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A scramble under the Wildcats' net in the Twin Bridges vs Harrison game Feb. 14. See more Sports on page A10. And cheer on Madison County teams as they head to District Basketball Tournament in Butte. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

# MONTANA \*\*\*\*

The Madisonian coverage of the 2020 Montana Elections will start with the gubernatorial race. A candidate for governor will be featured each week addressing some issues close to **Madison County.** 

#### WHITNEY WILLIAMS COMES TO MADISON COUNTY

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

ontana governor candidate, Whitney Williams, spoke at the Madison Valley Public Library on her 56-county tour through Mon-

Williams is one of two Democrats running for governor in Montana's 2020 elections. If elected to be the Democratic candidate in the primaries, Williams will go against one of the three Republicans for the governor

Williams is a sixth-generation Montanan. She comes from a political family. Her mother, Carol Williams, was Montana's first female Senate majority leader. Her father, Pat Williams, is Montana's longest serving congressman.

"My parents are my biggest heroes," Williams said.

She grew up in Helena, spending a few years as a child in Washington D.C. when her parent's careers demanded it. The big city was an exciting adventure for Williams, but she noticed that the people did not wave.

"My mother kept saying,

'just keep waving, just keep waving. We'll spread Montana wherever we can.' We got to keep that value set here," Williams said.

Williams majored in Political Science, Forestry and Native American Studies at the University of Montana. She founded williamsworks, a company that works alongside Fortune 500 companies and charities to create strategic impacts for the better of a community. Their clients include Gatorade, Nike Foundation, (RED), Shultz Family Foundation, Equal Justice Initiative and many more.

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# FSA safety-nets

#### Payout programs approach enrollment deadline

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

ontana agricultural producers may be eligible for financial aid from the United States Department of Agriculture.

The USDA Farm Service Agency has two payout programs, which are approaching enrollment deadline of March 15. The Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage are financial aids for producers when reference crop prices are

lower than specified levels.

"I urge Madison and Jefferson county agriculture producers to call the local FSA office today to make an appointment to enroll in the 2019 and 2020 ARC or PLC programs," State Executive Director Mike Foster said. "We don't want you to miss out on this important safety-net assistance."

Producers can enroll in either of the programs, but not both. FSA has an online decision tool to help determine the best program, but some find to be unhelpful. The most

effective way to determine which program to enroll in is an appointment with a local FSA employee.

As of the beginning of February, 10.47% of expected Madison County producers were enrolled in either the ARC or PLC program. Jefferson County was at 21.43% of the expected enrollment for the county.

Each program at the county uses 85% of the specific covered commodity base acres as the scope. At the individual level, ARC payment acres are

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Whitney Williams speaks with people at the Madison Valley Public Library Feb. 14. Organizer Cindy Gockel takes the backseat enjoying the conversations. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE



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#### WHITNEY WILLIAMS continued FROM A1

Her entrance into the pollical arena was in response to the 2016 election. It was a careful decision, which she collected data and polls to assure it was a sensible option.

"There are some real problems in our country that I didn't know about," Williams said.



Williams commended her Republican opponent, Attorney General Tim Fox, for going after Big Pharma.

When 41% of Montanans are deciding between putting food on the table and prescriptions, we have a crisis," Williams said.

According to American Association of Retired People, 39% of Montanans stopped

taking a prescribed prescription drug because it was too expensive in 2017. Prescription prices continue to climb.

The 2019 federal budget request for the United States Department of Health and Human Services is about \$17.9 billion short of the 2017 level. The requested \$68.4 billion goes toward health issues like combating the opioid crisis,

increases budgets for the Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice programs and creates funding for a new Assertive Community Treatment for Individuals with serious mental illness. The request reduced funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs of Regional and National Significance by about \$600 million.

"Budgets are reflections of our values," Williams said. "We decide what we want to fund and who we want to be as Montanans. If nothing else, in this state we take care of each other, we're good neighbors. You never see one car on the side of the road you see two."



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#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING 📶



According to Cindy Gockel, Chairman of the Madison County Housing Advisory Board, Madison County residents have to earn \$22.50 an hour to afford the median house price in Madison County.

"We need a creative solution," Gockel said.

Williams looks at wealthy out-of-staters and property taxes as leading drivers of the exceeding housing costs in Montana.

"Montana is a welcoming place," Williams said. "We want people to participate in our economy."

According to Williams, there are a number of strategies that can infiltrate the housing problem. She referred to examples across the state like Helena's 85-unit affordable housing complex, which broke ground in the fall of 2018.

"I believe government can and should do more for the public," Williams said.

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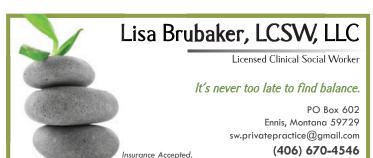
"We mustn't forget Gianforte's no trespassing signs," Williams said.

The Gianforte family owned business East Gallatin LLC, sued Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to remove a public access easement to the East Gallatin River. The easement was not previously known when Gianforte bought the properties along the Gallatin River. The interpretation of the case depends on the beholder, but it was handled outside the courts and access remains.

"We all know that moving lands to the state is really just a selling to the highest bidder," Williams said.

Williams grew up recreating with her family in the Big Hole. Public lands are a part of her identify as a Montanan, as with most Montanans. Williams believes public lands are essential to Montana's identity, heritage and economic wellbeing.

"I want to make sure Montana stays Montana," Williams said.



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#### **GRIZZLY BEAR MANAGEMENT**

The Gravelly Mountains had an active grizzly bear presence over in 2018.

The Yellowstone Grizzly Bear is returning to its historic distribution across Montana's wilderness and at times, in popular recreation areas. Whether for or against the delisting of the YGB from the Endangered Species List, the conversation is in Madison County's backyard.

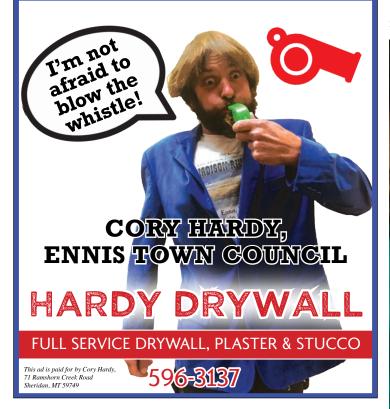
Williams supports returning the management of the Yellowstone Grizzly Bear to the states. She trusts the science, scientists and biologists to make the right decision.

"Critters big and small are part of where we are," Williams said. "We have to be thoughtful about what that management looks like."

Gov. Steve Bullock formed the Grizzly Bear Advisory Council, which is a multi-perspective, 12-member board. The council has a year to listen, learn and recommend a management plan for the Yellowstone Grizzly Bear.

"My dad always said there's always a genius next door," Williams said.

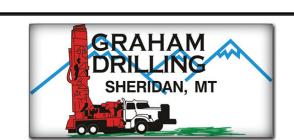
According to Williams, Montanans are problem solvers and listening to one's neighbor could lead to solutions and understanding that Helena was not able to produce.



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Whitney Williams speaks and listens to people at the Madison Valley Public Library. Photo by Hannah Kearse



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Livestock reports are due March 1. Owners can report online at ReportYourLivestock.mt.gov.

#### Reminder: livestock reports due March 1

Submitted by SANJAY TALWANI, MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Montanans have just a few more weeks to report the number of each type of livestock they own in order to pay the per capita Livestock owners must report what they owned as of Febru-

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#### FSA continued FROM A1

65% of the farm's total covered commodity base acres. Base acres are tied to the farm, not the owner. They are crop-specific and represent the number of acres a covered commodity is eligible to receive program payments. FSA listed 22 crops as covered commodities for 2019 and 2020 including wheat, soybeans, barley and mustard.

ARC payments are trig-

gered when the actual county crop revenue of a covered commodity is less than the ARC county guarantee. The revenues are based on county yields for the physical location of base acres.

PLC payments are triggered when the effective price for covered commodities falls below its effective reference price. The effective price is based on

national averages. PLC payments will be paid on 85% of the farm's base acres of each covered commodity.

ARC-PLC programs payments for Madison County producers were \$215,337. FSA had 91 contracts in Madison County. Statewide, 38.26% of expected agriculture producers have enrolled to receive aid for their 2019 crops.

### **Brucellosis found** in the Rubys

#### FWP and Montana Department of Livestock project

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

wo elk have been exposed to brucellosis in the Ruby Mountains outside the Montana Department of Livestock's Designated Surveillance Area.

Brucellosis can affect fetuses in cows, elk and bison, causing abortion. Testing for

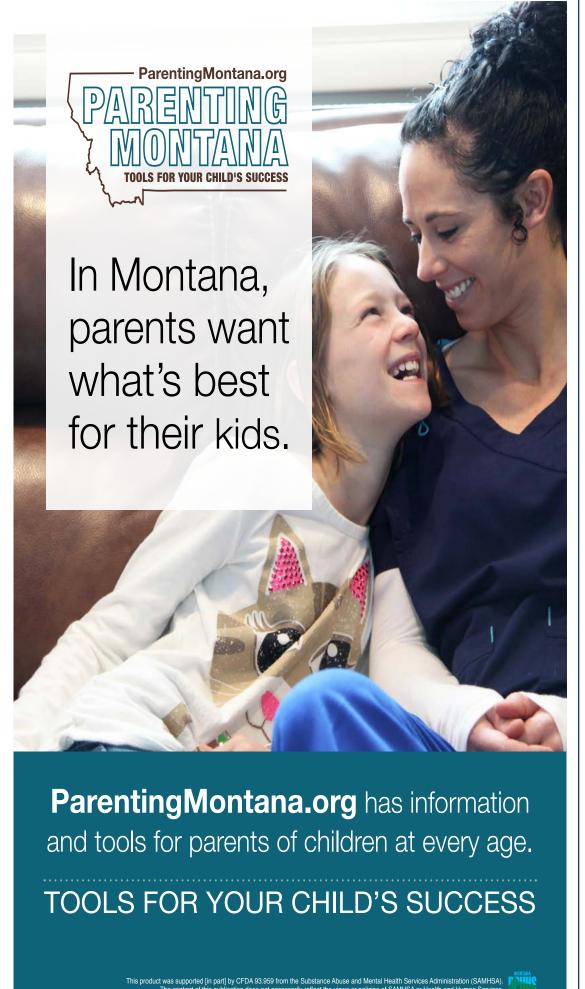
the disease in the Ruby Mountains is part of the Targeted Elk Brucellosis Surveillance Project to track movements of elk and identify risks to livestock. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks have sampled 100 elk this year.

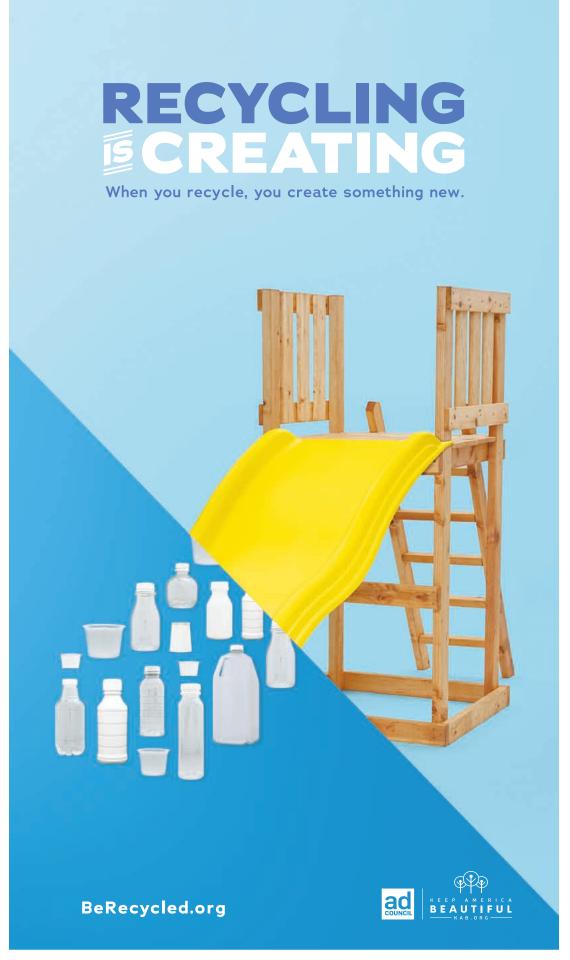
"Our biggest tool is hunter harvest," FWP Information and Education Program Manager Morgan Jacobsen said.

Samples were taken by FWP from hunter-harvested elk and through capture work performed by FWP with the use of net guns and tranquilizers. Elk were outfitted with radio GPS collars to track migration patterns.

"We're [FWP] partnering with a lot of groups," Jacobsen said. "An effort that will continue.'



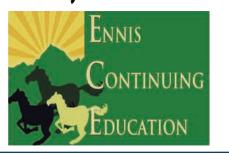








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# OPINION

#### An open letter to the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission:

I streamed your meeting of the 13th, and, the long and short of it is, the can was kicked down the road again. At the end of the meeting you asked FWP staff to examine the effect of regulations on the local economy, and if necessary, prepare an EIR re same, with another meeting in the near future. Thus, considering the State's rule making process, it appears that for one more year, no effective action will be taken to reduce the fishing pressure on the Madison River.

I live in the Madison Valley and I have participated in Madison River Citizen Action Committees and scoping for the last ten years, having fished the

River between 75 and 100 days each year. Notwithstanding the interminable meetings, conferences, survey, studies and coffee klatches, the Board has taken no action to reduce the ever-increasing fishing pressure and crowding on the River ignoring the recommendations of its professional staff. During the last two to three years, special interests have claimed that any, yes any, restrictions would be an egregious burden on the outfitters, guides, and other businesses in the area. Notwithstanding this argument being long standing, it appears no one at the FWP thought to have an EIR in their back pocket for this year's review of the same

old issues.

What concerned me the most, however, is that during the entire meeting, although the Commission discussed staff's analysis of its most recent survey and the concerns of the special interest groups, not one word was said about the risk to the River and its trout arising from over fishing. The health of the trout is more important than the economic impact of fishing and boating restrictions on the River. I am reminded of the fable about the goose that laid the golden egg. At the current use levels, it is not unlikely that there could be a collapse in the fishery (remember whirling disease?) and then overcrowding

will no longer be an issue because all the sportsmen will migrate to some other locale and the Ennis economy will collapse. The guides and outfitters can move on to the next golden river over the next mountain range, but the business people of Ennis do not have that freedom and will be the worst hit in a collapse. Accordingly, the FWP in preparing its EIR analyzing the economic impact of some restrictions on the River, must balance that against the economic impact of having no fishery at all. Fish or cut bait!

> Jay Bingham McAllister, Mont.

#### Dear NorthWestern Energy's 374,000 electrical patrons/users:

NW Energy has filed its 1,100 page plan "Protective Order" to the Montana Public Service Commission asking the PSC's approval for its plan to buy a large share of Colstrip Power Plant. In approving this proposal, the PSC would commit NWE's customers to paying costs, CURRENTLY UNDISCLOSED, related to its share purchase.

Protective Orders are used to keep confidential information that could compromise NWE's competitiveness in a market environment. Only, NWE is a

monopoly and doesn't operate in a market environment. NWE is requesting that it be kept secret the impact of the cost RATEPAYERS will have to pay to for NEW's long term customer debt requirements needed to pay for future replacement costs of the failing/badly damaged superheated Colstrip Unit 4, about \$20 million. Also in the works is the estimated total cleanup of Colstrip of \$400 million, a bill that will be unevenly split among the 4-unit power plant's six owners. And more, shielded from the public

were cost estimates of capital expenditure projections and operating budget for the power plant.

NWE's refusal to be transparent about increasing costs required to operate an aging power plant undermines its false claim that "this will be good for ratepayers". We all are aware that there is a reason investors and utilities are exiting dirty and expensive coal. Avista Corp. is proposing a settlement in Washington in which it would not agree to any Colstrip-related expense that would prolong the

life of the plant. Why should the PSC agree to ask Montanans to do so? Please write to the Public Service Commission at 1701 Prospect, Helena MT 59601 or phone 406-444-6199 or visit web site: psc.mt.gov. Protect your rate costs and future transparency thereof by asking the PSC to deny NWE's request for a "Protective Order".

> Pat Bradley, Twin Bridges, Mont.

#### Pants on fire administration

Dear Editor,

The Trump Administration plans big cuts in Social Security, Medicare and or Medicaid sometime after the November elections. But according to MSNBC, Mr. Trump stated in 2015, "I'm not going to cut Social Security like every other Republican and I'm not going to cut Medicare or Medicaid."

Mr. Trump is on record numerous times promising not to cut the "safety net programs" above but he is going back on his word. Mr. Trump needs to understand that, " a liar's worst enemy is someone with a good memory." Or, as Abraham Lincoln once stated, " No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar."

The reason the Trump Administration is going after "safety net programs" is because of the 2017 tax cut deal he struck with the Republican controlled Congress. Mr. Trump insisted and promised that U.S. economic growth would cover the cost of the tax cuts. Instead of economic growth and according to CNBC News, "While GDP rose 2.9% in 2018, it slowed to 2.3% in 2019 as the debt and deficits continue to rise." Also according to CNBC news, "U.S. deficit surges 25% in fiscal 2020 and is \$1.1 trillion over the past year."

Note too, the GDP under President Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton was larger than that under Mr. Trump. As for job creation, the last three years

creation was larger than under Mr. Trump's first three years in office. Check to see if I am right!

The ill-advised tax cut in 2017 has caused the U.S. deficit to soar. Still, in recent months government receipts are on the rise compared to a year ago. But according to CNBC news, "Receipts actually are on the rise comparatively, coming in at \$1.18 trillion through January compared with \$1.1 trillion a year earlier. However, the rate of spending is adding to the shortfall, with outlays coming in at \$1.57 trillion vs. \$1.42 trillion for the first four months in fiscal 2019. That's a 9.6% spending increase."

The Trump Administration is spending more than it brings

under President Obama, U.S. job in. And somewhere sooner than later the shortfall with revenue has to be made up and Mr. Trump wants to cut "safety net programs" to do so. He wants YOU to pay. Shame on Mr. Trump. Shame him.

Do not allow Mr. Trump and his, "pants on fire" administration to cut Social Security, Medicare and or Medicaid. Vote your pocketbook in November. And do note there is an effort afoot to change the Republican mascot from an elephant to an ostrich. I am heavily in favor of such a change.

> Jerry Welch Ennis, Mont.

# OBITUARIES

Virgil Ray Dixon March 31, 1939 to January 26, 2020

Virgil Ray Dixon, 80, beloved father, brother, son and friend, passed away unexpectedly on January 26,

Born on March 31, 1939 in Virginia City, Mont., Virgil was one of four children born to Carl and Florence Dixon. Growing up in true smalltown fashion, Virgil loved to tell stories of his adventurous childhood like sledding down "Boot Hill" narrowly missing moving traffic. He

was also known to jump onto unsuspecting bare-backed horses to see how long he could stay aboard. Virgil's love of adventure, passion for learning, and his hard work ethic carried him through all his life's journeys.

Virgil was a man of many talents. His life of work included stints as a miner, ranch-hand, mechanic, teacher and coach. He spent the majority of his professional career working for state government and retired as

Director within the Department of Public Health and Human Services. Virgil was not one to let retirement slow him down, however. In retirement, Virgil started a lawn-mowing business, began traveling the world on mission trips and pleasure trips and enjoyed shuttling rental cars throughout the state. For all that knew Virgil, know that the world has lost an amazingly kind, loving, humorous and caring human being.

Virgil is proceeded in death

by his parents, his brother Bill Dixon and his stepson Robert Eide. Virgil is survived by his daughters; Donna Dixon (Chris Wells), Nikki Dixon-Foley (Richard); and stepdaughter Tracey Tintinger (Ben). Grandchildren; Kyle Dixon, Jon, Sam, Jaylen, and Trey Tintinger, and Millie and Hattie Foley; brother Norm Dixon and sister Pat Davis. A celebration of life took

place Feb. 3 in Helena.

# OBITUARIES

Wilma Dean Graehling September 12, 1927 to January 15, 2020



Born Sept. 12, 1927 to John and Dorothy Kennedy in Hugo, Okla., Wilma Dean was their only child and the apple of their eyes. She was an avid reader, self-taught cook, seamstress, maker of quilts and afghans, lover of plants, flowers, gardening and canning the produce. She made each of her grandchildren a quilt for their 8th grade graduation and an afghan for high school graduation. She remembered all family birthdays with a card and gift.

Wilma graduated from Butte High School in Butte, Mont., and completed two years of a nursing program at Montana State in Bozeman.

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Dean and family until his death.

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School in 1958.

the mid 1990's.

south of Twin Bridges.

She was introduced to Robert Shorten at a friend's wedding and six weeks later they were married. They both loved country dances held in old school houses in Madison County. She worked in the medical field throughout her life. They had two daughters, Linda and Lonnie, seven grandchildren, 15 great- and four great-great-grandchildren. She was a rancher's wife until she and Bob moved to Colorado in 1985 to be close to Linda's family and enjoy the milder climate. Arizona in the winter was a gift they both enjoyed. They remained close to Lonnie's Idaho family, but 500 miles apart meant more phone calls than visits. Her mother and Uncle Brown joined them in Grand Junction in 1988. Wilma and Bob attended sporting events for Shawn, Kent and Tony, and were known as Grandma and Papa by young and old alike. Papa died of cancer in 1999. Wilma married Glen (Gerry) Cameron in 2000 and became active in a Jeep club exploring the Colorado and Utah back country. Gerry died in 2009 of cancer. Wilma was active in Grey Gourmet, Crossroads

United Methodist Church and

Michael Edmond Nettik

Michael Edmond Nettik went into eternal rest Jan. 18, 2020

surrounded by his family and friends. Being an avid hunter his entire

life, his last shot rang true on Monday, Dec. 30 at the age of 80 years

old and 9 months. The approximate 1,000 yard plus shot downed the

Mickey, as he was nicknamed, was born on April 10, 1939 in

and youth in Dillon. He was a great athlete and participated in

basketball and track, graduating from Beaverhead County High

He met the love of his life, Phyllis (Penny) Redfield on a blind

date in the summer of 1958. They were married on May 9, 1959 at The

Church of The Valley in Twin Bridges. They lived in Dillon until 1966. That summer, they moved to the homestead ranch of Penny's parents

Mickey began working at Tri State Mineral Company (Pfizer) after graduating high school and remained there until 1979. Due to

medical complications from the talc plant, Mickey retired. He worked

at the Ruby Valley Hardware Store in the early 1980's until it closed in

In 2009, Mickey moved to Milliken, Colo. and lived with his son

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Verna

brother in law George Eby. He also left behind a faithful and very

Mickey is survived by his sons Steve (Syd), Keith (Desda), Dean (Audrey) and his daughter Phyllis (David). He has 7 grandsons, 4 granddaughters, one great grandson, brother Ernie (MaryEllen) and

A celebration of life memorial service will be held on Saturday,

June 20 at 11a.m. at the Mountain View Chapel in Twin Bridges. A

luncheon will follow at the Madison County Fairgrounds. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to Mountain View Chapel.

To leave condolences for Mickey's family, please visit

Nettik, his wife, Phyllis (Penny Nettik) and sister Verona.

He moved to Piedmont, S.D. in 1998 and worked seasonally for the

Dillon, Montana to Verna and Edward Nettik. He spent his childhood

continued cheering on greatgrandchildren at sporting events. She married Alex Graehling in 2013. Wilma had been blessed with good health until the last two years of her life. Her 90s saw a decline in her activity. She and Alex enjoyed quiet times until her death Jan. 15, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Dorothy Kennedy; and her husbands, Robert Shorten and Gerry Cameron. She is survived by her husband, Alex Graehling; his daughters, Reese and Glynda and family; her daughters, Linda (Bill) Marsh and Lonnie (John) Martinell; and grandchildren, Shawn (Jennifer), Kent (Stacey), Tony (Carmen) Marsh, Stacy (Tim) Grant, Misty (Kris Smith) Martinell, Erin (Nathan) Kennedy, Leslie Watson and their families.

A Celebration of her life will be held at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, Grand Junction, Colo. on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 at 10 a.m.

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#### **FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

An accident occurred in Cameron. Citizens were assisted in Twin Bridges. An animal complaint was made in McAllister. A disturbance was reported in Sheridan.

#### **FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

An accident occurred in McAllister. A theft complaint was made in Ennis. A traffic complaint was made in Alder. A fraud complaint was made in Ennis.
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.

A citizen was assisted in Ennis. A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis. A welfare check was performed in Sheridan.

#### **FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

Accidents occurred in Twin Bridges and

A welfare check was performed in Ennis. An animal complaint was made in Cardwell.

#### **FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

An accident occurred in Ennis. A wildlife complaint was made in Cameron. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis and Whitehall. Citizens were assisted in Twin Bridges and

A dog complaint was made in Ennis.

#### **FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan. Threats were reported in Sheridan. An abandoned vehicle was reported in

A traffic complaint was made in Cameron. An animal complaint was made in Sheridan. Citizens were assisted in Virginia City. Accidents occurred in Cameron, Ennis, McAllister, Norris and Harrison.
A trucking complaint was made in McAllister.

#### **FEBRUARY 14, 2020**

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan and Ennis.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges.

A wildlife complaint was made in Cameron. An accident occurred in McAllister. A dog complaint was made in Ennis. A disturbance was reported in Twin Bridges.

#### **FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

An accident occurred in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis and Sheridan.

Medical aid was administered in McAllister. Traffic complaints were reported in Cameron.

A wildlife complaint was made in Cameron. An animal complaint was made in Alder.



Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 90 calls for service between Feb 9-Feb 15, 2020.

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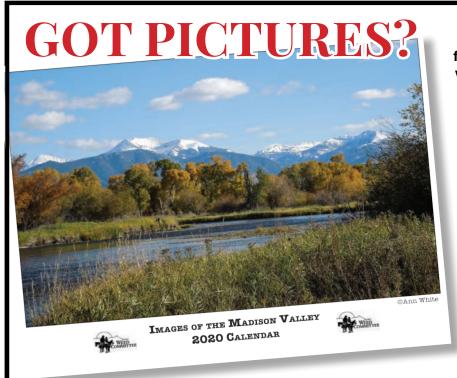
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# SPORTS

#### **FALCONS WIN CONFERENCE BATTLE**

#### Harrison puts up a great fight against undefeated Twin Bridges

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Both teams were electric in the first few of minutes of the game. Harrison senior Vern Homner stole the ball at half court for a dunk in the second minute. Twin Bridges senior Nate Konen tied the game each time Harrison got ahead during the fast paced plays early in the

Tied at eight points, the players calmed. Konen and Harrison players scramble on half court in the fifth minute. He found Twin Bridges senior Bryce Nye. Nye dribbled down court and was fouled as he went up to the net.

The Falcons surpassed the

Wildcats in points after Konen put up two points with a little more than two minutes left in the first quarter. Twin Bridges junior Charlie Kruer continued the lead, driving the ball in from the left corner and bringing the Falcons to 16 points. The quarter ended in a tie, 17-17.

Nye and Konen started the second quarter putting up points for Twin Bridges. Harrison called for a timeout at the top of the fourth minute, having yet scored. Luke Cima came out of the timeout to score the first points of the quarter for the Wildcats.

Kruer erupted in the final 30 seconds of the half. From left court, he netted a three pointer. Cima returned with two

points for Harrison. From right court, Kruer put up another three-pointer with two seconds left. Harrison trailed close behind.

Konen was a strong defensive presence. Konen, number 13, put up 13 points in the final game of the season. He was also a strong defensive presence against the Wildcats.

Harrison continued to trail by a few points in the third quarter. Twin Bridges secured their win in the fourth quarter, Harrison falling behind by the largest deficit of the game.

Both teams will play in the District 12-C Basketball Tournament in Butte, which starts Thursday.



**Twin Bridges Falcons: 17** Final: 63 **Harrison Wildcats:** Final: 49

**TWIN BRIDGES** 

**POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 63 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: CHARLIE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 20** 

2-POINTERS **TEAM TOTAL: 15 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: NATE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 4** 

**3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 6**  **INDIVIDUAL LEADER: CHARLIE KRUER INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 4** 

**FREE THROWS: 88% SUCCESS** RATE



Wildcat James Hernval dribbles around Falcon Bryce Nye in Twin Bridges Feb. 14. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

**HARRISON** 

**POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 49 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LUKE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 14** 

**2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 18 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LUKE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 7** 

**3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 2**  **INDIVIDUAL LEADER: KYLE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 2** 

**FREE THROWS: 88% SUCCESS** RATE



#### LADY FALCONS NEST

#### Twin Bridges triumphs over Harrison

BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Twin Bridges was the more confident team on the court Feb. 14. They also had three times the number players to substitute in than Harrison.

Dana Lerum opened the game with a three-pointer for Harrison in the first minute. Twin Bridges returned with a two-pointer.

Harrison coach Dom Davis saw his player in need of help and called a timeout with a little over three minutes left in the first quarter. Lauren Cima returned to the court to score a three-pointer, one of three that she made during the game.

The seconds ticked closer to the buzzer as

Twin Bridges put up the ball four times without finding the net. A foul was called, putting Falcons eighth-grader, Emma Konen, at the end line. She tossed the ball to Ashleigh Guinnane, who make the shot before the buzzer.

Two three-pointers were scored in the first minute of the second quarter, bringing Harrison to nine points and Twin Bridges to 18 points. Harrison junior Rosie Chater brought the Wildcats into the double digits, making both fouls shots in the fifth minute. Again, Twin Bridges was under the net in the final seconds of the quarter. The ball bounced around until the Falcons' fifth attempt,

when Callie Kaiser found the net. Both teams returned from the halftime break

**Twin Bridges Falcons: 15** 

**Harrison Wildcats:** 

cold on their feet. Twin Bridges scored four points and Harrison scored two points. The girls were warmed up for the final quarter. Harrison junior Aleena Bacon put up the first points, a two-pointer. Kaiser was quick to return the points for the

Twin Bridges played well off the ball, setting themselves up for success. The Falcons' free throw rate was lower than usual, but they made up for it on the court. Rudy Waller, a Twin Bridges freshman, made the final points of the game with 19 seconds left. The Falcons won 45-23.

Harrison and Twin Bridges will be playing in the Division 12-C Basketball Tournament in Butte. The tournament starts Thursday.

Final: 45

Final: 23

Twin bridges junior Bailey Stockett shoots over Harrison junior Rosie Chater. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

**TWIN BRIDGES** 

**POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 45 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: AVERY INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 6** 

2-POINTERS **TEAM TOTAL: 18 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: ASHLEIGH GUINNANE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 6** 

**3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 2** 

**INDIVIDUAL LEADER: RUBY WALLER/ EMMA KONEN INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 1** 

**FREE THROWS: 38% SUCCESS** 

**HARRISON** 

Feb. 14

**POINTS** TEAM TOTAL: 23 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LAUREN

**INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 11** 

**2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 5 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LAUREN** 

**INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3** 

**3-POINTERS** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 2** 

**INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LAUREN CIMA/ DANA LERUM INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 1** 

**FREE THROWS: 58% SUCCESS** 

#### JAKE HUGHES IS BACK

Falcons remain undefeated against the Prospectors

Feb. 15

**Twin Bridges Falcons: 10** Final: 55 **Granite Prospectors: 6** 10 24 Final: 31

**3-POINTERS** 

**POINTS** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 55** INDIVIDUAL LEADER: JAKE HUGHES **INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 13** 

2-POINTERS **TEAM TOTAL: 11 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: NATE KONEN INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 4** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 3 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: JAKE** HUGHES **INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 9** 

**FREE THROWS: 43% SUCCESS** RATE

#### LOSS FOR TWIN BRIDGES

Lady Falcons fall to Prospectors

Feb. 15

**Twin Bridges Falcons: 5** Final: 26 10 19 **Granite Prospectors: 7** 16 19 Final: 37

**POINTS** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 26 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: AVERY** DALE **INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 7** 

**2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 11 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: AVERY INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3** 

**3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 0** 

**FREE THROWS: 33% SUCCESS** RATE



#### **MUSTANGS MARCHED** OVER AND WON

#### Ennis' boys basketball squeaks by Harrison

BY HANNAH KEARSE

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The Ennis Mustangs defeated the Wildcats in Harrison Feb. 15. The game changed in the second quarter. The Mustangs took the lead against the Wildcats, scoring 20 points and holding Harrison to two points. Ennis

continued to outscore Harrison in each quarter.

Ian Swanson and Brand Ostler made the Mustangs' successful second quarter. They also accounted for all of the Mustangs' points in the third quarter, scoring only with three pointers.

The Wildcats were not able to

come back from their low scoring second quarter. The Homner brothers, sophomore Kyle and senior Vern, put up most of the points for Harrison. Kyle's points were all three-pointers, which he scored in the second half.

Ennis and Harrison will play in the District 12-C Basketball Tournament in Butte Thursday.

Feb. 15

**Ennis Mustangs:** Final: 46 **Harrison Wildcats:** Final: 40

**ENNIS** 

**POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 46 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN SWANSON INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 26** 

**2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN SWANSON INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 5** 

**3-POINTERS** 

**INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN SWANSON INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 4** 

**FREE THROWS: 56% SUCCESS** RATE

**TEAM TOTAL:7** 

**HARRISON** 

**POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 40 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: VERN INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 16** 

**2-POINTERS** TEAM TOTAL: 9 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: VERN HOMNER **INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 4** 

**3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 5** 

INDIVIDUAL LEADER: KYLE **HOMNER INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3** 

**FREE THROWS: 40% SUCCESS** RATE

#### MUSTANGS WRAP UP REGULAR **SEASON WITH A WIN**

#### Ennis' girls basketball defeats Harrison

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

The Lady Mustangs defeated the Wildcats in Harrison Feb. 15.

Ennis had a comfortable lead on Harrison at the end of the first half. The Wildcats closed the point-gap

in the third quarter and went point for point with Ennis in the fourth quarter.

Kennedy Davies' three-pointers contributed to the Mustangs' lead in the first half. Jenna Snider and Shae Lovett were consistent scorers for Ennis. Ennis slumped and struggled to connect with the net in the third quarter. Wildcats Laura Cima was the sole scorer for Harrison in the first quarter, making a free throw. Cima

was a consistent presence for the Wildcats. She put up points in each quarter, earing the Wildcats 11 points. Dana Lerum led the Wildcats in points, draining a three-pointer in three of the quarters. Lovett racked up seven points for the Mustangs in the final quarter. Harrison's Aleena Bacon was two

for two at the free throw line before she fouled out in the fourth quarter.

The District 12-C Basketball Tournament begins in Butte Thursday. Ennis and Harrison will compete against conference teams for the championship and a chance in the divisional tournament.

Feb. 15

**Ennis Mustangs:** Final: 39 **Harrison Wildcats:** Final: 31

**ENNIS** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 39 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: SHAE** LOVETT **INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 13** 

2-POINTERS **TEAM TOTAL: 9 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: SHAE** LOVETT **INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 5** 

**3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 3**  **INDIVIDUAL LEADER: KENNEDY DAVIES INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 4** 

**FREE THROWS: 56% SUCCESS** RATE

**HARRISON** 

**POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 31 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: DANA INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 14** 

**2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 8** INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LAURA **INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 4** 

**3-POINTERS** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 3** 

**INDIVIDUAL LEADER: DANA LERUM INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3** 

**FREE THROWS: 60% SUCCESS** RATE

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#### MUSTANGS END ON "W"'s

Ennis conquers the Trojans in Drummond

Feb. 14

**Ennis Mustangs: 13 Drummond Trojans:** Final: 35

**POINTS** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 52 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN SWANSON INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 28** 

**2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 15 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN SWANSON INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 7** 

**3-POINTERS** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 4 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN SWANSON INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3** 

FREE THROWS: 63% SUCCESS

#### PALA-DID-CHUK SOME 3's

Ennis' girls beat Drummond

Feb. 14 **Ennis Mustangs: 9 Drummond Trojans:** 

**23** 39 Final: 47 Final: 34

**POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 47 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LANDRI PALADICHUK INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 15** 

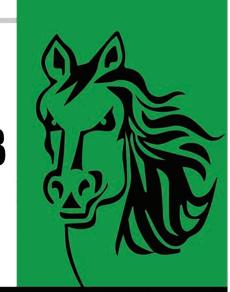
**2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 6 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: JENNA SNIDER INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3** 

**3-POINTERS** 

**TEAM TOTAL: 9** INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LANDRI **PALADICHUK INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 5** 

FREE THROWS: 57% SUCCESS RATE

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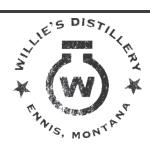
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#### Saturday



Mainly sunny. High 37F. Winds SW

#### Sunday



Partly cloudy early, then some snow showers later in the day. High 36F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 60%. Snow accumulations less than one inch.

#### Monday



Mainly cloudy. High around 25F. Winds W at 10 to 15 mph.

#### Quote of the Week:

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# COMMUNITY





# CALLED BY THE MOUNTAINS

#### David Zaufenberg takes a position with the Madison Conservation District

By KEELY LARSON connect@madisoniannews.com

here's a new face about town with the Madison Conservation District.

David is a pretty common first name. The German surname Laufenberg, on the contrary, is not.

In 2009, David Laufenberg was studying abroad in Ecuador and went running in the mountains with a German woman. As they pranced along, she would occasionally utter some muffled laughter and repeat his last name. Finally, he had to ask why. "It's just so great to be running in the mountains with a Laufenberg," she said.

Broken down, 'laufen' translates to running and 'berg' to mountains. Laufenberg wrote a letter to his 91-year-old grandmother after putting this together to explain the etymology of their last name.

Laufenberg's grandmother grew up farming in Wiscon-

sin, never even going to high school. He was born and raised surrounded by dairy farms in the southwestern part of the state. In Madison, Wis. he got his undergraduate degree in science and conservation biology.

The call of the mountains, maybe stemming in part from his own name, was persistent.

Laufenberg had a friend doing graduate work at Montana State University (MSU) and came to Bozeman to visit, eventually staying to start his own graduate degree. One adventure there involved working with the Bridgers Ridge Hawk Watch and witnessing 1,000 or so golden eagles flocking through the area while he lived and worked on top of the ridge for two months.

He obtained a Master of Science graduate degree and defended his thesis this past May. The topic involved water availability for pine trees, specifically white bark pines, in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, with a focus on conservation I think we all have a vested interest in the welfare of our common home, the Madison Valley,"

#### LAUFENBERG SAID.

efforts. The mountains and valleys of Yellowstone drew him to the area.

A small community to call home made a job with the Madison Conservation District (MCD) in Ennis even more alluring.

Laufenberg and his girlfriend and their dog will be moving to Ennis at the end of the month. He began the job with MCD as the conservation programs manager at the beginning of January. Part of the job description includes being in charge of coordinating with partners and working to establish long-term conservation goals significant to the Madison Valloy

Valley.

"I'm learning a lot about agricultural practices in Montana and specifically learning a lot about soil health as the basis upon which we have long standing ecological health as well as ranch land," Laufenberg

anid.

As the conservation programs manager, Laufenberg works with private landowners. Understanding how private and public sectors can work together to ensure land health will be a big part of his role. He described private landowners as proactive and engaged, willing to get work done, "like tomorrow if we went to."

tomorrow if we want to."

The move to Ennis provides opportunities for him to really

get to know the people who have lived on this land for generations, and who care about preserving it for many more.

"I'm really excited to get out and kick the dirt with folks who have been kicking the dirt on their own land for a long time," Laufenberg said. Working in conservation tends to transcend public and private life, he explained. The two cannot easily be separated when the job seeps into each component.

Classic conservationists like Rachel Carson, Wallace Stegner and Aldo Leopold influenced Laufenberg as he studied. A quote from Stegner in his email signature reads, "I really only want to say that we may love a place and still be dangerous

These three and many more have explained in their own words why conservation work is important. "I think we all have a vested interest in the welfare of our common home, the Madison Valley," someone's email signature quoting Laufenberg may one day read.



Laufenberg looks forward to exploring the land by skiing, hunting, fishing and running with his girlfriend and their dog. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID LAUFENBERG



Laufenberg's grandmother "writes the most beautiful letters," he said. In the letter he wrote to her to explain their last name, he addressed it to the 'Matriarch of Mountain Runners.' PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID LAUFENBERG



New conservation programs manager, David Laufenberg, joins the Madison Consersation District in January. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID LAUFENBERG













# ◆ **BEWELL**











### Cancer patients use more blood than those fighting any other disease

American Red Cross and American Cancer Society partner to inspire people to help patients and Give Blood to Give Time

Submitted by CYNTHIA DE LA TORRE

atients fighting cancer need more blood than patients fighting any other disease, using nearly one-quarter of the nation's blood supply. That's why this February, the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society have teamed up to encourage people across the country to Give Blood to Give Time, ensuring loved ones have the strength and support to battle cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, 1 in 3 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. An estimated 5,850 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Montana this year. Many of these people will likely have a need for blood.

"A loved one's cancer diagnosis often makes families and friends feel helpless. That's why the Give Blood to Give Time partnership with the American Cancer Society is so important," said Dr. Pampee Young, chief medical officer, American Red Cross. "When someone donates blood or platelets or makes a

financial gift, they are helping to give patients and their families time, resources and the hope they need to fight back."

To schedule a blood or platelet donation appointment or make a financial gift, visit GiveBloodToGiveTime.org.

Some types of chemotherapy can damage bone marrow, reducing red blood cell and platelet production. Other times, the cancer itself or surgical procedures cause the problem. Blood products are often needed. In fact, five units of blood are needed every minute to help someone going through cancer treatment. Yet only 3% of people in the United States give blood. More people are needed to donate regularly to help meet the need.

"The need for blood in cancer treatments is an important and untold story," said Gary Reedy, chief executive officer of the American Cancer Society. "The American Cancer Society is excited to be working with the Red Cross on Give Blood to Give Time. Through this partnership, we want people to know there are multiple ways they can help and make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and their families."

Individuals can honor their loved ones by making a blood donation appointment or financial contribution at GiveBloodToGiveTime.org.

#### Who blood donations help

In April 2015, Stephenie Perry was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma exactly 10 days before her commencement ceremony from graduate school. One week after commencement, treatments began. During chemotherapy and two stem cell transplants, she needed blood and platelet transfusions.

"I don't even know how many units of blood I've received," she said. "But I know all of that blood came from selfless individuals who made the decision to make an appointment and donate."

Last February, Perry received the good news that her cancer is in remission. The next day, her then-boyfriend, Justin Perry, proposed to her - just in time for Valentine's Day. They talked about marriage while she battled cancer, but they wanted to wait until she was in remission. Justin

Perry said he didn't want to go another day without asking her to marry him. They were married in September.

Her red blood cell counts still get low at times. When that happens, she goes in for another blood transfusion.

"I think it's safe to say that my successful battle with cancer depended upon complete strangers and their donated blood. For this, I am grateful," Stephenie Perry said. "Sometimes I hear stories from friends about people who are scared of needles or afraid to donate blood. I wish I could stand face-to-face with those people and tell them there is nothing scary about saving a life – a life like mine."

#### How to donate blood

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#### EVENTS, MY DEAR READERS, EVENTS

When questioned by a journalist about what was most likely to throw the British government off course, Harold Macmillan, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom between 1957 and 1963 responded with what is now a famous quote. Mr. Macmillan said, "Events, my dear boy, events." Today, viewing the Big Four, stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities I am quickly reminded of that famous quote because I cannot recall a time in the past 40 to 50 years where, "events" are lined up like ducks in a row to impact virtually all

Here are the events that fill my head with hope, excitement and caution. Of course, many will add to my list. Others may dismiss my list all together. At some point in time, I may do both. But right now here is my list of events poised to impact the Big Four: climate change; coronavirus; and the trade agreement recently signed between the United States and China. And now let's take a look at each of those

market moving events.

Climate Change: The decade that just ended, was the warmest and hottest in the history of the world. In the United States, the years 2014 through and including 2019 were five warmest years in history. A week does not go by without some sort of weather anomaly taking place somewhere. When I read of such weather aberrations, it makes me worry about the impact it could have on agriculture in the U.S. during the growing season.

A week ago, for instance, CNBC News posted an article with the following highlights. "Antarctica just set its hottest temperature ever recorded at 64.9 degrees Fahrenheit as climate change continues to accelerate across the world." "The reading beats the continent's previous record of 63.5 degrees tallied in March 2015 and comes shortly after the Earth saw its hottest January on record and hottest decade on record in the 2010s." The day the temperature hit 64.9 degrees in the Antarctic it was

warmer there than in Texas!

And yesterday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced the earth, the globe had its hottest January in 141 years last month. Record hot temperatures were seen in parts of Central and South America, Asia, Scandinavia, the Indian and Atlantic Oceans and the central and western Pacific Ocean.

Chinese Trade Deal: China is committed to buy \$40 billion worth of food-stuffs from the United States each year for two years. Never in the history of U.S. agriculture has any nation bought so much food-stuffs before. Back in 2011, China bought as much as \$25 billion and the CRB index, that is to the agriculture markets as the Dow

Jones is to the stock market, rose to an all-time high. Of course and as expected, once Chinese buying slowed, the CRB and the U.S. ag-markets retreated and have been doing so for the past 8 to 9 years.

I view the Chinese trade deal as "new found demand." The only other time when, "new found demand" for U.S. agriculture products surfaced so quickly was in the years 1972 thru the early 1980's due to a series of crop disasters in the former Soviet Union. As the Soviets rushed to buy U.S. grain, weather issues surfaced as well. It was the bullish combination of new found demand and weather issues that sent the ag-markets to record highs.

Will history repeat itself

moving forward? Will new found demand from China coupled with climate change issues also spark higher U.S. agricultural prices? As a firm believer that history repeats itself, the stage appears set for a scenario to unfold in U.S. agriculture similar to that of 1972 to the early 1980's. If so, grain and livestock producers should be honing their marketing skills. After all, the key to success in agriculture is marketing.

Coronavirus: The long term impact of the virus sweeping across China and getting a foothold in a host of other countries in Asia and Europe is unknown. Some argue by spring the virus will have run its course. Others argue that it will hang around for at least another year.

From CNBC News: "The head

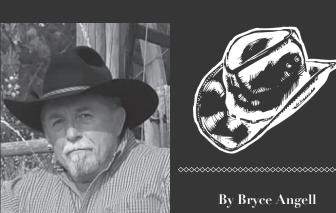
of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the new coronavirus, which has killed almost 1,400 people and is still spreading in China, could be around for at least another year. With the Chinese government reporting 121 more deaths and more than 5,000 new confirmed and suspected cases Thursday alone, the illness dubbed COVID-19 doesn't appear to have peaked."

But in my view, the coronavirus suggests loudly that China needs food-stuffs as soon as possible. Food-stuffs such as pork, beef, poultry and cooking oil. But make no mistake. The trade deal with China is bullish U.S. agricultural. And so is climate change.

#### A WORD FROM THE **BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU**

#### WEDDING PLANNING TIPS

**Submitted by Hannah Stiff BBB Northwest & Pacific** 



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Déjà Vu

The old man got up from his chair and then he walked away. There wasn't reason

for concern. He'd walked off every day.

But the oldest son seemed anxious and he told his youngest

child. "Make sure

your grandpa's safe and please don't let him run hog-wild. "Your grandpa's kind of old now and he needs some special

care. Might get himself in trouble if he's all alone out there."

Those words stuck to my brain faster than honey sticks your toes. A man gets old

and then his family worries where he goes.

Right then I plumb decided I ain't never getting old. Don't need my family

watching me like disappearing gold. Well, that was fifty years ago. Still seems like yesterday. The

years flew by so doggone fast. Our time sure slips away.

I see old-timer in the mirror, yet don't feel quite so old. While Mother Nature

tries to put me six feet in the cold. The other day my son and grandson joined us all for lunch.

The words that he would later say hit like a solid punch.

I shoveled in my Rueben like a pig does at the trough. Then I got up from the

table thought I better walk it off.

That's when I heard my anxious son say to his youngest child, "Make sure your

grandpa's safe and please don't let him run hog-wild.

"Your grandpa's kinda old now and he needs some special care. Might get himself

in trouble if he's all alone out there."

Did I really hear those words that seemed to haunt me through and through? But

one thing is for certain it's a case of Deja Vu.

I guess I need to realize my family sure does care. And getting old's much easier

with kinfolk always there.

With Valentine's Day is in the rearview mirror, wedding planning season is kicking into high gear, especially for Montana lovebirds planning 2020 nuptials. Bridal events around the state are cropping up to help you pick vendors. Save the date cards are waiting to be mailed (or emailed, it's 2020, after all). Cake must be tasted.

But with recent headlines about the chain of NOAH's event centers abruptly closing around the nation and costing couples thousands of dollars (and heartache you can't put a price tag on), wedding planning can feel downright scary. Here at the Better Business Bureau, we have taken reports of consumers losing, on average, \$4,386 to NOAH's. Not only that, many couples have no back up venue for their wed-

With so many details to work out and options for choosing just the right vendor for clothes, invitations, flowers, photography, reception hall, catering, music, travel packages, etc., it's easy to get overwhelmed before you get started. And the last thing you want is to end up like the jilted NOAH's couples, crying on the local news because you have nowhere to get

Before you let NOAH's ruin the season of love, we've put together some tips on to help you plan and execute your wedding (with as few tears as possible).

1. Decide what style of wedding you want (for example, big or small, formal or informal, winter or summer) and begin planning as far ahead as possible. A big wedding can take months to plan. Many books, magazines and websites offer ideas as well as checklists and timetables to keep you organized. Get Googlin'!

2. Research businesses you are considering working with. Always start at bbb.org when you're researching a vendor. We'll give you the good, bad, and otherwise on a company. As a nonprofit organization, we serve as a marketplace watchdog, evaluating businesses so you can shop with confidence.

Make sure you're also getting referrals by talking to other couples about their experiences. Since most services and merchandise must be purchased or ordered months in advance, you want to deal with well-established and financially stable businesses (that will still be around when your wedding day approaches). Don't just hire the least expensive company. Wedding vendors often know the reputations of other vendors and can offer great referrals. For example, if you find a perfect photographer to work with, they can likely recommend a great baker for your cake or boutique for you dress. Take those recommendations and cross reference them with reviews and complaints at bbb.

3. Review samples of the service provider's work before booking. For example, attend performances of the band or DJ at another event. Check vendors' social media accounts to see recent wedding photos and videos. Sample menu items (if possible) and check out display flower arrangements (or photo portfolios). Like scouring reviews and asking for referrals, checking vendors' work is one more safeguard to ensure you don't encounter any unwanted surprised on your special day.

4. Find out what the company's return policy is and ask for it in writing. If you end up with 200 lanterns you never used, can you return them? If you didn't eat with those tiny cocktail

forks, can you get a refund?

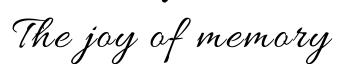
5. If a deposit is required, find out in advance whether or not any portion of a deposit is refundable and under what terms. Be sure to get these terms and conditions in writing. Remember, to put down ONLY as much as you can afford to lose. If the NOAH's victims are any indication, many couples overextend themselves financially to plan a wedding. Instead of blissful butterflies, spending too much can panic and frustration.

6. Obtain a written contract for everything. The various contracts should identify exactly what is included and not included in the price. For example, will the caterer or reception hall provide dinnerware, linens, chairs, and tables? Does the price of the photos include engagement pictures, an album, or online gallery? Does the contract from the florist include delivery and set up times? Be particularly clear about the policies and penalties for cancelling or changing your plans. Also, find out if the business might make substitutions for what you requested (and if those will cost you extra).

7. Finally, confirm all services one or two weeks prior to the event. You don't want any unpleasant surprises on your wedding day.

This season of love ensure those adoring feelings last all the way to your wedding day (and beyond). Plan ahead. Get everything in writing. And start with a business you can trust.

# THIS, OUR VALLEY The joy of memory Submitted by Keith Axberg



patient if there were only joys in the world -Helen Keller

I recall someone once saying that people don't actually remember events. Something happens (an event) and our minds gather information (sights, sounds, smells, emotional responses, etc.) and each time we "remember" the event, it isn't the event we recall, but mental puzzle-parts we piece together.

In other words, each time we remember an event, it isn't the event, but recalling the reconstructed incident the last time we remembered it. So our memory is like the old copy of a copy of a copy in the early days of photocopiers or mimeographs (I am picturing everyone born after 1970 scrambling to Google to see just what on earth a mimeograph is).

So memory isn't what we think it is, and if this theory is correct, then it's no wonder we remember things differently. It isn't unusual, for instance, for me to look for something and I'll remember exactly where it used to be when we lived in Fresno or Ennis, but for the life of me I can't remember where I put it in our current abode.

It's frustrating and a reason I don't want to ever move again. Besides, what are the odds I'll remember where we're now living?

That's another thing: I used to remember phone numbers and addresses like crazy. I might not remember your name, but I'd be

We could never learn to be brave and able to call you up at the drop of a hat. Now, with phone numbers etched into our telephone and computer contact lists, I can't even remember my own phone number half the time. The old saying, "Use it or lose it" is truer now than ever!

Since I never considered my memory to be all that good, I found myself buying a book promising the reader they would learn tricks to improve that facet of their lives. Sadly, I can't remember the name of the book, the author, or when last I saw it! I do remember, though, it wasn't all that helpful.

Every now and then I will see an old photograph and have absolutely no recognition of having taken it, or the circumstances around it. It may stir an emotional reaction, even if it doesn't otherwise jog the memory whatsoever. We have taken tons of scenic photographs over the years and as I view them on the computer or flip through our photo albums, I find myself wondering where they were taken. A tree topped hill doesn't give many clues on its own; it could be Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, or any of a million other places.

I believe memory is a gift from God. While I may complain about how poor my memory is (and it is about certain things), the fact is the gift of memory allows us to learn so that we don't generally burn our lips twice with a scalding cup of coffee, or stumble twice over a crack in the sidewalk.

Driving along a canyon, I am amazed by the thousands of birds that manage to find their nest in the face of the cliff, and they do so without addresses or zip codes. Penguins (which all look alike to me) wander into a field of a million other penguins and find their own mates and offspring, and they do so without government issued IDs, or QR (or bar) codes.

When I gather with people of my own faith community, much of what we do is share the stories of our lives and the stories of our faith with one another, remembering just what it is God has done for us and, just as importantly, how we might need to respond to the grace received. We do not celebrate the times we have been injured by things said and done, but remember the grace of God that brought us through those times, and the healings we have likewise experienced.

Sometimes people confuse going to church with trying to earn a spot in the Good Place, but really, it is going to sing the songs of deliverance and realizing that God knows who we are (by sight, smell, and sound like penguins?) and, more than that, will never, ever forget any of us. Period. Full stop. Amazing!

I need to remember that here in this, our valley.

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

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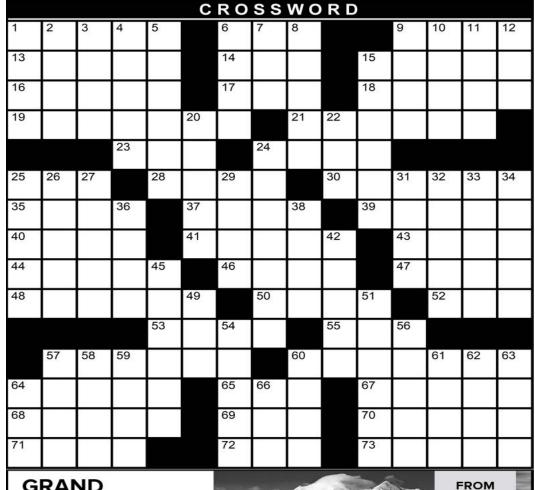
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- 1. Cause for September celebration
- 6. Net holder
- 9. Island near Java
- 13. "Pokèmon," e.g.
- 14. \*Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman
- wrote its first version in 1923, acr.
- 15. Archeologist's find
- 16. Synagogue scroll
- 17. Bag in Paris
- \_\_ Lines" 18. "Behind
- 19. \*Aviation pioneer
- 21. \*She rebelled against sentimen-
- 23. Nurses' org.
- 24. Deceptive maneuver
- 25. Director's cry
- 28. Snow and cycling helmet manufacturer
- 30. Low hemoglobin 35. Bryce Canyon state
- 37. Something to do
- 39. Lady's Bella Notte date
- 40. Puerto \_
- 41. Bone hollow 43. Slang for heroin
- 44. Cake cover
- 46. \_\_\_\_ and drab 47. Roman robe
- 48. "Purple People \_\_
- 50. Defender of skies, acr. 52. Easter lead-in
- 53. Attention-getting interjection
- 55. Pres. Truman's 1947 creation, acr.
- 57. \*She originated the little black dress
- 60. \*"Hidden \_\_
- 64. Knights' feat of strength
- 65. \*Mary Phelps Jacob patented the
- 1st modern one 67. Dickens' Heep
- 68. Ladies' fingers
- 69. Three strikes
- 70. Actress Rene
- 71. Crowd-sourced review platform
- 72. Lilliputian
- 73. Master of ceremonies

#### **DOWN**

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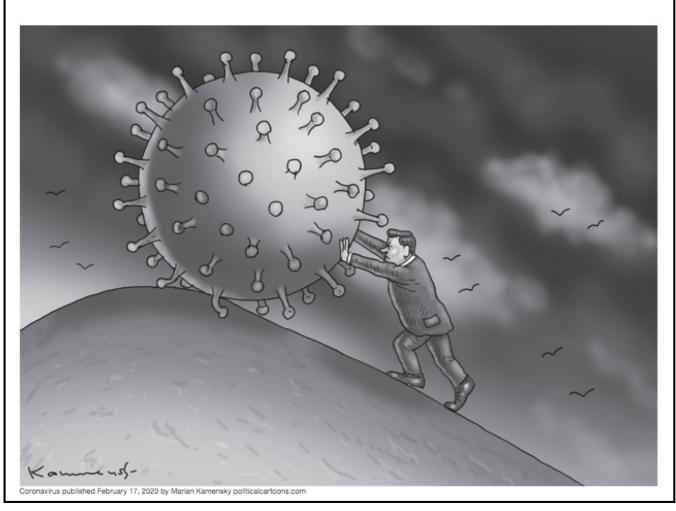




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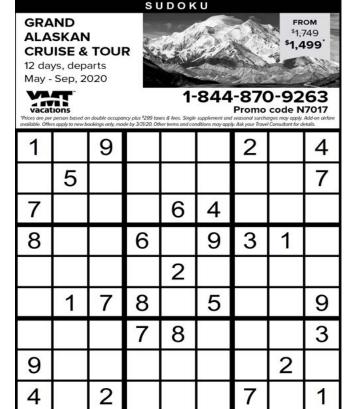
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- 8. Last European colony in China 9. Crooked
- 10. Sheltered, nautically
- 11. Trace or outline
- 12. Slippery surface 15. Feel indignant about something
- 20. Indian cuisine dip
- 22. \*Sally Ride was 1st woman in space for this country
- 24. Speaker's platform 25. \*1st person to win two Nobel
- 26. Carthage's ancient rival
- 29. \*She developed philosophy of Objectivism
- 31. Formerly, formerly
- 32. \*Home of Wesleyan College, first
- college chartered to grant degrees
- 33. Insect, post-metamorphosis 34. \*Inventor of a newborn screen-
- ing test 36. Use a whetstone
- 38. Caitlyn Jenner's ex
- 42. Primitive calculators
- 45. Ulysses and Cary 49. Female
- 51. \*Singular of #60 Across
- 54. Tennis-affected joint
- 56. Gold, to a chemist 57. Pepsi rival
- 58. Fling
- 59. Rush job notation
- 60. Inevitable occurrence
- 61. Reduced instruction set com-
- 62. Alleviate
- 63. Old Woman's home
- 64. \*Jennifer Lawrence played her in eponymous 2015 movie
- 66. Rivoli in Paris, e.g.



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# PUBLIC NOTICES **FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

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

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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0090-021-2020 & 3-30-0090-022-2020 Separate sealed bids will be received by Madison County, Montana until 1:30 p.m., local time, February 26, 2020. All bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud at the Madison County Commissioners Public Meeting Room, Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, Montana 59755-0278, for the Ennis Big Sky Airport Improvements Project to include the following:

· Reconstruct Runway, Taxiways, and

Extend Runway;

Construct Taxiways / Taxilanes; Runway, Taxiway Navigational Aids, and Electrical Enclosure

Improvements; 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,

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 Drugfree 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.rpahln.com. All bids must be submitted in a Bidding Documents booklet, provided by the Engineer upon receipt of \$25.00 (nonrefundable). 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

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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

Co-Personal

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Dan W. Allhands, Chairman

(Pub. FEB. 6, 13, 20, 2020)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF:

DELBERT SILAS HARTFORD,

CAUSE NO.: DP-29-2020-2

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inlets and curb inlets will be used to collect stormwater, and a trunk line with manholes will convey stormwater to existing facilities. The new storm drain will connect to the existing storm drain along Main Street. Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.greatwesteng.com or www. questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab. The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineering, located at 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, MT 59601, phone (406) 446-8627. Required fee of \$50 per set, which is not refundable. The Supplier must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. This project is funded in part or in whole with grant/loan funding from Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (SRF). Award of the project will be contingent upon receiving funding and award concurrence from SRF. Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in the General Requirements after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner. All questions about the bid solicitation are to be submitted in writing or via email and received by Great West Engineering no later than 11:00 A.M. local time on Friday, February 21, 2020. Questions received after this date will not be answered. Written comments may be submitted to Ryan Holm of Great West Engineering by mail at: P.O. Box 4817, Helena, MT 59604 or email at: rholm@greatwesteng.com. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda delivered to all parties recorded as having received the Bidding Documents. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. The Town of Twin Bridges is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (Pub. FEB. 13, 20, 2020) TOWN OF TWIN

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY THOMAS BROWNE, Jr. AND KATHLEEN FOURHMAN-BROWNE, Plaintiffs, MADISON COUNTY TREASURER, SHINING MOUNTAINS WEST, a limited partnership, SHINING MOUNTAINS WEST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, 3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE JOHANSEN, President of Beavercreek Ranches Inc., KEN GRINSTEINER, Trustee for Northwest News Co., Employee Profit Sharing Plan & Trust, Each and all of the unknown owners of the real property or any portion thereof, described in the Complaint in this action, filed in the office of the Clerk of the above-entitled Court; All of the heirs, devisees, successors or assigns, of each of said unknown owners who may be deceased, if any; And all other persons unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint, or any portion thereof, adverse to Plaintiffs' ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiffs' title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent, Defendants. Cause No. DV 29-2017-27 THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO: Beavercreek Ranches Shining Mountains West Dale Johansen, President Beavercreek Ranches, Inc. Each and all of the unknown owners of the real property or any portion thereof, described in the Complaint in this action, filed in the office of the Clerk of the above-entitled who may be deceased, if any: And all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint, or any portion thereof, adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, whether such claim or possible claims be present or contingent. You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in this office of the Clerk of Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is brought for the purpose of quieting title to land situated in Madison County, Montana, described as follows: Tract 106 of Certificate of Survey No. 292, located in NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 4 South, Range 2 West, P.M.M., according to Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, page 292, records of Madison County, Montana. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court, this 27 day of January, 2020. Karen J. Miller, Clerk of District Court By: /S/ KAREN J. MILLER Deputy Clerk

(Pub. FEB.13, 20, 27, 2020) MNAXLP

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Tyler T. Dugger TOLLIVER LAW FIRM, P.C. P.O. Box 1913 Billings, MT 59103-1913 Telephone: (406) 256-9600 tdugger@ tolliverlaw.com Attorneys for. Plaintiff MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Montana nonprofit corporation, Plaintiff, VS. W. LOUIS MCDONALD, and ALL OTHER PERSONS, UNKNOWN, CLAIMING OR WHO MIGHT CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, WHETHER THE CLAIM OR POSSIBLE CLAIM IS PRESENT OR CONTINGENT, Defendants. Cause No. DV-29-2019-34 Judge: Hon. Luke Burger In the district court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Montana, in the County of Madison, THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Montana nonprofit corporation vs. W. LOUIS MCDONALD, and ALL OTHER PERSONS, UNKNOWN, CLAIMING OR WHO MIGHT CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE. WHETHER THE CLAIM OR POSSIBLE CLAIM IS PRESENT OR CONTINGENT. The State of Montana to all persons claiming any interest in or lien upon the real property described in this summons or any part of the real property, defendants, Greetings: You are required to appear and answer the complaint of THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

a Montana nonprofit corporation, Plaintiff,

filed with the Clerk of this Court, within

21 days after the first publication of this

summons. This action is specifically brought

to quiet title to land situated in Madison

County, Montana, and described as follows:

An undivided 1/50th Timeshare Interest

in and to Condominium Unit 1513 of Lake

Condominiums constructed on Lot 2, Custer Minor Subdivision, a platted subdivision of Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof, as amended on file in the Office of the Madison County Clerk and Recorder, known hereafter as Timeshare Week Number 7, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded on September 7 1984, in Book 302, Page 497; as initially amended and recorded on August 20, 1986, in Book 316, Page 830, by the First Supplemental Declaration of Annexation Under the Montana Unit Ownership Act Pertaining to Lake Condominiums; as further amended and recorded on September 29, 1986, in Book 317, Page 944 by the Second Supplemental Declaration of Annexation Under the Montana Unit Ownership Act Pertaining to Lake Condominiums; as further amended and recorded on September 6, 1991, in Book 355, Page 758-774, the Third Supplemental Declaration Annexation Under the Montana Unit Ownership Act Pertaining to Lake Condominiums (as said Declaration and Amendments may be hereafter amended from time to time); in the public records of Madison County, State of Montana. You are further notified that, unless you appear and answer, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint as follows: WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows: A. the Defendants, both known and unknown, may be required to set forth the nature of their claims and that all adverse claims of the Defendants or any of them, be determined by a decree of this Court; B. by said Decree, it be declared and adjudged that the Defendants, or any of them, have no

right, title or interest in the Property; C. That Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them, be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatever in and to the Property adverse to the Plaintiffs; and D. other relief as the court deems proper under the circumstances. WITNESS my Hand and Seal of said Court this 15th day of July, 2019. /s/ Karen Miller Clerk of District Court

(Pub. FEB. 13, 20. 27, 2020)

NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:

The Madison County Board of Commissioners has vacancies on the Big Sky Transportation Board; the DUI Task Force; three vacancies on the Mental Health Local Advisory Council; two vacancies on the Planning Board; (one representing the Silver Star/Twin Bridges area and/or Harrison/Pony/Norris Area and one Conservation District Representative); two vacancies on the Public Health Board; two vacancies on the Road Review Committee; one vacancy on the Weed Board; one vacancy for a Substitute Member on the Tax Appeal Board; one vacancy on the Laurin Cemetery District Board; and one vacancy on the Madison Valley Cemetery District Board. If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, or by email at madco@madisoncountymt.gov. PDF application forms can be found on the county website at https://madisoncountymt. gov/DocumentCenter/View/833 return completed applications to: Madison County Commissioners' Office P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755

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#### INVITATION TO BID Separate sealed bids for supplying and

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Mary Ann Birdsill

Representative

Representative

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delivering materials for the Twin Bridges 6th Avenue Storm Drain Improvements will be received at the office of Great West Engineering at 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, MT until 11:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Electronic bids via email will be received by rholm@greatwesteng. com and are subject to the same bid due date. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid packages for pipe materials and structure materials will be separate and awarded with separate contracts. The project consists of constructing a new storm drain system along 6th Avenue in Twin Bridges, Montana. Drop

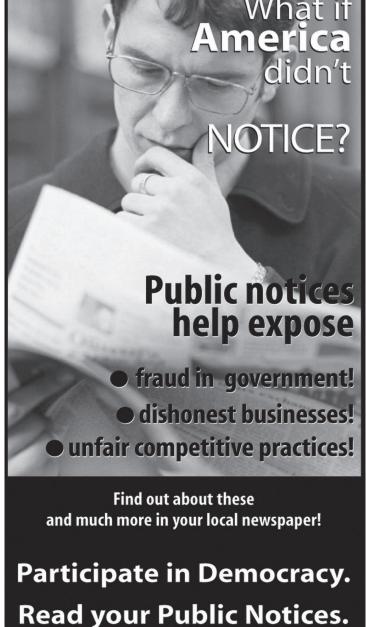


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#### Einstein's Eighth Wonder of the World

By Jon C. Goodman

"Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it; he who doesn't, pays it." -Albert Einstein

t my high school graduation I delivered a commencement speech entitled, "I Don't Do Math." I wrote it as advice—namely, to discover your bent through the process of elimination—but in hindsight it was more of a confession, if not a harbinger of things to come for valedictorian me.

How is it then, that one who doesn't do math ended up as a financial advisor of all things?

I wish it was because of my sales prowess! But, alas...

Truth is, I eventually grew tired of suffering from my ignorance of math, in particular of how compound interest works. Or to borrow from Einstein, tired  $`\cdots$  of (paying) for it."

And pay for it, I did.

Nameless banks were getting richer. Faceless credit cards companies were getting richer. Many of my peerssome of whom heard my entertaining but unhelpful speech—were getting

Yet as measured by free cash flow, savings, and investment, I was only getting poorer.

What's worse, as a full-time minister suffering in silence over my bad financial example, I could never expect to receive a pay raise that would pull myself out of the hole I had dug for myself.

When I finally came clean about my situation, the most remarkable series of events happened. For starters, I realized I wasn't alone, that there was an enormous percentage of my friends and church brethren in the exact same, sinking boat.

Which led me to wonder ... what if we tithed to ourselves as well?

The answer seemed obvious.

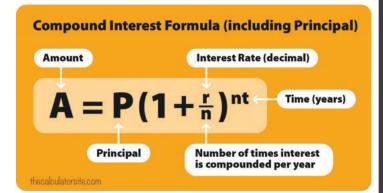
With that, I decided to prepare for another line of work and made plans to exit the full-time ministry.

Two decades later I've never felt more called in my life to do something. Helping others avoid the mistakes I made has become my obsession. Suffice it to say, if given the chance to deliver my

speech again, it would be a little different today. In a nutshell, here's what I'd say:

- 1. Pursue what and whom you love with all your might. Surprisingly little else matters, including money. Time--which holds the potent, exponent position in the compound interest equation, hence Einstein's "eighth wonder of the world" remark--passes faster than you think, so doing work you don't enjoy with partners you don't like is the ultimate waste of life's most precious resource that no sum of money can replace, so guard every minute of the day with your life.
- 2. Regardless of the career you choose, cap your spending at 80% of what you earn, then save and invest the difference. If you don't have a liquid Emergency Fund that's 2-3 times your monthly expenses and are not saving or investing at least 10% of what you make, then you can't afford anything but the necessities: food, shelter, transportation, and healthcare. Work a second or third job if you must, but don't spend more than 80% of what you make. And,
- 3. Avoid non-mortgage consumer debt like the plague. Banks and credit card companies are not your friends and never will be. Same for insurance companies. Utilize them at a minimum, never more than sparingly. You be the bank instead. You earn Einstein's compound interest. Do your best to self-insure, at the very least by fully funding a Health Savings Account (HSA) even before paying those expensive premiums.

That is all, the end, good luck, and God bless.



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# **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

#### Helping others help themselves

Keely Larson THE MADISONIAN

If you stand still too long, your joints stop working, Lois Smith-Lehwalder said. With this in mind, she takes a practical approach to keeping busy. "There's no sense rusting."

Twin Bridges has been Smith-Lehwalder's home for about 80 years, save the 10 she resided in Sheridan after she married. She graduated high school in Twin as did all of her five children except one. She has 25 grandchildren and, "I'm working on my 21st great-grandchild."

The positions Smith-Lehwalder holds around town enforce a core philosophy she subscribes to—it is more important to teach others how to help themselves than to do things for them.

At the Senior Center she is the secretary-keeping records, making sure reports are filed and upgraded and putting out notifications as necessary. Additionally, she informs people about upcoming events and boasts about the meals served by the kitchen staff.

Worshipping at the Church of the Valley gives her opportunities to sing and play the flute, an instrument she took up in Junior High. The Christian church in town consolidated into the Church of the Valley when she was young, and as a result she can say she has attended the same church for almost her whole life.

"Everybody needs a solid foundation and

that's where I got mine," Smith-Lehwalder said. Her Rotary Club involvement brings her philosophy into the spotlight. She was a part of the Toastmaster organization, a nonprofit outreach program, before it dissolved. She learned about



self-sufficiency and how to guide others in the same vein. Many Rotary Club activities follow along the same line.

"We see needs in the community and try to meet them," Smith-Lehwalder said.

Needs including addressing education and public health concerns, cleaning highways, hosting casino nights to raise money for scholarships and serving brunch at the Fathers' Day Fly-In.

After having five kids and spending her working years in business, Smith-Lehwalder realized doing things for people is not going to benefit them in the long run. "You can't do it for them because if you do you weaken them," she explained. She found encouraging and supporting others had a more positive and lasting

Smith-Lehwalder will be moving out of her family home in the near future. The maintenance became too much and she has spoken for one of the senior housing units going up near the Center. That philosophy that guided her through life will certainly guide her through this process.



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#### Student of the Week

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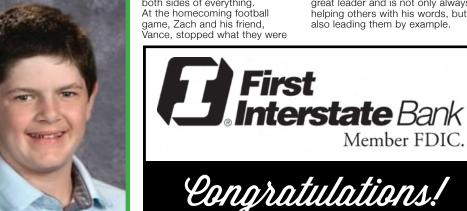
whatever is asked of him. Zach is an exceptional student who cares about academics and athletics; however, what sets him apart is his kindness. He is genuinely concerned about every person around him. He tries to make others feel included. As well, he likes to help mediate

conflict between his friends and does a wonderful job at seeing both sides of everything. At the homecoming football game, Zach and his friend,

doing (left their food and drinks on the ground) to run over and greet the referees as they came out of the locker room and headed towards the field. They shook each referee hands and thanked them for reffing. This is just one example of how Zach treats others. Whether its to elementary students, his peers, or adults, he is always helpful and kind - I don't have Zach in class, but he is always polite in the hallways. He is very helpful to those around him. He often goes out of his way to help when he sees a need

 Very hard worker, always positive, like challenges.

I do not have Zach in class, but I have him as an athlete on the junior high basketball team. He is a great role model for our younger athletes. He is always in a good mood and always seems to have the patience to help others. Zach is a great leader and is not only always helping others with his words, but also leading them by example.





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#### **Monthly Open Bible Study & Discussion**

Families, kids & everyone welcomed! 4th Saturday each month 2-5pm Twin Bridges Senior & Community Center

March 23 topic: Book of Esther Info (406) 684-5181 Scott or Dawn

#### **3 RIVERS**

Family Church NON-DENOMINATIONAL Worship - Sundays - 10:30 am "Join the Revolution" 3648 MT Hwy. 287 Sheridan, MT 3RiversFamilyChurch.org

The Church of Word

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Visitors Welcome

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The Great Being saith:
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promote the unity of the human
race and to fisser the spirit of

race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men. Suffer it not to become a source

of dissension and discord, of hate and enmity. This is the straight Path, the fixed and immovable

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Bahá'ís of Madison County

**Trinity** 

10 a.M. adult forum

**11:00** a.m.

#### **Christian Science** Services

**Sunday Service &** Sunday School 10 a.m.

#### **ALL WELCOME**

Each week a Bible lesson full of healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service.

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Sunday School 9:45am **Morning Service 11am** Afternoon Service 1:30pm Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pn

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Loving God, Loving People

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

**Wednesday Ministries** 

Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM

Family Dinner 5:30 PM

Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer

Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood

402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT

682-4197

**Christ Church** 

Sheridan

10:00 a.m.

Bible Study

**9:00** a.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

• Sunday Service 9:00 am

Pastor Ken Stensrud

Sunday School

• Bible Study

### **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joe Miller Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

CHURCH OF

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Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

**Sacrament Meeting** 

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

11:20 a.m. R S & Priesthood

12:10 p.m. Mutual (Youth Group)

Weds. 7:00p.m.

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Sheridan 842-5860

Bishop Shaw 684-5255

**HARRISON** 

Harrison, Montana

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.

#### Madison **Valley Presbyterian** Church

**WORSHIP** September - April ~ 11 a.m.

May - August ~ 9:30 a.m. Everyone Welcome, Fully Accessible mmunion with ELCA, UCC, RCA Rev. STEVE HUNDLEY

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114 N. Main, Sheridan 842-5845 Pastor Duane B. Deshner Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Valley Kids- after school to 6:45 p.m.

**Ruby Valley Food Pantry-**Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon

Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

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Saturday 4pm at

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Sunday at 11 am

St.Patrick's, Ennis

Sunday 9:30am at St. Mary's, Laurin

Sunday at 8 am

Notre Dame, Twin Bridges

Saturday at 4 pm

St. Joseph's, Sheridan

Weekday Mass: Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am at St. Joseph's Wednesday 9am at St. Patrick's

Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588 Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

**Dr. Ray Teston** 

Peter Rosenberger

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.

Weds. Nights ~ prayer meeting 6 p.m.

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Tony Shaw, Pastor KJV 842-5602

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

One block behind IGA, Sheridan

# Holding forth the word of life:

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Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

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#### **Methodist Parish**

Office: (406) 842-5934

Church of the Valley Twin Bridges Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sheridan Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456

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ALDER, MT Sunday School 9<sub>AM</sub>

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**Open Question Forum** (406) 842-5915 Pastor Tom Luksha

#### AREA SENIOR MEALS

#### **ENNIS SENIOR CENTER**

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

Thursday, February 20 – Pesto chicken pizza, salad,

dessert - "Happy Birthday"

Friday, February 21 - Clam chowder, croissant, dessert - Pinochle, at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, February 24 - Burger, macaroni salad, dessert - Mahjong 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25 - Turkey bacon club, onion rings, dessert - "Pan" at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26 - Fried chicken legs. mashers, veggies, dessert - Mahjong 1 p.m. Thursday, February 27 – Beef vegetable soup, salad, biscuit, dessert

Friday, February 28 - Tuna melt, chips, pickle, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

#### **RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN**

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

#### SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN

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 20 - Potato au gratin, ham, veggie, roll, dessert

Tuesday, February 25 - Cheeseburger, 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.

Friday, February 21 - Turkey tetrazzini, chickpea & kidney bean salad, apple-pistachio cake

Monday, February 24 - Breakfast, blueberry-cream cheese french toast, sausage links, fruit bowl, orange juice

Wednesday, February 26 - Stroganoff, veggie, salad, dessert

#### **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 19 - Pulled Pork

Monday, February 24 - Chinese Chicken Wednesday, February 26 - Potato Bar



#### King Crossword -**Answers**

Solution time: 25 mins.

ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction

00 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)

Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

# The Full Armour of God

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

ALANON

Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group Faced with a drinking problem?
Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help. SUN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking, Virginia City Library

MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking 682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis 843-5352 Virginia City

- LIFERING -A Life Ring group is starting in Ennis. Lifering is an abstinence-based, worldwide network of people seeking

to live in recovery from addiction to

alcohol or non-medically indicated

In Lifering, we offer each other peer-to-peer support to encourage personal growth and empowerment. Those interested in participating, can

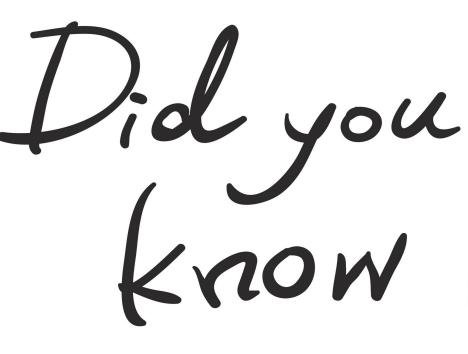
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Submitted by BARBARA GILLISPIE, EAA

The Ennis Arts Association will hold its 25th Annual Madison Valley Arts Festival on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020 from 10 a.m. — 5 p.m

Artists working in all media are invited to submit entries for this juried show. The Festival will take place in Peter T's Park in beautiful Ennis, Mont. on the famed Madison River on the historic trail between Yellowstone National Park and Virginia City.

For additional information and an application, please visit our website: www.ennisarts.org. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2020.

# Turner Foundation Community grant monies available in Sheridan

Submitted by SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

Sheridan has received a \$5,000 grant from the Turner Foundation's Community Youth Initiative, according to Rodney Stout, local coordinator of the Sheridan Turner Youth Initiative Committee which sponsors the initiative in Sheridan.

Mr. Stout expressed, "Turner Monies have gone a long way in supporting activities that enrich the lives of the Sheridan youth. We are even more thankful for this opportunity during these difficult economic times."

The grants are earmarked for youth development in communities located near properties owned by R.E. (Ted) Turner, president of the Turner Youth Foundation headquartered in Atlanta, GA.

As part of the initiative, each town was asked to form an adult-youth partnership and to identify priorities for determining how the funds should be spent. Funding typically supports such things as after-school, mentoring, recreational, community service and self-esteem building activities as well as creating more opportunities in job training and building entrepreneurship. Per the new foundation guidelines sports oriented applications will no longer be accepted.

Applications are available in the high school and elementary offices. They must be filled out and returned back into the office by March 9th, 2020.

If there are any questions please contact Rodney Stout at 842-5302.

# FWP seeks applicants for 2020 college student intern program

Submitted by LORRAINE KARWASKI

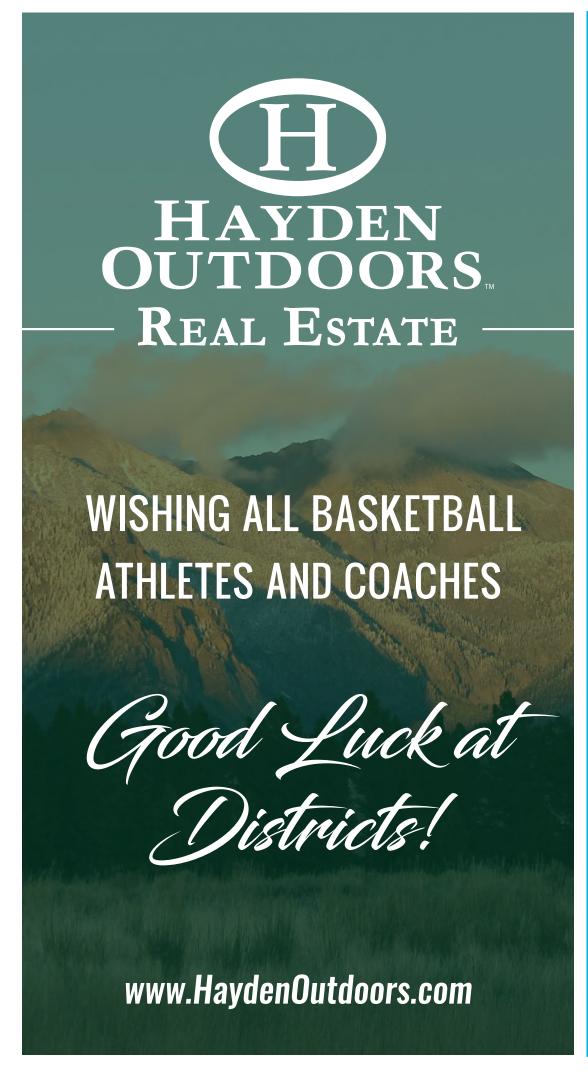
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is now in their 29th year of offering college students an opportunity to gain practical experience in their field of study by serving as interns for the agency. Students take what they've learned in the classroom into the "hands-on" experience of the career world. Through this combined learning experience, students are better prepared for the real world of everyday work.

Students usually receive academic credit and a grade while completing practicum requirements through their school. This program has proven to be very beneficial to both students and the agency.

College students are urged to contact their career placement office immediately for current postings of announcements or visit the FWP website at www.fwp.mt.gov and click on the Doing Business tab. Once you have the employment page up, go to "Internships" to view the various opportunities and other information.

Students should read each announcement carefully before applying so that work projects, application process, contact person, and other valuable information is understood. Early applications are recommended. Most application deadlines are in early March, but some are in late February.

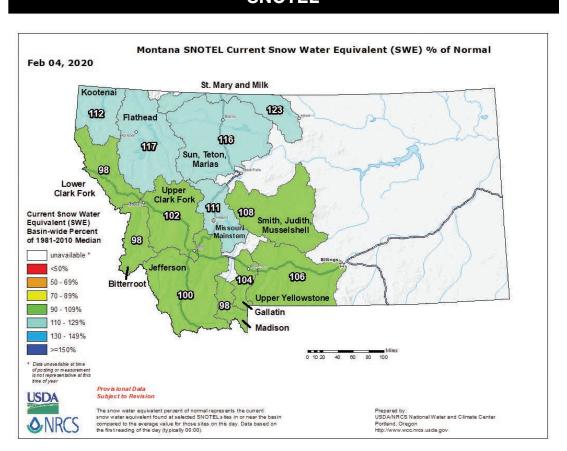
For more information contact Statewide Intern Coordinator Debbie Cheek at 406-439-8299.



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#### **SNOTEL**



# Private Land/Public Wildlife Council to meet March 2-3 in Helena

Submitted by Lorraine Karwaski, FWP

The Private Land/Public Wildlife Council will meet on March 2 and 3 in Helena at the Holiday Inn Express, 3170 N. Sanders Street. The council will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 2 and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 3. Public comment will be taken at 4:15 p.m. on March 2 and 1 p.m. on March 3.

During the meeting, council members will work to refine scoring criteria for the new public access land agreement program created in the 2019 Legislative session through Senate Bill 341. Council members will also hear presentations about the elk management plan revision process, the bison Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision, the One Montana Master Hunter Course, and discuss ways to impact hunter behavior.

The 10-member council, appointed by the governor, is charged with reviewing Fish, Wildlife & Parks' access programs and offering recommendations to help achieve program goals and maintaining good relations between hunters and landowners.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and observe council proceedings. For more information about the PL/PW Council, including the March meeting agenda, visithttp://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/hunterAccess/plpw/, or contact Jason Kool, Hunting Access Bureau Chief, by phone at 444-2505 or by email at jason.kool@mt.gov.





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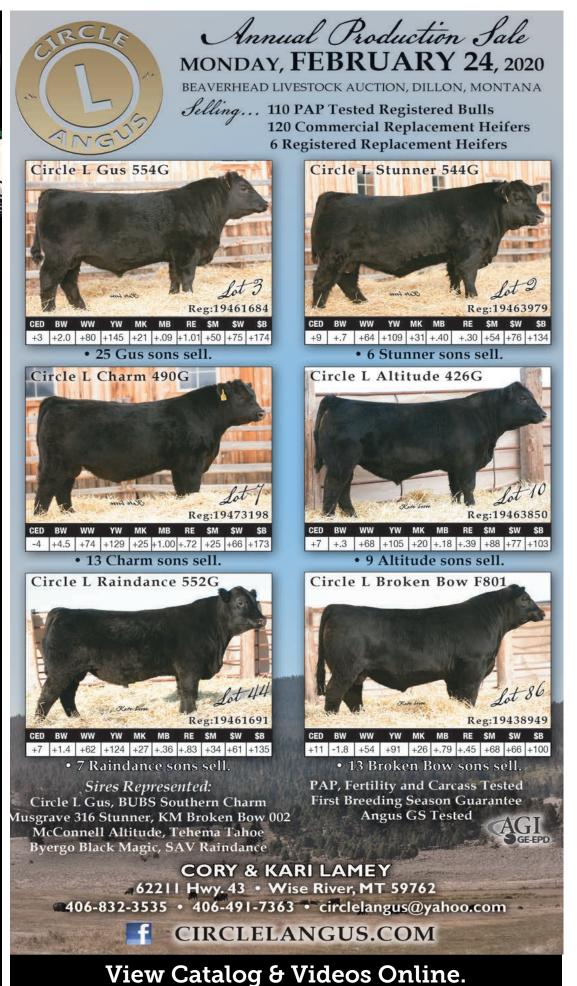
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Tournament Hosted by the Silver Dollar Saloon

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If your business wants to participate next year, contact any Lion or call Bernie at 682-3560





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#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

#### 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. **Free Income Tax Preparation**

For seniors and others with lowmoderate income. By appointment only at the Ennis Senior Center 406-682-4422.

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

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

Workshop

Free Income Tax Preparation For seniors and others with lowmoderate income. By appointment

only at the Ennis Senior Center.

#### 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **ECE- Painting with Wool & Needle Felt**

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.

#### 2 p.m. Soup Swap at the Madison Valley **Public Library**

These cold days call for warm soup. Bring a big pot (6 quarts) of your favorite soup to share and take home six containers of different soups. MVPL will provide the containers.

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

#### 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. **Free Income Tax Preparation**

For seniors and others with lowmoderate income. By appointment only at the Ennis Senior Center.

#### Noon

#### **Brown Bag Lunch is** "Worth the Wait"

Learn more about Montana's superfund sites at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives special presentation of the film Worth the Wait by Dick Maney and B.J. McKenzie. Sara Sparks, formerly with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will lead a discussion.

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

#### Mad Gals Luncheon

Mad Gal's monthly luncheon will be at the Ennis Senior Center. Bring a friend and \$5 for lunch!

#### 5 p.m. **Book Discussion for** "Being Mortal"

At the Sheridan Public Library. Jeanette Prodgers will lead the discussion on Atul Gawande's book, Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End.

#### **A Community Conversation**

What is happening to our native habitats and why? Why should we care, and what can we do? Join local groups like the Gravelly Landscape Collaborative, Madison Valley Ranchlands Groups, Ruby Habitat Foundation and the Nature Conservancy at the Ennis Fire Station to discuss native habitats.

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

#### 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**ECE- Dyeing with Plants Workshop** Come and explore the fun of natural dyeing using native plants in homeroom #6 at Ennis Schools. Jessie Slix will teach the workshop

#### 3 p.m.

#### **Our Feathered Friends**

Join us at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center in Virginia City for a hands-on opportunity to explore raptor characteristics and adaptations. MRCC avian ambassadors will be in attendance for an up-close look at these amazing

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

#### 6 p.m.

#### **Bear Creek Schoolhouse Fundraiser**

The Bear Creek Schoolhouse's historic and community value will be supported at the Blue Saloon Café in

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

#### 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. **Free Income Tax Preparation**

For seniors and others with lowmoderate income. By appointment only at the Ennis Senior Center.

**Getting Real** Students seventh through 12th, parents and other adults interested in enhancing their personal and professional relationships are welcomed to join this communication workshop. Participants will examine their own verbal and non-verbal responses and receive personalized coaching on effective communication skills. The free workshop will be held at

#### the Ennis High School. **SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

#### 6 p.m.

Elks Lodge St. Paddy's Dinner Get your corn beef fix! Call the Virginia

City Elks Lodge to reserve a spot or get your tickets at the door.

#### 6 p.m. **Pinochle Party**

Everyone is welcomed to the Pinochle Card Parties every Saturday evening in March at the Bear Creek Schoolhouse,

636 Bear Creek Loop, Cameron.

#### 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

7 p.m. Sheridan School Board Meeting

Meet at Sheridan School. SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

5 p.m. Ennis School Board Meeting

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,**

Meet on the second Monday of every month.

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**Meditation Classes** at

#### Sheridan Public Library.

Library.

#### **TUESDAYS** 9 a.m. **Historic Newspaper Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City

Madison Co. Commissioners

At the Sheridan Public

#### 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 Join us at the Madison Valley Medical Center

(emergency room entrance)

#### 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 Ponv School.

#### N 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.

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#### 10:30 a.m. Story Hour, Twin Bridges Twin Bridges Library

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

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

Library.

#### THURSDAYS MV Woman's Club FIRST THURS OF EA.

Twin Bridges Library

**MONTH** September through May at noon at the Madison Valley **Baptist Church** 

#### 1 p.m. MV Manor Auxilary 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 Willlie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-

#### **SUNDAY**

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 Willlie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room

#### **Second Sunday of Every** Month Sheridan Book Club

At the Sheridan Public Library.

#### **SUNDAYS** JAN. 19- MARCH 29

10 a.m. Elks Lodge Brunch and

**Bingo** Come over to Virginia City for brunch and bingo at the

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