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Roger Thompson and his attorney Todd Whipple before the jury reentered the courtroom after deliberating for over four hours Nov. 7. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

Jack Creek Road debate continues

Commissioner Jim Hart asks for patience, vice president of Moonlight Kevin Germain asks for urgency

By JANA BOUNDS
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The Nov. 6 Madison and Gallatin Counties Joint Commission Meeting was to capacity – more seats had to be brought in.

The public comment period was robust, with a variety of projects and organizations represented.

As for agenda items, the most notable to Madison County was the debate of Jack Creek Road.

Madison County Commissioner Jim Hart discussed the complexities of Jack Creek Road. The majority of the road is owned by the private club, Moonlight, with a three mile stretch that is Madison County's responsibility.

"I have worries not only about the physical viability but also the financial viability. Kevin and I and my road foreman and Chief Farhat had an opportunity to go up through there on Friday along with Great West Engineering with that map of that three

mile stretch," Hart explained. "We're not going to get 'er done tomorrow – and I'm sure you guys realize that. It's a plan for a while – minimum 5 years, probably \$15 million – that's an educated guess and probably a poor educated guess."

He asked for patience with the process, further noting a presence on the road dating back to 1929 – the family is not thrilled at the idea of changes to what they call "their road". He referenced the high cost of fixing a slide on the Moonlight portion of the road as a means to gauge the expense.

He said there is a decent chance the road will not be the standard 28 foot wide with a 24 foot road service.

"There really isn't a heck of a lot of room to do that. We'll see what we can do. I think the only way we can do it is to take it on in chunks," he said. "That will appear initially to be bandaids, I guess. I get to work with you all and I get to work with those people who are immediately affected in that

canyon, so I kind of have to do a governmental dance."

"So, counterpoint," vice president of Moonlight Kevin Germain quipped when he was handed the microphone. "What commissioner Hart alluded to: We had a slide on our road, actually we had two of them and at the request of the county we went ahead and spent \$850,000 and \$200,000 on the other this last summer to get that road up to a full 24 foot width."

He said there is a reason Moonlight wants the road to be 24 feet wide. Moonlight, he said, has always maintained that road as open for emergencies and they want to make sure it is capable of handling emergency egress.

"But it is right now – I call it the road to nowhere because of the county's three miles. So, I'm trying to get Commissioner Hart to think bigger and faster and let's get that three miles fixed. There's a lot of tax dollars going from here to Madison County that can help fund that," he said to cheers and

Former Madison County Sheriff convicted of official misconduct

The jury could not reach a verdict on other two charges

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Former Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson was found guilty of official misconduct, a misdemeanor, in Madison County's District Court in Virginia City Nov. 7.

The jury deliberated for over four hours to decide a verdict on three charges but was unable to conclude on a verdict for the two felony charges, tampering with evidence and perjury. The result was a hung jury for the felony charges. The prosecution will have to decide at the upcoming status conference if they want a retrial. The jury reviewed testimonies and evidence presented to them in the four-day trial, which Helena District Judge Kathy Seely presided over. The state's charges were in connection to a 2017 controlled drug buy that the former sheriff arranged.

The Division of Criminal Investigation

of the Montana Department of Justice investigated a complaint that Thompson had falsified records in a sworn affidavit to obtain a search warrant, which led to the state filing charges Sept. 6, 2018.

The prosecution discovered that on June 11, 2017, Thompson used a confidential informant to buy narcotics from Martin James Walsh of Twin Bridges. Madison County officers searched the informant and his vehicle prior to the controlled drug buy and found a Crown Royal bag containing a butane torch, glass pipe and small plastic bag of methamphetamine on the informant.

After the items were confiscated, the informant went to Walsh's house to buy narcotics, as planned. The informant returned with heroin reportedly purchased from Walsh. The heroin, methamphetamine, butane torch and glass pipe were transported to the Madison County Sheriff's Office and photographed.

Thompson allegedly said that he would submit the evidence and write the narrative of the controlled buy in his report.

But according to prosecutors, in the search warrant application signed by Thompson, Thompson wrote that the informant and his vehicle were "free from any drugs." Later, it was discovered that the Crown Royal bag and its contents were not located in the evidence locker.

Nearly a year after the controlled buy, DIC questioned Thompson about the contents confiscated from the informant. Thompson said that he did not recall drugs being found on the informant before the operation but remembered the glass pipe.

The official misconduct charge against Thompson came later in the series of events, when Thompson canceled an arrest warrant for the informant. Thompson said the informant still had productive work to offer, and the county attorney approved

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Ruby River accesses at county bridges

The people's right to Montana's streams

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks constructed an access site at the Coy Brown Bridge on the Ruby River mid-October. It is the fourth access built off a Madison County bridge since the deadline to appeal the Montana Supreme Court's decision, involving the

Kennedy vs Public Land and Water Access Association case, passed in 2016.

After the 12-year saga ended in the courts, MTFWP and community members addressed infringing fencing that restricted public access to the Ruby River. The more user-friendly access sites next to four different county bridges are simple structures built

within the county's right of way.

"That's not ours," MTFWP Region 3 Program Manager Jay Pape said. "That's the public's, we just help them know they can access it."

Signs posted on encroaching fences along county bridges, which state "no river access," were paired with MTFWP signs stating otherwise.

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Howard Chrest and Mark Savinski, Sportsmen of Madison County, and Jay Pape, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 3 program manager, at the most recent fishing access site off of the Coy Brown Bridge in the Ruby Valley Nov. 5. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Sportsmen of Madison County, Mark Savinski and Howard Chrest, are involved community members assisting in the access sites in the Ruby Valley. They have their own signs at the sites, reminding people to respect the land.

"If someone is not doing that [respecting the surrounding private property] they should be ticketed," Savinski said.

MTFWP informed land owners prior to altering problematic fencing. Addressing stream access at county bridges, requires minor changes to land owners' fences. It is one day of labor for two people and the materials cost a couple hundred dollars, according to Pape.

"We're not in the business of removing everyone's fences," Pape said. "That's a county issue."

Any fencing blocking access was removed and replaced with an entry. Gates or walk-throughs were designed to allow people to enter, while

keeping livestock contained. MTFWP will negotiate with landowners to find a design that both parties can agree on.

"There's a way to allow access without being intimidating," Pape said.

Madison County's Road Committee, an appointed committee that assists the county commissioners, helps define a road as a prescriptive or petition road. A petition road is a road that a landowner at one time gave up to the county to maintain. Sixty feet is the set width of any petition road, which includes the road and the county right of way.

Historic use defines a prescriptive road. Landowners of a less populated and less visited Montana permitted use without documented agreements, it was local knowledge. The ruling in the Kennedy v PLWAA was the first time that public prescriptive roads were given a width of use. The public can use the road and the county right of way on each side, but each prescriptive road

is different depending on its historic use.

The Supreme Court ruling also established that historical recreational use is an element of determining a prescriptive road.

"The Ruby's been contentious for a long time," Pape said. "This sets the precedent."

Legally, any fence that prohibits access to a stream off a county bridge can be climbed over- it is on the county road right of way, not private property. Once in the river, individuals must remain within the high-water mark as the stream access law requires.

Often, beaten paths to the river cross onto private property lines, which is trespassing. Pape recommends staying close to the bridge until reaching the high-water mark.

Recently, Madison County built a new bridge in Laurin and took the proactive action of building a walk-through for access to the river. But the first site that was built spring of 2017, the Lewis Lane Bridge

access, is "text book style for stream access," according to Savinski and Chrest. There are access points up and down stream of the bridge, it is wide enough for a walk-through and a water craft can be pushed over the rolling PVC pipe to easily get into the river.

"Without FWP, none of this would have happen, and the three county commissioners have been very supportive," Savinski said.

As active concerned citizens, Savinski and Chrest have helped act on stream access issues. According to them, it will take the participation of others to uphold these efforts. About two weeks ago, Tony Schoonen died in Butte. He was a champion for stream access and represents the aging generation of river recreationists who have been active in these projects.

"The young folks have to get involved to keep this thing going," Savinski said.

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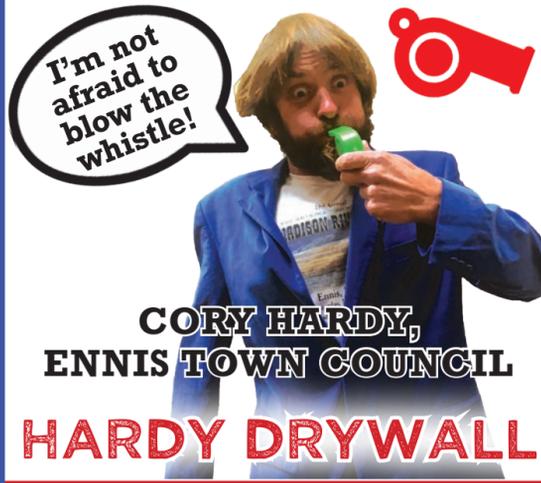
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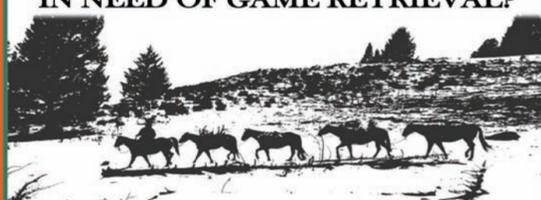
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Howard Chrest and Mark Savinski at the county bridge fishing access site on Saylor Lane Nov. 5. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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 Jay Pape, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 3 program manager said.

"That's the public's, we just help them know they can access it."



Howard Chrest and Mark Savinski post a sign at the Coy Brown Bridge to remind users to keep the area clean. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE



Tony Schoonen in the southern gap at Lewis Lane Bridge 2017, before access site was constructed. PHOTO FROM THE PUBLIC LAND AND WATER ACCESS ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE.

MISCONDUCT continued FROM A1

canceling the arrest warrant. The prosecution said in closing statements that Thompson "exceeded his authority by pulling that arrest warrant." Thompson served as Madison County's Sheriff for about four years and had been in law enforcement for over 30 years. In closing statements, Thompson's attorney, Todd Whipple, said that Thompson "broke the rules, not the law and that's a huge difference." A status conference was scheduled for Nov. 14 and sentencing hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

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JOINT MEETING continued FROM A1



Commissioner Jim Hart picked-up the microphone and approached the crowd to discuss the complexities of the Jack Creek Road issue at the Nov. 6 Madison and Gallatin Counties Joint Commission meeting. PHOTO BY JANA BOUNDS

applause from the crowd. Hart countered that the county has attempted to get funding from Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and also applied for FLAP or Federal Lands Access Program funding. The road is not eligible for any of those funds because "they literally use that phrase that Kevin [Germain] just used - and that is, 'It's a road to nowhere' because it connects to a private road." He explained that he does not mean that in a negative way, it is simply the answer they have received when they have applied for funding. Financing is the issue, he explained. "I understand the argument - and you guys clapped for it - I appreciate that, too," he said and said he understands that the property taxes collected from this part of Madison county is

"huge." "But what Dan and I, as only two of the three commissioners have to keep in mind is - it's a long way from Big Sky to Wisdom and it's a long way from Whitehall or the Jefferson River to Idaho - and that's Madison County. God Bless you all for what you do here, but we have 8,500 other people to keep track of, also. Would you try to be patient? Kevin [Germain] is not going to let up on me, I know. Chief Farhat is not going to let up on me, I know, because we are worried about safety - for you. We will do our best to get it done," he said and then joked that he did not hear any applause. One attendee asked if the road will ever be made public. Hart responded that three miles in Madison County are public, but Germain would need to an-

swer for the rest of the road. "We have maintained we would like to see that road gated and private, but there is a lot more traffic on that road than people in this room realize," he said. He explained that there are many employees who live in Madison Valley and commute to Big Sky on a daily basis. "People that need to use that road find a way to get access on that road," he said. "We have always maintained we want to see dollars flowing between the two communities and really support Madison Valley and allow people to live over there, and work over here."

Madison County's 2019 Municipal General Election Results

ELECTION RESULTS

Citizen votes for town commissioners and resort tax

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Madison County towns of Ennis and Twin Bridges voted on town council seats, while Virginia City residents voted on a temporary 1 percent increase in their resort tax. Mailed-in ballots or ballots filled out at the Madison County Annex building for the 2019 Municipal General Elections were accepted until 8 p.m. Nov. 5. Ennis voters were asked to vote on three of the four names on the ballot. Incumbent town commissioners John Bancroft and Cory Hardy were reinstated for another four years on the council. Hardy received the most votes of the election, with 188 people voting for him. Bancroft was next, with 136 votes. The new comer, Kristy Ranson, was only three votes behind Bancroft, winning a seat on the Ennis town council. Twin Bridges' election had two parts. James "JB" Klyap solidified the seat he took over several months ago as town commissioner. Voters were required to vote for two of the three names in the second section, which were four-year seats on the Twin Bridges Town Council. Incumbent Scott Holbrook won the popular vote for one of the four-year terms. With 60 votes, Holbrook returns to the Town Council. Joe Willauer won the second seat, but because he was appointed to the mayor position in October, he will not be filling it. The open seat will be advertised for residents to submit applications, and the council will appoint the position. It is uncertain when advertising or the appointment will happen. In a 98:19 decision, Virginia City will adopt a 1 percent increase in their resort tax to purchase the Central Parking Lot property. This additional 1 percent is required to go toward infrastructure, according to Montana Senate Bill No. 241. It will apply to the sale of all luxury-item and travel accommodations in Virginia City between May 1 and Oct. 31. Active May 1, 2020, the additional 1 percent will terminate when "all the debts and project costs associated" with purchasing the Central Parking Lot are completed. The 1 percent resort tax increase is predicted to bring in about another \$35,000 per year, making the purchase complete in about four to five years.

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- November 4, 2019**
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- November 5, 2019**
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan. An abandoned vehicle was located in Cameron. A theft complaint was made in Virginia City. An accident occurred in Sheridan.
- November 6, 2019**
An accident occurred in Cameron. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan. Medical aid was administered in Sheridan. A fire call occurred in Barton Gulch. A welfare check was performed in Alder.
- November 7, 2019**
An animal complaint was made in Silver Star. A citizen was assisted in Sheridan and Ennis. A wildlife complaint was made in Silver Star and Alder.
- November 8, 2019**
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges and Ennis. Citizens were assisted in Ennis. A traffic complaint was made in Silver Star. A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis. Threats were reported in Sheridan. A hunting violation was made in Ennis. A disturbance was reported in Harrison.
- November 9, 2019**
An accident occurred in Ennis. Wildlife complaints were reported in Sheridan. An animal complaint was made in Twin Bridges. An accident occurred in McAllister.

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OPINION

Virginia City mayor responds to Kim Hudson

Dear Editor,

In an era of phony political advertisements, I am not surprised that a paid ad masquerading as a legitimate article/column was in last week's *The Madisonian*. Thankfully, we've mostly become desensitized to this strategy and these ads are largely ignored.

But this advertisement was not made obvious to the reader and, predictably, it was so littered with misinformation, I thought it warranted a response.

In October, the Town of Virginia City passed a Resolution prohibiting a new Law & Justice Center (LJC) in its Historic Commercial and Historic Residential Districts. This decision was based on the potential impact a new,

large structure would have on VC, which is a designated National Historic Landmark.

• The Town of Virginia City and its residents take great pride in protecting and preserving its history. The integrity of the Historic Districts is what draws visitors to our Town. As the Deputy Director of the State Historical Preservation Office said, "a LJC may adversely impact VC's integrity of design, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association."

• VC understands and appreciates its role as the Madison County seat. The Madison County Courthouse is the oldest operating courthouse in Montana. VC as the County Seat and

the Courthouse as its centerpiece will always be an important part of VC.

• VC has four other zoning districts in which the Resolution does not apply. There have been multiple public discussions with the Board of Commissioners about practical locations (outside of these two Historic Districts but still in VC) for County growth.

• Madison County voters rejected plans for a new LJC in 2006 and 2007. The first plan called for a jail with over 60 beds. The second proposal was slightly scaled down. If I recall, the data showed that Madison County had less than a one bed per night occupancy rate. A "propaganda campaign" had nothing to do with these proposals being rejected.

An informed, fiscally-responsible Madison County electorate did.

We are very familiar with Montana law and will continue to work with our partners in Madison County as well as the State to truly serve the public's greater good.

We appreciate your attempt at enlightening us from afar (while also contributing ad revenue to our local newspaper). If you can't make it to our Town Council meetings, we livestream them on Facebook so anybody, anywhere can watch us discuss this and other topics in full transparency.

Justin Gatewood
Virginia City Mayor

Law and Justice Center would cause negative impact

Dear Editor:

Hard to know where to begin in responding to Kim Hudson's truly bent view of the history and reasoning behind Madison County's proposed Law and Justice Center in its various incarnations, or the need to revisit the discredited project now.

I suspect others will detail some of his clear misstatements. I'll just highlight a few general pieces of BS. Stating that Madison County voters were essentially gulled into believing inaccuracies about the original LJC proposal, twice and by large margins, is a clear insult to the people of this county. The idea that a relative handful of VC

residents somehow engineered two different lopsided election results by running a giant "pure propaganda" campaign is simply offensive.

The follow-up to getting beaten badly at the polls twice was that county commissioners gutted the budgets for a number of services they should be providing in order to "save" enough money to build, without a tax increase, what has been a disastrous Administrative Center that ended up shoddily built and inadequate to its purpose.

We have a huge judge's chambers, but no space for a sheriff's office. Or to rent to a badly in need Department of Revenue that has moved to Ennis as a re-

sult. And meanwhile, the alleged reasons for needing a new jail almost 10 years ago have still never been addressed at the old county courthouse building. And now they've discovered black mold, and their solution to dealing with it is to abandon the building at a cost of millions rather than pay to have it remediated at a cost of thousands. Wouldn't it be nice to see a report on this apparently incurable mold problem and a review of some options?

This whole business of having to transport Madison County prisoners to other jails at huge costs has been a canard used to justify a big new jail from the beginning, even pre-mold. It was created to justify a bad solution

to a problem of our own doing that has other more cost-efficient and rational solutions.

Kim's brazen disregard of the issue of the overall impact of a large jail on an historic community, its residents and many thousands of visitors annually, not to mention the state of Montana's significant investment here, is obvious by his failure to even mention it. His whole tiresome rant is notable for large omissions, false equivalencies and serious misinterpretations of recent history.

Jay Cowan
Virginia City

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We have so many people to thank and be thankful for: all the bus kids Mel drove for years and their kids, all the people who got their hair cut or just stopped by for a visit, all the faculty and bus barn people Mel worked with for years. We would like to thank the Ladies of the LDS Church for providing us with meals and feeding everyone at the luncheon after Mel's service. We would especially like to thank all the doctors and nurses at Madison Valley Medical Center and the Bozeman Deaconess Cancer Center that Mel loved. Thank you to everyone that sent cards, flowers, donations and came to the funeral...what an amazing tribute to him! He loved you all. We need to just thank the whole town of Ennis, so I don't leave anyone out. And to my whole family, a big thank you for all they did and continue to do for me every day.

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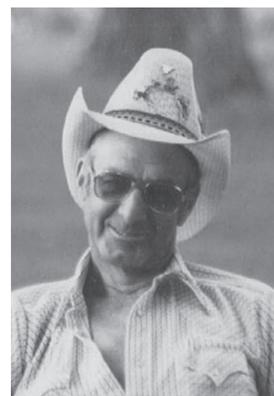
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March 12, 1928 to October 31, 2019



Donald E. Clure died of natural causes on October 31, 2019 in Great Falls, Montana. He was 91. Donald was born in Sioux County Nebraska on March 12, 1928 and was the middle of nine children. He moved to Montana when he was two years old and lived

in and around Stevensville, Missoula and Phillipsburg.

He joined the army in 1947 and was honorably discharged in 1948 after his father passed away. He met his wife JoAnn in 1947 and they were married in September 1948 and moved to Montana in 1949 where they both lived for the rest of their lives.

Donald was preceded in death by his father Asher, mother Chloe, four sisters Virginia, Evelyn, Marge, & Marie, four brothers Kenneth, Neil, Edgar Dale and Merle and his wife of 60 years JoAnn. He is survived by son Randy & daughter-in law Pat, daughter Donna, four grandchildren Timothy & his wife Amy, Meeghan and her husband Alex, Katie and Jacque and her husband Channing, two great grandsons Zachary and Jaydon all of Great Falls,

two step great grandchildren Nikki of Booney Lake, Washington & Ian of Great Falls and seven step great grandchildren Heath, Kenna & Abraham (Ian's children) of Great Falls and Isiah, Olive, Violet and Pricilla (Nikki's children) of Booney Lake, Washington, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donald worked most of his life on farms and ranches all around Montana and in Wyoming. He owned and operated his own milk truck while living in Stevensville, worked for the cannery and for Meadowland Dairy. He worked in the dairy and also delivered milk and products all over the state of Montana. Along the way he worked at Lacey Herefords and Dingwall Ranch both

in Drummond, the Jumping Horse Stock Ranch in Ennis, Flying D Ranch in Gallatin Gateway, FL Ranch in Augusta, Twin Creek Ranch in Ranchester, WY, Harris Land and Cattle in Highwood and for Dave Graff on a grain farm north of Great Falls where he and JoAnn lived for 21 years before leaving and moving to Great Falls to live with Donna where they both resided until they passed away. Services were held at Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville on November 9, 2019 at 2 p.m. Interment with military honors will follow at the Riverside Cemetery. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.whitesittfuneralhome.com.

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Daniel Arthur McKenzie May 24, 1925 to October 12, 2019



Daniel Arthur McKenzie, 94, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away October 12, 2019, at Morningstar Senior Living Center in Idaho Falls. He was born May 24, 1925 in Sheridan, Montana to William and Edna McKenzie, the third of eight children. He grew up in Alder, Montana and helped his father in the Alder Mercantile Store. He attended

grades 1 through 8 in a little two-room school in Alder and then went to high school in Sheridan. During high school, he was involved in football, basketball and threw the javelin and pole vaulted on the track team.

Upon graduating from high school, he was called to active duty in the Army on June 28, 1943. He served his country well and received an honorable discharge in October of 1946. Before he shipped off to Japan, he married Evelyn Miles. To this union was born a daughter Sandra Lee. They later divorced.

He attended college at the Texas School of Mines and Texas A & M, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. While there, a friend introduced him to the game of golf, and he was hooked for life!

He took a job with General Electric in New Hampshire.

One of the technicians introduced him to downhill skiing. This also became a favorite winter activity. He later transferred to Idaho Falls. To fill his spare time during the summer, he joined a couple of bowling leagues and also played on the GE softball team.

While in Idaho Falls, he wanted "to have a little religion in his life", and after learning of and about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, he chose to be baptized a member in 1959. Shortly after, he met and "danced his way into romance and marriage" with Dollie Ann Clayton. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on April 14, 1961.

Work took them to Schenectady, New York and it was there that their son Kurt was born. They moved to California and then back to Idaho Falls, where their daughter Beverly was born.

In 1987, they bought 5 acres of land east of Rigby, and built their log home. They turned it into a beautiful place! Dan also purchased a motorcycle and he and Dollie put hundreds of miles on their bike touring all over the USA and Canada. Dan loved to serve and was a Scoutmaster for many years. He also had great love for our country and proudly served with the local VFW chapter for over 25 years.

He was able to check off three of four things on his bucket list. One was to climb the Grand Teton, which he did. Two was to ride a motorcycle with Dollie to Alaska and back. Three was to jump out of an airplane with a parachute (done at the age of 70). Four was to hit his age in a golf game. The last he never made, but he had great fun trying!

From 2005-2007, he and Dollie served as Officiators in the Washington D.C. LDS

Temple. This was a choice experience for them. In 2009, they moved into the new Bonaventure Senior Living complex (now MorningStar Senior Living Center) in an independent cottage. The closest thing to country living they could find for seniors! This has been their home for the past 10 years and they've made many wonderful and dear friends.

We, his family, are grateful to his friends and also to the many staff members and nurses who have helped him, especially these past two months. Your kindness and love to him is so very appreciated.

Dan is survived by his sweetheart Dollie McKenzie of Idaho Falls, son Kurt McKenzie of Ridgecrest, California, and daughter Beverly (Timothy) Solomon of Idaho Falls; five grandchildren: Brittany (Jake) Picard, Kayla (Matthew) Murphy, Kendan (Callie) Solomon, Nathan (Jeannine)

Solomon, and Jenny Solomon; 7 great-grandchildren; sister Carol (Lester) Braach of Sheridan, Montana, and brothers Bennie (Ann) McKenzie of Canon City, Colorado and Bryon (Gayle) McKenzie of Allyn, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Sandra Peterson, sisters Audrey McKenzie and Bessie Bartlett, and brothers William McKenzie and Clarence McKenzie.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 at the Stanfield LDS Ward Chapel (1925 E. 49th S., Idaho Falls). The family will receive friends from 9:30-10:45 a.m. on Saturday morning at the church. Burial will be at the Ucon Cemetery under the direction of Eckersell Funeral Home. Military rites will be provided by the Jefferson County Veterans Team. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.eckersellfuneralhome.com

Betty Sykes May 4, 1931 to November 5, 2019



Betty Sykes, 88, of Twin Bridges, passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Betty was born May 4, 1931 in Bozeman. Betty was the daughter of George and Pauline Moss of Cherry Creek. She grew up there, loving her horses, dogs and cats on the ranch.

Her wishes were cremation and placed with her late husband, Jim Sykes who passed June 4, 2011.

Their remains will be buried in Red Bluff this summer with a small family ceremony.

She married Jim Sykes January 13, 1958. Eventually, they settled in Twin Bridges in 1969. Betty was involved with the town and the people. She was city council member for 13 years. 1983-1996. In 1996, she became mayor and served for 9 years until 2005. During this time and after, she was a member of the Weed Board where she served with

friends and family.

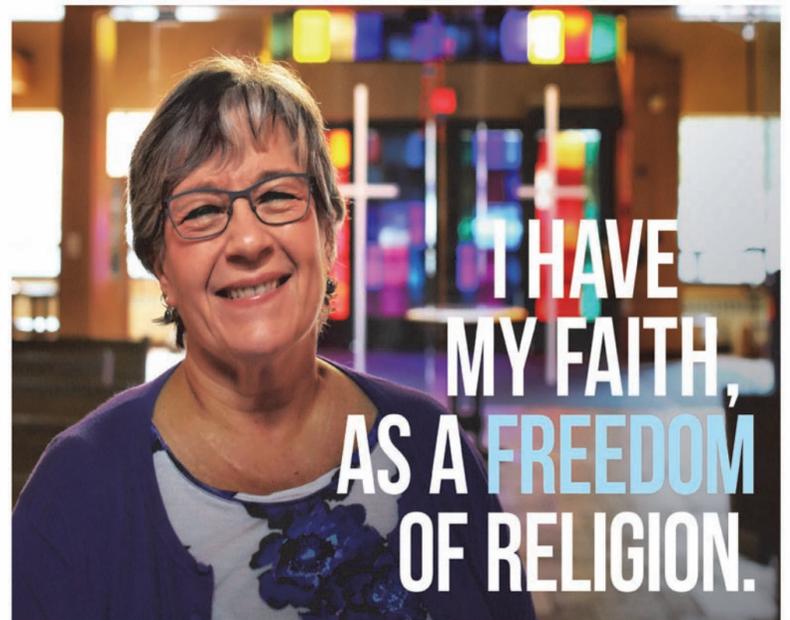
She is preceded in death by her husband, Jim Sykes and her daughter, Julia Stockton.

She is survived by her sons, Richard Gregson of Beaverton, Oregon and Robert Sykes of Caldwell, Idaho. Also, her grandchildren, Carlena Stockton, Jamie Sykes, Rich Sykes, Rachele Ayers and Nolan Sykes. And great,

and great great grandchildren.

So much more could be written about her. She was a wonderful mother and is sorely missed.

She is now in Heaven with family who went before and blessed to be with them.



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Superintendent of Ennis Schools, Casey Klasna, welcomes local Veterans to lunch with the elementary students on Veterans Day. PHOTOS COURTESY MARY ANN DOWD SUSSMAN



Twin Bridges School gathered with community to honor our Veterans with a special Veteran's Day Celebration. PHOTO COURTESY JODY SANDRU



Tammy Wham, Ennis Schools' Cafeteria Supervisor, prepared tacos for veterans from the Madison Valley Manor. PHOTO COURTESY MARY ANN DOWD SUSSMAN



Veterans pictured are(L-R) Joe Witherspoon, Jerry Bud Redfield, Doug Martin, Sean Gifford, Gary Boyer, Jim Paull, Bill Gibson. PHOTO COURTESY JODY SANDRU



Sergeant Major Sean Gifford gave a wonderful speech that was met with a standing ovation. PHOTO COURTESY JODY SANDRU

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Sheridan High School's Student of the Week is Senior, Zoe Lee. Zoe works extremely hard in all of her classes and has been involved with FCCLA, FFA, track, and volleyball her entire high school career. Zoe is very involved in FFA, and FCCLA and is the president of both of our local chapters. She has qualified for nationals in FCCLA all four years of high school. She has competed in Parliamentary Procedure and Range throughout her career in FFA. Zoe has been an honor roll student all of her high school career and is a great member of our student body. She will graduate as the valedictorian of her class this spring. She is a great example for her peers. Zoe will move on from Sheridan High School to Washington State University where she will pursue a degree in medicine. Congratulations Zoe—keep up the great work!

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HEALTH CARE

Q: A friend recommended that I invest in a humidifier this winter. Will a humidifier be helpful with colds and flu?

A: A humidifier is very useful for relieving some of the discomfort from respiratory illnesses because it moisturizes nasal, throat and lung passages. The added moisture helps break up mucus and reduces coughing. The optimal level of humidity is about 45-50%. You can measure this with an inexpensive hygrometer (less than \$20). A humidifier can also help you avoid getting sick. Studies have shown that flu germs survive and spread more easily in arid conditions. The cilia in your nose will be happier with a humidifier and will work more effectively to keep out bacteria and germs.

Cold mist humidifiers are recommended for homes with children because warm mist humidifiers are very hazardous if knocked over. However, cold mist humidifiers have a higher potential for mold spore production. With either model, it's important to clean the unit regularly to kill any bacteria.



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To answer the question above: Uninsured Insured motorist (UM) Underinsured Motorist insurance (UIM) pays for injuries, such as medical expenses, that result from an accident caused by a driver who has no or too little insurance to cover all of the injuries they caused to you and your passengers. This coverage may also apply to fix or replace your vehicle if the driver at fault did not have any or only had state minimum coverage limits.

Note: Montana's car insurance rules differ from those in place in the dozen or so "no-fault" states, where injured people are limited to filing claims with their own insurer except in specific situations. You won't need to worry about this in Montana



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

A: Chronic pain is a common problem. It consists of pain/discomfort lasting greater than 6 months. This is a backache, headache or long-term discomfort in any body part from trauma or activity.

A current study of chronic pain from the American Physical Therapy Association indicates the "physical therapist" as crucial healthcare provider to manage chronic pain. The article states "The physical therapist plays an important role in managing chronic pain." Chronic pain is a debilitating illness. Physical therapy treatment includes flexibility, body awareness and strengthening exercises. Treatment is a slow process based on functional activities.

Chronic pain is a complex problem. It requires a health care provider with knowledge and experience.



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REAL ESTATE

Q: Should I take my home off the market for the winter?

A: The myth of homes not selling in the winter is looking to be more a thing of the past. Madison County has seen a steady increase in the number of homes sold in the winter months, from December through February, since 2016. Sales prices have also continued to steadily rise in the valley as well as nationwide. According to a Realtor.com article from October 2018, The median listing price nationwide in February was \$274,900, a 10 percent increase from February 2017.

With a shortage of inventory, leaving your home on the market during the winter months could prove to be beneficial. While other sellers are taking their homes off the market until spring, the number of available homes for buyers decreases, making the odds in your favor.



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Q: Do I need to get a flu shot?

A: Well our weather the last few weeks has shown that winter (if not already here on some days) is right around the corner and with that comes cold and flu season. Have you gotten your flu shot yet? If the answer is yes...good job! If the answer is no, please get your vaccination very soon. Flu shots not only help prevent ourselves from getting seriously ill from influenza, but they also help us prevent others from getting sick. Herd immunity is the principle that the more people around us that are vaccinated, the better protected we all are. This is exactly why we should always get our flu shots if able. When getting our flu shots we are helping the elderly, young children, infants (some who are not old enough for the flu shot yet), and any adults/children with diseases/disorders that make influenza even more dangerous to get. You can get your flu shot at your doctor's office, health departments, pharmacies, and any flu shot clinics available in your area. Please call and find out where your nearest location to get a flu shot is. Flu season is here and you need to be vaccinated to help yourself and others.



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MENTAL HEALTH

Q: How can I change my thoughts and behaviors?

A: Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), is an evidence-based therapy that focuses on shifting thoughts and behaviors which can improve many psychological difficulties. Many skills can be taught by the therapist through psychoeducation and may include: relaxation, training in social skills, or developing ways to reduce challenging thinking patterns. Role play in session is a good way to learn and practice skills. Psychoeducation provided in session can then become a homework assignment to be worked on in between sessions which aids the client in becoming skilled at problem solving. Setting goals is important in CBT sessions. CBT is a helpful treatment for many struggles including: anxiety, social skills deficiencies, depression, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), obsessive compulsive disorder (ODC), obstacles with attention, and relationship issues, to name a few. With CBT therapy, the expectation is that when a similar situation arises in the future, the client will have tools to use to work through the issue.



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SPORTS

2019 Western C Divisional Volleyball Tournament Ennis Mustangs out in 3

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Ennis Mustangs advanced to the second round before losing two matches in the Western C Divisional Volleyball Tournament at Manhattan Christian School Nov. 7-9.

They first took down the Valley Christian Eagles in three straight sets (25-23, 25-17, 25-13) Nov. 7. It was a close first set but the Mustangs finished strong. Ennis senior Riley Robinson led the Mustangs in assists, as she has done in almost every match this season. Ennis sophomore Shelby Klein had a successful year for the Mustangs and contributed to their success on the court, especially at the net. For the Mustangs' last win of the year, Klein led in kill and blocks. Kennedy Davies, a senior player for Ennis, was another instrumental player in playoffs.

But the Mustangs then lost to the Manhattan Christian Eagles (25-16, 25-14, 25-5).

Granite, the other District 12C team that placed into the tournament, had a similar fate. Winning their first match against Clark Fork but losing their second match against Gardiner and third match against Hot Springs.

The Mustangs took on the Charlo Vikings, who defeated them in three close sets (25-20, 25-21, 25-21). The Vikings would advance to the championship match, placing second in the tournament. Manhattan Christian Eagles won the 2019 Western C Divisional Volleyball Tournament.

The 2019 State Class C Volleyball Tournament will be held at Montana State University in Bozeman Nov. 14-16.

ENNIS STATISTICS AT THE 2019 DIVISIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Tournament Match #2
Ennis Mustangs vs Valley Christian Eagles
Nov. 7
Win
25-23, 25-17, 25-13

KILLS
Team total: 27
Individual Leader: Shelby Klein
Individual Total: 13

BLOCKS
Team total: 5
Individual Leader: Shelby Klein
Individual Total: 3

DIGS
Team total: 9
Individual Leader: Riley Robinson
Individual Total: 24

ASSISTS
Team total: 27
Individual Leader: Riley Robinson
Individual Total: 18

ACES
Team total: 13
Individual Leader: Kennedy Davies
Individual Total: 4

Tournament Match #5
Ennis Mustangs vs Manhattan Christian Eagles
Nov. 7
Loss
25-16, 25-14, 25-11

KILLS
Team total: 19
Individual Leader: Riley Robinson
Individual Total: 6

BLOCKS
Team total: 5
Individual Leader: Shelby Klein
Individual Total: 5

DIGS
Team total: 18
Individual Leader: Shelby Klein/ Olivia Lohrenz
Individual Total: 4

ASSISTS
Team total: 17
Individual Leader: Riley Robinson
Individual Total: 9

ACES
Team total: 3
Individual Leader: Riley Robinson, Landri Paladichuk, Olivia Lohrenz
Individual Total: 1

Tournament Match #11
Ennis Mustangs vs Charlo
Nov. 8
Loss
25-20, 25-21, 25-21

KILLS
Team total: 25
Individual Leader: Shelby Klein/ Kennedy Davies
Individual Total: 7

BLOCKS
Team total: 10
Individual Leader: Shelby Klein
Individual Total: 5.5

DIGS
Team total: 28
Individual Leader: Riley Robinson/ Olivia Lohrenz
Individual Total: 7

ASSISTS
Team total: 232
Individual Leader: Riley Robinson
Individual Total: 19

ACES
Team total: 6
Individual Leader: Olivia Lohrenz
Individual Total: 3

Volleyball – District 12 C All-Conference:

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The Nearly New Shoppe on Main Street in Ennis will close for renovations from Jan. 1-18. The Madison Valley Woman's Club discussed the details at their monthly meeting Nov. 7.

The renovations will address maintenance and safety concerns and transform the cashier area to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which benefits volunteers and customers at the Nearly New Shoppe. Donations will still be accepted during normal business hours onsite.

"The new windows, lighting, paint, fixtures and floor layout will make for a brighter and safer shopping experience," MVWC publicity chairs, Wendy Gustin and Jo Campbell said.

In preparation for the renovations, the Nearly New Shoppe will have a 50% off sale beginning on the Ennis Christmas Stroll Dec. 6. It will run through Dec. 31.

Volunteers are needed to help the Woman's Club empty the store before the renovation Jan. 4.

"Big or small, they need to move it all," Gustin and Campbell said. "Any amount of time you can provide would be greatly appreciated."

Call or stop in at the Nearly New Shoppe for more details about the renovations or the MVWC. Their next meeting is Dec. 3, and anyone interested is welcome to attend.



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Friday



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overcast in the afternoon. High
51F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday



Sunshine and clouds mixed. High
42F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday



Cloudy. High 48F. Winds SW at 10
to 15 mph.

Monday



Partly cloudy skies. High 48F.
Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

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Loneliness can feel pretty big. Mateo Samardich takes a break. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON

Bright, cheery and beautiful can also seem cold, empty and alone. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON

THE LONELIEST TIME?

By KEELY LARSON
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Holidays can trigger a variety of emotions, from contentment to stress. If already predisposed, the cycle of loneliness may feel even more isolating this time of year.

Robin Marantz Henig, in the Science of Loneliness from Psychology Today, defined loneliness as difficulty controlling emotions, making decisions and interacting with others. It is a discrepancy between one's perceived social situation and the actual, commonly put as feeling alone in a crowded room. "The opposite of loneliness would be feeling connected to others," Hannah McKinney, intern with Women in Action (WIA), suggested.

Humans have been surviving in the company of others since the beginning. In fact, organizing in a collective was a crucial component of survival. John Cacioppo, founder and director of the Center for Cognitive and Social Neuroscience at the University of Chicago, spoke to this point in a TedX talk in Des Moines, Iowa in 2013. He linked aversive signals, like hunger and thirst, to complementary actions, like eating or drinking.

Cacioppo described loneliness like either of these, but instead of reacting to a physical threat, the body is responding to a social one. The stigmatization of loneliness leads to people rejecting the feeling and ignoring the symptoms. Beginning here, a cycle of loneliness and negativity strengthens each element. A study done by Cacioppo showed people self-identified as lonely

responded to negative images more quickly when shown a slideshow of pictures.

Negativity was strongly associated with both loneliness and neuroticism, in the 2017 study. Loneliness was also found to be modestly heritable, without a genome-wide connection and with a strong correlation to neuroticism and depression. Negativity manifests in the form of stress, triggering a fight-or-flight response alleviated by contact with others. Elevated stress levels result in aggravated sleeping patterns, to which Alzheimer's has been linked.

Given how closely related stress, negativity and loneliness are, the holiday season exacerbates these symptoms. "Being anxious or overwhelmed are pretty common things that tend to arise this time of year," Melissa Brummell, director of Madison County Public Health Department, explained. People are worried about buying extra food and presents, entertaining a full house and the pressure to be social. "It gets really dark outside and that can have physiological effects on us. For another (reason), you might be seeing family members or relatives you may not get along with, or haven't seen in a long time," McKinney

said.

"I feel like one aspect of what makes holidays difficult is our expectations. For a lot of folks it's sort of a fairytale you have in your head of what a family is supposed to look like at Christmas or Hanukkah," Amanda Beedy Morrison, licensed LCPC, LAC and NCC counselor, described. A person suffering with loneliness may look around and think the people they see have that fairytale perfection, and do not understand why

they are unable to attain the same thing.

Morrison takes November and early December to strategize

with her clients. "If you can get yourself into a good place before going into the holidays, you can be more resilient," Morrison said. Having a plan in place takes much of the stress and anxiety out of the holiday season. For example, "if our mother-in-law tends to pressure us at dinner about when we are having kids and we find this stressful, it helps to have some kind of game-plan for making a boundary, or having our

partner run interference so it doesn't ruin our dinner," Morrison said. McKinney mentioned boundary setting as well, as a way to ensure you are listening to yourself and to your own needs.

Close-knit communities have many resources and options for people to use to connect. "Connection is sort of at the base of everything. I think we're hardwired to want connection with others, and I think one of everyone's core fears is that they're alone. It sparks everything inside of people," Morrison said, illustrating one of Cacioppo's points.

Whether community to an individual means one person or one dozen, there are ways to get help and provide help. "I think a lot of times it is just being open and asking that person, 'How are you doing? What can I do to help?'" Brummell said. The important distinction is in the latter question, asking specifically how to help, not leaving it as a yes or no question.

McKinney encourages people to ask, how do I feel loneliness and how do I feel connection? "There's no solution for everyone. I think it'll change for every person, depending on what loneliness means to them," she explained. "Reach out to the people you know, your support group," Brummell added. Cacioppo challenges us to listen to the signals of loneliness the next time they arise. Do not ignore the feeling, get connected.

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Ways you can help yourself

Immediate resources:

psychologytoday.com: find counselors, support groups
Bozeman Help Center: 406-586-3333
National Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Meetings:

AA Meetings: Ennis (406-682-3490, 406-682-7023), Sheridan (406-855-5161), Twin Bridges (406-596-3073)
Southwest Chemical Dependency Program: Ennis (406-682-7190)
Family Support, Jennifer Johnson: Ennis (406-599-3659)

Volunteer:

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*Provide lunches at low cost, brings neighbors together.
Food Pantry: Sheridan (406-842-7843)
Participate in a Giving Tree program: Opportunity Bank in Sheridan (call 406-842-5044 for more information)
Toys for Tots: drop boxes in Twin Bridges and Sheridan (call 406-684-5179 for more information)
Join a service organization (Masons, Lions, Woman's Clubs, etc.)

Activity:

Madison Square Athletic Club: Ennis (406-682-4560)
Meditation class: Sheridan Library (1st and 3rd Monday each month, 5:15 p.m., 406-842-5770)
Yoga: offered by Sheridan's Adult Education program (Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 a.m.); Earthstar-Jen Davies, Ennis (406-581-3963); Ruby Valley/Twin Spirits Yoga (406-596-0214)
Free workout class: Sheridan School (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m., 406-842 5401)

Meditation groups: Sheridan (first and third Monday each month, 5:15 p.m. at Sheridan Library)

Church happenings:

See our fellowship page on B9

Town happenings:

Christmas Stroll: watch the Madisonian info on your local stroll.
Christmas Bazaar: Ennis (Nov. 30), Pony (Nov. 23)
Attend an art class: Ennis- Gallery 287 (406-490-1453)
Adult Education: Ennis/Kayla Way (406-682-4258), contact schools in Sheridan (406-842 5401) and Twin Bridges (406-684 5613)
Book Club: Ennis Library (406-682-7244), Sheridan Library (406-842-5770)
"An Unusual Discovery": Twin Bridges Library (Dec. 6, 6 p.m.—programming conversations and creating animated characters)

Challenge:

- For five minute each day, think of something you are grateful for.
- Ask a friend to go on a walk or winter outing.
- Bake and deliver a treat to a neighbor who does not receive much company.
- Host a Winter Solstice party to celebrate the shortest day of the year.
- Call a long-distance family member or friend you have not heard from in awhile.
- Challenge yourself to incorporate some activity into your day in a productive way: walk to the mail box instead of drive.
- Host a "Friendsgiving!"

Visit the Virginia City, Ennis and Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce websites for more information on community events. Check out the Madisonian's Outpost for continuous community events as well.

Contributions by Ke'lah Savage, Amanda Beedy Morrison, Cori Koenig and Keely Larson.

WebMD
What Loneliness Can Do to Your Body

- Weight gain
- Poor sleep
- Poor heart health
- Weaker immune system
- More likely to smoke
- Less likely to exercise
- More likely to be depressed
- Your memory and focus feel dim
- Higher blood pressure
- More likely to misuse drugs/alcohol

Various ways loneliness can impact a person physically. PHOTO COURTESY OF WEB M.D., from KE'LAH SAVAGE



Genetic testing can help to improve identification of hereditary cancer risk for breast cancer patients and their families

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare and Myraid Genetics Inc. discuss at local Breast Cancer Symposium

Submitted by CHRISTIE TRAPP

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare recently announced that Mick Lifson, MD FACOG is using hereditary breast cancer testing with BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene screenings to help identify increased cancer risk in patients and their families. Dr. Lifson and Myraid Genetics Inc., a leading molecular diagnostic company, invite

the community to learn more about BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene screenings at a breast cancer symposium held on Dec. 4, 2019 at Barrett Hospital & HealthCare.

“The BRCA1 and 2 genes are the best-known genes linked to breast cancer risk,” said Mick Lifson MD FACOG, Gynecologist Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. “Studies confirm that BRCA1 and 2 findings are often clinically actionable,

and with early identification of the mutated genes, we can help identify breast cancer risk, make informed healthcare decisions and develop plans to help manage any increased cancer in patients and their families.”

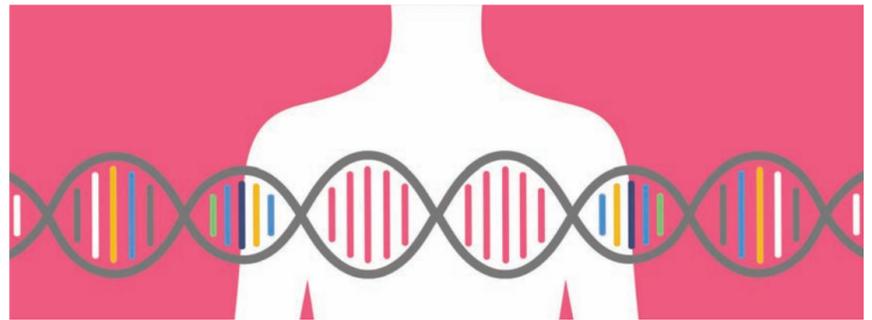
Both men and women can inherit and pass down genetic mutations. Knowing your personal and family history of breast cancer is the first step in determining if you and your

family might be at increased risk for cancer.

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board

Room of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare’s hospital lobby to hear insights to increase your understanding of breast cancer

risk issues and to learn about new developments in BRCA 1 and 2 gene screenings and health care options.



Ruby Valley Medical Center welcomes new CFO Rebecca West

Submitted by DEBRA MCNEILL

The Ruby Valley Medical Center is pleased to welcome Rebecca West as the new Chief Financial Officer. Ms. West succeeds Jeanne Gunderson who has been the interim Chief Financial Officer. As Chief Financial Officer, Ms. West is responsible for the financial health and performance of Ruby Valley Medical Center including cashflow management, auditing and participating in the

strategic planning process.

Ms. West moved to the Ruby Valley from Casper, Wyoming, where she was the Chief Financial Officer for the Wyoming Behavioral Institute. Prior to her employment at Wyoming Behavioral Institute, she was Controller and Chief Financial Officer of the Mountain View Regional Hospital & Clinic, also in Casper. Ms. West has diligently worked through increasingly demanding positions in healthcare account-

ing. Her experience includes Accounting Manager and Senior Accountant at HCA Physician Service Group in Brentwood, Tennessee and Senior Accountant at Parallon Business Solutions, a healthcare services provider in Franklin, Tennessee. Ruby Valley Medical Center’s CEO, Landon Dybdal said, “We’re very fortunate to have Rebecca’s extensive healthcare financial experience and encouraging disposition for our administrative team.”

Ms. West also worked for the State of Tennessee on the Edison Project, executing the functional implementation of the Peoplesoft Financial general ledger system. She is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfrees-

boro.

Although Ms. West started life on the east coast in Maine, she spent much of her adolescence and teen years in the west. After graduating from high school in Alaska, she lived in Boise,

Powell, Wyoming, Kalispell and Belgrade. The “West” in general, and Montana in particular, became a magnet for Ms. West after she moved to Tennessee for college. “After we got married, I told my husband that I want to go back to the West. It just took us a while!” said West. After working at Glacier Park for a summer, she felt that Montana was the best choice for her because it is very similar to Alaska but without the isolation.

Ms. West and her husband love animals. They currently care for 2 horses, five goats and three dogs. When she’s not riding or caring for animals, Ms. West enjoys gardening and fly fishing.



Ruby Valley Medical Center welcomes Rebecca West as Chief Financial Officer. PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBRA MCNEILL



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This, Our Valley Lost with the best of intentions

By Keith Axberg

I'm not a worrier. By that I mean, I simply don't fret about things. Life often throws curves, but if we keep our heads and wits about us, we can generally work our way out of most predicaments.

The other day I had to drive down to Everett to sign some paperwork regarding my Dad's estate. I ran up the address on my phone's map app the day before, saw exactly where I needed to go, and saved it. The next day I pulled up the location on my cellphone, hit the navigate button on the touch-screen and off we went. The trip was supposed to be about forty minutes, so we gave ourselves an hour to get there.

Why so early? Because I

grew up in a home where "early is on time, on time is late, and late is inexcusable." Now, I am not prone to judging people, but must confess that people who are chronically tardy grind my grits. So that's why we left the house with time to spare. It's a good thing, too.

I listened to our cellular backseat driver and arrived at the appointed place with twenty minutes to spare, only there was no there there. The address didn't exist. Horrified, I pulled over, did a search for the company I was seeking (which is nowhere as pleasant as the company I had - my wife) and it turned out the address I was looking for was not "820 street name" but "2820 street name."

I don't know how that happened, but it did, and we still had plenty of time to make our appointment.

So I reset the Navigator and it got us downtown to near where we needed to be but, once again, there was no there there. I pulled over into the last remaining parking spot in Downtown Everett (a miracle, to be honest) and called the office I was on the hunt for. I told the receptionist where I was and she gave me quick and simple directions, so we left the parked car and walked a single block to our destination and arrived - ONE minute early (so I was ON TIME!)

There's an old saying that if we want to give God a good

laugh, all we need to do is make a plan. I understand. Life, as I said, tends to throw us curves. But I also know that planning ahead saves a lot of grief. I appreciate map and satellite technology which, up until the other day, is generally dependable, but I also know it is anything BUT flawless.

I was driving along one day in the early days of civilian quality GPS, and the device kept asking me to return to the road I was on. The GPS showed me to be about fifty yards off the highway, but I could see clearly that I was on it AND in my proper lane. That same unit had me drive around in circles in San Francisco as it had no idea how to get me from where

I was to where I was heading. So, technology has its place, but it can't replace human reasoning (completely). I have heard of people driving into lakes or rivers simply because they preferred to listen to their cell phones than to use (and believe) their eyes.

One could say they should use more common sense, but I am convinced common sense is a myth - as real as a Sasquatch and as rare as a Unicorn. Trust me, I'm not pointing fingers here. If there is one thing I know, it is that I don't have a lot of common sense. That's why I plan ahead!

Planning ahead removes the teeth from many of life's worries. Before going on a trip

I always have the car or truck serviced. That doesn't mean we won't have mechanical problems, but it reduces the chance we'll have problems. Each day is a journey, according to the old cliché. It's true, so I approach each day taking care of what needs to be done so I don't need to worry about it.

Addressing every trouble spot as best I can, I'm free to enjoy my life and leave the rest to God (on time) in this, our valley.

Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at kfaxberg@gmail.com.

A WORD FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

GPS watches

By Hannah Stiff, Montana Marketplace Manager, BBB Northwest & Pacific

Raising kids in an age when everything is increasingly connected can be tricky. One incredible advantage for families are the broad range of online devices that make active schedules easier to manage. For example, GPS-connected smart watches. They offer peace of mind to parents who want to keep track of their kids to make sure they're safe. Unfortunately, some of those same gadgets provide a cyber opening for unwanted strangers.

The Better Business Bureau Northwest + Pacific warns these

devices could actually result in a greater opportunity for children to find themselves in harm's way. Parents purchasing smart watches are attracted to features such as notifications when their kids leave a designated area and cameras that show their surroundings. But predators can infiltrate these devices and use those same capabilities to find and interact with kids without their parents' knowledge.

By creating new accounts and syncing them with a user's smart watch, hackers can gain access to all the sensitive data

available on that device. Personal information targeted by hackers includes the user's current location, location history and the phone numbers of contacts.

Once a hacker has made their way onto the smart watch, they have free reign to send misleading location information to parents who monitor the device, listen in on conversations or communicate with kids directly and even use the smart watch's camera function to take the child's picture.

As internet- and GPS-connected devices become more

common, it is increasingly important to minimize the risk of having their children's privacy compromised. The BBBNW+P recommends the following tips to protect children:

- Make sure a privacy policy is in place. Children's privacy laws require that all GPS-connected gadgets, apps or other online devices marketed to kids are accompanied by a privacy policy. The privacy policy needs to clearly state the kinds of data being collected and explain how that information will be used. If you can't find a privacy policy,

you may want to find another device.

- Give your approval before giving away your information. Products marketed to kids, including smart watches, must ask for and receive parental approval before collecting data from their younger users. Parents who suspect that their kids' information has been taken without their consent should reach out to the Federal Trade Commission.

- Keep your gadgets as current as you can. Knowing when smart watches or other online

devices have been compromised is not easy. Downloading the most updated software or apps associated with those devices can help you fix bugs and halt privacy issues you or your kids may not even know are taking place.

Throughout the month of October, the BBBNW+P released cybersecurity tips and information to help consumers and businesses rethink the way they interact with internet-connected devices. Find your own cybersecurity toolkit at www.BBB.org/BBBSecure.

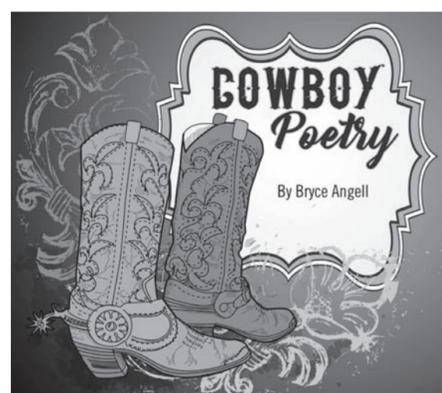
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There they sit right on the shelf. A brand-new pair of Mucks. They'd be in my possession, but I lack the certain bucks.

I could go without my Pepsi for a month or maybe two. But the headache that will pound feels like a freight train passin' through.

Well, I've got my Visa plastic for emergencies and such. I know they're kinda spendy. Do I care that they're too much?

So, I grab my precious cargo. I'm excited through and through. The clerk says, "Hundred eighty." Darn near made me cough my chew.

But to purchase I can justify. It's more than just a treat. No more sittin' in the saddle with my cold and frozen feet.

I just can't wait to wear them. Saddle up and ride ol' Blue. But now my stirrups are too small. What's a broke cowboy to do?

No way to take the boots back, 'cuz I burned the dang receipt. My wife will never know the cost. Is that what's called deceit?

The Co Op might be open. They have stirrups there to buy. Their sign says, "Closed." Whoever said a cowboy doesn't cry?

I'm drivin' to the shoppin' mall. They've got a western store. I've heard they're proud of all their gear. The stirrups will cost more.

I'm riflin' through the stirrups. Find a pair that fits my Mucks. I take em to the counter. Clerk says, "Two hundred twenty bucks."

This time I cough and choke on down my brand-new plug of chew. The clerk said, "Sure they're spendy, but they're made for guys like you."

I bought my brand-new stirrups with my plastic, once again. So does it hurt to use my Visa every now and then?

The patrons all behind me are all giving me the stare. They're prob'ly thinkin', "Poor cowboy." I hurry out of there!

I'm addin' up my purchases. Looks like four hundred bucks. And with the Gov'ner's share I'm in the class of stupid clucks.

I burned the Visa card receipt. That's safe from where I stand. And wonderin' now if my warm feet are worth a half a grand?

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- 7 Envelope part
- 11 Frosty
- 13 Wire measure
- 14 "The Amazing —"
- 15 Killer whale
- 16 Everything
- 17 Basin accessory
- 18 Intended
- 20 Burg
- 22 Sedona auto-maker
- 24 Electronic dance music
- 28 George who played 007 once
- 32 Sandbank
- 33 Lotion additive
- 34 Massachusetts cape
- 36 Knitting stitch
- 37 Pays attention
- 39 Balearic island
- 41 Went to a restaurant
- 43 Cow's comment
- 44 Responsibility
- 46 Formal decree
- 50 On the rocks
- 53 Jazz style
- 55 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 56 Pickle herb

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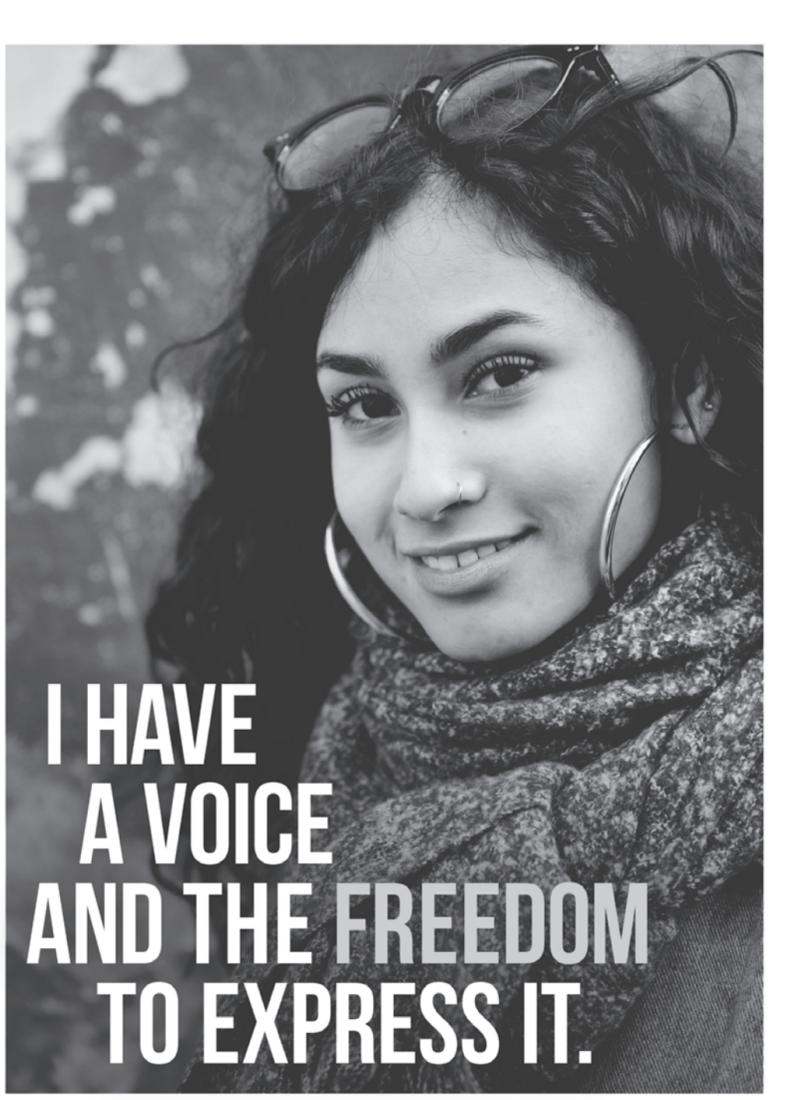
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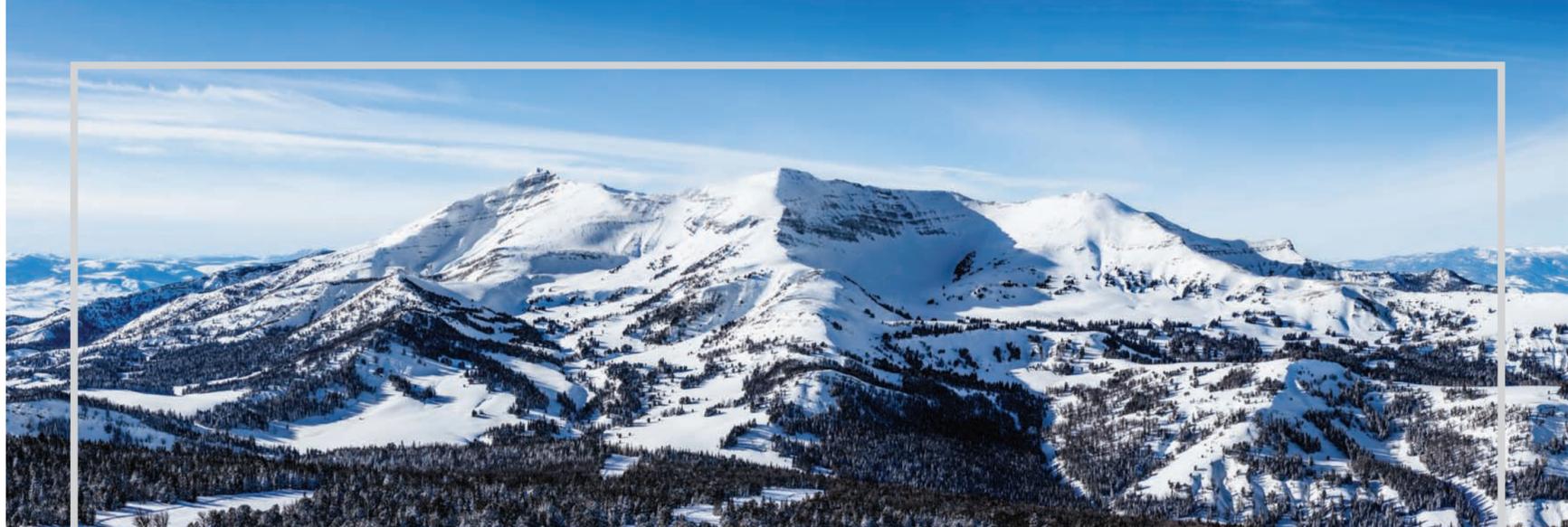
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

Montana Fifth Judicial District Court, Madison County. In the matter of the Name Change of POVILAS JURENAS, Petitioner Cause No. DV-29-2019-63 This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from POVILAS SARUNAS JURENAS to PAUL SARUNAS JURENAS. The hearing will be on NOVEMBER 15 at 11:30 a.m. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: OCTOBER 7, 2019 /s/ Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court (Pub. Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2019) Jurenas MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
Probate No. DP- 29-2019-25
OF
ALLEN G. POCHELON,

(Deceased.)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased 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 John Warren, Attorney at Law, PO Box 28, Dillon, Montana 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
DATED October 18, 2019.
/s/Mary McDonald
Personal Representative
Personal Representative's Attorney
John Warren
P. O. Box 28 Dillon, Montana 59725
(Pub. Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2019)
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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST ISSUANCE OF ONE NEW MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE

VILLAGE SPIRITS 2 LLC (, Owner(s)) has applied for one new Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 25-999-4533-009 to be operated at VILLAGE SPIRITS 2 LLC, 16 Warrens Way, Big Sky, Madison County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law. Who can protest this transfer? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Madison County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4)(d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met. What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 25-999-4533-009 and the applicant's name VILLAGE SPIRITS 2 LLC; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter. What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected. How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before December 1, 2019. What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Big Sky. All valid protesters will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protestor's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied. How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Jamie Williams, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-0712 or jwilliams@mt.gov. (Pub. Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2019)
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standards and a 35-foot-wide full-length parallel taxiway. The airport improvements associated with the Proposed Action include: acquisition of land for airport purposes; perimeter fencing; construction of a 999-foot-long northerly extension to the existing runway along with associated widening and reconstruction work on the existing runway; rehabilitation of the existing partial parallel taxiway and an extension to provide a full-length parallel taxiway; additional runway and taxiway lighting; removal of several airport buildings; reconstruction of the South Apron; taxiway improvements; relocation of navigational aids and weather reporting equipment; relocation of the self-service fuel dispensing unit; removal of 14 CFR Part 77 airspace obstructions; and amending the existing instrument approach and departure procedures. The EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines. The purpose of the EA is to assess the effects on the human and natural environment associated with the Proposed Action. The EA evaluated two alternatives—the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action which would improve facilities at the airport. The FONSI/ROD is the FAA's finding that the Proposed Action will not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment associated with the proposed improvements. The FONSI/ROD and Final EA are available for public review at the following locations during regular business hours: 1. Madison County Commissioner's Office 103 W Wallace St Virginia City, MT, 59755 2. Madison Valley Public Library 210 E Main Ennis MT 59729 3. Ennis Big Sky Airport (Choice Aviation) 35 Runway Road Ennis, MT 59729 The FONSI/ROD and Final EA can also be reviewed at: <http://www.rpa-hln.com/ennis-airport-final-ea.html> Additionally, a link for viewing the FONSI/ROD and Final EA is provided on the "Public/Legal Notices" webpage of Madison County's website. This FONSI/ROD constitutes a final order of the FAA Administrator and is subject to the exclusive judicial review under 49 USC § 46110 by the US Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia or the US Circuit Court of Appeals for the circuit in which the person contesting the decision resides or has its principal place of business. Any party having substantial interest in this order may apply for review of the decision by filing a petition for review in the appropriate US Court of Appeals no later than 60 days after the order is issued in accordance with the provisions of 49 USC § 46110. Any party seeking to stay implementation of the ROD must file an application with the FAA prior to seeking judicial relief as provided in Rule 18(a) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. (Pub. Nov. 7, 14, 2019)
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View Subdivision Phase II in the west half of Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. Comments are encouraged to be submitted and should be received by 3:00 p.m. on November 25, 2019, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planning@madisoncountymt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review 15 days prior to the public hearing at: • Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City; • Madison Valley Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis; • Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. Darlene Tussing, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. Nov. 7, 14, 2019)
Madison County Planning Board
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Request for Bids: The Madison Valley Rural Fire District Board of Trustees is accepting sealed bids, until 5:00 p.m. December 10, 2019, for the following item: 1. 1985 Emergency One Hurricane 55' Telesqurt Quint with 35,038 miles, Detroit Diesel motor, Allison automatic transmission, 1,250 GPM Hale Pump, 400 gallon aluminum tank. Minimum acceptable bid for the truck is \$500.00. The truck is being sold on an "as-is, where-is, non-compliant, non-certified" basis. All emergency equipment has been removed. The truck may be viewed at the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department Station 1 located at 5037 US Hwy. 287, Ennis, MT. Written bids must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2019 to: Madison Valley Rural Fire District Board of Trustees P.O. Box 849 Ennis, MT. 59729 Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "1985 Emergency One Fire Truck BID" on the sealed envelope. Bids will be publicly opened at Madison Valley Rural Fire Department Station 1 at 7:05 p.m. on December 10, 2019, read and recorded. Successful bidder will be announced at the regular meeting of the Madison Valley Rural Fire District on December 10, 2019. Successful bidder will be given a maximum of 30 days from December 10, 2019 to remove the truck from the property. (Pub. Nov. 14, 21, 28, 2019)
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONE CHANGE REQUEST

On November 14, 2019, 6:45 p.m., at Ennis Town Hall the Zoning Board of Adjustment will review, take comments and make a decision on a Zone Change Request application submitted by J&SH Property Management, LLC. The property for the request is described as: Love Addition of Town of Ennis, S33 T05 SRO1W Block 6, Lots 1 & 2. The request is to change the zoning from Highway Commercial to Residential Town Density. Information and a copy of the Zone Change Request application may be viewed at Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, during normal business hours. Public Comment may be given at the meeting or in writing and sent to Town of Ennis, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 58729 or faxed to 406 682-5011. Written comments must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 14, 2019. (Pub. Nov. 7, 14, 2019)
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LEGAL NOTICE

Apex Abrasives Inc. (Apex) has requested partial bond release on two acres of regraded tailings at the Glen Tungsten Mill-Tailings Project near Glen, MT. Apex reprocesses mill tailings at the site for garnet sand and other abrasive products under Operating Permit No. 00168. The mill tailings are located in Sections 4 and 5, Township 4 S, Range 9 West, approximately 2 miles north of Glen in Beaverhead County. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) currently holds bond in the amount of \$43,138. DEQ has inspected the site and believes partial bond release for the regraded tailings is warranted. DEQ is proposing a partial bond release in the amount of \$2,858 Pursuant to Section 82-4-338(5), MCA, DEQ may not release or decrease a bond until the public has been provided an opportunity for a hearing and a hearing has been held as requested. Requests for a hearing, comments on the proposed bond release, or requests for additional information should be sent to the address set forth below. Requests for a hearing and comments must be received by December 20, 2019. Herb Rolfe's Operating Permit Section Supervisor Hard Rock Mining Bureau Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901 (406) 444-3841 or e-mail at hrolfes@mt.gov (Pub. Nov. 14, 2019)
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PUBLIC NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT/RECORD OF DECISION

Improvements to Ennis Big Sky Airport (EKS) Madison County, Montana Interested parties are hereby notified that Madison County, Montana and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and the FAA has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision (FONSI/ROD) for improvements at the Ennis Big Sky Airport (Airport Location ID EKS). The airport is located in the Madison Valley of southwestern Montana approximately seven miles south-southeast of the Town of Ennis and is owned and operated by Madison County (Airport Sponsor). Madison County's purpose for pursuing improvements at EKS is to safely and efficiently accommodate the critical aircraft (or grouping of aircraft with similar characteristics) currently using and forecast to use EKS. To accomplish this, improvements and modifications must be made to facilities at the Airport in accordance with the FAA's recommended design standards and guidance to address a change in the critical aircraft using the facility. The actions described below are collectively referred to as the Proposed Action. The proposed improvements would modify the existing airport configuration to provide a 100-foot-wide by 7,600-foot-long paved runway constructed to C-II-5000

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The Board will consider the agenda item and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners who will take final action. A request for Preliminary Plat approval has been submitted by C&H Engineering and Surveying Inc. on behalf of Adrienne Kirby for Preliminary Plat approval of Kirby Minor Subdivision. Located in the Big Sky vicinity, the proposal is to divide a single 3.39-acre lot (Lot 1) from the 7.28-acre parent tract which is currently developed with a single family residence. Accessed from private Summit View Drive, Lot 1 is proposed to be developed with a single family residence to be served by a new individual well and a new onsite wastewater treatment system. The application includes a 'Variance' request to the design standards outlined in Section IV-A-9.c of the Madison County Subdivision Regulations, to allow the subdivision to be accessed via a private road within a gated community. The subject property is legally described as Lot 11A of the Amended Plat of Lots 10 and 11 Summit

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Column and photos by
THOMAS J. ELPPEL

The Missouri River bisects South Dakota as it flows south across the state. Known to South Dakotans as East River and West River, the wetter, more fertile eastern part of the state supports extensive croplands, while the larger western part features open prairie dominated by ranching and dryland farming. The two unequal halves are connected by six bridges with three additional roads crossing over dams. From our perspective, progressing from Lake Oahe to Lake Sharpe, the Missouri isn't so much a river, but a Great Moat ruled by tempestuous winds.

Pierre, the quaint small-town capitol with a population of 14,000, sits on the east side a few miles downstream from Oahe Dam, near the geographical center of the state. This central location helped bring voters to the polls to out-compete larger towns for the capitol designation when South Dakota joined the Union in 1889.

River Cities Public Transit shuttled us from our campsite into town for a nominal fee on a pre-scheduled pick up. We enjoyed visiting the State Historical Society Museum,

touring the town, and shopping for books and groceries.

Mulberry trees in town and a sycamore tree at the campground, plus unfamiliar new bird calls, were all welcome signs that we are indeed migrating southward, albeit at a turtle's pace.

John solo paddled ahead in the morning, while Scott, Chris, and I paddled six miles to Fischers Lilly Park at the Missouri's confluence with the Bad River in Fort Pierre, on the west side of the Missouri. This was the site of Lewis and Clark's "Bad River Encounter" with the Teton Sioux or Lakota that nearly brought an early end to the Corps of Discovery. Clark and the chiefs managed to defuse the bad situation without violence. The standoff, however, was not the source of the name "Bad River." The Lakota previously named the river after a flash flood wiped out an Indian village.

For us it was the Good River Encounter because we met Caleb Gilkerson, captain of The Sunset, a diesel-powered sternwheeler and the only authentic paddlewheel boat still operating on the Missouri River. Caleb was prepping the boat for an evening float, but invited us aboard for a tour and sodas.



We toured The Sunset, the only functional paddlewheel boat still operating on the Missouri.

Originally named The Spirit of Cincinnati, the boat was built in 1964 and in terrible shape when Caleb bought it in 2016. Piloting the vessel down the Ohio and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers turned into a six-month ordeal of endless repairs. Sometimes the ship drifted miles backwards when the engines failed and they

couldn't stop the boat. Finally reaching Gavins Point Dam, he had to cut the top off the boat to portage it the remaining distance via highway to Pierre and Lake Sharpe. With a great deal of TLC, Caleb refurbished the boat, renamed it The Sunset, and now plies Lake Sharpe with guests and parties.

With yet another storm

brewing, we took time to lash the canoes back together and fired up the outboard motor to tackle Lake Sharpe. Thanks to the river current flowing into the lake, we blew out of town at 7 mph, which feels astonishingly fast compared to our normal speed of 4.5 mph. We caught up with John ten miles later and clipped him on be-

hind the Contraption, then did seven additional miles to camp, twenty-three miles for the day. We set up our tents just ahead of the first drops of rain.

Despite the motorized advantage, our lives are dictated by the wind. We advanced only six miles the next day, thwarted by monster waves that loomed over our little ship. It rained

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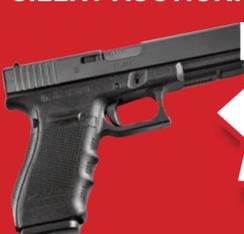


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two inches overnight. Chris was flooded out of his tent within minutes and moved into mine. We took a layover day while the storm blew itself out.

Hanging out provided a good opportunity for some botanizing. Extensive windbreaks planted as "State Game Production Areas" help replace forest habitat drowned under the artificial lake, here featuring ash trees, chokecherries, wild plums, burr oak, junipers, honey locust and lilacs. We were delighted to see thousands of monarch butterflies, apparently starting their great migration back to Mexico.

We continued our own migration when the weather finally broke, taking two days to navigate around the Big Bend of the Missouri, where the river takes a 25-mile loop before nearly coming back upon itself.

Monarch butterflies passed overhead in ones and twos. It's hard to believe any creature so small and delicate could migrate so far, yet they were moving far faster than we were.

In another good river encounter, Mike and Terri Mehlhaff and son Johnny of Pierre very kindly drove the canoe trailer from Oahe Dam to Good Soldier Creek Recreation Area to help us portage around Big Bend Dam, one more major hurdle out of the way!

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The Sunset is a sternwheeler with two diesel-powered paddle wheels on the back of the boat.

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315 W Main Street: Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Reservations 682-4422. To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in.

Thursday November 14 – Corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, dessert - "Red Hat Ladies"
Friday, November 15 – Patty melt, sweet potato fries, veggie sticks, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.
Monday, November 18 – Turkey bacon club, chips, pickle, dessert - Mahjong @ 1 p.m.
Tuesday November 19 – Pot roast, mashers, veggies, dessert - Pan at 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday November 20 – Breakfast casserole, fruit, toast, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.
Thursday, November 21 – Baked chicken, veggies, twice baked mashers, dessert - "Happy Birthday"
Friday, November 22 – Cheese steak, onion rings, fruit, dessert - Pinochle, at 12:30 p.m.

SHERIDAN SENIOR CENTER
The Sheridan Senior Center is closed and meal service has commenced at the new facility.
201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic). M-F at noon for meals, \$4.

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Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at 114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN
The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older, Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered for \$4.50. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m.
Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

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, November 14 - Mac n' cheese, ham, veggie and dessert
Tuesday, November 19 - Fish and chips, dessert

TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER
The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated.
Fresh home baked bread served with each meal
Activities:
Monday is Bingo with Gayle
Wednesday is cards, games and puzzles
Blood pressure clinic (with county health nurse) - Each last Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 13 - Baked mushroom chicken, rice pilaf, veggie, green salad, citrus cornmeal cake
Friday, November 15 - Mediterranean pot roast dinner, spinach salad, baklava
Monday, November 18 - Chicken noodle soup, crackers, veggie wrap, chocolate brownie

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In Lifering, we offer each other peer-to-peer support to encourage personal growth and empowerment. Those interested in participating, can call 682-4463.
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FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking
682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis
843-5352 Virginia City

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:30 p.m.
Sheridan Legion Post Open House and Veteran's Symposium

Several veteran members will be on hand to discuss their service history and experiences while in service to their country. Light snacks will be provided at the Legion Post 89 in Sheridan.

9 a.m.

Coffee TALK: Water Rights with guest speaker Lori Harshbarger

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of every month for coffee and conversation as we discuss issues that affect the real estate industry. This month we have a guest speaker, Lori Harshbarger, who will be providing insightful information on Water Rights. Call 682-5337 to sign up. Located at FATCO.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Noon
Brown Bag Lunch with Mike Dennison: Inside MT Politics

The Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives will continue its Brown Bag Lunch series with a presentation by journalist Mike Dennison.

1 p.m.

Madison Valley Book Club

The Madison Valley Book Club will meet at the Madison Valley Public Library. The Alice Network by Kate Quinn will be discussed. Barbara Hoag will lead the discussion. Any interested readers are welcome to attend.

3 p.m.

David Smith at Ennis Senior Center

A native of Jeffers on a history of Jeffers in the 1950s.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sustaining Working Lands Amidst Large Carnivores
Alder Fire Hall
See ad below.

5 p.m.

Virginia City Elks Lodge Fall Feed and Music

Please come and support the Elks. We are trying to raise money to stay open. Tickets on sale from an Elks member.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

11 a.m.
Madison County Democrats Meeting
Meeting in the Thompson-Hickman Library in Virginia City.

2 p.m.

Meet Whitney Williams, Candidate for Governor

Come to the Virginia City Library to learn about her background and ideas, and to ask questions of her as well.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Noon - 4 p.m.

Stain Glass Mosaic Class, Ennis

At Artists on Main, Sunny Jaye will teach the class.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

4 p.m.

Ennis School Board Strategic Planning Meeting

Review goals and action plans for the school district's strategic plan at Ennis High School.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Noon

Mad Gals Monthly Luncheon

At Famous Dave's BBQ in Bozeman. RSVP by Monday Nov. 18 and bring a friend!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pony Holiday Bazar

DC club lunch served at the Hollowtop Senior Citizen Building.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Noon

Ruby Valley FFA Alumni Auction

Free lunch followed by a live and silent auction of over 100 items ranging from Christmas toys and gift certificates to farm & ranch supplies and hay at the Sheridan Elementary School.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:30 p.m.

Mental Health Support Group

At the Madison Valley Medical Center.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 AND 14

5:30 P.M.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Noon

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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.

11 a.m.

Second Tuesday of Every Month, Cardiac Support Group
Heart to Heart meets at the Ennis Public 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. Call Gale at 406.842.5600 or Karen at 406.842.7164

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.

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Support group, Ennis

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

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. Jeanne, 682-3299

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, 682-7244

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

FRIDAYS

11 a.m.

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

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