NUMBER: DV-29-2017-75  
This notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name Brittney McPhetres to Brittney Burke.  
Upon Courts own motion, a hearing for the above entitled action is set for Monday, January 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse, Virginia City, Montana.  
(Pub. December 21, 28, January 4, 11, 2018) bm MNAXLP

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.  
Claims must either be mailed to PATRICIA LYNN MURPHY, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 3438 E. State Street, Hamilton, New Jersey 08619, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.  
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PATRICIA LYNN MURPHY  
Personal Representative  
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istrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.  
The purpose of the public meeting is to receive comment on the proposed Moonlight Basin Overall Development Plan update. The proposed plan spans approximately 8,000 acres of platted subdivision and un-platted tracts of land located in the upper Jack Creek drainage on the northern flank of Lone Mountain in Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 2 East; Sections 1-4, 9-12, 13-16, 22-24 & 26, Township 6 South, Range 2 East; Sections 7 & 18, Township 6 South, Range 3 East PMM.  
Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on January 29, 2018, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to drobison@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.  
The Overall Development Plan and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at:  
• Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City;  
• Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis;  
• Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky  
Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.  
John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board  
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ductive public hearing on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.  
The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the Acre Tract 85 Minor Subdivision to create 2 equal lots approximately 9,949.65 square feet each located on the corner of Mill Street and Montana Street in the town of Sheridan, Montana. Located in the North 1/2 of Section 26, T 4S, R5W, Sheridan Original Townsite.  
Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on January 30, 2018, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to drobison@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.  
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signed has been appointed Domiciliary Foreign Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.  
Claims must either be mailed to Richard Russell Moccia, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of the law firm of Kasting, Kauffman & Mersen, P.C., 716 South 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 101, Bozeman, MT 59718, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.  
Dated: January 2, 2018  
KASTING, KAUFFMAN & MERSEN P.C.  
/s/ Jane Mersen  
By JANE MERSEN  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
(Pub. Jan. 11, 18, 25, 2018) kkm MNAXLP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON  
IN RE ESTATE OF:  
JOHN VINCENT BRUTHERS, also known as JOHN V. BRUTHERS,  
Deceased.  
Cause No. DP-29-2017-37

**MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
THE MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD WILL CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING for the Moonlight Overall Development Plan on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Admin-

**MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Madison County Planning Board will con-

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 11:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, to receive public comment on a resolution establishing County office hours.  
Copies of the resolution are available for public review and comment at the Madison County Commissioners' Office and posted on the Madison County website, www.madisoncountymt.gov.  
Comments on the resolution are welcome. Written public comments may be submitted or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; faxed to (406) 843-5517; or emailed to madco@madscountymt.gov. Written comments must be received by close of the January 16, 2018, public hearing.  
(Pub. 11, 2018) mcc MNAXLP

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We are pleased to announce that Maria Bartoletti, DMD, MPH will be full time at the Bartoletti Dental office in Sheridan beginning Jan. 1. Dr. Tom Bartoletti will be leaving the practice after serving the people of southwest Montana for more than 30 years. He wants to thank you for allowing him to serve your dental needs. He also appreciates the support of Montana Dental Outreach Teams which brings dental care to people in underserved countries.

This is a proud moment as a father announces that his daughter, Maria Bartoletti, DMD, MPH will be taking over the practice. Maria went to school at Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, where she received her dental degree and her master's in public health. Maria lives in Sheridan with her husband, Jack Bieler, owner of Quaking Aspen Masonry, and their three daughters, Odessa, Stella and Mia. Maria has spent the last five years working at the Southwest Montana Community Health Center. The last three years she was the Assistant Dental Director, directing the Butte clinic. She is currently serving on the Dental Health and Access Committee for the Montana Dental Association. She looks forward to serving the dental needs of the community. Also, their young family is excited to raise the next generation of Sheridan Panthers in the valley.

Thank you for your understanding during this transitional time. Make sure to come in for your routine cleaning and meet Dr. Maria Bartoletti. I will be around finding my next adventure or it will find me.



LEFT: Dr. Maria Bartoletti and family

BELOW: Dr. Tom Bartoletti and Dr. Maria Bartoletti

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9:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN  
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• Bible Study 10:15 am  
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**Wed, Jan 10: Pork Chops, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit & muffins**  
**Thurs, Jan 11: Sloppy Joes, garden salad, fruit & ice cream cookies**

**NOTICE FROM THE CENTER: BEGINNING JAN 8TH THE CENTER WILL BE OPEN AND SERVING MEALS AT NOON 5 DAYS A WEEK - MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY EACH WEEK.**

**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, January 11: Corned beef casserole, dessert**  
**Tuesday, January 16: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, dessert**

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**SENIOR CENTER MEALS, ENNIS**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**  
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**JANUARY 11 - 19**  
**THURSDAY JANUARY 11**  
REUBEN, JOJO POTATOES, DESSERT  
**FRIDAY JANUARY 12**  
SALSURY STEAK, BAKED POTATO & VEGGIES, DESSERT "PINOCHLE @ 12:45"  
**MONDAY JANUARY 15**  
TURKEY BACON CLUB  
PICKLE SPEAR & CHIPS  
DESSERT "MAHJONG @ 1:00"  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 16**  
LASAGNA, SALAD & ROLL, DESSERT  
**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17**  
SHRIMP & FRIES, FRUIT, DESSERT  
**THURSDAY JANUARY 18**  
MEATLOAF & GRAVY, MASHERS & VEGGIES, DESSERT "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**  
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JANUARY 10**

**Meeting, Ennis**  
School Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the high school.

**JANUARY 13-14**

**Hockey tournament, Virginia City**  
Hockey tournament all day Saturday and Sunday. Call Justin for more information, 579-2168.

**TUESDAY  
JANUARY 16**

**Open house, Ennis**  
Speech, Drama and Debate open house at the high school at 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 17**

**Chili feed, Twin Bridges**  
Chili dinner for the Masonic Temple at 7 p.m.

**Meeting, Ennis**  
MVMC Auxiliary meeting at 10 a.m. in the conference room at the medical center.

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 20**

**Chautauqua, Virginia City**  
Chautauqua presentation at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck and performances starting at 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 25**

**Mad Gals, Gallatin Gateway**  
Monthly luncheon and social beginning at noon at the Buffalo Jump Sports Bar. RSVP by Jan. 22 406-220-6714.

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 31**

**Chamber Fiesta, Ennis**

**Chamber member appreciation/drive fiesta** at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dessert and friend to the Gravel Bar, food provided and cash bar.

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 1**

**BAH, Ennis**  
Business After Hours hosted by the Madison Conservation District at 5 p.m.

**Meeting, Twin Bridges**  
WFVA Auxiliary meeting at 11 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel.

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 11**

**Valentine's dinner, Sheridan**  
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## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

**MONDAYS**

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

**Bridge, Ennis**  
Every Monday at 11:30 at the First Madison Valley Bank. New players welcome.

**Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City**  
Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**TUESDAYS**

**Shape up, Ennis**  
Workout for seniors focusing on stretching and toning at the athletic club at 9:15 a.m.

**Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City**  
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Annex Building.

**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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Info @ 685-3481

**Reach to Recovery, Ennis**  
Peer cancer support group hosted by Lisa Brubaker, second Tuesday of the month in the Moonlight Basin building at 6 p.m. 670-4546.

**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

**Angelwings ministry, Sheridan**  
Every Wednesday from 2:45-4 p.m. at the Bloomin' Ruby Cafe.

**Support group, Ennis**  
Ennis family and friends support group for those struggling with addiction. 5 p.m. 100 Prairie Way, 599-3659.

**THURSDAYS**

**Shape up, Ennis**  
Workout for seniors focusing on stretching and toning at the athletic club at 9:15 a.m.

**MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH**  
September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church.

**MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH**  
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

**FRIDAYS**

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

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

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

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY**

**Live Music - Norris**  
7 p.m.

**LOCAL HOT SPOT**

**NORRIS HOT SPRINGS**

FALL/WINTER HOURS: TH, FRI, MON: 4PM - 10PM  
SAT & SUN: 10AM - 10PM | CLOSED TUES & WED

**MUSIC THIS WEEK**

Fri 1/12 Dan Henry  
Blues/Folks/Funk

Sat 1/13 Willy James  
Outlaw Singer/Songwriter

Sun 1/14 Travis Yost  
Downy Americana Pop

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norrishotsprings.com 406.685.3303