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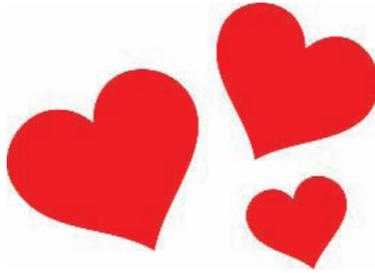
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## Timeless Love...

Readers share their love stories

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MADISON COUNTY — Valentine's Day is upon us already, and nothing suits the day as well as a tried and true love story. We reached out to our readers to find some of the happiest couples around Madison County and they didn't disappoint. From snowed in weddings and high school sweethearts to century-old family homesteads and hubcap brassieres, it's safe to say that Montanans know how to keep the flame alive. Here are a few of our favorites.



Ann and Nick Novich: Sheridan's Home Park Assisted Living provided us with photos of Ann and Nick Novich. "I had the great pleasure of taking Ann and Nick Novich out to lunch and snapped this awesome picture," says Megan Ellis of Home Park. "They were married October 1951, have been married 67 years." (Submitted)



Christina and Bill Koch: "We met in Virginia City nine years ago working at the Opera House. He's the artistic director and I'm the company manager for the Virginia City Players. For our first date, he took me lingerie shopping at the junkyard and made me this stunning gold hubcap bra! We've been in love ever since!"



Cathy and Rick Toot: "We're high school sweethearts: started dating in 1975 and got married in '79. We will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary in April and we still celebrate our first date anniversary each October. We have lived in the Valley for 26 years and raised 2 girls. I guess the thing is, we still really like each other!"

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## New year, new projects

Ranching for Rivers hopes to bring new ideas to the county's river-ranchlands nexus

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MADISON COUNTY — The balancing of ranching with environmental conservation and habitat protection is a perennial subject of thought and debate in southwestern Montana. In 2019, a new program may be making its way to Madison County in an attempt to offer some assistance to solving the problem.

Ranching for Rivers is a cost-share program designed to assist ranchers in instituting riparian pasture projects. Instead of completely excluding livestock from the areas of their ranches abutting streams and creeks, riparian pastures help to allow cattle and other animals access to the water source while still protecting fishery habitat, instream flow and riparian plans like willows and cottonwoods.

What began as a pilot project in 2016 blossomed into four successful embodiments of riparian pastures on the Missouri and Milk rivers in a partnership with the Missouri River Conservation District. Those projects helped transform around 10 miles of river-ranch nexus areas to increase riparian health while maintaining livestock access.

The Montana Association of Conservation Districts' Jessica Makus says there is one key element conservation districts need to have that serves as a limiting factor for where the projects can take place.

"It's through the soil and water conservation districts of Montana.

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## Wolf kills confirmed in Madison County

Predation trends remain unchanged

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MADISON COUNTY — With grizzly bears asleep for the winter, one predator is still out and about in the cold temperatures and has perpetrated livestock kills in the Ruby Valley in recent months.

Madison County nearly always sees elevated numbers of livestock predations due to its proximity to Yellowstone National Park, says Wildlife Services evaluator Chad Hoover. Wildlife Services is the first entity a rancher or property owner calls when they find that an animal has been killed by wildlife. It's Hoover's job to check on kill sites in Madison, Gallatin and Jefferson counties and determine what animal killed the livestock in question.

"You're going to look at quite a few different things," says Hoover regarding how to determine what species was responsible for a kill. "Tracks, sightings in the area and the kill pattern for sure. Wolves tend to attack from the rear."

Hoover says he's only seen one wolf kill since the new year in his tri-county area, but that that's typical for the wintertime, when he usually sees fewer predations. He notes that wolf kills have drastically decreased since the institution of a legal and limited hunt on wolves in Montana. A regulated annual harvest was approved in 2004, included in the state Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

Wildlife Services received a peak number of calls in 2009, when 233 calls were made to report wolf activity. Since 2014, Wildlife Services has received 100 or fewer calls per year. Usually between one third and half of those calls are verified as wolf activity.

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TIMELESS continued from A1: Local couples share their timeless love stories on Valentine's Day



Ron and Darlene Tussing... 50-plus years of marriage and still going strong.

Robin and Opie Reints: "In April we'll have our 35th anniversary. On the day of our wedding in 1984, the Madisonian actually took a photo of us and it was in the newspaper because there was such a blizzard for three days before our wedding. This year also marks the 100th year of the family's homestead that we have lived on for almost 35 years."



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Lynn and Reed Rowberry: "Married 32 years, dated for five. So, together 37 years and spent 25 working together!"

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WOLF continued from A1: Wolf kills confirmed in Madison County

Montana's wolf population, which was largely decimated before the species' reintroduction into Yellowstone National Park in the 1980s, reached around 1,000 individuals in 2011 due to that reintroduction and natural emigration from Canada. Wolves were also reintroduced into some of Idaho's wilderness areas in an attempt to repopulate some of the canine's historic habitat area.

After being delisted from the Endangered Species List in 2011 the wolf population declined slightly but stabilized at between 650 and 850, where it has remained for the last several years.

In the scheme of predators, Hoover says, wolves are not the largest threat to livestock.

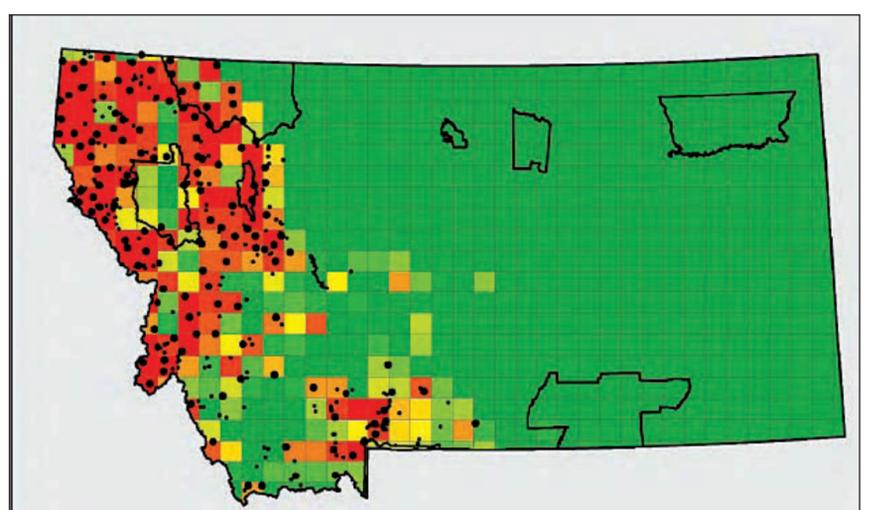
"There's definitely more grizzly bear depredations than historically, but wolves are down," he says. "They aren't in as large of packs as they once were, but they seem to be spread out in more places."

That means that while the number of wolf depredations is largely staying steady, they are spread out over a wider geographic area.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) offers a series of recommendations for reducing depredations and encounters between wolves and livestock that help protect both wild and non-wild animals.

One option is management intensive grazing, or mob grazing, which allows for increased human presence among livestock, prompt doctoring of ill or injured animals and less predictability, all of which discourage predators from targeting a herd.

Guard dogs and even guard donkeys are also becoming more prevalent options for livestock protection. Some experience shows that donkeys work even better than the more com-



This model shows the predicted probabilities of occupancy, ranging from low (green) to high (red) of verified wolf pack centers (large dots) and harvest locations (small dots) in Montana during 2016. (FWP)

Year	Area Occupied <sup>1</sup>	Territory Size <sup>2</sup>	Packs <sup>3</sup>	Pack Size <sup>4</sup>	Wolves <sup>5</sup>
2007	42,098	600	79	7.0	623
2008	51,702	600	93	6.7	694
2009	61,730	600	117	6.4	836
2010	63,283	600	123	6.2	849
2011	70,629	600	149	5.7	955
2012	76,215	600	161	5.0	899
2013	75,219	600	167	5.7	1,065
2014	70,022	600	145	5.4	878
2015	72,508	600	152	5.6	961
2016	69,092	600	152	5.0	851

<sup>1</sup> Area of Montana occupied by wolf packs (km<sup>2</sup>)  
<sup>2</sup> Average Montana wolf territory size (km<sup>2</sup>) from Rich et al. 2012  
<sup>3</sup> 600 km<sup>2</sup> territories with overlap based on  
<sup>4</sup> Average pack size from complete counts  
<sup>5</sup> Estimated number of wolves including lone wolves (95% Confidence Interval)

mon livestock dogs, since they can travel with livestock, don't require any extra feeding and are less prone to wander from the herd. Donkeys are also less likely to be targeted as competition by wolves, whereas dogs can be susceptible to attack.

Range rider programs are also gaining traction, especially with new sources of funding from organizations such as the Livestock Loss Board (LLB), which reimburses ranchers the market value of livestock that is confirmed killed by grizzly bears, wolves, mountain lions or even coyotes. The LLB paid out over \$64,000 to producers in 2017 and continues to explore preventative options in addition to their producer compensation efforts.

One such endeavor, the Tom Miner Basin Association, has used range rider programs, carcass management, wildlife tracking and fencing projects to protect both livestock and wildlife, with great success. None

of the herds actively managed in the associated ranches has experienced depredations since those efforts have been implemented.

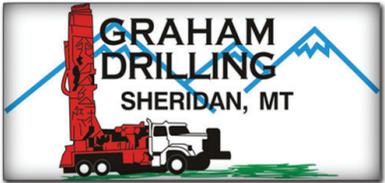
Hoover agrees that there are many options for protecting livestock, but that the most important is to pay attention and remain watchful.

"Being out there and being vigilant is important," he says. "Sometimes getting rid of any dead livestock, things like that. Avoiding something that's go-

ing to draw in predators helps for sure."

As Montana's wolf population expands into its historic territory and adapts to the new landscape it is returning to, there are ways to prevent further predator-livestock interactions. And as more exploration goes into finding new ways to protect livestock, livelihood and wildlife, the hope is that the number of those interactions will continue to fall toward zero.

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They were looking for some pro-management, pro-conservation complementary program ideas," says Makus, who helped spearhead those earlier projects. "But funding is limited in that it has to be used in an area with a DEQ-approved watershed restoration plan."

Not many of the 57 conservation districts in the state have such a plan, but thanks to recent efforts and years of data collection, the Madison Conservation District is on the brink of receiving its Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approval and instituting one. But it could still be months before that happens.

"We're actively looking for other sources of funding that don't come with that limitation, so we can build it more statewide," says Makus. "I'd really like to see some projects happen in the Madison."

Makus says that riparian pasture projects can vary from place to place in what form they take. Relatively small spaces, they allow ranchers to use livestock in managing weeds and overgrown riparian vegetation and provide space for greater wildlife access to streams, as well as lower maintenance costs for things like off-stream water sources and tanks.

Ranching for Rivers provides a 50-percent cost-share for ranchers who want to make a go at trying riparian pastures. That includes everything from labor and fencing materials to water infrastructure to keep livestock in the right areas.

"It can be different ranch to ranch, but really, it's just putting up a fence along a stream and then putting a pasture in that green line right there by the water," says Makus. "Instead of excluding livestock from those areas, you can put them there in a manage way that doesn't completely decimate the vegetation."

Projects can also include creek crossings and water gaps, or anything that helps minimize livestock impact on the sensitive riparian areas while still allowing them the access they need. The program also comes with a customized grazing plan so that each unique riparian area can get the greatest possible benefits. Landowners can work with range specialists to come up with ways to best use their stream areas.

The bottom line, Makus says, is to create a natural environment that best serves two of Montana's most iconic and important industries: ranching and natural beauty.

"The point of the program is to make it okay to see cows in a riparian area," she says. "It's not a bad thing, necessarily, as long as they're being managed correctly."

"This program aims to benefit the ranchers' plans, as well as water quality by limiting where and when cows come into contact with a stream, protecting those riparian plants that hold the banks together. That leads to improved habitat, fisheries, bird habitat and everything else."

FWP closes Valley Garden, Ennis FAS

ENNIS — Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) has closed Valley Garden and Ennis Fishing Access Sites (FAS) due to ice gorging, a common winter event on the Madison River near Ennis.

Ice gorging occurs when the right conditions — extremely cold temperatures over several days — create an ice jam on the river that builds up and forces water into a narrow channel or gorge. This sometimes floods nearby meadows.

FWP closed both FAS due to "flooding and other dangerous conditions" at both sites.

The closure will remain in place until the conditions are deemed to be safe enough to open the sites. The signs signifying the closure will be removed when the sites open again.

For more information contact the Bozeman FWP office at 994-4042.

Gov. Bullock's infrastructure plan vs. GOP's ideas

By Eric Dietrich, Montana Free Press

HELENA — A proposal by Montana Governor Steve Bullock calls for \$440 million in infrastructure projects across the state, including rural water projects, dam upgrades, a state museum, and new university buildings.

As the Legislature meets this winter and spring, one of lawmakers' chief tasks is deciding how much of that request the governor — and Montana communities — will get. The infrastructure package comes in addition to Bullock's proposal for state agency spending, which, including federally funded programs, totals \$6.6 billion in fiscal year 2020.

With the Democratic governor proposing to cover nearly half the infrastructure proposal with bonding, large portions are likely to face a chilly reception from fiscal conservatives who've blocked bonding measures in recent sessions. Some GOP lawmakers, however, say they have a plan in the works to improve the process and fund worthy projects.

The governor's proposal includes rural infrastructure projects across the state. Examples include a \$479,000 grant to help the town of Hot Springs drill new water wells and \$725,000 to help the town of Baker revamp its water mains. When it comes to buildings, though, most of the work is slated for the state capital of Helena and the fast-growing Montana State University campus in Bozeman.

In addition to \$5 million in maintenance for the state Capitol complex and a \$1.9 million renovation of the governor's residence after Bullock leaves office in 2021, the proposal includes \$32.1 million for a long-planned Montana Heritage Center Museum in Helena. That project would give the Montana Historical Society new space to store and showcase its collections.

In Bozeman, Bullock has endorsed Montana State University's \$32 million request for a legislative appropriation to renovate its historic Romney Hall into additional classroom space — a request lawmakers have denied the past four legislative sessions. The university also wants legislators to authorize

\$37.5 million in Bozeman projects it plans to fund with money it has raised from other sources, including upgrades to the campus library and a planned \$12 million American Indian Hall. That spending requires approval from the Legislature even though it doesn't involve a request for state money.

The money

Slightly more than half of Bullock's \$440 million proposal would be funded with cash: \$232 million in banked state money, separately held university funds, or federal funds. The state would issue bonds for the remaining \$208 million.

The sources of infrastructure cash vary, though much of it would come from accounts filled directly or indirectly with revenue from Montana coal tax collections. For example, the state's Long-Range Building Program, used to build and upgrade state buildings, received \$7.2 million in coal tax revenues in 2018, according to the Legislative Fiscal Division.

Another infrastructure program, the Treasure State Endowment Program, is supported by interest earned from coal tax revenues that have been invested in the state's coal trust fund. That interest is used to help towns and counties pay for projects that include water system upgrades and bridge replacements.

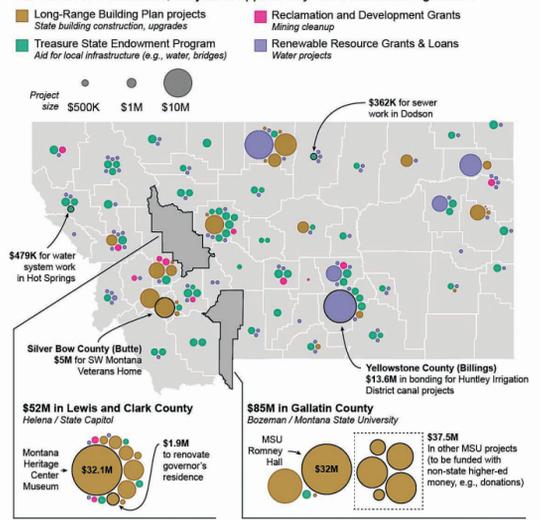
Where the state doesn't have enough available cash to cover the governor's projects, Bullock proposes borrowing, meaning the state would issue bonds to be repaid over time. Big-ticket projects such as Romney Hall and the Montana Heritage Center Museum are proposed as bonded items. Bullock is also proposing to take on debt for a new \$44.2 million Delivering Local Assistance Grant Program, which would make money available to small towns trying to cope with growing or declining natural resource activity.

The bulk of the debt proposed in the governor's infrastructure plan would be structured as general obligation bonds, to be repaid from a variety of sources including the state General Fund.

Bonding, however, has made for tricky politics in recent legislative sessions. Under the Montana

By county: Projects included in governor's infrastructure proposal

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Shown: \$254 million in proposed projects. Not shown: \$186 million in proposed statewide or regional projects and yet-to-be-awarded grants. Source: Montana Free Press compilation of gov. budget, Legislative Fiscal Division analysis, and bill texts

Constitution, lawmakers must pass debt bills by two-thirds majorities in both the House and Senate, and three-quarters majorities are required for bills that borrow against the coal trust fund.

Bonding bills have been voted down in each of the three prior sessions, in 2013, 2015 and 2017, as the Democratic governor and Republican legislative majorities clashed over which projects to prioritize and how much debt the state should take on.

This year, Republicans and Democrats working on infrastructure policy say they're optimistic about the chances that cash-based infrastructure measures — House Bills 5, 6, 7, 10, and 11 — will pass through the process largely intact. Again, though, the bonding bills — House Bills 8 and 14 — will likely face a more difficult journey.

GOP plans

GOP lawmakers in the legislative majority say they're preparing their own infrastructure proposal that combines their own pared-back version of HB 14 with a policy framework designed to make it easier for the state to successfully pass infrastructure legislation in future sessions.

"Hopefully this is the last year

we'll need a traditional infrastructure bill like the ones we saw in 2013, 2015, and 2017," said Rep. Eric Moore, R-Miles City, in an interview for the Montana Free Press's Lowdown podcast.

The idea, GOP lawmakers say, is to agree on a target for what level of infrastructure debt is reasonable and then have a consistent policy for deciding what new projects should be on the list.

Rep. Ryan Lynch, D-Butte, said legislative Democrats are "committed to the conversation," but also pointed to what he called the immediate need for infrastructure project funding.

"There are projects in front of the Legislature that they need to act on," Lynch said. "There are demands in the communities, both urban and rural, and I think the package of bills Gov. Bullock has put forward presents a solution."

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Tanya Engle

Tanya Engle has coached young 4H participants around Madison County for 17 years. From writing grants for equipment and teaching archery and shooting to children of all ages, she's become an integral part of the area's 4H community. And after nearly two decades, Engle is retiring from her post.

"She puts a lot of work into it, and this is her last year here with us," says Tiffany Myers, who nominated Engle as our volunteer spotlight. "It's a big thing in our community for sure."

Even though 4H participants can't shoot until they reach nine years old, Engle teaches safety instruction to children beginning at age six and has worked with many from that age until their high school graduations. Working with as many as

a hundred young shooters each year, it wouldn't be a stretch to say she's taught and mentored over a thousand young people.

Engle has coached shooters to the national championship multiple times over her tenure, including covering travel costs out of her own pocket to get them to competitions as far away as Tennessee. The range master for a newly-expanded shooting space, she's helped put on an annual shoot in Ennis for over a decade, and often coaches four nights a week.

"She reaches out to get donations for the awards for these kids too. She takes it upon herself, really kind of goes that extra step," says Myers.

"We would all really like her to know that, with this being her last year, that her hard work and commitment has been appreciated by both the parents and the children that she has had an impact on over the years."

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# OPINION

Editor:

I'd like to take a moment on behalf of the employees of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest to express appreciation to our local communities in southwest Montana. I would like to acknowledge the show of support from partners, citizens and businesses during the recent federal government shut down.

Our federal employees experienced an overwhelming show of support including hosted dinners by local businesses to show how much they appreciated the federal employees in our communities. Your support to employees and their families demonstrated that they are truly part of your community family.

While it is not a surprise that rural Montanans would take care of each other, we recognize and thank each of you for your support and patience while we were furloughed. With funding temporarily restored, we are now assessing priorities for the remainder of the year and returning to the work of "caring for the land and serving people."

Thank you so much for caring for our employees.

Cheri Ford, Forest Supervisor  
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Editor:

If you value your community hospital, your fellow citizens' well being and your own economy, now is the time to contact your legislators and let them know you support Medicaid expansion.

Here's why:

1. It has literally kept rural hospitals open and viable.
2. It works for Republicans, Democrats and Independents.
3. It has brought \$600 million to our State.
4. Eliminating this program would damage our economy and leave those who cannot afford health care in dire need.
5. It works for our businesses who need healthy workers.
6. And despite what the Republicans claim, the problem of "non-working Medicaid recipients" is a non-problem. Several GOP lawmakers claim that the Hutterite colonies are among these recipients.

The Democrats and Governor Bullock are asking that we keep Medicaid expansion as it is. As has been stated, if GOP lawmakers are concerned about "non-workers," they should join the effort to do everything they can to keep expansion which keeps the workforce intact.

Contact Ray Shaw and Jeff Welborn and urge their support for expansion as it is.

In other news, GOP-sponsored bills include:

- The "no-tax-party wants a sales tax HB300 (426 pages).
- SB24 would raise fees for our parks, trails.
- A bill to overturn conservation easement court rulings.
- They have rejected two bills asking for workmens' compensation for volunteer firemen.
- They are asking that a family doctor would become a felon for giving aid-in-dying care.
- HR303 would eliminate compulsory education for Montana children. HB161 would eliminate any public participation

in FWP issues.

Three of the more egregious GOP bills are:

- HB148 requiring a supermajority two-thirds vote to raise ANY fees for taxes virtually guaranteeing inequities in perpetuity and possible boundless property tax increases – Shaw voted aye.

- On a GOP party line vote, the Senate voted to bar posting legal review notes that could potentially have legal or constitutional problems, again precluding transparency – Welborn voted aye.

- SB23, an anti-vaccination bill passed the Senate on a party line vote, while another, SB99, is still on the floor.

The Republicans have sponsored many social issues proposals that interfere with your rights as a citizen.

Be informed and contact your representatives.

Pat Bradley, Twin Bridges

Editor:

By now, almost everyone agrees that Medicaid expansion passed in 2015 was a greater-than anticipated success. By any measure, it benefitted our state. The number of enrollees was nearly twice the number expected, also reducing the number of uninsured Montanans by nearly half, and it added 6,000 new jobs and about \$600 billion dollars to our economy. Maybe best of all it increased the labor force of the low income category by 60 percent – a direct result of that group having better access to good health care.

The 2015 measure included a sunset provision that will expire in a few months, kicking about 96,000 people off their health care. Even though there is wide agreement in Helena that it should be continued, the same legislators who originally opposed it are now trying to put up roadblocks in the form of more cumbersome eligibility requirements in the form of means testing, reporting requirements, and mandatory drug testing.

There is, first of all, no evidence that any of these objections has ever been a problem; but more importantly, what they're requesting would be cost prohibitive and futile.

We know that more than two-thirds of Medicaid recipients work, and about eight in 10 live in a home where someone works. We also know that drug testing applicants is costly (about \$50 per test) and states who have tried it found that only a meager number of applicants show positive. If we do something like this, we will face a moral dilemma of denying someone health care who probably needs that health care to get clean. As for means testing, they are suggesting an administrative nightmare that could harm many Montana families who own farm and ranch land that might appear as assets enough to deny them coverage.

At least until we agree on some form of universal health care that will provide coverage for every American from cradle to grave, Medicare and Medicaid are vital programs to allow our fellow citizens the ability to visit a doctor when they or someone in their family is injured or falls ill. The alternative is the emergency room with inflated costs and increased pressure on local first responders, inability to pay, and possible bankruptcy.

Walt Long, Virginia City

# OBITUARIES

**Sharon "Sherie" Parker**

February 3, 2019

Sharon "Sherie" Parker, age 75, of Twin Bridges passed away February 3, 2019 at Sheridan.

She was born January 5, 1944 in Kanab, Utah.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

K&L Mortuaries & Crematory of Twin Bridges is assisting with arrangements.

**Byrl Wesley Quilici**

February 7, 2019

Byrl Wesley Quilici, 84, passed away on February 7, 2019. Byrl was born November 22, 1934 in Twin Bridges, to Gilbert and Veatrice (Maude) Quilici. He is preceded in death by his parents and both his brothers, Ray and Tony, and sisters, Cedella Richards, Grace Balcorn and Nadean Jensen. Byrl is survived by his daughters Tina Quilici of Bullhead City, Arizona; and Tammy Briggs (Mark), of Whitehall Montana. Byrl has two grandchildren: Bryce Briggs (Briana) in Fort Mohave Arizona, and Spencer Briggs of Whitehall Montana. Byrl also has two great grandchildren, Benjamin and Becca Briggs of Fort Mohave, Arizona.

Byrl married Grace (Beach) Quilici on January 15, 1966 in Twin Bridges, and had two beautiful daughters. They raised their daughters in Twin Bridges and Sheridan. Life as it is brings changes, their marriage ended years later. They managed to be great friends through the years and still shared in family events and holidays.

He enjoyed a good joke and playing a few of his own on the unsuspected person. He was also a quiet man, a gentleman, honest and a friend to a fault.

He was a hard worker and was well liked and respected at every job that he ever had. He retired at the age of 62 after working many years for the Madison County Road Crew.

Byrl loved his grandchildren, Bryce and Spencer, and they were the highlights of his life. There were many fishing trips



and hunting excursions to be had with his grandson and best friend Bryce. Lunches out, singing and teasing back and forth with his grandson Spencer. He even was lucky enough to live close to his great grandchildren in Arizona and enjoy them from 2014 to 2017.

He moved back to Montana in July 2017 to Whitehall to live with his daughter, Tammy and her family. He was living in memory care in Butte at Bee Hive Homes when he passed from dementia. He will be dearly missed by family, friends and all that took care of him. He is now at peace once again!

Byrl's request was to be cremated and a memorial service to honor and celebrate his life will be held the first part of July when family and friends are able to travel to Montana.

No flowers are necessary and in lieu of donations his request for everyone was to spend that on some special time with your family.

*A card of Thanks*

Due to an unexpected encounter between myself and a patch of black ice that left me with a broken hip, I am very grateful to be around to tell the tale. I don't think I would've made it, if my guardian angels Tom and Casey from Public Works wouldn't have found me when they did.

Thanks for staying with me till the end and putting up with my very scared little dog Frankie.

Thanks to John Moore and Ashlin O'Connell for being there so quick, Linda Dombrowsky for taking Frankie, Marty Hensel and staff for thawing me out and Arthur Behar and Richard from Ennis Ambulance Service for a smooth ride including a free lecture from Arthur about always taking my phone with me.

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We would like to thank everyone for their condolences, flowers, phone calls and cards regarding the death of Dean Nordberg. They were greatly appreciated.

The family of Dean Nordberg

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# Sheridan shines to end regular season play

Districts begin Feb. 14

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MADISON COUNTY—Regular season high school basketball is over for another year in the Madison and Ruby valleys. Seven matchups took place around the county last weekend, including a banner senior night for the Sheridan Panthers on Friday, February 8.

Sheridan hosted the Lima Bears for the penultimate game of the season, and the boys earned their first win of the season in a well-deserved overtime victory of 63-56. It's been a long season for the Panthers, but after months of hard work and dedication, they notched a win against the Bears.

The lady Panthers kept the momentum going with a more comfortable victory, 43-27.

But action had begun on Thursday when Harrison and Ennis faced off for the last time this year. The Mustangs would come out on top in both games, by a 41-point margin on the girls' side, 62-21 and a mere six points on the boys' side, 52-46. It was a similar game to the last time the Mustangs and Wildcats played back in January, when the Mustangs eked out a victory by only three points.

Both teams would be back in action on Friday: Harrison hosting Twin Bridges and Ennis traveling to Drummond.

The Twin Bridges boys successfully fulfilled their quest for an undefeated regular season and will attempt to carry that into this weekend's district tournament. The Falcons topped Harrison decisively in a 70-32 win, with Daniel Krueer responsible for 18 of those 70 and Jake Hughes and Ethan Kneeland adding 15 more each. The lady Falcons kept things a little closer in a 19-point victory, 44-25, with Clancy Phillip leading Twin Bridges with 10 points.

The lady Mustangs have found their groove again after an 11-game winning streak was snapped a couple weeks ago, but they too will take strong momentum into the post season. Ennis defeated Drummond 48-33 on Friday, while the boys fell in a close game by just three, 66-63.

The season's last three games came on Saturday, February 9. Sheridan hosted Lone Peak and would end their season with a pair of losses: a close 46-43 for the boys and a 13-point loss for the girls, 32-19.

Whitehall and Manhattan Christian faced off and each took a win, with Manhattan on top for the boys 50-37 and the lady Trojans continuing their strong season with a 68-55 win.

And for Twin Bridges, the victory was easy and sweet on Saturday. The Falcons hosted Philipsburg and led from the word go: by half-time they had a 29-12 lead and by the final buzzer they'd nearly doubled the Prospectors points, winning 65-33. Jake Hughes added 18 to his point total for the season, Charlie Krueer added 13 and Nate Konen added 10 more.

Scores for the Twin Bridges vs. Philipsburg girls' game were not available before press time. As of February 11, the Twin Bridges boys were ranked 8th and the Ennis girls ranked 10th among all Class C schools in the state, but it's likely that those rankings will change by the end of the week, with the Falcons edging ever closer to the top of the list.

District play begins at Dillon's Beaverhead High School on Thursday, February 14. Brackets for that tournament should be set by Wednesday and at least a couple local teams will certainly be representing Madison County, and doing it well.

## DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court scheduled proceedings for five criminal cases for the week of February 11.

- Steven Michael Jones is charged with a fourth or subsequent DUI, a felony, as well as three misdemeanors: driving with a suspended or revoked license, failure to carry or exhibit proof of liability insurance and leaving the scene of an accident without law enforcement permission. Jones was stopped in December after he allegedly hit another vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

- Sandra Joann Berthelson pleaded guilty in July to felony exploitation of an older person after allegedly using or obtaining funds or assets belonging to her elderly stepfather. Berthelson awaits sentencing.

- Heidi Laura Berg is charged with felony possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. She pleaded not guilty to both counts in August.

- Josiah Michael Parton is charged with three drug related crimes: felony solicitation of distribution of dangerous drugs, misdemeanor possession of marijuana and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Parton allegedly tried to purchase marijuana last year and pleaded not guilty to the charges in July.

- Carol Ann Feist awaits adjudication of a third petition to revoke a suspended sentence after allegedly committing several probation violations. Feist pleaded guilty to two counts of felony deceptive practices in 2015 after allegedly stealing or using stolen credit cards to make fraudulent purchases. She was later found guilty of two counts of issuing a bad check, and in 2015 was found guilty of tampering with or fabricating evidence, a felony, after allegedly giving a false letter of recommendation from a former employer in court proceedings. Feist has been arrested multiple times for probation violations since first receiving a suspended 10-year sentence in 2016.



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# Too Little, Too Late?

Late January snows not enough in some Montana river basins

BOZEMAN – As of February 6, periods of high-pressure during January resulted in sunny skies and above average temperatures in Montana, causing snowpack percentages to decline in many river basins, according to snow survey data collected by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This pattern broke down late in the month, and significant snowfall occurred across most of the state of Montana.

This much needed system of storms added 1.5 to 3.5 inches of Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) to the snowpack, helping some basins in central, south-central and southwest Montana to remain or improve to near to above normal for Feb. 1. Although the basin-wide snowpack percentages in Gallatin and Upper Yellowstone indicate near to above normal snowpack conditions, there are some areas in southern Montana that have been largely missed by this winter's storms.

"The late month storms really helped some of the towns in southern Montana where tourism from snowmobiling is critical to the local economies," said Lucas Zukiewicz, NRCS hydrologist for Montana. "The snowpack in both Cooke City and West Yellowstone was the lowest it's been in quite a few years in mid-January, and news gets out." Fortunately, he said, the storms helped these areas to recover some by February 1, although snowpack remains below normal. Almost all basins east of the Divide have improved snowpack percentages from January 1, but some regions remain below normal for snowpack on February 1.

The western half of the state also benefited from the late January storms, but the river basins experienced decreases in snowpack percentages since January 1 and remain below normal for this date. "The storms just weren't enough in the western half of the state to make up for the

deficits we'd experienced early in the winter," Zukiewicz said. "Even with the impressive totals from the late month storms, snowfall ended up being below normal for the month of January."

River basins in the northwest region of the state typically experience their "wettest" months of the year from early November through the end of January. Below normal snow totals in these areas for this date make recovery to "normal" snowpack conditions before runoff begins less likely. "For example, the Flathead River basin would need to receive around 135% of normal snowfall between now and when the snowpack reaches peak accumulation, which typically occurs sometime in April," Zukiewicz said. "While that's not impossible, it would certainly take a major pattern shift from what we've seen so far this winter."

Similar to last month, mountain temperatures were above average in January, and could be one of the impacts the region is experiencing from the weak El Nino that is occurring this year. Whether it strengthens or weakens into the summer of 2019 is still to be determined, but long-range forecasts issued by NOAA continue to indicate above average temperatures for the February – April time-period.

"That's something we'll be keeping an eye on," Zukiewicz said. "Early runoff doesn't benefit anyone, so hopefully spring is cooler than anticipated."

Official NRCS streamflow forecasts for April 1 – July 31 will begin on March 1 and will offer a glimpse into what we could expect this spring and summer.

Monthly Water Supply Outlook Reports can be found at the website below after the 5th business day of the month:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/mt/snow/waterproducts/basin/>



Thanks to January snowfall, the Madison River basin is at 85 percent of normal, according other NRCS. Last year, the Madison River basin was 75 percent of normal at the same time. (NRCS PHOTO)

**Snow Water Equivalent**

2/1/2019	% Normal	% Last Year
<b>Columbia River Basin</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>72</b>
Kootenai in Montana	81	72
Flathead in Montana	83	72
Upper Clark Fork	100	71
Bitterroot	87	76
Lower Clark Fork	84	74
<b>Missouri River Basin</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>77</b>
Jefferson	91	72
Madison	85	75
Gallatin	106	80
Headwaters Mainstem	111	75
Smith-Judith-Musselshell	101	82
Sun-Teton-Marias	82	71
St. Mary-Milk	86	85
<b>Yellowstone River Basin</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>73</b>
Upper Yellowstone	98	66
Lower Yellowstone	93	82
<b>West of Divide</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>East of Divide</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Montana State-Wide</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>73</b>

**Precipitation**

2/1/2019	Monthly % Avg	Water Year % Avg	WY % Last Year
<b>Columbia River Basin</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>76</b>
Kootenai in Montana	65	77	69
Flathead in Montana	72	88	72
Upper Clark Fork	85	95	80
Bitterroot	65	95	89
Lower Clark Fork	66	89	79
<b>Missouri River Basin</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>88</b>
Jefferson	92	91	92
Madison	91	86	83
Gallatin	105	114	95
Headwaters Mainstem	132	103	82
Smith-Judith-Musselshell	115	100	92
Sun-Teton-Marias	92	90	73
St. Mary-Milk	70	87	73
<b>Yellowstone River Basin</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>83</b>
Upper Yellowstone	92	100	75
Lower Yellowstone	89	93	94
<b>West of Divide</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>East of Divide</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Montana State-Wide</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>79</b>

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## Sheridan FCCLA takes action to support breast cancer survivors

By Tia Hill, Sheridan FCCLA member

SHERIDAN – The Sheridan FCCLA Chapter held a pink night for a home basketball game and did a pass-the-bucket fundraiser on February 2.

This event was to show support for our local breast cancer survivors and to raise funds for our local relay-for-life team.

The chapter is also holding a Breast Cancer 5k run/walk.

The race will be held on February 23, with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. at the high school and the run starting at 10 a.m., from the football field.

The 5k will cost \$25 per person with a free brunch following at 11 am. Each runner will receive a free t-shirt for helping support the cause. All proceeds will be donated to the relay for life team. Please come and support the Sheridan FCCLA chapter and the local survivors.

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# Public opinion survey shows high marks for states Highway Patrol

Montana troopers earn praise from survey responders

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MADISON COUNTY—Montana Highway Patrol conducted the first public opinion survey of its history in 2018, and the results show admirable marks for the troopers, who drive more than 5 million miles statewide each year.

MHP partnered with data analytics company OrgVitality, Inc. after Captain Jim Hunter and Colonel Tom Butler attended a meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), of which all of MHP's command staff are members. They learned of a similar survey that had been conducted in Colorado and decided to implement a similar measure to gauge the feelings of their citizens.

"This survey is the first of its kind that we've done," says Hunter. "It took us a while to get to the point of when we wanted to do it, because we wanted to capture the peak of summertime traffic. So, we started in June and ran through Labor Day."

Over that three-month period, state troopers handed out business cards with information about the survey, which they handed out to each person they interacted with when they were out patrolling. The survey was also posted online and advertised via MHP's various social media pages.

But there was one specific rule, says Hunter.

"The big thing was that the troopers give everyone a card. Whether it was a positive experience, or someone was yelling at you while you were arresting them, everyone gets a card," he says. "Cherry picking who gave us input wasn't going to do us any good. That was our biggest focus."

That provides a wide range of interactions to be graded on. Montana has nearly 250 troopers, who respond to over 160,000 calls for service each year and issue nearly 90,000 arrests. Around 850 people responded to the survey, and the results were

**SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS**

The survey findings reflect the diverse mix of respondents.

- 78% Rate Montana's highways and interstates as safe or very safe
- 87% Are satisfied with Montana Highway Patrol acting in a professional and honorable manner
- 84% Believe Montana Highway Patrol has an effective impact on the community
- 82% Trust the Montana Highway Patrol

The Montana Highway Patrol conducted a public opinion survey during the summer of 2018. The survey was the first of its kind in the state and revealed positive feedback from community members who interacted with state troopers. (MHP)

overwhelmingly positive.

Of those respondents, 78 percent rated Montana's highways and interstates as safe or very safe. Eighty-four percent believed that troopers have an effective impact on their communities, and 82 percent reported that they trust MHP officers. Eighty-six percent believed that troopers treat everyone fairly under the law, and 92 percent said troopers treat them with respect.

Those numbers are impressive on their own, but became even more so in the context of OrgVitality's benchmarks for success. They reported that any positive feedback that reached the mid-70th percentile was considered a good place to land.

"We were pleasantly surprised when looking at these categories and hearing our statistical experts say that anything above a certain point is highly favorable," says Hunter. "All our categories were above that threshold, so that was really good to see."

Of those who responded to the survey, 37 percent had learned about the survey directly from a trooper they interacted with, while another 14 percent heard about it through a community engagement event. Thirteen percent were involved in or witnessed a traffic incident, 12 percent had called for roadside assistance and 45 percent found out about the survey elsewhere.

And while the results show that most Montanans think very

positively about their troopers, Hunter says there is still room to improve. The spaces in the survey for additional comments can offer specific areas where MHP can do better work while on duty and interacting with the public. Because MHP serves so many purposes, each unique interaction offers a point of reference for moving forward.

"They basically said that everything looks great," he says. "But by the same token, we can go through individual comments and always find things to help us fine tune what we're doing."

Hunter says this won't be the last public opinion survey MHP does, either. Now that they have a working relationship with OrgVitality, creating another iteration of the survey will only take a couple minor tweaks. Now that the first survey is done and more people are aware of it, hopefully there will be more respondents offering more feedback in the future, so Montana's troopers can continue to keep their finger on the pulse of those they serve.

"There were so many different facets that it's difficult to say what we're going to change," says Hunter. "But it's a really valuable tool for us to get back. We're always looking toward the future to see how we can do better."

The full report from the 2018 MHP public opinion survey can be found online at [www.dojmt.gov/highwaypatrol](http://www.dojmt.gov/highwaypatrol).

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## Gas leak at Town Pump

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The Madison Valley Rural Volunteer Fire Department responded along with the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the Madison County

Department of Emergency Management. An Environmental Emergency Response Team also responded to the scene from Town Pump's Corporate Office located in Butte, MT.

The first responders took control of the emergency shortly after their arrival to the scene.

The business was closed for approximately six hours and reopened with limited services, there were no injuries.

# Madison County DISPATCH

## February 3 - 9, 2019

- February 3 – Alarm Call in 1200 Blk Jack Creek Rd., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 84, MM 13, Norris; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Accident in 500 Blk Ennis Lake Rd., McAllister; Suspicious Circumstances in 1200 Blk Jack Creek Rd., Ennis.
- February 4 – Accident in 200 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 1, Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk Brook Trout Ln., McAllister; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 29, Cameron.
- February 5 – Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 29, Cameron; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 58, McAllister; Accident on MT Hwy 87, MM 1, Cameron; Fire Call on US Hwy 287 & Sterling Rd., Norris; Medical Aid in 300 Blk E. Madison St., Sheridan; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 58, McAllister.
- February 6 – Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 58, Silver Star; Abandoned Vehicle on MT Hwy 287 & Airport Rd., Twin Bridges; Welfare Check on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Welfare Check in 200 Blk Idaho St., Virginia City; Suspicious Circumstances on Judy Ln., Alder; Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 100 Blk Antelope Meadows Rd., Ennis; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 61, Norris.
- February 7 – Medical Aid on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 19, Nevada City; Fire Call in 400 Blk S. Main St., Sheridan; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 4, Ennis; Fire Call on Teal Creek Rd., Ennis; Theft Complaint on Jordan Ln., McAllister; Medical Aid in 100 Blk N. Main St., Twin Bridges; Accident on Wisconsin Creek Rd., MM 3, Sheridan.
- February 8 – Accident on Moores Creek Rd., MM 4, Ennis; Accident on US Hwy 87, MM 5, Cameron; Disturbance in 200 Blk Charles Ave., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 55, McAllister; Fire Call in 600 Blk Norwegian Creek Rd., Harrison; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 45, Twin Bridges.
- February 9 – Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 36, Sheridan; Accident on Melrose Bench Rd., Twin Bridges; Citizen Assist in 200 Blk Madison St., Sheridan; Medical Aid in 200 Blk N. Main St., Ennis; Fire Call in 100 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Medical Aid on S. Boulder Rd., Cardwell; Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 5, Ennis; Fire Call in 200 Blk E. 9th St., Twin Bridges.

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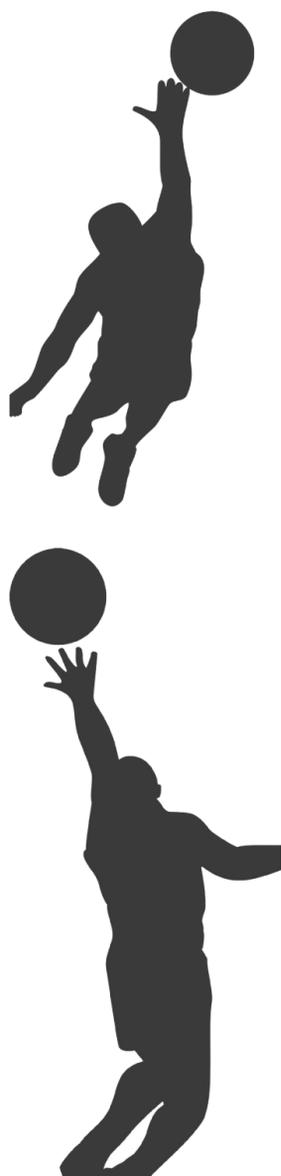
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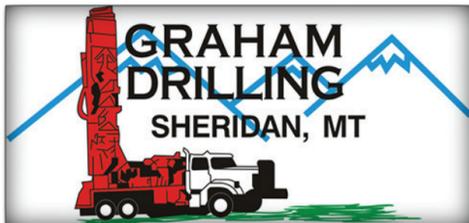
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## Potential for ice jams, flooding greatest in February and March

HELENA – Damaging floods caused by ice jams are a fact of life along many Montana rivers and streams. And while the winter of 2019 has been unusually mild so far, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) would like to remind residents that February and March have the greatest potential for ice jams, and conditions can change rapidly.

“Montana experiences the highest number of reported ice jams in the continental US, with most occurring in February and March,” said DNRC Director John Tubbs. “Flooding can happen in any community and it can happen quick-

ly. Residents in flood-prone areas should take steps to safeguard their families and property.”

Arin Peters, Senior Service Hydrologist with the National Weather Service Great Falls, has advised that the thick ice associated with ice jams forms when temperatures are consistently low for extended periods of time.

Worby McNamee, a DNRC floodplain specialist, said it’s important that residents living near a river or stream develop a flood evacuation plan and consider the following steps:

- Purchase flood insurance. In most cases flood insurance must be



purchased 30 days before a flooding event.

- Keep extra drinking water on hand. Flooding can compromise local water systems.
- Shovel or plow snow away from homes and structures.

• Be ready to transport valuables or, where practical, elevate them.

The Montana All-Hazards Weather Monitor web site offers up-to-date information on stream flows and potential flood conditions: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/byz/state/current.php?wfo=txf>

To learn more about the National Flood Insurance Program, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

More than 80 percent of ice jams and associated flooding in Montana take place between January and March, with the highest number occurring in March. The greatest number of ice jams ever recorded in a single season was 75 in 1996.

## AccuWeather: a warm, dry spring is on the way

STATE COLLEGE, PA – According to the AccuWeather Global Weather Center, while Punxsutawney Phil may have proclaimed the end of winter on February 2, Groundhog Day, AccuWeather fore-

casters say it’s a bit premature for much of the country.

Spring weather will take its time to arrive in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes with the chance for snow as late as mid-

March.

In the Midwest and much of the Plains, prolonged warmth will arrive in mid-April, save for the earlier odd spell of springlike air.

Meanwhile, the Southeast and Gulf Coast will buck the trend, with Arctic air retreating quickly and the threat for severe weather not far off.

Accuweather says spring won’t be quick to dive into the central and

northern Rockies, as some late-season snow is possible for cities like Denver, Colorado, and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

These areas missed out on frequent stormy weather over the winter, so drought issues could intensify into spring.

“There may be some concerns with water restrictions,” Vido said.



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**Friday**

Snow showers. High 33, low 10. Winds SSW 11 mph, 60 percent chance of precipitation.

**Saturday**

Cloudy. High 27, low 7. Winds WSW 6 mph, 20 percent chance of precipitation.

**Sunday**

Cloudy. High 20, low 4. Winds NW 5 mph, 20 percent chance of precipitation.

**Monday**

Partly cloudy. High 20, low 3. Winds SW 5 mph, 10 percent chance of precipitation.

**Quote of the Week:**

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## Not a walk in the park...

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YELLOWSTONE—There are only two types of motorized transport allowed into Yellowstone National Park in the winter: guided snowmobile trips and snowcoaches. From the time the park closes in October to its spring reopening in April, the majority of those who venture into the park will do so with guides.

Guided trips generally follow one of two routes out of West Yellowstone. Visitors head straight into the park to Madison junction, and from there turn either north and east to Canyon Village and the legendary Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone that gave the park its name, or south toward Old Faithful to take in an eruption and the Upper Geyser Basin before returning to West.

But, on Friday, February 8, I had the good fortune to join a small group in a 1952 Bombardier named “Kitty” for a trip that only about 5 percent of winter park visitors ever experience: a 122-mile circumnavigation of Yellowstone’s southern loop.

We loaded into Kitty with guide Ty Wheeler, a new winter park guide taking over for Kitty’s usual driver for the day, who has been driving her for over three decades. Kitty came originally from Medicine Hat, Alberta and is one of eight vehicles maintained by Yellowstone Alpen Guides.

Outfitted with tractor-like treads in the back and a pair of wide skis in the front, snowcoaches offer the smoothest and warmest rides into Yellowstone atop several feet of groomed snow. With two roof hatches for photo ops and 270-degree windows, they make for easy wildlife spotting and scenery viewing.

After entering the park through its west entrance—now finally staffed by rangers after nearly a month of vacancy—we followed the Madison River east to Norris Geyser Basin, encountering our first non-human company in the form of a mating pair of trumpeter swans and several bufflehead ducks.

Unlike further upstream in the Madison, where frigid temperatures have caused gorging and icebergs along the river’s surface, here the Madison flows freely thanks to warm runoff from Yellowstone’s iconic thermal features. As we follow a clockwise path around the park, we merge with the Gibbon River and later the Yellowstone, the longest un-

inhibited river in the world at 621 dam-free miles.

Our first foray out of the snowcoach came at Norris Geyser Basin, where Steamboat Geyser came tantalizingly close to a massive eruption. We wouldn’t be fortunate enough to catch one, but with a 24-hour steam phase and an hourlong, 300-foot tall eruption, Wheeler could tell we hadn’t missed it by much.

Steamboat, the world’s tallest geyser, dwarfs its much more famous neighbor Old Faithful. Its eruption can be nearly 30 times longer and three times as high—enough to drain Cistern Spring just downhill each time it erupts.

Dormant for fifty years between 1911 and 1961, Steamboat became active once again in 2000 and erupted six times before quieting again in 2005 until 2013. But since March of 2018, Steamboat has erupted 37 times with relative regularity, eruptions spaced between 4 and 21 days apart. She would erupt later that day, hours after our group had moved on.

After a stop at the Grand Canyon to take in the iron-deposited ochre walls of the glacier-carved gorge, we moved on through the park’s Hayden Valley, renowned for its excellent wildlife spotting. Naturally, Yellowstone’s bears are hibernating at the moment, and its larger ungulates such as moose and elk have migrated south for better forage, many toward Jackson, Wyoming. But bison remained a common sight, causing traffic jams and playfully sparring on the sides of the road.

Canines also made an appearance. While most of the park’s wolves often hang around the northern Lamar Valley, our group counted a total of nine coyotes for the day, an all-time high for Wheeler’s guiding career. We were also graced by two red foxes, who largely ignored us in favor of the voles they could hear underneath a quiet blanket of snow, but who offered a majestic photography opportunity nonetheless.

Our last stop of the day included a short fuel-up at Old Faithful, perfectly timed for a winter eruption. Not many people can say they’ve watched Old Faithful go off with only a dozen or so other people: in the summertime, a dozen is about the depth of the crowd surrounding the geyser, smartphones raised for photos.

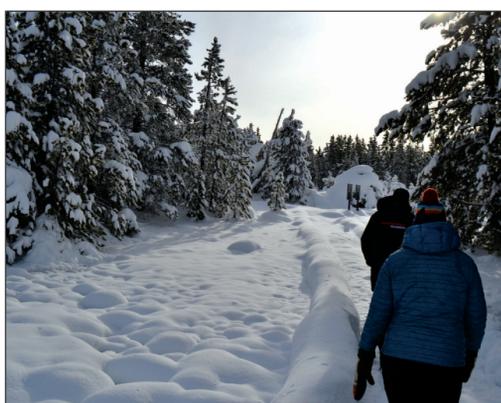
A trip all the way around the park’s southern loop takes the better part of an entire day. We departed West Yellowstone around 8 a.m. and didn’t return until after 5, but such a long trip meant we caught all the most optimal times for wildlife viewing—morning and evening, when critters are out looking for meals at the start and end of the day.

Everyone in the group went home happy, laden with spectacular photos and memories of a place unlike anything a summer visitor to Yellowstone could ever see. And unlike those who had been on snowmobiles for their trips into the park, we went home considerably warmer.



ABOVE – Kitty, our snowcoach for the day, was built in 1952, one of a fleet of eight operated by Yellowstone Alpen Guides. The coaches are specially outfitted with skis and wide treads to glide over Yellowstone’s several feet of snow. Old-fashioned bombardiers can comfortably seat up to eight people, with windows offering 270-degree views. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)

LEFT – Steamboat Geyser is the tallest in the world, and while we missed its eruption by a matter of hours, we still viewed its steam plume and a series of frequent eruptions ranging from 20-60 feet.



ABOVE – Wildlife, like the bison (right) and red fox (above) are plentiful in Yellowstone even during the winter, and fortunate to be outfitted in such sturdy and warm coats. The lack of visitors during the winter offers the animals more freedom to utilize roads without fear of disturbance.

BELOW LEFT – Narrow paths are dug into the snow at many of Yellowstone’s basins, such as Norris, home to Steamboat Geyser. Maintenance was sparse during the recent government shutdown, but park staff was quickly back to work once the federal government got moving again.

### Pianist Frederic Chiu comes to Dillon

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Frederic Chiu

DILLON – The well-known American pianist, Frederic Chiu, will appear in Dillon on Friday, February 15, 2019, in UM-Western Beier Auditorium at 7:30 pm. His appearance is part of the Dillon Concert Association’s performance series and is supported by season sponsors John and Elizabeth Garry and Dr. Ken Hunt and Dr. Judy Wilson. Performance co-sponsors are Stephen Armiger and Gary and Kerstin Lorenzen.

At the time of Frederic Chiu’s first Dillon performance, March 2008, he shared concerns for the condition of the 1952 grand piano. Due to DCA member Frank Fowler’s research and funding from UM-Western Foundation and Dillon Concert Association, the piano was professionally renovated and restored. October 2009, Frederic Chiu was the first musician to play the newly refurbished piano in the Beier Auditorium.

rium. Come and enjoy his third performance February 15, 2019.

Dillon Concert Association membership grants admission into all 2018-2019 performances. Single event tickets will be sold at the door: adults \$15; college \$10; student/youth \$6. For further information contact Laurie Hagenbarth at 683-5050.

### American Legion oratory winners

TWIN BRIDGES – On February 6, The American Legion Post 31 hosted the Post level American Legion High School Scholarship Program Constitutional Oratory contest, held at the Twin Bridges High School.

Two competitors presented two speeches each: First the competitors gave an original oratory that was to be eight to ten minutes in length. The first entitled, ‘The Sixth Article – Why is it Not Being Used?’ and the second entitled, ‘This Generation and the First Amendment’.

The second speech was an extemporaneous speech on the 21st Amendment, each competitor only received five minutes to prepare a three to five-minute speech.

First place went to Trista Redfield, who received a \$100 scholarship and will advance to The American Legion District 6 competition on March 2., in Townsend.



Second place went to Nora Humbert who received a \$50 scholarship.

The American Legion is and the community should be proud of these young citizen’s accomplishments and hope they inspire potential future students in developing a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States.

### Guide to Montana’s hidden rural heritage now online

HELENA – The Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) is excited to announce the launch of a new heritage resource, “The Path Less Traveled: Guide to Montana’s Hidden Rural Heritage,” now online at Preserve-Montana.org/PathLessTraveled.

The online guide uses familiar Google maps to give casual day-trippers or diehard back-road junkies the key to finding the history of more than 100 off-the-beaten-path historic sites nestled into the hillsides, mountains, and beautiful prairies of the Treasure State.

The guide takes you down Montana’s uncrowded country roads to find everything from high mountain ghost towns and forest lookout towers to small-town saloons, schools, churches, ranger stations, and post-World War II landmarks.

The focus is rural and off-the-beaten-path, but travelers will be surprised to find many hidden gems within an hour of Montana’s six major cities and two National Parks. Multiple photographs and

brief histories for each property offer colorful stories important to narrating the many facets of Montana history, while “Sources” and “Links” help guide avid history buffs to further reading.

The Path Less Traveled guide is a companion and extension of MPA’s Path Less Traveled: Montana Preservation Road Show – a traveling heritage preservation conference focused on bringing attention and appreciation to Montana’s rural landmarks scattered and often hidden across the state’s vast landscape.

The Path Less Traveled website invites travelers who want to get away from crowded tourist towns and tacky t-shirt shops, to experience an unspoiled part of the West where their hard-earned dollars and precious vacation hours will be well spent making genuine Montana memories. As we launch the guide in early 2019 we will continually add cherished heritage sites in an effort to shine a light on lesser-known rural historic sites.

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Study: Medicaid expansion puts \$600M into state

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BOZEMAN — According to an independent analysis released today, Montana's Medicaid expansion has introduced more than \$600 million each year into Montana's economy, generating approximately 6,000 new jobs and \$350 million per year in personal income. Although Montana pays for a share of this coverage, the study also found that savings created by the program along with state revenue generated by this increased economic activity more than offset the cost to the state. The analysis was conducted by the University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research and ABMJ Consulting and was commissioned by Headwaters Foundation and the Montana Healthcare Foundation.

"Medicaid expansion in Montana brings with it significant ben-

efits for our state including more jobs and income for our citizens, not to mention providing health care coverage for nearly 1 in 10 Montanans," said Headwaters Foundation CEO Brenda Solorzano.

"In addition to these economic benefits, it was striking to see that labor force participation increased for the second year in a row among low-income Montanans," said MHCFC CEO Dr. Aaron Wernham. "Not only is the program paying for itself, it also appears likely that health coverage along with our innovative, bipartisan HELP-Link program may be helping recipients re-enter the workforce."

Key findings in the report include:

- Labor force participation among low-income Montanans ages 18 to 64 increased by 4 to 6 percent; these findings may be due in part to improved health among participants as well as the HELP-Link program created as part of Montana's Medicaid expansion to help recipients find jobs.
- Other analyses of the costs of Medicaid expansion fail to account

for the state revenue the program generates. This report shows that when the revenues associated with increased economic activity are added to the well-documented savings created by Medicaid expansion, the net fiscal impact on Montana's budget is positive, even in 2020 when Montana will begin paying the maximum 10 percent share of the costs.

The program improved the financial stability of Montana's hospitals through substantially reducing uncompensated care. The report notes that hospitals in Medicaid expansion states are six times less likely to close than those in non-expansion states.

The full report can be found at <https://mthcf.org/resources/economic-impact-of-medicaid-expansion/>

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## Sleep loss encourages spread of toxic Alzheimer's protein

By Dr. Francis Collins

In addition to memory loss and confusion, many people with Alzheimer's disease have trouble sleeping. Now an NIH-funded team of researchers has evidence that the reverse is also true: a chronic lack of sleep may worsen the disease and its associated memory loss.

The new findings center on a protein called tau, which accumulates in abnormal tangles in the brains of people with Alzheimer's disease. In the healthy brain, active neurons naturally release some tau during waking hours, but it normally gets cleared away during sleep. Essentially, your brain has a system for taking the garbage out while you're off in dreamland.

The latest findings in studies of mice and people further suggest that sleep deprivation upsets this balance, allowing more tau to be released, accumulate, and spread in toxic tangles within brain areas important for memory. While more study is needed, the findings suggest that regular and substantial sleep may play an unexpectedly important role in helping to delay or slow down Alzheimer's disease.

It's long been recognized that Alzheimer's disease is associated with the gradual accumulation of beta-amyloid peptides and tau proteins, which form plaques and tangles that are considered hallmarks of the disease. It has only more recently become clear that, while beta-amyloid is an early sign of the disease, tau deposits track

more closely with disease progression and a person's cognitive decline.

Such findings have raised hopes among researchers including David Holtzman, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, that tau-targeting treatments might slow this devastating disease. Though much of the hope has focused on developing the right drugs, some has also focused on sleep and its nightly ability to reset the brain's metabolic harmony.

In the new study published in *Science*, Holtzman's team set out to explore whether tau levels in the brain naturally are tied to the sleep-wake cycle. Earlier studies had shown that tau is released in small amounts by active neurons. But when neurons are chronically activated, more tau gets released. So, do tau levels rise when we're awake and fall during slumber?

The Holtzman team found that they do. The researchers measured tau levels in brain fluid collected from mice during their normal waking and sleeping hours. (Since mice are nocturnal, they sleep primarily during the day.) The researchers found that tau levels in brain fluid nearly double when the animals are awake. They also found that sleep deprivation caused tau levels in brain fluid to double yet again.

These findings were especially interesting because Holtzman's team had already made a related finding in people. The team found that

healthy adults forced to pull an all-nighter had a 30 percent increase on average in levels of unhealthy beta-amyloid in their cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).

The researchers went back and reanalyzed those same human samples for tau. Sure enough, the tau levels were elevated on average by about 50 percent.

Once tau begins to accumulate in brain tissue, the protein can spread from one brain area to the next along neural connections. So, Holtzman's team wondered whether a lack of sleep over longer periods also might encourage tau to spread.

To find out, mice engineered to produce human tau fibrils in their brains were made to stay up longer than usual and get less quality sleep over several weeks. Those studies showed that, while less sleep didn't change the original deposition of tau in the brain, it did lead to a significant increase in tau's spread. Intriguingly, tau tangles in the animals appeared in the same brain areas affected in people with Alzheimer's disease.

Another report by Holtzman's team appearing early last month in *Science Translational Medicine* found yet another link between tau and poor sleep. That study showed that older people who had more tau tangles in their brains by PET scanning had less slow-wave, deep sleep.

Together, these new findings suggest that Alzheimer's disease and sleep loss are even more intimately intertwined than had been realized. The findings suggest that good sleep habits and/or treatments designed to encourage plenty of high quality Zzzz's might play an important role in slowing Alzheimer's disease. On the other hand, poor sleep also might worsen the condition and serve as an early warning sign of Alzheimer's.

For now, the findings come as an important reminder that all of us should do our best to get a good night's rest on a regular basis. Sleep deprivation really isn't a good way to deal with overly busy lives (I'm talking to myself here). It isn't yet clear if better sleep habits will prevent or delay Alzheimer's disease, but it surely can't hurt.



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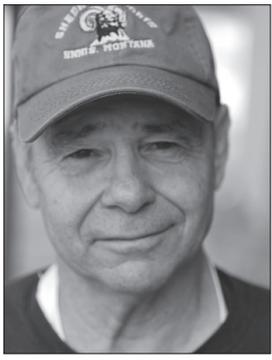
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# COLUMNS



The story of an age-aided fall

Unlike during my earlier years, there were no frantic, aerial gymnastics involved. I fell so rapidly that the broom I was using to clean the snow off my car remained suspended in the air. I didn't even have time to extend my hands to lessen the impact. It seemed as though my

face was already buried in the snow before I realized that I had fallen.

Whereas I used to land with a reasonable degree of dignity, this time, I slammed into the snow and ice-covered ground, like a wet sack of spuds dropped from the bed of a tractor-trailer. Instantly, my hat flew off my head as though shot from a cannon. My teeth banged together hard enough to loosen a few fillings. Simply put, I had just performed a classic, senior citizen, full frontal, all-points-landing.

Hence, I opened my eyes to find my nose had been wedged between the metal post holding the newspaper box and a hardened patch of yellow snow left by the neighbor's dog. The

forementioned broom laid between me and the car. My hat was laying several feet in front of the car.

Naturally, my initial post-plunge act was to check to see if anyone had observed my crowd-pleasing face-plant. Fortunately, no one had. The last thing I needed was to have smart-phone equipped neighbors snapping pictures of my unfortunate disgrace, while pretending to inquire as to my well-being.

Subsequent to extracting packed snow from my nostrils and ears, I performed a, head to toe, body check. Finding nothing that hurt more than usual, I tentatively assumed that I had not suffered a serious injury. After several moments

of wallowing on my back like a beached sea lion, I managed to glom onto the car's side mirror. Regrettably, using the mirror to pull myself upright caused a mass of snow to shake loose from the roof onto my hatless head.

Upon finally reaching a standing position, I surveyed the accident scene and marveled that I had fallen at all. There was precious little to fall over. The immediate area looked to consist of smooth and level snow. So far as I could tell, the only plausible explanation for my fall was that I must have tripped over a protruding snowflake. It was then, I remember thinking that it is a pretty sad state of affairs when a guy is so stiff in the morning

that he can't lift his feet.

At that point, to my utter amazement, I noticed that my body actually felt more limber after the fall than before. Apparently, the jolting landing had realigned a few vertebrae and, in the process, loosened my muscles. I was able to easily bend over and retrieve my hat and the broom from the ground. From there, I went on to finish cleaning the snow from the car at a near record rate of speed. I felt so jaunty that I considered beginning the next day by launching myself, in a swan dive, from the front stoop of my house on to the frozen tundra. That sure seemed like a more efficient and exhilarating method than my usual regime of slow stretching exercises upon

rising from bed.

However, about an hour later, the stiffness and soreness had returned to an even greater level than pre-plunge. So, in the end, I elected to watch more carefully where I put my plodding feet when sweeping snow from the car. After all, a fellow never knows when he will encounter a protruding snowflake.

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

## Young@Heart

## Be careful what you wish for...

I'll start my column with, no one was injured, because the story I'm about to tell, could have you shaking your head and stressing over what happened.

It all started with my longtime desire to have a 16 foot Noble Fir, Christmas tree (the ones with the spaces between the branches) in our living room. One day, in early December, my friend Joy told me her friend has a tree farm with really, really tall Noble Firs and they have the spaces between the branches. She said the tree farm sort of got away from him and now the trees are way too tall for the average home. In fact the trees are twenty years old so they're all at least 25 feet tall!

Trees are like humans. The trees you buy from the Boy Scouts are about five to nine years old. A ten foot tree is like a thirteen-year-old and in those ten years following, it has a growth spurt to rival what must have happened to Shaquille O'Neal. Terry said our ceiling is 22 feet so we could easily accommodate a 16 footer and we'd just cut off as much base as we'd needed to in order to have a 16 foot tree in the living room. I was excited by the prospect.

I had no idea what an adventure we were about to dip our Christmas toes in!

Kristi, my bonus daughter, was out here from Boston and her best friend from high school, came up from Sacramento for a few days to play with

Kristi while she was with us. Terry and I got the idea to take them with us to get our tree and they both jumped at the idea.

It was a beautiful, brisk, winter afternoon as we wound through the thick forest from the main road on the long driveway to the farm. We were greeted by frisky horses and a quartet of "welcoming" dogs.

We learned as we walked with Jeff, the owner, that he doesn't want to sell Christmas trees and that's why he hasn't since he planted those 20 years ago. But since his friend Joy told us about him and his trees, he felt obligated. In spite of the obligatory nature of the transaction, Jeff was gracious and enthusiastic about taking us up into the hills to the tree farm part of his 160 acres (which are mostly panted in blue berries).

Picking out a tree wasn't as easy as it would be on a ten-year-old crop at a tree farm. This crop had created a dense forest that would require a compass if the buyer were to venture deeply into the choices. Jeff left us to shop and went back to the barn to get his ATV, to carry our choice back to our waiting pickup.

The adventure starts back at our house, with the four of us raising the tree into its stand and discovering our ceilings aren't 22 feet like we've thought, but rather the highest point is 18 feet. We also put the tree on a stage that's one foot high. In

other words, a 16 foot tree on a one foot stage puts the top of the tree one foot from the ceiling...but wait! The angel (which we cleverly put on the tree before we raised it put another foot on the Christmas production.

The angel's head was smack up against the beam in our ceiling and she was so high up you had to guess she was an angel because that's what people put on the top of their Christmas trees. I was embarrassed by the tree in our living room and Terry could read my disappointment. We decorated it all evening as I resigned myself to the old cliché Be careful what you wish for...

After sleeping on my disappointment, Terry woke up and said, "I have a solution!"

The girls and I were by the fire enjoying our morning coffee, discussing the pros of this Griswold Christmas tree. "What?" we asked in unison.

You three will stand on the stage and hold onto the tree and I'll take my chainsaw and cut three or four feet off, pull that part out, and you'll let the tree down into the stand and you'll have the right sized tree for the living room.

Believe me, this is not something I'd recommend, IN FACT DO NOT DO THIS, but perhaps that angel had a hand in the operation, for we came out of it with our kneecaps intact and the tree of my dreams moved into place.



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## COMMODITY INSITE: Omens and oinkers

BY JERRY WELCH

There was an omen this week that may prove to be prophetic for the year ahead with one of the most basic of all commodities.

But before I discuss exactly what that omen happens to be, allow me to quote a few lines from my book, "Back To The Futures," a lighthearted look at the commodity markets in the 1980s.

In the 80s, Bobby McFerrin penned a song entitled "Don't worry, be happy!"

His tune defined perfectly that decade.

In "Back To The Futures" chapter entitled "Superstitions," I stated, "One of the most paranoid and superstitious groups of people are commodity traders. Anyone that has ever participated in the futures markets will tell you the same thing. The

reason for feelings of paranoia and superstition rests with the general uncertainty of markets. The commodity markets change directions so quickly that the traders are in constant fear of losing money. Or, giving back profits."

"Omens," I also wrote, "Commodity traders revere and respect omens. Never do they scoff at omens or ridicule their potential effect upon the markets. For example, if a commodity trader stops at too many traffic lights while driving to work, it's an omen meaning that the markets are going to mistreat him that day. On top of that, anytime anything goes wrong with any part of a commodity trader's life, it is an omen portending a coming disaster in the markets. I am always on the alert for an omen because they

work in mysterious ways."

On February 5, 2019, people across the world celebrated the first day of the Chinese Lunar New Year, dubbed by the Chinese zodiac cycle as the, "Year of the Pig," an animal which symbolizes wealth.

This is where the omen comes into play.

I cannot recall a commodity market over the past year that has had so much written about it as pigs or hogs. More specifically, the problem of the African swine fever epidemic in China. A handful of the headlines about that potentially catastrophic event say it all: "African swine fever has Chinese pork industry in a sweat." "Deadly virus is nearly always fatal to pigs, threatening world's largest market." "World's largest pork producer in crisis: China's African

Swine Fever outbreak."

It has been bad enough reading about the swine fever issue in China, but then this headline popped up a few days ago on Japantimes.com: "Japan's government warns of 'extremely serious situation as swine fever spreads to five prefectures.'"

Yes, African swine fever has now been found in Japan.

"A swine fever epidemic is continuing to spread in Japan," the article continued, "with local authorities saying they are struggling to contain the highly contagious pig virus that was first reported in September. The total number of pigs to be culled at affected farms is expected to reach 15,000. The disease does not affect humans even if meat from an infected animal is consumed, but it is fatal to pigs. "We are facing an extreme-

ly serious situation,' agriculture minister Takamori Yoshikawa told a meeting at his ministry in Tokyo."

Though the media and virtually everyone in the commodity futures industry have taken the African Swine Fever issue as a serious threat to the world's swine-herds, hog prices have yet to respond in a bullish manner.

For example, the high for lean hog futures in 2017 (a four-year high) was a bit over \$94. In 2018, the high was near \$85. This week, nearby hog futures touched \$55. Obviously, the hog market is not worried about swine fever.

But I am.

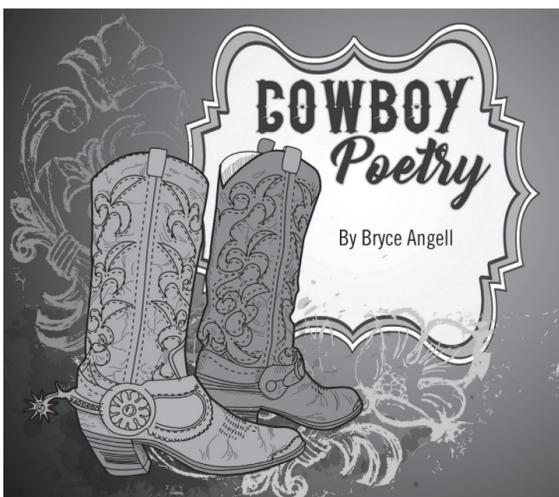
There are too many bullish omens and a tsunami of news about African swine fever for hog prices to remain depressed

much longer. Sometime, sooner than later, it would not surprise me one bit to watch hog futures skyrocket upward in a wildly bullish fashion if the swine fever continues to get out of hand.

This is the Year of the Pig and the pig symbolizes wealth. What more could a commodity trader ask for in the way of an omen?

Historically, it is not unusual when bullish or bearish news is well known but prices fail to respond accordingly.

I believe the US hog futures market is now caught in just one of those times. How long it lasts remains to be seen. But based on recent news, this being the Year of the Pig and hog futures woefully depressed, I doubt the oinker market can remain bearish for much longer.



## The Handshake

He sat behind the table, all his guns laid in a row. I'd spotted him, across the room, at our yearly town gun show.

His dark black beard and solid frame were daunting at first sight. Then I noticed his old shotgun. Looked to brighten up my night.

The grizzled man stared at me, then he handed me the gun. He said, "She's sure a beauty. Take a closer look for fun."

A Remington 870 with shorter barrel to boot. Had

the butt snugged to my shoulder when I asked, "How does it shoot?"

He offered me a smile, and then he pinched another chew. He said, "There ain't none better. This old gun is meant for you"

I slightly uttered, "What's the price?" He asked a worthy fare. But my wallet fell a little short. I'd spent the cash elsewhere.

I feared someone would snatch the shotgun if I stepped away. So, I asked how much

he'd need to hold while getting cash to pay.

He reached, then opened up a hand. His grip as hard as lead. "A handshake's all I need today." And he meant just what he said.

His eyes dang near looked through me. A keen but gentle look. Pure honesty conveyed to me. And a handshake's all it took.

I found the nearest ATM and pulled out all my cash. I hurried back so doggone fast! A record ten-yard dash!

His shotgun now belonged to me. The gunsmith held his word. Another handshake clinched the deal. A marvel had occurred.

'Cuz I'd found someone who wasn't always out for number one. His handshake was his moral creed. An act that's all but done.

Now, when I shake another's hand. Dang sure he'll get my eye. And if he's thinking talk is cheap. My handshake's not lie.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Departed
- 5 Id counterpart
- 8 Unclear view
- 12 Hebrew month
- 13 High-arc shot
- 14 Leak slowly
- 15 Wrinkly fruit
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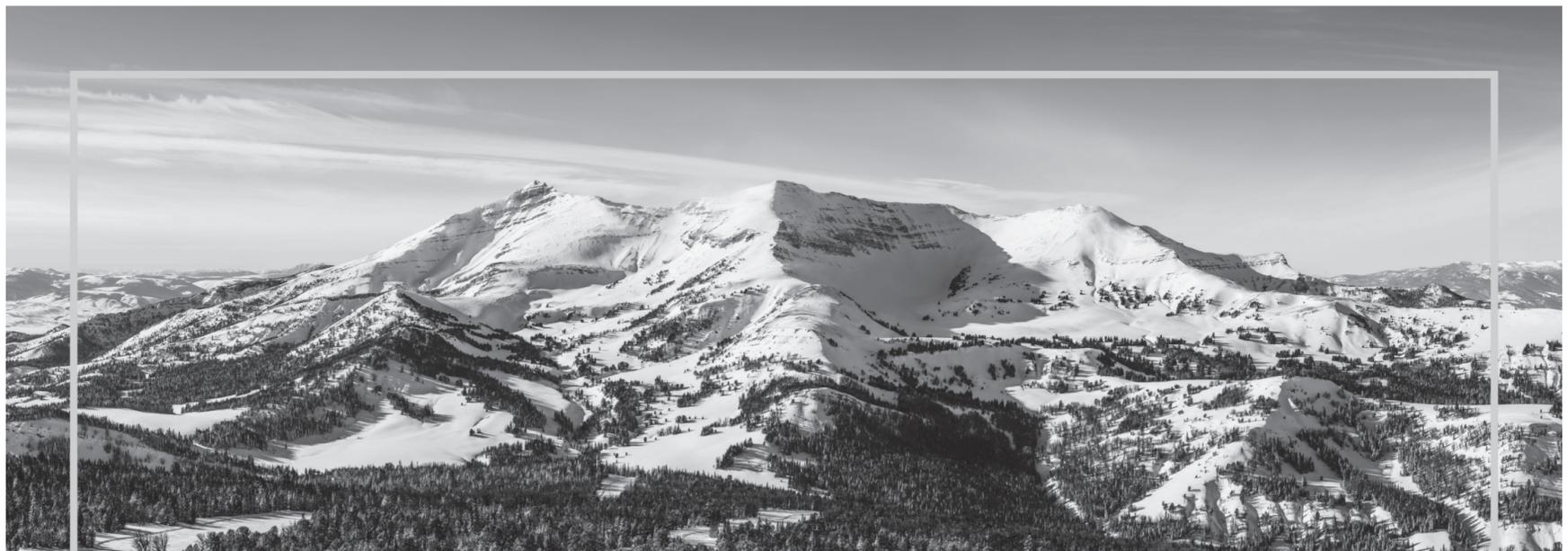
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
KEITH DAVIS, Objector,  
vs.  
In the Matter of the Estate of RALPH DAVIS, Deceased.  
Cause No. DP-29-2017-33  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BRENDA D. FUNKE has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will forever be barred.  
Claims must either be mailed to Brenda D. Funke, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at Element Law Group, PLLC, c/o Caitlin T. Pabst, 113 E. Oak St., Suite 2D, Bozeman, MT 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.  
Dated this 16th day of January, 2019.  
ELEMENT LAW GROUP, PLLC  
/s/Caitlin T. Pabst  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
(Pub. Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2019)  
Brenda Funke Personal  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF:  
JOAN LARAYE SCHILLING, Deceased.  
Cause No. DP-29-2019-4  
That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to JOHN SCHILLING, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1934, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: January 24, 2019  
/s/ JOHN SCHILLING  
Personal Representative STATE OF MONTANA :ss COUNTY OF MADISON JOHN SCHILLING, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.  
/s/ JOHN SCHILLING Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24 day of January, 2019.  
/s/ KAREN MCMULLIN  
Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at: Ennis, Montana  
My Commission expires: 9/14/2019  
Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2019)  
Karen McMullin  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSALYN I. MASON,  
Deceased.  
Cause No.: DP-29-2018-34 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to PHILIP E. MASON, Personal Representative, c/o Kruer Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749, return receipt requested or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 30 day of JANUARY, 2019. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
/s/ STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUER  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
(Pub. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2019)  
Stephanie Kruer Law Firm  
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**MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Madison County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The public hearing is to receive comment on the renewal of the Spanish Peaks Overall Development Plan. Spanish Peaks Resort is a 3,530 acre development that spans the Gallatin and Madison County line in Big Sky, Montana. The proposed plan involves developing 290 dwellings in the 1,050 acres within Madison County, of which 92 have been previously approved. The 1,050 acres within Madison County lies east of Andesite Ridge between the South Fork and the West Fork of the Gallatin River in Sections 31and 32, T6S, R3E, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on February 25, 2019, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to [planning@madisoncountymt.gov](mailto:planning@madisoncountymt.gov). Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The Overall Development Plan and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: • Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City; • Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis; • Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. Darlene Tussing, President, Madison County Planning Board  
(Pub. Feb 7, 14, 2019)  
Madison County Planning Board  
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**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF, K.Q.,

YOUTH IN NEED OF CARE.  
Cause No. DN-29-2018-3  
To: KYLE SCHULTZ, BIRTH FATHER OF K.Q.,  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division (the Department), 2 South Pacific Street, Dillon, MT 59725, requesting emergency protective services, adjudication as a youth in need of care and temporary legal custody by granted; that the Department be granted temporary legal custody; and that said youth be otherwise cared for.  
NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to appear on the 4th day of March, 2019 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. at the Courtroom of Madison County District Court at the Courthouse, 100 West Wallace, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, then and there show cause, if any you may have, why said youth should not be declared a Youth in Need of Care, and why the Department should not be granted Temporary Legal Custody.  
The youth was born on the 31st day of May, 2007.  
K.Q.'s birth mother is Shaleen Quilici.  
You have the right to be represented by an attorney in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you. Failure to appear at the hearing will constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result in, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, a judgement by default being entered for the relief requested in the Petition.  
A copy of the Petition hereinbefore referred to is filed with the Clerk of District Court of Madison County (406-842-4230).  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of January, 2019.  
/s/ Karen J. Miller  
Clerk of District Court  
(Pub. Feb 7, 14, 21, 2019)  
Madison County Attorney  
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**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF, B.Q.M.,  
YOUTH IN NEED OF CARE.  
Cause No. DN-29-2018-4  
To: ERNIE MIZE, BIRTH FATHER OF B.Q.M., ADDRESS UNKNOWN  
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The youth was born on the 7th day of May, 2011.  
K.Q.'s birth mother is Shaleen Quilici.  
You have the right to be represented by an attorney in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you. Failure to appear at the hearing will constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result in, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, a judgement by default being entered for the relief requested in the Petition.  
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(Pub. Feb 7, 14, 21, 2019)  
Madison County Attorney  
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**TRUSTEE POSITIONS FOR ENNIS SCHOOLS**  
Ennis School District 52 is currently seeking two trustees for three year terms. Anyone qualified for and interested in running for these positions may pick up a petition from Ginger Martello at Ennis High School. Petitions must be turned in at the School District Clerk's office prior to 4 p.m. March 28, 2019. No candidate may appear on the ballot unless he or she meets this deadline. If you have any questions about the trustee positions, please call Superintendent Casey Klasna at 682-4258.  
(Pub. Feb. 7, 14, 2019)  
School District 52, Ennis  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN RE THE ESTATE OF KENNETH J. KELLY, Deceased. Probate No. DP-29-2018-9 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be mailed to Ronald Berry, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of Jason A. Williams, Esq., Datsopoulos, MacDonald & Lind, P.C., 201 W. Main St., Suite 201, Missoula, Montana, 59802, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 7th day of February, 2019.  
(Pub. Feb. 14, 21, 28, 2019)  
Dastopoulos, MacDonald and Lind  
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**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE**  
Madisoncurrents, LLC (members: Janura-

Anderson Revocable Trust, Jan A. Janura, Carol M. Anderson) has applied to transfer Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 25-729-4682-002 to be operated at Long Branch Saloon, 125 East Main Street, 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 (Beaverhead, Silver Bow, Jefferson, Gallatin), 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 (25-729-4682-002) and the applicant's name (Madisoncurrents, LLC); (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter. What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected. How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before March 4, 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 protestor's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied. How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at [leg.mt.gov/bills/mca\\_toc/](http://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](mailto:jwilliams@mt.gov).  
(Pub. Feb. 14, 21, 2019)  
MT Dept. of Revenue  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE**  
To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on June 10, 2019, at 10:00 AM at the main entrance of 100 Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, State of Montana: Lot 4A as shown and described on the Amended Plat of Lots 4 and 5, Block 3 of Armitage's Deer Meadow Addition to the Town of Ennis, as said Plat is filed in Plat Book 2, Page 142, records of Madison County, Montana. More commonly known as 833 South 2nd Street, Ennis, MT 59729. Stephen H. Ellis, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Montana Title and Escrow, Inc., as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on May 1, 2006, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Madison County, State of Montana, on May 8, 2006 as Instrument No. 113142, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS10 Assignment Dated: August 21, 2013 Assignment Recorded: August 30, 2013 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 152358 All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Madison County, Montana Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, State of Montana, on April 25, 2018 as Instrument No. 177580, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Grantor's failure to make monthly payments beginning July 1, 2016, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$316,562.38, interest in the sum of \$38,784.00, escrow advances of \$13,083.24, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,664.17 for a total amount owing of \$372,093.79, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the

sale. The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at the discretion of the Trustee. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 29th day of January, 2019. Benjamin J. Mann, Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 52473  
(Pub. Feb. 14, 21, 28, 2019)  
Halliday, Watkins and Mann  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE - MINUTES**  
Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending on January 31, 2019, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at [www.madisoncountymt.gov](http://www.madisoncountymt.gov). Signed this 8th day of February, 2019. Kathleen Mumme

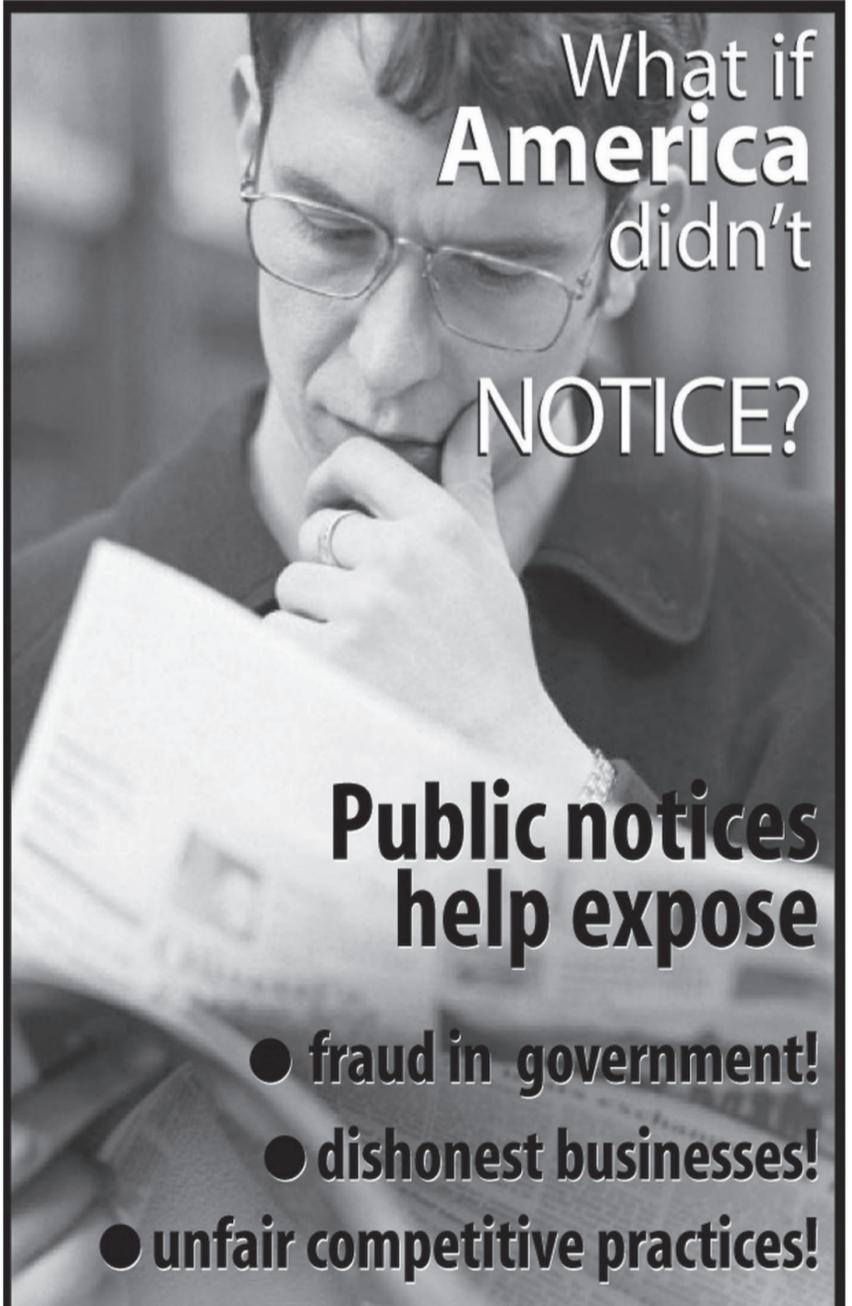
Madison County Clerk and Recorder  
(Pub. Feb. 14, 2019)  
MC Commissioners  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Madison County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 12:00 PM in the conference room at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis to obtain public comments regarding a Preliminary Architectural Report and an application for funding to the Montana Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Program to fund Phase 2 of the Manor renovation project. At the public hearing, representatives of SMA Architects and Great West Engineering will explain the proposed project, including the need and purpose, activities, budget, sources of funding, and any costs that may result for local citizens because of the project. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to express their opinions. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing by the end of the public hearing. Madison County will make reasonable accommodation for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in this public hearing. Persons needing an accommodation must notify the Madison County Commissioners at (406) 843-4277 no later than February 22, 2019, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You may also write to the Madison County Commissioners at P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755-0278 or via email at [maddco@madisoncountymt.gov](mailto:maddco@madisoncountymt.gov) to make your request known. Madison County Commissioners Ronald E. Nye, Chair James

P. Hart, Member Dan W. Allhands, Member  
(Pub. Feb. 14, 21, 2019)  
MC Commissioners  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JENNIE MCGOWAN, Deceased. DP - 29-2019-6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Cindy McGowan Martinson, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at McLean, Younklin & Willett, PLLC, 2066 Stadium Drive, Suite 101, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 4th day of February, 2019. /s/ Cindy McGowan Martinson, Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara Jennie McGowan  
(Pub. Feb. 14, 21, 28, 2019)  
McLean, Younklin and Willett  
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Ask the Expert forum appears the second Thursday of each month. If you have questions for these area professionals e-mail us at [info@madisoniannews.com](mailto:info@madisoniannews.com).

## HEALTH CARE

**Q:** Are artificial sweeteners toxic to gut bacteria?

**A:** Last fall, a research group from Israel and Singapore published evidence that all six FDA approved artificial sweeteners in some way damage the *Escherichia coli* bacteria found in the gut. This does not mean that the sweeteners are toxic to humans but it does indicate that the sweeteners have the potential to damage our digestive process. This was a test tube experiment and quantities of the sweeteners tested were higher than used in a can of diet soda. However, other studies on mice and humans indicate that artificial sweeteners change the composition of the gut bacteria affecting metabolism. Consuming the sweeteners may actually increase the potential for people to gain weight! The tendency toward weight gain was not found in all of the study participants but the majority of participants experienced bacterial changes that favor weight gain. Additional studies are ongoing regarding health concerns related to artificial sweeteners.



**Dr. Roman Hendrickson, MD**  
RUBY VALLEY CLINICS

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## BIRDING

**Bird Trivia-Amazing Anatomy (from Bird Trivia by Stan Tekiela)**  
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**Best Eyesight:** The Peregrine Falcon can see a pigeon flying in the sky more than 5 miles away!

**Winner of 360 Degree Vision:** The American Woodcock has the greatest field of vision in the entire bird world! It can see in all directions without moving its head due to its large, bulbous eyes. It can see 360 degrees as well as straight overhead.

**Best Sense of Smell:** Most birds have poor or reduced sense of smell, however, a Turkey Vulture can smell rotting flesh at more than 5,000 feet in the air!

**Best Hearing:** Belongs to the night-hunting owls, such as Barn, Long-eared and Boreal Owls. In laboratory tests, Barn Owls were able to catch live prey in total darkness just by using its hearing.

**Strongest Bill:** Goes to the Woodpecker. Not only do they use their bills to excavate holes in trees for nesting, but they also drum on resonant objects with their bills to communicate with other woodpeckers.

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**Debi Naccarto, Owner**

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## FITNESS

**Q:** Are compound or isolation exercises better for you?

**A:** There are benefits to both compound (weighted movement involving multiple muscles and joints) and isolation (weighted movement usually using one muscle group and joint) exercises. Compound exercises such as squats, deadlifts, rows and lunges will give you a higher calorie burn, good cardiovascular training and improve your mobility. Isolation exercises, which include extensions, raises and curls increase blood volume to the muscle, help with balance and can increase the size of your muscle. Either way...you will benefit!

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## PHYSICAL THERAPY

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

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

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



**Robert (Bob) Sahli, PTATCLAT**

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## EYE CARE

**Q:** What is dry eye?

**A:** Dry eye can be a temporary or chronic condition, and can occur at any age. Dry eye occurs when tears are not produced properly, or when the tears are not of the correct consistency and evaporate too quickly. Symptoms are numerous and varied, but can include stinging, burning, redness, and fatigue. Inflammation of the surface of the eye may also occur. If left untreated, this can lead to pain, ulcers, or scars on the cornea, as well as potential vision loss. However, permanent vision loss is uncommon. Dry eye can make it more difficult to perform activities, such as using a computer or reading for an extended period of time, as well as decrease the tolerance for dry environments and contact lens wear. Over the counter drops will provide temporary relief, but try to avoid those with preservatives. Your eye care professional can provide an accurate diagnosis of the condition and begin treatment to avoid permanent damage.



**Dr. Jeff Squire**

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## INSURANCE

**Q:** WHAT IS THIS UM/UIM ON MY COVERAGE?

**A:** Are you aware that as of 2015 it was estimated that 10 out of every 100 vehicles you pass on the Montana roads are driving without insurance. The percentage of those that only have state required limits is estimated to be over 20%. These are scary numbers if you are out driving on Montana's icy roads.

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

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



**Amanda Smethurst, Agent**

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## MENTAL HEALTH

**Q:** How Can I Change My Thoughts and Behaviors?

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



**Lisa Brubaker, LCSW**  
(406) 670-4546

## REAL ESTATE

**Q:** Where do those commissions go?

**A:** In a normal real estate transaction, the commission is paid by a seller to market their home. Commission can have a wide percentage range or be a flat fee depending on the duties you have in the transaction. That total commission supports a host of individuals in the transaction. Usually the company that lists the property may be a national franchise that takes a franchise or company fee for using their tools, website, and name recognition. The brokerage who lists the property then pays the brokerage firm who brings in the buyer, typically about half of that initial commission once the transaction closes. Therefore, now we are supporting two more entities/individuals besides the two agents who are listing and selling the home. Now we are up to 5 people who have a piece of the pie. Most active real estate agents also give back to their communities in support of local non-profits or charities. That commission fee might be split in 5 or 6 directions so be aware that your agent is not taking that lump sum home but it is divided up to support a number of individuals and your local community. When you think of where those commissions go, remember we spread the wealth!



**Michelle Van Dyke, Broker**  
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## PHARMACY

**Q:** So, what is going on with the flu right now in Montana?

**A:** Flu activity is defined as Widespread in Montana according to the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the week ending January 26, 2019. Influenza cases reported in the 4th week of 2019 increased to 488 new cases. This is the 9th consecutive week of an increased number of cases reported in Montana. The most common influenza subtype identified this year is influenza A H1N1 2009 (yes, this is the "swine flu" strain). Typical flu vaccine this year includes two variants of Influenza A (both H1N1 and H3N2) and at least one strain of Influenza B, so if you get the flu shot, you will hopefully be covered. If you haven't received a flu shot yet, it's not too late. Keep in mind that it takes your body about 10 to 14 days to develop immunity from the vaccine. If you're experiencing flu symptoms such as a nonproductive cough, fever, body/muscle aches or nausea and vomiting, it's important to head to your doctor immediately. There are antiviral drugs that if taken within the first 48 hours of the flu may help you.



**Gary Hadley, PharmD, BCGP**  
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## INVESTMENT SERVICES

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SCHOOL NEWS

Ennis Schools releases 2nd qtr. honor roll

ENNIS – Ennis schools released their 2nd quarter honor roll list. The following students achieved the honor roll:

Senior high – Madison Raine Allen; Taylor Anne Barney; Madelyn Mae Barsness; Lucas Alan Belding; James Cody Bohrman; Cassidy L Carruthers; Sierra Chesser; Charles Clay Coffman; Lillian Grace Connor; Rebekah Faith Cook; Logan Haley Crowley; Pyper Curry; Brianna Irene Daems; Paige Lauren Dickinson; Elina Clare Dilschneider; Kara Elizabeth Elliott; Joselyn R Evans; Paxton Rogene Fortner; Ryan Thomas Frank; Wyatt M. Fredson; Kaleb Michael Fugal;

Trinity Michele Fugal; Kurt M. Funston; Edgar Alexandro Garcia; Madison Marlene Goettle; Michael Riley Green; Josie Lynn Griffiths; Karlie Anne Hedges; Kayla Rae Hedges; David Clemente Hernandez Mendoza; Cassie Rae Hilton; Rebecca Hodgson; Joree Lou Hokanson; Jarrett Daniel Jenkins; Jacob Stahr Johnson; Bowen Ford Kelley; Madilyn Ayreona Keyes; Jourdain Aaron Klein; Shelby Ann Klein;

Jaxson Shane Kloote; Maida J. Knapton; Kyle Matthew La-Clair; Samantha Ridgley Moore Lake; Culberson Landgaard; Emmett Lyman Lingle; Kyle Norman Lohrenz; Olivia Sage Lohrenz; Shae Ryann Lovett; Henry Conrad Lukas; Eythan K McGauley; Whitney Louise McKittrick; Ellawynn Darby Morrison; Kylie Rayne Noack; Katelyn Nutt; Ryan Matthew O'Connell; Avery Jae Oliver; Tait Olson; Nathan Brand Ostler; Landri M Paladichuk; Mattilynn Pines-Havens;

Addison Lee Retherford; Izabella Lane Roberts; Riley Elaine Robinson; Kevin Todd Rockwood; William Brian Rog-

ers; Zachary P. Rogers; Tyler Rolfe; Amanda Marie Russell; Zayne Jacob Sanborn; Tyler Greg Sciuchetti; Cordell Benjamin Severeid; William M Smith; Jenna Lee Kathleen Snider; Chance Lloyd Story; Ian Swanson; Trevor John Swanson; McKenzie Mane Taylor-Casey; Maksymilian Louis Trapp; Shallynne Dulaney Von Bergen; Alyssa Lynn West; Carson Hunter West; Dillon Arne Williams; ;

7th and 8th grade – Megan Louise Barsness; Tyler Scott Barsness; Andrew Cole Beardley; Jodie Bittick; Josey Fern Blazer; Ruby Willow Blazer; Genesis Elizabeth Boyles; Nolan Scott Brown; Clintin Dale Buyan; Sage Despres Canterbury; Delana Marie Clark; Wylie Thomas Connor;

Paige Curry; Logan Mariah Dickinson; Noni Catharine Dilschneider; Seeley Jo Driskill; Salvatori Sterling Fanelli; Zachary William Foss; Kaycee Breanne Fredson; Wyatt Lee Fugal; Josie Noelle Gibbs; Gillian Octavia Gilbert; Zoe Elise Green; Kaylee Michael Helling; Robert William Inman;

Tanner Elsie Inman; Jaylyn Brianna Jenkins; Nicholas Marshall Johnson; Caden Michael Keller; Rylee Klasna; Justin Michael Kloote; Megan Renee Knack; Nicholas Burr Moore Lake; Hannah Grace Leavitt; Marlyssa Ledgerwood; Jaclyn Claire Lukas; Jeremy Jason Mauch; Zane Bodhi Morrison;

Traven Mulholland; Addison Jane Oliver; Elizabeth Catherine Ketchu Olson; Desirea Storm Pezzullo; Kaleb Robert Rice; Baylee Michelle Snyder; Grace May Stecker; Walker Lane Story; Hannah Rose Todd; Nicolette Ann Turck; Chaz Joseph Ve-land; Andre D'Shawn West; Vance Jeffrey Wingard.



**Ennis Schools Spelling Bee Results...**  
Addison Oliver was the winner of the 4th-8th Grade Ennis Schools Spelling Bee, which took place at Ennis Schools on February 6th. Addy is a 7th Grade Student at Ennis Schools, and will now compete in the County Spelling Bee on February 28th in Virginia City. In addition to Addy, the following students will represent Ennis Schools at the County Spelling Bee as well: Harper Leonard, Avery Gibbs, Zayne Morrison, Madi Jo Nelson, Jessica Wentzel, Ally Hilton(Alt.) and Zoe Green(Alt.). Congratulations and good luck to all of our County Spelling Bee participants! (SUBMITTED)

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Bishop Shaw 684-5255

**MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE**  
MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN AT 4PM ON SATURDAYS.  
MASS AT NOTRE DAME IN TWIN BRIDGES AT 8AM ON SUNDAYS.  
MASS AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN AT 9:30AM ON SUNDAYS.  
MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS AT 11AM ON SUNDAYS.  
MASS DURING THE WEEK: 7:30AM TUESDAY'S AND THURSDAY'S AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN.  
9AM AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS.  
Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588  
Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

AREA SENIOR MEALS

**Ennis Senior Center**  
315 W Main Street; Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Reservations 682-4422 To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in.  
• Thursday, February 14 – Meatloaf, mashers, veggies dessert, Red Hat Ladies.  
• Friday, February 15 – Cod, fries, coleslaw dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.  
• Monday, February 18 – Chicken enchiladas, salad, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.  
• Tuesday February 19 – Breakfast burrito, fruit dessert, pan at 12:45 p.m.  
• Wednesday February 20 – Fried chicken legs, mashers veggies, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.  
• Thursday, February 21 – Ham sliders, broccoli salad, dessert, happy birthday  
• Friday, February 22 – Shrimp Alfredo, salad, breadsticks 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, February 14 – Meatloaf with mashed, veggie, roll, dessert.  
• Tuesday, February 19 – Chili, cornbread, dessert.  
• Thursday, February 21 – Potato au gratin, ham, veggie, roll, dessert.

**Twin Bridges Senior Center**  
The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated. Activities include bingo each Monday, cards on Wednesday. The Senior Center Group meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m.  
• Friday, February 15 – Fish sticks, cheesy hashbrowns, veggie, salad, angel food trifle.  
• Monday, February 18 – Chili Burger or chili dog, baked potatoes bar, veggie tray, fruit salad, cookie.  
• Wednesday, February 20 – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie, green salad, cupcake.

**Dayspring Church**  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School/Nursery 9 a.m.  
Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship  
Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com  
596-0847 • 3648 Hwy 287 Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

**Rocky Mountain Baptist Church**  
Will Stevens, Pastor  
682-4949  
Sunday School 9:45am  
Morning Service 11am  
Afternoon Service 1:30pm  
Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm  
Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm  
6 Blocks South of City Complex  
Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

**HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Harrison, Montana  
Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Joe Miller  
Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

**Madison Valley Presbyterian Church**  
WORSHIP  
September - April ~ 11 a.m.  
May - August ~ 9 a.m.  
Everyone Welcome, Fully Accessible  
In communion with ELCA, UCC, RCA  
Rev. Jean M. Johnson  
682-4355 ~ Ennis  
Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

**FISHERS OF MEN**  
MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Phil 2:16  
Holding forth the word of life:  
**Dr. Ray Teston**  
Pastor  
Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Nights:  
Prayer meeting 6 p.m.  
5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT  
Phone 682-4244 SBC  
**MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Aides for the hearing impaired

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
The Church of Word and Sacrament  
Visitors Welcome  
Pastor Ken Stensrud  
• Sunday Service 9:00 am  
• Bible Study 10:15 am  
• Sunday School 10:15 am  
Corner of Madison and Armitage St.  
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

**THE BAHAI FAITH**  
"Today the confirmations of the Kingdom of Abha are with those who renounce themselves, forget their own opinions, cast aside personalities and are thinking of the welfare of others.... Whosoever is occupied with himself is wandering in the desert of heedlessness and regret. The 'Master Key' to self-mastery is self-forgetting. The road to the palace of life is through the path of renunciation."  
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Bahá'ís of Madison County

**ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Loving God, Loving People  
Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Ministries  
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM  
Family Dinner 5:30 PM  
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM  
Pastor Greg Ledgerwood  
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT  
682-4197

**Valley Assembly**  
Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley  
114 N. Main, Sheridan 842-5845  
Pastor Duane B. Dëshner  
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Valley Kids- after school to 6:45 p.m.  
Ruby Valley Food Pantry- Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon  
Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

**Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish**  
Invites You To Worship With Us  
Reverend Susan DeBree  
Office: (406) 842-5934  
Home: (406) 842-7732  
Church of the Valley  
Twin Bridges  
Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Bethel UMC  
Sheridan  
Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Ready Set Grow Preschool  
Contact Julie Russell 842-5876

**Madison County Episcopal Churches**  
In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Join Us for Sunday Worship!  
**Trinity** Jeffers/Ennis 10 a.m. adult forum 11:00 a.m.  
**St. Paul's** Virginia City Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
**Christ Church** Sheridan Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
www.rvec.org  
Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

**Ruby Valley Baptist Church**  
Tony Shaw, Pastor 842-5602  
KJV  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.  
One block behind IGA, Sheridan

**GET RESULTS.**  
advertise in The Madisonian. call 682-7755 to make a plan.

**Grace Community Fellowship**  
WEARING AND SHARING  
The Full Armor of God  
**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
10 a.m. at the Alder School Alder, Montana  
Sunday School, 9 a.m.  
Christ Centered Bible Based  
Tel. 406-842-5915  
Pastor Tom Luksha

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Solution time: 25 mins.  
**ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP**  
100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)  
For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction  
Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges  
**ALANON MEETING**  
Same Time - Same Place  
**ALANON**  
Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley  
Thursdays, 8 pm  
**ALANON**  
Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm  
Suzy 685-3692  
"Keep it Simple."  
**A.A. MEETING**  
Bethany Hall, Sheridan  
(behind Methodist Church)  
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

**Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group**  
Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.  
SUN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking, Virginia City Library  
MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking  
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers  
FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking  
682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis  
843-5352 Virginia City

— LIFERING —  
A Life Ring group is starting in Ennis. Lifering is an abstinence-based, worldwide network of people seeking to live in recovery from addiction to alcohol or non-medically indicated drugs.  
In Lifering, we offer each other peer-to-peer support to encourage personal growth and empowerment. Those interested in participating, can call 682-4463.

# OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

Go to **outpostevents.net**  
for a complete listing of events

**Thursday February 14**  
Madison Valley Book Club, Ennis  
The Book Club will meet at the Madison Valley Public Library at 1 p.m. to discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead; a discussion led by Mary Sedwick and Kathy Robison.

**Friday February 15**  
Frederic Chiu, Dillon  
A concert of pieces selected from two composers. It's up to the audience to make a statement by voting for their favorites! 7:30 p.m. at UM Western's Beier Auditorium. Call 406-683-2432 for information.

**Saturday February 16**  
Needle Felting Workshop, Ennis  
An Ennis Continuing Education workshop. The felting duo, Jenn Doney and Gail Barndt are at it again. Join them for a one-day workshop of needle felting to create a two/three-dimensional wall

hanging or pillow top. Please bring a photo of the animal or scene you wish to felt. 9 a.m. at Ennis High School, call 406-682-4258 to register.

**Chautauqua, Virginia City**  
Open to all seeking entertainment! Each participant performs 1-2 songs or a 5-minute reading. Nightly performances highlight 10 reserved spots with two swing spots for impromptu appearances. Contact Toni at 406-843-5454 to reserve a spot. Potluck at 6:30, performances at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday February 21**  
History of the Madison Theatre, Ennis  
The MVHA presents History of the Madison Theatre by John Heckler. RSVP to 406-682-4023 and leave a message with name and number of people attending. 4 p.m. presentation with pizza afterward.

**Saturday February 23**  
Jan Ephil Reading and Lec-

ture, Ennis  
Come hear Bozeman author Jan Ephil read from her historical novels and talk about how the themes in books tell us who we are. 11 a.m., suitable for all ages, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Monday February 25**  
Beekeeping Workshop, Ennis  
This Ennis Continuing Education workshop will cover honey bee pests and what to do about them. We'll talk about everything from wasps and skunks to bears and mites, identifying and dealing with honey bee pests. 6 p.m. at Ennis High School. Call 406-682-4258 to register.



2nd Lt. Matthew Skillman

## Skillman Graduates

ENNIS – Matthew Skillman, Ennis High School Class of 2014, graduated from the U.S. Army Signal Basic Officer Leadership Course held at Fort Gordon, Georgia on January 17, 2019. Skillman received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in May 2018 as part of the University of Montana's ROTC program while earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. He is currently serving at Camp Walker in Daegu, South Korea as part of the 169th Signal Company for a one year assignment.

## DOI proposal may stymie FOIA requests

WHITEFISH – In late January, Western Values Project (WVP) submitted a formal comment opposing the Interior Department's recent proposal that would significantly reshape how the department handles Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. The proposal, which may violate the Freedom of Information Act itself, would give Interior far more leeway in how it chooses to handle FOIA requests and may even allow the agency to deny requests that it deems "unreasonably burdensome."

"With unprecedented levels of corruption at the Interior Department and special interest giveaways that are hurting our public lands and wildlife, we need more transparency, not less," said Chris Saeger, Western Values Project Executive Director. "Interior needs to respect our nation's bedrock transparency law. This proposal is just another attempt by the Trump administration to deny the public, media and watchdog groups the ability to uncover malfeasance and corruption, making it harder to ensure Interior is working in the best interests of public lands, wildlife and the American people."

WVP's comment highlights how the change allows Interior to deny requests it deems "unreasonably burdensome," which could result in the department significantly shirking its legal obligation to respond to FOIA requests. WVP's comment also points out that, situated within the broader context of overt politicization of the Interior's

FOIA program, the proposed rule is especially troubling.

This proposed rule is just one move in a concerning pattern of anti-transparent conduct. In recent months Interior has also sought permission from the National Archives to permanently destroy a range of records relating to oil and gas leases sales, legal matters, mineral exploration permits, and fish and wildlife surveys, among other issues. Shortly before Zinke was forced to resign in disgrace, he installed political appointee and former Koch-employee Daniel Jorjani to oversee Interior's FOIA program.

FOIA has proved an essential tool for exposing potential corruption at the Interior Department during the Trump administration.

For instance, documents released in response to a FOIA request showed that former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke secretly met with a private real estate officer in his official office. This discovery resulted in one of the many investigations that led to Zinke's eventual resignation. Originally, Zinke's public calendar omitted this crucial information.

Since the beginning of the Trump administration, WVP has filed 192 FOIA requests to the Interior Department. Over 130 of those requests are still outstanding, including some that are 18 months old.

The public has until the end of the day on January 29th to submit comments on the proposal to the Interior Department.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City  
Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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

### TUESDAYS

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

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.  
For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables  
At the Pony School  
Info @ 685-3481

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  
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

SUP Land/Water Fitness Class, Ennis,  
Paddle & Pilates on stand-up paddleboards on Ennis Lake. 75-minute classes every Thursday at 7 a.m. Call or text Christine at 406-600-6379 to reserve your spot.

Willie's Distillery Trivia Night  
Thursdays at 312 Main St., Ennis, 6 p.m.

### 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.

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

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris  
7 p.m.

Farmers' Market, Twin Bridges  
9 a.m. every day.

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

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