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Madison Conservation District maps future

New strategic plan is one of fewer than a dozen in MT

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ENNIS—Montana has 58 conservation districts, but the Madison Conservation District (MCD) recently joined a list of a dozen or fewer to put a strategic plan in place.

The MCD was established by the state legislature in 1946 and is formally governed by state codes and laws. It didn't have a self-defined mission or vision statement until now. The new strategic plan is the culmination of nearly a year of work and thought by the board of directors.

"As a conservation district, we have a really broad scope that covers a lot of natural resource areas," says Water Programs Manager and board chairman Ethan Kunard. "The goal was to define what the conservation district's focus should be. What are our values and our vision?"

The MCD isn't classified as a nonprofit, but it operates similarly to one, investing time and energy into fundraising and outreach programs with a high value on community input. And since the district is also funded in part by the local taxpayer base, it wants to respond to the needs and priority of the people who live in its geographic realm.

A key element of that inclusivity is representation of the many varied stakeholder perspectives around Madison County, Kunard says. Half of the county is covered by the Ruby Valley Conservation District, but balancing agriculture, development, wildlife and recreation is a perennial challenge. One way of addressing that, Kunard says, is having a board that reflects the variety seen in the general population.

"It's a never-ending task and it's always going to be changing," he says. "We want to try and include a diversity of perspectives."

Kunard says the conservation district is in a position to be a community leader and mediator, facilitating some of those unpleasant yet necessary conversations where differing values may clash, such as balancing conservation and recreation, or development and agriculture. But with the right approach, different ideas can be brought together for the betterment of the community, the environment and the economy all at once.

Conservation districts around the state have different budgets and also face challenges unique to their geographic areas, and some newer challenges facing the MCD include population growth and land use planning. Those will also need to be taken into consideration as Madison County enters the last year of the decade.

Dan Clark, director of Montana State University's Local Government Center, helped the conservation district set up its strategic plan, developing a mission statement, value set, vision and a prioritized set of projects and goals for the next three to five years.

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One of a kind

Twin Bridges high school robotics team finds regional success

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TWIN BRIDGES—Last year, the Twin Bridges robotics team got off to a rocky start: its handful of students were teaching themselves to write computer codes, using information they learned in an eighth-grade class that gave some basic help with computer programming.

There were only enough students to field a single team, and much of the first year of competition was spent balancing opinions and personalities and trying to work out the kinks of being a non-funded program.

"And there were a lot of kinks," laughs sophomore Trista Redfield, one of the team's original members. This year, Redfield says, things have gotten off to a smoother start.

This year, Twin Bridges has enough participants to create two teams of seven, not including a middle school program. They're the only robotics team in the surrounding area; their closest competitors are teams from Butte and Bozeman, and competitions routinely include teams from around Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah.

They might be a small team, and they might be new, but the two crews—dubbed "Metalheads," and "Identity Crisis" (chosen because members couldn't decide upon a name)—have already found success in their tenure in Twin Bridges, with a trip to the state and regional competition looming and hopes high to reach the Super Regional competition, facing off against teams from the entire western half of the United States.

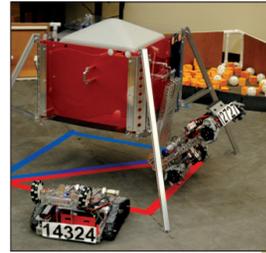
The members of team Metalheads and team Identity Crisis shared a crash course in robotics, what a competition looks like and how Twin Bridges is—literally—building its program from the ground up.

Competitions

A robotics competition shakes out in a series of "alliance rounds," Redfield and junior CJ Wayland tell me. Each of those alliance rounds lasts three minutes and comprises three subcategories.

The first section is called the autonomous round and lasts 30 seconds. In that half-minute, a team's hand-built robot must complete a series of tasks: distinguishing between a cube and sphere object in its playing field, picking up the correct object and moving it into the team's designated space and then returning itself to a "home base" before the time runs out. It seems easy enough, except for the catch. The members of the team don't control the robot at all; they can only watch and hope their self-coded program runs the robot the way it's supposed to.

"It's pretty stressful," says Wayland. They demonstrate an autonomous round in their robotics classroom, which Twin Bridges high school designated for them to build and practice on a competition-like arena. The program runs flawlessly, and the robot lifts itself up onto "home base" via a crane-like arm that stretches out from its mars-rover body.



Above – During the December 18 Twin Bridges school board meeting, board members got a look at what the robotics team had created and what they could do with their efforts. Inset – A robot climbs up the side of a structure to dock like a Mars Rover might do. (J TAYLOR PHOTOS)

"Why couldn't you have done it like that in competition?" hollers Wayland. The robot suffered a bit of performance anxiety at the team's recent competition, but likely would have received full marks if it had performed the way it did at home.

Following the autonomous round is a two-minute "tele-ops" round. Each team is randomly paired with an opponent from another school and this time the robots are controlled by a remote in the hands of the operator. The student must guide the robot through a series of tasks, moving objects and collecting "minerals"—this year's competitions are space themed, so the blocks and playing arena are modeled after a foreign lunar landscape.

During this second round, the teams compete against one another while trying to avoid penalties, of which there are many: hitting or blocking another team's robot will lose you points, as will intentionally or unintentionally damaging any part of the arena. Stealing another team's stash of minerals, though? Perfectly legal.

The final round is another 30 seconds, a chaotic "end game," Redfield tells me. In it, teams attempt to earn as many last-minute points as possible. This can range from simply hoarding as many mineral blocks as possible to getting your rover loaded onto the "home base," both significantly complex tasks that the Twin Bridges team is working to program their robots to do.

The qualifying rounds for the state tournament are competed school-yard-style, Wayland tells me. Teams compete in a bracket, with the final two reigning as winner and runner-up.

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FWP seeking applicants for community input

Citizens' Advisory Committee applications due by January 15

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MADISON COUNTY—Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) is seeking representatives from around Montana's Region 3 to serve as volunteers, offering advice to the department and facilitating effective stewardship of the state's resources and the conservation and protection of its wildlife populations.

Region 3 comprises the southwest corner of Montana, including nine counties: Madison, Beaverhead, Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Park, Silver Bow and a section of Deer Lodge. In total, it covers over 18,000 square miles, 60 percent of which is public land overseen by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The region also hosts around half of Montana's annual elk harvests and 95 of its fishing access points.

Within those 10,000 or so acres of public land in Region 3 are nine state parks, including Lewis and Clark Caverns, Bannack and Madison Buffalo Jump State Park.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) for each Region is made up of volunteers, ideally representing a wide variety of interests around the region they represent. Each region's committee can have no more than 16 members, serving terms of two to four years. The Region 3 committee currently has 13 representatives: six from Bozeman and one each from Butte, Cameron, Wilsall, Livingston, Helena, Emigrant and Dillon.

COMMITTEE continued on A2



Fairgrounds waterline project complete

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TWIN BRIDGES—After more than a year without a reliable water source, the Madison County fairgrounds in Twin Bridges finally has a new water main to replace the one that ruptured in November 2017.

The line, which ran under the Beaverhead River, has been out of commission ever since, and the fairgrounds used its on-site well for its most pressing needs, including the county fair back in August. In the meantime, finding the funding to replace part of the line proved challenging.

"We thought we had it all figured out in May of 2018, only to find out we were short a few dollars," says county commissioner Ron Nye. "Our hearts sank when that fell through."

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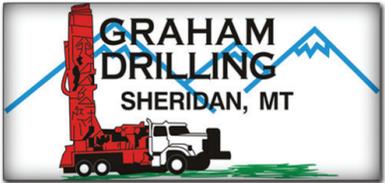
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ROBOTICS continued from A1: Twin Bridges team excels at state, regional competitions

State-ward bound
Metalheads and Identity Crisis have each competed at two competitions so far this school year, one in Helena and one in Butte. And through those two competitions, both seven-person squads have qualified for the state competition, which will be in Bozeman in early February, hosted by Montana State University's Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering.

At their first competition in Helena, the members of Identity Crisis claimed the second overall spot, enough to seal their trip to Bozeman. The Metalheads won the Think Award at that competition, given for ingenuity of design, problem solving and style.

Then, earlier this month in Butte, the Metalheads punched their own ticket by scoring high enough in the alliance rounds to advance straight to the state competition. Identity Crisis won the Control Award, which goes to the team with the best engineering handbook, outlining the ways their robot works and the processes they use to code and control it.

Once they get to Bozeman, however, moving forward gets even more challenging. To get to the Super Regional competition in Detroit, teams must either win first place at their state championship or win the Inspire Award.

The Inspire Award is given for a team's outreach in their own community, their sportsmanship in competition and their leadership

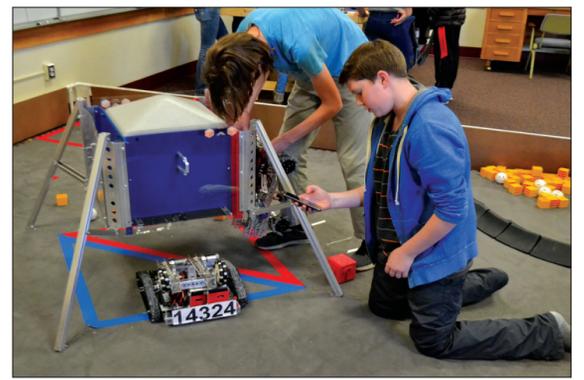
and guidance. Twin Bridges has their eyes set on winning the Inspire Award in Bozeman, and they deserve it: they helped with Twin Bridges' recent community Christmas dinner and are involved in various community service events around the area.

In the meantime, they'll continue meeting every day at lunch and two days each week after school. It's a challenging balance, says coach Jennifer Elser.

"This is only the second year we've even had a program, so they've had to teach themselves most of the coding with very little instruction," says Elser. "We've got 14 kids and most of them are also athletes. So, the only time we can get all of them is at lunch."

They're also mentored by another team, an established group in New Jersey that used to be coached by Twin Bridges' co-coach Dr. Nancy Mates. The two teams have routine video chats and share emails and updates collaborating on problems they've run into or learning something new.

With a lot more programming and training to do before their state competition, the Metalheads and Identity Crisis will get right back to work after their winter break in an attempt to go farther than any Montana robotics team ever has. Teams from Sun River and Ronan have gone as far as the Super Regional competition in recent years, and Twin Bridges hopes to add its name to that very short list.



ABOVE – Brothers CJ (left) and Ethan Wayland, a junior and a freshman respectively, make up two of the 14 members of the Twin Bridges robotics team, which will make a bid for a Super Regionals berth in February when they compete at Montana State University. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)

BELOW – Trista Redfield, C. J. Wayland, and Matthew Kaiser and coach Jennifer Elser look over Ethan Wayland's work with robotics in the competition space.



FUTURE continued from A1: Madison Conservation District has new future plan

Strategic Plan Overview

Defining conservation: the wise stewardship of our natural resources through protection, management and enhancement of air, soil, water, plants and animals for today's generation and those to come.

Mission: to promote a sustainable, productive, and healthy environment through locally led conservation efforts to achieve measurable benefits to our natural resources.

Vision: a healthy landscape that supports thriving communities, productive agriculture, and sustainable fish and wildlife populations. This is done through collaboration and coordination with local, state and national partners to achieve common sense conservation.

Values:

- Transparency: maintaining public trust through open financial and operational decision-making
- Inclusivity: inviting and encouraging various stakeholders to be involved, and accepting help, advice, concerns and ideas
- Dedication: applying a passionate focus and objective oriented strategy to our work in serving our community
- Science-based: decisions made on currently accepted scientific and engineering principles for natural resources in our area
- Unification: remaining united in our decisions while maintaining our value for our unique perspectives
- Hands-on: engaged in the decision-making process, promoting education opportunities, organizing workshops and volunteer efforts.

A key factor in those goals is the Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP), which has been a longtime project of the Madison Watershed Council and is currently in its final draft stages. The WRP was largely influenced by data presented in September by the state Department of Environmental Quality, which measured contaminant levels in a number of local streams and tributaries.

The DEQ identified a few streams of concern within the jurisdiction of the Madison Conservation District, including Elk Creek, Hot Springs Creek, Moore Creek and O'Dell Creek. One of MCD's high-priority project will be working with the Madison Watershed Council to get those streams back to full health for fish populations and both agricultural and residential uses.

Other goals for the conservation district include the completion of a long-term restoration project on Jack Creek, instituting range monitoring for landowners to monitor the health of their land and the water that runs through it, workshops for community members and collecting further watershed data to monitor stream health.

In the realm of education, tours of present and potential project sites, classes on soil health and weed control, water use roundtables and pollinator classes are all on the list for the future of the conservation district.

One such project is already in the works, as the MCD partners with Ennis Schools and the GROWW Program (Gardens, Resources, Outdoors, Wildlife and Watersheds) to institute an observation beehive in the campus's new greenhouse to pollinate the school gardens and allow students a closer look at how their food is grown.

The MCD will also work on revamping their website to create a resource library for stakeholders and interested parties in any or all of the projects and educational programs the district is involved in.

"There's so much information out there and so many resources," Kunard says. "It can get overwhelming."

As the MCD continues to trailblaze among its peers across Montana, the hope is that more community members will get involved in protecting the things that make Madison County such a popular place to live, vacation and recreate: its rivers, natural areas, agriculture and wildlife. There's a balance to be struck, and the new strategic plan will strive to do just that.

FAIRGROUNDS continued from A1: Water line back in place after more than a year

Part of the reason for the financial uncertainty was the size of the line chosen for the project, larger than the one that had ruptured. That means it will be able to provide more water, and faster, than the old pipe, but also makes it more expensive.

A grant from the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) was helping with the replacement, then part of that funding was also lost. It took the involvement of some state congressmen to get it reinstated.

Along with around \$150,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development (RD) program, funding was finally secured in the fall. Great West Engineering pursued the permitting and engineering for the project and bored a new line under the river to

install the new main in November.

"We had a good contractor and a great engineer," says Nye of the project, which took less than three weeks once work started. "It all went really well, now it's complete and everything's clear."

Fairgrounds manager Dana Escott echoed Nye's feelings. Since her office is on the fairgrounds property, she felt the lack of water every day for a year.

"You don't realize how much you need water until it's gone," Escott said. "But it was quick, and the contractor was wonderful to work with. It just seemed like it flowed very smoothly."

The county commissioners, engineers and fairgrounds staff took a walkthrough of the final project area on November 28 and now all

that remains is some minor landscaping and seeding. Nye says after all this time, the finished product should last a good long time.

"The line is bleached, and all the tests came out favorably," he says. "It has a long life, and part of the reason they chose the size of pipe they did means we'll have the capacity for growth. It'll be there for a long time."

That's an important element, since the fair board has long been considering the addition of a new arena to the fairgrounds in the near future. While that is still not certain, the board now has the resources to pursue new additions to the fairgrounds, which would have been much more challenging with a smaller pipe offering less available water.

For the sake of efficiency, the county and fairgrounds also added one more thing that the fairgrounds previously hadn't had: a fire hydrant. The new addition was added reason for choosing a bigger, heavier-duty pipe, which is also corrosion resistant.

After nearly 13 months of waiting and uncertainty, Nye expressed gratitude that the project was accomplished so quickly. Hopefully, it will be the last water main replacement the fairgrounds sees for some time.

"We're good to go," says Escott. "Water is such a big thing, so having everything back up and running is such a relief."

COMMITTEE continued from A1: FWP Citizens' Advisory Committee looking for members

Members of the CAC help report the values, priorities and concerns of Montana's communities to governing bodies like FWP. They provide a conduit for communication between landowners, recreators and local government and the state's representatives who can't always be everywhere at once to address local issues without boots on the ground.

The CAC helps to identify specific action areas in their region, bringing perspectives to the table that may not otherwise be heard, building solutions that fit the resources and values of the area's recreation, public lands and stakeholders.

In recent years, the CAC has weighed in on a huge variety of issues, helping shape FWP projects, regulations and future plans.

Topics deliberated in the past include hunting ethics, fishing access adoption programs, land transfers, Montana's mule deer, wolf and bison population plans, relocation of species such as big-horn sheep, outdoor access for Montana youth and recommendations for usage rules and regulations on the Madison and other rivers. River access is a perennial and important issue for the CAC, since Region 3 includes the headwaters of not only the Madison River, but also the Gallatin,

Jefferson, Beaverhead, Big Hole, upper Yellowstone and upper Missouri.

The Region 3 committee has three openings, and any community members can submit an application for consideration outlining their interests and involvement in local natural resource-related activities. While the positions are volunteer, meals and travel expenses for committee members are covered for quarterly meetings held at the region headquarters in Bozeman.

Madison County may be an ideal place for the next CAC members to come from, since preference is often given to "un-

derrepresented" areas within a given region. The county currently has only one representative, whose term expired on December 31.

Terms of new CAC members will begin in February once the selection process is complete. Anyone wishing to learn more about the role of the committee and access an application at the Region 3 office at 1400 S. 19th Ave. in Bozeman, by calling 406-994-4042 or emailing office manager Lorenzo Aguilar at lorenzo.aguilar@mt.gov. Applications must be returned to FWP by January 15 to be considered.

Twin Bridges school rejoins special ed co-op, approves new IT contract

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TWIN BRIDGES - At their Tuesday, December 18, meeting Twin Bridges school board, after much discussion, approved rejoining the Great Divide Educational Services cooperative and hiring an IT company to help them build a new computer system for the school.

Great Divide Educational Services co-op

In November, Sara Novak, the new leader of the Great Divide Education Services – a special education cooperative – visited with the board to ask them to reconsider their 2017 decision to withdraw from the co-op.

The board had done this, according to board member Gary Konen, because it felt it wasn't getting the services it was paying for.

Novak pitched potential money savings in re-joining the co-op, and noted that under her guidance, the staff had changed, as eliminating some of the district's concerns.

Superintendent Thad Kaiser recommended re-joining the co-op.

In November, Kaiser contacted several other school districts and reviewed with their administrators the value of co-ops versus in-house special education personnel – what the district currently uses. Three of five were "all on board" with a co-op, including GDES.

On average, the district was spending about \$55,000 on special education annually, with special ed costs ranging from \$55,000 to \$65,000 annually, Kaiser said. Re-entering the coop would cost the district about \$43,000.

Konen wanted reassurance the co-op could meet the districts needs, and wondered if there a contingency in the contract would cover the school district in the event the co-op failed to meet its needs.

Board member Mike Hughes pointed out that if the co-op failed to provide the appropriate services, they would be in breach of the contract, creating potential legal action.

Board member Patty Nelson said she liked the co-op, but was concerned about negating the current special education staff's efforts, and wondered if waiting a little longer to re-join the co-op might be a smarter move for the district.

On a motion by Konen and board member Steven Janzen, the board unanimously approved re-joining the co-op in the 2019 - 2020 school year.

New IT contract, server

The board also approved contracting with Schoolhouse IT to revamp the school's computer systems, provide a server for the school and offer two days per month worth of information technology (IT) and troubleshooting help.

In November, Kaiser pitched having Schoolhouse IT build the school a new computer system, noting that he'd worked with Jeff Patterson, the company's founder who'd worked for another IT outfit, in previous school districts. Kaiser said Patterson was his go-to IT guy, and he recommended Schoolhouse IT's work to be both cost effective and good service.

On December 18, Patterson visited with the board and pitched his company's services, noting that the school's core system was outdated and this his company would provide a new server as part of the contract he was pitching for overall IT work. If the district withdrew from the contract, they would have to buy the server at cost from Schoolhouse.

Both Kaiser and Patterson said Schoolhouse IT's approach was to create a system that was reliable and maintain this, server included, to eliminate problems. Patterson also stressed that serving school districts IT needs was his company's forte.

"Every service call costs me money," Patterson said, the reason behind Schoolhouse building the server rather than the school buying one on it's own. "You pay for things to work, and you shouldn't have to pay extra. You'd be buying a service level contract."



Kaiser said the district spent about \$50,000 annually on IT and computer services with its current provider, and that the cost of Schoolhouse IT's contract would be \$45,000 per year for two days per month of service.

The board approved the contract with two service days per month to begin with a one month overlap as the previous contract expires in the new year.

In two technology-related matters, the board also approved an Intercap loan to purchase Black Mountain accounting and management software for the school. This would replace the current Foxy Lady software the district uses. Kaiser anticipated that other funding would come in to negate the use of the loan, but in order to save some money and purchase the software now, the loan was needed – assuming other funds didn't materialize.

Also the board will form a committee to look into a tech fund levy within the district. Kaiser had prepared a simple five-year technology wants and needs list using information he gathered from the school staff but didn't have a dollar figure to attach to this. The committee is looking at coming up with language for a tech fund levy by May of 2019.

In other business, the board considered:

- School safety and security – Kaiser said Systems Northwest worked on school security systems, tested them, found them "okay." He said the Twin Bridges fire department is looking over school's fire emergency procedures manual, and that he is awaiting their suggestions on fire drill procedures, something the school needs to make a priority. Kaiser also noted that the locksmith installed an intercom system on the school front door for use during school hours. Hughes wanted to know if doorbell procedures had been laid out yet. Kaiser said the safety committee will work on this.

- Sports co-op – Kaiser attended a second community meeting during the regular school board meeting in Sheridan about the proposed sports co-op between the two schools and said nothing had been decided.

- Town storm water plans – The town of Twin Bridges intends to do some work to control storm water run off in the community. The school is involved in this, and Kaiser talked to state Department of Transportation personnel about the school's role in the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks at the school, part of the town's plans. Kaiser told the board there were three locations on school district property that could be impacted by town plans. These locations involved the right-of-way, but no transfer of school property. One area the school owns, off the highway, on East 3rd Street and South Madison street, people are using as a garbage dump.

- New books – Elementary Principal Tammy Demien told the board that the elementary school is considering three different textbooks for the 2019-2020 school year, all three of which have on-line connections to help in learning. The staff will choose what they think best and recommend this to the board.

Virginia City skates with Santa



Virginia City celebrated Christmas with a Skating with Santa extravaganza

LEFT – Bob ("Dude") Erdall portrayed Santa for skaters young and old.

(E. LEONARD PHOTOS)

RIGHT – There was a Great turnout for this year's Skating with Santa event, put on by Virginia City Ice (VICE).



Remax Real Estate donated \$500 to VICE for the event now and in the future.

LEFT – Lincoln Roberts hands the check to Santa and all of the VICE kids and organizers.

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OPINION

Editor:

The Madison Valley's regional economy is inextricably tied to recreational and commercial catch and release fishing that the Madison River provides. Currently, that industry is being threatened with unproven claims of excessively pressuring the Madison River, and disproportionately targeted for restrictions.

A historically irrelevant Madison River Foundation claims without support of empirical biological data that outfitters are forcing too much pressure on the fishery and that we are principally to blame for perceived over-crowding. Actually, FWP estimates 50 percent of traffic below Lyons are non-commercial. MRF also advocates for additional prohibitions on float anglers "due to crowding and conflicts with wade anglers." What, specifically, is the conflict between wade anglers and floaters? Let's address these conflicts individually. Removing more river from float anglers to address "crowding" is completely illogical as well as discriminatory against an entire user group. Opening the nearly 20 miles of river currently off limits to float anglers is an obvious solution, as it would spread use.

MRF also claims we should all

be alarmed that out there, somewhere in the riffle, is a dangerous and theoretical "red line" of too much pressure from catch and release angling that will lead to irreparably damaged fish populations. Current FWP data indicates a historically robust and resilient fishery, with no indicators that pressure is or will be negatively impactful.

If MRF believes a "red line" does indeed exist, then test that theory with actual science instead of pretentious rhetoric. If confirmed that pressure could have a negative impact at time X, and point Y, then we address the matter sensibly with a scalpel and not gratuitous regulations. Investigating theoretical population level impacts from pressure should be prerequisite to imposing more regulations. Manufacturing crises and establishing policies and regulations on theories without evidence is just as irrational and irresponsible as maintaining the status quo.

After all, this rulemaking process could significantly impact the local economy. Recently, FWP Commission selected a rulemaking committee to develop a plan. Alarmingly, there are no brick and mortar business owners from Ennis on the

committee. We need to do the right thing here for the fishery, everyone agrees. That means proceeding cautiously and judiciously. It also means making well-informed and logical decisions through best available science and involving all stakeholders, including local business owners.

Justin Edge, Ennis

Editor:

The recent SPI5 from the UN-IPCC on climate change is a travesty. Who says so? Some of the world's most respected scientists.

The organization Friends of Science brings together earth, solar, atmospheric scientists and engineers who stated "The public is being misled". They note all the climate models being used over-estimate global warming and making public policy based on faulty models equals bad policy.

But what about the UN scientists you ask. Dr. Nils-Axel Morner a former UN-IPCC editor resigned from the IPCC when they refused to correct the flaws in the report. Dr. Morner studied sea levels globally for over 30 years. He reports the present sea level change is +/- 0.00 to + 1.0 mm/year. Or about 3.2 inches by the year 2100. Nothing to worry

about.

Harvard University physicist Dr. Lubos Motl said "There's absolutely no true, useful, or original content in this stuff", calling it "garbage".

MIT professor of Meteorology Dr. Richard Lindzen blasted the report as "...implausible conjecture backed by false evidence and repeated incessantly."

Dr. John McLean conducted the first-ever audit of climate data and called it an absolute disaster and "... nothing was done to remove absurd values" and the values were "...incorrectly adjusted in a way that exaggerates warming."

Yes, there is climate change as there has been since the earth was born. Many "believe" in the disaster facing us. Science is not belief but tested theories.

Ask your school to present original research from both sides of this emotional issue. Our children's and grandchildren's lives will be much better if you lead them to research not be led by newspaper scare articles and opinion columns including this one. Good scientists are skeptics and we would all be wise to emulate this practice.

Bob Williams

OBITUARIES

David Arthur Germann

December 19, 2018

David Arthur Germann died of Lewy Body Dementia on December 19, 2018 in Bozeman at the Spring Creek Dementia Community, he was sixty-nine years old. He was born on January 24, 1949, in Jackson, Wyoming. His parents were Archie and Daisy Germann who then lived and worked on the original Germann Ranch which had been homesteaded on the Buffalo River by Archie's father. David had two older brothers, Bob and Bill and an infant brother Johnny who died on the ranch some months before David was born.

When David was five years old his father moved the family to a ranch in McAllister, Montana. David used to say that he cried his eyes out when he saw the sagebrush-covered foothills of their new home, after living in the Teton Country. But his childhood was a good one, in the subsistence style of cattle ranching families of that time. He and his brothers attended Ennis public schools, and he told many a story of milking the cow at 5 a.m. and wrangling with his brothers over the ranch duties. In those days, he said, most of his classmates were the children of cattle ranchers and came to school with their only pair of shoes caked with mud and cowpies. His mother raised a half acre summer garden that went into colorful gleaming canning jars that filled the basement shelves every year. His two sisters, Cathy and Irene were born during Germann's time on the ranch.

Before he passed away, David claimed to still hold the record for Tackles in One Season playing football for Ennis High School. When he graduated he received the John Uihlein scholarship and attended the MSU School of Engineering where he pursued his dream of being a pilot. He joined the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was accepted into U.S. Air Force pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma after college graduation. As the top graduate of his class in pilot training, David was given his choice of assignments and instantly requested to be assigned to an F-4 in Alaska, where he responded to alerts off the west coast of that state, often looking into the faces of The Russian pilots who tested the boundaries of American defenses. He often said that flying armed F-4's was his peak life experience.

When David left the Air Force, he could not bring himself to leave Alaska. He partnered with an Air Force buddy in a small Bush plane, saying that one could only really enjoy Alaska with a plane. From another friend he bought a hand-made cabin in Girdwood, Alaska. He often worked as a construction supervisor for roads and air strips in remote Alaska villages. He eventually accepted an engineer position with the North Slope Borough in Barrow, Alaska where he served as a representative of the Inupiat Eskimo government there to do environmental and oil production planning. Dave cherished many lifelong relationships with the Inupiat people of



his siblings Bob in Missoula and Bill in Omaha, Nebraska, as well as his sisters, both living in Boulder, Montana, Cathy Carey and Irene Weiner.

A gathering will be held to say Kaddush, the Jewish prayer for the dead, over David's ashes, at 3 pm on Dec 27 at Germann Ranch in

Ted Joseph Darby

December 30, 2018

Ted Joseph Darby passed away on December 30, 2018, at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan.

Born to James Ira and Frances Richie Graham at his Aunt Mollie Rowe's home in Sheridan on October 9th, 1923, Ted spent all but a few years of his long life in his beloved Ruby Valley. His family lived in Pony for a few years, but Jim eventually moved the family back to his hometown. He graduated from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1941, worked at local grocery stores during his high school years and spent about a year working in Tacoma before joining the Army in March of 1943. During the war, Ted served in the Philippines and New Guinea until his discharge in January of 1946. Returning to Sheridan, Ted worked for JM Maddison Store until being offered a position from AW Roberts at the Bank of Sheridan in January of 1948. He worked there, becoming the bank manager, until August 1974, when he purchased a local insurance agency from Arie Doornbos. He continued in the Ted Darby Insurance Agency until his retirement in 1991.

Ted had a wonderful childhood, hunting, fishing, playing with Sheridan kids and forging friendships that would last literally from cradle to grave. They played Town Team Baseball, just as their fathers had, Panther football and basketball, learned to fish and hunt at an early age and survived the Depression in good order because they had each other.

Ted married another native of Sheridan, Donna Jean Wright at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Sheridan on June 23, 1947. The couple raised four children, James Michael born in 1948, Patrick Joseph in 1950, JoAnne in 1952 and Kathleen Frances, 1955.

Ted was a community-minded individual who gave of his time and talents his entire life. He served on the Sheridan Town Council, Sheridan School Board, Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, many years on the Sheridan Cemetery Board, and contributed to many other organizations and boards. He was the Adjutant of the Anderson-Simpson Post of the American Legion for decades, was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Kiwanis. A lifelong Democrat, Ted served as Democratic Central Committee for many years. In mid-1980's he was the Montana recipient of the Jefferson Award for community service. He loved books, music and the mountains. He greatly admired Ted Williams, Harry S. Truman, Jack London and John F. Kennedy.

Anyone who knew Ted Darby knows that he was a great lover of sports of all kinds. He, Orville Kelly and Les "Bing" Jackson

McAllister. A celebration of his life will happen in the summer at the ranch, where we plan to plant a young tree over his ashes. Everyone is welcome.

Any tributes are requested to be sent to the Lewy Body Dementia Society.



coached Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball for many years. Ted was involved in high school sports, as referee, timekeeper, scorekeeper and "Number One Fan" of the Sheridan High School Panthers for most of his life. He missed very few State Class C Basketball Tournaments in four decades. In fact, there was never a sport that Ted didn't like, and he helped guide young athletes throughout his life. He was a master fly fisherman and did so successfully without fancy and expensive equipment. He loved the Ruby - Upper and Lower, and its streams. He particularly loved bird hunting and the Springer Spaniels he owned and trained. He took up golf in his 40's and played well in to his 80's. He shot trap and bowled, but baseball was his greatest love.

Ted's roots in Madison County go back to 1863 and he was an amateur historian and the "go-to guy" on its history. One of his proudest accomplishments was his involvement in the Madison County History Association which wrote, promoted and compiled extensive family histories and general history of Madison County into two books published in the '70's: "Pioneer Trails and Trials" and "The Progressive Years".

Ted was a man who could always be counted on. He loved his town, his friends and his family beyond measure. He was the man who never failed to visit the sick, the shut-in, the elderly and anyone who needed a helping hand, an act of kindness, a joke or a story. He truly had a "Wonderful Life" and he will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Julian "Tex" Graham and Dale "Harp" Darby, sister Sammie Graham Boadway, son Pat, and grandson Patrick Mumme.

He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Donna, son James (Bernadine) of Bozeman and daughters JoAnne (Tracy) Stephen and Kathleen (Chris) Mumme, all of Sheridan; grandsons Scott (Jackie) Munk of Buffalo, NY; Ted (Sandra)

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OBITUARIES

Darby, Red Deer, Alberta; Matthew Vesco, Sheridan; Erin (Chris) Leonard of Virginia City; Teresa Darby, Bozeman; Kathryn (Eddy) Colado, Honolulu HI; two great-grandchildren, Harper and Jack Leonard; and

several nephews. A vigil will be held at 7 pm Friday, January 4, at K&L Mortuary, Sheridan. Funeral Services are scheduled for 10 am Saturday the 5th at St. Mary's, Laurin with

graveside services to follow. The family wishes to give heartfelt thanks to the wonderful, compassionate and hardworking staff of TRMCC and the staff at Ruby Valley Rural Healthcare for their care.

Nancy Jo (Carroll) Rau December 23, 2018

Nancy Jo (Carroll) Rau, 74, of Liberty Lake, WA, passed into the arms of her Savior on December 23, 2018. She lost her battle with stage IV pancreatic cancer and passed away at home with her husband Tom, daughter Crystal and son Tracy at her bedside.

Nancy was born in Whitehall, Montana on July 17, 1944 to Don and Carolyn Carroll, Twin Bridges, Montana.

She attended school in Twin Bridges graduating in June, 1962.

While attending business school in Great Falls, Montana, she met her soulmate and partner for life Tom and they were married in Lauren, Montana, on April 20, 1963.

After Tom was honorably dis-

charged from the U. S. Air Force in August, 1964, they moved to Vancouver, WA, to resume their life together.

She started her federal service career with Federal Highways in Vancouver and worked almost 35 years, retiring in 2006 in Spokane with Natural Resources Conservation Service.

After her retirement, she and Tom became "snow birds", purchasing a home in a golf course gated community in Sun Lakes, AZ., spending their winters enjoying the sunshine and golfing up to five days a week.

She dearly loved her children and grandchildren as she became a very positive influence on their lives as they grew up to become adults. Nancy's parents Don and Carolyn preceded her in death.



She is survived by her loving brother Clyde, Twin Bridges, and is very close to numerous cousins that she grew up with.

Nancy's Celebration of Life services will be held in the Spokane area sometime this summer at a time yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Spokane.

Merlin Gale Houska December 22, 2018

Merlin Gale Houska, born June 19, 1944 succumbed to complications from dementia on December 22, 2018 surrounded by his family.

Merlin was born to Floyd and Fay Houska in Bijoux Hills, South Dakota. He was the youngest of nine children.

As was common in large farming families, Merlin left home at a young age to work on a neighboring farm. During one of his stints as a farm laborer he met his future wife Crystal. They were married shortly thereafter in Chamberlain, South Dakota and the newly formed family moved to Lead and eventually on to Gillette, Wyoming where Merlin worked for decades in the coal mines, oil fields and in the construction industry.

Through the years, their family expanded and when they decided their family was complete, they had five boys- Brian, Rodney, Dale, Dennis and Scott.

In 1986 Merlin and Crystal moved to Montana to be near Merlin's brother Larry and his family. They spent the next years living in Belgrade, Ennis and McAllister before moving to Three Forks, MT where Merlin lived until he passed.

Merlin spent most of his waking hours outside, whether it be working, fishing or hunting. His skin was tanned a dark brown by the sun and he rarely chose to do projects indoors. He made many friends in the course of his hunting and fishing adventures and especially cherished time with them and his kids and



grandkids.

Merlin is survived by his sisters Wanita and Joan, his wife Crystal, sons Brian, Rodney, Dale (Rachelle), Dennis (Kathy) and Scott. He is also survived by his many grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

The family will be welcoming friends and family to a celebration of Merlin's life some time this summer.

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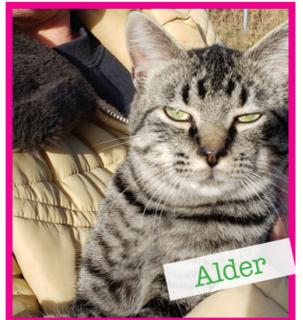
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Currently the president of the Ennis Lions Club, Joe Misero got into the holiday spirit by taking on the role of Santa Claus and attending the Ennis Elementary Christmas concert. Bringing along an elf or two for assistance, Misero distributed treats and goodies to the over 100 performers from grades K-5.

It's just one of the many volunteer opportunities Misero has become involved in during his tenure with the Lions.

He helped to decorate Lions Park for Ennis's Christmas Stroll in December and oversees the Lions' many charitable and volunteer activities throughout the year: from free community cookouts at the annual 4th



Photo courtesy of Ennis Lions Club

bingo tournament at Ennis Schools, which drew around 200 people this October.

The Lions also fund several annual scholarships for high school seniors and college students each year, recognize outstanding students throughout the year and hold fundraisers for local nonprofits and the Ennis community all year long.

If you'd like to nominate a community member to be featured as an upcoming volunteer of the week, call 406-682-7755 or e-mail news@madisoniannews.com.



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December 26 – *No high priority calls – only Traffic Stops & Unfounded 911 Calls.

December 27 – Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 47, Ennis; Dog Complaint in 2400 Blk MT Hwy 287, Alder.

December 24 - Medical Aid on Patrick Ln., Sheridan; Fire Call in 200 Blk N Jefferson St., Pony; Theft Complaint in 2700 Upper Ruby Rd., Alder; Wildlife Complaint on Madison Ave., Ennis; Accident at US Hwy 287 & MT Hwy 287, Ennis; Wildlife Complaint in 800 Blk Madison Ave., Ennis.

December 28 – Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 41 N, MM 52, Silver Star; Coroner Call in Harrison; Welfare Check in 5500 Blk US Hwy 287 N, McAllister.

December 25 - Accident on Silver Spring Rd., Sheridan; Suspicious Circumstances in 400 Blk S. Willow Creek Rd., Pony.

December 29 – Suspicious Circumstances on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Alarm Call in 100 Blk Moores Creek Rd., Ennis; Medical Aid in 100 Blk Main St., Harrison; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 31, Cameron; Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk Main St., Twin Bridges; Agency Assist at MT Hwy 41 & Cemetery Rd., Silver Star.




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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to appeal Yellowstone grizzly delisting decision

HELENA – Montana filed a notice of appeal Friday of the September decision by the federal district court in Missoula to re-instate endangered species protection to grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

“Grizzly bear recovery and conservation is an amazing success story that’s taken decades of hard work and dedication. The science is clear that grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem are recovered,” said Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Director Martha Williams.

Montana joins the states of Idaho and Wyoming, along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in appealing the court’s decision.

“With grizzly bear recovery goals met in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) and the safeguards in place to ensure healthy populations will persist, it’s time to hand over management to the states,” said Montana Gov. Steve Bullock.

In Montana, grizzly bears are expanding from beyond the core areas where they’ve met population recovery goals – the GYE and the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (NCDE). They are showing up in places they haven’t been for decades, like the prairie east of the Rocky Mountain Front, parts of western Montana and areas north-east of Yellowstone National Park.

The grizzly bears numbers in

these recolonized areas are increasing, and while the appeal Montana is filing today will only address the GYE, it’s clear more needs to be done to look comprehensively at grizzly bear management across Montana.

“For long-term success, grizzly bear management in Montana must consider the needs of our communities and people along with those of the bear,” Williams said. “As this appeal proceeds, Montana will focus on our responsibilities for management by convening the diverse interests of

our citizens to identify strategies that address emerging and future needs for bear recovery and conflict management.”

Historically, the approach to delisting has been to focus on just the NCDE and GYE. While that has been successful for grizzly bear recovery, it creates challenges for bear management. Grizzly bears are spilling out of the NCDE and GYE and showing up in communities surrounding these ecosystems where they haven’t been for decades and where people aren’t prepared for them.

Montana is home to two other recovery zones, the Selway Bitterroot and Cabinet-Yaak. Neither has met recovery goals. Between the four recovery zones, bears are expanding into landscapes that aren’t covered under an existing management plan. To address this, Montana needs a more comprehensive look.

“Montana has long been a leader in conservation and now we have a unique opportunity to forge a path forward for these iconic animals that incorporates the diverse values of our citizens as part of a solution,” Bullock said. “Ultimately a comprehensive and collaborative approach to bear management across the state is the best path toward a durable delisting rule and balancing the needs and goals of our state’s citizens.”

Changes in Berkshire Hathaway real estate leadership

ENNIS – Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties (BHHSMT) is excited to announce an upcoming change in the Ennis office.

Jonathan Nutt, with his Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Business Administration, has agreed to move into the Managing Broker’s position of the office and allow Melinda Merrill to go back to doing what she loves best, working with her sellers and buyers.

“This is a change that Jonathan and I thought about a couple of months ago and proposed to BHHSMT,” explained Merrill. “It is the perfect opportunity for both of us to capitalize on our strengths and do what we love. I love the Agents in our office but I missed being the boots on the ground for my clients.”

Nutt, a broker with more than 10 years of experience including ownership of his own office, recently joined the BHHSMT Ennis Branch with management in mind.

“I was very impressed with the marketing team assigned to the Ennis office and the tools that BHHS provides their agents to help them promote their listings locally, regionally, and nationally,” Nutt said. “I am excited to take the reins and lead such a dynamic group as we all explore our options. When Melinda first approached me to take her position we both agreed it was an excellent opportunity to create a win-win.”

“Putting the right people in the right place and allow them to do what they love is paramount to success,” said Mike Basile, co-owner of BHHSMT. “We truly appreciate Melinda for what she has done for our company but understand her desire to go back to her first love, listing and selling. We are fortunate to have her continuing to work for BHHSMT along with all of our great agents in Western MT and we are excited to welcome Jonathan to the team.”

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Sunday
PM snow showers. High 33, low 18. Winds SSW 7 mph, 30 percent chance of precipitation.

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Quote of the Week:

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Dillon's Community Support Center continues its mission to offer safety and resources to those in need

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DILLON—Together, Madison and Beaverhead counties make up a geographic area about the size of the state of New Hampshire: 9,000 square miles, comprising around 17,000 people. That means both counties are designated Frontier Counties, a designation that requires a population density of fewer than seven people per square mile.

Madison and Beaverhead have a population density of around 1.8 people per square mile.

That kind of remoteness and solitude is highly sought by some, but it also means a lack of certain types of resources, particularly mental health and advocacy for victims of violence or trauma. At the Community Support Center (CSC) in Dillon, providing access to some of those resources is their daily mission.

"We're designated as a mental health professional shortage area," says Brian Wheeler, the Center's development director. "And that's huge because we have high rates of suicide and depression in this part of the state."

The CSC, first established as a nonprofit in 1978, has operated under the name of Dillon's Women's Resource Center for most of its 40-year history. It was first established by what the staff refer to as the "founding mothers," who took it upon themselves to rescue local women from abusive situations and interpersonal violence (IPV) and provide them with available resources. But over time, the mission of the nonprofit has grown, expanded and adapted.

Today, the CSC—renamed to reinforce their mission of assisting anyone who may be in need of help, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or situation—offers everything from emergency shelter and a 24/7 crisis hotline to counseling services, law enforcement accompaniment to legal proceedings and restraining orders against abusive partners or family members. Wheeler divides the program into three main parts.

"It's crisis intervention; support and advocacy; and prevention, education and outreach," he says. "At one point we were the only dual program in the state of Montana, acting as a domestic violence shelter and a sexual assault response center. It's pretty rare to be able to do both."

In rural Montana, it's especially rare. The CSC is the only entity of its type serving that New Hampshire-sized area of Madison and Beaverhead counties, and it has a staff of only five full-time employees, including two counselors and a lawyer advocate. Most of the hands-on work is provided by volunteers and interns.

"We had a satellite office in Madison County but struggled to keep that open and staffed," says Wheeler. "A lot of places in this county are 50 or 100 miles from services, let alone shelter. We deal with isolation as a huge barrier to overcome."

It's a large area and a large number of people to serve, and to better attempt to meet the need the CSC moved into a new, larger building this past August. All five of their employees now have private office space, meaning more confidential counseling and advocacy sessions, but one of the biggest boons is a spacious basement to house donations, with which the CSC has been inundated.

That saves the organization money, Wheeler says, that can be put toward more services. In the old space, they had to pay for storage units to hold donations, which range from mattresses and baby cribs to dishware, hygiene products and household electronics.

An Evolving Mission

Over 40 years, the CSC has watched the needs of the surrounding areas change and has done its best to keep up, adding and creating new services as often as possible.

One of the primary drivers of that adaptation is recent research delving into the lasting impacts of domestic violence, interpersonal violence and childhood trauma on a person's mental health, which can often result in symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. The impacts of a traumatic event do not necessarily disappear once a person is out of it.

"When you're in a constant state of crisis or prolonged trauma, your body is being pumped full of cortisol and your brain function is impaired," says Wheeler. "If you don't have your basic needs met, it makes it really hard to do anything else."

On a practical level, that idea has changed how the CSC operates. While many shelters or domestic violence centers have a limit on how long they provide transitional housing, the CSC does not.

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ACTING THE PART

How a Nevada City volunteer uncovered unseen vigilante history

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VIRGINIA CITY—Donna McNamara has been coming to Nevada City for 17 years, acting as a schoolmistress in the annual living history productions in the ghost town.

"The first time I was down there, it was just opening it up and closing it down in the fall," she says. Once living history was born, she traded her real-life teacher's clothing (she teaches special education) for a schoolmistress's dress circa 1864 and has been volunteering ever since.

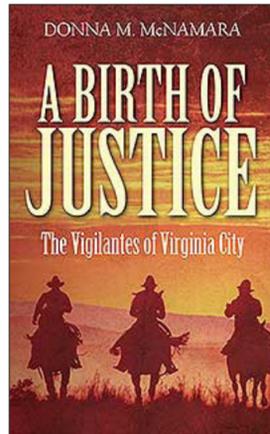
With degrees in history, elementary education and master's degree in reading curriculum and instruction, McNamara is more of an expert than most when it comes to history books. But when she had the opportunity to delve deeper into a part of Montana heritage that had long fascinated her, she got to—literally—write the book.

McNamara attended the University of Great Falls, where she earned her first history degree. When it came time to complete the requisite senior thesis, she chose a topic near and dear to her heart: the vigilantes of Virginia City.

Her mother had been close friends with John Comfort, a former Madison County attorney whose uncle had been John Lott. Lott was the first treasurer of the Montana territory, as well as the author of the famous vigilante oath signed in Virginia City in December 1863 and one of the founding members of the group.

In that oath, the signees swore to dedicate themselves to the "purpose of arresting thieves and murderers and recovering stolen property," swearing to "reveal no secrets, violate no laws of right and never desert each other or our standard of justice, so help us God."

Their primary aim was protecting the residents of the Montana territory from thieves



who would stop stagecoaches and traveling merchants, shaking down their passengers for valuables and cash and often willing to commit murder to pull off their heists.

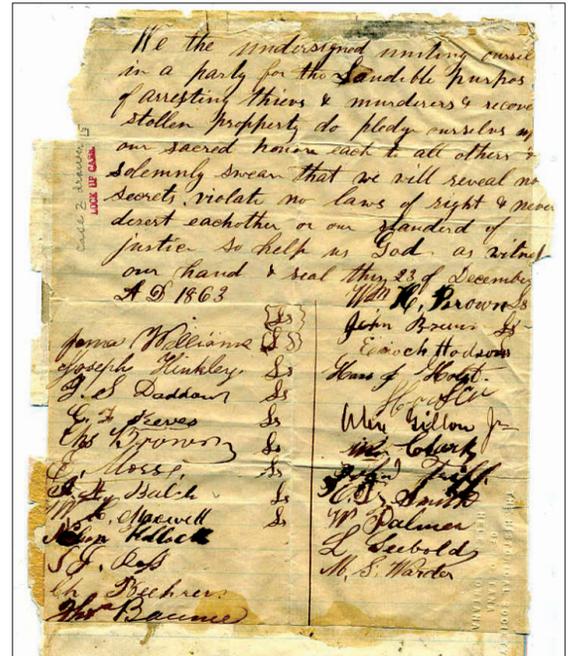
So McNamara wrote the thesis, graduated from UGF and moved to Washington. Fourteen years later when she moved back to Montana, John Comfort had died, but McNamara's mother, still close friends with his wife, had found a book of nothing but names, dates and sums of money, that had belonged to Comfort's vigilante uncle.

"It was a record of money donated to the vigilantes that he had kept," says McNamara. "I really didn't know what it was, but I knew it was something important."

She held onto the book for years, never quite knowing what to do with it. Then one summer, she brought it with her on her annual trip to Virginia City for the living history season and showed it to the volunteer coordinator.

He told her two things. "He told me, number one, get this in a safe place," McNamara remembers. "And two, write a book about it."

So, the research began. McNamara would come to Virgin-



Original copy of the vigilante oath, written by John Lott and signed in Virginia City in December of 1863. (MONTANA MEMORY PROJECT IMAGE)

ia City for 10-day stretches, living in the Thompson-Hickman Library and the courthouse on her days off, poring over books and documents to figure out what the money log could mean. What she found illuminated what had previously been a blurred and foggy period in Virginia City history.

"Everybody has always thought the vigilantes were kind of a renegade group," she says. "But with this book and all this research, you can see that the vigilantes were publicly supported. People just wanted their lives back."

In the log book, monetary donations and expenditures of the vigilantes were meticulously logged, from a dollar or two at a time up to hundreds or even thousands of dollars. It was dubbed the "Ferretting Fund."

"Back in 1862, that's a lot of money," McNamara says. "But they were so tired of having their lives upset, because you were vulnerable to road agents, and the gangs were nothing but a bunch of murderous thugs. It was dangerous to go anywhere with anything."

Ultimately, McNamara acted on that second piece of

advice. Her book, *A Birth of Justice: The Vigilantes of Virginia City*, was published in late 2017 after years of painstaking research and a stroke or two of pure luck, answering the perennial question of how the vigilantes funded their quest for hometown justice in the communities of Virginia City, Alder Gulch and north toward Helena.

"These guys were not thugs," she says of the vigilantes. "They didn't personally profit from the money that was donated. It was all put toward costs."

A Birth of Justice emerged as the scratching of a seven-year curiosity itch, and McNamara doesn't as yet intend to write another book, at least until that itch crops up again. In the meantime, she'll continue teaching students about Montana history, both in her real-life classroom and in the streets of ghost town Nevada City.

"I live to come down there in the summer," she says. "I'd really like to come full-time, but it just hasn't happened yet. You'd be surprised what you can find."

Montana Summer Food Service Program sees successful 2018

HELENA — Governor Steve Bullock and the Office of Public Instruction today announced the Montana Summer Food Service Program saw its most successful year yet in 2018, with the total number of meals served to kids increasing by over 150,000 since Montana No Kid Hungry began tracking the impact of summer meal efforts in 2014. The Summer Food Service Program is a federal child nutrition program operated by the Office of Public Instruction.

Recently released data from the Montana Office of Public Instruction shows that a total of 700,730 nutritious meals were served to kids across the state this past summer, June through August — a record, beating the 2017 total by nearly

70,000 meals.

The program is also supported through private grant funding from Montana No Kid Hungry, in a public-private partnership with the governor and first lady, the Department of Public Health and Human Services, and Share Our Strength (a national non-profit).

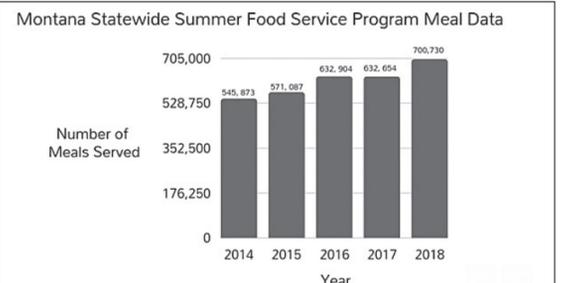
Grant funds offered by Montana No Kid Hungry are awarded to schools and community organizations across the state to support innovative solutions to reach more kids and teens. Funding for summer meal grants is made possible through support from private donors.

In addition to supporting fixed meal sites, Montana No Kid Hungry grant funds have gone towards funding a total of seven mobile sum-

mer meal sites across the state, three of which were launched this past summer.

Anyone interested in starting a new Summer Food Service Program, launching a Summer Food Truck, improving an existing program, or for questions about upcoming

grant opportunities, can contact the OPI's School Nutrition Director Christine Emerson at cemerson@mt.gov or 406-444-2502, or the Montana No Kid Hungry Summer Meal and Nutrition Coordinator Danielle Anderson at DAnderson3@mt.gov or 406-765-3430.



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Strategies for helping distressed young people become more resilient

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Is the United States facing an epidemic of lost and distressed youth who struggle to handle the daily challenges of life?

Statistics say yes. The suicide rate for young people is on the rise, and suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 15 to 24, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Despite such troubling statistics, there are ways to better prepare young people so they can bounce back from the trials that life throws at them, says Dr. Kim Metcalfe, a retired professor of early childhood education and psychology, and author of Let's Build ExtraOrdinary Youth Together (www.xtraordinaryyouth.com).

"Children need much more than love, food, clothing, shelter

and electronic devices," Metcalfe says. "They need to be armed with the ability to be resilient so they can navigate through childhood and into adulthood, dealing with adversity, trauma, tragedy and other significant sources of stress. We know the traits of emotionally resilient people and we know the types of experiences and opportunities that youth need to develop these traits."

Resilient individuals don't see themselves as victims, even though sometimes they are, she says. They refuse to play the blame game, and they know how to intercede on their own best behalf. Resilient individuals view setbacks as challenges that they are capable of addressing successfully. They feel hopeful rather than helpless.

For Metcalfe, helping distressed young people is a mission. Her daughter committed suicide in 2012, so Metcalfe speaks both as a professional and as a mother who has suffered a loss.

Metcalfe offers suggestions for parents and others on ways they can help build resilience in young people so they know they can handle the situation when life becomes difficult.

- Give them opportunities to self-regulate. Self-regulation is when you are able to take control of your thinking, your decisions and your behavior. If you want your children to develop the skill of self-regulation, Metcalfe says, you must provide them opportunities where they are required to stop and think about the consequences of those decisions and behaviors. That means you can't make all their decisions for them.

- Use missteps, mistakes and disappointments as learning opportunities. The next time your adolescent does something you

aren't thrilled about, Metcalfe says, try asking them questions such as, "What other choice could you have made?" Use follow-up questions, such as: "If you made that choice what do you think might have happened?" "Is there another choice or option you could have considered?"

- Model the resilience you want to see in them. One way to build more resilience in a teenager is to make certain you are modeling the behavior you want to see. They notice how you handle challenging situations. "If you have a difficult time bouncing back from setbacks, then it makes sense that your teens will have difficulty, too," Metcalfe says. "Modeling for our youth what we want to develop in them is very powerful. Resilient people are able to cope with challenges, weather the storms in life, and work successfully through setbacks to reach their goals and make their dreams come true."

"People like to say that kids are resilient," Metcalfe says. "That's not always true. In fact, it's often not true. But they can develop the thinking habits and skills to live through adversity and recover in ways that allow them to live the lives they were born to live and do in life what they were born to do."

About Kim Metcalfe - Dr. Kim Metcalfe, a retired professor of early childhood education and psychology, is the author of "Let's Build ExtraOrdinary Youth Together" (www.xtraordinaryyouth.com). She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the California Association for the Education of Young Children, and the American Psychological Association.

Low-income, rural kids higher risk for second- or third-hand smoke exposure

Study suggests ways to reduce risks for infants and toddlers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Infants and toddlers in low-income, rural areas may be at higher risk for second- and third-hand smoke than previously reported, according to a study supported by the National Institutes of Health. Approximately 15 percent of children in the study tested positive for cotinine, a byproduct formed when the body breaks down nicotine, at levels comparable to those of adult smokers. About 63 percent of children in the study had detectable levels of cotinine, suggesting widespread exposure to smoke. The study appears in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*.

"Few studies have explored the risks of very young children, especially infants, for second- or third-hand exposure to smoking," said James A. Griffin, Ph.D., deputy chief of the Child Development and Behavior Branch at NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), which funded the research. "The current study suggests that moving frequently, having more adults in the home and spending less time in center-based daycare facilities may increase a child's exposure to smoke or smoke residue."

The researchers analyzed data from the Family Life Project, a long-term study of rural poverty in North Carolina and Pennsylvania. For the study, saliva samples of 1,218 children were tested for cotinine. The samples were collected from children at age 6 months, 15 months, 2 years and 4 years. The presence of cotinine indicates that the child was exposed to second- or third-hand smoke. Second-hand smoke comes from a lit tobacco product, an electronic smoking device or the smoker. Third-hand smoke is an invisible residue from smoke that settles onto floors, furniture and clothing.

The researchers classified the children into three groups based on their cotinine levels. Fifteen percent of the children were in the high exposure group, with cotinine levels comparable to active adult smokers (12ng/mL or higher), 48 percent were in the moderate exposure group (0.46 to 12ng/mL) and 37 percent were in the low exposure group (less than or equal to 0.46ng/mL). These values are higher than those seen in data previously reported in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which found that only one-third to one-half of children's blood samples had detectable cotinine.



"We found that infants had higher cotinine levels compared to toddlers," said Lisa M. Gatzke-Kopp, Ph.D., a professor at Pennsylvania State University and the lead author of the study. "Because infants often put objects into their mouths and crawl on floors, they may be more likely to ingest smoke residue or get it on their skin, compared to older children."

The study team evaluated independent factors that may influence a child's probability of being in one of the three exposure groups. They found that lower income, less education, frequent residential moves and fluctuations in the number of adults within the home were associated with high smoke exposure, whereas time spent at a center-based daycare was associated with lower smoke exposure.

Factors influencing cotinine levels included the following:

- When a caregiver had at least a high school degree, a child was 85 percent less likely to be in the high exposure group, compared to the other two groups.
- Each residential move increased a child's odds of being in the high exposure group, compared to the low exposure group, by 43 percent.
- Each adult moving into or out of the home increased this risk by 11 percent.
- A child who spent time in a center-based daycare was 81 percent less likely to be in the high exposure group, compared to the low exposure group.

"Our results, if supported by future studies, can help educate parents and caregivers, as well as improve prevention programs that seek to reduce children's smoke exposure," said Clancy Blair, Ph.D., M.P.H., a professor at New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development and the senior author of the study. "For instance, nonsmoking families may not be aware that nicotine can be present in their child's environment if their home was previously occupied by a smoker or if smoking is permitted at the workplace."

Funding for the current analysis was provided by NICHD, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) program, all part of NIH.

About the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD): NICHD conducts and supports research in the United States and throughout the world on fetal, infant and child development; maternal, child and family health; reproductive biology and population issues; and medical rehabilitation. For more information, visit NICHD's website.

About the Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) program: ECHO is a nationwide research program designed to understand the effects of a broad range of early environmental influences on child health and development. For more information, visit ECHO's website.(link is external)

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Madison Valley Medical Center's 2nd Annual Winter Coloring Contest on December 19th at Ennis Elementary School was another huge success. MVMC employee Teresa Funke organized the event. Many thanks to Ennis Elementary School Secretary, Dawn Ledgerwood, for coordinating with all the teachers and Lacey Keller, ECCS Director, whose efforts helped to organize the little ones in coloring their pictures and getting the chance to participate this year.

Lynn Foreman, a consultant with MVMC and MVMC Foundation's Executive Director, Dawn Conklin served as judges for the contest. Over 70 youngsters participated this year; the judges had their work cut out for them! Each of the winners received an Art Set with a drawing pad. Prize winner for the second year in a row Celee Klasna told Funke "She is still born to color!" The judges all agreed that regardless of the chosen winner, Ennis has some great artists!!

Winners: Bruce Treloar Pre-School ECCS; Celee Klasna 3rd Grade Mrs. Hubner; Caden Lovett 6th Grade Mrs. McKay.



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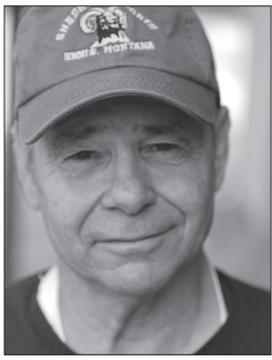


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THE DREADED GREEN GOMBU



Dealing with a different kind of cold

Sometimes, it seems that I have been exercising nearly all my life. In fact, I was first introduced to profuse sweating when, at the tender age of seven, I signed up for my school's little league wrestling team. During my ensuing school years, I participated in other

sports which required undergoing physical exercise programs. At that point in my life, the purpose of all that feverish activity was to whip myself into tip-top shape.

Strangely enough, when I reached my 50s, I began another extensive exercise program. However, this time, the purpose was entirely different. This time, the exercising was designed to rebuild my wounded body after successive surgeries, the most recent of which occurred five months ago. Notably, the term used to describe what was happening had mysteriously changed from "physical exercise" to "physical therapy." My guess is the medical community reckoned that, to older (less mentally acute) folks, the term "therapy" would sound

more beneficial and less strenuous than the term "exercise." They must think us geezers are stupid.

Not surprisingly, even the initial "casual" PT session, which took place in a nearby town, was vigorous enough to strain the capability of my 71-year-old frame to stretch as far as the therapist demanded. Naturally, as the sessions progressed, the demands increased. Then, just when the physical therapy reached the teeth-gritted, ears-laid-back, purple-faced, muffled screaming intensity level, I came down with, what I thought was, a common head cold.

Upon returning to Harrison that day, I encountered several trustworthy townfolks who had already come down with the

same affliction. Luckily, they were kind enough to share with me the particulars of my newly acquired illness. As I would soon find out, it was anything but common.

To begin, I was somberly informed that what I had caught was nothing less than the dreaded "Green Gombu!" Noting the look of profound concern on my face, my fellow sufferers were quick to add that the Gombu is not a debilitating ailment. In fact, at first glance, its symptoms resemble those of a run-of-the-mill cold. Still, my trusted pals made sure to explain that what differentiates a Gombu (and thus, makes it dreaded) is how long its symptoms hang around after the initial infection. Whereas a head cold may linger for several

months, I was informed that the Green Gombu (rumored to have originated in the frozen wastelands of the Revenue Flats behind Norris) is a new class of head cold which mulch dragged mouse drag down has been identified as a "generational disorder." That means its vice-like grip on a sufferer's sinuses will not only linger for the remainder of his or her lifetime, but also be passed on to their future offspring!

As might be expected, hearing that grim prognosis left me dumbfounded. Nevertheless, I have bravely soldiered on with my PT. As a result, the improvement in my flexibility has been gratifying. However, I must admit, using a cross country ski machine while having to blow one's nose almost constantly is

challenging.

Regrettably, several of my fellow PT patients have recently developed symptoms of the dreaded Green Gombu. So far, I have allowed them to assume that they are dealing with a common head cold. After all, my PT sessions will soon end, and I think it only prudent that I be gone when they discover

the generational nature of their ailment and remember from the whom they caught it.

Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories, and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines, and on-line magazines

Montana Night Sky: January Highlights

BY RICHARD STOFFER

The astronomical highlight for the Montana night skies in January is a total lunar eclipse, which occurs in the hours leading up to midnight on January 20. This total eclipse of the moon will be the first one visible from Montana since last January and the first total lunar eclipse visible from beginning to end since 2015. The next total lunar eclipse that's visible in Montana won't occur until May 2021.

As for the details of January's lunar eclipse, the partial phase of the eclipse will begin at 8:34 p.m. in the evening on January 20. The moon will be totally eclipsed for one hour and three minutes beginning at 9:41 p.m. with mid-eclipse occurring at 10:12 p.m. Totality ends at 10:44 p.m. and the partial phase ends at 11:51 p.m. Notice the curved edge of Earth's shadow during the partial phase, the visible evidence of Earth's round shape. Notice also the additional stars that are visible during totality that weren't visible when the moon's brightness as a full moon had washed out all

but the brightest stars. During totality, the moon can display a red color, a copper color, or even on rare occasions turn brown or black. The color comes from the sunlight scattered and refracted by Earth's atmosphere and is dependent on many factors including cloud cover along the sunrise-sunset ring around Earth and any recent volcanic activity.

Turning to planetary highlights, Mars is the lone naked eye planet visible in the evening sky as it continues to fade as it speeds away from Earth after its close approach last summer. Mars continues to set shortly before midnight all month long. Next up in the night sky is brilliant Venus, which rises at 4:15 a.m. as the month begins and a few minutes before 5:00 a.m. as the month comes to a close.

Venus is joined by the giant planet Jupiter, which rises a few minutes before 6 a.m. as the month begins. During the month, the relative position of Venus and Jupiter changes dramatically with Venus rising about one and

three-quarter hours before Jupiter as the month begins. Then the two brightest planets pass within a little over 2 degrees of each other on January 22. On January 26, Venus, Jupiter and Antares, the brightest star in the constellation Scorpius, are aligned along a straight line. By the end of the month, Venus and Jupiter are about 10 degrees apart with Jupiter now being the first to rise when Jupiter rises about a half hour before Venus. Later in the month, Venus and Jupiter are joined by Saturn, which starts to become visible in the morning sky about the third week of the month. By the end of the month, Saturn rises about 6:25 a.m.

As for the moon, the moon passes to the upper right of Venus on January 1 and to the lower left of Venus the next morning. The moon then passes to the left of Jupiter on January 3. The moon is located to the lower left of Mars on January 12. The moon is full on January 20 when it is totally eclipsed. Finally, the moon passes to the upper right

of Jupiter on January 30 and is located between Jupiter and Venus the next morning.

Also occurring in January is the Quadrantid Meteor shower. This meteor shower peaks on the morning of January 4 with no interference from the moon. While the Quadrantid Meteor shower is a major shower, it also has a very short peak of only about four hours, the shortest of any major shower with the peak predicted to occur over Europe this year. As a result, the number of meteors per hour that will be visible in Montana will be greatly reduced from the number that can be seen at the peak of the shower. Even so, this shower should put on a relatively good show with up to 30 meteors per hour possibly being visible in the hours right after midnight on January 4.

The sun rises at its latest time for the year on January 4 except for the last few days leading up to the changeover from Daylight time to Standard time, which occurs on November 3 this year.



COMMODITY INSITE: 'Twas the week before Christmas

BY JERRY WELCH

Historically, the week before Christmas is calm with little in the way of intense volatility for the Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities. But this year was far different and more bearish than anything seen in history. And that is what my column this column is all about.

'Twas the week before Christmas,

'N not a bull was left standin'
'Cause stocks 'n commodities,

Collapsed to a hard landin.' "

Commodity Insite, Dec. 22, 2018
The week before Christmas, 2018, the worst for the Dow Jones in 10 years.

But the entire month of December '18, was the worst for the Dow Jones in 85 years, going back to 1931.

"The stock market just

booked its ugliest Christmas Eve plunge—ever." The Dow Jones Industrial Average marked its most severe drop ever on Christmas Eve, finishing 710 points lower." From Market Watch.com, December 24, 2018

"Prior to this week, the worst the Dow ever performed the trading day before Christmas was December 23, 1933 when it fell 0.84 percent to settle at 98.04 compared to this years settlement of 21,700. Obviously, compared to 1933, the Dow appears pricey. But both trading sessions were brutally bearish," Commodity Insite December 24, 2018.

Commodities as measured by the CRB Index fell to a 20-month low on Christmas Eve. So did the Dow Jones.

Crude oil prices fell 11 percent in the week before Christmas.

From October, crude oil prices dropped 40 percent.

A \$10,000 investment in Bitcoin in December, '17 would be worth \$3200 just before Christmas Eve 2018.

Peter Schiff chief executive of Euro Pacific Capital, a longtime market pundit said, "This isn't a bear market. "We're in a house of cards that the Fed built," Market Watch December 22, 2018.

"The bear market is here and stocks will plunge at least 20 percent," Ned Davis Research, CNBC News December 22, 2018.

"This week is the 89th anniversary of the Great Crash of October 24, 1929. To understand how bearish that particular day was consider the following. On that fateful day, the Dow Jones fell 12 percent and continued to grind

lower for several years thereafter.

It finally bottomed on July 8, 1932 at 41.22, having lost 90 percent of its value from the high of 381.2 on September 3, 1929. And not until November 23, 1954, 25 years later did the Dow rise back to the all-time high." Commodity Insite, the chapter, "Don't Be Left Behind", October 19, 2018.

"It is likely that a major and long term high for US and global stocks was seen this week.

Stocks should drop further to the downside. Or, at best, move in a sideways pattern where values remain stuck in a volatile trading range where rallies will be sold and breaks bought for the next decade," Commodity Insite, "A Lost Decade," October 26, 2018.

Parts of the U.S. government shut down early the week before Christmas as Congress missed a deadline to pass spending bills.

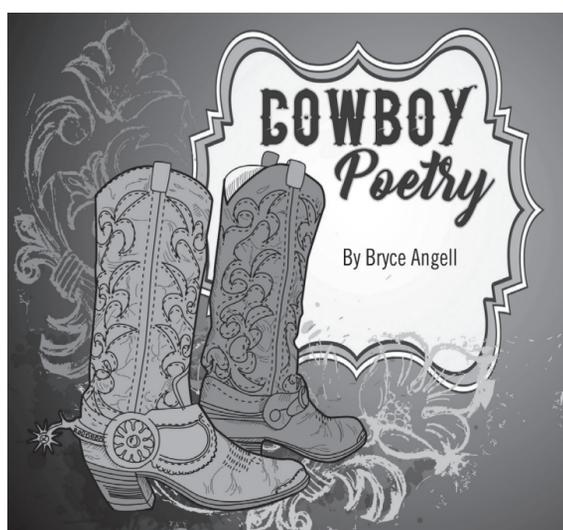
"We've had five consecutive years of low net farm income, and so what you see is a lot of farmers and ranchers finding themselves in a position now where they've gone through a lot of their equity in recent years and have had to decide whether to continue in the business," said the Chief economist of the Farm Bureau on CNBC News, December 22, 2018.

"Forget the Santa rally, the stock market is fending off one of its worst Decembers in recent memory, and now the Nasdaq has finished in a bear market. It's a scenario that may unofficially commence the end of the longest equity market bull run, by some measures, in history," Market Watch, December 22, 2018.

"Apple just entered a death cross, and Wall Street should prepare for the worst. After hit-

ting records in October, the stock has slumped 33 percent in one of the worst performances on the Dow. A death cross is formed when a stock's 50-day moving average crosses below its 200-day moving average. The bearish technical move implies the rapid deterioration of a stock's upward momentum." CNBC News December 22, 2018.

But everything above was before Christmas day. The day after Christmas, the Dow rallied nearly 1200 points and the CRB Index was also sharply higher. The day after Christmas, was the most bullish day in history for stocks and commodities. And that followed the day before Christmas that was the most bearish day in history before Christmas. And now, a New Year looms large!



Our Massey 65

When we were young, we skied behind our Massey 65. We drew high card to see who'd ski. The loser had to drive.

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our hands from sliding off the frozen baler twine.

The gravel roads were covered with weeks of falling snow. A six-foot berm along each side challenged skiers then in tow.

We stopped at every farmhouse to pick up those who'd ski. I think we all were cousins, or kinfolk to some degree.

The Massey pulled us round our block, and that was four cold miles. But you should have seen us all back

then with all our great big smiles.

One day the sheriff stopped us, said, "You're quite a rowdy bunch." I think someone had turned us in. Not sure, but just a hunch.

At least six boys were skiing. Three more were on a sleigh. A total of six barking dogs had come along that day.

The sheriff hopped back in his car and left without a word. Guess he knew we were all good boys, no matter what

he'd heard.

By dark the skiers had enough. We all had frozen drawers. We'd take a minute to warm up, then out to do our chores.

Well that was fifty years ago, and now we ski downhill. But I don't believe I've ever felt that same old boyish thrill

Of skiing down a country road and feeling so alive behind that old farm tractor, our Massey 65.

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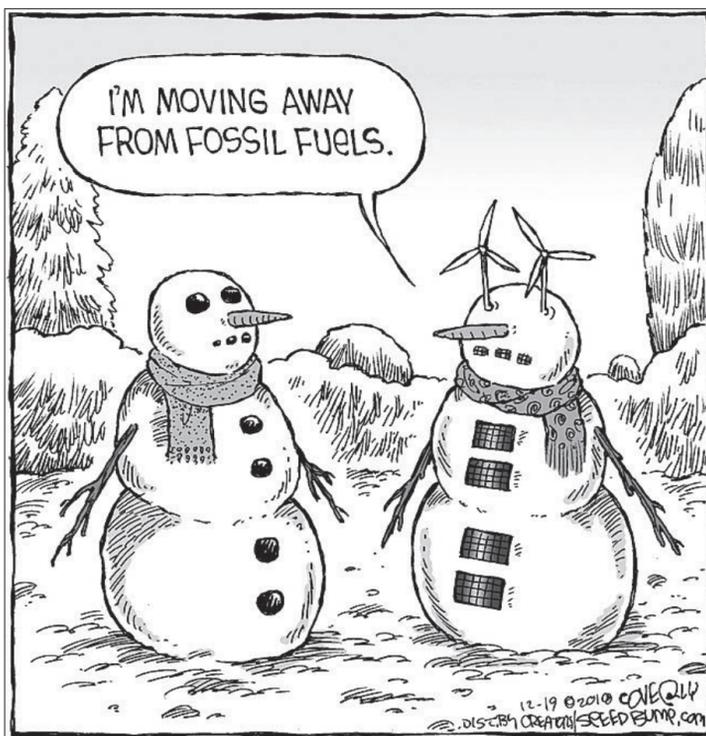
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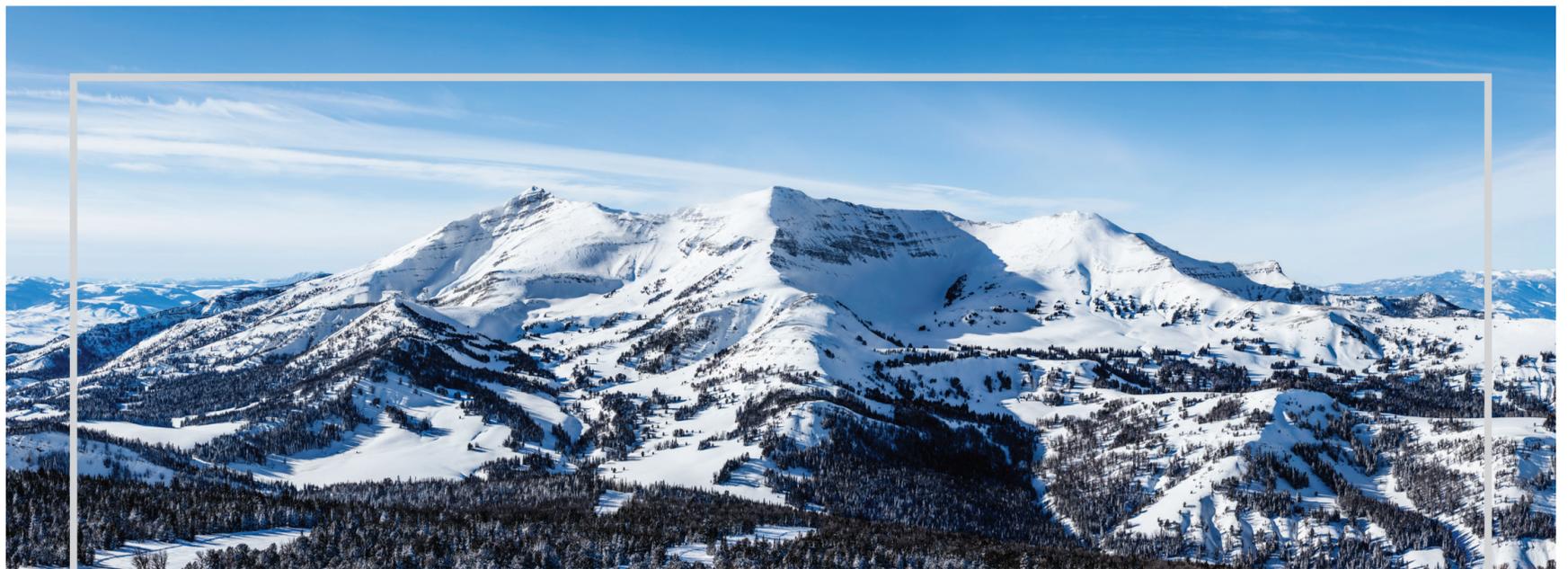
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Mountain High Management, LLC (France Kudelski, Owner) has applied to transfer Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 25-729-4652-002 to be operated at Sportsman's Lodge, 310 MT Highway 287 N, Ennis, Madison County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law.

Who can protest this transfer? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location (Madison), residents of adjoining Montana counties (Gallatin, Jeffer-

son, Silver Bow and Beaverhead), and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4)(d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number (25-729-4652-002) and the applicant's name (Mountain High Management, LLC); (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.

What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifica-

tions listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.

How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before January 13, 2019.

What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Ennis. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca.toc/. Questions may be directed to Jamie Williams, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at (406) 444-0712 or JWilliams@mt.gov. (Pub. Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 2018) DOR MNAXLP

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Cause No.: DP-29-2018-30
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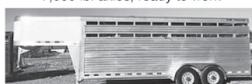
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John Way: Helping people into the great outdoors

By John D. Taylor

John Way has been helping people find their way into Montana's great outdoors for some time now – first as a guide and outfitter in the southern end of the Bob Marshall Wilderness near Kalispell, more recently as owner of The Tackle Shop in Ennis. The Tackle Shop is a fly fishing outfitter that helps anglers connect with the Madison and other waters, and carries everything from flies, rods, reels and waders to books, clothing, guide service and lodging. Way also serves as chairman of the Montana Board of Outfitters, a state oversight agency of outfitters appointed by the governor.

Way began with a degree in wild-life biology from the University of Montana, and grew his outdoor passions into a decade of guiding and outfitting in the Bob, then in 2011, purchasing The Tackle Shop.

What drives him? Two things, he said: The people he meets, "Everyone is up for a good time in the outdoors;" and the laid-back work attire, "I'd rather wear a baseball cap, and work without a dress code."

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Student of the Week

The Student Council chose Dean Comer for Student of the Month for December. Dean is a senior this year and has attended Ennis Schools since kindergarten. Dean was surprised but happy to receive the award and believes that he deserved the award because he is a "good, supportive student" that tries to be positive throughout the school year. Dean's favorite part about the first semester of his senior year has been being a part of the basketball team. He stated that he was "introduced to other people that were passionate about what they do, and [they've] been able to create friendships" through their similar interests. Dean believes that his overall high school experience has been fast paced, self motivating, and has "pushed [him] to find goals for life" after he graduates. Dean also stated that one of his weaknesses as a student is procrastination, and one of his strengths is being able to work out conflicts with other students in a productive way. Throughout his life, Dean has traveled to fifteen states within the U.S. and seven other countries. He explained that traveling has shaped him to be more aware and understanding of diversity. He stated that "being more sensitive to differences among people has allowed [him] to be more considerate and open minded."

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Saturday, January 19th
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Monday, January 21st
5:30-8pm
- Feed A Bird: A Guide to Bird Feeding and Bird Feeders**
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CENTER continued from B1: **Dillon's Community Support Center has new digs, new name, is ready to provide help for those who need it**

"A lot of shelters just provide a temporary, emergency stay," says Valerie Coulter, one of the CSC's counselors, who began her career there as an AmeriCorps member and returned permanently after graduate school. "We do that too, but we also provide long-term shelter as well. As long as you're working toward your goal of self-sufficiency, we're going to support you."

Coulter says that's an integral part of the healing process. Victims' brains can stay in a state of crisis for as long as two weeks. Taking away the stress of a deadline that may mean homelessness for a victim of violence or abuse makes it easier to get them back on their feet, beginning with basic needs like food and shelter.

The CSC has two apartments with two bedrooms each, secure locations where victims can be assured of their safety. They work closely with local law enforcement to provide added protection; nearly every officer in Beaverhead coun-

ty has already visited and become familiar with the space and its location. New grant funding allowed them to retrofit the security systems and provide peace of mind for the people they serve.

The development of preventative and educational programs has also widened the CSC's reach in both counties. Coulter frequently goes to the University of Montana Western campus in Dillon to speak to classes of students, often future teachers, informing them on how to identify the signs of trauma in the students they'll work with after they graduate.

It's a sad necessity to think about, but a necessity all the same. The lasting impacts of childhood trauma led to the creation of the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Taskforce in Dillon, which works closely with the CSC to rescue children from abusive or traumatic situations and provide resources to get them into a healthier and safer environment.

Beyond the hands-on work,

the CSC also created a resource library for both Madison and Beaverhead counties, collating all the providers in the area, their average wait times, contact information and specializations. If a victim contacts law enforcement, officers are prepared to distribute victim resource packets that connect them with everything from counselors to housing and victim compensation immediately.

"A lot of research shows that rural women experience more severe trauma from interpersonal violence and have worse health outcomes after the trauma because of lack of resources," says Wheeler. "We tried to address all those things. Law enforcement is immediately able to connect victims with the resources that are in the community."

Creating a Legacy

The ultimate goal of someplace like the CSC is a community in which they're no longer needed, but over the past several years the num-



Social worker and counselor Valerie Coulter, goes through grocery bags of hygiene products delivered by Beaverhead County High School students from a donation during their winter break.

ber of people utilizing the nonprofit's services has only grown.

In the past nine quarters, the CSC has provided direct crisis intervention to nearly 1000 people in Beaverhead and Madison counties, and has seen a 40 percent increase in calls to its crisis hotline. Their prevention, trauma and resilience education programs have touched over 4,000 community members, nearly a quarter of their service

population.

Much of that increase is due to the larger range of program offerings, but the hard numbers also speak for themselves. CSC received 145 crisis hotline calls between January 1 and September 30, 2018, as well as providing 591 hours of counseling, facilitating 83 legal advocacy cases and providing 582 shelter stays—all free of charge. And over that time, victims that have used their services in the past have returned to offer updates and thanks.

Coulter says the CSC develops a unique relationship with its clients, since it provides assistance across the board. While some facilities might provide immediate crisis intervention and then shift a victim to another advocacy program for housing or legal services, the comprehensiveness of the CSC's offerings means they see the process through to the end.

"It's so powerful, having people coming back to say, 'I got a job, I've got a place to live, my kid is do-

ing great in school,'" says Wheeler. "We're really proud of what we do, proud of the impact we've been able to make on the community and proud of the support from the community in return."

With their new expanded space, the CSC will pursue more avenues of addressing victims' needs as the resources become available. In the immediate future they'll pursue further renovations to the space and fundraise to pay off the building loan, at total of around \$485,000. Along with all the other changes the nonprofit has seen recently, they've also adopted a new logo, one that fits well with their mission.

"The new logo shows people in a circle coming together in support of one another, and the colors are representative of the work we do," says Wheeler. "Purple stands for domestic violence, teal for sexual assault, blue for child abuse and yellow represents hope: the hope for a better tomorrow that we strive to give each person who walks through our doors."

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• Thursday, January 3 - Chicken noodle soup, salad, croissant, dessert.
• Friday, January 4 - Swedish meatballs, mashers, veggies, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
• Monday, January 7 - Baked manicotti, veggies, garlic bread, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
• Tuesday, January 8 - Corned beef hash, veggies, dessert, pan at 12:45 p.m.
• Wednesday, January 9 - Beef stew, salad, roll dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
• Thursday, January 10 - BBQ chicken, baked beans, slaw, dessert, Red Hat Ladies
• Friday, January 4 - Swedish meatballs, mashers, veggies, dessert pinochle at 12:45 p.m.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry, Sheridan
Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at 114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.
Meals on Wheels, Sheridan
The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older, Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$3.50, or have their meals delivered for \$4. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

Virginia City Café
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesday & Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.
• Thursday, January 3 - Porkie sandwich, fries or soup, dessert
• Tuesday, January 8 - Beef stew, roll, dessert
• Thursday, January 10 - Chicken pot-pie, dessert.

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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. Activities include bingo each Monday, cards on Wednesday. The Senior Center Group meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

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Take 6, Big Sky
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Wednesday January 9
Brown Bag Lunch, Butte
The Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives continue their Brown Bag Lunch series with a presentation entitled "Lasting Legacy: Public Health, Butte, and the Aftermath of the Influenza Pandemic of 1918," by Janelle M. Olberding. Presentation at noon at the Archives at 17 W. Quartz; guests encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Call 782-3280 for more information.

Saturday January 12
Madison County Democratic Committee Meeting, Virginia City
The Madison County Democratic Central Committee will hold its monthly meeting at the Thompson-Hickman Library at 10 a.m. For more information call Ian Root at 682-3151.

Pavelich Invitational Hockey Game, Big Sky
The 9th annual Pavelich Invitational Hockey game will be played at Town Center Ice Rink, with a kids' game at noon before the main event at 1 p.m.

Monday January 14
American Legion Meeting, Ennis
The Ennis American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at its post at the corner of First and Steffens streets, 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Wednesday January 16
School Board Meeting, Ennis
The regular Ennis school board meeting has been moved for January. The board will meet at 5 p.m. in classroom 3.

Saturday January 19
Eighth Blackbird, Big Sky
Four-time Grammy winning ensemble Eighth Blackbird brings their vibrant, cutting-edge take on classical music to the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

A MONTANA CONVERSATION:

'Fake News, preaching to the choir, and the enemy of the American people'

ENNIS – The Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library will host the Informed Citizen program "Fake News, Preaching to the Choir, and the Enemy of the American People" with David McCumber, editor of the Montana Standard, on January 19, 2019.

The program will be in the community room of the Madison Valley Public Library at 11 a.m.

The program is free and open to the public.

This program is part of the "Democracy and the Informed

Citizen" initiative, administered by the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

The initiative seeks to deepen the public's knowledge and appreciation the vital connections between democracy, the humanities, journalism, and an informed citizenry.

What does the phenomenon of everyone from the President on down calling anything they don't like or agree with in the media "fake news" mean? Why has "preaching to the choir" proven to be not only a profitable approach but also

a huge contributor to the deep partisan divide in the country?

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A look at what these trends mean to the country and to journalism.

For more information call the library at 682 7244 or Lucy Ennis at 692 7923.

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TUESDAYS

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Annex Building.

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis
Meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. ennisartsassociation.org

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

Movie Night, Virginia City
Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every other Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
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Support group, Ennis
Ennis family and friends support group for those struggling with addiction. 5 p.m. 100 Prairie Way, 599-3659.

WEDNESDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 1p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 a.m. Meetings at 9:30 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis
Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

Baby Bistro, Ennis

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

Grief Support Group, Ennis
Everyone welcome. Meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church

Angelwings ministry, Sheridan
Every Wednesday from 2:45-4 p.m. at the Bloomin' Ruby Cafe.

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
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SUP Land/Water Fitness Class, Ennis
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FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 1p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

Story Time, Ennis
Pre-K to Grade 2, 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library. 682-7244.

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Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room, 5:30 p.m.. See the weekly ad on this page for performers.

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