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Surveys conducted post-hunting season

Winter and spring data informs regulation and management

By KEELY LARSON
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Seven trend areas were surveyed post-hunting season by wildlife biologists with Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP). Information from these surveys was used to produce doe to buck ratios and additionally informs regulations and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) management.

Both in the Tobacco Roots and Snowcrest Trend Areas, deer remained scattered. In the Tobacco Roots deer were found in low-elevation foothills and also at 8,000 feet. Surveyors went out of the typical winter range for deer in Snowcrest to get a better sample size. Deer were found at 9,000 feet on the

Gravelly and Snowcrest side of the Ruby Watershed.

Spring and winter surveys are conducted differently to result in distinct information from each survey.

“During the post-hunting season, which is in that early to mid-winter just after hunting season, we’re conducting these aerial surveys and the goal is to look at enough deer to get a sample of the population that we classify as bucks, does or fawns to tell us with a lot of confidence the ratio of the sex and age classes within the population,” Dean Waltee, wildlife biologist with FWP, said.

Winter surveys are more about population health, looking at fawns produced per doe and the number of bucks that survived the hunting season.

Spring is focused on information about population trends.

As the grass starts to turn green, surveys will be conducted to get population trend data on mule deer post-winter and hunting, times of the year with the highest mortality rates. In the spring, mule deer come out of a starvation period and congregate around the first patches of grass. Biologists are able to see whether the population has increased, decreased or stayed the same.

In terms of regulation, big changes are not anticipated locally. “I have one relatively minor change I’ve recommended for elk,” Waltee said. This involves elk in District 333, the north side of the Tobacco Roots. The number of elk there continues to grow above man-

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A BATTLE TO THE END

Sheridan's Hartson VanHouten cuts to the net in the first half against Mustangs Jan. 31. See more sports on page 10. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

Planning Board meets for January

Lee's Pool Subdivision public hearing postponed

By KEELY LARSON
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The Madison County Planning Board met on Monday, Jan. 27 to discuss a postponed public hearing, a new addressing system, variances and meeting format. The next meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 24.

The Lee's Pool Subdivision public hearing was postponed by the applicant's request and has not been officially rescheduled. “The applicant wants to re-work some particulars of the submittal because he was not pleased that the findings of the staff report (based on the original submittal materials) did not support approval of certain proposed details,” said Alex Hogle, Madison County planning board director.

A newly scheduled public hearing is anticipated, and additional information may or may not be submitted for review by the Board. The public hearing will be rescheduled and re-noticed whether there is new information or not.

Minutes from the September and November meetings were approved. Pat Bradley, vice president, was concerned about

a conservation easement proposed by Montana Land Reliance and its effect on wildlife in the area. She wanted to include in the minutes a letter she wrote that, “expressed high concern for perceived negative and unusual conservation allowances on this wilderness area.”

The monthly report included the following items: County Commissioners reviewed the Board report from November and a variance for the Kirby Minor Subdivision was approved, a family conveyance in the Wisconsin Gulch area was reviewed twice, Lee's Pool Preliminary plat was reviewed and the Montana Club Phase Two final plat was deemed not complete for review. Additional information on this was requested by Alex Hogle, director.

Six temporary addresses were made permanent and the Board has made progress on the backlog of temporary addresses, taking care of 200 or so thus far. The method of assigning addresses to homes became a focal point.

“The method for plotting a point that's geo-referenced has entailed literally driving to every location with a GPS unit and capturing data manually

for all of them with no discretion about location or characteristics about the property,” Hogle said.

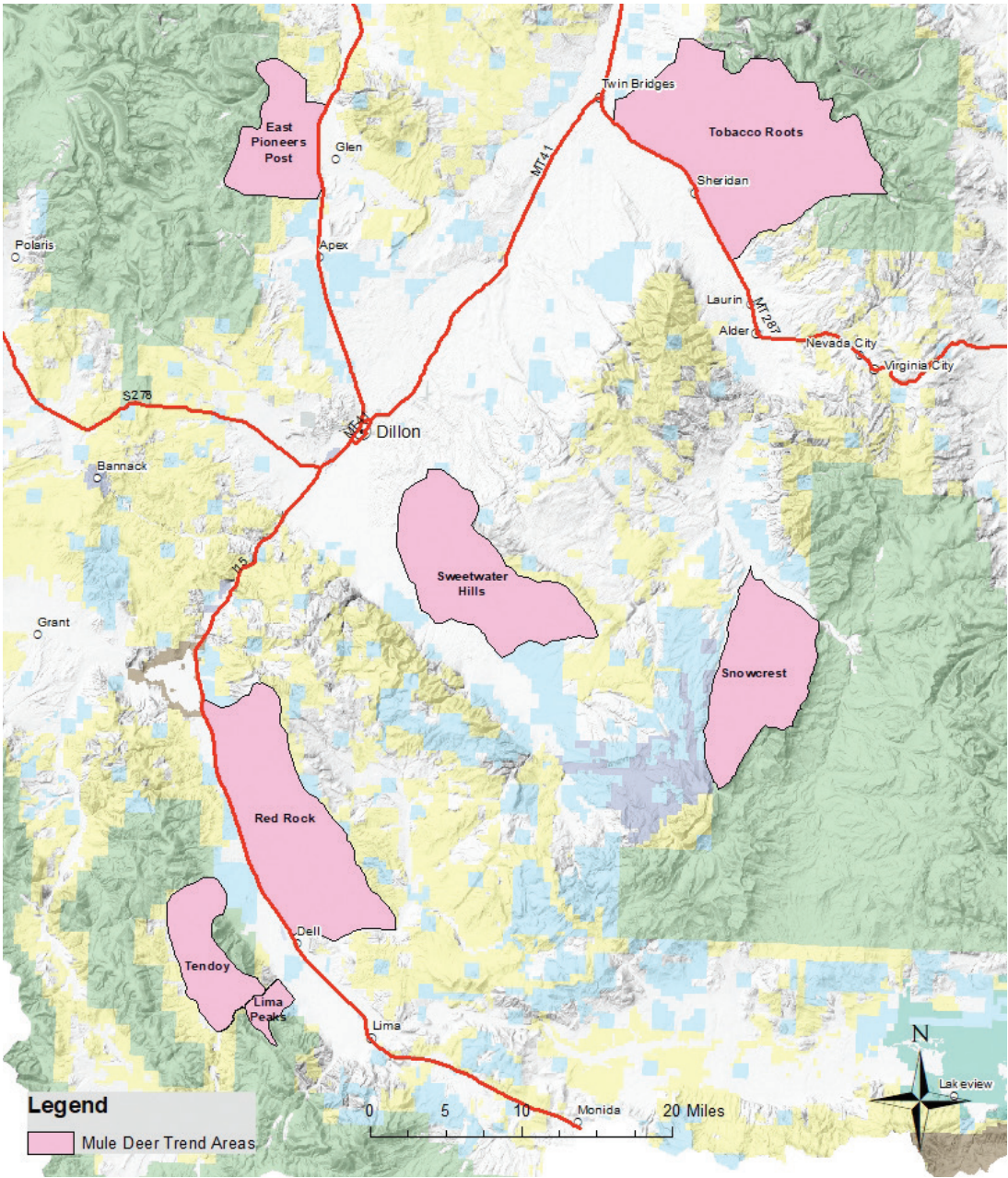
Hogle recommended plotting the address points on the Geographic Information System (GIS) system from a desktop based on material submitted from property owners. This should include pre-construction safety review application information and be as complete as possible. Addresses are typically assigned where the driveway meets the road.

For now, the policy is to use the GIS system and information from property owners to map addresses, without physically going to the location.

Variances were the talking point during the board functioning segment of the meeting. Hogle read part of the Montana Code provision for granting variances to the Board to start the discussion.

“It's really key to remember to start with the findings that are the basis for your ideas and then make the motion. So, if the findings in the report recommend against a variance but you're compelled to agree with an application, the findings wouldn't support agreeing,”

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This map includes boundaries of the trend survey areas. Biologists survey in geographically defined areas, unable to count the exact number of total deer. PHOTO COURTESY OF FWP

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Hogle said.
Bradley expressed a desire for meetings to be held more formally when public hearings are held, and generally for all meetings.

The Madison County Planning Board get down to business at their Jan. 27 meeting. (L-R) Michele Schrock, Alex Hogle, Rita Owens. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON

SURVEYS continued FROM A1

agement objectives.
Waltée proposed creating a second hunting license, an elk B license, with a large quota and getting it to hunters who frequent the area. It would only be valid out of National Forest land, where population is the highest. The final decision on this proposition will be made in February.
After Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) entered Montana, Waltée mentioned considering an increase in antler-less harvest for white tailed deer, looking for more samples to gain a better perspective of the scope and prevalence of the disease.
Two white tail bucks have tested positive for CWD in the Ruby Valley so far. One potential sample came back negative from a deer in Beaverhead County. FWP continues to look for symptomatic deer, using information gathered from samples to indicate the spread of CWD and make management decisions based on this information.

Schools brainstorm solutions

Countywide school board meeting

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Madison County schools discussed shared issues during the annual countywide school board meeting in Harrison Jan. 29.
The meeting led to discussions on solving some of Madison County's struggles in its school districts. Representatives from the county, schools, and school boards looked to their peers for advice or demonstrated their successes on mental health, bus drivers, E-busses, vaping and staff housing.
Schools' mental health services were fresh on the minds of those in the room. In the wake of a Harrison student's death, it took the community of schools to provide Harrison with around the clock mental health services for its students.
Schools around the area offered Harrison their counseling services. Harrison has a full-time therapist, Dorothy Berdine, who waived her fees for every student because of the emergency.
"We're a tiny school, but she stays busy," Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman said.
Harrison is the only school in Madison County that hired a therapist to replace a counselor. They call it DorothyCare and according to Hofman, the cancelation rate is a lot less.
Berdine came to Harrison through Altacare, Montana's leading provider of in-school intensive outpatient treatment for behavioral disorders. Altacare was not working for Harrison, but DorothyCare is working. Ennis Schools also moved away from Altacare, but the provider works in Sheridan Schools.
Transportation is another major issue for rural communities like Madison County. Recruitment and retainment of bus drivers and long routes are the major factors that limit rural school districts. Harrison uses E-busses, which are vehicles that have a five-star safety rating.
"Rural districts in counties such as ours can use this option to transport our most precious cargo in a flexible and efficient way at a lower cost to our local tax payers," Pam Birkeland, Madison County Superintendent of Schools said.

Representatives from the county, schools, and school boards at the Madison County School Board meeting in Harrison. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 23 School Board Roundup, The Madisonian incorrectly stated that: "The Ennis School Board approved to purchase a new school bus Jan. 8. It will replace the 2008 Varney route bus that has 72,000 miles."
To clarify, Ennis Schools is replacing bus #11, which is the Varney Route Bus. They are not trading #11 in, but keeping it as a backup bus. #11 bus has hours that equal approximately 220,000 miles.
They will be trading in bus #8, which is an older and smaller bus that no longer fits the school's needs.

Twin Bridges School Board meets for January

District in need of more bus drivers

By KEELY LARSON
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Twin Bridges School Board met on Tuesday, Jan. 14 to discuss a mentoring program, Little Dribblers basketball and the need for more bus drivers. Different policies were approved, and Board elections were discussed.

Teachers and students from the elementary and high school presented on a new mentoring program. In this program, high schoolers meet with elementary students on Tuesdays

and Wednesdays before the academic day begins. Older students help younger ones with homework, they have breakfast together and if time allows, play games together.

“We see each other all the time, but we may not know each other’s names,” Superintendent Thad Kaiser said.

Elementary principal, Cindy Brown, and a parent helper, Trisha Smith, organized the Little Dribblers basketball program for young students. They practice during lunch and at halftime during varsity games,

the Little Dribbles take to the court. “Of course, everybody enjoys that,” Superintendent Kaiser said.

Superintendent Kaiser presented on grants the District received in the past month, nearing almost \$8,000. Different teachers received some of the money for things like classroom Bluetooth speakers or healthy snack options. The largest sum came from the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant, totaling \$3,060.

Need for bus drivers is

crucial. There are only three currently and three substitutes. The Board has approved to increase the pay of special trip bus drivers and after the second pay increase next year, the pay rate will be within the high average of surrounding Districts.

Type “E” School Buses were brought up by Superintendent Kaiser as a solution. This E Bus carries 10 or fewer passengers and would be an option for transporting students to events if there were not enough route or trip drivers. A motion was

passed to do research and cost analysis for this option.

Voters approved a technology levy last year and Superintendent Kaiser explained where the \$50,000 in technology funds was being used. A new cell phone policy will be implemented next school year and a single extra and co-curricular travel plan was approved. Before, numerous handbooks contained conflicting policies that made procedures confusing.

In terms of sporting events, the Montana High School As-

sociation approved Philipsburg and Drummond moving west to the 13C District. Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Ennis now are in the 11 and 12C combined District.

Next year, 5th grade teacher Terri Calvert will retire. School Board elections for the next year were discussed and the deadline for Trustees to call for an election is Feb. 25. Conditions such as the date, purpose, method, locations and boundaries for each election and time the polls will open must be decided by this date.

COURTS

Guilty of elder exploitation

Jennifer Rose Lince of Silver Star pleaded guilty to elder exploitation, a misdemeanor, in Madison County District Court Jan. 27.

According to the affidavit between May 2018 and Dec. 2018, Lince used her grandmother’s credit cards and funds for her personal gain. Law enforcement calculated she spent over \$900 on purchases ranging from electronics to cosmetics.

Lince’s pre-sentence investigation will be updated before she is sentenced. She was transported back to the Gallatin County Detention Center.

No parking on private property

Ryan Wayne Burns of Ennis pleaded not guilty to burglary, a felony, and two misdemeanors, criminal trespassing and criminal mischief Jan. 27.

According to the affidavit, Burns broke into a garage on the former Norris Labs Inc. property to store some of his belongings. The property’s caregiver noticed the lock on the garage door was removed Nov. 14, 2019. A pull-behind camper, several boxes and tools were placed inside. The camper had Montana license plates and was

registered to the Norris School House.

On the table, officers found Burns’ licenses and a social security card. Burns’ father was a former employee of the chemical testing lab and lived on the property before the business shut down several months prior. Burns damaged the garage door to get inside, totaling under \$1,500. Burns was arrested Dec. 12, 2019 in Gallatin County.

According to court documents, Burns said that his father had told him that he could park his camper in the garage. He stayed one night there and left the next day, according to Burns’ interview with officers. Burns did not take anything from the garage but illegally obtaining someone else’s property is grounds for a burglary charge.

Burns bond was set at \$2,500 in Madison County’s District Court.

In connection to the Harrison Post Office break-in

Ashley Elizabeth Noorlander of Bozeman pleaded not guilty to obstructing justice, a felony, and driving with a suspended license, a misdemeanor, Jan. 27.

The Harrison Post Office was broken into June 16, 2019. Noorlander’s boyfriend, Randolph Taylor, and River Fortney of Livingston are the

two suspects currently charged for the break in.

According to the affidavit, Noorlander told officers that she drove Fortney to Livingston the morning after the break in. She indicated to officers that she knew of the stolen packages in her and Taylor’s basement before taking Fortney.

Taylor later took officers to the stolen packages and placed the responsibility on Fortney. According to court documents, Fortney told officers that Taylor was the culprit.

Court documents show that Taylor, Fortney and Noorlander each told law enforcement that Noorlander drove Fortney to Livingston the next morning. Each had a different reason for making the trip.

McAllister jobsite burglary

Joshua Wayne Robinson of Butte pleaded guilty to a felony charge Jan. 27.

Robinson’s former employer of three weeks reported several tools were stolen from his job-trailer Feb. 7, 2019. The trailer was broken into and less than \$1,500 worth of tools were taken.

According to the affidavit, Robinson’s ex-girlfriend contacted the subcontractor to tell him that his tools were sold at a pawnshop in Great Falls. He was able to retrieve 10 of the

tools there. Surveillance footage showed a man and woman pawning the tools at the pawnshop. They matched Robinson’s and his ex-girlfriend’s profile.

Robinson will be sentenced at his next court appearance and his \$2,500 bond was continued. Robinson was transferred to the Silver Bow County Jail where he is being held on different charges.

WATCh Program Sentencing

Bradley Richerson Cooper from Alabama was sentenced for a fourth drunk driving conviction Jan. 27.

Madison County District Court sentenced Cooper to 13 months at the Montana Department of Corrections. The judge recommended Cooper the Warm Springs Addiction and Change Program in Glendive.

The treatment program is an alternative to jail time for a fourth or subsequent drinking and driving conviction. Upon completing the six-month program, Cooper will be able to finish the remainder of his sentence on probation. He will serve a suspended three-year sentence at the same time. Cooper was also fined \$5,000 for operating a noncommercial vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more, which is a felony the fourth time.

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OPINION

CWD/Yellowstone: CWD-Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy

Dear Editor,

Similar to Mad Cow Disease in Cattle, CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) is an enzymatic disorder of the Central Nervous System (CNS) of deer & elk caused by mis-folded enzymes (Prions). Normal Prions are chaperone proteins, responsible for regular protein production. However, not being a "Natural Disease" (CWD was created by humans due to feed lot malpractice), complex cascading enzymatic pathways have been corrupted, causing normal prions

to act as bad "seed crystals" in miss-folding normal proteins of the CNS. Transmissible to other herd members through contact, CWD proteins are shed into the environment, and are stable, like a bacterial spore, surviving for two years contaminating salt licks or soils.

Having watched the 10 year March of CWD across the West, it has arrived in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) in 2019. According to Yellowstone biologists, the only practical way to manage Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the Park, is

prevention. A Yale University research project* in 2019 Suggesting establishment of a CWD free Buffer Zone surrounding the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) to protect; or if already too late, delay spread of this "Game Farm" disease into the local wildlife. If left unmolested, (as has already happened at Wind Cave National Park) CWD will eventually kill all the elk of Yellowstone's Northern & Southern Herds.

Grass roots organizations, including the Northern Plains Resource Council, Bear Creek

Council of Gardiner and the United Women of West Yellowstone have joined the local STEM Learning Center in supporting the Yale Study and have written to VP Mike Pence

about declaring a national emergency to keep CWD out of Yellowstone including (Testing/ special hunts & management actions).

Please follow-up & support their letter writing campaign!

Robert Lindstrom,
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Gene Gandenberger November 24, 1941 to January 26, 2020



Kenneth Gene Gandenberger was born Nov. 24, 1941 in Whitehall, Mont., to Albert H. Gandenberger Sr. and his wife, Alma L. (Comer). After graduating from Whitehall High School, Ken enlisted in the Air Force. After basic training, he was stationed at Wurtsmith A.F.B. in Oscoda, Mich. There, he met and married Shirley M. Dan-



iels, the "love of his life." They were married for over fifty-five years and shared one daughter, Suzanne Lynne.

Ken's Air Force days took him to an isolated tour to Goose Bay, Labrador, where he was a radar tech for the 101 fighter jets. He was next stationed at Bergstrom A.F.B. in Austin, Texas. After eight years of service,

Ken went to work for the BLM in Billings, Mont., as a 2-way radio technician from 1968 to 1983. As radio technician, Ken worked with SCS (SNOTEL) building sites in all areas of the Bob Marshall Wilderness where he monitored moisture levels in snow and rain.

Ken retired December 1995 from civil service and moved to Pony, Mont. Pony felt like home because of Ken's many visits to his grandma and grandpa, Tom and Mary Comer. He had fond childhood memories hunting with his brothers, Don and Bob, for deer, elk and pheasants in the Tobacco Root Mountains and fishing on the Madison and Jefferson Rivers. He began his retirement by remodeling his hunting cabin and making it their home. He also found he loved

to attend government auctions where he purchased old computers, reselling salvaged parts.

Ken is proceeded in death by his parents Albert and Alma Gandenberger and brothers: Albert, Tom and Bob. He is survived by his brother Don of Missoula, his wife, Shirley of Pony; daughter Suzanne L. (Jerry) Schaul, Grandsons: Dylan (Taylor) Schaul, Wade Schaul and Tanner Schaul. Also, many cousins, nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at K & L Mortuary in Harrison, burial directly after at the Pony Cemetery. A luncheon reception will follow the services at Pony's Hol-lowtop Senior Center. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Madison Valley Hospital or the Madison Valley Manor.

Betty Sauer November 10, 1932 to December 11, 2019



In the early Morning of Dec. 11, Betty peacefully passed on in her home surrounded by her family. Betty was born in Chica-

go, Ill. Her parents Charles and Evelyn Boyd were from Ireland. She was one of their four children; her older brother Ronald (Buddy), Mickey and youngest sister Mary. Sadly before

Mary was born, their father had passed on leaving the young family at the mercy of the church.

Betty learned to become a hard worker and a responsible caregiver. She did what ever it took to keep her family together. In 1952 she married Donald Wayne Sauerwein.

Together they had two

children, daughter Cary and their son Donald. Unfortunately, their marriage ended in the late sixties. Needing a change of scenery and a shorter last name, Betty and her kids moved to Tempe, Ariz. where they enjoyed a great life together. Betty wore many hats in her lifetime but when she became a certified caregiver to people with special needs, she found her true calling. She enjoyed working for many years helping people.

In 1988 Betty's longtime dream of becoming a grandmother came true when Dennis

Wayne was born. They shared a very special bond so much so she left the warmth of Arizona to move to Virginia City, Mont. She Loved Montana except for the cold winters. As long as she had her family close her heart was filled with love and warmth.

Betty joins her parents and siblings and leaves behind her children and grandson.

Thank you Betty for being our guiding light. Everyone is truly blessed to have you in their hearts forever. To honor Betty's wishes there will be no service.

Melvyn LeRoy ("Lee") Sprout April 16th, 1941 to January 21, 2020

Melvyn LeRoy ("Lee") Sprout died on Jan. 21, 2020 at Madison Valley Manor in Ennis.

Lee was born in Chicago, Ill. on April 16, 1941 to George and Elaine "Gretchen" (Bovee) Sprout.

The Sprouts moved to Wilsall, and eventually settled in Ennis. Lee attended school in Ennis and graduated from Ennis High

School in 1959.

After graduation, he attended Western Montana College and Montana State University. He served 2 years in the Army at Fort Bliss, Texas, and ran the Enco station in Ennis for a brief time. In 1971, he began driving for A.M. Welles. He worked there until his retirement in 2007. He married Jody Wortman

in 1966 at the Episcopal Church in Jeffers, MT. They had two children, Craig and Cory. They divorced in 2006.

Lee enjoyed the outdoors. He spent his free time snowmobiling in the winter and boating in the summer. He was secretary of the "Poachers" bowling league for a number of years, and was a member of the Elks Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Cory. He is survived by his brother Richard "Dick" (Shauna) Sprout of Bozeman, Mont., son Craig (Cammy) Sprout of Cibolo, Texas and six grandchildren.

Per his final wishes, a small service will be held at a later date. The family asks that memorials be sent to Madison Valley Manor.

Ray McCoy Strickland

Ray McCoy Strickland 85, died Jan. 13, 2020 in his home in Phoenix, Ariz.

He leaves behind Linda, his wife of 38 years; his three sons, Jeffery, Gregory,(Ann Marie) and Richard (Christine); his two step sons, Dennis (Beth Ann) and Timothy (Sherri) Barksdale; 12 grandchildren and 18 great grand-

children; two sisters Bonnie Harkey and Sharon Stringfellow, both of Tucaloosa Ala; and a niece Jerri Thompson of Tempe, Ariz.

Ray was born in Berry, Ala. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He of was stationed in Hawaii, Japan, San Diego, and Luke Naval Air base in

Arizona.

Ray was a cowboy at heart and stayed in Phoenix. He hired on with the Phoenix Fire Dept. After 21 years he retired. After all the years of hot summers he wanted some place that was cool to spend his summers. One trip to Ennis, Mont. and he was hooked. He bought logs, cut them

into square logs and built a log cabin on his 20 acres. His first love was his horses (thank you DRs White) he worked with a couple of ranchers tending and moving cattle.

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January 26, 2020

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan. An accident was reported in Sheridan. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.

January 27, 2020

An accident occurred in Nevada City. A traffic complaint was made in Alder. A dog complaint was made in Alder. An order of protection violation was served in Ennis. An abandoned vehicle was reported in Alder. A scam complaint was made in Ennis.

January 28, 2020

A scam complaint was made in Sheridan. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges. Theft was reported in Sheridan.

January 29, 2020

An accident occurred in Cameron. An animal complaint was made in Twin Bridges. Citizens were assisted in Ennis and

Cameron. A dog complaint was made in Glen. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cameron. Warrant service was performed in Alder.

January 30, 2020

A dog complaint was made in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis. An assault complaint was made in Sheridan.

January 31, 2020

A dog complaint was made in Ennis. A welfare check was performed in Cameron. Fraud was reported in Pony.

February 1, 2020

An alarm was responded to in McAllister. An accident occurred in Cameron. A scam complaint was made in McAllister. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Norris. Medical aid was administered in Ennis.

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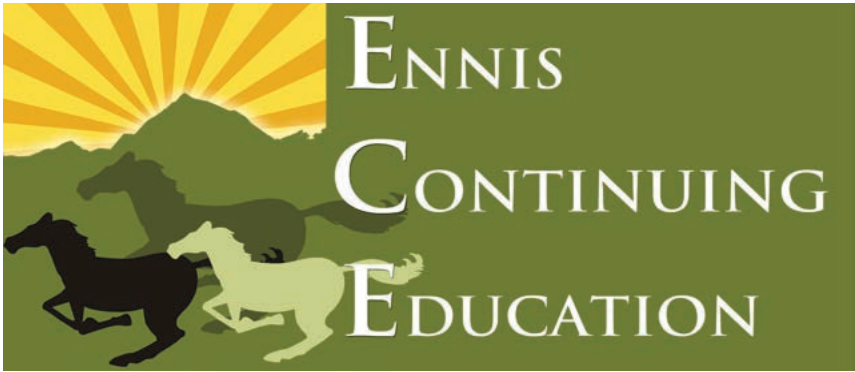
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The Nearly New Shoppe

“This is not a thrift store, it’s a destination.”

Ennis’ iconic, second-hand store, the Nearly New Shoppe, re-opened its doors Jan. 21. The Madison Valley Woman’s Club closed the shop for necessary maintenance Jan. 1. It took less than three

weeks to create a safer and brighter store. “We feel it was a community effort and all of these people volunteering made it possible,” MVWC president Mary Sedwick said.

The Nearly New Shoppe is built around volunteerism, which reflected the community’s effort in repairing it. Prices will not be affected due to the remodel - same merchandise, affordably priced.

The new floor layout provides less clutter, new windows allow better lighting and the new dressing rooms are spacious. The cashiers area was transformed in compliance to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Nearly New Shoppe will celebrate 50 years of servicing Madison Valley next year. All of the money raised is put back into the community, courtesy of the Madison Valley Woman’s Club, which is celebrating 100 years in the community. The MVWC thanked all that participated in the remodeling of the Nearly New Shoppe with an ad on page A7.

MHS accepting applications for Centennial Farm and Ranch properties

Submitted by Eve Byron

The Montana Historical Society (MHS) is now accepting applications for the Centennial Farm and Ranch program. New inductees will receive a framed certificate signed by the governor, recognition at the “Ag Day” ceremony in the State Capitol during the 2021

legislative session, the ranch/farm history printed online and in our periodic Centennial Farm and Ranch yearbook, and a durable roadside sign. These 24-inch by 36-inch UV-coated metal signs are a new addition to the program this year, thanks to support from the Montana Department of Agriculture and the Donnelley

Family Foundation. Since 2009, the MHS Centennial Farm and Ranch program has recognized our state’s agricultural traditions by celebrating the perseverance and stewardship of Montana families on their farms and ranches. By honoring families that have owned their land for 100 years or more, we help pre-

serve Montana’s strong agricultural roots and the stories and traditions that define our rural communities. Requirements for induction include:

- Must be a working farm or ranch with a minimum of 160 acres or if fewer than 160 acres, must have gross yearly income of at least \$1,000.

- One current owner must be a Montana resident.
- Proof of founding date and continuous ownership by members of the same family beginning with the founder and concluding with the present owner, spanning minimally 100 years. Line of ownership may be through spouses, children, brothers, sisters, nephews,

nieces, or adopted children. For homesteaded properties, ownership begins with claim filing date (not patent date). Applications for this year’s cycle will be accepted until Dec. 1, 2020. To download all requirements and the application, visit <http://bit.ly/MTC-FRapp>.

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Submitted by MONTANA WOMEN VOTE AND MONTANA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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your county elections office. Felons not currently incarcerated have the right to vote in Montana. Homeless Montanans have the right to vote. For more voter assistance, call Montana Women Vote at 406-317-1505



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Cookies, anyone?

By KEELY LARSON
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For the young women of Troop 3535, GIRL stands for Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker and Leader. 14 Girl Scouts from kindergarten to 5th grade meet every other Tuesday in Sheridan with troop leader Maria Bartoletti. “You always open the meeting and you say the pledge, and then you say the Girl Scout promise and the Girl Scout law,” Bartoletti explained.

During meetings, the girls learn how to work with community members and make progress on badges. Janet Marsh at the Shovel and Spoon in Sheridan helped the troop earn their healthy eating and table manners badges, while Robin Bieroth at Opportunity Bank lent knowledge to painting and artist badges acquisition.

February ushers in not only cookie season, but Money Management Month. As part of this, the troop will travel to Nearly New in Ennis and learn how much different items cost, will receive a small budget to manage and younger scouts will be introduced to counting money.

Cookie selling fits into this heading nicely. “That’s the whole piece of selling cookies. It’s not just selling cookies, we’re teaching these girls skills on money management,” Bartoletti said. Together,



L to R: Back row- Chloe Belk, Kennedy Decker, Maycee Hydman, Cady Levens, Cora Hardy, Hazalin Maddison, Lily Galiger. Front Row- Addison Stout, Quince Eby, Mia Stender, Sonja Elser, Riley Allhands, Odessa Bieler, Ella Smail. Here the girls are doing STEM work, making igloos and snowflakes with marshmallows and toothpicks. PHOTO BY MARIA BARTOLETTI

the troop talks about why they are selling cookies, set goals and learn how to talk to many types of people. Perhaps most importantly, they learn to accept no as an answer.

“I think the biggest thing, especially with the younger girls, is that it’s okay if they say no,” Bartoletti said.

Only four girls in the troop have sold cookies before and have a bit of collective knowledge about the whole process. “That’s what is nice about having the age ranges. You do have some of these older girls who are just great mentors and are really sensitive to them (younger girls),” Bartoletti said. They know another house just down the street may be an option, and someone eventually will want a box of cookies.

Some cookie selling funds go

towards taking a trip to Upper Canyon Outfitters to learn about horsemanship with Cassie Ubaldo. With Ubaldo’s educational background, she created a horse-based program to work on leadership and communication skills called Equine Facilitated Learning, offered to corporate groups, individuals, veterans, and on an upcoming Friday, Girl Scouts.

Bartoletti is new to the troop leader position this school year and joins forces with co-leaders Kali Hardy and Ridgley Elser. When asked what she felt was the most important element of Girl Scouts, Bartoletti said this:

“Two things: It’s creating girls who have courage, confidence and character, but also building girls who are really part of the community.”



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Madison River scoping update to be presented

Submitted by VALISA MILLIGAN

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission will meet Feb. 13 at FWP Headquarters in Helena. The meeting will be streamed live via video to all FWP regional offices. The meeting will also be audio streamed online at fwp.mt.gov. The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m.

The commission will make final decisions on the following topics:

- Extending Deer Hunting Opportunities to Licensed Hunters Ages 10-15
- Regulation Change to Allow the Accompanying Adult to Hunt for Commission Approved Species During the Youth Statewide Two-Day Deer Hunt
- Upper Missouri River Reservoir Advisory Committee (R4)

- Future Fisheries Improvement Program Winter 2020 Funding Cycle
- Ennis FAS Temporary Closure (R3)
- Mallard’s Rest FAS Temporary Closure (R3)
- Coal Creek Conservation Easement (R7)
- 2020/2021 Game Damage/Management Season Quota Authorizations
- 2020/2021 Biennial Quota Ranges
- 2020/2021 Hunting Season Dates
- 2020/2021 Turkey-Upland Game Bird Regulations and Quotas
- 2020/2021 Elk Shoulder Seasons or Alternatives
- 2020/2021 Elk Hunting Seasons and HD Boundaries
- 2020/2021 Deer Hunting Seasons and HD Boundaries
- 2020/2021 Antelope Hunting Seasons and

- HD Boundaries
- 2020/2021 Moose Hunting Seasons and HD Boundaries
- 2020/2021 Sheep Hunting Seasons and HD Boundaries
- 2020/2021 Goat Hunting Seasons and HD Boundaries
- 2020/2021 Black Bear Hunting Seasons and HD Boundaries
- 2020/2021 Bison Hunting Seasons and HD Boundaries
- 2020/2021 Lion Hunting Seasons and HD Boundaries
- The commission will hear the following presentations and proposals:
- **Madison River Scoping Update, Informational**
- Woods Ranch WMA Timber Salvage (R1)

- 2020/2021 Peregrine Take
- 2020-2021 Wolf Hunting Season, HD Boundaries, Quotas
- The commission will also look at endorsing the following:
- Marias River FAS Acquisition (R4)
- FWP ensures its meetings are fully accessible to those with special needs. To request arrangements, call FWP at 406-444-3186.
- For the full agenda and background on the scheduled topics, go to the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov; under “Quick Links” click “Commission.”
- FWP’s website offers live streamed audio of each Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting. The public can also view a live television feed of the meeting at FWP regional offices. FWP Headquarters is located at 1420 E. 6th Avenue, Helena.

Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame seeks nominees for 2020

Submitted by VALISA MILLIGAN

Nominations for the 2020 Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame will be accepted through Feb. 29. The Hall of Fame was created to honor individuals, both living and dead, who made significant and lasting contributions to the restoration and conservation of Montana’s wildlife and wild places.

The focus of the awards is not only to recognize Montana’s historical and contemporary conservation leaders, but also to provide public awareness of the stories of these individuals.

Every two years, a diverse group of individuals is inducted into the Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame. Nominees do not have to be living nor do they have to be a resident of Montana, as long as they have spent some time in Montana and the impact to Montana was or is significant. Anyone can nominate a deserving person.

The Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame board of directors makes the final selection based on the recommendations provided by a review committee comprised of a cross-section of Montana’s conservation and outdoor community. The inductees

are honored during a banquet, which will be held Dec. 5 in Helena.

The Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame is made possible through collaborative efforts from the Cinnabar Foundation, Montana’s Outdoor Legacy Foundation; Montana Historical Society; Montana Wildlife Federation; Montana Wilderness Association; Montana Trout Unlimited; and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

To learn more and to submit a nomination, visit mtoutdoorhalloffame.org or contact Thomas Baumeister at 406-431-4326



Harrison School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Submitted by HARRISON SCHOOLS

High School “A” Honor Roll

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Angela Cain
Rosie Chater*
Kayley Christensen
Luke Cima
Rhett Donnelly
Vern Homner*
Dana Lerum*
Jackson Nye
Martin Ore

High School “B” Honor Roll

Aleena Bacon
Joe Cima
Carter Collins
Thomas Cromwell
Tyler Cromwell
Payton Mallett

Jr High “A” Honor Roll

Andrew Bacon*
Lauren Cima
Aaron DeFrance*
Gavin Hokanson*
Ollie King

Jr High “B” Honor Roll

Joe Contreras
Shane Donnelly
Ellieonna Fighting Bear
Eric Kantorowicz
Declan McBurney
Ivar Radcliffe
Kace Wagner

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SPORTS

MUSTANGS' TERRITORY

Ennis and Sheridan meet on the court

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Ennis took the win against Sheridan Jan. 31, but it was a battle to the end.

The Mustangs had the lead until the final seconds of the first half. With the game tied, Sheridan scrambled under Ennis' net as the seconds dwindled. Ennis sophomore, Brand Ostler rushed to return the ball down the court with less than 15 seconds left in the first half. Ostler took a hurried step too far over the line, and the referee blew his whistle at the line violation.

The Panthers got a second chance under the net. Sheridan senior, Cade McParland walked to with intensity and excitement. "LET'S GO," he yelled, and the Sheridan fans replicated his energy with hoots and applause. McParland started the play and finished it with a two-pointer at the buzzer. Sheridan took the lead 26-24.

Ennis junior Jarrett Jenkins was the first to score in the second half, bringing the score to a tied 26-26. The Mustangs moved the ball around the court but struggled to find the net in the third quarter. Two Sheridan sophomores, Kaiden Batzler and Kole Hill, kept the Panthers ahead, scoring eleven points in the third quarter.

Ian Swanson rang in the final quarter with a three-pointer for the Mustangs. With five minutes left in the game Ennis trailed Sheridan by two points, 40-38. Less than a minute later, Ennis freshman Will Inman got a defensive rebound and launched the ball up-court to Swanson, who tied the game. Jenkins again broke the tie with a two-pointer.

McParland fouled out of the game with a little over a minute left. The two leaders in points, Swanson for the Mustangs and Batzler for the Panthers, put up the last scores of the game. Each led their teams with 23 points.



Ennis junior Ian Swanson goes for the net as Sheridan player Jason Chisholm fouls him Jan. 31. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE



Cade McPharland shoots for a three-pointer in the first half against the Mustangs Jan. 31. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

Jan. 31				
Ennis Mustangs:	17	24	32	Final: 50
Sheridan Panthers:	12	26	37	Final: 43

ENNIS		
POINTS	2-POINTERS	Team total: 3
Team total: 50	Team total: 11	Individual leader: Ian Swanson/ Jarrett Jenkins/ Andrew Beardsley
Individual leader: Ian Swanson	Individual leader: Ian Swanson	Individual total: 1
Individual total: 23	Individual total: 4	FREE THROWS: 63% success rate
	3-POINTERS	

SHERIDAN		
POINTS	2-POINTERS	Team total: 4
Team total: 43	Team total: 13	Individual leader: Kaiden Batzler
Individual leader: Kaiden Batzler	Individual leader: Kaiden Batzler	Individual total: 2
Individual total: 23	Individual total: 7	FREE THROWS: 31% success rate
	3-POINTERS	

MUSTANGS CANTOR AHEAD

Ennis girls take on Sheridan



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
Landri Paladichuk defends Tia Hill in the first half of the game Jan. 31.

Faith Larsen passes the ball to Tina Hill in the first half against Ennis.

Shae Lovett passes the ball in the second half against Sheridan.



BY HANNAH KEARSEnews@madisoniannews.com

The Mustangs defeated the Panthers at a home game Jan. 31.

Ennis junior Jenna Snider was the first to score in the game. Sheridan senior Tia Hill put up the first Panther-points after swiping the ball from Snider and landing a layup.

Ennis sophomore, Shelby Klein made a three-pointer from deep in the corner pocket. About a minute later, Kennedy Davies drove the ball down the court again to put up a two-pointer for the Mustangs. Hill landed a three-pointer for Sheridan with less than a minute in the first quarter. Ennis freshman, Tanner Inman returned with a two-pointer before the buzzer signaled the end of the quarter.

Sheridan sophomore, Faith Larsen came into the second quarter

with a two-pointer from the top of the arch. Later, Larsen brought the Panthers to double digits with a corner three-pointer. Her scoring gained more than points, Ennis began man-marking her, which was a successful move for the Mustangs.

Sheridan had the first shots of the second half, but Ennis was the first to score. Sheridan could not find the net, while Klein was consistent with defensive rebounds in Ennis' otherwise spotty defense. Klein was also an offensive contributor on the court, getting the Mustangs to 30 points in the third quarter.

Ennis junior, Landri Paladichuk brought the Mustangs to 41 points in the fourth quarter with a three-pointer. Sheridan returned with their final points of the night, a two-pointer with a little over four minutes left in the game.

Jan. 31				
Ennis Mustangs:	20	26	36	Final: 43
Sheridan Panthers:	5	13	18	Final: 22

ENNIS	2-POINTERS	Team total: 2
POINTS	Team total: 16	Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk/ Shelby Klein
Team total: 43	Individual leader: Shelby Klein/ Tanner Inman	Individual total: 2
Individual leader: Shelby Klein	Individual total: 4	FREE THROWS: 50% success rate
Individual total: 13	3-POINTERS	

STATS FOR SHERIDAN WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME.

SPORTS

TWIN BRIDGES

The Twin Bridges girls' basketball team defeated the Drummond Trojans Jan. 31. The Falcons played in Harrison against the Wildcats Feb. 4. They will take on West Yellowstone next on Feb. 8.

Jan. 31				
Twin Bridges Falcons:	10	19	25	Final: 40
Drummond Trojans:	5	14	19	Final: 31

TWIN BRIDGES	2-POINTERS	3-POINTERS
POINTS	Team total: 10	Team total: 2
Team total: 40	Individual leader: Ashleigh Guinnane	Individual leader: Lexie Stockett/ Avery George
Individual leader: Ashleigh Guinnane	Individual total: 5	Individual total: 1
Individual total: 16		FREE THROWS: 52% success rate



Sheridan's Grace Larsen defends Twin Bridges' Avery George in their Feb. 1 game at Sheridan. PHOTO COURTESY SUNNY HARMON.

HARRISON

1 and 1 away

Harrison boys' basketball

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Harrison traveled to Philipsburg to play the Granite Prospectors Jan. 31. Though the first half was a struggle, Harrison walked away with a win. A loss followed in Gardiner against the Bruins.

“They are a good team and it was a good test,” Harrison’s head coach Zach Murphy said. “Couldn’t finish it out though.”

The Wildcats played Twin Bridges Feb. 4 in Harrison. They will go to Lima to take on the Bears Feb. 8.

Jan. 31				
Harrison Wildcats:	7	17	31	Final: 41
Granite Prospectors:				Final: 34

HARRISON	2-POINTERS	Individual leader: Kyle Homner
POINTS	Team total: 14	Individual total: 3
Team total: 41	Individual leader: Luke Cima/Jackson Nye	
Individual leader: Jackson Nye	Individual total: 4	FREE THROWS: 50% success rate
Individual total: 11	3-POINTERS	
	Team total: 2	

Feb. 1				
Harrison Wildcats:	10	14	22	Final: 32
Gardiner Bruins:	7	15	25	Final: 47

HARRISON	2-POINTERS	FREE THROWS: 44% success rate
POINTS	Team total: 14	
Team total: 32	Individual leader: Luke Cima	
Individual leader: Luke Cima	Individual total: 5	
Individual total: 12	3-POINTERS	
	Team total: 0	



Wildcats Junior, Luke Cima blocks a shot against Gardiner in their Feb. 1 game. PHOTO COURTESY KAYLEY CHRISTENSEN



8th grader, Lauren Cima goes for a layup against the Gardiner Bruins. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN

MORE SPORTS

ENNIS

The Mustangs beat the Lima Bears in Ennis Jan. 30. Ennis will host the next game against Jefferson Feb. 6.

Jan. 30				
Ennis Mustangs:	22	41	64	Final: 65
Lima Bears:	4	12	20	Final: 28

ENNIS	2-POINTERS	3-POINTERS
POINTS	Team total: 18	Team total: 9
Team total: 65	Individual leader: Ian Swanson	Individual leader: Brand Ostler
Individual leader: Ian Swanson	Individual total: 9	Individual total: 4
Individual total: 21		FREE THROWS: 40% success rate

The Ennis girls' basketball team followed up their loss to the Manhattan Christian Eagles with a win at home. The Mustangs defeated the Lima Bears Jan. 30. They will play another home game against Jefferson Feb. 6.

Jan. 28				
Ennis Mustangs:	9	20	24	Final: 30
M.C. Eagles:	12	31	40	Final: 55

ENNIS	2-POINTERS	Individual leader: Kennedy Davies
POINTS	Team total: 6	Individual total: 2
Team total: 30	Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk/ Tanner Inman	
Individual leader: Jenna Snider/ Kennedy Davies	Individual total: 2	FREE THROWS: 38% success rate
Individual total: 6		
3-POINTERS	Team total: 4	

Jan. 30				
Ennis Mustangs:	13	19	41	Final: 53
Lima Bears:	2	16	28	Final: 40

ENNIS	2-POINTERS	Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk
POINTS	Team total: 20	Individual total: 2
Team total: 53	Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk	
Individual leader: Landri Paladichuk	Individual total: 10	FREE THROWS: 50% success rate
Individual total: 28		
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MADISON COUNTY WEATHER


Thursday

Rain. High 58F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%. Rainfall around a quarter of an inch.


Friday

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Saturday

Partly cloudy. High around 45F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday

Rain and snow showers in the morning. Then becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 44F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

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Of love and faith

The Hundleys navigate changing plans together

“Every time I make my plans, the Lord has other ideas,” Steve said. Elaine responded with, “like marrying a Catholic!”

By KEELY LARSON
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Steve and Elaine Hundley spent their first holiday season apart last year since they married in 1978.

Steve traveled home to Virginia to spend time with his mother during her final days. It was originally meant to be a week-long trip that turned into six. “It makes you appreciate each other a little bit more,” Elaine said.

Though, it seems they have never lacked an appreciation for each other. The couple met working at a summer 4H camp in Virginia. Steve a lifeguard and Elaine a camping instructor. “I took a look at this guy and said, wow this is the guy I want,” Elaine reminisced. Love at first sight, if you will. They got married the next summer at the same camp.

Right off the bat, Elaine had a bit of a curve ball to navigate. Raised Catholic, she had to learn how to be a Presbyterian pastor’s wife. She described the hardest part as dealing with her preconceived notions about taking on this role and wanting to remain her free-spirited self.

The pressure to be a certain way did not necessarily come from the outside. Elaine, in her mid-twenties, put it on herself. She would ask, “what was a Presbyterian minister’s wife supposed to do or be?” Steve would answer, “preachers are just humans, too!”

“We spent a lot of time on Smith Mountain Lake in canoes talking about faith, talking about life, and the world,” Elaine said. Steve supported her through the whole process, and she ended up successfully bridging the denominational divide with the support of her Catholic parents. Both came to the Hundley’s wedding, officiated by two Presbyterian ministers.

Steve was the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Great Falls, Mont. for 13 years before the couple decided to retire in Ennis. Steve wanted to retire someplace small, not like the areas with mega-churches he preached at before.

Churches change dynamics with attendance numbers. A pastoral church, typically fewer than 200 people in a congregation, is centered around the pastor and the relationships he or she builds with the congregation. Being

a pastor at a big church, 1,000 people or so, is almost like being the CEO of a company, Steve explained. A pastor could deal with a large staff and personnel issues that may not be relevant in a pastoral church.

Steve hoped to stay in these smaller churches, but the ones he was called to seemed to get larger and larger until Great Falls.

Coming to Montana felt like coming home, even though it was further in miles than some of the churches Steve served back east. The Hundleys loved the lifestyle and the mindset of Montanans, people who would share a bit of a tasty dessert with you if you did not order one for yourself at dinner.

“Every time I make my plans, the Lord has other ideas,” Steve said. Elaine responded with, “like marrying a Catholic!”

And like moving to Ennis to retire and ending up the temporary supply pastor for Madison Valley Presbyterian Church in the fall. Steve took the pulpit a couple of times as Pastor Jean fell ill and did not fully recover from surgery. “We just loved the folks in the church and I just felt kind of obligated to help out in any



In his spare time, Steve enjoys all the Montana-activities: fly-fishing, hiking, archery and cross-country skiing. Last winter, the couple went snowshoeing in West Yellowstone. PHOTO COURTESY OF ELAINE HUNDLEY

way I could,” he said.

Steve signed on for a half-time position, but really does all that a full-time pastor would including conducting Bible study, visiting hospitals and preaching each Sunday.

Except when he was in Virginia visiting his mother. During this time, Elaine stepped in. When Steve was in his fourth year of seminary, she started going through a program to become a Christian Educator. Eventually, she got a position doing this work in Delaware, became an associate certified Christian educator and was the Christian education children’s director in Great Falls.

Also there, Elaine became

a lay pastor and this allowed her to fill the hole left while Steve was away. “The church didn’t throw me out!” she said.

Doing this was just another method she discovered that filled her position as a pastor’s wife. Through their relationship, she did this individually. She kept herself busy, filled her projects with personality and remained herself. And she still has time to correct Steve’s date recollection inaccuracies.

Finding a full-time pastor for Madison Valley Presbyterian Church may take a while. The church must go through a multi-step process before another pastor is chosen, be-

ginning with a mission’s study of what the church sees its future to be and ending with interviewing people from a stack of dossiers.

In the meantime, Ennis will be graced by the Hundleys. Churchgoers will receive Steve’s sermons lined with humor and guided by his storytelling family history. “I think it helps people to take what they’re hearing with their ears and their mind and bring it down to their heart,” Elaine said. Those with a knack for talking and instructing others know humor and anecdotes make lessons more memorable.

After all, Jesus was a storyteller.



This was taken the summer Steve and Elaine met on Smith Mountain Lake in western Virginia at the 4H camp. PHOTO COURTESY OF ELAINE HUNDLEY



Elaine was born in Sweden and lived all over the U.S. as a result of her father being in the military. This shot of Elaine on Elvis Presley’s lap was taken in Killeen, Texas, where her dad was stationed nearby. PHOTO COURTESY OF ELAINE HUNDLEY



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To fast or not to fast

Does when you eat matter?

Submitted by NIH

What you eat matters. Many studies have shown that the types of food you eat affect your health. But what about the timing? Scientists are just beginning to understand that when you eat may also make a difference.

Throughout history, people have experienced periods when food was either scarce or completely lacking, says Dr. Valter Longo, an NIH-funded longevity researcher at the University of Southern California. “So, they were forced to fast,” he says.

But current technology—like refrigeration, transportation, and electric lighting—have made food more readily available.

“This has shifted our eating patterns,” explains Dr. Vicki Catenacci, a nutrition researcher at the University of Colorado. “People now eat, on average, throughout a 14-hour period each day.”

Studies suggest that this constant food intake may lead to health problems. Researchers have started looking at whether fasting can have potential benefits for some people.

Going Without Food

Fasting diets mainly focus on the timing of when you can eat. There are many different fasting diets, sometimes called “intermittent fasting.”

In time-restricted feeding, you eat every day but only during a limited number of hours. So, you may only eat between a six- to eight-hour window each day. For example, you might eat breakfast and lunch, but skip dinner. In alternate-day fasting, you eat every other day and no or few calories on the days in between. Another type restricts calories during the week but not on weekends.

But scientists don’t know much about what happens to your body when you fast. Most research has been done in cells and animals in the lab. That work has provided early clues as to how periods without food might affect the body.

In some animals, certain fasting diets seem to protect against diabetes, heart disease, and cognitive decline. Fasting has even slowed the aging process and protected against cancer in some experiments.

“In mice, we’ve seen that one of the effects of fasting is to kill damaged cells, and then turn on stem cells,” explains

Longo. Damaged cells can speed up aging and lead to cancer if they’re not destroyed. When stem cells are turned on, new healthy cells can replace the damaged cells.

Now, studies are starting to look at what happens in people, too. Early results have found that some types of fasting may have positive effects on aspects of health like blood sugar control, blood pressure, and inflammation. But fasting can also cause weight loss. So researchers are studying whether the beneficial changes seen in the body are side effects of the weight loss or the fasting process itself.

Body Changes

For many people, the main reason to try fasting is to lose weight. Currently, most people try to lose weight by restricting how many calories they eat each day.

“That doesn’t work for everyone,” Catenacci explains. “It takes a lot of focus. It takes a lot of math, and a lot of willpower.”

One of Catenacci’s studies showed that, over a two-month period, adults who were overweight or obese were equally likely to lose about 15 pounds when they either completely fasted every other day or re-

stricted their calories every day.

“For some people, restricting calories every day may be the best approach. For others, it might be easier to not have to count calories every day and use an intermittent fasting strategy for weight loss,” says Catenacci. “The best diet for any given person is the one that they can adhere to. I don’t think weight loss is a one size fits all approach.”

Now her research team is running a similar study to compare how much weight participants lose with fasting versus calorie restriction, but over a one-year period. They’re also testing whether adding a small meal on fasting days will make it easier to stick to as a longer-term weight loss strategy.

But are the benefits from fasting all due to weight loss or is there something more to it? “There’s a lot of debate about whether the benefits of intermittent fasting are due to the extended fasting period itself,” says Dr. Courtney Peterson, an NIH-funded nutrition researcher at the University of Alabama.

To understand this better, Peterson did a study in pre-diabetic men. It was designed so the volunteers would not lose weight. The men ate an early

time-restricted feeding diet for five weeks. They could eat only between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. They then fasted for the next 18 hours. Next, they ate the same amount of food but only during a 12-hour period per day for five weeks. None of the men lost weight.

The longer fasting period alone made a difference. “The early time-restricted diet improved their blood sugar control,” Peterson says. “And we found a blood pressure lowering effect equivalent to what you see with a blood pressure medication.”

These findings suggest that an extended fast—or the timing of when you eat—even when it doesn’t affect your weight—can bring health benefits for some people.

Should You Fast?

Fasting may bring health benefits, but Longo cautions that there’s still a lot we don’t know. For some, fasting may cause problems. For example, studies have found that people who regularly fast more than 16 or 18 hours a day have a higher risk of gallstones. They’re also more likely to need surgery to remove the gallbladder.

Eating for 12 hours and then fasting for 12 hours is

likely safe for most people, Longo explains. “That pattern of eating is very common among people who have record lifespans,” he says. “It seems to match both science and tradition.”

Longo and his team are also looking at fasting-mimicking diets, which they hope will be safer and easier to follow than completely fasting. They designed a five-day, monthly fasting-mimicking diet that allows some food, but is low in calories. They tested the diet for three months in a recent study. Those who stayed on the diet lost weight and showed decreases in age-related disease risk factors.

But he and other experts caution against people trying fasting diets that are not based on research. If you’re considering fasting, talk with your health care provider first. People with certain health conditions or who are taking certain medications should not try fasting at all (see the Wise Choices box).

Even if you fast sometimes, you still need to make healthy food choices overall, Peterson explains. “It looks like when you eat matters a lot, but what you eat probably matters more.”

Community immunity

How vaccines protect us all

Submitted by NIH

Parents know that kids are vulnerable to a host of infectious diseases. Research supported by NIH and others proves that the benefits of vaccines in preventing illness and death greatly outweigh the risks.

The list of childhood diseases can be overwhelming: measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, meningitis, influenza and rotavirus. In the era before vaccines, many children in the U.S. died or became disabled from these diseases. Many still do in countries and regions with lower vaccination rates.

With all the international travel in the world these days, it’s important to keep vaccines, or immunizations, up to date. Here’s just one example of what might happen if you don’t. By 2000, immunization had practically wiped out measles in the U.S. But a measles outbreak in 2005 was traced to one unvaccinated U.S. resident infected during a visit to Europe. The returning traveler infected American children who hadn’t been vaccinated because of safety concerns—despite study after study showing that childhood vaccines are safe and effective.

A major epidemic didn’t emerge that time. That’s

because enough people in the surrounding communities had already been vaccinated against measles.

“The important concept,” says Dr. Marc Lipsitch of the Harvard School of Public Health, “is that vaccinating people protects not only them, but others in the community. If I’m protected, I can protect others.”

This type of protection is known as “community immunity” or “herd immunity.” When enough of the community is immunized against a contagious disease, most other members are protected from infection because there’s little opportunity for the disease to

spread.

Newborns, pregnant women or people whose immune systems are weakened may not be eligible for certain vaccines. Yet even they will get some protection because the spread of contagious disease is contained.

“Epidemiologists think of infections as chain reactions, whose speed depends on contagiousness,” says Lipsitch. “The more contagious the disease, the more vaccination is required. The data tells us that herd immunity works.”

Using mathematical formulas and computer programs, NIH-funded scientists like Lipsitch have developed

models to determine what proportion of the population has to be vaccinated to eliminate the spread of disease. As one example, a worldwide vaccination campaign completely eliminated, or eradicated, smallpox in the 1970s. So many people were immunized that the virus couldn’t sustain itself.

More recently, infant vaccination against Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib, which can cause meningitis) lowered the risk of disease in the whole population. Before the vaccine, Hib struck about 1 in 200 children younger than age 5. It killed many and often left survivors with permanent

brain damage. After the Hib vaccine was introduced in the mid-1980s, the incidence of Hib dropped by 99%.

“Infectious disease eradication is possible,” says Lipsitch. Even when a disease—such as measles or Hib—hasn’t been completely wiped out, immunizations can reduce disease transmission, so that epidemics become less frequent.

When parents choose to immunize, they’re helping more than their own. Make sure your child’s immunizations are up to date. And talk with your child’s doctor if you have any concerns about vaccine safety.

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COMMODITY INSITE:
OLD TIMERS AND THE FEBRUARY BREAK

BY JERRY WELCH

From 1900 to 2000, approximately, one of the most reliable seasonal trades for the agriculture markets was to sell short or hedge aggressively in the month of February. The weakness associated with February was so well known, so anticipated and so feared it was given a name. It was called the, “February Break.”

However, when commodity values per se in 1998 fell to a 54 year low, weakness in February was no longer a sure thing, so to speak. In early 2000, a number of money managed commodity funds were formed that only went long. They only played commodities from the long side of the ledger. The funds were created by Wall Street simply because commodities per se were woefully undervalued (a 54 year low!) and it was assumed, rightfully so, that the line of least resistance for commodity values was higher.

And from around 2000 to

2012, commodities per se, even in the month of February rallied more than they declined. In fact, in the first decade of the 2000’s, buying almost any commodity was a new and reliable seasonal trade for the ag-markets. But since 2011, the ag-markets have been two sided in February with neither the bulls or the bears having the upper hand during the second month of the year.

But the old timers such as yours truly, have not forgotten about the February Break and the bearish impact it can have on most markets. Granted, the markets mostly impacted on the downside in the second month of the year are agriculture markets. Still, I can offer up some examples of stocks, bonds, metals and so on being slammed hard in February as well. The February Break was and has been cruel and bearish to most markets at some point in time despite the years between 2000 and 2012 when

few gave a whit about February. Except for the old timers!

Nonetheless, when the second month of the year arrives, I always remind everyone in my weekly column that oftentimes, in February, “if you are long, you are wrong.” But over the past years, my warnings about how bearish February can be for a host of markets have been ignored. And that is why I was surprised when ccn.com posted the following headline this week entitled, “ History Says a February Stock Market Crash Is Inevitable.”

Here are the three main points from ccn.com article above. “**Sentiment indicators suggest a stock market crash is on the horizon. **Today’s market has become incredibly similar to that of 2018 just before a major market correction in February. **Without a significant pullback, the market is headed into bubble territory.” And here was their out

loud and high pitched warning. “As the market races higher, investors should be cautious of a February stock market crash that looks all but certain.”

During the years 1900 to 2000, the February Break would, at times, arrive a week early. Or, arrive a week late. This year, with February close at hand, crude oil, silver, cattle and cattle feeders fell to levels not seen since October. Cotton prices fell back to where they were in November and copper down to levels not seen since September. Soybean prices dropped to a one and a half month low with hog futures hitting a 16 month low. The major commodity indexes hit five month lows. All that took place with February but a week away.

Based on history, an argument can be made that the, February Break this year arrived a few days early. Assuming, of course, that further weakness is not seen between now and when

February is long gone. But again, based on history, the February Break can arrive a week late and into early March. Thus, the weakness seen in recent days may have more to go. Only with the benefit of hindsight will we know for certain how things unfolded.

Most analysts argue that the weakness seen in recent days with commodities per se and the stock market is due to the coronavirus sweeping China, causing millions to be quarantined and many deaths. From a market viewpoint, the fear is that demand and trade will suffer greatly and prices for commodities will suffer.

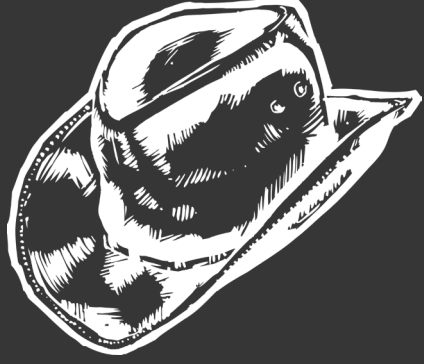

But I am not in the camp that believes coronavirus will cause long lasting damage to trade or demand. Certainly, it will take time to gauge how contagious the illness truly is as well as how dangerous. I also do not believe the dramatic decline seen in recent days with a host of com-

modity markets was due entirely to the virus. Playing a big part in the weakness was the infamous February Break that history shows clearly rears its ugly head when the second month of the year rolls around, give or take a week.

Moving forward, commodities may fall further since February has arrived. But any weakness with commodities should end no later than the end of March, just as the growing season in the U.S. gets underway. After that, the fate of the grain and livestock markets rest with the domestic food needs of China and climate change.

And it will be more than interesting to see if stocks, shares, the Dow Jones, etc. succumb to the infamous February Break as commodities per se have done in recent days. It will be very interesting indeed. Stay tuned and remain buckled up. The ride is going to be bumpy.

A WRANGLER'S
RECKLESS WRITINGS



By Bryce Angell

The Humble Wife

I checked him in to room eighteen. His name now on the door. A stroke had left his right side paralyzed from neck to floor.

They say he’d been a top cowhand with sheep thrown in to boot. This old man’s life was pure cowboy, dug in at every root.

There, sitting by the cowboy’s side, his wife of sixty years. She cupped his hand so gently. Seemed to calm her sweetheart’s fears.

The cowboy looked up to his wife, attempted half a smile. Then muttered, “I sure love you. Will I be here for a while?”

His wife said, “This could be our home. I’ll be here by your side. ‘Cuz you ain’t gettin’ rid of me. Can’t shake off this old hide.”

The old man kinda chuckled. She was more than just a prize. He didn’t have to speak of love. I saw it in his eyes.

His thoughtful wife reminded him, “We’ve been through times before.

Remember when the baler chopped your toe and left you four?

“And don’t forget about the time when Blue was just a colt. He stomped you ood and plenty ‘fore you even grabbed a holt.”

Then I noticed hesitation in this gentle woman’s tone. She said, “We lost our oldest. Through it all we weren’t alone.

“Our God was there attendin’ us to mend our broken heart. I think it’s time to call on him. Might be the time to start.”

Her voice was calm and then she said, “We’ve thanked him every day. But never asked our God to give us help in any way.”

She cried, “I know he listens and tonight we’ll call on him. Just knowin’ that he’s out there makes a body not so grim.”

I listened so intently to this tender woman’s plight. For once I knew that God would help this couple through the night.

Throughout the years, I’ve learned that science leads the way to heal. I’ve witnessed with success of how it’s proven and it’s real.

But that day I learned a lesson and it shows I don’t know much. ‘Cuz there’s a better way than medicine. It’s called the Master’s touch.

THIS, OUR VALLEY

The joy of aphorisms

Happy are those ... whose hearts are set on the pilgrim’s way – Psalm 84

Today, as I write this, I see it is National Have Fun at Work Day (Jan. 31). I don’t know what clearing house national holidays have to pass through to become what they’re declared to be, but I’m glad someone is looking out for the workers of the world.

Although I am retired, I enjoyed work and had a lot of fun while I worked. Now, I know there are some jobs where having fun would be a trifle difficult. I’m not sure digging ditches is a bundle of laughs, and although we have machines that do much of the work people used to do by hand, armed with little more than pick-axe and shovel (and some brawn), the fact is that using heavy machinery to do those jobs takes concentration if they’re to be done safely and properly.

For the most part, I have fun when I work. My grandmother used to say, “A light heart makes for a light job.” Grandparents used to have many sayings like that. I think it was a generational thing. You don’t hear too much these days about grandparents spouting off bits of wisdom. You don’t find too many having their hairdressers turn-

ing their hair blue these days, either.

It seems like my grandparents always had a bit of wisdom to share whenever something came up: Rising early in the morning makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise; don’t count your chickens before they’re hatched; it’s always darkest before the dawn.

Of course, many of those old chestnuts came from Aesop’s fables or were mangled from the Bible. For instance, they might have said, “Spare the rod, spoil the child.” The actual quote is, “The one who spares the rod hates his child,” and the reference to rod does not mean spanking or beating. The rod was a shepherd’s tool used to defend the sheep from predators, groom the sheep’s tangled wool (making it easier to clip during shearing season), and examine the sheep for wounds. It was NOT used to beat sheep, otherwise the flock would not trust the shepherd to lead them to green pastures or still waters.

So, to spare the rod was about protecting and caring for one’s child; to spare the rod (throw it away), then, meant you hated your child! Oh how that bit of “wisdom” got mangled, eh?

Today’s world, of course, has replaced a lot of these aphorisms with Memes and snarky comments. Sarcasm seems to be the ideal response to anything we see or hear – wisdom with a bite (for “sarcasm” means to tear the flesh). They may “tickle our funny bone” (another maxim from yesteryear), but do they help us get along in a more civilized manner?

While my grandmothers’ dictums (dicta?) and “sayings”

(grandmothers is plural because they both had them and said them) may seem hokey today, they generally made sense.

Even if a bible verse got mangled, the things they said were intended to encourage people to “take heart,” to look for “the light at the end of the tunnel,” to “consider the needs of others” before taking that last piece of chicken or cookie.

In all of that, they seemed a lot happier with life around them than people do around these parts today. “MYOB” they’d say (Mind Your Own Business), “you don’t need to stick your nose where it doesn’t belong.” I think they were right most of the time.

My life is messed up enough without trying to control the words, thoughts, and deeds of others. I have many opinions about a great many things, and yet I have found the world has not “beat a path” to my door to hear them. I haven’t gotten an invitation to vacation atop some mountain so the guru de jour can take a break from dispensing his or her own aphorisms for a world hungry for them (aphorisms, not gurus).

Maybe we should bring back those little wisdom sayings, especially considering how little wisdom we have in our communities. It might take away some of the heaviness and darkness, and that would make for a little more fun at work and play, here in this our valley.

I would certainly hope so – just don’t blue your hair.

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21. Opposite of cathode
22. No-goodnik
23. Same as Danzig
26. Inside information, pl.
30. Antonym of keep
31. Data input device
34. ____ Madrid Club de F'tbol
35. Anomie, alt. sp.
37. Stupid person
38. First M in MGM
39. Narcotics agent, for short
40. Jennifer Lopez' 2019 movie swindle
42. Band aid
43. Hiked the Inca Trail, e.g.
45. Threat, two words
47. H+, e.g.
48. "Fences" actress Davis
50. Long forearm bone
52. *His epitaph doesn't mention his presidency
56. Abracadabra, e.g.
57. *First Lady of the US for only one month
58. Milano moolah
59. *Where JFK's "Honey Fitz" spent time
60. Two of a kind, pl.
61. Winglike
62. Ring-around-the-rosy flower
63. "C' ____ la vie!"
64. *President during Mexican-American War

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1. Petri dish filler
2. Kind of shark
3. Assortment
4. Dorothy Gale, e.g.
5. Gordon Gekko: "____ is good"
6. Bridal path
7. "Hey, over here!"
8. *He installed library at the White House
9. Marco Polo's destination
10. "Oh ____!"

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11. Little squirt
13. Conjure up
14. "Faster!" to a horse
19. Glorify
22. *Announce presidential ____
23. *He established Yellowstone as 1st national park
24. 1/100 of a rial
25. "I love you" or "I' ____"
26. *Only one to hold position in Executive and Judicial branches
27. Prenatal
28. Orwell's animals' turf, pl.
29. North face, e.g.

32. "You had" or "you would"
33. Baryshnikov's step
36. *First president to campaign by telephone
38. Dixon of "The Walking Dead"
40. Farm layer
41. Body scrubbers
44. Bear Down Under
46. Hearing organ cover
48. Second planet from the Sun
49. "____ me, then who?"
50. Machinating
51. Not more
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53. Storage cylinder
54. Face-to-face exam
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FEBRUARY 6, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case No. DP 29-2019-28
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
BARRY RICE,
Deceased
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Diane Rice, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at c/o Arthur V. Wittich, Montana Law Company, 280 W. Kagy Blvd, Ste. D-324, Bozeman, MT 59715 or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 17th day of January, 2020
/s/ Diane Rice, Montana Law Company,
By: Arthur V. Wittich, Attorney for Personal Representative I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Arthur V. Wittich, Montana Law Company, 280 W. Kagy Blvd, Ste. D-324, Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 585-5598 (406) 585-9618
Facsimile Attorneys for Diane Rice.
(Pub. JAN 23, 30, FEB. 6, 2020)
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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MADISON COUNTY Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series SPMD 2004-A, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series SPMD 2004-A, Plaintiff, v. Harold R. Peterson and Sportsmans Paradise, LLC and Tamara Ann Bauer aka Tamara Bauer Peterson, and any person in possession, Defendants. CIVIL NUMBER: DV-29-2019-68 HONORABLE: Luke Berger TO: Harold R. Peterson and Sportsmans Paradise, LLC YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the above entitled Court. A copy of same is served upon you. You must file your written answer with the above entitled Court and serve a copy upon the Plaintiff, or Plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. Failure to appear and answer will allow judgment to be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is for foreclosure of real property located in the County of Madison, State of Montana. The real property has an address of 850 Hwy 287 North Unit 11 nka 155 Sheep Creek Road, Cameron, MT 59720, and is more particularly described as follows: Lot 46B as shown on Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, Page 940 (also known as Sportsman's Paradise No. 8), being a tract of land located in Section 2 Township 12 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. A \$70.00 filing fee must accompany the answer at the time of filing.
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PUBLIC NOTICE - NO MEETING
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RESOLUTION SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY
SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 RESOLUTION FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY Whereas, pursuant to § 20-6-604, MCA, whenever the Trustees of a school district determine that a site, building, or other real or personal property of the district is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purposes of the district, the Trustees may sell or otherwise dispose of property in accordance with that section; and Whereas, the Trustees of Sheridan School District No. 5, Madison County, have determined that the property described herein is unsuitable for the school purposes of the district. Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that Sheridan School District No. 5 will dispose the following described real property of the District: 1967 Universal Variable Resistance Weight Set Pursuant to § 20-6-604, MCA, the public shall be given notice of this resolution in the manner required for school elections as set forth in § 20-20-204, MCA, including that notice of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and posted in at least three public places within the District. This resolution will become effective fourteen days following notice to the public.
/S/ WILLIAM T. C. WOOD,
BOARD CHAIR
1/14/2020
/S/ REBECCA E. LARSEN,
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(Pub. JAN 30, FEB. 6, 2020)
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(Pub. JAN 30, FEB. 6, 2020)


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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 LILY GARCIA ROBINSON, Petitioner Cause NO: DV-29-2020-5
This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from LILY GARCIA ROBINSON to LILIA ALICIA GARCIA.
The hearing will be on March 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.. The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Madison County.
/s/ Karen Miller,
Clerk of District Court
January 27, 2020
(Pub. FEB. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020)
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• Install Drainage Improvements;
• Install Fencing; and
• Pavement Maintenance. This work is to include all tools, equipment, materials, and labor to complete this project. Madison County, Montana, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. The requirements of 49 CFR part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of Madison County, Montana to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership. All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers. The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division. This project is subject to the Federal provisions for Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Certification of Offeror/ Bidder Regarding Debarment, and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace, which are incorporated by reference. Failure to comply with the terms of these contract provisions may be sufficient grounds to: 1.) Withhold progress payments or final payment, 2.) Terminate the contract, 3.) Seek suspension/debarment, or 4.) Any other action determined to be appropriate by the Sponsor or the FAA. Bids will be received on a price basis as described in the Contract Documents. Bid security in the amount of not

less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, which shall be: (1) lawful money of the United States; or (2) a Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Money Order or Bank Draft, in any case drawn and issued by a federally chartered or state chartered bank insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation; or (3) a bid bond, guaranty bond, or surety bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana. The bid security shall be made payable to the Owner and failure to enter into a formal contract will result in the Owner retaining the bid security. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a formal contract within ten (10) calendar days from the date the Notice of Award is received, to complete an insurance certification, to furnish a Performance Bond, and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount. The successful Bidder is required to comply with Montana's Contractor Registration Law in accordance with Title 39, Chapter 9, MCA. Contract Documents may be inspect-ed at many plan exchanges, and at the office of the consulting engineer, Robert Peccia & Associates, (3147 Saddle Dr. / P.O. Box 5653, Helena, MT 59604). They may be reviewed, downloaded, and printed at no cost under the "CURRENT PROJECTS BIDDING" tab at www.rpa-hln.com. All bids must be submitted in a Bidding Documents booklet, provided by the Engineer upon receipt of \$25.00 (non-refundable). Alternate forms or copies of the Bidding Documents booklet will not be acceptable. The Planholders List will include only the purchasers of Bidding Documents booklets. Hard copies of the Contract Documents (including a Bidding Documents booklet) printed by the Engineer are available upon receipt of \$400.00 (non-refundable) for each complete set. A pre-bid conference will be held on February 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ennis Big Sky Airport. Additionally, the Engineer shall be available on February 19, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ennis Big Sky Airport. No formal presentation will be made at this time; however, the Engineer will answer questions and be available for scheduled site visits. Potential Bidders are also encouraged to contact the Engineer (lbowser@rpa-hln.com or 406-447-5000) with questions. Faxed / emailed bids will not be accepted or considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject nonconforming, irregular, non-responsive, or conditional bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 45 days for the Base Bid, and 90 days for the Additive Alternatives, from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidder prior to award of the contract. February 5, 2020 MADISON COUNTY
By /s/ Dan W. Allhands, Chairman (Pub. FEB. 6, 13, 20, 2020)
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IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: DELBERT SILAS HARTFORD, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: DP-29-2020-2
That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of the notice, or so said claims will forever be barred. Claims must either be mailed to ROSEANN M. TROYER, the Co-Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at PO BOX 56, Alder, MT 59710 or MARY ANN BIRDSILL, the Co-Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at PO BOX 3, Alder, MT 59710, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled court. Dated January 31, 2020
/s/ Roseann M. Troyer Co-Personal Representative
/s/ Mary Ann Birdsill Co-Personal Representative
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MISSOURI RIVER CORPS OF REDISCOVERY

PART 33: ADVANCE TO ST. CHARLES

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

—Joseph Whitehouse, May 16, 1804

*Reprinted due to technical error.

Column and photos by
THOMAS J. ELPEL

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

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

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

Most of my friends are homeless, hopping from one adventure to another in quests of exploration and enlightenment. Owning a house makes me the anomaly. If I want to dismiss the employment question quickly, I say I’m an author and I’m writing a book about our river trip. People

like that answer. It fits cultural expectations that perpetual work is necessary. The actual answer is more complicated, but readily evident in quaint rural towns along the river.

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

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

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

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

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



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

Lance bought several acres of cheap land nearby, and he is preparing to build his own home.

That’s how I started out in the early 1990s. My then-partner and I worked part-time in wilderness therapy, then bought land, lived in a tent, and paid cash for building materials. Our combined income was only \$10,000 to \$12,000, but we gained \$50,000 in annual value through property improvements and avoided mortgage interest. Living debt free with few monthly expenses, there was no need for a 9-to-5 job, providing ample time to pursue a writing career, raise a family, and go on great adventures.

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

boards.

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

a great way to save money quickly to invest in adventures or assets. A monthly gym membership provides a convenient place for showers and exercise.

Paddling to Washington, Missouri we found another booming tourist town, where river angels Bruce and Marvis Templar and their friend Ron treated us out to dinner, eager to hear our stories from the trail. And finally, we advanced

to St. Charles, a short 28 miles from the confluence where the Missouri River joins the Mississippi. Here our triumphant race to the finish line was waylaid by another major storm.

For the original Corps of Discovery, St. Charles was the last town of substance before heading upriver. They camped for five nights while awaiting Lewis’s arrival from nearby St. Louis. We camped for three

MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued on B9



Thru-paddlers are invited to stop by Astral Glass Studio in New Haven, Missouri to blow glass ornaments.



Pet of the Week


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MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued FROM B8

nights while the storm dropped heavy rain that gradually tapered off to drifting snowflakes.

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

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

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



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Sunday at 8 am

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Saturday at 4 pm

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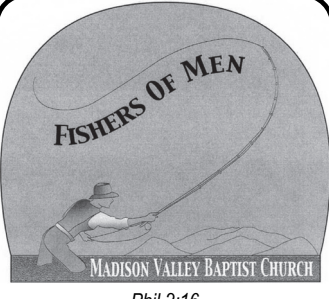
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Thursday, February 6 – Beef stroganoff over noodles, veggies, dessert

Friday, February 7 – Fried cod, fries, slaw, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, February 10 – Minestrone soup, salad, roll, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11 – Taco salad, cornbread dessert - "Pan" at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12 – Baked french toast, fruit dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Thursday February 13 – Greek salad, roll dessert - "Red Hat Ladies"

Friday, February 14 – Meatloaf, mashers, gravy, veggies, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

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

VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ

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

Thursday, February 6 - Baked chicken with mashers, veggie, garlic toast, dessert

Tuesday, February 11 - Chicken strips, fries, dessert

TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER

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

Fresh home baked bread served with each meal

Activities:

Monday is Bingo with Gayle

Wednesday is cards, games and puzzles

Blood pressure clinic (with county health nurse) - Each last Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS

Pony, Harrison and Norris. The Hollow Top Seniors meet at the Senior Citizen Center in Pony every Monday and Wednesday at noon. Call 685-3323 for more information.

Wednesday, February 5 - Dill chicken

Monday, February 10 - Meat loaf

Wednesday, February 5 - Dill chicken

Monday, February 10 - Meat loaf



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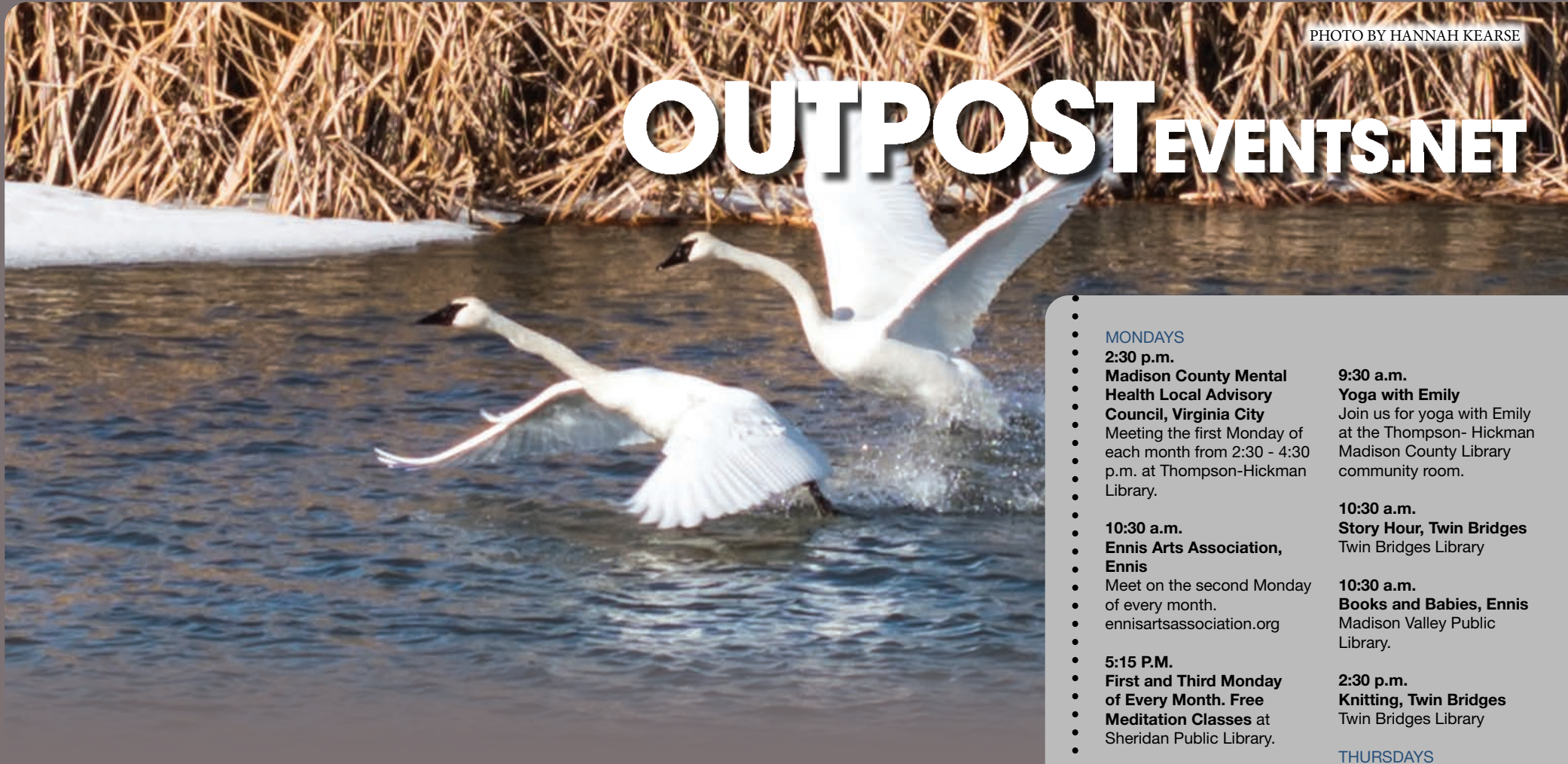


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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bugs & Bourbon

Have a drink and tie some flies at Willie's Distillery. A free fly-tying workshop for everyone. Materials from Beartooth Fly Fishing and snacks from Tavern 287 are provided.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

3:15 p.m.
Code Club

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Free Income Tax Preparation

For seniors and others with low-moderate income. By appointment only at the Ennis Senior Center.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ECE- Animal Felting Workshop

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Free Income Tax Preparation

For seniors and others with low-moderate income. By appointment only at the Ennis Senior Center.

Noon – 5 p.m.

Ennis Community Blood Drive

Come help save a life at the Madison Valley Medical Center.

Noon

Brown Bag Lunch: Butte Before and After Superfund

Abby Peltomaa will present on Butte's superfund site at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives. This talk will be an introduction to a viewing of the movie "Worth the Wait" Feb. 26.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1 p.m.

Poetry Afternoon at the Senior Center

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

1 p.m.

Madison Valley Book Club

Join the discussion on Flight Attendant by Chris Bohjalin at the Madison Valley Public Library. This book club is open to all interested readers so feel welcome to join the group.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ECE- Metro Rings Sewing Workshop

This is a confident beginner or intermediate level quilting class with Kathy Olkowski. Kathy will send you a materials list prior to the workshop in Ennis High School's commons room.

6:30 p.m.

Chautauqua

At the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City. Open to all seeking entertainment, intellectual or spiritual growth and local culture.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6 p.m.

Livestock Guard Dog Presentation for Ranchers

Come meet and learn about Livestock Guard Dogs at the Elks Lodge in Dillon. People and Carnivores teamed up with Blackleaf Guardians to offer an informational presentation on

Livestock Guardian Dogs and other proactive measures to reduce livestock losses to predators and the risk of conflict with large carnivores.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Free Income Tax Preparation

For seniors and others with low-moderate income. By appointment only at the Ennis Senior Center.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ECE- Painting with Wool & Needle Felt Workshop

Gail Barndt and Jen Doney will teach a second workshop in the Ennis High School art room. It will be like paint by numbers but with colored wool. Bring a sack lunch and a second picture of your choice to make, now that your technique is learned.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7 p.m.

Harrison School Board Meeting
Meet at Harrison School.

SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7 p.m.

Twin Bridges School Board Meeting
Meet at Twin Bridges School

7 p.m.

Sheridan School Board Meeting
Meet at Sheridan School.

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

5 p.m.

Ennis School Board Meeting
Meet at Ennis School

*FOR FEB: Meeting with be on the 10th instead of 12th

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

5 p.m.

Alder School Board Meeting
Meet at Alder School

MONDAYS

2:30 p.m.

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City

Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Thompson-Hickman Library.

10:30 a.m.

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis

Meet on the second Monday of every month. ennisartsassociation.org

5:15 P.M.

First and Third Monday of Every Month. Free Meditation Classes at Sheridan Public Library.

TUESDAYS

9 a.m.

Historic Newspaper Reading Group
At the Sheridan Public Library.

9:30 a.m.

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City

Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Tuesday in the Annex Building.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City
Every Tuesday at the Thompson Hickman Library.

6 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday of Every Month

Dementia Care Giver Support Group

Join us at the Tobacco Root Care Center Conference Room. The third Tuesday is a training session.

6:30 p.m.

Second and fourth Tuesday of every month

Mental Health Support Group

Join us at the Madison Valley Medical Center (emergency room entrance)

7 p.m.

Movie Night, Virginia City

Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library
Every other Tuesday night.

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.

For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables at the Pony School.

Support group, Ennis

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

WEDNESDAYS

8:30 a.m.

TOPS, Ennis

Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 a.m. Meetings at 9:30 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room.

9:30 a.m.

Yoga with Emily

Join us for yoga with Emily at the Thompson- Hickman Madison County Library community room.

10:30 a.m.

Story Hour, Twin Bridges

Twin Bridges Library

10:30 a.m.

Books and Babies, Ennis

Madison Valley Public Library.

2:30 p.m.

Knitting, Twin Bridges

Twin Bridges Library

THURSDAYS

MV Woman's Club

FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH

September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church

1 p.m.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis

SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH

Madison Valley Manor Sun Room

2 p.m.

Knitting Club

At the Sheridan Public Library. On the second Thursday of the month, meet at the Ruby Valley Brewery.

7 p.m.

Movie at Sheridan Public Library

First and Third Thursday of Every Month

FRIDAYS

11 a.m.

Story Time, Ennis

Pre-K to Grade 2. Madison Valley Public Library

5:30 p.m.

Live Music, Ennis

Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

7 p.m.

Live Music - Norris

SATURDAYS

11 A.M.

First and Third Saturday of Every Month.

Romp & Rhythm Story Time at Madison Valley Library.

SUNDAYS

2 p.m.

Live Music, Ennis

Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room

1:30 p.m.

Second Sunday of Every Month

Sheridan Book Club

At the Sheridan Public Library.



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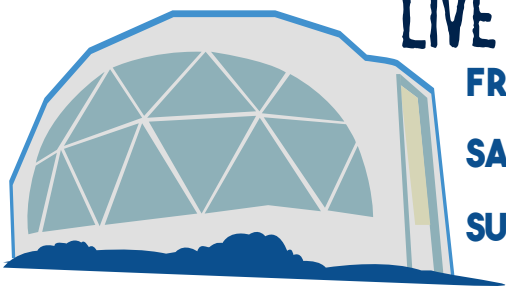
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