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The white-tailed buck, poached near Four Corners Nov. 30, dead and wasted. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Killed and wasted

FWP's Region 3 poaching investigations

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Four big-game animals were killed illegally and left to spoil in and near Madison County within about two weeks.

Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks is seeking more information from the public on a spike bull elk, a mature bull moose and two white-tailed bucks that were poached and wasted in FWP's Region Three.

"When we see this much waste at a time, we get concerned," FWP Region Three warden Matt Wemple said.

FWP's Region Three incorporates 11.5 million acres of southwestern Montana, but the poaching cases are concentrated around Madison County's northern border.

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The bull moose was shot and left in the Highland Mountains south of Butte between Nov. 15 and Nov. 22. The spike bull elk was found shot and abandoned on the Red Bluff Ranch in Norris Nov. 23. One of the white-tailed bucks was shot and left near Three Forks between Nov. 24 and Nov. 27, and the other was shot and left near Four Corners Nov. 30.

People with any information on these poaching cases should call 1-800-TIP-MONT (847-6668). Informants can remain anonymous and may be eligible for monetary rewards. The Skyline Sportsmen Association of Butte recently increased the reward for information leading to the individual who killed the bull moose east of Melrose to \$1,500.

Every year, several hunters accidentally shoot spike bull elk in restricted hunting areas.

Dressed elk carcasses lay around the spike bull elk on Red Bluff Ranch, indicating hunters were in the area at or near the time the spike bull was shot. The ranch is in hunting district 311, where spike elk are illegal to hunt.

The Montana State University owned research ranch is open to the public for hunting. Hunters need to talk with the ranch manager, JT Saunders, before accessing the nearly 14,000-acre property. According to Saunders, it is difficult to ensure every hunter that was on the property this season was accounted for because the public is gradually becoming more aware of the relatively new rule.

According to Wemple, the potential of wounding an animal is very high when large groups of hunters are hunting at the same time. Often multiple shots are fired at the same time and it can be difficult to know for certain who shot which animal.

"It's important for hunters to exercise restraint," Wemple said. "And think about the

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LITTLE MR. & MISS FIX-ITS



Children learn how to "fix" a stuffed animal in the Ennis Ambulance during the Christmas Stoll. Participants tended the beanie baby's wounds and then got to take the stuffed animal home. For many children, a visit to the Ambulance is their favorite part of the Christmas Stroll! See pages ?? for more seasonal celebrations. See page A5 for more! PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARY ANN DOWD-SUSSMAN

Imerys Talc Chapter 11 process

Indirect Talc Claims Notice

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Imerys Talc America, parent company of talc-milling in Three Forks, filed for bankruptcy in February. It was a strategic step for the company's survival in the rise of class action lawsuits charging Imerys Talc America of producing products that cause cancer.

The next step of Imerys North American Talc bankruptcy process will be distributed to a wide range of individuals in the upcoming weeks.

The deadline for a corporation, co-defendant of a debtor, or predecessor of a debtor to file proof of claims to certain liabilities that the North American Talc Subsidiaries owe will be enclosed in the next notice.

The claims must have occurred before Chapter 11 bankruptcy was filed.

Imerys appealed a 2018 conviction to pay \$25 million in damages to a man. The man claims that products containing talc from Imerys caused him to develop cancer. The case is still in the courts and no payment have been made.

Imerys denies the link

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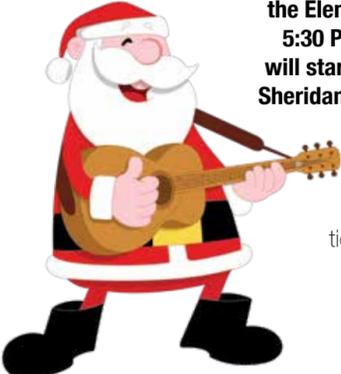


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Variable clouds with snow showers. High around 35F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 40%.

Friday



Mostly cloudy with snow showers during the morning. High 31F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 40%.

Saturday



Mostly cloudy. High near 25F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday



Partly cloudy skies. High near 20F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday



Partly cloudy. High 22F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.

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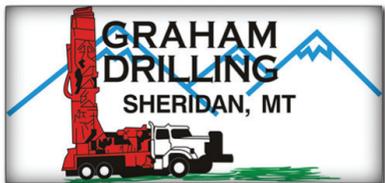
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public image that they portray [for hunters] when they're wounding animals left and right and not retrieving them." Lawful protocol for accidentally killing or wounding a restricted animal is to self-report to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, salvage the meat and donate it to the Montana Food Bank Network.

About 30% MFBN's meet donations come from FWP's confiscated animals, according to MFBN agency resource

coordinator Eric Ludngo. "They are very helpful," Ludngo said.

Thirty-two processors across Montana accept hunters' donations for the MFBN, including Deemos in Ennis. The MFBN has \$100,000 in funds this year to reimburse processors who donate meet to the MFBN.

Self-reported illegal kills are treated on a case-by-case bases, but the fines are usually minimalized.

An individual convicted in Montana of purposely wasting suitable food from a killed animal by abandoning it in the field may be fined \$50- \$1,000 or be imprisoned in county jail for up to six months, or both. Convicted individuals have to forfeit Montana hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for at least two years. They may also have to pay restitution for illegal killing, possessing or wasting of the wildlife, which for elk and moose is \$1,000.

Restitution fines for antlered deer is \$500. The two white-tailed bucks were poached on private property. The one abandoned near Four Corners was shot inside a weapons-restricted area. A house was in the firing line within 300 yards away, according to Wemple.

More fines could be applied in either of the white-tailed bucks' cases, pending the investigation.



The spike bull elk, killed on Red Bluff Ranch in Norris Nov. 23, lies frozen and spoiled days later.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

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between its talc and cancer. Imerys Talc America and all of its locations will operate as usual through the Chapter 11 bankruptcy process, according to Imerys. The process requires

the company to send out various notices, including the deadline for indirect talc claims.

Corporations, co-defendants of a debtor, or predecessors of a debtor can file for indirect talc

claims, which are claims related to a talc personal injury claim for contribution, reimbursement, subrogation or indemnity.

The notice will include the

proof of claim deadline set by Bankruptcy Court and a proof of claim form. It will be sent to a lot of individuals, regardless of whether they have indirect talc claims or not.

COURTS

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No new Thompson trial

A change of plea and sentencing hearing was set in the case of former Madison County Sheriff, Roger Lee Thompson.

Charges of tampering with evidence and perjury remain against Thompson. A Madison County grand jury was unable to reach a verdict on the two felony charges in November. He was convicted of official misconduct, a misdemeanor,

and the state requested a new trial for the remaining charges.

The new jury trial was canceled. Thompson is scheduled to change his plea to the charges at the Broadwater and Lewis and Clark County District Court in Helena Dec. 12.

Man convicted of 4th offence

Bradley Richerson Cooper pleaded guilty to operating a noncommercial vehicle while intoxicated.

Madison County's District Court convicted Cooper's

fourth drinking and driving offense, a felony, Dec. 2. He was arrested June 21 and posted the \$10,000 bond. Sentencing will be determined at a later date.

Break ups

Edmond Taylor Madarassy of Townsend pleaded not guilty to five charges in Madison County's District Court Dec. 2.

Madarassy is charged with two felonies, assault with a weapon, and three misdemeanors, negligent endangerment, criminal possessions of dangerous drugs and criminal

possession of drug paraphernalia.

An argument erupted Oct. 25 as Madarassy's ex-girlfriend was retrieving furniture from his mother's house in Ennis.

According to court documents, the ex-girlfriend returned for a second load of furniture when Madarassy pulled a small revolver from his car and fired in a different direction. Officers did not find a bullet, but Madarassy admitted to firing a weapon. After Madarassy was detained, officers found a pipe containing a white residue in his car.

Madarassy's \$10,000 bond was posted prior to his first court appearance. His bail conditions include GPS monitoring.

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Outfitter Joe Dilschneider practices tying a sling on Mike Lum during the backcountry medicine course at the Madison Valley Ranch Dec. 7. PHOTO PROVIDED BY JILLIAN ACOSTA

Backcountry medicine on the Madison

When healthcare starts on the river

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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In a town that thrives on its recreation, healthcare's first line of defense could be in the field.

Madison Valley Medical Center hosted a medicine seminar for outfitters and guilds Dec. 7. As a trauma receiving facility, MVMC continues education outreach in the community.

"We wanted to give back, especially to this community," MVMC Trauma Coordinator Jillian Acosta said.

The eight-hour seminar started with the required first aid course lead by Dead Drift

Adventures' Outfitter Phil Sgamma. Dr. Billy Oley from Helloaring Medical Consultants, a wilderness medicine consultant agency in Red Lodge, taught wilderness improvisation. Oley showed outfitters and guides how to use boat supplies to treat healthcare emergencies on the river.

Acosta had the 30 participants practice trauma care. Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of trauma related deaths. Participants learned to notice risk factors and the healthcare that follows.

Dr. Maura Davenport from MVMC focused the education to the Madison River, identify-

ing certain areas and specific encounters that might occur on the river. Hook removal, moose safety and lightning safety were covered.

Trauma education outreach to the community is an important aspect for a trauma receiving facility like MVMC because immediate trauma care increases survival rates.

The community involvement for the seminar was widespread, to the Madison Valley Ranch donating the space to seven Trout Stalkers' guides attending. Each participant left with a dry bag first aid kit with medical items that they learned to use.



Guide Bill Denruyter is carried in a litter made from spare oars and an anchor rope during Dr. Billy Oley's Wilderness Improvisation seminar Dec. 7. PHOTO PROVIDED BY JILLIAN ACOSTA



The youngest participant, Eighth-grader Wylie Connor, explains the signs and symptoms of high and low blood sugar to the rest of the participants at the Madison Valley Ranch. PHOTO PROVIDED BY JILLIAN ACOSTA



The Madison Valley Medical Center and sponsors of a backcountry medicine seminar provide first aid and trauma kits for participants. PHOTO PROVIDED BY JILLIAN ACOSTA

Madison County DISPATCH



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November 17, 2019

A wildlife complaint was made in Twin Bridges.
A scam complaint was made in Alder.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cardwell.
A fire call was made in Twin Bridges.

November 18, 2019

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.
A truancy complaint was made in Harrison.
A coroner call was made in Whitehall.
An animal complaint was made in Cardwell.
A trespass complaint was made in Sheridan.

November 19, 2019

Accidents occurred in Virginia City.
A theft complaint was made in Ennis.
Wildlife complaints were made in McAllister and Cameron.
An abandoned vehicle was reported in Sheridan.

November 20, 2019

A trespass complaint was made in Sheridan.

November 21, 2019

A wildlife complaint was made in McAllister.
A coroner call was made in Ennis.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.
An animal complaint was made in Silver Star.

November 22, 2019

A coroner call was made in Sheridan.
An accident occurred in Twin Bridges.
Citizens were assisted in Alder and Sheridan.
A welfare check was performed in Ennis.
A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.
An alarm call was made in Twin Bridges.
An agency assist was performed in Cameron.
A stolen vehicle was reported in Cardwell.
Medical aid was administered in Twin Bridges.

November 23, 2019

A wildlife complaint was made in Twin Bridges and Norris.
A welfare check was performed in Cardwell.
An accident occurred in Harrison and Alder.
A disturbance was reported in Ennis.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

November 24, 2019

A wildlife complaint was made in Alder.
A traffic complaint was made in Cameron.
An agency assist was performed in Silver Star.
Medical aid was administered in Pony.

November 25, 2019

An agency assist was performed in Sheridan.
A citizen was assisted in Harrison.
A wildlife complaint was made in Twin Bridges.
An abandoned vehicle was reported in Twin Bridges.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis and Twin Bridges.
A coroner call was made in Sheridan.
Hazards on the roadway were reported in Twin Bridges.
An accident occurred in Norris, Virginia City, Ennis and Cameron.
A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.

November 26, 2019

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.
A traffic complaint was made in Cameron.
An accident occurred in Silver Star.
A theft complaint was made in Twin Bridges.

November 27, 2019

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

Traffic complaints were made in Twin Bridges, Ennis and Norris.
Citizens were assisted in Sheridan and Ennis.
A trespass complaint was made in Ennis.
Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.
A theft complaint was made out of county.

November 28, 2019

Hazards on the roadway were reported in Cameron.
A fire call was made in Whitehall.
Medical aid was administered in Ennis.
An alarm call was made in Silver Star.

November 29, 2019

An accident occurred in Cameron.
An endangerment complaint was made in Ennis.
Citizens were assisted in Ennis.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cameron and Ennis.
A dog complaint was made in Silver Star.
An animal complaint was made in Norris.

November 30, 2019

Medical aid was administered in Twin Bridges and Ennis.
A traffic complaint was made in Norris.
A trespass complaint was made in Virginia City.
An accident occurred in Ennis.
An animal complaint was made in Alder.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Norris.
A missing person was reported in Cameron.
A coroner call was made in Sheridan.
A welfare check was performed in Silver Star.
An agency was assisted out of county.

December 1, 2019

Traffic complaints were made in Cameron and Ennis.
A rescue call was made in Cameron.
Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.
A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.
An accident occurred out of county.
Hazards on the roadway were reported in Silver Star.

December 2, 2019

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.
An accident occurred in Twin Bridges.
A traffic complaint was made in Sheridan.

December 3, 2019

Eight traffic stops were performed.

December 4, 2019

A wildlife complaint was made in Cameron.
A fire call was made in Cameron.
An animal complaint was made in Ennis.

December 5, 2019

A citizen was assisted out of county.
A fire call was made in Sheridan.
An accident occurred in Alder.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.

December 6, 2019

An accident occurred in Twin Bridges and Sheridan.
A coroner call was made in Silver Star.
An abandoned vehicle was reported in Ennis and Cameron.
An animal complaint was made in Virginia City.
A wildlife complaint was made in Nevada City.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges.

December 7, 2019

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.
Citizens were assisted in Big Sky and Ennis.
An accident occurred in Twin Bridges.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Harrison.
An animal complaint was made in Alder.

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OPINION

River recreation could augment your local rural economy

Dear Editor,

In September 2019 my group of 16 canoeists traveled from all across the U.S. for a 90-mile, 7-day, Jefferson River Valley canoe and camping trip. Each day we were awed by your river and inspired by the valley's natural beauty.

Starting in Twin Bridges and ending at Headwaters State Park, we enjoyed the beautiful, trash-free river; encountering wildlife; retracing Lewis &

Clark's route; marveling at the Lewis & Clark Caverns; and meeting local residents. The Jefferson River Canoe Trail had provided essential advice. (<https://www.jeffersonriver.org/>).

Sadly, the Jefferson River valley is leaving money on the table. With smart planning, river recreation could augment your local rural economy and attract recreationists sharing your values about the Outdoors, conservation and devel-

opment in the river valley.

While in Montana we collectively spent ~\$16,000 for local canoe rental, food, transportation, restaurants, hotels, stores, state parks, and car rental & repair shops. Our out-of-state dollars still circulate in Montana.

During 7-days, 90-miles, we saw only four other boats. There were few publicly available campsites that fit our intended daily distances and itinerary. We purposefully

avoided camping on private land without permission.

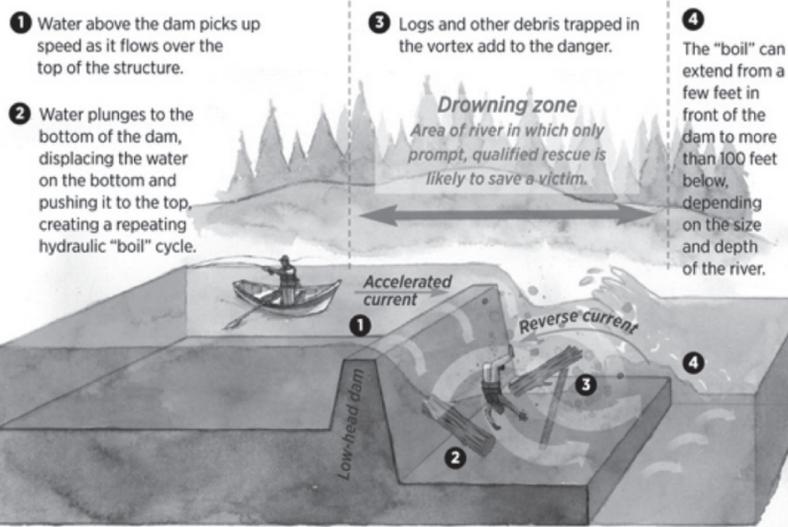
There were no warning signs for the Parsons Bridge, Parrot Castle, or Old Hale diversion dams. We couldn't safely paddle over the dams so we portaged eight canoes and our food, water, and gear around them. These privately-owned dams represent an accident, or worse, just waiting to happen and choke the ability of local businesses to make money supporting river recreation.

Low-head dams create "drowning machines", a reverse circulating current that pulls and traps people, boats, and debris underwater. In 2013 a 6-year old girl drowned in a Bitterroot River "drowning machine." In response, signage was installed and a ramp constructed for boaters to pass over the dam (see "Deceptively Dangerous" by Nick Gevock @ <http://fwp.mt.gov/mtoutdoors/HTML/articles/2019/low-headdams.htm>).

By encouraging river recreation, designating more public campsites, improving safe passage over diversion dams, and protecting the river from development, you have the opportunity to define a long-term vision for preservation of the Jefferson River, the valley, its history, and the scenic, rugged place you have chosen to live.

Bill Nichols,
Sierra Club Outings
Kansas City, Missouri

Deceptive Drowning Machine



TRAPPED Low-head dams don't appear dangerous. Because the structure is hidden underwater, boaters, kayakers, and other floaters can't judge how deep the water is above and below the dam—or how fast it moves over the top. Also hidden is the deadly hydraulic, caused by the large volume of water flowing over the structure. Victims are usually trapped between the two current forces.

OBITUARIES

Christopher Gary Baker
December 29, 1950 to December 6, 2019



Christopher Gary Baker of the Whiterock Ranch passed away Friday morning, Dec. 6, 2019. He was born Friday, Dec. 29, 1950 to Simon L. and Marjorie (Lewis) Baker in Twin Falls, Idaho. He attended schools in Hanson, Idaho

and graduated high school in Oakley, Idaho where he was active in FFA and 4-H. He served his mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from 1971 through 1973 in Northern Indian Mission serving the people of the Crow, Sioux and Cheyenne Reservations.

Chris married Mary Lou Cole in Logan, Utah on April 6, 1973. Together they managed and operated the Whiterock Ranch, Whitehall, Montana for the past 29 years, along with several other ranches in Montana. Chris bred cattle and prize winning show steers. He was recognized in 2005 as the Commer-

cial Sales Breeder of the Year by the American Sales Association. Because of his love of FFA and ranching, he took great pride in breeding and raising quality show steers for 4-H participants, which resulted in several grand champion and reserve champion steers.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Baker of Whitehall and their children, Clint and Kaylean Baker of Whitehall, Jodie and Nathan Buck of Pocatello, Idaho, Shelly and Cody Berezay of Gallatin Gateway, Montana and Travis and Bridgette Baker of Buffalo, Wyoming. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, his brothers and sisters, Craig and Ann

Baker of Burley, Idaho, David and Tammi Baker of South Jordan, Utah and Kevin and Sheri Espinosa-Baker of South Jordan, Utah, Christine and Roger Christensen of Draper, Utah, Margaret and Bill Poulton of Burley, Idaho and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and youngest sister Terry Baker.

Funeral services for Mr. Baker will be conducted on Friday the 13th at 11 o'clock at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Whitehall, Montana located at 41 Mormon Ln and interment to follow in the Whitehall Cemetery.



Gladys Marie Costle, almost 99 years young, died of natural causes on Nov. 30, 2019, in Sheridan, Montana.

Gladys was born to Otto Galen and Helen (Crain) McQuiston in St. Anthony, Idaho in 1921. As a young girl she moved to Montana with her family where she attended schools in the Sheridan area and in Virginia City. She graduated from Sheridan High School in 1938.

In September of 1940, Gladys married Elmer Costle in Sheridan, Montana. On that day, and every



day that followed until she died, Gladys loved Elmer with all her heart. After their marriage they lived and worked around the Ruby Valley. Elmer also worked for the Beaverhead National Forest Service, so during the summer, Gladys raised her son Garry in forest camps in the Ruby Valley. They eventually moved to Anaconda, where her other two children were born. In 1978 after Elmer retired, Gladys and Elmer moved to Sheridan.

Gladys had a deep love of her

Gladys Marie
(McQuiston) Costle

family, as evidenced by the many photographs that adorned her walls. Her grandchildren loved to visit her and bake cinnamon rolls and cookies and make homemade jam with her. She taught them to bake, garden, can and crochet, but the lesson her family values most was that Gladys taught by example to always be grateful for each day. Exceptionally kind, Gladys never said a negative word about anyone. During the last few years, Gladys suffered from poor vision, hearing impairment, and difficulty walking; nevertheless, she counted her blessings every day and never lost her sense of humor and quick wit. Even after her health began to fail and she was no longer able to attend services at the Kingdom Hall, Gladys, a devout Jehovah's Witness, still listened to services by phone.

Gladys is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her in-

fant son Elmer Dean; and her three siblings Sheldon, Alice and Glen McQuiston. She is survived by her children: Garry (Susan) Costle, Rose (Larry) Keller, and Dan (Darlene) Costle; her grandchildren: Craig Keller, Amanda (Jim) Watkins, Corry (Monica) Costle, Jamie Costle, Carey (Amanda) Costle and Carli Costle; and her great-grandchildren: Skyler, Bridger and Cyanna Watkins, Amy Costle, and Rylee, Adlee and Bradley Costle. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and cousin, there are many who will remember her always.

Gladys did not want services, but she would have appreciated any donations in her name be made to the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, the Sheridan Library, the Montana Talking Book Library, or the charity of your choice.



Ennis and Twin Bridges Christmas Strolls



Groups of people blew into Main Street's businesses and parks during the annual Spirit of Christmas Stroll.

Lights swayed on trees at the Lions Club Park, bells rung in the Madison Valley Bank, people ate sweets and made ornaments at the Madison Valley Public Library and Santa came to the Ennis Pharmacy.

The Ennis Ambulance Service invited children to heal stuffed animals in their Ambulance truck. A horse drawn carriage trotted down Main Street under the gibbous moon, as people held on to their Santa hats on the windy sidewalks. Children ran behind the packed carriage as it rolled into the Lions Club Park, ending the outside festivities.

Bars and restaurants played live music into the night, some serving festive drink menus for the occasion. Many businesses stayed open passed regular hours and offered sales for strollers.

TOP LEFT: Francis Johnson and Violet Whittenberg take a photo with Santa for the first time at the Ennis Pharmacy Dec. 6.

BOTTOM LEFT: Left for Dead plays at Willie's Distillery during Ennis' Spirit of Christmas Stroll Dec. 6.

PHOTOS BY HANNAH KEARSE



The Twin Bridges Christmas Stroll and Feast-ival had an amazing turnout last Wednesday! The annual event is sponsored by the Twin Bridges Community Association and the Rotary Club. Hay rides, caroling, a performance from the high school band, turkey bingo, and a chili dinner were some of the highlights of the night.

TOP: Duke and Sam Novich delivered joy in the form of hay rides during the Twin Bridges Christmas Stroll.

BOTTOM LEFT: Kenny and John Holland were enjoying the Twin Bridges Christmas stroll in their suit jackets and Santa hats.

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- *The entire community of Ennis for their continued support!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Trading a spot in front of a classroom for a purple coat

Sandi Pfau stays active in the community

KEELY LARSEN
THE MADISONIAN

Sandi Pfau has been volunteering in Madison County for decades.

After graduating high school in Twin Bridges, Pfau attended the University of Montana, Western in Dillon to study elementary education and commenced a 43-year teaching career in Whitehall, Ennis and Twin Bridges. One could say she has been in the county for almost forever and she agreed, laughing, that yes, she had been here almost forever.

"The students taught me something new almost every day," Pfau said. Her soft laughter percolated through our conversation and amplified when recounting her experiences teaching elementary and junior high ages. Through the good, the bad and the silly, her students always kept things interesting.

"Every day was a new experience," Pfau said. Volunteer work started during her teaching career and expanded after she retired. As her husband would say, she just does not know how to quit. Pfau described a scenario to portray this by saying she is usually the person who fills the silence after volunteers are asked for by raising her hand just so the work can get started. "I like to be active and I like to give back," Pfau said.

Her volunteer list has included playing piano for past Christmas programs, singing in the old community choir, ringing with the new handbell choir, playing drums for the Native American Program that teaches kindergarteners about Native American Culture and working with the auxiliary at Madison Valley Medical Center (MVMC). Pfau and her husband also volunteer time judging the spelling and geography bees and scoring the science fairs.

At MVMC, Pfau is a Purple Lady, defined by the purple coat volunteers wear to make it easier for people to locate. Visitors are instructed to find a Pur-

ple Lady who can guide them through the hospital. Right now, she is an officer of the auxiliary, which adds extra responsibility to the job.

"We truly feel like we're a group," Pfau said about the women of the auxiliary. They work together to provide a positive experience for patients and families alike.

Novembers and Decembers have freed up a bit after Pfau ceased to play piano for Christmas programs. "I've kind of enjoyed cutting back," she said. She appreciates the freedom of spending her time where it feels right for the moment, like with her husband and her family this holiday season. Past Christmas trees have been adorned almost completely with homemade ornaments from her children.

Ennis is home for Pfau, a home where she sees faces of former students and experiences nostalgic moments frequently. At this year's Holiday Bazaar, she got a hug from a student who provided his name and shook her hand, a student she had not seen in 20 years, but who was compelled to come up to her because of an impact she made on his life.



In front of her fireplace decorated with a stocking for her and her husband and a mantle filled with pictures of grand and great-grandchildren stands Sandi Pfau. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON



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Lee Robison book signing at Sheridan Library

Submitted by
WILLIAM TALBOTT

The Friends of the Sheridan Library will host Montana poet Lee Robison for a signing of his new book, "Have." The program will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, 5 p.m. at the Sheridan Library, and will include readings from the collection and a presentation,

"Poetry about Fixing Fences and Irrigating Alfalfa," about creating poetry from anything, even the most mundane details of life.

Many of the poems in Lee Robison's collection of poetry "HAVE" draw from Robison's experiences growing up on a Montana ranch for their subject matter, imagery and themes. In the poem "Native,"

ranch and farm imagery is contrasted with the imagery of Montana's pre-history to ask to whom does this land belong, and what validates that possession. What is it that make this Valley, this River, these Mountains ours? In "Requiem for a Rancher" the question becomes what can an old rancher take with him when he dies? And just how much of him remains

in the land and the landscape he formed in his lifetime?

Lee Robison grew up on a ranch near McAllister in the Madison Valley where he attended Ennis Schools. He worked thirty years as a Technical Writer/Editor for the Indian Health Service, first in Arizona, then at Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. His duties included editing and

writing a manual used to plan IHS hospitals and clinics.

While in graduate school, he met and married Kathy Wood. They have three lovely daughters who are doing their best to make the world a better place for us to live. Lee returned to the Madison Valley with Kathy six years ago. They built a home on a sliver of the old Homestead, where they

now live.

Lee has written in several states and two centuries. His poems have appeared in several small press journals, and the best of these appear in "Have, Poems" which was published by David Robert Books. He continues to write and some of his recent stories and poems can be seen on writelee.com.



Virginia City Christmas community potluck

FAR LEFT: Roland Thomas, Virginia Sturgill, Jameson Sturgill and Ellen Thomas entertain the crowd during the annual Christmas potluck at the Elks Lodge in Virginia City.

FAR RIGHT: Tanya Engle and Ellen Thomas show off their ugly sweaters

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HEALTH CARE

Q: I go out of town for my medical needs. Why should I stay local?

A: Before joining the Ruby Valley Medical Community, I was unaware of all the services we provide. We have an MD focused on family as well as geriatric medicine and a DO practicing both family and osteopathic medicine. I offer chiropractic care for all ages. We have both male and female nurse practitioners, so you can see the provider with whom you feel most comfortable. Our infants and children receive specialized care from our pediatric nurse practitioner and our psychiatric nurse practitioner provides mental health care. The new medical center has private rooms, an ER, lab, radiology, fantastic nurses, skilled physical therapists, plus a variety of visiting specialists. By establishing your healthcare locally, when you need medical care or have an emergency situation, you will be with professionals who know you. From all of us at RVMC, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.



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BIRDING

Nature's Holiday Symbols
Traditions used by many ancient cultures have been adapted to today's Christmas and other winter holiday traditions. Most of these celebrate how birds and nature can lift our spirits throughout the long, cold winter months. The people of Scandinavia traditionally feed the birds on Christmas Day to ensure good luck throughout the coming year. Pine or evergreen trees are one of the most widely recognized symbols of the holiday season. They symbolized nature's triumph over winter's darkness and are celebrated for their benevolence in protecting delicate birds and other animals during the cold winter months. Evergreen trees were first brought indoors to celebrate Christmas in Germany during the sixteenth century. Many Christmas ornaments feature birds and nature-oriented themes. Evergreen branches were also used to decorate homes as symbols of life in the dead of winter and the coming spring. Wreaths represent the never-ending circle of life and the continuous cycle of seasons. Holly has been used in winter festivals since the ancient Romans. Druids believed it could ward off winter's evil spirits.



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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Q: What happens to the body when you fall or after surgery?

A: A fall or surgery causes discomfort with one part of the body. This initially may be the cause or result of the fall, i.e. torn meniscus in your knee. What happens if only one part of the body is treated? Does the body magically work without problems? The body as I have described in prior articles is a machine that is mapped out by Western Medicine as pieces and parts put together that work systematically together. The machine as a whole is similar to a spring. When we are younger, the spring bounces back with any small trauma or injury. Treatment of one part of the body i.e. the shoulder or the knee and forgetting the rest of the body can cause problems down the road. It is like fixing the strut on a one-sided vehicle causing wear on the opposite part of the car. Treatment of the human body as a whole balance's both sides. Holistic treatment is an art. There are very few physical therapists in the U.S. and I am the only one in Montana with this type of training. Since the body has 206 bones, determining what part of the spine or part of the shoulder or arm is the problem, is an art as well as a science, that can only be taught by few practitioners.



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PHARMACY

Q: What is Medicare Part D?

A: If you were one of the millions of Americans who participated in medicare open enrollment this fall, you may be a little confused on how it all works going forward. When new medicare patients come into the pharmacy, it can be difficult to know which information to provide. Medicare parts A and B provide hospital and medical coverage. It can be a common occurrence that patients try to use their Medicare A and B card to pay for their prescriptions, unfortunately, this part of Medicare will not pay for prescriptions. Medicare Part D is the part of medicare that provides prescription drug coverage. If you have signed up for a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, there may be prescriptions that are not covered and that can depend on what plan was chosen during open enrollment. Some services that you may have been used to receiving at your pharmacy may not be covered under Medicare Part D. Services such as vaccinations, nebulizers, and diabetic testing supplies may have to be covered under Medicare Part B depending on your specific plan. This means you may need to receive these services at a medical office, medical supply store, or a pharmacy that is capable of Part B billing if you want them to be covered under your medicare. This is a basic explanation of Medicare Part D, for more specific details please contact your coverage provider.



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MENTAL HEALTH

Q: What is codependency?

A: Signs of codependency develop as a way to cope with addiction, mental stresses, or other problems such as underachievement or irresponsibility. Relationship struggles can illustrate difficulties in accepting, trusting, and being our true selves. This can lead to continually trying to please others, proving yourself, and seeking validation; these behaviors are a result of feelings of guilt, inadequacy, and shame. People with codependent traits try to fix, help, please, and control other people and situations. Happiness and other feelings are based on what others are doing, rather than on your own internal feelings and values. Thus, people with codependency are not living their own lives; they lose track of who they are, what they want, and how to be happy within themselves. Determining whether you are codependent or not is not about how many traits of codependency you have; it's more about whether the traits are causing you anxiety, pain, or regret and hindering your health and relationships.



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“An anniversary is a momentary celebration, but a marriage is timeless.”

Johnny and Sue France celebrated their love for each other on a chilly November evening in 1959 in Bozeman, Montana, surrounded by friends and family. 60 years later, on an equally cold and snowy night, Johnny and Sue renewed their vows surrounded by their children and grandchildren while nestled in a cozy mountain home outside of Ennis.

The beautiful vintage bride wore her original veil and a stunning white dress. Her antique cowboy was adorned in his typical western attire complete with the Stetson necessary to keep his balding dome warm. With the fireplace ablaze and many of the family dressed in old-fashioned 1950's garb, Sue entered the main room barefoot (but not pregnant, as their 58 year old daughter can prove) while holding 6 white roses. She took her place alongside her handsome groom, where she has stood for 6 decades, and the ceremony began. The familiar marital words, “Dearly beloved we are gathered here today ...” were followed up by a perhaps lesser used statement. For when a couple has experienced life as partners for 60 years or more, the saying is obviously not, “DO YOU take this man or woman to be your lawfully wedded wife or husband?” but rather, “THANK YOU for taking each other for so many years.”

Throughout the renewal of his vows, which began with a love letter from years past, Johnny spoke of the wisdom he didn't know he had as an aspiring adult when he fell in love and married his sweet Sue. In fact, at 19 years old, the naïve young couple was given a ‘slim to none’ chance at ‘happily ever after,’ especially when they had to borrow the \$5.00 required for the marriage license. However, their choice to make a home and a family with each other has given them a lifetime of fond memories and is leaving a legacy sure to be carried on by their children and grandchildren. There were few dry eyes as Johnny spoke of the appreciation and love he has for his bride.

The mood quickly shifted as Sue began sharing her reflection on their 60 years of marriage; her voice rang clear and true with a strong message. “I took my vows very seriously,” she stated. “When I said I would be there to have and to hold in good times and in bad, I meant what I said. Women, stand by your man! Life hasn't always been easy, but with the good Lord's help and our determination, we have continued to be a team. Love is a wonderful word which encompasses dedication, patience, and the ability to stay humble while traveling the road of life.” Sue left no doubt in the minds of her family that marriage is something not to take for granted.

The truly special evening ended with a home-cooked meal of the traditional Thanksgiving turkey and stuffing. As an added bonus, creamed pheasant (complete with a few lingering buckshot) was lovingly prepared for the family. The momentary anniversary celebration, which originally commenced 60 years ago, was indeed a timeless experience for the entire France family.



Thank you for your help

On Wednesday, Dec. 4 2019, the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a vehicle fire in the South Madison. While one of our units was responding, a piece of vital medical equipment became loose and flew off the back of the truck. It was reported that it was sitting on the side of the road. Another unit was directed to stop and collect the equipment. When the unit got to the location it was already picked up. The equipment lost was the department's newly acquired vacuum air mattress. This is a unique mattress that is made of tiny microbeads. The purpose of this equipment is to provide a patient who has suffered any kind of trauma comfort while moving them. It is designed to place the patient on the mattress and then suck the air out until all of the tiny beads become rigid and the mattress conforms around the body. This not only provides comfort versus a hard back board, but also prevents further harm to the patient. The MVRFD would like to extend a THANK YOU to Sage Bailey for recovering this equipment and returning it safely back to the department. We would also like to extend our thanks to the community and their overwhelming support in circulating our story on Facebook, resulting in the return of the equipment.

*Thank you,
MVRFD*

On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, the Sheridan Senior Center served a complimentary traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings to 94 community members! Our cook, Shirley Sand made 26 pies and Sheridan Senior Center staff members prepared 60 lbs of turkey and 40 lbs of ham.

Thank you to Sheridan-based Kenworthy Electric for donating the funds for the delicious dinner!



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SPORTS

Small team big win

Harrison Lady Wildcats

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Lady Wildcats beat the Roberts Rockets in the first basketball game of the season.

Four players return to the team this season. Aleena Bacon came out strong, putting up 10 points against Roberts Saturday night, sinking a three pointer in

the first quarter.

Speaking of three pointers, Dana Lerum made seven of them. She scored 32 of Harrison's 51 points. Lerum returns to the team as a freshman.

The Lady Wildcats are a six-player team this season. Everyone has to be a contributor, and endurance will be important. Returning players, senior Kayley

Christensen and junior Rosie Chater are also joined by newcomers Lauren Cima and Payton Mallett.

Harrison trailed behind Roberts through the first half of the game but came back in the second half. They outscored the Rockets 51 - 49. Next, the Wildcats will take on the Lone Peak Big Horns Dec. 14 at Absarokee.

Harrison Wildcats vs Lone Peak Big Horns
Dec. 7
Win
51 -49

POINTS
Team total: 51

Individual leader: Dana Lerum
Individual total: 32

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Individual total: 7

FOUL SHOTS: 53% success rate



Freshman Dana Lerum scored seven three pointers in Harrison's Dec. 7 victory over Roberts. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN



Junior Luke Cima takes it to the hole for the Harrison Wildcats boys at their tip off game against Butte Central on Dec. 7. There were no stats available for the boys as of press time. PHOTO COURTESY KAYLEY CHRISTENSEN

Wolverines take the Panthers

First game of the season

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Sheridan Panthers lost their first game of the season against West Yellowstone. The Wolverines more than doubled the Panthers in points at Lone Peak Dec. 7. West Yellowstone won 64 -27.

Sophomore Faith Larsen led the Panthers, scoring 13 points.

Sheridan Panthers vs West Yellowstone Wolverines	POINTS Team total: 27 Individual leader: Faith Larsen Individual total: 13	Individual leader: n/a Individual total: n/a
Dec. 7 Loss 64 -27	2-POINTERS Team total: n/a	3-POINTERS Team total: n/a Individual leader: n/a Individual total: n/a
		FREE THROWS: n/a

Panthers lose to the Wolverines

Start of the season

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Sheridan Panthers lost their first basketball game of the season to West Yellowstone Dec. 7. It was a struggle for this Panthers team in Lone Peak. Kaiden Batzler scored the most points for the Panthers, but the Wolverines led the entire game.

The Sheridan Panthers go up against the Lone Peak Big Horns at Absarokee Dec. 14.

Sheridan Panthers vs West Yellowstone Wolverines	Batzler Individual total: 9	3-POINTERS Team total: 1 Individual leader: Mike McKormack Individual total: 1
Dec. 7 Loss 70 -29	2-POINTERS Team total: 10 Individual leader: Kaiden Batzler Individual total: 4	FREE THROWS: 31% success rate
POINTS Team total: 29 Individual leader: Kaiden		

SCHEDULES

2019/2020 BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
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ENNIS

December 13-14	Three Forks Basketball Tourney	Three Forks
December 19	Twin Bridges	Twin Bridges
December 20	Gardiner	Ennis
January 3	Sheridan	Sheridan
January 10	Granite	Ennis
January 11	WSS	WSS
January 16	Harrison	Ennis
January 17	Drummond	Ennis
January 23	Twin Bridges	Ennis
January 25	Lone Peak	Ennis
January 30	Lima	Lima
January 31	Sheridan	Ennis
February 6	Jefferson	Ennis
February 7	Granite	Granite
February 14	Drummond	Drummond
February 15	Harrison	Harrison

SHERIDAN

December 17	Granite	Granite
January 3	Ennis	Sheridan
January 4	Twin Bridges	Twin Bridges
January 10	Drummond	Drummond
January 11	Gardiner	Sheridan
January 17	Lima	Sheridan
January 18	Lone Peak	Sheridan
January 23	Harrison-Willow Creek	Harrison-Willow Creek
January 28	Granite	Sheridan
January 31	Ennis	Ennis
February 1	Twin Bridges	Sheridan
February 6	Harrison-Willow Creek	Sheridan
February 7	West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone
February 8	Drummond	Sheridan
February 14	Lima	Lima
February 15	Lone Peak	Lone Peak

TWIN BRIDGES

December 17	Lima	Twin Bridges
December 19	Ennis	Twin Bridges
January 3	Drummond	Drummond
January 4	Sheridan	Twin Bridges
January 10	Whitehall	Twin Bridges
January 11	Lone Peak	Twin Bridges
January 17	Harrison-Willow Creek	Harrison
January 18	Granite	Granite
January 23	Ennis	Ennis
January 24	Lone Peak	Lone Peak
January 25	Lima	Lima
January 31	Drummond	Twin Bridges
February 1	Sheridan	Sheridan
February 4	Dillon	Twin Bridges
February 8	West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone
February 14	Harrison-Willow Creek	Twin Bridges
February 15	Granite	Twin Bridges

HARRISON

December 14	Lone Peak	Absarokee
December 17	West Yellowstone	Harrison
December 20	Drummond	Harrison
January 2	Granite	Harrison
January 3	Lone Peak	Lone Peak
January 10	Lima	Harrison
January 11	West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone
January 16	Ennis	Ennis
January 17	Twin Bridges	Harrison
January 23	Sheridan	Harrison
January 24	Drummond	Drummond
January 31	Granite	Granite
February 1	Gardiner	Gardiner
February 6	Sheridan	Sheridan
February 8	Lima	Lima
February 14	Twin Bridges	Twin Bridges
February 15	Ennis	Harrison

PANORAMA



BEHIND THE BAZAAR

Efforts behind Ennis' 47th Annual Holiday Bazaar

By KEELY LARSON
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Lynn Foreman, president of Ennis Senior Center's Board of Directors, did not want to see the Holiday Bazaar fade away after the Madison Valley Woman's Club stopped hosting two years ago after decades of sponsorship. The Woman's Club suggested the Senior Center take over the Bazaar, and with Foreman being president of the Senior Center's Board and a chairperson for the Bazaar, the combination was serendipitous.

"Because I was the President of the Senior Center Board, the Bazaar came with me," Foreman said.

Fundraising wise, it worked out well. The Woman's Club gets fundraising help from Nearly New and passing the Bazaar over gave the Senior Center its own opportunity to raise money. Donations for coffee and cookies offered at the entrance and proceeds from a \$5 lunch price for attendees went to the Senior Center.

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Nov. 30, 400-450 people visited Ennis' Holiday Bazaar. At the main entrance of the elementary school, people were given pamphlets about

the Senior Center with a raffle ticket stub attached. If the number on the stapled ticket matched the number of a Bazaar item, the person with the corresponding ticket stub would win a prize, donated by the vendor. Without having to be present to win or waiting until the end to learn who won, the door prizes provided instant gratification.

The hardest part, Foreman said, was getting all the volunteers needed to make the event a success. Foreman was in charge of rounding up people to volunteer, which was made difficult by the holiday weekend. In the past, she had talked to vendors about moving the Bazaar to a different weekend, but the consensus was that people have come to expect the Bazaar right after Thanksgiving. This way, it lines up with the Christmas Stroll, early Christmas shopping and Small Business Saturday, providing a weekend full of holiday events.

"This year we were very fortunate because we had eight high school students who helped us out as well with the setup and take down," Foreman said. Additionally, Woman's Club members, Senior Center volunteers and Board members helped with set up,

greeting and serving lunch. Community members, like Sue Welna, independently devoted their time.

Welna was at the Bazaar all day Saturday. "It was a busy day!" she said. She greeted guests at the main entrance, handed out Senior Center brochures and informed attendees about the community benefits of the Senior Center. She worked in a group of three with two other Susans and they would rotate shifts so each would be able to browse around the Bazaar and purchase their favorite items.

Welna's choices included a gnome from the Trinity Church booth and a wreath from Harrison School. "They're just beautiful wreaths!" she said.

Many vendors have participated in the Bazaar consistently. One woman came all the way from Wisdom, Montana, and many come from Dillon or Bozeman. "We do attract quite a variety of people who want to participate in selling their items," Foreman said. Shirley Storey Masson was one of the vendors that has been attending the Holiday Bazaar for years.

Masson brings about 300 pottery items to the Bazaar and was quite grateful for

the help of the high school students, and her husband, during set up. She gets her clay in bulk from the Archie Bray near Helena, fires items in her garage and stains in her unfinished basement, which serves as her studio. "That's why I have to stay in good shape because I gotta' come up the stairs and through the doors and out to the garage," she said.

At 40 years old, Masson

decided to start this artistic endeavor, always thinking she would enjoy making pottery, but had to raise her kids and own a bowling alley first. Now, she has been creating since then for 46 years.

Live music by the Lucky Valentines, a duo from Fort Benton, swelled through the gymnasium, a first-time offering this year. Masson's pottery was displayed on the bleachers and people weaved

in and out of the elementary school, greeted by Welna and others. After the event, praise for Foreman's efforts and involvement was vast. Her name was mentioned by a variety of people as someone who should be featured for all she has done for the Bazaar and the Senior Center.

"She has put her heart and soul into that Senior Center," Sandi Pfau, Madison County resident, said.



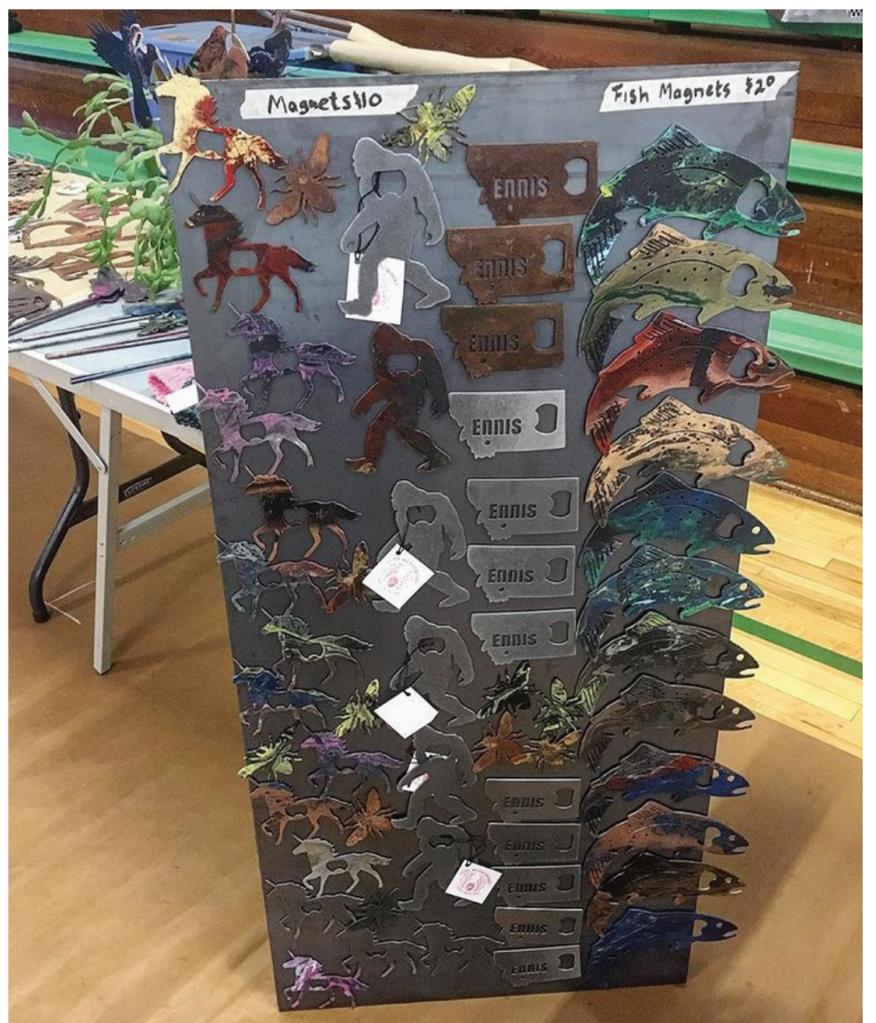
Mariah Oliver, Leslie Lukas and Sunni Knapton catch up at the bazaar. PHOTO COURTESY LESLIE LUKAS



A booth set up by Raven Publishing, displaying books for sale at this year's Bazaar. PHOTO COURTESY OF RAVEN PUBLISHING INC.



Masson's business card laying on one of her earth-toned pottery pieces. She displays finished items in a sunny room in her basement. PHOTO BY KEELEY LARSON



Fury Metalworks display of wares. PHOTO COURTESY CARL KAUTZ



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Surgery Specialist joins Barrett Hospital & HealthCare

Dr. Fortenberry's expertise broadens surgery department offerings

Submitted by
CHRISTIE TRAPP

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare announced Dec. 4 that David M. Fortenberry, MD, FACS has joined the General Surgery Department alongside with Nicholas Fromm, MD. In addition to general surgery, Dr. Fortenberry will focus a good portion of his clinical practice on caring for patients with vascular diseases, including disorders of the venous and arterial systems.

With more than 28 years of practice experience in

general and vascular surgery, Dr. Fortenberry is proficient in many surgical techniques, including minimally invasive procedures which are associated with less pain, shorter hospital stays and fewer complications for patients. "Dr. Fortenberry is an accomplished and experienced surgeon, and we are pleased to gain his expertise," says Greg Moore MD, FACEP, FAWM, Chief Medical Officer of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. "Because of his varied surgical skills, Dr. Fortenberry will contribute significantly to our

medical team and expand our offerings to include the evaluation and treatment of patients with arterial and venous conditions, which will help meet a need in Southwest Montana."

As the population ages, more patients are in need of referral to a vascular specialist who can diagnose and manage diseases of the body's circulatory system (arteries and veins).

Dr. Fortenberry comes to Barrett Hospital & HealthCare from Kalispell Regional Healthcare, where he has worked as a general and vas-

cular surgeon since July 1992. Dr. Fortenberry carried out his medical studies at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, then completed his general surgery internship and residency at the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver from 1986 until 1991. He was awarded a fellowship in vascular surgery at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center at Burlington, Massachusetts, in 1991/1992. Dr. Fortenberry cares for patients with a broad range of conditions that commonly require surgical management.

His personal interests are family and outdoor recreation. Dr. Fortenberry will begin seeing patients for surgery on January 02, 2020. To schedule an initial consult with Dr. Fortenberry or Dr. Fromm, please call 406-683-1188 or visit barretthospital.org for more information.

ABOUT BARRETT HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE

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How to plan for healthcare costs that could derail your retirement

Submitted by
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People work for decades with a hopeful eye toward retirement. But while many try to envision their retirement years as a blissful time of fun and relaxation, no one has a crystal ball showing exactly what all the expenses will look like.

This is especially true of health care.

Fidelity's annual Retiree Health Care Cost Estimate projected that a 65-year-old couple retiring in 2019 could expect \$285,000 in health care and medical expenses during their retirement. An Edward Jones survey showed many Americans are concerned about health care expenses in retirement, particularly baby boomers.

"People spend their healthy years accumulating all their wealth," says Michael Macke (www.petrosplanning.com), vice president and co-owner of Petros Financial Group. "They work hard and save, building their nest egg."

"But when you retire, you wind up spending a lot of your wealth on your health. In talking with people about retirement for 25 years, health care is always their top concern. To most people it's the great unknown that can derail the best-laid plans. You never know when you're going to get sick or come down with a disease. What kind of care will be required, and most of all, what is

it going to cost?"

How do you plan for that great unknown — health care costs in retirement? Macke offers these tips:

Make extra wiggle room for the "what-if" medical expenses. "When planning a long-term budget, most people just look at their baseline monthly expenses, but it's wise to have a discussion about how health care costs can fit in during retirement," Macke says. "Budgeting for a potential additional expense of \$350 to \$500 per month in the future can help you be better prepared to handle that 'what-if' scenario."

Open a Health Savings Account (HSA). An HSA offers tax advantages such as deductible contributions and tax-free withdrawals for qualified medical expenses. "The funds from your HSA can be used to pay for Medicare premiums and long-term care insurance premiums," Macke says. "Those who are 55 or older can make a catch-up contribution of \$1,000 a year in addition to the maximum contribution limit (which is \$3,500 annually for individual coverage and \$7,000 for family coverage)."

Manage Medicare annually. "Every year, you should be reviewing Medicare plans. You need to figure out which plan is best for you based on your health as well as what's covered and what isn't in each option," Macke says. "Some plans may cost a little more but would save you on doctor's visits and co-



pays. Also, remember that your part B and D premiums could be higher based on your annual income from two years prior. Make sure you are working with a tax planner and retirement planner to manage your income, which may include distributions from retirement accounts. Being aware of these limits could save you money! Your health changes constantly as do your options for Medicare coverage.

Make sure you are evaluating each year."

Pay attention to your health. Sounds simple, but a healthy lifestyle is the best way to reduce the chance of health complications and costly bills in retirement. "Don't miss annual checkups with both your doctor and dentist," Macke says. "Adhere to a reasonable diet and fitness regimen. And don't discount the dentist. Cardiovascular disease shows up in the gums first."

"Unexpected medical ex-

penses later in life threaten our physical health and our financial health," Macke says. "Therefore, it's vital to be proactive and plan as early as possible in order to protect your retirement you've worked so hard for."

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COLUMNS



This, Our Valley Asleep on the hay

By Keith Axberg

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Learn from it; tomorrow is a new day – Ralph Waldo Emerson

My daughter sent a text the other day telling me that she and the family had lost power. Actually, they hadn't lost it; they had been disconnected. It seems their landlord had done some electrical work over the summer but had failed to pull a necessary permit or obtain an inspection. Although our daughter and her family have always been current (no pun) with their utility bills, the company (without warning or notice) cut them off (despite their being a "valued" customer).

The property owner was scrambling to do what he could to get power restored, but in the meantime, the family was without heat, lights, or the other

basic necessities of life – an issue only exacerbated by it being winter. This is not a time of year one wants to go without heat – no matter who is at fault!

Without hesitation, of course, we had them come over and move in until the situation could be resolved. We enacted our own little Christmas Pageant and made room for Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus (who, in this case, are Andrew, Jennifer, and baby Ameena – along with one of the Wise ones, their son Elijah). The set was complete, including the Innkeeper (played wonderfully well by my wife, Barb), and the requisite donkey (played by yours truly).

The crisis lasted only a day,

but it was a delight to have our family together to deal with it. Like those holy refugees of old, they packed up everything they needed and made their way to our place. I had a chance to teach Elijah how to play Solitaire and, when they discovered they'd neglected to pack a bottle for Ameena (who's almost outgrown them now that she is a year old), Elijah and I trundled off to the nearby grocery to pick one up.

Sadly, Grandpa's not as up on Nipple technology these days as he should be, so the bottle I chose was fine, but the dispenser needed some delicate surgery to function right. Uff-da! At least I now know we have a Plastic Surgeon in the family, and the rest

of the family knows I should be awarded a boobie prize for my shopping skills.

Be that all as it may, everyone survived. Around midnight Ameena alerted the world to a case of sudden dampness. Her momma was soundly asleep, so Barb and I got up to attend to Ameena who, unlike the original baby Jesus, "crying DID make."

We got her changed (after we studied the intricacies of modern diaper design and gave it our best shot – after all, that's what she had done!). She wasn't quite ready to go back to sleep, however, being in unfamiliar surroundings and wanting to study her environment, so we sat together and passed the time

in quiet conversation. If there is one thing I'm good at, it's talking (and at times, acting) like a one-year-old.

Unlike my brain, the lights around our house don't have dimmers, but over time, we turned them out one by one until we were in the relative darkness of deep night. I held that miracle we call Ameena in my lap and rocked for a while until she was perfectly at peace with the world.

I can't help but wonder if that isn't what God wants for us, as well: a chance to clean us, dry us, change us and hold us safely in his (or her) lap.

When the fullness of time had come and Ameena was out

for the count, I got up from the rocker (a nice change of pace as I'm usually accused of being "off" my rocker) with the child played out about as relaxed as a child can get, trundled to the guestroom where momma was asleep, and set her gently in her crib, covering her carefully with a blanket.

I stood over her pen for a moment to confirm she was safe and secure, then returned to bed for my own much-needed sleep.

I think that's what it means to be under the loving care of One who never slumbers nor sleeps, but (who) keeps vigilant watch o'er the human race. Happy Advent & Merry Christmas to y'all in this, our valley!

COMMODITY INSITE: AN OLD SAYING NOT MISLEADING

BY JERRY WELCH

With winter coming in like a lion this year thanks to an unprecedented Thanksgiving storm system that blasted the Midwest and East Coast I thought I would reprint my column from the spring of 2013, entitled, "Freeze The What Off a Brass Monkey!" from my book, "Haunted By Markets." The column had to do with misleading old sayings. Anyway, here are some old saws that are far from being accurate.

"Wheat prices were expected to rise sharply at mid-week following a threatening weather forecast for the producing regions of Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. The specific outlook called for a heavy frost at the least to a hard freeze at worst. The temperatures were supposed to decline enough as the old saying goes to, "freeze

the balls off a brass monkey." Yes, indeed, it was expected to get that cold.

But wait. Allow me explain that old saying as I am certain you are misinterpreting it. Most landlubbers do.

In the heyday of sailing vessels, all warships and many freighters were equipped with iron cannons. Each cannon fired round iron cannon balls and it was necessary to keep an ample supply near the cannon.

However, to keep the round cannon balls from rolling around the deck, they were stored in a square based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, there was a handy supply of 30 cannon balls stacked neatly next to the cannon.

One big problem, however, was how to prevent the

bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a, "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. If the plate was made of iron, the iron cannon balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to that problem was to make "Brass Monkeys."

Brass contracts or shrinks more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey."

All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you? Ha! Landlubbers, ya be!

There are other old sayings also misleading. Some are an

outright lie. A large number of sayings should be doubted. For instance, if, "all roads lead to Rome" as the saying goes, then how do you get out of the place? Apparently, you don't. Which means, of course, that old, worn out saying is a lie.

When the Fall of the year rolls around, investors are bombarded with this old saying: "October is the most bearish month for the stock market." That old saw is dusted off to remind investors that all of the historically large declines with stocks took place in October. Which is an absolutely accurate fact.

It was Mark Twain, however, that said it best stating, "October: This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March,

June, December, August and February." Mr. Twain knew what he was talking about."

Another old saying about the stock market, "Buy low, sell high," is only half true. The total truth is, for short sellers anyway, "Sell high, buy low" works the same way. Short sellers make money if a stock or commodity goes down and they can buy it back at a lower price. "Buy low, sell high" is true because it is a successful strategy. So is, "Sell high, buy low."

Since the start of the trade war with China, in early 2018, U.S. grain prices have been going lower, lower and lower. When the war began, soybean prices were around \$10.80 a bushel but recently fell to \$8.67. Losses have also been seen with wheat and corn as well. Those losses came even though farm-

ers did not plant 15 to 20 million acres because it was too wet and cool for most of the year. Clearly, 2019 has been a bummer for U.S. agriculture.

However, another old saying that is not and I repeat, not misleading is this. "The best cure for low prices is low prices." Based on how fickle Mother Nature can be, the potential for an end to the trade war with China and how quickly prices can reverse course when market psychology changes, my lean is that for now, enough is enough on the downside for the U.S. ag markets.

But understand. Without an end to the trade war or help from Mother Nature the upside potential for grains is limited. Still, I view prices here and now as, "in the hole." And I never suggest selling markets, "in the hole."

A WORD FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU



Online or in store?

Submitted by Hannah Stiff
BBB Northwest & Pacific

Black Friday shoppers spent nearly \$7.4 billion online this year, according to a new report from Adobe Analytics. That's an all-time record. Spending at brick-and-mortar stores performed better on Thanksgiving Day by more than 2% (over last year) but fell nearly 3% on Black Friday as shoppers flocked online.

The National Retail Federation reports that 190 million consumers shopped the five-day extravaganza from Thanksgiving through Cyber Monday. That's \$20 million more than last year, according to NRF. On average, consumers spent \$361.90, up 16% year-over-year.

But what do those big bucks, spent increasingly online, mean for the street-side businesses that prefer to greet customers face-to-face? What does the exodus to online mean for Montanans?

While it may seem like a far-out idea for a mom-and-pop Montana business, many larger stores are already adopting the click-and-collect method. Click-and-collect refers to companies allowing you to place an order online, but pick it up in person, at the store. Wal Mart and Target have already implemented the click-and-collect system.

Kohl's takes Amazon returns for free. Local Kohl's stores are incentivizing this return option by offering customers a coupon to its store, simply for making an Amazon return. Business analysts and reporters claim that the click-and-collect system prompts shoppers to make impulse buys when they pick up their purchase in store, increasing business profits.

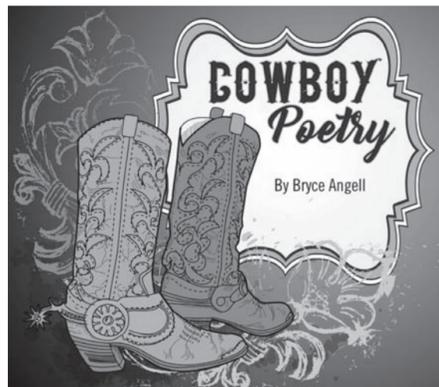
Some Montana businesses are keeping with the trends and cashing in on the best of both worlds: online and in-store purchase options. This is a great tool for Montana businesses to grow their company's reach outside the state. Serving customers on multiple channels ensures businesses catch both the traditionalists and the shop-from-home-in-velour-sweatpants crowds.

Taking that approach a step further, retailers are now looking to offer customers a more integrated shopping experience. This is called the omni-channel retail strategy. Omnichannel is a hybrid approach that stitches together online and in-store shopping to maximize a business's sales.

For example, when implementing an omni-channel approach, retailers can let customers browse items in-store, scan a tag, and add that item to a virtual shopping basket. The customer can then save the item for later, and purchase from home, in the correct size that wasn't available in-store. This approach, according to analysts, is aimed at continuing a customer's journey with a business for as long as possible.

Another omni-channel approach is when a company promotes its new products on social media feeds and then offers customers an in-store coupon for that item. The hope is that multiple touch points multiply sales.

For businesses that want to retain a physical location, omnichannel and click-and-collect retail may just be the wave of the future. It may also be a way to keep customers on Montana's main streets during critical shopping holidays. For more shopping tips visit bbb.org/holiday-tips.



The Old Outhouse

I quizzed my Grandma Angell 'bout the changes in her life. And was there anything, now gone, that may have caused her strife?

Her answer shot out faster than a tomcat to his mouse. She said, "I'll never miss our doggone, stinking, cold outhouse."

"And if you don't believe me try the privy out for size. The old outhouse sets by the barn, before your very eyes."

I didn't give much credence to what Grandma said to me. Until she locked the bathroom door and kindly took the key.

She said, "Go use the outhouse. I don't wanna hear you gripe." Then handed me a roll and said, "Please don't forget to wipe."

I squeezed my cheeks together. Man, I really had to go. The trail down to the old outhouse was covered, deep with snow.

The walk was dang near fifty yards. I grabbed the outhouse door. The rusty hinges squeaked then I was standing on the floor.

I dropped my jeans and sat down on the frosty open hole. Grandma got it right. I felt the cold right to my soul.

But then I got to thinking 'bout the cold, I'll tell you what. At least there weren't no spiders who might bite me on the butt.

That's when I took a look around and saw a second seat. I guess the extra company might be a pleasant treat?

I wondered what they talked about or if they gabbed at all. They prob'ly talked of baseball, "Did you see that high flyball?"

So, I finished up my business, zipped my coat and hat up tight. Then set out on the snowy trail. 'Twas cold and almost night.

Well, Grandma stood there waiting with a question on her face. "Do you prefer an outhouse or a bathroom in its place?"

I told her that an indoor toilet was the place for me. Then mentioned 'bout her bathroom. Hoped she hadn't lost the key.

That night I thought about the outhouse, cold with winter's bite. So glad to know my warm bathroom was two doors to the right.

COMICS & PUZZLES

THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS
ACROSS

1. Taken where?
6. Vegas bandit's body part
9. Titian's Venus or Collier's Godiva
13. Indian metropolis
14. Flapper's neckwear
15. E-cigarette output
16. Galsworthy's "The Forsyte ____," pl.
17. Bovine hangout
18. UV light absorber
19. *Scrooge's late partner
21. *December 26th, a.k.a. ____ Day
23. Ideas worth spreading, acr.
24. Great deal
25. *Like Santa's suit
28. "____ Las Vegas," Presley song
30. 1/100th of a ruble
35. Pupil's place
37. *Sleigh bell sound
39. Fairytale dust-sprinkler
40. German Mrs.
41. Chose between competitors
43. Type of ballistic missile, acr.
44. Not a gregarious one
46. Castaway's home
47. Fungal spore sacs
48. Pencil end, often
50. ____-a-Sketch
52. Summer color
53. Cuckoo
55. "____ the ramparts..."
57. *Santa's call
60. *Welcoming holiday decor
63. Bird of prey's hunting tool
64. 16th birthday gift?
66. Engages the services
68. Skirt shape
69. Beehive State native
70. Bikini, e.g.
71. Bibliophile's concern, sing.
72. D.C. bigwig
73. Australian Aboriginal's war club

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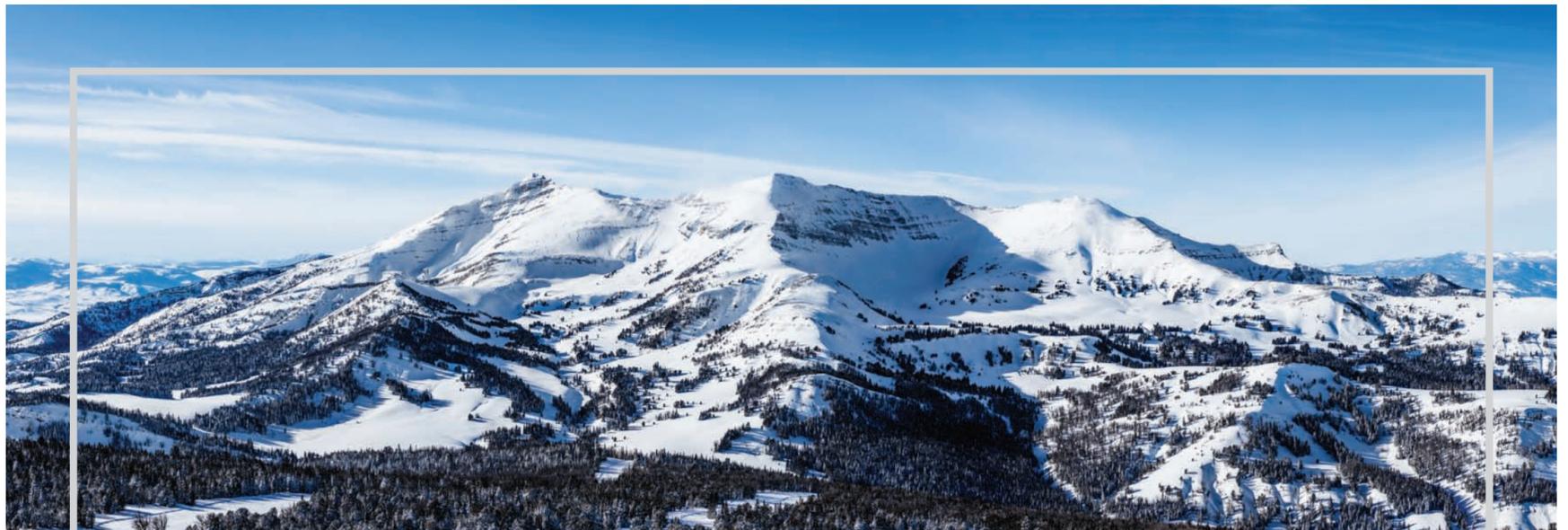
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PUBLIC NOTICES

DECEMBER 12, 2019

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

Montana Fifth Judicial District Court
Madison County In the Matter of the Name Change of BARDA ANN NEWMAN Cause No.: DV-29-2019-72

Judge Assigned LUKE BERGER
This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from BARDA ANN NEWMAN TO

JOY WILLA WOOLDRIDGE The hearing will be on JANUARY 6, 2020 AT 1:15 PM The hearing will be at the Courthouse in MADISON County. /S/ KAREN J. MILLER Clerk of District Court Nov. 15, 2019. (Pub. Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2019) NEWMAN MNAXLP

SUMMONS - TRUSTEES SALE

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MADISON COUNTY PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, v.

David M. Cronan a/k/a David D. Cronan and Deborah G. Cronan, and any person in possession, Defendants. SUMMONS - CIVIL NUMBER: DV-29-2016-5

HONORABLE: Luke Berger
TO: David D. Cronan a/k/a David D. Cronan 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 1063 Point of Rocks Road, Whitehall, MT 59759, and is more particularly described as follows: A tract of land situated in the SE1/4SW1/4 and SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 14, Township 1 North, Range 4, West, P.M.M., more particularly shown and described as Tract "A" of Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, Page 1177-FC, records of Madison County, Montana. TOGETHER WITH that certain 30 foot wide roadway and utility easement as shown on survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, Page 1177-FC. A \$70.00 filing fee must accompany the answer at the time of filing. /s/ Carmen Hill Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the District Court (Pub. Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2019) HALLIDAY, WATKINS, MANN MNAXLP

SUMMONS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY MARIE DAVIS AND ROBERT DAVIS, Plaintiffs, -VS- Madison County, Montana, Marvin F. Hansen, Gladys Hansen, and all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiffs' ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiffs' title, whether such claim or possible claim is present or contingent. Defendants. CAUSE NO. DV-29-2017-83 Judge: Luke Berger TO UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS: THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS: YOU, THE UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which was filed in District Court on November 20, 2017. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you by publication, exclusive of the day of service, you must serve on Plaintiffs' attorney an answer to the Complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure. Do not include the day you were served in your calculation of time. The answer or motion must be served on Plaintiffs' attorney, whose name and address are listed above. You must also file your answer or motion with the court. If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. This action is brought to quiet title to land that is situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: all that portion of closed Railroad Avenue 90 feet by 40 feet North of and adjacent to Lots 1 and 2, Block 14 of the plat of the Townsite of Alder, Madison County, Montana and all that portion of closed Railroad Avenue 90 feet by 40 feet South of and adjacent to Lot 10, Block 15 of the plat of the Townsite of Alder, Madison County, Montana. GIVEN under my hand this 25th day of November 2019, at the hour of 4:30 o'clock p.m. /s/ Karen J. Miller CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT (Pub. Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2019) MEYER MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN RE THE ESTATE OF Probate No. DP-29-2019-30 GANEL GAY GIVEN, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to LORI A. HARSHBARGER, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM., P.O. Box 310, Dillon, MT 59725 or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct." DATED this 4th day of December, 2019. /s/ LORI HARSHBARGER C/O HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM PO BOX 310 DILLON, MT 59725 (Pub. Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2019) HARSHBARGER MNAXLP

NOTICE MEETING CHANGE
NOTICE The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 24, 2019. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. (Pub. Dec. 12, 19, 2019) MC COMMISSIONERS MNAXLP

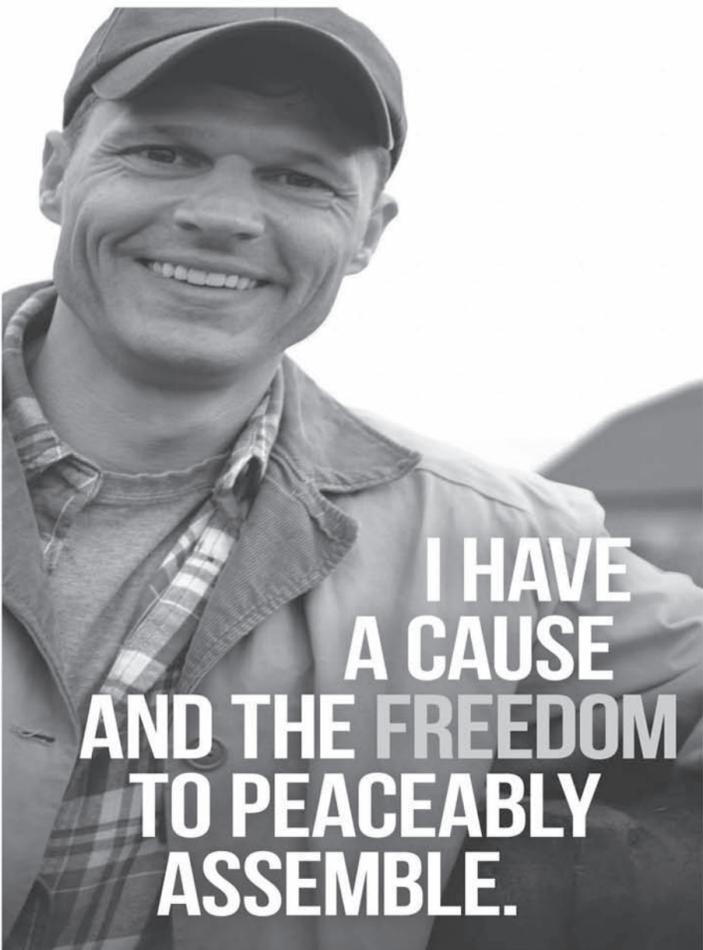
CHANGE OF MEETING DATE
Notice is hereby given that the Ruby Valley Conservation District will change the meeting date for its regular first Wednesday of the month meeting to January 8, 2020 at the usual location, the NRCS Conference Room, 402 South Main Street, Sheridan, Montana. Meeting time will be at 7:00 P.M. Shirley Galovic, District Administrator, R.V.C.D. (406) 842-5741 ext. 101. (Pub. Dec. 12, 19, 2019) MC COMMISSIONERS MNAXLP

PHYLLIS PATRICIA PETERSON, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to K. WALTON PETERSON, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM, P.O. Box 310, Dillon, MT 59725 or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct." DATED this 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019. /S/ K. WALTON PETERSON C/O HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM PO BOX 310 DILLON, MT 59725 (Pub. Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2019) HARSHBARGER MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning October 1, 2019, and ending on October 31, 2019, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed this 5th day of December, 2019. Kathleen Mumme Madison County Clerk and Recorder (Pub. Dec. 12, 2019) MC CLERK AND RECORDER MNAXLP

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MISSOURI RIVER CORPS OF REDISCOVERY PART 26: CHANNELING FLOYD

“We Came to [to] make a warm bath for Sergt. Floyd hoping it would brace him a little, before we could get him in to this bath he expired, with a great deal of composure, haveing Said to me before his death that he was going away and wished me to write a letter— we Buried him to the top of a high round hill over looking the river & Countrey for a great distance Situated just below a Small river without a name to which we name & call Floyds river, the Bluffs Sergts. Floyds Bluff—we buried him with all the honors of War, and fixed a Ceeder post at his head with his name title & Day of the month and year.”

—William Clark, August 20, 1804

Column and photos by
THOMAS J. ELPPEL

Judging from the raging torrent of 80,000 cubic feet per second pouring out of Gavins Point Dam, it seemed like we might be in for a wild ride down the Missouri. Yet the current settled down to a mild 4 to 5 mph by the boat ramp, one mile downstream from the dam. Here began the 59-mile lower portion of the Missouri National Recreational River, one of few remaining fragments of the lower river that are largely unchanged since the time of Lewis and Clark.

Paddling flood waters can be highly dangerous back home in Montana where narrow, winding streams turn into roiling rivers, but the Missouri is so big it is like a slow-moving lake. Minor flooding makes it a bigger slow-moving lake.

Nevertheless, paddling a slow-moving lake has its own challenges. Think of a canoe and paddle as analogous to a car and steering wheel, providing the illusion of control as you travel down the highway. When paddling, however, the road itself is moving. That’s easy enough if the river is narrow and the current moves predictably downstream. But the Missouri is so wide that the current snakes back and forth unpredictably within the river, sometimes doubling back upstream right in the middle.

Looking ahead at a big cottonwood snag mid-river, it seems apparent that we will coast by on the right. Allow a moment of distraction, and now we are aiming past it on the left. We can paddle the entire time, thinking we are headed one direction while the river takes us another. At the last moment, we might be flowing rapidly sideways towards the only tree in the river. Add a breeze, and there are four variables of motion: river, current, paddling, and

wind. Dodging a snag is easy enough with a few quick paddle strokes, but control over our overall trajectory is illusory.

We completed the recreational river in two days, arriving at Ponca State Park in Nebraska. Strands of the eastern deciduous forest follow the river north through the prairie, creating an oasis of bur oak trees, black walnut, hackberry, mulberry, and linden or basswood, with a rich understory of diverse eastern vegetation. One old oak tree has been growing since at least 1644. A scenic overlook allows a view of Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa.

Below Ponca State Park the Missouri has been narrowed, deepened, and straightened as a channel all the way to St. Louis. The river has been shortened by nearly 200 miles since the time of Lewis and Clark.

The channel is admittedly much easier to paddle than the natural river. Stay away from any wing dams, wooden pylons, and submerged trees along the bank. Stick to the middle and drift or paddle with the current. Strange boils rise up out of nowhere, like underwater geysers that send out circular currents to deflect the canoe one direction or another. The sudden turbulence and crashing sound of water is unnerving, but apparently harmless. Intermittent mile markers track the remaining distance to Saint Louis.

One day’s paddle brought us to Sioux City, Iowa, burial place of Sargent Charles Floyd. He gained fame largely by keeling over of “bilious colic,” which medical experts theorize was likely appendicitis. Lewis and Clark buried Floyd on a bluff, naming it and a nearby river after the sergeant, then proceeded on with the journey.

However, poor Floyd hardly got any rest. His grave had been disturbed, possibly

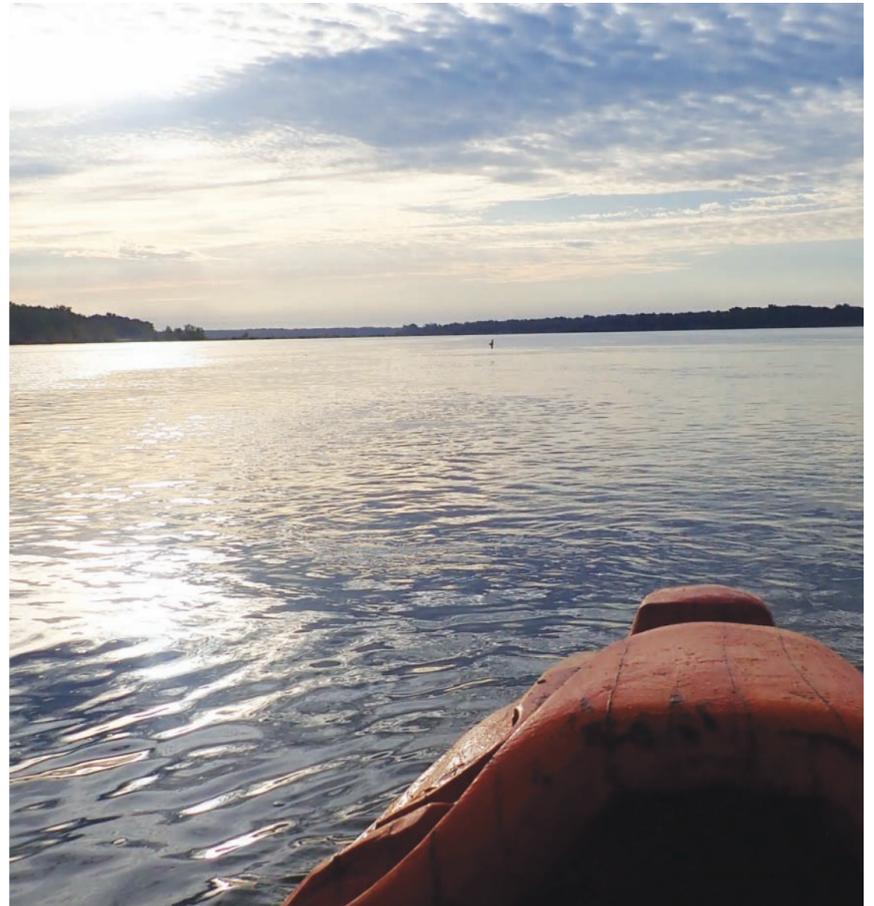


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by wolves, before the Corps of Discovery revisited the site on their 1806 return trip, so they refilled the hole. By 1857 the shifting river began to erode his grave, so concerned citizens dug him up and reburied him 200 yards away. The publishing of Sargent Floyd’s journal in 1894 inspired folks to dig up his remaining remains and bury them in urns under a marble slab. Then, he was moved again while the Floyd Memorial Association upgraded his grave to a 100-foot-high sandstone obelisk, completed in 1901.

While his remains were in storage during construction, helpful citizens weighed, measured, and photographed his bones and made a plaster cast of his skull. With the aid of modern forensics, visitors can now see a close approximation of Floyd in the Sargent Floyd Museum and Welcome Center aboard the dry-docked motor vessel, the M.V. Sergeant Floyd.

The adjacent Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center



Paddling the Missouri National Recreational River is like paddling a slow-moving lake.

MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued on B9

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BRAND OSTLER - Sophomore at Ennis High School. He is involved in football, basketball, and track. He is also an honor roll student.

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Brand is an outstanding math student. Extremely conscientious and dedicated to his studies. He is engaged in class, and leads the class with his strong math skills.

In my class Brand is courteous and respectful of his fellow students and myself. He is always a willing participant in class discussions. I enjoy Brand’s wit and sense of humor, I am not surprised

he has been chosen as student of the month.

Brand is a very conscientious, responsible young man that sets the highest standards for his academic performance in and out of the classroom. He comes prepared for class and is an excellent student. Brand willingly offers help whenever needed by the teachers and other students. He is always respectful and kind to his classmates as well as to the staff. I can’t think of anyone more deserving of this honor. There is never a question with Brand when it comes to work ethic. Even when he is down he is working his tail off and trying to get better. Whether it be football, basketball, or school he is always working his tail off and being respectful!

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MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued FROM B8

went one step further, channeling Floyd from beyond the grave as a silicone and silicon animatronic member of the Corps of Discovery, sharing reflections about his life and untimely death.

At least he isn't alone. Thomas Jefferson is there to welcome visitors, while Lewis and Clark stand over Floyd's coffin in the back room, talking up his good character. When Floyd whispered his dying words that he was "going away," he probably never imagined that he would keep coming back.

Thomas J. Elpel lives in Pony, Montana. He is the author of *Green Prosperity: Quit Your Job, Live Your Dreams*. Go to www.Elpel.info to learn more about Tom's books, the Missouri River Corps of Rediscovery, and the expedition fundraiser for the Jefferson River Canoe Trail.

Sargent Floyd has been reincarnated in silicone and silicon at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City.



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Monday, December 16 – Greek pita, chips, dessert - Mahjong @ 1 p.m.
Tuesday December 17 – Pork loin, mushroom gravy, mashers, veggies, dessert - Pan at 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday December 18 – Chef salad, roll, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.
Thursday, December 19 – Chicken fried steak, veggies, mashers, dessert - "Happy Birthday"
Friday, December 20 – Pork verde tacos, rice, beans, dessert - Pinochle, at 12:30 p.m.

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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, December 5 - Stuffed green peppers, salad and dessert
Tuesday, December 10 - Grilled ham & cheese, soup, dessert

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Activities:
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Wednesday is cards, games and puzzles
Blood pressure clinic (with county health nurse) - Each last Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 11 - FREE LUNCH TO ALL SENIORS COMPLIMENTS OF 3 RIVERS COMMUNICATION
MENU: Stuffed pork loin, twice baked potato, veggie, salad and apple pie
Friday, December 13 - Hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, veggie tray, ice cream
Monday, December 16 - Italian beef & shells, veggie, green salad, pavlova

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Noon
Brown Bag Lunch with Debbie Bowman Shea
 The presentation will run about an hour at the Butte Archives. Guests are encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

1 p.m.
Madison Valley Book Club
 Discussion on the novel Brooklyn by Colm Toibin at the Madison Valley Public Library.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:30 p.m.
Sheridan Christmas Stroll
 Bring out your Christmas cheer and celebrate in downtown Sheridan. Open Mic at Shovel & Spoon 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 AND 14

5:30 p.m.
Splendid Feast
 A gathering of hearty souls, culinary delights, and holiday cheer in a most spectacular setting at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

10 a.m.
Madison County Democrats Meeting
 At the Thompson-Hickman library in Virginia City.

3 p.m.
Virginia City Christmas Stroll
 Santa, goodies, vendors, ornament making and tree lighting! Finished off with a chili cook-off at The Pioneer Bar.

12:30 p.m.
The History Association Christmas Potluck
 At the Trinity Church in Jeffers. People with the last name starting with A-G bring a salad, H-N bring dessert and O-Z bring side dish that goes with turkey and ham.

6 p.m.
Community Christmas Variety Show
 Performances to include Special Music

and Play by children of various ages at the Alder Community Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

1:30 p.m. at Sheridan Methodist Church
7 p.m. at Twin Bridges Church of the Valley

Ruby Valley chorale performs Peace Has Come, featuring children's Christmas pageant.

5 p.m.
Free Christmas Dinner & Raffle
 The 61st annual free Christmas dinner and Raffle for veterans will be at the Twin Bridges School.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Noon - 4 p.m.
50 Ham Give Away
 At the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center 50 hams will be given away. First come first serve.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 p.m.
Mental Health Support Group
 Meet at the Madison Valley Medical Center. Friends helping friends with challenges in mental health and addiction.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Noon - 5 p.m.
Ennis Community Blood Drive
 In the Madison Valley Medical Center's conference room. Make your appointment with Judi Stonebraker at (406) 209.5706.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Noon
Mad Gals Christmas Luncheon
 Bring a gift to exchange. Bring a friend to the Alley Bistro. RSVP by 12/16.

5:30 p.m.
Sheridan Music Christmas Dinner Concert Fundraiser
 Dinner will be in the Sheridan Elementary school and the concert will be in the high school gym. Tickets will be pre-sold and sold at door.

6 p.m.
Christmas Party

Christmas potluck with visit from Santa at the Bear Creek Schoolhouse in Cameron

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

1-3 p.m.
Skate with Santa
 Virginia City Ice Rink

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Noon
Ruby Valley Giving Tree
 Servicing Virginia City, Alder and Sheridan. Providing Christmas gifts for anyone in need. Tags will be on tree at Opportunity Bank in Sheridan as requests are received.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 6 p.m.:
Madison Valley Baptist Church

December 24, 5:30 p.m.
Lighthouse Fellowship
 101 First St, Ennis

December 24, 7 p.m.: Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan

CHRISTMAS DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

December 25, 12-4 p.m.:
Prime Rib Dinner
 to be served at the Twin Bridges Senior Community Center

Let us know about your Christmas services at editor@madisoniannews.com



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
9:30 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.

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.
Story Hour, Twin Bridges

Twin Bridges Library

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

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

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

THURSDAYS
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.
First and Third Thursday of Every Month
Movie at Sheridan Public Library

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

SUNDAY

2 p.m.
Live Music, Ennis
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1:30 p.m.
Second Sunday of Every Month
Sheridan Book Club
 At the Sheridan Public Library.



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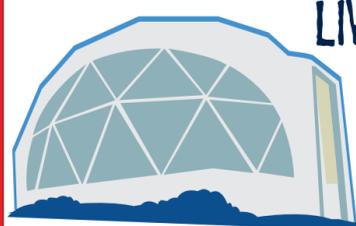
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