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Participants of the Madison Valley Medical Center's mental health first aid training at the Madison Valley Bank Feb. 4. PHOTO COURTESY MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

Mental Health First Aid

COMMUNITY TRAINING

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Mental health is often a community effort.

Madison Valley Medical Center organized an eight-hour mental health first aid training for the public Feb. 3-4. Community members who are often first contacts for those needing mental or behavioral health care learned how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

"The mix between lectures and activities helped bring the concepts home," one participant Dawn Conklin said. "There's a part of it that touched your heart."

Grant money from Montana Office of Rural Health Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training made the program available to MVMC. The class of about 15 community members, ranging from pastors to counselors, started the training

with a true or false worksheet. Each participant determined privately whether the statements on mental and behavioral health were true or false. Most were surprised about their prior misconceptions at the end of the training.

"You first have to evaluate how you feel and think about it," MVMC nurse Kilie Dickerson said.

said.

The training aimed to break down the barriers and perceptions of mental and behavioral

health, before informing participants how to provide initial support to someone. It also informed participants on the resources available in the area.

The Ennis Pharmacy provided lunch, Madison Valley Bank provided space, MVMC organized the event and The Montana Hospital Association's Health Research and Education Foundation's Flex Program and North Central and South Central Area Health Education Centers provided the training.

Search and rescue aviation

Montana Army National Guard flies into Sheridan

STORY and PHOTOS by HANNAH KEARSE news@madisioniannews.com

Two military helicopters landed in a Sheridan field Feb. 9.

The Montana Army National Guard flew into the Ruby Valley from Helena to speak with Search and Rescue teams in the area. In an effort to better integrate with Montana SAR, the Army National Guard explained their aviation capabilities in assisting with reconnaissance and search and rescue operations.

"I hate to see this kind of equipment sitting on a ramp when it could be out saving a life," Montana Army Aviation Officer, Col. Jamie Wilkins said.

MTARNG can provide air support for search and rescue missions when loss of life, limb or eyesight is threatened. Federal dollars pay the \$55,000-an-hour bill to fly the Medevac Black Hawk helicopter.

Col. Wilkins urged com-

munities to not hesitate on requesting MTARNG assistance because once a mission is declared a recovery, MTARNG must cease and desist. The sheriff is responsible for requesting MTARNG assistance.

MTARNG brought the same Medevac helicopter that assisted Madison County Aug. 11, 2019, after a microburst in the Tobacco Root Mountains stranded four hikers near Bell Lake. The pilot for that mission, Guy Welborn, was also in attendance at the informational training seminar in Sheridan.

Ruby Valley SAR invited neighboring SAR teams to learn more about MTARNG assistance in search and rescue missions.

"We like to work together when we have the chance," Ruby Valley SAR member Clayton Marxer said.

The Beaverhead SAR team was the first to hear the low-frequency hum of the approaching Black Hawk from inside. Snow whipped from



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

TIM FOX COMES TO MADISON COUNTY

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Montana's Attorney General visited the Madison Valley Medical Center on his campaign trail for governor.

Tim Fox is one of three Republican candidates running

for governor in Montana's 2020 elections. Fox and his running mate Jon Knokey, the former state Rep. out of Bozeman, spoke with MVHC leaders about rural healthcare as a Critical Access Hospital Jan. 30. Fox and Knokey addressed more issues close to Madison County later in

the day at the Ennis Pharmacy.

Fox grew up on the edge of the Crow Indian Reservation in Hardin, Montana, adopted by a Native Crow family. He is the youngest of six brothers.

Fox first entered public service in 1990. He helped develop an environmental regulatory program for the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, which administers the Montana oil and gas conservation laws and regulates oil and gas exploration and production.

After practicing law in Billings since 1988, Fox moved his wife, Karen, and their four

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Dave Welch watches the Montana's Army National Guard lands a HH-60m MEDEVAC Black Hawk helicopter in Sheridan Feb. 9. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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daughters to Helena. He worked on Gov. Marc Racicot's reelection campaign, became a division administrator of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and vice president of Mountain West Bank. In 2012, Fox was elected Montana's 24th attorney general.

He was reelected to the attorney general office in 2016, where he broke the state voting record as the most voted statewide Republican candidate in the history of Montana.

Fox looks to the governor's office as his next role in the public sector. A divided house unites on the ballot as the University of Montana graduate paired up with Knokey, a former Bobcat quarterback, as a running mate.

"Too often I think Helena forgets about frontier Montana, rural Montana, and this small-town kid won't do that."



Montana Attorney General Tim Fox (left) and his running mate for the governor's office, Jon Knokey, at the Madison Valley Medical Center Jan. 30. (Inset: Tim Fox and Madison Valley Medical Center CEO Allen Rohrback at the MVMC). PHOTOS BY HANNAH KEARSE



Critical Access Hospitals ensure rural communities, like Madison County, access to healthcare.

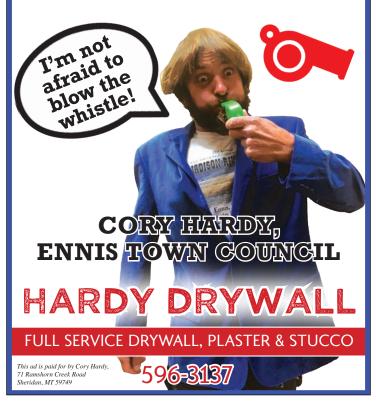
Madison Valley Medical Center and Ruby Valley Medical Center succeed because of CAHs' 101% cost-based reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid patients and grants. The Big Horn County Memorial Hospital in Fox's hometown of Hardin is a CAH. "If it weren't for that hospital being in Hardin when my dad had his heart attack," Fox said. "I wouldn't have had a number of extra years to be with him."

One of Fox's proudest contributions during his eight years as Montana's attorney general, is forming the Montana Healthcare Foundation.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana and Health Care Service Corporation merger of 2013 generated \$40.2 million. MHCF was created to facilitate the state law requirement that the proceeds went to a non-profit foundation whose mission is to improve the quality, availability and awareness of healthcare programs and services for Montanans.

Madison County and the Madison Valley Hospital Association have received grant money from the MHCF to support integrating behavioral health into primary care. Behavioral health focuses on treating disorders like substance abuse and addiction. According to MVMC CEO Allen Rohrback, CAHs receive less reimbursement for behavioral healthcare than other healthcare services.

"To some you'll have to talk about the bottom line," MVMC Dr. RD Marks said. "But we're talking about people's lives."



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GRIZZLY BEAR MANAGEMENT

Fox supports delisting the Yellowstone Grizzly Bear, while being aware of unpredicted changes that could further threaten the species. Delisting would transfer the management of the population to the states.

Areas arund grizzly bear recovery zones, like Madison County, have witnessed the growing number of grizzly bear conflicts in recent years. The conflict resumes in the courts as groups disagree over the management of the Yellowstone Grizzly Bear.

Some fear that grizzly bear populations have not reached a point that secures their ex-

istence and benefits to ecosystems. For the same concerns of existence and the ecosystem, some support delisting the Yellowstone Grizzly. Others worry trophy hunters will devastate a social construct around the grizzly bear, if delisted.

"My family and I have deeply held cultural and spiritual beliefs and at its core, it's Mother Earth and our wildlife," Fox said. "It's difficult sometimes to understand the connection between an animal like the grizzly bear, but I can tell you it's a big deal for our Native Americans. I think we have to respect that and have to try to

understand that, and we have to factor that in in the wildlife management decisions that we make."

Livestock depredation at the paws of grizzly bears is another aspect of grizzly bear management. It is a major challenge for ranchers. Twenty-nine predations of livestock in the Gravelly Range were confirmed in 2018, and it is likely there were more.

U.S. Wildlife Services confirms livestock depredations for Montana ranchers to receive full market value compensation. But for every depredation accounted for, some are missed,

according to Associate Director of Western Landowners
Alliance Cole Mannix. Due to
the limited resources of USWS,
it can take a long time to get on
location, which makes confirmation less likely.

Fox suggested extending the training of confirming livestock depredation to more wildlife departments, like Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

"We need to see if we can get rid of those roadblocks and hurdles, so more people can do those reviews and make sure that our farmers and ranchers and others are compensated in a more timely way."

PUBLIC LANDS

"It's part of our DNA as Montanans for sure. They belong to all of us, and I support multiple use, multiple access," Fox said. "I've done that in the state land board. I've voted for every conservation easement in acquisition of easements to open landlocked state sections so that we can access them."

Five elected officials, including the attorney general and governor, make up the Depart-

ment of Natural Resources and Conservation's Montana Land Board. DNRC manages timber, surface and mineral resources on state trust lands to help fund schools and other Montana institutions.

Montana's coal severance tax trust fund, which receives half of the coal severance tax collections, allocated about \$17.2 million to the school facilities fund in 2018.

"Under state law, the state

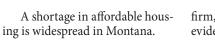
land board have an obligation to enhance the proceeds to the school trust," Fox said. "That is very important to me because I'm a product of a public education and I believe highly in the worthiness of a first-class education, so I'm supportive of responsibly developing our natural resources."

Fox is for expanding Montana's coal into foreign markets like Asia. As Montana's attorney

general, he sued Washington state for denying port expansion permits that would make the expansion possible.

For the first time in Montana's history, the state has made money available to develop affordable multi-family rental housing. The \$15 million to the Montana Housing Board came out of Montana's coal severance tax, which collected nearly \$61 million in 2018.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Fox supports altering aspects of housing development to lower housing costs. Fox holds regulations as a major contributor to the lack of affordable housing in Montana.

But according to a 2019 analysis from the Pacific Northwest's largest economic consulting

firm, EcoNorthwest, there is no evidence that regulatory or other constraints on development have had significant impacts on Montana's housing supply since 2000.

Providing developers and builders a cheaper path to construct affordable housing comes with mixed reviews.

"Economic prosperity is the key to the success of Montana in

almost every realm," Fox said.
"Whether it be affordable housing, building your small business, you name it."

Fox also considers Montana's dated tax structure to be at fault for an affordable housing shortage. On average, Montanans pay 30% more on property taxes than the national average.

national average.
"There's an interim commit-

tee that's studying our entire tax policy structure," Fox said." We need to take a good hard look at that because it's antiquated. It was really, for the most part, formed in a time in which we could rely on coal, oil and gas, the timber industry and a lot of other natural resource sources of tax revenues that in this changing world are not as reliable as they have been."

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the ground, concealing the helicopters as they landed one at a time. A cold mist traveled outward. Onlookers shielded their faces from a brisk dusting as the bug-like outlines gradually reappeared.

About 40 people in attendance, representing five SAR teams and the Madison County Sheriff's Office, explored the helicopters. Nine MTARNG soldiers answered questions and discussed equipment.

Availability or situations determine SAR teams' options for aviation support, starting with the Malstrom Airforce Base's 40th Helicopter Squadron, then Life Flight, then MTARNG and lastly, the De-

partment of Natural Resources and Conservation.

MTARNG is available 24/7, but is limited in certain landing conditions, including wind direction and the amount of snow on the ground. Ski kits for the helicopters and specific pilot certifications are some of the ways that MTARNG is working to expand their capabilities.

Further training opportunities, from equipment familiarization to hands-on exercises, are available upon SAR teams'

"We're here for you," MTARNG Sargent Bob Shearer



Department of Agriculture building in Sheridan Feb. 9.



Madison County Search and Rescue members watch the National Guard lanD.



Madison County Search and Rescue member, Tommy Luksha, asks questions about medical supplies in the Black Hawk helicopter.



Sabrina Hoftand and Cordela Anderson, 15, stand next to a Black Hawk helicopter.



Montana Army National Guard Christensen speaks with Search and Rescue members from the area.

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OPINION

Now is the time to get out and speak out about more trucking on Hwy 287

Dear Editor,

There is a big surprise in store for Ennis & the Madison Valley. Just think what a big thrill it will be to have even more trucking on Hwy 287, through Ennis, down the Bear Trap Canyon, Hwy 84, to Bozeman. Currently, MDOT is holding public meetings and asking for public comments on their proposed, MAJOR improvement of Hwy 191. There is no doubt, Hwy 191, needs the work,

However, how will all the diverted trucking travel when there are closures for the construction? BINGO! Right

down the Madison Valley.

Now is the time to comment, attend the public meetings, unite the valley, to get changes in place for the traffic route to not go directly through Ennis, Harrison, Norris when construction starts.

All of Ennis should be highly concerned & involved in this mission. Town council, county commissioners, chamber of commerce, business owners, and citizens all.

Idaho Dept of Transportation needs to be asked for signage in Idaho Falls at Hwy 20 and I-15 exchange to have Trucks & big traffic remain on I-15. MDOT needs signage at Hwy 20 and

Hwy 87 (once they've come that far, they won't turn back) requesting Trucking to stay on 287 to Three Forks, not travel the 84 through the Bear Trap Canyon. MDOT needs to operate the weigh Station at Cameron 24/7 as well, because it is well known that overloaded trucks often run at night. Perhaps the speed limit should be reduced on 287, as there has recently been a tragic fatal accident due to poor visibility at night.

All this being said, I am not opposed to trucking at all, as most truckers are just doing business the least expensive and in the most efficient manner they can. However, to assume that ALL the trucking comes down the valley is unsafe and unfair.

Comments can be made to: www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/ us191/

I strongly urge EVERYONE to comment and get on the bandwagon, no matter how busy you are. Now is your chance to make a difference, do not wait for someone else to do this. Attend the public hearings, write letters, make calls, BE HEARD, it counts when you speak up.

> Nani Luebke Ennis, Mont.

Is the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest caring for the public?

Dear Editor,

In the summer of 2018, six grazing permittees met with the Forest Supervisor of the Beaverhead Deerlodge NF and her staff to discuss how the Forest was changing the way grazing allotment compliance was determined. After four hours, the permittees left; not knowing if they could participate in this process, with no decision, no direction, and no knowledge of what the future of their grazing might be. To this date, no information on this change has been forthcoming. Grazing permittees are left up in the air on how they will be judged on their grazing each year.

At this time, many grazing permittees are having trouble with the BDNF. The Forest Service looks at everything in

a black and white perspective. Managing livestock is not black and white. Ranchers must adjust constantly. Adjusting constantly is something this, now retired, Range Specialist learned working with the permittees. The Forest Service wants everything exactly as specified in documents, and this is not realistic.

A permittee has to prioritize their work, money, and time. This is true of all people and professions. The BDNF prioritizes also. However, maintenance of their own fences, 4x4 roads ,and water troughs are at the bottom of the list; if they are on a list? Many of these items haven't seen any maintenance in decades. Yet, the Forest Service hounds permittees if every fence and trough isn't perfect every year. Permittees want their troughs to work and fences to

contain cattle. Other things cause problems that are not predictable nor easily managed: gates left open by recreationists, cattleguards full, trees fall on fences, predators, weather, terrain etc. The Forest Service needs to be practical about how this maintenance is accomplished each year.

Several Forest Range employees are arrogant and condescending to permittees. Some employees with little on the ground knowledge, start ordering permittees around. Many of these ranchers have 40 plus years of experience in grazing and cattle management. This attitude has caused much stress, anxiety, and at times, monetary loss. Information has been forwarded to upper management in FS to inform them of the past history and how a trusted working

relationship was built between the FS and permittees, prior to the recent range staff.

The Forest is throwing away 20 + years of learning together, and the creation of a trusting working relationships. No comment has been received as to a change in the Range Program direction, hopefully working toward a more amiable working relationship. It is hoped that a new direction would eliminate the FS running rough shod over permittees for the sake of ego, rather than using common sense. "Caring for the Land and Serving the Public" is their motto. Does serving the public not include working with grazing permittees?

> Art Hall, Retired Range Management Specialist, USFS Sheridan, Mont.

BITS AND PIECES

Yellowstone recruits for 2020 Youth **Conservation Corps program**

Submitted by YELL Public Affairs

How would you like to work, learn, play, and serve in the world's first national park? Yellowstone is currently recruiting for the 2020 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), a residential work-based education program for young men and women between the ages of 15 and 18. Visit the YCC program to apply. Completed application materials must be received by

March 1, 2020. Two, month-long YCC sessions will be offered June 7-July 8 and July 12-August 12. Sixty youth will be randomly selected from across the country to participate in the program. Applicants must be citizens of

the United States and 15 years of age by June 7, but not over 18 years of age by August 12. Yellowstone recruits youth from all social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds for the program.

No previous wilderness experience is required. Applicants should possess a positive attitude, a willingness and ability to work in a physically active outdoor program, and get along well with others. Participants will be required

to live in the park. Room and board will be provided at a minimal cost. Wages will be set at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

YCC is designed to develop an appreciation for the nation's natural resources and heritage

through unique educational, recreational, and work experiences. Corps members work together with National Park Service (NPS) staff to complete conservation projects such as trail rehabilitation, campground restoration, and a wide variety of resource management, visitor support services, and maintenance projects.

Participants develop their job and leadership skills while exploring personal values, gaining self-esteem, expanding their awareness of work ethics, and learning firsthand about environmental and conservation issues. Corps members also participate in evening and weekend recreational activities and discover the many options for careers in the NPS and other

land management agencies. Questions may be directed to Yell_YCC_Office@nps.gov.

The Yellowstone YCC Program is funded by park entrance fees and generous donations to Yellowstone Forever, the park's official nonprofit partner.

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Conference spotlights innovative technologies to build healthy soils

Submitted by SANDRA BOOTH, NCAT

A movement has been growing around the world as farmers, ranchers, food companies, policy makers, and scientists alike realize the importance of soil health. A variety of emerging technologies and innovative practices are being adopted widely by producers to improve soil health, and interest in these technologies and practices is spreading quickly.

Registration is open for the National Center for Appropriate Technology's (NCAT) inaugural Soil Health Innovations Conference, March 30-31 in Bozeman, Montana. The forum

will bring together leading experts and innovative farmers from around the U.S. to share the latest in soil science, best practices in soil management, and the emerging technologies that will drive the future of sustainable and regenerative agriculture.

"The Soil Health Innovations Conference occupies the cutting edge of soil health across the country on-farm practices, soil biology, carbon markets, and public policy," said Steve Thompson, NCAT executive director.

NCAT is sponsoring the conference in cooperation with USDA Rural Development, Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), and Montana State University. The goal of the conference, Thompson said, is to provide an opportunity for producers and educators to examine current practices as well as the concepts, techniques, and practical applications that may be available in the future.

"This is an exciting time in sustainable agriculture," Thompson said. "Farmers, food companies, and policy makers recognize the many benefits of improving the health of soil for food quality, climate resilience, and profitability. There's a growing buzz about the opportunity to draw down atmospheric carbon by returning it to the soil as organic matter. We invite producers,

industry professionals, researchers, students and, frankly, anyone who eats food to participate in the conversation."

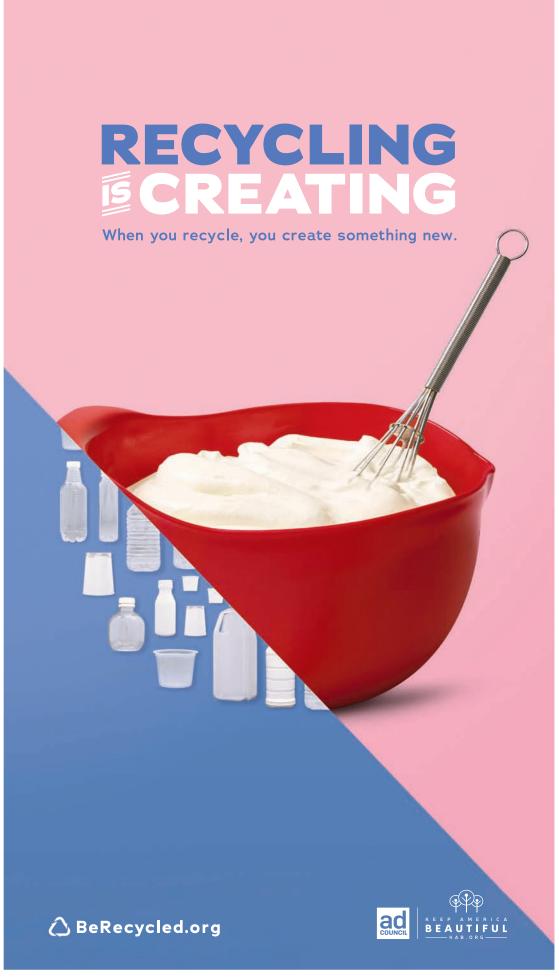
The conference will be March 30-31 at the campus of Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

Registration is now open. To register and for more information, go to https:// soilinnovations.ncat.org/

View the complete agenda and topics at https:// soilinnovations.ncat.org/

For more information, you can contact Sandra Booth at

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February 2, 2020

Suspicious circumstances were reported in **Ennis and Sheridan.**

A trucking complaint was made in Norris. Accidents occurred in Cameron in Ennis.

February 3, 2020

Hazards on the road were reported in Norris. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges.

A welfare check was performed in Ennis. An accident occurred in Ennis. Assault was reported in Cameron.

February 4, 2020

A welfare check was performed in Sheridan. Theft complaints were made in Harrison and

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan. A fire call was made in Alder.

A trespass complaint was made in Alder. A scam complaint was reported in Sheridan. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Silver Star and Ponv.

An accident occurred in Norris.

February 5, 2020

A wildlife complaint was made in Cameron. Accidents occurred in Norris and Cameron. A fire call was made in Sheridan. Citizens were assisted in Alder and Twin Bridges.

Lost and/or found property was reported in Ennis.

February 6, 2020

Accidents occurred in Cameron and McAllister.

A traffic complaint was made in Alder. An alarm was responded to in Sheridan.

February 7, 2020

Warrant services were performed in Cardwell.

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges.

February 8, 2020

An accident occurred in Norris. A fire call was made in Sheridan. A disturbance was reported in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in

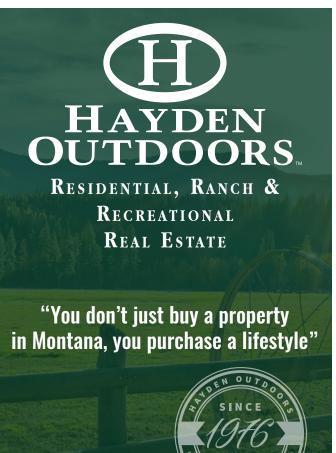


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Submitted by ENNIS SENIOR CENTER

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License year begins March 1, other changes for 2020

Submitted by LORRAINE KARWASKI

As the current license year is winding down, hunters and anglers can look for a few immediate changes for the coming year.

The new license year starts on March 1, which means that is the day you can buy your 2020 hunting and fishing licenses and begin applying for permits and special licenses.

The deadline to apply for deer and elk permits is April 1.

Hunters should keep a couple of things in mind as they look to the application process for this year.

First, this will be the first year that hunters will be able to apply for all their permits and special licenses at the same time. In the past, those application periods were separate due to the massive amount of work Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks had to do to enter paper applications. This year, all applications will be done online or electronically at an FWP office.

Another change hunters need to be aware of is the switch to regular paper for licenses, permits and carcass tags. In the past, hunters who applied online waited for their carcass tags to come in the mail. Now they'll be able to print them off at home.

The process is pretty simple: If you're purchasing a general elk or deer license or perhaps a sportsman license, you can do it online; at the conclusion of your purchase

you'll have one opportunity to print your carcass tags.

If you're applying for a special license or permit, you will need to have a valid email address. If you're successful in the drawing, you will receive an email with a link to follow to print your carcass tag one time.

The switch from the old license paper to regular paper will be more convenient for customers, who can complete their license application and purchase immediately in the comfort of their own home. The change to online or digital applications will allow for more accurate and quicker drawings. This year hunters who apply for elk and deer permits will know if they were successful two weeks after the deadline.



Teagan McBurney of Harrison was presented the 2019 volunteer appreciation award for volunteering at 4 Paws Rescue. PHOTO COURTESY MISTY HAMMERBACK

VOLUNTEER





Pies for purpose

By Keely Larson

Apple. Peanut butter. Lemon meringue. Coconut cream. Triple berry. Apple Blueberry. Raspberry.

All these pies were brought to a basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 4 for Pie Night. Pie Night began in 2012 as a Harrison School Booster Club fundraiser. Proceeds typically go to things like uniforms, play supplies or whatever else the school needs.

Pie Night is hosted once during both volleyball and basketball season. Fewer pies are auctioned off during volleyball games as there are less opportune times to do so. In between quarters and at half time at basketball games are perfect pie auctioning opportunities.

Occasionally, the Booster Club takes proceeds and donates them to community members in need. On Pink Night during volleyball season, the Booster club gave pie funds to a woman in the community fighting breast cancer.

Tuesday night's funds were donated to the Reeves family who lost their 9-year-old son in

a car crash in mid-January. "We decided we would sort of facilitate funding to the Reeves family and donate to them," Ann Hokanson, secretary of the Booster Club, said. This year's Pie Night funds, \$1,100, will go to the Reeves

A live auctioneer talks up the pies and Hokanson walks around the gymnasium promoting the different options. This year, the Lemon Meringue went for \$185. Typically, bidding amounts fall between \$80-\$100. "People are very generous and it's kind of become a fun thing," Hokanson said.

Sometimes people hear about an upcoming Pie Night and attend the game just for the auction event, not having sat in a gym all season long. The Booster Club asked five or six people to donate a pie for February's event and ended up with double the amount of pies.

"Being such a small community, we know who is known for making pies," Hokanson said.

The Booster Club is now working on purchasing new volleyball uniforms for the team next season. A charter bus was donated to the school and Katie Burtchett's husband will work on getting it ready to transport students to events. Burtchett is the Booster Club treasurer and Pie Night organizer.



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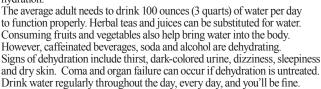
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A friend mentioned that I should watch out for winter dehydration. Is this really a problem?

A: Winter dehydration is definitely a problem. Thirst is a primary signal to drink water and we're less likely to be thirsty when it's cold. Infants, young children and older adults are most at risk for winter dehydration. Organs, muscles, joints and tissues do not function well without proper



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BIRDING

Woodpecker Tidbits Are you seeing any woodpeckers at your feeders?

This time of year we can see Downy's, Hairy's and Northern Flickers if we are putting suet out in our back yard. Here are a few fun facts about these feathered friends (courtesy of "Watching Backyard Birds").

FEET: All woodpeckers have an x-shaped footprint. Most bird species have three toes pointing forward and a "thumb" pointing back, but woodpeckers, parrots, owls, and ospreys have

zygodactyl feet, which means two toes point forward, and two point backward. This gives woodpeckers stability when clinging to tree trunks while they hammer their bills against it.

TONGUE: The base of a woodpecker's tongue is above its eye sockets. The tongue forks around the back of the bird's skull and extends through its lower bill. The long tongue provides cushioning to the skull as the bird hammers a tree trunk. The tip of a woodpecker tongue is barbed, better for snagging insects from within a tree, or

TAIL: A woodpecker's central tail feathers are extra stiff for support against a tree trunk. These feathers are extra stiff for support against a tree trunk

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What are some tips for driving in winter weather?

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1836 people die annually due to snowy and levy pavement. Now how does this affect you and your insurance? The average payout for whiplash is \$2500-\$10000. When you multiply it by the average number of injuries a year, 116,000, then insurers are paying out over \$5m in benefits. Now when there is a death as a result of a car accident the benefits paid are much higher. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget puts the value of a human life in the range of \$7m to \$9m. So when you are in a hurry, not paying attention and you cause an accident your insurance company, is on paying attention and you cause an accident your insurance company is on your side and pays benefits on your behalf. So here are some steps to help avoid accidents and increases in your premiums:

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

What is the essence of balance, movement and life?

Tai chi, yoga, and qigong - the oldest forms of movement, dating back centuries, brings true essence of movement and balance. The Eastern cultures have used the martial arts and yoga for health, awareness and balance. In today's Western culture, medicine has become treatment by parts. They have lost the



holistic nature of treatment in comparison. For example, balance is not about standing on one leg, it is about moving without falling. Therefore 1 in 3 adults over the age of 60 will fall or have fallen. Over the past 15 years, I have been studying movement practices of tai chi, qigong, yoga and Feldenkrais. I am currently at the end of two-year certification encompassing oriental movement. I have started a tai chi course at River Studios Monday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. This encompasses a basic step by step instruction into the art of qigong and tai chi for balance, awareness and movement.

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What a great and timely question! As of January 1, 2020, all Home Inspectors must be registered with the State of Montana and they must conform to industry standards. Previously, there were no requirements and anyone who believed they knew the scope of the job could

label themselves "Home Inspector." The new registration program protects consumers and the public by requiring minimum levels of insurance, by requiring a minimum standard of knowledge and continuing education and by providing information about those authorized to conduct home inspection. This list of registered inspectors can be found on the State Department of Labor and

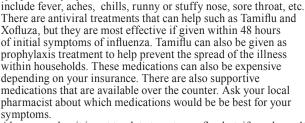
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What are the symptoms and best treatment for influenza?

With Flu Season in full swing it is important to understand the symptoms and treatment for influenza. Although you may have

listened to my previous article and received your flu shot, that doesn't prevent you from getting influenza. However, it may help lessen your symptoms. Symptoms of influenza can



Also remember it is not too late to get your flu shot if you haven't

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MENTAL HEALTH

What Is Schizophrenia?

Schizophrenia is a brain disease that interferes with normal brain activity. It causes affected people to exhibit odd behaviors, and may result in some combination of delusions. hallucinations, and disordered thinking and behavior. Schizophrenia is a chronic condition, most always involving lifelong treatment to include strictly medications.



following doctors' orders and being faithful in taking prescribed

Is Schizophrenia Defined as Multiple Personalities? General information would have you believe that schizophrenia is multiple personalities or a split personality. However, even though schizophrenia is defined as "split mind", the definition actually refers to a disruption of the regular balance of thinking and emotions, as well as an inability to tell the difference between what is real and what is

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SPORTS

LADY **FALCONS BEAT WILDCATS**

Twin Bridges leaves Harrison with a win

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Twin Bridges girls' basketball team had the lead all along on Harrison.

The rescheduled game on Feb. 4 in Harrison highlighted two players on the court, Twin Bridges' senior Ashleigh Guinnane and Harrison freshman Dana Lerum. Each led their teams in just about

The Falcons steadily gained on the Wildcats from the start. The point gap widened with every passing quarter. Both teams scored the most points in the second quarter, and both teams missed out on almost the same amount of points from the free throw line. The Falcons had more opportunities off the line, which they capitalized on 50% of the time.

The Wildcats and Falcons will meet again Feb. 14 in Twin Bridges.

Ruth Crabtree, Harrison 8th grader, drives past her Twin Bridges defenders in their game Tuesday, Feb. 4. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN

Feb. 4



Twin Bridges Falcons: Harrison Wildcats:

Guinnane

Individual total: 1

Final: 47 Final: 29

TWIN BRIDGES Team total: 47 Individual leader: Ashleigh Guinnane

Individual total: 18

2-POINTERS **Team total: 16** Individual leader: Ashleigh **Guinnane Individual total: 6**

3-POINTERS

Team total: 1

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FREE THROWS: 50% success

Individual leader: Ashleigh

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POINTS Team total: 29 Individual leader: Dana Lerum Individual total: 11

2-POINTERS

Team total: 8 Individual leader: Dana Lerum Individual total: 2

3-POINTERS Team total: 3 Individual leader: Dana Lerum Individual total: 2

FREE THROWS: 24% success

Falcon swoopback

Twin Bridges girls' basketball loses in spite of comeback

BY HANNAH KEARSE

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The Falcons had a slow start but finished strong against the Wolverines.

They lost the game in West Yellowstone Feb. 8. West Yellowstone dominated the first quarter. The Falcons defense and offense was off in the first eight minutes. But their defense gained their composure in the second quarter and the points followed in the second half.

At the end of the first half, Twin Bridges was down 15 points. They closed that gap to five points by the end of the game. Allie Dale and Hailey Pack lead the Falcons in points with help from Ashleigh Guinnane in the fourth quarter, where Twin Bridges nearly doubled their points.

It was a fight until the end.

Feb. 8

Twin Bridges Falcons: West Yellowstone Wolverines:

POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 32 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: HAILEY INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 9

2-POINTERS

TEAM TOTAL: 10 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: ALLIE DALE/ HAILEY PACK INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3

3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 0 **FREE THROWS: 41% SUCCESS**

Consistent Swanson Mustangs lose two games

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

The Ennis boys' basketball season has had its wins and losses. Great movements in the season can be credited to multiple players, but one Mustang always shows up. Ian Swanson has found the net more consistently than most in the 12C-conference. When his performance is combined with Ennis sophomore, Brand Ostler, it is a sight to see. Three-pointers all day. But the Mustangs lost both games in the first week of February.

Swanson and Ostler led Ennis in points against the Jefferson Panthers Feb. 6. They scored all but four points of the game, each opening the second quarter with three-pointers.

The point-spread for the Mustangs was wider against the Granite Prospectors in Philipsburg Feb. 7. True to form, Swanson lead in points. Andrew Beardsley and Ostler both made a pair of three-pointers. The Mustangs trailed close behind the Prospectors but could not gain the lead.

The Mustangs head to Drummond Feb. 14 to challenge the Trojans.

Feb. 6

Ennis Mustangs: Final: 41 **Jefferson Panthers:** 42 Final: 77

POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 41 **INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 19**

2-POINTERS

TEAM TOTAL: 12 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: BRAND INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 6

3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 4

INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3

FREE THROWS: 83% SUCCESS

Feb. 7

2-POINTERS

Ennis Mustangs: Granite Prospectors: 12 25

TEAM TOTAL: 50 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN **SWANSON** INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 18

TEAM TOTAL: 14 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: IAN **SWANSON INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 7**

3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 7 **INDIVIDUAL LEADER: BRAND OSTLER/ ANDREW BEARDSLEY INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 2**

Final: 50

Final: 64

FREE THROWS: 50% SUCCESS

SPORTS

BATTLE OF THE CATS

Wildcats take the win

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Harrison won the game against Sheridan in the first quarter.

The Panthers struggled to find the net behind the Wildcats defense. Sheridan had a better percentage at the free throw line, making four of the seven shots.

The Wildcats spread of points was mostly even, with Luke Cima scoring the most within three quarters. Sheridan and Harrison will both have away games next on Valentine's Day.

Feb. 6

Harrison Wildcats: Sheridan Panthers:

Final: 49 Final: 13 **HARRISON**

POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 49 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LUKE

INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 13

2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 20 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LUKE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 6

3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 1 **INDIVIDUAL LEADER: JACKSON INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 1**

FREE THROWS: 50% SUCCESS

SHERIDAN

POINTS TEAM TOTAL: 13 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: BRAYDEN MARTIN/KAIDEN BATZLER INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 5

2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 3
INDIVIDUAL LEADER: BRAYDEN
MARTIN/KAIDEN BATZLER/
JASON CHISHOLM
INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 1

3-POINTERS

TEAM TOTAL: 1 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: BRAYDEN MARTIN INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 1

FREE THROWS: 57% SUCCESS RATE

WILDCATS DOMINATE

Harrison wins in Lima



HARRISON

TEAM TOTAL: 71

INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LUKE

INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 12

POINTS

Harrison Wildcats: Lima Bears:

34 12

INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LUKE

2-POINTERS

3-POINTERS

TEAM TOTAL: 5

TEAM TOTAL: 25

INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 6

57 20

Final: 71 Final: 27

> **INDIVIDUAL LEADER: ANDREW INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 2**

FREE THROWS: 55% SUCCESS RATE

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

The Wildcats more than doubled the Bear's points in

Luke Cima lead in points, scoring four points in each quarter he played in. The younger Cima, Joe, was close behind scoring 11 points for the Wildcats. Another from the freshman class, Sage Buus, put up 11 points. Andrew Bacon netted a pair of three-pointers in the second half.

TOP TWO IN CONFERENCE

Twin Bridges vs Harrison boys' basketball game

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

The Falcons won the game by four points in Harrison Feb. 4.

Twin Bridges continued their winning streak, but Harrison was ample competition. The Wildcats did not keep a lead on the Falcons but were never too far behind.

Twin Bridges senior, Nate Konen shot at 88% in the game and 50% from the free throw line, earning him 16 points. Konen lead the Falcons in points and defensive rebounds.

Bryce Nye and Charlie Kruer each scored 10 points, but their shooting percentages were less than usual. Kruer, a typical threat outside the arch, was unable to connect with the net at the distance. But he capitalized in the right lane. Nye's proficiency for setting up plays did not waver against the Wildcats. He lead with seven assists for the Falcons.

Matt Kaiser was instrumental for the Falcons, scoring eight points and using his height under the net to make seven offensive rebounds.

Harrison 11th-grader, Christian Contreras lead the Wildcats in points sinking three three-pointers. He also led in offensive rebounds for the Wildcats. Luke Cima and James Hernval each scored 10 points for the Wildcats. The Harrison sophomore, Hernval, did not see as much playing time as other players but was one of their top scorers of the night. He averaged about a point a minute.

The Falcons and Wildcats will meet again on the court Feb. 14 in Twin Bridges.

Feb. 4

Twin Bridges Falcons: 16 Final: 52 **Harrison Wildcats:** Final: 48

TWIN BRIDGES

TEAM TOTAL: 52 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: NATE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 16

2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 19 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: NATE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 7

3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 1 **INDIVIDUAL LEADER: TATE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 1**

FREE THROWS: 69% SUCCESS

HARRISON

TEAM TOTAL: 48 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: **CHRISTIAN CONTRERAS INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 12**

2-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 13 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: LUKE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 5

3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 5

INDIVIDUAL LEADER: CHRISTIAN CONTRERAS INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 3

FREE THROWS: 50% SUCCESS RATE



Wildcat Cristian Contreras takes the shot against Falcon's Nate Konen defense. The two were the leading scorers in the close Feb. 4 game. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN

NOT ALL STATS WERE AVAILABLE TO THE MADISONIAN BY PRESS TIME. CHECK BACK NEXT FOR ANY OF YOUR TEAMS THAT WERE NOT COVERED THIS WEEK.

142 animals tested positive for CWD thus far during 2019/20 sampling

Submitted by Valisa Milligan

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks submitted 6,977 samples for chronic wasting disease testing during the 2019 season, which ran from April 1, 2019, to Jan. 29, 2020. Of those samples, 142 tested positive for the fatal disease, including 86 white-tailed deer, 53 mule deer, two moose and one elk. These were Montana's first detections in moose and wild elk.

FWP's priority sampling areas in 2019 included southeastern Montana, the Philipsburg area, the Hi-Line area and the Libby area. Special CWD hunts, which required CWD testing of harvested deer, were held in the Libby

and Moffat Bridge areas. FWP also offered free state-wide testing to hunters who submitted their own samples.

Of the 6,977 total samples, 38% were collected from outside the priority sampling areas and about 15% were collected and submitted by hunters themselves.

In 2019, we detected new CWD-positive areas in northwestern Montana (Libby), southwestern Montana (near Sheridan and Twin Bridges), and in eastern and southeastern Montana. In addition, we expanded the boundaries of known CWD-positive areas with new detections south of Highway 2 along the Hi-Line, and north of the Yellowstone River in southcentral Mon-

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Among CWD-positive hunt districts, estimated prevalence ranged from less than 1% to 7% in mule deer and less than 1% to 4% in white-tailed deer. In the town of Libby, 13% of hunter-harvested or trapped white-tailed deer were positive for CWD, and 4% were positive outside of town within the Libby CWD Management Zone.

Since FWP's renewed surveillance efforts in 2017, when CWD was first discovered in the wild in Montana, FWP has tested 11,020 samples statewide.

With the main sampling season over, FWP will review management strategies and other collected information to make plans for the next necessary steps in managing the disease. FWP will continue to collect samples from symptomatic animals throughout the year.

In addition to the FWP's sampling efforts of wild cervids, the Montana Department of Livestock reported in January, that a single game farm elk in eastern Montana tested positive for CWD. The disease has not been identified in domestic cervids in

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Montana since 1999. DOL placed the herd under quarantine and is conducting an epidemiological investigation.

CWD is a fatal disease that can affect the nervous system of deer, elk and moose. Transmission can most commonly occur through direct contact between animals, including urine, feces, saliva, blood and antler velvet. Carcasses of infected animals may serve as a source of environmental contamination as well and can infect other animals that come into contact with that carcass.

There is no known transmission of CWD to humans, however, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that hunters who harvest an animal in an area where CWD is known to be present have their animal tested. If the animal tests positive, CDC advises against eating the meat.

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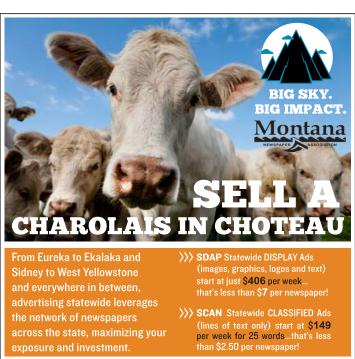
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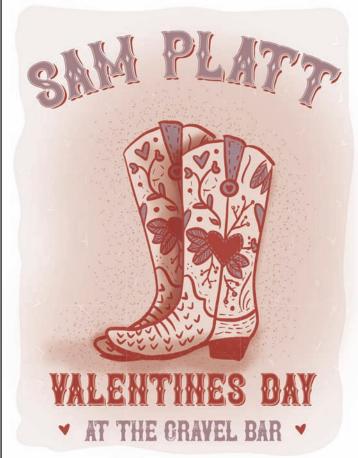
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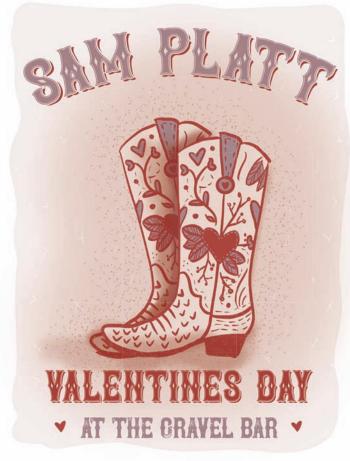


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Sun and a few passing clouds. High around 35F. Winds SSW at 5

Friday



A few snow showers around in the morning, otherwise mostly cloudy. High near 30F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 30%.

Saturday



Mainly cloudy. High 31F. Winds

Sunday



Scattered flurries and snow showers. High near 35F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 30%. Snow accumulations less than one inch.

Monday



Partly cloudy skies. High 28F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Quote of the Week:

"Doubt thou the stars are fire, Doubt that the sun doth move. Doubt truth to be a liar, But never doubt I love."

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ENNIS ARTS ASSOCIATION WORKS WITH MADISON VALLEY MANOR RESIDENTS

By KEELY LARSON connect@madisoniannews.com

any studies agree that social interaction is important for maintaining quality of life for seniors, some noting it can prevent illness by boosting the immune system. It is almost common knowledge, as is the idea that art can be used to bring people together and has since we learned how to share crayons in kindergarten.

The Ennis Arts Association (EAA) brought these two concepts together in, unsurprisingly, a creative way. Carol Clarkson, co-owner of Artists on Main, suggested they bring a pottery craft to the Madison Valley Manor.

"The idea for this event came out of an Ennis Arts Association meeting last year that we had at my house," Jan Beekman, EAA member, said.

They were getting discouraged with meeting attendance, from both members and people in the community. They knew there had to be a better way for EAA members to share their skills with people around town.

As a solution, the group decided to bring their meetings to the people.

In collaboration with the Manor's activities director, Leona Stredwick, participating residents rolled out a piece of clay, cut it into a heart and decorated it however they pleased on Monday, Feb. 10.

The EAA hopes to continue the idea of bringing their meetings to people who may be interested in art, or who may benefit. Next month, the EAA will be going to the high school in collaboration with Humanities Montana for a presenta-

"The tactile experience, the design process, all of that is part of memory. Bringing forward memories from the past, or for little ones, what they envision for the future, and developing (their) memories,"

> CAROL CLARKSON, CO-OWNER OF ARTISTS ON MAIN SAID.

tion about the history of the trombone.

"We want to encourage art in the community in whatever way we can," Beekman said. A smattering of residents

and volunteers gathered in the sunny activities room at the Manor. Residents sat around a few folding tables placed together with their lumps of clay and EAA members rotated around, helping where needed. Residents were offered stamps, stencils and brightly colored plastic tubes of paint that squeezed out in thin lines. It looked like a mature version of decorating Valentine's Day cookies.

"It has such an influence on not only younger people, but I think older people. And this is a way for our members to kind of give back and help these folks create something they did themselves," Barbara Gillispie, EAA member, said.

Clarkson agreed. Everyone should have access to creativity, from nursing home residents to kindergarteners.

"The tactile experience, the design process, all of that is part of memory. Bringing forward memories from the past, or for little ones, what they envision for the future, and developing (their) memories," Clarkson said.

Many residents spent time just pressing their fingers and hands into the clay, examining the texture, casually rolling it around their workspace. A doily was brought out as an option to use like a stamp, imprinting its geometry on the clay.

A few women's faces lit up at the sight of this retired relic, Clarkson said. "It makes me wonder if in their past maybe they did some crochet work," she said, or maybe if they had doilies all around their houses growing up. A direct exhibition of art's ability to bring forth memories.

Clarkson will fire the clay and return it on Valentine's Day to residents who participated. Hopefully, residents look upon their pottery with pride and place them somewhere in their rooms.



Leona Stredwick is about five months into her position as activities director. She recently worked on a stained-glass project with residents. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON



A few finished products. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON



Cleo Wages loved saying hi to little Clementine Mahsman, who got a bit sleepy towards the end of the hour-long activity session before lunch. Photo by Keely Larson



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f we neglect our bodies, misuse them, or otherwise fail to treat them with proper respect, they have an effective means of expressing their dissatisfaction.

We feel pain - in our joints, in our muscles, in our backs; pretty much any place where there exists a nerve that can fire off an urgent distress signal to the brain.

And as we age, those distress signals seem to become more frequent, with the simplest of movements, such as bending over to pick up a fallen object, creating anguish and instant regret.

"Unfortunately, pain and aging are facts of life," says Nicky Snazell (www.painreliefclinic. co.uk), a physiotherapist, expert in pain management, and author of The 4 Keys to Health and other books.

"The good news is that, ultimately, our quality of life doesn't have to be ruled by age and pain themselves, no matter what we might think. Instead, our quality of life is determined by how we handle age and pain."

In many ways, we're our bodies' own worst enemies. But Snazell says those who want to treat their bodies the right way can accomplish that by making changes in four key areas:

- Mindset. Your mindset affects all aspects of your health, Snazell says. "Without a positive, long-term commitment to health, you will not eat and drink well, you will not get regular and adequate exercise, and you will not be able to control your stress," she says. "Without first getting your head in the right place, how can you expect to make all of these changes to your life?"
- Nutrition and hydration. It's no secret that most of us don't have the best diets, Snazell says. "We eat too much of the food that enhances pain," she says, "and too little

that reduces pain." Our ancient ancestors had the right idea, she says. They ate fresh meat, berries, roots, and fruit and vegetables high in antioxidants, and they had no processed foods. Perhaps more surprising, Snazell says, is that many people also aren't properly hydrated. "Water is necessary for mental agility, the immune system, healing, cleansing, and detoxing," she says, "so it is definitely not something

we should ignore." • Fitness. Televisions, computers and smartphones helped turn us into a sedentary society self-imprisoned on our sofas. "The lack of physical activity causes emotional and physiological imbalances," Snazell says. "Improving your fitness changes your chemistry, acts as a powerful antidepressant, promotes mental clarity, and reduces the likelihood of cancer." Being disciplined about getting exercise is your key to longevity, she says, so exercise regularly and effectively. Running, for example, helps you lose dangerous belly fat that causes inflammation and aids stress. If running proves too difficult or isn't your thing, there are plenty of other aerobic exer-

and cross country skiing, among others. • Lifestyle. "If you want to start changing your lifestyle right now to improve your mental and physical health, there are several small, simple things you can do to get headed in the right direction," Snazell says. Here are just some of them: Get a regular massage; meditate daily; set purposeful goals; do something nice for a stranger; watch less TV; study something every day; spend time with inspiring and funny people; sing in the shower.

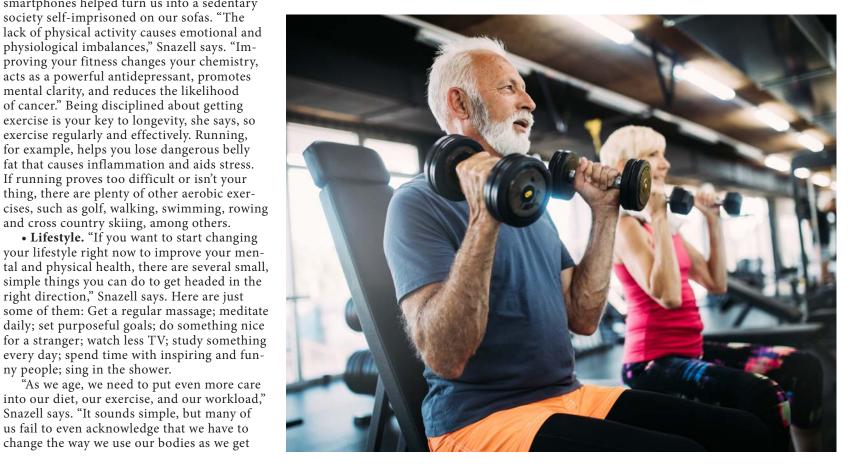
"As we age, we need to put even more care into our diet, our exercise, and our workload," Snazell says. "It sounds simple, but many of us fail to even acknowledge that we have to change the way we use our bodies as we get

"We need to remember that so much of this is a choice. We have the power to change ourselves by transforming the way we think, what we eat, how we move, and what kind of lifestyle we choose to lead."

About Nicky Snazell

Nicky Snazell (www.painreliefclinic.co.uk), author of The 4 Keys to Health and other books, is director of Nicky Snazell's Wellness

& Physiotherapy in the United Kingdom. She is a physiotherapist and pain specialist. Snazell is the founder of three health companies and still treats patients, embracing holistic physiotherapy, healthy living, and new technology for joint repair. After 30 years of treating patients, including about 14,000 at her clinic's Midlands location, Snazell has seen a huge success rate. She also makes presentations internationally on health, wellbeing and pain



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campaign to raise awareness of rising **STD** rates syphilis and chlamydia has also JON EBELT, DPHHS been increasing, despite the availability of free prevention supplies and information on tate health officials resafe sex.

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port the upward trend Over the past several years of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Montana are

now reaching record highs. For example, gonorrhea rates have been increasing over the past seven years, and are now projected to reach nearly 1,500 cases in 2019. DPHHS STD/ HIV program manager Dana Fejes said the gonorrhea numbers haven't been this high in 40 years. Other STDs like

"This is very concerning," Fejes said. "And the reason we're concerned is because of the serious health consequences that can occur to an individual with an STD if left untreated. Some people are at greater risks for complications, such as those who have a suppressed immune system and pregnant women. Sometimes, there are no symptoms and the infection is spread to others unknowingly."

In addition, people with an STD may be at an increased risk of getting HIV. This is because the same behaviors and circumstances that may put someone at risk for getting an STD also puts them at greater risk for getting HIV. Having unprotected sex, with multiple or anonymous partners, increases the likelihood that someone might get infected.

Fejes notes the increase is not unique to Montana. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), syphilis and gonorrhea reports are the highest nation-

wide since 1991. Public health officials said social media is also playing a role. Social media platforms and anonymous sex have further complicated the ability to reach partners to get them tested and treated. This is a

necessary step to stop further infections. To keep up with the increase of online dating, local and state partners are reaching out on social media to urge sexually active persons to get tested for STDs and stay safe.

Local disease trends are posted on the DPHHS website at STDFree.mt.gov to remind everyone that STDs are not a thing of the past. The new public health campaign was created to raise awareness about the rising STDs in Montana. Free awareness materials are being provided to various local STD and through HIV outreach

contractors. Fejes reminds everyone that STDs are entirely preventable and even though some activities can pose greater risks, there are things that everyone can do to stay healthy:

1. Talk to your health care provider about STD testing. Take charge of your own health, get tested and treated correctly. Find free or low-cost testing locations at GetTested.MT.gov 2. Learn about STDs and how to avoid them at STDFree. MT.gov.

3. The most reliable way to avoid infection is to not have

4. Reduce your number of

partners and talk about sexual health with your partners. 5. Use protection correctly every time. Synthetic non-latex condoms can be used for those who have latex allergies.

6. Visit your local STD clinics, outreach workers or health departments to learn more, grab

some free stuff and get the conversation started with friends.

7. Visit DPHHS on Facebook, like and share our Public Health in the 406 #GetTestedMT messages.

It only takes simple steps to stop STDs from spreading. Many local resources are available with little to no cost.

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A strong argument can be made that January 2020 was the most bearish start to a New Year and New Decade in history for the commodity markets. Consider that the CRB index, weighted to grains and livestock fell to a four month low and the Goldman Sachs commodity index slipped to a five month low. Individual markets such as copper, crude oil, cattle and soybean prices fell to a five month low. Hog prices hit a 12 month low. Most other commodities also showed unusual weakness in January, a rare phenomena. By any measurement, January '20 was one of the most bearish start to a New Year and New Decade ever seen.

However, stocks as measured by the Dow Jones also stumbled in January. Also a rare scenario. On the final

session of the month, the Dow fell a few ticks shy of 600 points. The loss wiped out the gains seen since the first of the year with the Dow now in the red by 1%. More damning and telling are the following comments from CNBC News with a headline that blared, "Friday's massive sell-off ruins 'January barometer' market signal."

Here are a few observations from the CNBC article above that need to be read and read carefully. "Going back to 1950, when the S&P 500 was positive in January, 86% of the time, the full year turned out to be up, according to Stock Trader's Almanac." "The track record is even better in presidential election years. When January is up in an election year, the year is up 100% of the time with an average S&P 500 return of 16.6%, according to Bank of America." And, "The track record is even better in presidential election years. Since 1928, when January is up in an election year, the year is up 100% of the time with an average S&P 500 return of 16.6%, according to Bank of America."

The weakness with stocks

and commodities to start 2020 is generally attributed to the spread of coronavirus from China to the U.S. and other parts of the world. Investors, traders and agriculture producers were caught off guard in the middle of January and a tsunami of selling unfolded that caused paper and hard assets to do a nosedive. Of course, it is still too soon to predict the final outcome of the virus but the markets did what the markets always do. They shoot first and ask questions later.

Many on Wall Street tout the first trading day of the year, or, the first month of the year as a harbinger for what lies ahead. For years, Wall Street has proclaimed, "As January goes, so goes the rest of the year." They may be right because since the huge loss on the final day of January, stocks as measured by the Dow Jones have rallied quite dramatically to a new all-time high. Commodity values have also bounced higher in the first week of February. Such gains in February, do suggest the weakness flashed on the final day of January was a head fake and nothing more.

But here is my spin on what may unfold in the period ahead for stocks and the U.S. ag-markets, grains and livestock. Of course, I may change my mind as the year unfolds in light of "events." And the

main event on the lips of investors, traders and ag-producers is the coronavirus and how it will impact the markets. It seems as if the virus is being well contained which suggests it will have a minimal impact on the markets. But it is way too premature to make such a bold prediction.

Stocks: I have little desire to be long either stocks or bonds. Both markets are historically pricey. My work shows here is more downside risk than upside potential from current levels. Time will

Livestock: The upside leader in the world of the U.S. ag-markets should be livestock. In fact, in my twice a day newsletter, Commodity Insite I have stated repeatedly that 2020, will be, "The Year of the Livestock Markets." I am comfortable with that

forecast.

Grains: In 2019, 15 to 20 million acres of farmland were not planted due to wet and cold conditions at planting time. In 2020, the odds are great those acres will make their way back into production which will, with normal weather conditions keep grain prices on the defensive into early spring. Or, longer.

To those that do produce grain, I suggest hone your marketing skills. The key to success in agriculture is marketing, pure and simple. Here in, 2020, when those 15 to 20 million acres come back into production and they will, marketing skills will need to be razor sharp. And all ag-producers should watch the weather carefully as I still fear greatly, "climate change" issues moving forward.

A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS By Bryce Angell

Patched Up Corral

The campfire was a welcome sight. We'd ridden most the day. We led the horses to the corral, then tossed in bales of hay.

The corral had seen some better years. We thought it looked worn out. I'll bet the corral had stories you could ramble on about.

The posts were all of juniper. They'd lasted many years. But the poles were torn and broken from those wild and angry steers.

As cowboys do, we always brought a roll of baler twine. The string served many purposes from rope to fishing line.

We tied the corral together and were proud of what we built. One cowboy said, "It sure looks like my Grandma's patched up quilt."

We wolfed down spuds and gravy, climbed in bags and hit the light. Then woke up to the sounds of hell! I'd say around midnight.

A half a dozen cowboys stumbled out with pistols drawn. One cowboy stood there freezing, only whitey-tidies on.

The racket came from in the corral. 'Twas pandemonium! The horses were so loud that it could crack your cranium!

We shined our lights out in the corral. A steer was in the midst. He'd jumped the fence and scared the horses half out of their wits.

The steer was chowing down the hay. He meant to cause no strife. But for sure was not about to leave the best meal of his life.

We settled down the horses, then we tied each to a tree. The time was nearly two o'clock or maybe even three.

The steer was gone by daylight. He had caused his share of grief. I said, "If he comes back again I'm turning him to beef!"

Now the old corral was empty. It was tied and torn about. Guess I'd never seen a corral that couldn't keep a critter out.

HOLLOWTOP



Dances with bears

The story of an abnormally cozy midnight two-step

worked, for two years, at the MSU Agricultural Experiment Station just east of Norris. At that time, it was primarily a sheep ranch. Moreover, the ranch owned grazing rights on some national forest land up on the Taylor's Fork of the Gallatin River. So, during the summer months, the herd would be transported to that area where they would be met by a sheepherder.

Near the lower edge of the grazing allotment, the ranch had constructed a small cabin to house the outfit's camp-tender. The camp tender's job was to deliver supplies, by horseback, to the far-flung sheepherders. To my good fortune, I was tasked with delivering supplies from the home ranch to the camp tender, once a week. To be honest, even though loading and unloading those supplies was hard work, to me, it was like a paid vacation. Anytime I was in the mountains, I was happy.

However, one day, when I arrived with said supplies, the camp tender recollected a not-so-happy incident that had occurred the night before

Tany years ago, I involving one of the regions wild creatures. It seemed that he had woke up in the middle of the night to see a bear's face staring into the cabin through the window on the front door. Because it appeared to be smallish, the seasoned outdoorsman reckoned that it was a yearling bear. As a result, he climbed out of bed, grabbed a broom and went outside on the porch to scare off the little bear. It was then that things got interesting.

> In short order, it became obvious that the old boy had miscalculated the young bruin's temperament. Instead of running off when the determined camp-tender swiped at him with the broom, the pugnacious animal would back up a few steps and then stop. At that point, the bear would advance a few steps in the camp-tender's direction and stop. This somewhat elegant parry and thrust continued until the camp-tender wondered just what the blazes he thought he was doing confronting a bear with a broom, in the middle of the night, while attired in his underwear. Even worse, he worried that, to an unsuspecting onlooker,

the awkward spectacle would have looked like a man and a bear engaged in dancing an abnormally cozy two-step.

So, at the end of his next strategic retreat, the crafty old cowboy deftly slid back through the cabin door and locked it before his dancing partner could react. He then grabbed his pistol and headed outside to do whatever was necessary to get rid of the bear. However, by that time, the sprightly critter had vacated the premises.

From that day forward, the camp-tender was referred to by the Native American nickname of--"Dances with Bears." Surprisingly, he did not take offense. In fact, the old boy seemed to derive a sense of pride from his new moniker. And, really, who could fault him. After all, not many people can claim to have participated in a cozy, midnight two-step with a bear.

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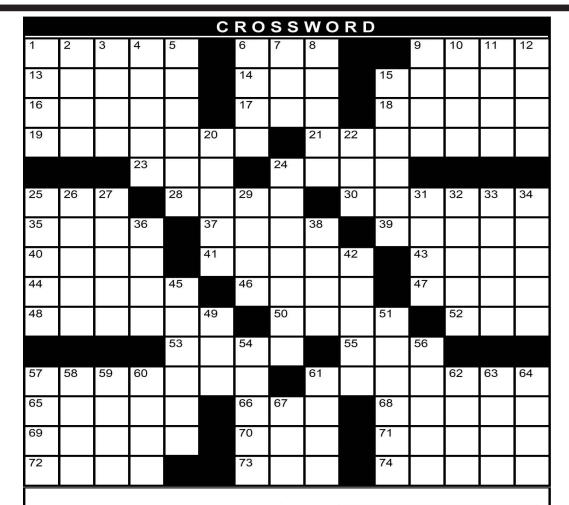
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- 23. Bag, ‡ Paris
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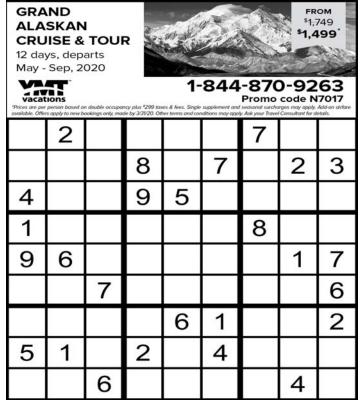
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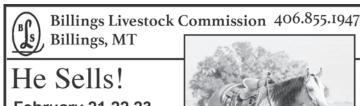


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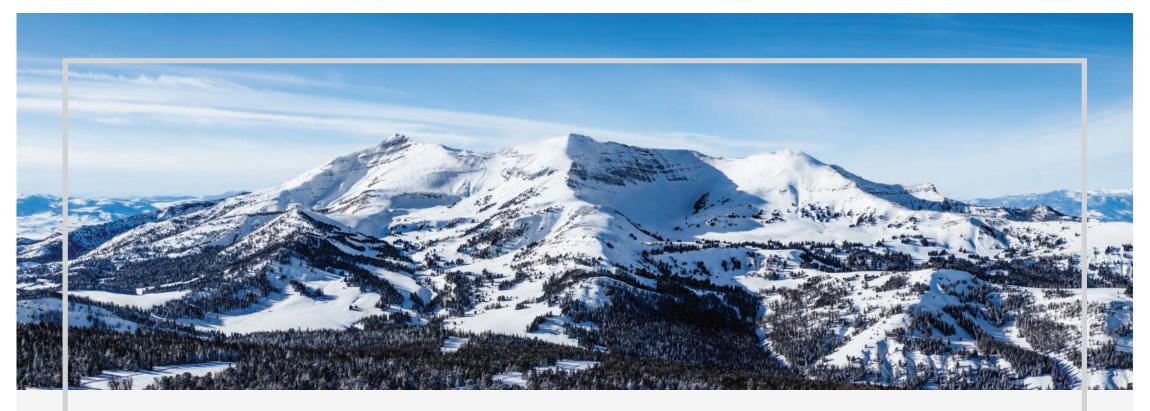
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PUBLIC NOTICES **FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MADISON COUNTY Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series SPMD 2004-A, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series SPMD 2004-A, Plaintiff, v. Harold R. Peterson and Sportsmans Paradise, LLC and Tamara Ann Bauer aka Tamara Bauer Peterson, and any person in possession, Defendants. CIVIL NUMBER: DV-29-2019-68 HONORABLE: Luke Berger TO: Harold R. Peterson and Sportsmans Paradise, LLC YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the above entitled Court. A copy of same is served upon you. You must file your written answer with the above entitled Court and

serve a copy upon the Plaintiff, or Plaintiff's

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attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. Failure to appear and answer will allow judgment to be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is for foreclosure of real property located in the County of Madison, State of Montana. The real property has an address of 850 Hwy 287 North Unit 11 nka 155 Sheep Creek Road, Cameron, MT 59720, and is more particularly described as follows: Lot 46B as shown on Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, Page 940 (also known as Sportsman's Paradise No. 8), being a tract of land located in Section 2 Township 12 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. A \$70.00 filing fee must accompany the answer at the time (Pub. JAN 30, FEB. 6, 13, 2020) HALLIDAY

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME

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)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

ENNIS BIG SKYAIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA A.I.P. 3-30-0090-021-2020 & 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 Aprons;

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- Construct Taxiways / Taxilanes;
- Install 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, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers. The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division. This project is subject to the Federal provisions for Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Certification of Offeror/ Bidder Regarding Debarment, and Government-wide Requirements for 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.rpa-

hln.com. All bids must be submitted in a

Bidding Documents booklet, provided by

the Engineer upon receipt of \$25.00 (non-

refundable). Alternate forms or copies of

the Bidding Documents booklet will not be

acceptable. The Planholders List will include

only the purchasers of Bidding Documents

booklets. Hard copies of the Contract

Documents (including a Bidding Documents

booklet) printed by the Engineer are available upon receipt of \$400.00 (non-refundable) for

each complete set. A pre-bid conference will

be held on February 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

at the Ennis Big Sky Airport. Additionally,

the Engineer shall be available on February

19, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the

Ennis Big Sky Airport. No formal presentation

will be made at this time; however, the

Engineer will answer questions and be

available for scheduled site visits. Potential

Bidders are also encouraged to contact the

Engineer (lbowser@rpa-hln.com or 406-

447-5000) with questions. Faxed / emailed

bids will not be accepted or considered. The

Owner reserves the right to reject any and

all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject

nonconforming, irregular, non-responsive,

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the Base Bid, and 90 days for the Additive

Alternatives, from the date of the opening

for the purpose of reviewing the bids and

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prior to award of the contract. February 5,

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BIRDSILL, the Co-Personal Representative,

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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

MT 59710, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled court. Dated January 31, 2020 /s/ Roseann M. Troyer Co-Personal Representative

Mary Ann Birdsill Co-Personal Representative (Pub. FEB. 6, 13, 20, 2020) **BIRDSILL**

INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for supplying and 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 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)

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 BEAVERCREEK RANCHES INC., DALE 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 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 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

TOWN OF TWIN

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)

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SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Trustee Positions for Ennis Schools Ennis School District 52 is currently seeking one trustee for a three-year term. Anyone qualified for and interested in running for this position may pick up a petition from Ginger Martello at Ennis High School. Petition must be turned in at the Ennis School District Clerk's office prior to 4 p.m. March 26, 2020. No candidate may appear on the ballot unless he or she meets this deadline. If you have any questions about the trustee position, please call Superintendent Casey Klasna at 682-4258.

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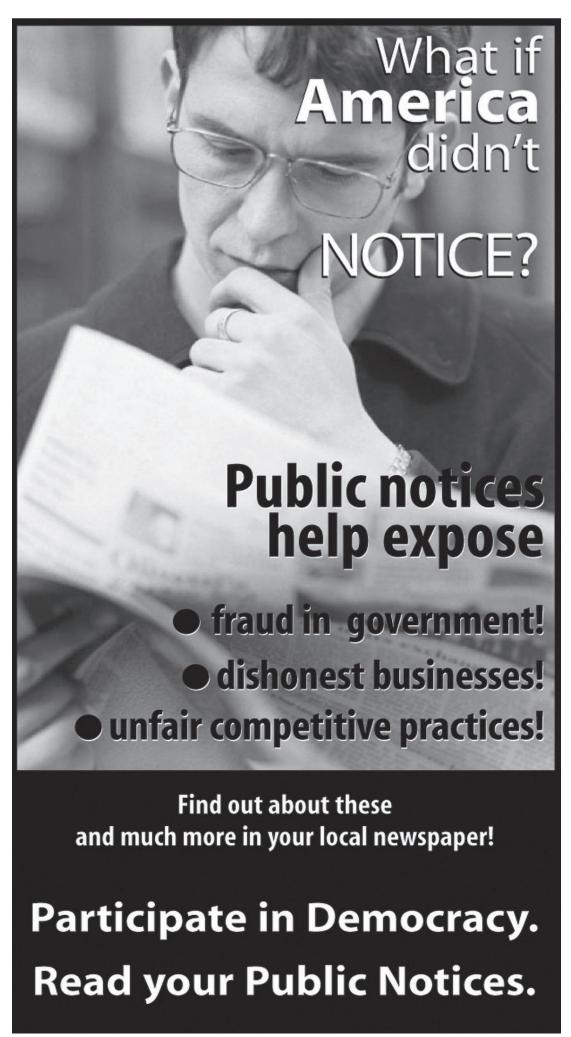
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TRUSTEE POSITION Tyler T. Dugger TOLLIVER LAW FIRM,

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 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 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)



MISSOURI RIVER CORPS OF REDISCOVERY PART 34: GATEWAY

"We left our establishment at the mouth of the river du Bois or Wood river, a small river which falls into the Mississippi, on the east-side, a mile below the Missouri, and having crossed the Mississippi proceeded up the Missouri on our intended voyage of discovery... The day was showery and in the evening we encamped on the north bank six miles up the river. Here we had leisure to reflect on our situation, and the nature of our engagements: and, as we had all entered this service as volunteers, to consider how far we stood pledged for the success of an expedition, which the government had projected; and which had been undertaken for the benefit and at the expence of the Union: of course of much interest and high expectation."

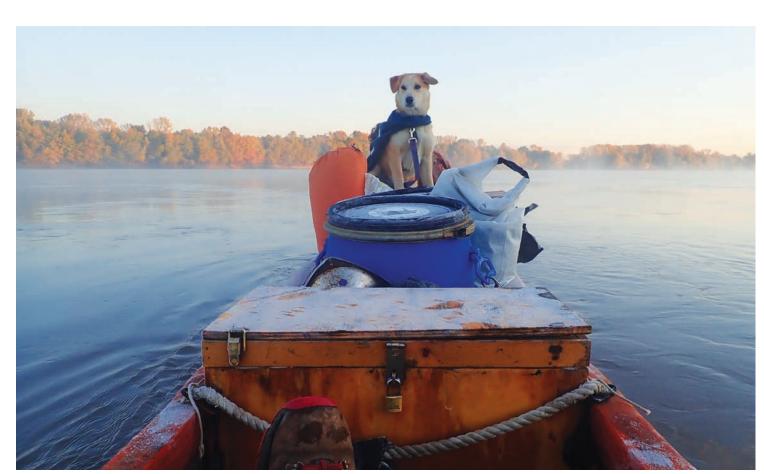
—Patrick Gass, May 14, 1804

Column and photos by THOMAS J. ELPEL

The Lewis and Clark Expedition started a year before it began. Meriwether Lewis immersed in crash courses in Philadelphia for medicine, botany, zoology, and surveying, plus he learned how to take celestial observations necessary to determine latitude and longitude. He oversaw construction of the keelboat and engaged in the biggest shopping trip in then-American history. Lewis and Clark independently recruited men for the expedition and migrated slowly westward. However, they were not allowed to cross west of the Mississippi, since the Louisiana Purchase had not yet transferred from Spain to France to the United States. The expedition wintered over at the starting gate, building a small fort named Camp Dubois on the Wood River in today's Illinois, officially launching the Corps of Discovery on May 14, 1804. While they sat at the start-

ing line, our Missouri River Corps of Rediscovery stalled near the finish line, camping for three days in St. Charles to wait out a storm. Bedded down in our tents below the Boat House Museum, people passing by wouldn't have known we were there. However, someone encountered an overly friendly puppy and dog-napped Jubilee as a lost dog. Chris spent the following day at a coffee shop searching online lost pet notices and fortunately got her back. She was dog-napped again a day later, only minutes after being released to run off her pentup puppy energy. Chris paid \$35 to retrieve her from the pound, following up with a dog tag and phone number on her collar.

Scott's girlfriend Margie flew in from Colorado and joined us as we paddled out of St. Charles, doing an easy 25mile day to Columbia Bottom, only 3.5 miles from the end of



We awoke to heavy frost for our final day of the trip.



Sorry I can't clean up or do dishes, but I will love you and even give you a little kiss once in awhile. I'm young, neutered, UTD on vaccinations, and tested negative for FIV/FeLV. I am a lover and lap sitter and will hug you. How'd a nice guy like me get here? I was abandoned and am purraying I never get abandoned again. Purrease call Misty at 439-1405 and ask for me. I'll be purring my appreciation, Adriano



Adriano

the Missouri River.

Our final day of paddling was largely symbolic. We awoke to heavy frost, a sure sign to wrap up the trip. We paddled out into the chilly morning, soon reaching the confluence where the Missouri joins the Mississippi. There isn't any significant turbulence where the waters merge, just two great rivers flowing together like a slow-moving

The Lewis and Clark Expedition continued fifteen miles down the Mississippi to end their 28-month expedition at St. Louis on September 23, 1806. We followed their lead, paddling to the Gateway Arch, the iconic symbol of St. Louis. Conceived in the 1940s and completed in 1965, the 630-foot-tall stainless steel arch was created as a "memorial to the men who made possible the western territorial expansion of the United States, particularly President Jefferson, his aides Livingston and Monroe, the great explorers, Lewis and Clark, and the hardy hunters, trappers, frontiersmen and pioneers who contributed to the territorial expansion and development of these United States." In today's more politically correct terms, that would make it a monument to colonialism and the subjugation of Native American peoples.

That's the great challenge in celebrating American history. Thomas Jefferson and William Clark both owned slaves, and Meriwether Lewis supervised slaves on his mother's plantation. All three men helped bring about the subjugation of Native Americans, especially William, who continued the work of his elder brother George Rogers Clark to ethnically cleanse Indians from all lands east of the Mississippi. We cannot and should not bury our history, but we can own it and re-interpret it.

I grew up with Montana history where General George Custer was slaughtered by wild Indians at the Custer Battlefield National Monument, otherwise known as "Custer's Last Stand." In a re-appraisal of our history, Congress renamed the site as the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument in 1991. The revamped park includes a memorial to the Indians who fought and died there, as well as a telling of their side of the story. Piece by piece we are telling a more authentic narrative of our history, and that is an achievement to be appreciated and honored.

In St. Louis, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial was renamed Gateway Arch National Park in 2018. We planned our arrival for Sunday, the least busy day to mingle with the big ships in the Port of St. Louis. Headwinds kicked up turbulence, aggravated by passing barges, but manageable overall.

Waves threatened to batter the canoes against the flooded stairway at the Arch, so we paddled another quarter-mile downriver to a boat ramp. We completed our journey on November 3rd, 2019, five months after leaving home.

Many people are under the illusion that we worked hard

MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued on B9



MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued FROM B8

Scott and I were both interviewed by Channel 4

trip,

conclusion of our in St. Louis.

News in

and suffered greatly on our expedition. I would describe the experience as akin to turtles drifting down the river on a log. John, Chris, and I had extensive prior expedition experience. Scott seemingly gained the most from the journey, transitioning from an office cubicle to canoe to a new life of adventure. For all of us, it was a great privilege to paddle through the heart of America, see beautiful scenery, study our history, and meet some of the nicest people on the planet.

The Missouri River Corps of Rediscovery joins a surprisingly short list of all known Missouri River expeditions since 1962, maintained as a database by Norman Miller of Livingston, Montana at www.missouririverpaddlers.com. Thank you for reading along and being part of the journey!

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



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The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60

years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior

Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered

for \$4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within

the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by

10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot

Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ

Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over

will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays &

Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.

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 14 - VALENTINES DAY, Ham, cheesy

potatoes, gravy, veggie, salad, lemon meringue pie

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, Feb. 12 - Special lunch at Harrison

hashbrowns, veggie, strawberry spinach salad,

Monday, February 17 - Chicken Stir fry, rice, top

Wednesday, February 19 - Meat Loaf, Mashed

Thursday, February 13 - Meatloaf with mashers, roll,

Tuesday, February 18 - Chili, cornbread, dessert

Friday, February 14 - Meatloaf, mashers, gravy,

veggies, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

roll, dessert - Mahjong @ 1 p.m.

dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

dessert - "Happy Birthday"

- Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

veggie, dessert

dessert

ramen salad, dessert

"Red Hat Ladies"

at 12:45 p.m.

FIND FELLOWSHIP WITH US



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

and Sacrament

Visitors Welcome

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. 4983 US Hwy 287 N. • Ennis, Montana

www.ChristianScience.com

Rocky Mountain Baptist Church Will Stevens, Pastor 682-4949

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

6 Blocks South of City Complex Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

• Sunday Service 9:00 am

• Sunday School 10:15 am

Pastor Ken Stensrud

• Bible Study

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

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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. 3560 | MT State Hwy 287 Sheridan 842-5860

Bishop Shaw 684-5255

HARRISON

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School &

Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joe Miller

WORSHIP September - April ~ 11 a.m. May - August ~ 9:30 a.m.

Everyone Welcome, Fully Accessible In communion with ELCA, UCC, RCA Rev. STEVE HUNDLEY

682-4355 ~ Ennis Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

Valley Assembly

114 N. Main, Sheridan 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.

Corner of Madison and Armitage S Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

10:15 am

THE BAHA'I FAITH

The Great Being saith: O ye children of men! The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human 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

www.bahai.org | 406-451-3923 Bahá'ís of Madison County

ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

Madison County Episcopal Churches In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

GET RESULTS.

Trinity
Jeffers/Ennis **Virginia City** 10 a.m. adult forum

9:00 a.m. **11:00** a.m.

www.rvec.org

advertise in The Madisonian

call 682-7755 to make a plan.

Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

Join Us for Sunday Worship! **Christ Church** St. Paul's

10:00 a.m.

Bible Study

9:00 a.m.

Ruby Valley **Baptist Church** 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



MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4pm at St. Joseph's, Sheridan 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



Phil 2:16 Holding forth the word of life: **Dr. Ray Teston**

Phone 682-4244 SBC **MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** Aides for the hearing impaired

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish

Invites You To Worship With Us

Reverend Tonya Whaley

Office: (406) 842-5934

Church of the Valley
Twin Bridges
Worship & Sunday School

Bethel UMC Sheridan

ALDER, MT Sunday School 9_{AM}

Open Question Forum

The Full Armour of God Pastor Tom Luksha



King Crossword — **Answers** Solution time: 25 mins.

ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659) For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction

Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.



8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges

ALANON MEETING

ALANON Suzy 685-3692

ALANON

"Keep it Simple."

A.A. MEETING Bethany Hall, Sheridan (behind Methodist Church) Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

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

School (1 p.m. this week!)

Monday, Feb. 17 - Pizza

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

- LIFERING -

A Life Ring group is starting in Ennis. Lifering is an abstinence-based, worldwide network of people seeking to live in recovery from addiction to alcohol or non-medically indicated drugs

In Lifering, we offer each other peer-to-peer support to encourage personal growth and empowerment. Those interested in participating, can call 682-4463.

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 AM at the Alder School

Christ-Centered • Bible Based Teaching

(406) 842-5915

Pastor Peter Rosenberger Minister of Music Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m. Weds. Nights ~ prayer meeting 6 p.m **5050 Hwy 287,** PO Box 668, Ennis, MT

9:45 a.m.

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

Ready Set Grow Preschool Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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 406-682-4422.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. **Bugs & Bourbon**

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

Noon – 5 p.m. **Ennis Community Blood Drive**

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

Brown Bag Lunch: Butte Before and After Superfund

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1 p.m.

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

1 p.m.

Madison Valley Book Club

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

5:30 p.m. **Madison County DUI Task Force** Meeting

The public is encouraged to join at the county commissioner's conference room in the Madison County Administrative Building in Virginia City.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

2 p.m.

Whitney Williams in Madison County The candidate for governor will be at the Ennis Library.

When Harry Met Sally movie showing Free. Senior Center to celebrate Valentine's Day. Food and beverages

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ECE- Metro Rings Sewing Workshop This is a confident beginner or

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

10 a.m.

Madison County Democrats Meeting Meet at the Thompson-Hickman Library in Virginia City.

6:30 p.m.

Chautauqua

At the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City. Open to all seeking entertainment, intellectual or spiritual growth and local culture. To perform, contact Toni James for reservations

HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6 p.m.

Livestock Guard Dog Presentation for Ranchers

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

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

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Harrison School Board Meeting

SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7 p.m. Twin Bridges School Board Meeting Meet at Twin Bridges School

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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

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

MONDAYS 2:30 p.m.

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City

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

10:30 a.m. **Ennis Arts Association,**

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

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

TUESDAYS

Library.

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

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

meet every Tuesday in the

Thompson Hickman Library.

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

Annex Building.

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

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 Pony School.

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

WEDNESDAYS 8:30 a.m. TOPS, Ennis Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 a.m.

Meetings at 9:30 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room.

9:30 a.m. Yoga with Emily

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

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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 Library.

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

THURSDAYS MV Woman's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. **MONTH**

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

1 p.m. MV Manor 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

FRIDAYS

Every Month

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 Come over to Virginia City for brunch and bingo at the

Elks Lodge.

Madison Conservation District Meeting

Tuesday, February 18th 12 pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC **Madison Valley Public Library** Call 682-7289

Let's Go to the Movies this Weekend! Friday 7:15 \cdot Saturday 7:15 pm \cdot Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm **COMING SOON:** KNIVES OUT (PG-13), 1917 (R)

Please call to verify for last minute changes 682-4023 | 115 Main St, Ennis EnnisMovies.com | Facebook.com/MadisonTheatreEnnis

EVENINGS: ADULTS \$8 • SENIORS \$6.50 • CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$6 SHOW TIME AT 7:15 PM, BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 6:30 PM

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