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MADISON COUNTY ROAD REVIEW

NORRIS CONNECTION ROAD EAST



Norris Connection East road in Norris. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Norris Connection Road East is not a county road, according to the Madison County Commission Office.

Documentation that Madison County's road review

committee retrieved indicated to the county commissioners that Norris Connection Road East is not the county's responsibility.

The county abandoned the old road that climbs behind J.R.'s Tires in Norris after U.S. Highway 84 was completed in 1934. It goes through Montana

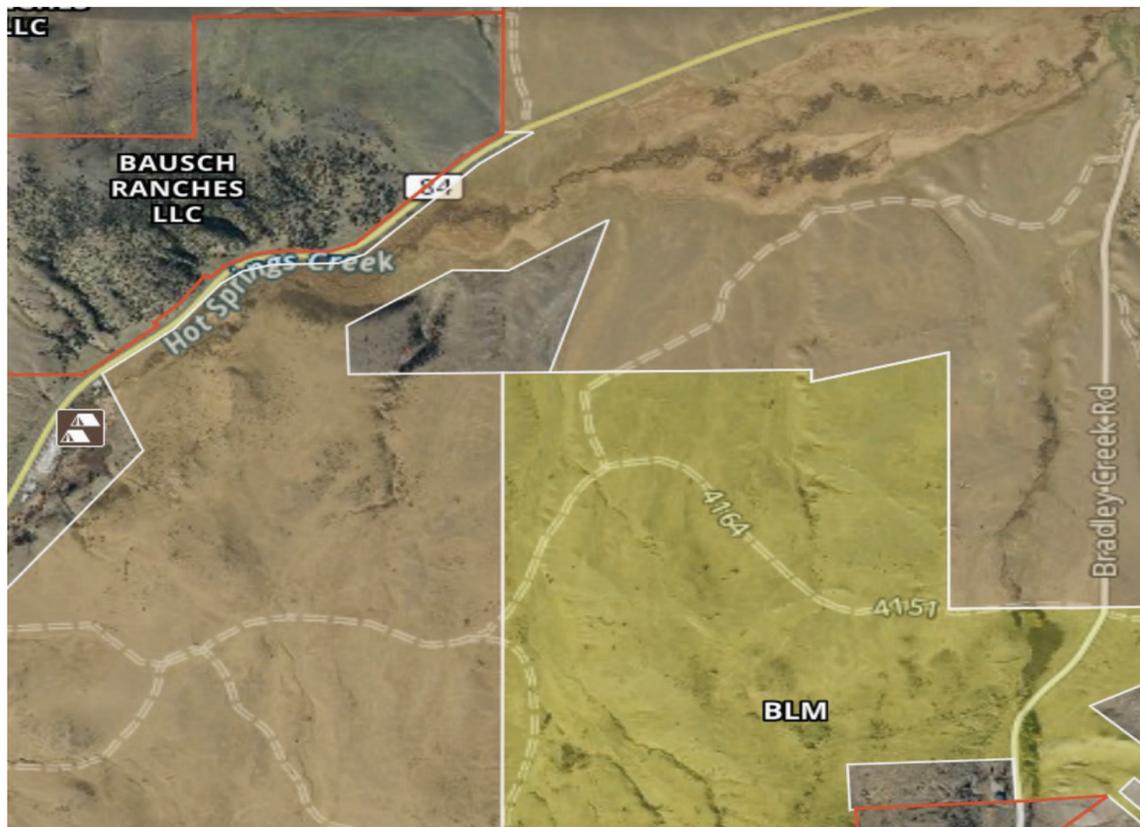
University's Red Bluff Research Ranch and Bureau of Land Management land to connect to Bradley Creek road.

The deed to a jagged property in Norris was recently transferred to new owners in October 2019. They inquired about the road's status, according to Madison County

Commissioner Ron Nye.

"No one knows how they're accessing it," Nye said.

No dwellings are on the 48-acre property surrounded by state lands. The revocable trust is out of Big Timber and there is no evidence available to show if the land is being accessed.



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Montana's 2020 elections

STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL SEATS

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Montanans will have a large ballot to vote on in the 2020 elections.

Montana's federal, state and regional elections, along with the presidential election, will be voted on. Montanans will be voting on more than who will control the White House.

People have until March 9, 2020 to file for candidacy with the Office of the Secretary of State. Montana's primary elections are June 2, 2020. One candidate from each political party will advance to the

general election Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

Two of the three seats in Montana's congressional delegation are up for bid. Steve Daines, the incumbent senator, is running for a second term. He is unopposed for the primary election, as he is the only Republican running. Four Democrats have filed for the senate seat in the primary election.

Greg Gianforte wants to step out of the United States House of Representatives and into the Governor's mansion. His campaign for Montana's chief executive seat leaves his former seat in congress open

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MHSA approves eligibility proposal

Transformational learning program

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Montana High School Association expanded eligibility to students enrolled in transformational learning programs.

Representatives from schools across the state voted to approve seven proposals at the annual MHSA membership meeting Jan. 20. Approved items like new eligibility for transformational learning students and the responsibility for co-op trophies could adjust Madison County schools' districts policies and budgets.

The 2019 Montana State Legislature stated that trans-

formational learning fulfilled people's goal of developing the full educational potential of a student. House Bill 351 passed in May 2019, which declared regulations that discriminate against a school district or student participating in transformational learning violated the Montana constitution.

Transformational learning is a flexible system of pupil-centered learning that was designed to meet mandates of the Montana Constitution while customized to an individual student's strengths, needs and interests. The board of public education approves school districts' transformational learning programs, which individual school boards

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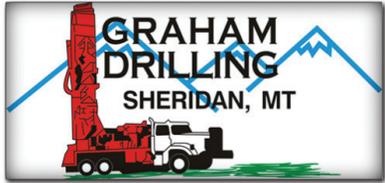
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to one of the seven candidates currently campaigning for the job.

Montanans will decide five statewide offices in the 2020 election. Most of the statewide offices being voted on, including Montana's governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state auditor, will see new leadership. The lone incumbent on the state level is Republican Elsie Arntzen, running for

the Superintendent of Public Instruction. No one has filed for candidacy against Arntzen and her opposition, Democrat Melissa Romano.

Some regional offices of southwest Montana will be on the ballot. Montana's Legislative Senate District 36 and House District 71, which encompasses Madison County and small portions of Jefferson and Silver Bow counties, will

be elected.

Four candidates have filed for southwest Montana's Public Service Commissioner seat. PSC's District 3 is made up of 14 counties including Madison, Beaverhead, Jefferson, Gallatin and Silver Bow. District 3 commissioner, Roger Koopman, has been outspoken about how the commission dealt with the recent NorthWest Energy electric rate increase. As he terms

out of the seat, a new commissioner will be elected in 2020.

Elections in the Montana Supreme Court will vote in two justices. Four candidates have filed for justices five and six, including incumbent Laurie McKinnon.

Follow the Madisonian's coverage over the next few months. The first election that will be dived into is the gubernatorial race.

MHSA continued FROM A1

or trustees design and regulate.

The MHSA approved an amendment to its eligibility requirements. Students under a qualified transformational learning program are exempt from having to be in physical attendance at the school for at least 10 hours a week.

Some Madison County schools were concerned about

not requiring students to interact with teachers, who are often the first indicators of a student's health or mental state. Other schools see the opportunity to meet better standards for certain students.

The new bill made \$2.6 million available to school districts to implement transformational learning programs.

By June 30, 2020, approved school districts will receive the first round of funding from the office of public instruction. Twenty-eight school districts in the state, including Bozeman, Belgrade and Joliet, will receive transformational learning aid for 2020.

Board of Public Education qualified school districts can

permissively increase levies to match the amount of funding awarded.

Madison County school districts do not have the policies in place to provide transformational learning programs nor did they apply for funding in 2019. Applications for the next round of funding begins Feb. 3, 2020.

Twin Bridges' new council member

Jordan High joins the table



BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Twin Bridges appointed Jordan High as the new town council member.

Joe Willauer's seat was open because he accepted the mayor position in November 2019. The Twin Bridges Town Council had two applicants to choose from and selected High to fill Willauer's council term Jan. 14.

"I really want to serve first before I make any changes," High said.

High has been a resident

of Twin Bridges for about 20 years. He ran for a seat on the town council in the municipal general elections. He lost but was persistent on being more involved with his community.

High went into the family occupation of military service as a mechanic in the National Guard for six years. He is employed with Yellowstone Traditions constructing buildings and homes in the area with minimal impact to the landscapes. He is also a member of a motorcycle club, Patriate Guard of Montana.

As a town council member, High wants to help contribute to finding middle ground in conflicts and prioritize the people of Twin Bridges.

Jordan High with his Harley Davison. PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

Avoid spreading noxious weeds this winter

Submitted by JEN MOHLER
 Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance

Winter is my dogs' favorite season. Nothing makes them happier than heading out with me for a ski, and since they're Australian shepherds with thick and woolly coats, they have no problem keeping warm. The downside, though, is that they easily pick up unwanted burrs, especially houndstongue seeds. Houndstongue is a state-listed noxious weed, and its seeds are covered with barbs that have been referred to as nature's Velcro. This characteristic facilitates the effective, widespread dispersal of seeds on the fur of passing wildlife, livestock and pets, and also on the clothes of humans. Invasive weeds are one of the greatest threats to Montana's environment, as they're known as "habitat transformers" because they change an area's

physical structure and forage availability, eventually pushing resident wildlife out. Additionally, invasive species degrade fisheries through erosion and sediment buildup, reduce property values, and erode our beautiful viewsheds. Hound-

stongue foliage also has the potential to poison livestock and wildlife. Seeds are the only source of reproduction for houndstongue, so it's important to look for seeds clinging to you or your dog and dispose of them properly. Take an extra plastic bag with you—many responsible dog owners already have pet-waste bags with them—and if you find your dog covered in burrs, take the time to collect and dispose of them in the trash. If you just toss the seeds alongside the trail, you'll be spreading noxious weeds and could make it worse for years to come.

Anyone who enjoys the amazing trails in our area can do their part in reducing the spread of noxious weeds. Pay attention to what clings to your pet when you're out and about and help keep our trails beautiful and noxious weed free.



Houndstongue flowers. SHUTTERSTOCK



Houndstongue burrs, as seen in winter. PHOTO COURTESY JEN MOHLER

Black Bear covered in burrs. PHOTO COURTESY JACK BELL



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OPINION

Missing loving pets

Dear Editor,

This is addressed to the person or persons, who on purpose or, un-purpose has "destroyed" two of my outside kitties. Both were born and raised on my property on North Madison Street in Twin Bridges. One was 16 and the other 14 and never did a bit of harm to ANYONE!! The worst part is that I have no closure

on either of them and this really haunts me. The Momma cat to the 14 year old has meowed and meowed for two days now calling her son. To hear a cat cry like that is pure anguish.

I know they are only "outside cats" but both were loving pets and a part of my fur family. One reason for outside cats is to keep the mice down in the area, not only for me but others around me. They

were both great mousers and now have suffered for it. How terribly sad.

So please think about putting down old fashioned mouse traps in the future and not poison for the mice that will harm cats.

Janie McMillin Wasmann
Twin Bridges

P.S. Two more of my outside kitties "disappeared" a week tomorrow in the middle of the afternoon! Something is just not right around here. The chocolate Siamese was never gone for more than just a little awhile as he was a real momma's-boy. His momma has meowed and meowed for him. Her voice is heart breaking to say the least. She and I are both grieving beyond belief this past week.



FWP seeks volunteer instructors for Hunter, Bowhunter Education

Submitted by
MORGAN JACOBSEN, FWP

Montana's hunting legacy depends on active, skilled and ethical hunters who pass on their traditions to new generations.

This happens in hundreds of classrooms across Montana each year through the state's Hunter and Bowhunter Education program. Instructors in the program volunteer their time and talents to give new hunters baseline instruction on safety, ethics, procedure and other components of successful hunting.

Hunter Education, which is administered by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, is also a statutory requirement for new

hunters in the state. Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1985, must pass a Hunter Education course in order to purchase a hunting license.

Montana needs more volunteer instructors — especially women instructors — who are willing to perpetuate these opportunities for new hunters. Anyone with experience in hunting or bowhunting is encouraged to apply.

"Archery has given me so much in my life," said Brian Koelzer, who has been teaching Bowhunter Education in Montana for 13 years. "That's when I really decided I wanted to help share that."

Volunteers in the program must meet certain requirements.

They must have experience in the use of firearms or archery equipment, possess a valid Montana driver's license or ID card, pass a background investigation and criminal records check, have experience in or be comfortable with public speaking or teaching, and be eligible under state and federal law to handle and possess firearms and ammunition.

Once an application is submitted and those requirements are met, applicants will receive training on teaching, course curriculum, and program policies and procedures. Experienced instructors help mentor volunteers who are new to the program.

Hunter Education is personally rewarding for many

volunteer instructors. They often feel they are making a difference in the lives of new hunters by passing on their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for hunting. Many instructors also discover common interests and camaraderie with other program volunteers.

"If you're a hunter, and you know where to go and what to do and how to do it safely, and you know what ethics are about, then we need you," said Jim Johnson, a Hunter Education instructor of 21 years. "We need you to instruct the next generation of people to keep the sport alive."

For more information or to apply, visit fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter/instructors or call 406-444-9948.

Montana Department of Revenue: tax credit available for elderly homeowners, renters

Submitted by
SANJAY TALWANI

As income tax filing season begins, the Montana Department of Revenue reminds Montanans 62 and older that they may qualify for the Elderly Homeowner/Renter Tax Credit, worth up to \$1,000.

For those who qualify, this credit is refundable, so even those who owe no tax at all could receive the credit.

To receive the credit, a senior must have turned at least 62 in 2019; occupied a Montana residence as a renter, owner or lessee for at least six months in 2019; resided in Montana at least

nine months in 2019; and have a total income for all household members of \$45,000 or less.

Residents who are not filing any return at all can still claim the credit online at MTRRevenue.gov. That's the fastest and most secure way of claiming the credit.

Seniors filing on paper must

fill out just a portion of Form 2, the main state income tax form, to claim the credit.

The Montana Department of Revenue and the IRS both opened their tax filing seasons Monday, Jan. 27.

For more information or to obtain Form 2, visit MTRRevenue.gov or call (406) 444-6900.

Montana Forest Action Advisory Council meets end of January

Governor Bullock's Advisory Council to convene in Missoula to discuss forested Priority Areas for treatment across the state of Montana

Submitted by
PAIGE COHN, DNRC

The Montana Forest Action Advisory Council (MFAAC) will have their first meeting of 2020

on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and continue Thursday, Jan. 30 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation located at 5705

Grant Creek Road in Missoula.

As the key stakeholders and tribal nations around the state of Montana, MFAAC will reconvene to discuss Priority Areas for treatment in forested

areas across the state, discuss components of forest health and receive presentations from local experts, including Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Forest Legacy Program, Urban and Community Forestry, and Wildland Fire in Montana. A public comment period is available during the meeting and public input is welcome throughout the process. MFAAC will deliver a final plan and recommendations to Governor Bullock in September 2020.

MFAAC is a statewide collaborative group representing federal, state, local, and tribal governments; industry partners; conservation organizations; and collaborative and watershed groups convened with the purpose of updating the 2020 Montana Forest Action Plan and developing recommendations to address forest health conditions and wildland fire risk issues across Montana.



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Landowners have until March 16 to apply for access tax credit program

Submitted by
JOLEEN TADEJ, FWP

Landowners have until March 16 to submit applications to Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks for enrollment in the Unlocking Public Lands Program to be eligible for up to \$3,000 in tax credits.

The Unlocking Public Lands program is designed to provide recreational public access to state (Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) or federal (Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service) land where no legal public access currently exists.

In exchange for access across the private lands, landowners will receive a tax credit in the amount of \$750 per agreement and up to a maximum of \$3,000 tax credit per year. Landowners decide how the public may cross their private property and may limit access to foot traffic only.

“Offering a tax credit in exchange for allowing public access across private land to reach public land is a unique and innovative way to increase public access,” said Jason Kool, FWP hunting access bureau chief. “We hope these opportunities and tax incentives may appeal to landowners through-

out the state in a different way.” While Montana contains nearly 29 million acres of public land, much of this land requires landowner permission to cross private land to reach the adjoining state or federal land. More information about

the program, including enrollment criteria and the application form, can be found at <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/hunterAccess/unlockingPublicLands/>.

Will Gilmore honored at West Point



Submitted by LAURA GILMORE

Ennis graduate, Will Gilmore made the West Point Dean's List fall semester 2019. He also received the Superintendent's Award. This award for achievement is awarded to the top 15% of each class and each awardee received a gold wreath to wear on their uniform. He also received the Recondo badge which is the physical award. It is awarded to approximately 5% of cadets.

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Will Gilmore. PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA GILMORE

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In 1989, I found and convinced Mary Beth Holzer to be my life partner in marriage. We have raised two sons that have grown and prospered because of the great contributions of many in Southwest Montana. While actively participating in 4-H, FFA, sports, and academic offerings our family has had the opportunity to meet and appreciate the diversity of our neighbors. We are grateful that there is a unique and genuine compassion amongst all for our youth and communities.

My passion has always been to support agriculture and small business, including the outdoor recreation and tourism economies of Southwest Montana, as well as the hard-working class that provide the necessary resources to make our communities and lifestyles the envy of many. Our dealings at the bank are rooted in the philosophy that we could only be as successful as our customers and communities.

I am also grateful to our men and women in uniform, past, present and future. Their service allows us the freedom to safely pursue our dreams.

We are fortunate that many volunteers step forward to supplement the limited resources that our tax base provides. They serve as 4-H leaders, youth sports coaches, and on numerous boards/councils providing leadership and guidance that makes our communities, schools, youth programs, and government function at a very high level. Our family has been, and will continue to offer our time, energy, and leadership to serve and support the public good. Volunteering and giving back to our communities are the reasons I am seeking the privilege to represent the constituents of House District #71 in the Montana Legislature.

I look forward to the opportunity to visit, learn, and understand issues that are of concern to you. I'll work to seek solutions. I understand that government intervention on any level is not always the best or only solution. Collaboration and compromise always need to be explored. My goal is to help find alternatives that work for the betterment of all. I would be honored to serve as your representative in the Montana Legislature, and ask for your support.

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January 19, 2020

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges. Hazards on the road were reported in Ennis. A citizen was assisted in Ennis.

January 20, 2020

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis. A citizen was assisted in McAllister. Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.

January 21, 2020

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Alder. A welfare check was performed in McAllister.

January 22, 2020

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan. An accident was reported in Sheridan.

January 23, 2020

A traffic stop was reported. A 911 misdial was reported.

January 24, 2020

A trespass complaint was made in Alder. Medical aid was administered in Ennis. A citizen was assisted in Norris. A fire call was made in Sheridan.

January 25, 2020

Medical aid was administered in Cameron. An accident was reported in Cameron.

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SPORTS

Falcons out of the coop Twin Bridges girls' basketball

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Twin Bridges followed up their loss against Ennis with two conference wins.

The Falcons and Mustangs had a close game until the end. The slap of a blocked shot rang in the half. Twin Bridges' Hadley Johnson smacked a last-second shot from Shae Lovett of the Mustangs.

Ashleigh Guinnane and Allie Dale lead the Falcons in points against the Mustangs. Guinnane landed a three-pointer in the third quarter. Twin Bridges tied the game 21-21 with a little more than five minutes left. But the Mustangs returned, driving down the court for a

two-pointer and the victory.

The Falcons beat the Lone Peak Bighorns and Lima Bears in away games Jan. 24 and Jan. 25. Twin Bridges racked up 46 points against the Big Horns. Avery George fouled out in the fourth quarter in Lone Peak, and Guinnane fouled out in the third quarter in Lima. Guinnane lead in points against Lone Peak, and Dale lead in the Lima game.

As one of the Falcon's top scorers fouled out, Lexie Stockett's game picked up for the final quarter against Lima. She scored all seven of her points in the fourth quarter. The Falcons won 40 -34.

The Falcons will host the game against the Drummond Trojans Jan. 31.

Jan. 23
LOSS: 22-24
T.B. Falcons:
5 12 17 Final: 22
Ennis Mustangs:
9 14 20 Final: 24

POINTS
Team total: 22
Individual leader: Ashleigh Guinnane/ Allie Dale
Individual total: 7

2-POINTERS
Team total: 7
Individual leader: Allie Dale
Individual total: 3

3-POINTERS
Team total: 1
Individual leader: Ashleigh Guinnane
Individual total: 1

FREE THROWS: 36% success rate

Jan. 24
WIN: 46-35
T.B. Falcons: 9 16 28 Final: 46
L.P. Bighorns: 9 16 24 Final: 35

POINTS
Team total: 46
Individual leader: Ashleigh Guinnane
Individual total: 17

2-POINTERS
Team total: 16
Individual leader: Ashleigh Guinnane
Individual total: 7

3-POINTERS
Team total: 0
Individual leader:
Individual total:

FREE THROWS: 64% success rate

Jan. 25
WIN: 40-34
T.B. Falcons: 9 20 24 Final: 40
Lima Bears: 4 13 21 Final: 34

POINTS
Team total: 40
Individual leader: Allie Dale
Individual total: 8

2-POINTERS
Team total: 9
Individual leader: Ashleigh Guinnane
Individual total: 3

3-POINTERS
Team total: 2
Individual leader: Lexie Stockett/
Emma Konene
Individual total: 1

FREE THROWS: 48% success rate

Falcons 11th consecutive win

Twin Bridges boys continue to dominate the court

Jan. 23
WIN 73-35
T.B. Falcons:
9 31 49 Final: 73
Ennis Mustangs:
8 19 30 Final: 35

POINTS
Team total: 73
Individual leader: Charlie Krueer
Individual total: 29

2-POINTERS
Team total: 25
Individual leader: Charlie Krueer
Individual total: 9

3-POINTERS
Team total: 4
Individual leader: Charlie Krueer/
Connor Nye/ Zayne Carter/ Matt Kaiser
Individual total: 1

FREE THROWS: 50% success rate

Jan. 24
WIN: 57-31
T.B. Falcons: 12 35 51 Final: 57
L.P. Bighorns: 8 15 22 Final: 31

POINTS
Team total: 57
Individual leader: Charlie Krueer
Individual total: 20

2-POINTERS
Team total: 20
Individual leader: Charlie Krueer
Individual total: 8

3-POINTERS
Team total: 3
Individual leader: Connor Nye
Individual total: 2

FREE THROWS: 62% success rate

Jan. 25
WIN: 75-30
T.B. Falcons: 27 44 64 Final: 75
Lima Bears: 5 12 22 Final: 30

POINTS
Team total: 75
Individual leader: Matt Kaiser
Individual total: 16

2-POINTERS
Team total: 21
Individual leader: Matt Kaiser
Individual total: 5

3-POINTERS
Team total: 10
Individual leader: Connor Nye/ Matt Kaiser/ Zayne Carter
Individual total: 2

FREE THROWS: 100% success rate

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The winning streak continues for the Falcons.

Twin Bridges defeated the Mustangs in Ennis Jan. 23. Falcons' Charlie Krueer was the first to put up points. The back and forth of the first half ended with Twin Bridges in the lead. Krueer #3 received his third foul with 3:33 minutes in the second quarter. He was played sparingly until the fourth quarter and still led the Falcons in points.

Junior Matt Kaiser put up a three-pointer to end the first half. The Falcons came out slow for the second half, making no points in the first two minutes. But they made up for the slow start with a power finish. Krueer and Twin Bridges' freshman Connor Nye each drained a three-pointer in the final seconds of

the third quarter.

Nye fouled out with a little over three minutes left in the game. Axton Anderson scored the last points for Twin Bridges, and Bo Kelley scored the last points for the Mustangs and the game.

The Falcons got stronger at the free throw line as the week progressed. Krueer, Connor Nye, Bryce Nye and Kaiser were major contributors in all three games. Krueer lead in points against Lone Peak and had eight defensive rebounds. Kaiser lead in points against Lima. Kaiser, along with Nate Konen and Trystan Harmon, had seven defensive rebounds against Lima.

The Falcons are playing strong defensively and offensively and are on their way to being the competition in the state tournament. They will be playing Drummond in Twin Bridges Jan. 31.

Wildcats on the prowl

Harrison boys' basketball

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Harrison beat two teams on the court.

First, the Wildcats defeated the Sheridan Panthers at home for a Thursday night game Jan. 23. Joe Cima lead the Wildcats to victory with 15 points. Harrison kept Sheridan under 20 points until the final quarter.

The Wildcats had one of their better scoring nights against the Panthers. Jackson Nye put up 13 points, and the Wildcats lit up the third quarter with three-pointers. They played strong defensively, limiting the Panthers to single-digit quarters.

Harrison's strong defense continued against the Trojans in Drummond Jan. 24. The Wildcats kept the Trojans under 10 points in the first half. Luke Cima kept the Cimas' scoring game up in Joe's absence in the second game. The Homner brothers contributed to both games with three-pointers, and Vern Homner lead the Wildcats in points against Drummond.

The Wildcats have their next conference game against the Granite Prospectors in Phillipsburg Jan. 31.

CORRECTION: Last week's edition pictured #33, Sage Buus instead of #00 Cristian Contreras for the Wildcats. We apologize for the mixup. **PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN**

Jan. 23
WIN 62
Harrison Wildcats:
13 33 50 Final: 62
Sheridan Panthers:
5 13 17 Final: 22

POINTS
Team total: 62
Individual leader: Joe Cima
Individual total: 15

2-POINTERS
Team total: 21
Individual leader: Joe Cima
Individual total: 5

3-POINTERS
Team total: 3
Individual leader: Jackson Nye/ Vern Homner/ Kyle Homner
Individual total: 1

FREE THROWS: 46% success rate

Jan. 24
WIN 59
Harrison Wildcats:
11 27 41 Final: 59
Drummond Trojans:
7 9 17 Final: 24

POINTS
Team total: 59
Individual leader: Vern Homner
Individual total: 12

2-POINTERS
Team total: 24
Individual leader: Luke Cima/ Vern Homner
Individual total: 5

3-POINTERS
Team total: 1
Individual leader: Kyle Homner
Individual total: 1

FREE THROWS: 38% success rate



Wildcat junior, Rosie Chater, fights to put a shot up against Sheridan Panther, Desaray Tipton in Thursday night's game at Harrison. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN

SPORTS

Mustangs stampede Ennis girls' basketball

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Ennis girls had two victories on their home court. The Mustangs went up against conference rival, Twin Bridges Jan. 23. Ennis had a narrow lead throughout the game. Junior Landri Paladichuk was the driving force of the Mustangs' success. She scored about half of Ennis' points, blocked one of Twin Bridges' final shots with 14 seconds left and scored the last points of the game. The Mustangs went on to defeat the Lone Peak Bighorns Jan. 25. Their free throw rate greatly improved from the last game. Ennis fell behind at the end of the first half, allowing Lone Peak to score 12 points in the second quarter. But they came back in the third quarter to a comfortable lead. Paladichuk led in points. Her focus from outside the arch was on. She made four three-pointers throughout the game. The Ennis Mustangs will travel to Lima to play the Bears Jan. 30.

<p>Jan. 23 WIN: 24-22 Ennis Mustangs: 9 14 20 Final: 24 Twin Bridges Falcons: 5 12 17 Final: 22</p>	<p>3-POINTERS Team total: 2 Individual leader: Jenna Snider/ Landri Paladichuk Individual total: 1</p>	<p>Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk Individual total: 17</p>
<p>POINTS Team total: 24 Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk Individual total: 13</p>	<p>FREE THROWS: 38% success rate</p>	<p>2-POINTERS Team total: 4 Individual leader: Shae Lovett Individual total: 9</p>
<p>2-POINTERS Team total: 5 Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk Individual total: 3</p>	<p>Jan. 25 WIN: 42-34 Ennis Mustangs: 12 16 26 Final: 42 L.P. Bighorns: 7 19 24 Final: 34</p>	<p>3-POINTERS Team total: 4 Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk Individual total: 4</p>
	<p>POINTS Team total: 42</p>	<p>FREE THROWS: 67% success rate</p>



Landri Paladichuk makes a basket in the fourth quarter against the Falcons. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

Those 3s though Ennis boys' basketball

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Conference rivals met in Ennis. The Ennis Mustangs and Twin Bridges Falcons took the court Jan. 23. The Mustangs came out strong against the Falcons. The Falcons would make a small gain and the Mustangs would return to tie it up. Brand Ostler made the last play of the first quarter, scoring a three-pointer with the seconds counting down. The back and forth continued into the second quarter, with Ostler and Ennis junior Ian Swanson making most of the points. Twin Bridges ended the first half with a 12-point lead, but Ostler started the second half with a message – a three-pointer from the court's deep corner. Twin Bridges did not score for over two minutes. Ostler drained five three-pointers against the Falcons. The Mustangs' momentum faded in the second half, and the Falcons took off. Lone Peak came to Ennis Jan. 25. The Mustangs were behind the entire game but came back to beat the Bighorns. Swanson and Cordell Severeid let the baskets fly in the fourth quarter, each scoring nine points. The Mustangs made 14 three-pointers over the basketball weekend. Their strength in the offense leads the Mustangs to most of their success. But moments in the defense shone brightly, like Jaxson Kloote's steal and drive to the net against the Falcons. The Mustangs will play the Bears in Lima Jan. 30.

<p>Jan. 23 LOSS: 35-73 Ennis Mustangs: 8 19 30 Final: 35 Twin Bridges Falcons: 9 31 49 Final: 73</p>	<p>3-POINTERS Team total: 7 Individual leader: Brand Ostler Individual total: 5</p>	<p>Individual leader: Ian Swanson Individual total: 20</p>
<p>POINTS Team total: 35 Individual leader: Brand Ostler Individual total: 17</p>	<p>FREE THROWS: 33% success rate</p>	<p>2-POINTERS Team total: 11 Individual leader: Jaxson Kloote Individual total: 4</p>
<p>2-POINTERS Team total: 6 Individual leader: Ian Swanson Individual total: 7</p>	<p>Jan. 25 WIN: 58-47 Ennis Mustangs: 8 21 35 Final: 58 Lone Peak Bighorns: 13 31 37 Final: 47</p>	<p>3-POINTERS Team total: 7 Individual leader: Brand Ostler Individual total: 3</p>
	<p>POINTS Team total: 58</p>	<p>FREE THROWS: 48% success rate</p>



Brand Ostler drains a three-pointer in the second half against the Falcons. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

Panthers' defeat Sheridan boys' hoops

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Sheridan fell to conference competitors, the Harrison Wildcats, Jan. 23. The Thursday night game in Harrison was a tough one for the Panthers. The Sheridan boys had moments of success of the court. Kaiden Batzler, who lead the Panthers in points, was a strong offensive and defensive player against the Wildcats. Batzler put up 13 points and had seven defensive rebounds. The Panthers played the Granite Prospectors on Jan. 28 and will be in Ennis to take on the Mustangs Jan. 31.

<p>Jan. 23 Sheridan Panthers: 5 13 17 Final: 22 Harrison Wildcats: 13 33 50 Final: 62</p>	<p>Batzler Individual total: 13</p>	<p>3-POINTERS Team total: 1 Individual leader: Cade McParland Individual total: 1</p>
<p>POINTS Team total: 22 Individual leader: Kaiden</p>	<p>2-POINTERS Team total: 7 Individual leader: Kaiden Batzler Individual total: 5</p>	<p>FREE THROWS: 36% success rate</p>

SPORTS

RUNNING TO REMEMBER

The Leggs complete the Marine Corps Marathon

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It was pouring in Washington D.C. the weekend of the Marine Corps Marathon. Runners representing all states and 30 countries bounced passed popular landmarks for 20 miles in the downpour and for six miles in humid heat. On Oct. 27, the entire city became the Marine Corps Marathon for all intents and purposes.

Melinda and Dave Legg ran this marathon for the TAPS program, or the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. TAPS reaches out to families who have lost someone in the service and continues to offer support even years after, understanding there is some pain that never really goes away.

Sergeant Cody Ronald Legg was captured and killed during an active duty raid in Iraq in 2008 at age 23. He was the only son to his mother, Buneva 'Bunnie' Jacquay, and Melinda's stepson. Melinda and Dave, Cody's father, had two other boys together and Cody was ecstatic to

be a big brother to them.

While Melinda and Dave had their younger boys to push them through and keep the world spinning, Jacquay was devastated by losing Cody. She got involved with TAPS as a way to help others going through the same thing she did.

At some point, she mentioned to a friend in the program that Melinda and Dave were athletes, Melinda the marathon runner and Dave a triathlete. TAPS sent them emails about the Marine Corps Marathon, and couple signed up in March for the October event, planning to run for the TAPS team.

"As soon as he lost Cody, he wanted to run the marathon," Melinda learned in retrospect.

Unfortunately, the race itself was not pleasant. The combination of rain and heat defined finishing as the focus and the Leggs ended up missing the scenery. It was after the race they learned they did run by both the Capital Building and the Potomac River. Melinda saw a picture posted on Instagram featuring the couple, with the Capitol behind them.

"I literally didn't remember it," Melinda said.

Dave strained his calf muscle around mile three and continued to have a rough race for the remainder, pairing injury with unfavorable weather conditions. But nothing was going to stop him from finishing. This was for Cody.

Wear Blue Run to Remember was another organization working with the Marine Corps Marathon. This organization sponsored a section of the race called the Blue Mile; a mile-long portion lined with posters of fallen soldiers as far back as 1944 to as recent as 2019.

The Leggs had a picture of Cody on their backs, identical to the one they submitted for the Blue Mile. Before running, they met a couple of women and told them Cody would be featured. These ladies ended up getting to Cody first and informed the Leggs his picture was coming up. Streets were lined with spectators holding American flags for the following mile, inspiring runners to power through.

People run this race for a

purpose. The story of the women who kept a lookout for Cody's picture shows how deep that purpose runs. "They want Americans to remember and that's what it's about," Melinda said.

Cody knew he wanted to join the army at age 12. Jacquay thought, and probably hoped, it was just a phase, but he never grew out of it. At 18 he enlisted, just a year after 9/11. "It actually flamed his fire," Melinda said. "Cody is our motivation for a lot of what we do because he lost his life so that we have the privilege of doing these things," Melinda said.

Melinda has a similar fire that burned before Cody even enlisted and continues after his death. She does not easily forget the sacrifice some men and women make for their country. While teaching she strives to pass along this sense of gratitude to her high school students. "They do need to know there are men and women out there who are doing what they're doing," she said.

Her biggest takeaway after the marathon was the support from all the organizations involved.

They were on her and Dave's team, from helping them get things together for the Blue Mile to answering preliminary emails. The way it was conducted filled

runners and spectators with such a pride in their country, a feeling Melinda will not forget.

"They made me proud of Cody," she said.



At the finish line, every single runner gets their metal placed around their neck and are saluted by a marine. PHOTO COURTESY OF MELINDA LEGG



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Thursday



Partly cloudy skies. High around 35F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday



Cloudy. High 39F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday



Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High near 45F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday



Partly cloudy skies early. A few snow showers developing later in the day. High 42F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 30%.

Monday



Mostly cloudy with a few snow showers in the morning. High around 25F. Winds NNW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 30%.

Quote of the Week:

"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it."

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BOYS and Barb WIRE



A BAND THAT POKES FUN AT EACH OTHER STAYS TOGETHER

The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire inside the Andersons' barn. PHOTO COURTESY BY SARA GILMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

By KEELY LARSON
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The boys of the Ruby Valley Boys knew each other while going to college at Montana State University (MSU). They played at the Eagles in Bozeman together, appreciating that venue for its sizable dance floor. "It's a whole lot easier playing when people are dancing," Jim Anderson said. His brother, John, echoed that sentiment by saying it is a good indicator of enjoyment if people are up and dancing.

There are only a few round, barrel-looking tables inside Willie's Distillery, host of the Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire Friday night. The place gets full quick, especially if a four-piece band is setting up next to the front door. The sound guy, with iPads set up to regulate sound, thought it might have been the smallest place he mastered.

The Anderson brothers and current guitarist, Steve Wilcox,

rotated through different bands since they started playing instruments. Wilcox threw out a couple clever names of bands he had been in, one called Custer's Last Band made up of residents of Custer County.

Wilcox moved back to Madison County and the three boys ran into each other, leading to the formation of the Ruby Valley Boys in the 1990s. "Now we're more like the Ruby Valley Geezers and good ole what's her name," Jim said.

Consistent and comical banter floated throughout the conversation at regular intervals. Barbara "Barb" Pearson joined just before 2010 and added the "Barb Wire" element to the band name. She goes by Barb and her violin has strings or 'wires,' she explained, putting two and two together. "She's a little prickly sometimes," John said.

Now, the band has two rules. They do not play in bars and the moment it stops being fun, they will quit. "We violated rule number one a few times,

but we're still having fun," John said. Family reunions, get-togethers, funerals, barbecues and a variety of other venues around the county make up the majority of their sets. Trying to rule bars out made them a little less marketable, but they had a solution for that.

Approached by the National Stagecoach Freight Wagon Association, the band was asked to put on a barn dance. A historic barn on the Anderson Ranch property, just outside of Alder, was the perfect place and the band and friends got to work cleaning. Prepped for 200 or so people, the event ended up hosting north of 300 and ran out of food twice.

The barn was originally built by C.X. Larrabee. Larrabee came to Deer Lodge to be a partner in a banking firm and eventually discovered the Mountain View Copper Mine near Butte. Both the Anderson's Ranch and Ted Turner's were owned by Larrabee at one point. The Andersons' grandfather immigrated from Denmark and bought the ranch from Larrabee's estate, starting a sheep ranch in the early 1900s.

Estella, their mother, had musical inclinations as well, singing and playing guitar in a band called the Beaverhead Rangers. "She'd always had us sing 'cuz that would keep us from fighting," Jim said. It worked, and the boys had memories of 'car karaoke,' singing tunes like You Are My Sunshine and Big Rock Candy Mountain, trying to ignore their tone-deaf father.

Wilcox has music in his blood and in his brain. He recalls childhood songs with surprising ease. Wilcox's dad played guitar and traded a paint spray can to his brother to get Wilcox his own. "I just played



"Most country musicians are musicians who wanted to be cowboys. We're cowboys who wanted to be musicians," Jim Anderson said. From L to R: Barb Pearson (violinist), Jim Anderson (bass), Steve Wilcox (guitar) and John Anderson (drums). PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON

along with my dad, just plucked a couple of strings," he said, eventually learning his chords.

In the 1930s, Pearson's grandfather gave a neighbor some eggs and received a violin made in 1906 in return. Pearson still has that violin and started her musical endeavors as a concert violinist, performing with the Bozeman Symphony among others. After moving to Ennis, traveling to rehearse became arduous and she took up the fiddle.

One night, while working at the Elks in Virginia City, Pearson ended up playing with the boys as an impromptu audition of sorts. They told her she could stay and across the gender divide the boys learned some fiddle music and Pearson

learned some cowboy songs.

Pearson's grandfather came from Ireland to homestead in Big Sandy, Mont. When she was a toddler, Pearson and her mother lived in Charlie Russell's house, a name every native Montanan knows.

At Willie's, Pearson would occasionally have to move over a bit to make room for people to get in the front door. Before they plucked their first strings, the band members made their way to the back counter to order cocktails.

Visitors mingled, conversed,

ordered cocktails and clapped after each song. The boys would ask listeners if they knew who sang the original version of the song just played or would point tidbits out about tunes, like how the last they just did was about Charlie Russell.

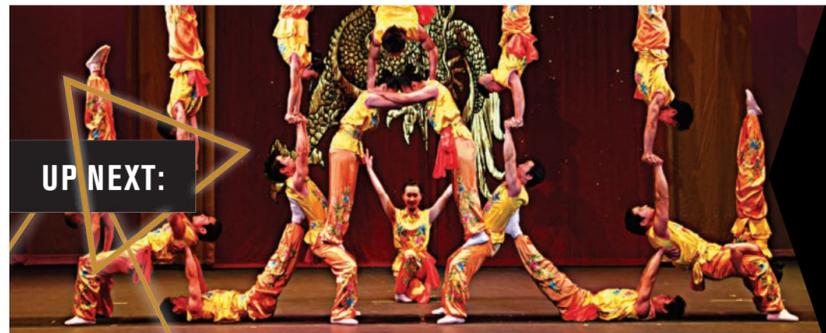
"We held together for the last 10 years or so as a group," Pearson said. With their combined musical roots, playful banter and love for storytelling, they seem to be on track for another ten.

As long as they keep having fun.

This photo was taken for the release of the band's first CD, *Smoke and Burlap*. PHOTO BY SARA GILMAN PHOTOGRAPHY



Pearson keeps her songs in a binder organized by style, not alphabetized as is the boys' system. Still, she can find the song they are about to play in five minutes. "That always amazes me," Wilcox said. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON



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5 signs that you're entering menopause

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Menopause is a natural part of aging for women, but there is no predictable pattern or timeline for the symptoms, doctors say.

While hot flashes, irritability and weight gain are generally well known, symptoms like anxiety, hair loss, and incontinence can catch a woman by surprise and cause concern, even though they're normal, says Dr. Arianna Sholes-Douglas (www.drarianna.com), author of *The Menopause Myth: What Your Mother, Doctor, And Friends Haven't Told You About Life After 35*.

"Many myths exist about what to expect when going through menopause," says Dr. Sholes-Douglas, founder of Tula

Wellness Center in Tucson, Ariz. "It's important to know your body well enough to know what's happening and get reassurance that what's going on is normal."

Dr. Sholes-Douglas explains five normal menopausal symptoms women can watch for:

- **Anxiety/depression.** Depression and anxiety shouldn't be ignored; they can appear as your body changes, and need to be treated. "If you have a history of anxiety and/or depression, you are likely to experience it again in perimenopause – the menopause transition," Dr. Sholes-Douglas says. "Decreasing progesterone and overactive adrenals may be partially responsible for the anxiety you're feeling, and progesterone has been implicated in depression, too. So, don't think depression and anxiety are just 'all in your

head."

- **Hair loss and hair growth.** "Hormone changes can cause hair growth where you least want it," Dr. Sholes-Douglas says. "At the same time, these hormone changes – specifically, decreasing estrogen and the changing ratio of estrogen to testosterone – are responsible for thinning hair on the scalp, especially on the crown and near the forehead."
- **Behavioral changes.** Behavior can tip off a woman to menopausal symptoms. If you're not feeling like yourself and your partner has complained about you treating them differently, Dr. Sholes-Douglas says it could be an indication of lower estrogen levels. "Estrogen is actually a key driver of women's nurturing behavior and desire to take care of others," Dr. Sholes-Douglas says. "When levels decline in

perimenopause, women can find themselves thinking, feeling and behaving in a way that's unfamiliar. This biological change can have huge consequences for family dynamics."

- **Appearance of vagina.** "Age and hormones affect the appearance of the vagina," Dr. Sholes-Douglas says. "The pubic hair can go gray, thin, or disappear altogether; the skin can change color; and the labia minora can lengthen or sag. All of these changes are completely normal."
- **Incontinence.** "Decreasing estrogen is responsible for the thinning of the vaginal walls," Dr. Sholes-Douglas says, "and that means the urethra doesn't have the support it used to in order to hold urine in. Urine leakage is very common; around 50% of women will experience some form of incontinence in

their lifetime.

"Every woman is different, but there's no need to worry and suffer in silence," Dr. Sholes-Douglas says. "Talk with your gynecologist to learn more about the symptoms, discuss what you're experiencing, and ways to treat them."

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RASH DECISIONS: How to deal with itchy, red skin

Submitted by NIH

You've broken out in a red, itchy rash. You're likely wondering where it came from—and, most importantly, how to make it go away.

Unfortunately, your mysterious rash could have many causes. Maybe you switched to a new detergent or accidentally brushed against poison ivy. Maybe it came from a virus or fungus. It can be hard to pinpoint the cause.

Red, uncomfortable skin rashes are called dermatitis. "When we use the term dermatitis, all we really mean is skin inflammation," says Dr. Brian Kim, a dermatologist at Washington University in St. Louis.

Our skin is a barrier, serving as the first line of defense against the outside world. It is filled with immune cells. These

cells actively fight against viruses, bacteria, and other invaders. If a foreign substance is detected, immune cells start a chain reaction to neutralize the threat. This, in turn, causes inflammation.

Eczema

Many people are familiar with atopic dermatitis—the red, itchy rash commonly called eczema. "It affects up to 30% of people, particularly in childhood, and it tends to run in families," explains Dr. Heidi Kong, a dermatologist at NIH. While some children may outgrow eczema, others will have the disease for life.

The cause of eczema is unknown. But skin microbes—bacteria, fungi, and viruses—may play a role. Kong is working to understand how the millions of microbes that live on your skin may contribute to eczema. Kong and her

team have shown that certain types of bacteria are more commonly found on people with eczema. When applied to the skin of mice, these bacteria cause an immune response in the skin.

"We're trying to understand the bacteria on a deeper level," says Kong. "We see that they are associated with flares." Flares are periods when eczema gets worse.

Treatment using bacteria normally found on healthy skin may help. In a small preliminary study, children and adults with eczema improved after using a spray that contained a specific kind of healthy bacteria. Research like this may one day lead to new treatments.

Scientists are also interested in understanding whether eczema can be prevented before it starts.

"I tell my patients that you were probably programmed from birth to be at risk for developing atopic dermatitis," says Dr. Eric Simpson, a dermatologist at Oregon Health & Science University. Scientists estimate that the risk for eczema may be up to 60–70% genetic. But environmental causes also play a role.

What if a simple act, like moisturizing daily, could keep children from developing the disease? Doctors often prescribe moisturizing creams for people with eczema. These creams help to stop itching and restore the skin. Studies have shown that using moisturizers, sometimes called emollients, can prevent eczema flares.

In Simpson's new study, parents will moisturize their baby's entire body each day using one of several emollients. "Our idea was to repair the skin barrier that's dysfunctional as early in life as you can," says Simpson.

Over several years, the team will be able to see whether emollient treatment helped prevent eczema. They are also looking at whether regular moisturizing could impact allergies and asthma, which are common for children with eczema.

How do you choose a moisturizing product if you have eczema? "It's a bit of trial and error," Kong says. While some people prefer petroleum jelly-based products, other people find they have better results with cream-based lotions.

"But because of the tendency for a lot of these patients to have sensitive skin, we do recommend they avoid products

that have a lot of fragrances or preservatives," she says.

Other Rashes

Not all rashes are mysterious. Some have a very clear cause. If your skin touches something you're allergic to, it's bound to get red and itchy. Common triggers include fragrances in soaps, lotions, and cosmetics. Some people are sensitive to nickel, which is often found in jewelry.

Your doctor may recommend a "patch test." Small amounts of different substances are applied to your skin to see if you have a reaction.

"People are very familiar with allergic contact dermatitis by way of poison ivy," Kim says. "But there are many, many environmental allergens that can cause contact dermatitis." Luckily, hydrocortisone cream may be all you need if the rash only covers a small area.

Psoriasis is another common form of dermatitis. It causes thick, red, scaly skin on the elbows, knees, scalp, and other parts of the body. It's caused by an overactive immune system. Skin ointments and medications that quiet the immune system can help. A doctor may also prescribe light therapy, where the skin is regularly exposed to ultraviolet light.

Rashes can also be triggered by bacterial and viral infections. And certain drugs may cause an itchy skin rash if you're allergic.

"That's a few of probably hundreds of rashes you can get," Kim says. But common to all of them? "A five-year-old child could tell you that

whenever something's rashy, it itches. Itch is probably the most common symptom in the field of dermatology."

Itch Relief

For a long time, people questioned whether itch was even its own unique sensation. They thought it might be a mild form of pain. But scientists have discovered that itch has its own pathway in the brain.

That was the starting point for developing new treatments for chronic itch. Now researchers are focusing on finding drugs to help fight itch.

If you're a little itchy, it's okay to start with over-the-counter creams. Moisturizers and creams work well for dry, itchy skin. Mentholated moisturizers can cool the skin and provide relief. But some perfumes or dyes added to skin lotions may make things worse. For more tips on soothing a mild rash, see the "Wise Choices" box.

If you have a severe itch that's been going on for a long time, you should see a doctor. For these types of severe itch, Kim says, trying to use over-the-counter treatments is "like trying to put out a fire with a garden hose."

For an itchy rash, it's important to understand the cause. Call your doctor if your rash is so uncomfortable that it interferes with your sleep or daily activities. You should also seek medical help if you break out in a rash after taking a new medication.

An itchy rash can be trying, but with help, you can calm your skin and feel better.

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COMMODITY INSITE: GET WITH THE TIMES

BY JERRY WELCH

Yes, the trade war with China, lasting nearly two full years is over. Yes, China signed a historic treaty committing them to buy \$80 billion worth of U.S. ag-commodities over two years. Yes, the dollar amount China has pledged to buy has never before in history been attempted by any nation. Yes, the trade deal with China is good for them and very good for U.S. farmers and ranchers as well. But now what?

First, let me point out a few things that are evident and well known. Also, allow me to point out a few things that remain a mystery and only with the benefit of hindsight will we know how events actually unfolded. The trade deal with China is potentially quite bullish for American farmers and ranchers. But there are a number of moving parts to the

trade deal and those have to be recognized.

There is no way of knowing for sure what China wants in the way of U.S. food stuffs. Nor, how much they need. Or, when they need it. Believe me, China will keep those cards very close to their vest and offer no hints whatsoever about what they will be doing. Certainly, there are educated guesses floating around about Chinese needs but until it is confirmed by the USDA, everything is a rumor and nothing more.

With China signing a historic trade deal it means U.S. agriculture has "new found demand" that will underpin the ag-markets and prices. Understand that Chinese traders are shrewd. They will not chase markets higher. They will buy weakness which only makes

sense. As a U.S. ag-producer or trader, you should do the same. Avoid buying strength. Avoid selling weakness.

I have argued that this year and in the years to come, "climate change" will impact the growing seasons for grains in the U.S. and likely elsewhere on the globe. And I am not alone with such reasoning. Recently, BlackRock, the world's largest money manager with \$7 trillion in assets under management had this to say according to CNBC News, in a headline that blared, "Here's how the world's largest money manager is overhauling its strategy because of climate change." BlackRock CEO, Larry Fink said, "Climate change poses a real risk to long-term viability, and companies can no longer afford to ignore these risks."

Earlier this week and also from CNBC News this headline was posted. "Climate experts demand world leaders stop walking away from the science." Here is a statement from that posting. "The UN has recognized climate change as "the defining issue of our time," with a recent report calling the crisis "the greatest challenge to sustainable development."

When BlackRock, the world's largest money manager starts squirming over climate change, so do I. When the United Nations argues climate change is, "the defining issue of our time" they should be listened to and carefully. Between BlackRock and the U.N., that old saw, "where there is smoke, there is fire" rings true.

The key to success in farming and ranching is marketing. That is how it has always been

and that will not change. Ever. And the key to agriculture commodities, the wild card so to speak, is Mother Nature. Or, climate change. Imagine what the ag-markets could possibly do on the upside with China big buyers of U.S. food stuffs for the next two years just as unusually threatening weather blankets the Grain Belt? Imagine!

The decade that just ended was the warmest for the world as a whole in all of history. The year 2019, was the second warmest in history. The five years leading up to 2020 were the warmest in history. The only reason crops were not impacted is the threatening weather was absent in July and August here in the U.S.

The combination of new found demand with China and the distinct prospects of seri-

ous climate change issues has the potential to be wildly bullish for the agriculture markets. American agricultural producers have dodged a weather issue bullet for years. I doubt that will happen again this growing season or the years to come.

For one of the few times in history, American farmers and ranchers are looking at new found demand coupled with the distinct possibility that Mother Nature, or climate change will make or break a host of food stuff markets here or abroad. My advice? Hone your marketing skills and reach out for help. Times have changed. Get with the times. You must know when to buy. When to sell. And when to sit tight. Marketing is the key to success in the world of agriculture.

A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS



By Bryce Angell

Maybelline and Scoot

Maybelline was a pretty blonde with four white stocking feet. And Scoot, an older gelding whose good sense was hard to beat.

Well Maybelline and Scoot were down in Goblin Valley way. The trail was long and winding. They'd be gone most of the day.

Maybelline said, "Scoot I'd like to make a small request. I see it's almost lunch time and these cowboys need a rest."

Then Scoot replied, "I guess you're right. These cowboys like to eat. We'll stop here for an hour; get them off the saddle's seat."

Two cowboys stepped on down and moseyed over to the rocks. They pulled out fish and crackers from an overstuffed lunch box.

Then Maybelline said, "Scoot do cowboys always eat canned fish? It's all I've ever seen 'em eat. Must be their favorite dish."

Well Scoot said, "Maybelline a cowboy is a different lot. There's no predicting what they'll eat. Their stomachs must be shot."

"And cowboys must be bashful, quite unlike both you and me. Each time that Mother Nature calls they go behind a tree."

Then Maybelline said, "Scoot you're right. Sometimes they're quite absurd. But my rider tells a story better'n any song I've heard."

Scoot then smiled. "Well Maybelline does he stretch it just a bit? I heard my rider say to him, 'I think you're full of @#&*!'"

Both horses gave a belly laugh. The riders looked their way. Each rider shrugged his shoulders. Said, "That was a funny neigh."

Then Maybelline said, "Scoot those cowboys really have no clue. 'Cuz if they knew just what we said for sure we'd both be glue."

Scoot said, "If we weren't here those dang old cowboys would be lost. Those cowpokes should appreciate the time our paths were crossed."

Maybelline said, "Scoot those cowboys move just like a snail. Let's get 'em in the saddle 'cuz it's time to hit the trail."

Then Scoot said, "Maybelline I've sure enjoyed our ride today. We'll get these cowboys back to camp. That's where they keep the hay!"

MONTANA NIGHT SKY

HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

BY RICHARD STOUFFER

The highlights of the Montana night sky in February include the moon passing in front of Mars in a lunar occultation on the morning of Feb. 18. This is the first lunar occultation of a planet visible in the United States since 2004. Other night sky highlights include brilliant Venus joined by speedy Mercury for the first part of the month in the evening sky. In the morning sky, Mars and the giant planet Jupiter are joined by the ringed planet Saturn later in the month as Saturn rises out of the solar glare and the month progresses.

As February begins, the brightest planet Venus dominates the evening sky as it stands out high up in the southwestern sky. Venus doesn't set until about three and a half hours after sunset as February begins, and almost 4 hours after sunset as February comes to an end. During the first half of the month, Venus is joined in the evening sky by the innermost planet Mercury, which sets about a one and a quarter hours after sunset as the month begins. By about the middle of the month, Mercury becomes lost in the solar glare.

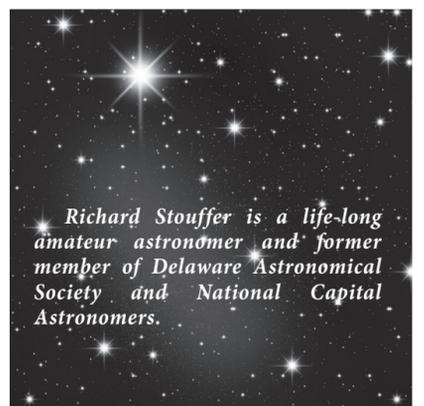
The next planet to become visible in the nighttime sky is the Red Planet Mars, which rises at about 4:35 a.m. as the month begins and about 4:10 a.m. as the month comes to an end. The highlight for Mars this month is when it passes behind the moon in a lunar occultation on the morning of Feb. 18. At about 4:40 a.m. that morning, when Mars is still low on the eastern horizon, Mars is occulted by the moon. Mars doesn't reappear from behind the moon until about 6 a.m. This event is a rare occurrence in that the occultation of a naked eye planet by the moon has not been seen in this country since 2004.

Turning to other planetary events in the morning sky, as February begins Mars is joined by the giant planet Jupiter at about 6:20

a.m. By the end of February, Jupiter rises at about 4:50 a.m. By around Feb. 8, Mars and Jupiter are joined by the ringed planet Saturn, which emerges out of the solar glare, and around that part of the month it rises at about 6:35 a.m. By the end of February, Saturn rises at about 5:20 a.m.

In addition to the moon occulting Mars, other lunar events include the moon being full on Feb. 9. The moon then passes to the right of Jupiter on the morning of Feb. 19 and to the right of Saturn the next morning. The moon passes to the left of Venus on the evening of Feb. 27.

For meteor shower watchers, there are no major meteor showers this month. However, a sporadic meteor can flash across the sky at any time. From a dark site, meteors typically can be seen at a rate of about five meteors per hour.



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 - Over, poetically
 - Garlic unit
 - ___ lazuli
 - New, prefix
 - Bumpkin
 - *St. Valentine's Day Massacre city
 - James Bond's drink of choice
 - Building annex
 - Galsworthy's "The Forsyte ___"
 - MD, familiarly
 - Land of Nod, in relation to Eden
 - Hire for work
 - Part of an eye
 - Feudal laborer
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 - Waterproofed canvas
 - Bunch of bees
 - Black cat, e.g.
 - Apollo of "Rocky"
 - Roofed colonnade
 - X in a letter
 - Medicinal herb
 - Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid
 - Tennis barrier
 - Hold as a conviction
 - End of a fuse?
 - * ___ Valentine, a.k.a. humorous Valentine
 - *One of star-crossed lovers
 - Beyond's occasional partner
 - E.T. transporter
 - Wombs
 - Hansen's disease patient
 - Young canine
 - *Flirt
 - *They used to be each other's Valentines
 - Attempt
 - Passover meal

- DOWN**
- Barber's supply
 - Arizona's neighbor
 - Serengeti antelope
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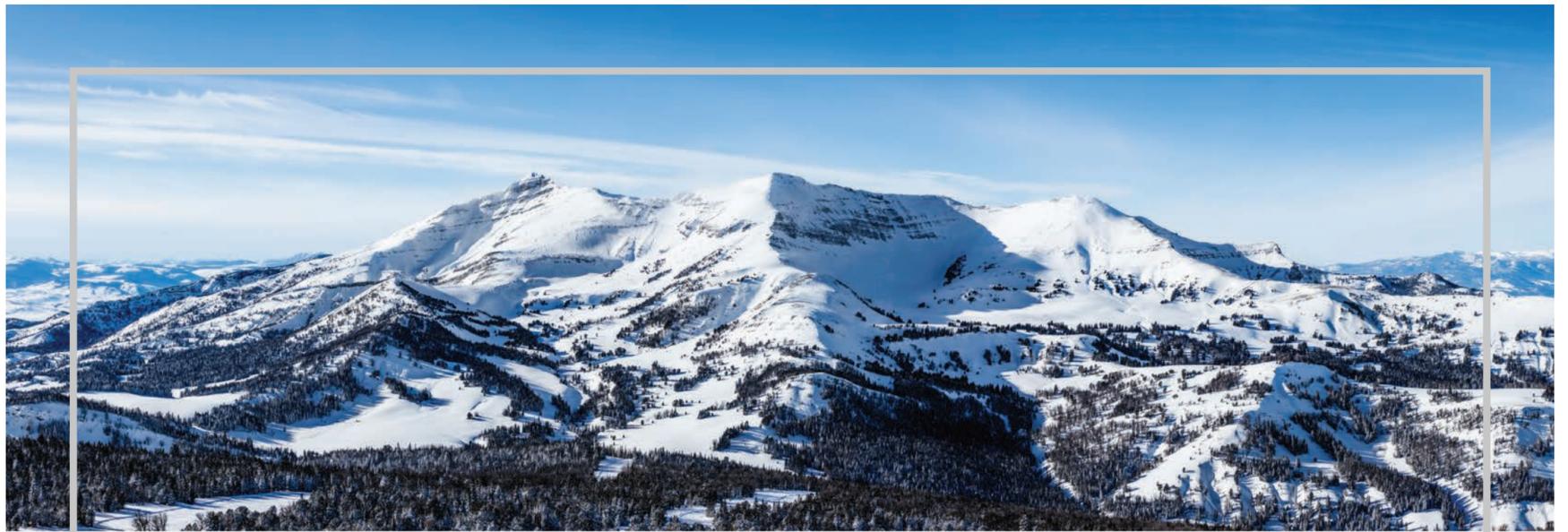
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/s/ Diane Rice, Montana Law Company,
By: Arthur V. Wittich, Attorney for Personal Representative I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Arthur V. Wittich, Montana Law Company, 280 W. Kagy Blvd, Ste. D-324, Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 585-5598 (406) 585-9618 Facsimile Attorneys for Diane Rice.
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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MADISON COUNTY Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series SPMD 2004-A, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series SPMD 2004-A, Plaintiff, v. Harold R. Peterson and Sportsmans Paradise, LLC and Tamara Ann Bauer aka Tamara Bauer Peterson, and any person in possession, Defendants. CIVIL NUMBER: DV-29-2019-68 HONORABLE: Luke Berger TO: Harold R. Peterson and Sportsmans Paradise, LLC YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the above entitled Court. A copy of same is served upon you. You must file your written answer with the above entitled Court and serve a copy upon the Plaintiff, or Plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. Failure to appear and answer will allow judgment to be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is for foreclosure of real property located in the County of Madison, State of Montana. The real property has an address of 850 Hwy 287 North Unit 11 nka 155 Sheep Creek Road, Cameron, MT 59720, and is more particularly described as follows: Lot 46B as shown on Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, Page 940 (also known as Sportsman's Paradise No. 8), being a tract of land located in Section 2 Township 12 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. A \$70.00 filing fee must accompany the answer at the time of filing.
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PUBLIC NOTICE - NO MEETING
NOTICE The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, as they will be attending the Montana Association of Counties Midwinter Conference in Great Falls, Montana. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.
(Pub. JAN 30, FEB. 6, 2020)

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RESOLUTION SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 RESOLUTION FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY Whereas, pursuant to § 20-6-604, MCA, whenever the Trustees of a school district determine that a site, building, or other real or personal property of the district is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purposes of the district, the Trustees may sell or otherwise dispose of property in accordance with that section; and Whereas, the Trustees of Sheridan School District No. 5, Madison County, have determined that the property described herein is unsuitable for the school purposes of the district. Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that Sheridan School District No. 5 will dispose of the following described real property of the District: 1967 Universal Variable Resistance Weight Set Pursuant to § 20-6-604, MCA, the public shall be given notice of this resolution in the manner required for school elections as set forth in § 20-20-204, MCA, including that notice of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and posted in at least three public places within the District.

This resolution will become effective fourteen days following notice to the public.

/S/ WILLIAM T. C. WOOD,
BOARD CHAIR
1/14/2020
/S/ REBECCA E. LARSEN,
DISTRICT CLERK
1/14/2020
(Pub. JAN 30, FEB. 6, 2020)
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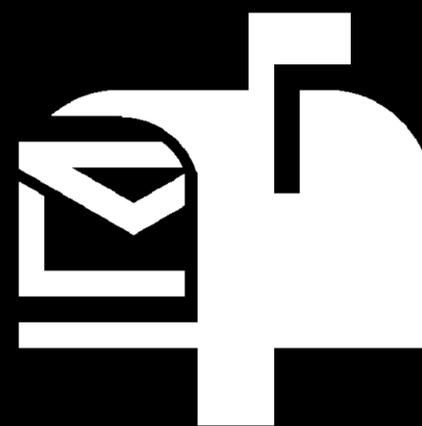
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MISSOURI RIVER CORPS OF REDISCOVERY PART 33: ADVANCE TO ST. CHARLES

“About 2 oClock P. M we arrived at Saint Charles, where we passed the Evening with a great deal of satisfaction, and chearfulness, and all our men appeared to be in good spirits. We shall waite here for Captain Lewis, who is to meet us from Saint Louis;— Saint Charles is a Village settled by French Inhabitants. t is a handsome situation, laying on the North side of the River contains about 80 Houses, built in the french fashion, and has a small Roman Catholic Chapel.”

—Joseph Whitehouse, May 16, 1804

Column and photos by
THOMAS J. ELPEL

“Nice canoe. Did you make that?” Yeah. I carved it out last summer with Churchill Clark, a direct descendent of William Clark. “Oh wow, it’s really beautiful. What kind of wood is it?” Douglas fir. “Douglas fir? How much does that thing weigh?” At least 500 lbs. I haven’t weighed it yet. “It’s really beautiful. Where are y’all paddling to?” St. Louis. We started from Three Forks, Montana. “Yeah? Wait. What? You’re paddling from where!?” We’re doing the whole Missouri River from Three Forks, Montana to St. Louis. “That’s a long way. How long you been on the river?” We left home June 1. “June 1! That was a while ago... what, like three months?!?” Five months. “Five months?!? Let’s see, June, July, August, September, October... oh my, oh my, that’s a long time... how can y’all afford to take so much time off work?”

We’ve answered variations of the same questions nearly every day of the expedition, that last question usually preceded by a look of confusion and bewilderment—as if we came from another planet where people don’t have jobs. For us, the answers are all different, yet united by a common theme. Chris works as a carpenter to save up money, then leaves to go on big adventures. He’s taken the last two years off work. Scott worked as a mechanical engineer making medical devices for the past fifteen years. He quit his job to join the expedition, planning a major life transition afterwards.

John, who finished the river ahead of us, does wilderness therapy work with troubled teens. There are few expenses when camping with kids for weeks at a time, so it’s easy to save up thousands of dollars, then quit and live off the savings.

Most of my friends are homeless, hopping from one adventure to another in quests of exploration and enlightenment. Owning a house

makes me the anomaly. If I want to dismiss the employment question quickly, I say I’m an author and I’m writing a book about our river trip. People like that answer. It fits cultural expectations that perpetual work is necessary. The actual answer is more complicated, but readily evident in quaint rural towns along the river.

With warm weather growing scarce, we took advantage of a nice day to paddle forty-five miles from Jefferson City to the charming riverside town of Hermann. We pitched our tents in the city park and joined river angels Gary and Marcia Leabman for a lovely evening of homemade pizza and local history.

Historic towns along the lower Missouri were built on bluffs, taking the high ground for flood protection. Brick houses are common, intermingled with wood frame structures. When Deb gave us a tour at White Cloud, Kansas, she pointed out modest, but solid houses that were selling for \$8,000 to \$10,000. In Weston, Missouri, Wendy told us how real estate prices were reasonable, but shot up as the town became a tourist destination. Hermann has also been discovered, driving up real estate prices.

Most people buy an expensive home near a job, but houses are vastly less expensive where jobs are scarce. It’s not difficult to cut expenses long enough to save money and pay cash, typically \$20,000 to \$50,000, for a modest house in urban and rural communities throughout the United States.

In the lifelong game of Monopoly, people tend to invest beyond their means, starting out with properties like Marvin Gardens, Pennsylvania Avenue, or Boardwalk, which are too expensive to develop. My favorites were always the violet-purple properties of Virginia Avenue, States Avenue, and St. Charles Place, where houses and hotels were affordable, yet brought a decent return on the investment.



We’ve been asked many times how we managed to take five months off work to drift down the river.

Passing by New Haven, we stopped to visit Lance Stroheker and Gary Rice at Astral Glass Studio. Gary moved the business there after being priced out of California. A few years ago, Lance and Gary paddled the upper half of the Missouri River. Now they invite fellow thru-paddlers to make glass-blown Christmas ornaments and sign their wall. Lance bought several acres of cheap land nearby, and he is preparing to build his own home.

That’s how I started out in the early 1990s. My then-partner and I worked part-time in wilderness therapy, then bought land, lived in a tent, and paid cash for building materials. Our combined income was only \$10,000 to \$12,000, but we gained \$50,000 in annual value through property improvements and avoided mortgage interest. Living

debt free with few monthly expenses, there was no need for a 9-to-5 job, providing ample time to pursue a writing career, raise a family, and go on great adventures.

Down the street from Astral Glass, Shane Camden is fulfilling his entrepreneurial dream in a warehouse he bought from the city for \$1 and his pledge to renovate the structure. He launched Paddle Stop New Haven, where he produces beautiful hand-crafted wooden canoes, kayaks, and stand-up-paddle

boards.

Scott and his partner Margie have telescoped down from mortgaged houses to renting and will transition to a van after the expedition, giving up life in a cubicle for a life of adventure, supplemented by part-time work to pay minimal bills while incubating their own entrepreneurial ideas. Scott has done it before, landing on Free Parking every time around the board. It’s a great way to save money quickly to invest in adventures or assets. A

monthly gym membership provides a convenient place for showers and exercise.

Paddling to Washington, Missouri we found another booming tourist town, where river angels Bruce and Marvis Templar and their friend Ron treated us out to dinner, eager to hear our stories from the trail. And finally, we advanced to St. Charles, a short 28 miles from the confluence where the Missouri River joins the Mississippi. Here our triumphant race to the finish line was waylaid by

MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued on B9

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another major storm. For the original Corps of Discovery, St. Charles was the last town of substance before heading up-river. They camped for five nights while awaiting Lewis's arrival from nearby St. Louis. We camped for three nights while the storm dropped heavy rain that gradually tapered off to drifting snowflakes.

The Lewis and Clark Boat House and Museum kindly let us pitch our tents in the sheltered, open-walled lower level of the building, where they keep a replica keelboat and two pirogues. While Lewis and Clark were on the cusp of starting their great adventure, we were equally close to finishing our own.

The lower Missouri River is lined with quaint historic towns, here a street in the town of Hermann.



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The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered for \$4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.

Thursday, January 30 - Pork chop, baby red roasted potatoes, veggie, roll, dessert
Tuesday, February 4 - Grilled ham & cheese, soup or fries, dessert

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

Fresh home baked bread served with each meal
Activities:
Monday is Bingo with Gayle
Wednesday is cards, games and puzzles
Blood pressure clinic (with county health nurse) - Each last Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 29 - Beef broccoli stir fry, rice, Napa cabbage salad, dessert
Friday, January 31 - White chicken chili, condiments, corn bread, biscochito cookie, bacon, fruit bowl, juice, coffee

GET RESULTS.
advertise in The Madisonian.
call 682-7755 to make a plan.

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— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.
ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP
100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)
For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction
Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
ALANON MEETING
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Suzy 685-3692
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A.A. MEETING
Bethany Hall, Sheridan
(behind Methodist Church)
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

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

— LIFERING —
A Life Ring group is starting in Ennis. Lifering is an abstinence-based, worldwide network of people seeking to live in recovery from addiction to alcohol or non-medically indicated drugs.
In Lifering, we offer each other peer-to-peer support to encourage personal growth and empowerment. Those interested in participating, can call 682-4463.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
ECE- Mapping and Orienteering in the Snow
 This beginner course on using a compass will teach basic skills to avoid getting lost while recreating in the wilderness.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
ECE- A Guide to Bird Feeding & Bird Feeders
 Marc Elser will lead the discussion in homeroom #5 at Ennis Schools. The workshop will cover general bird feeding with an emphasis on our over-wintering species.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
ECE – Baking Classics Workshops
 Join Kelly Starr from Tavern 287 to bake and decorate a classic swiss roll, while learning tips and techniques. The workshop will be taught in homeroom #6 at Ennis Schools.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bugs & Bourbon
 Have a drink and tie some flies at Willie's Distillery. A free fly-tying workshop for everyone. Materials from local fly shops and snacks from Tavern 287 are provided.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

3:15 p.m.
Code Club
 The Madison Valley Public Library is offering children 8-18 an opportunity to learn basic coding skills used to create video games, apps and web site. Space is limited, please call to enroll. Code Club is a self-paced program every first and third Thursdays.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free Income Tax Preparation
 For seniors and others with low-moderate income. By appointment

only at the Ennis Senior Center.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
ECE- Animal Felting Workshop
 Join Gail Barndt and Jen Doney for a fun day of needle felting your favorite animal. Bring a sack lunch and pictures of the animal you would like to make (pictures will also be available to choose from) to Ennis High School's art room.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6 p.m.
American Legion Post 89 in Sheridan is having its Post
 Meeting at the Post Building. All Veterans are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Free Income Tax Preparation
 For seniors and others with low-moderate income. By appointment only at the Ennis Senior Center.

Noon – 5 p.m.
Ennis Community Blood Drive
 Come help save a life at the Madison Valley Medical Center.

Noon
Brown Bag Lunch: Butte Before and After Superfund
 Abby Peltomaa will present on Butte's superfund site at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives. This talk will be an introduction to a viewing of the movie "Worth the Wait" Feb. 26.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1 p.m.
Poetry Afternoon at the Senior Center
 Ennis local, Lee Robison, will read from his recently published book and lead a discussion at the Ennis Senior Center.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
ECE- Metro Rings Sewing Workshop
 This is a confident beginner or intermediate level quilting class with Kathy Olkowski. Kathy will send you

a materials list prior to the workshop in Ennis High School's commons room.

6:30 p.m.
Chautauqua

At the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City. To perform, contact Toni James for reservations.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6 p.m.
Livestock Guard Dog Presentation for Ranchers
 Come meet and learn about Livestock Guard Dogs at the Elks Lodge in Dillon. People and Carnivores teamed up with Blackleaf Guardians to offer an informational presentation on Livestock Guardian Dogs and other proactive measures to reduce livestock losses to predators and the risk of conflict with large carnivores.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Free Income Tax Preparation
 For seniors and others with low-moderate income. By appointment only at the Ennis Senior Center.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
 7 p.m.
 Harrison School Board Meeting
 Meet at Harrison School.

SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
 7 p.m.
 Twin Bridges School Board Meeting
 Meet at Twin Bridges School

7 p.m.
 Sheridan School Board Meeting
 Meet at Sheridan School.

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
 5 p.m.
 Ennis School Board Meeting
 Meet at Ennis School
 *FOR FEB: Meeting with be on the 10th instead of 12th

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
 5 p.m.
 Alder School Board Meeting
 Meet at Alder School

MONDAYS
2:30 p.m.
Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City
 Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Thompson-Hickman Library.
10:30 a.m.
Ennis Arts Association, Ennis
 Meet on the second Monday of every month.
 ennisartsassociation.org
5:15 P.M.
First and Third Monday of Every Month. Free Meditation Classes at Sheridan Public Library.

TUESDAYS

9 a.m.
Historic Newspaper Reading Group
 At the Sheridan Public Library.

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

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

6 p.m.
First and Third Tuesday of Every Month Dementia Care Giver Support Group
 Join us at the Tobacco Root Care Center Conference Room. The third Tuesday is a training session.

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
 For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables at the Pony School.

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

WEDNESDAYS
8:30 a.m.
TOPS, Ennis
 Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 a.m.
 Meetings at 9:30 a.m.
 MVMC in downstairs conference room.

THURSDAYS
10:30 a.m.
Books and Babies, Ennis
 Madison Valley Public Library.

2:30 p.m.
Knitting, Twin Bridges
 Twin Bridges Library

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

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

2 p.m.
Knitting Club
 At the Sheridan Public Library. On the second Thursday of the month, meet at the Ruby Valley Brewery.

7 p.m.
Movie at Sheridan Public Library
 First and Third Thursday of Every Month

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

5:30 p.m.
Live Music, Ennis
 Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY
7 p.m.
Live Music - Norris

SATURDAYS
11 A.M.
First and Third Saturday of Every Month. Romp & Rhythm Story Time at Madison Valley Library.

SUNDAYS
2 p.m.
Live Music, Ennis
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9:30 a.m.
Yoga with Emily
 Join us for yoga with Emily at the Thompson- Hickman Madison County Library community room.

10:30 a.m.
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Second Sunday of Every Month
Sheridan Book Club
 At the Sheridan Public Library.



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