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Madison County man charged in connection with missing Ennis woman

Michelle Sorrows last seen July 30

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MADISON COUNTY—On Tuesday, December 4, Stanley Gordon Bernardini appeared in Gallatin County District Court and pleaded not guilty to three criminal counts, one of which may connect him to the disappearance of Michelle Marie Sorrows, a 37-year-old Ennis woman, earlier this year.

Bernardini was arrested by Madison County law enforcement on November 30 and his case was filed on December 3. Agents from the Montana Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI) received information earlier in November that incriminated Bernardini in Sorrows' disappearance. Sorrows was last seen on July 30 and was reported missing on August 3.

According to a Madison County court affidavit, a confidential source (CS) who knows Bernardini personally spoke to DCI agent Mark Strangio, telling him that Bernardini, who was Sorrows' boyfriend, had killed her and that her body had been buried in a remote part of a piece of property owned by the Jumping Horse Ranch Corporation outside Jeffers, on which Bernardini's apartment is located.

The CS described the relationship of Bernardini and Sorrows as volatile and sometimes violent, the records state, and he told Strangio that Bernardini had told him about a physical altercation that ultimately led to her death. Bernardini also allegedly told the CS that he had researched things like "the benefits of shallow versus deep grave sites" and that he had placed her body in the bed of his truck to dispose of it, digging a grave with a backhoe.

The CS also recalled a conversation with Bernardini in July or August to Strangio, saying Bernardini had asked how to remove blood from clothing.

Law enforcement and the manager of the Jumping Horse Ranch property attempted to locate the spot where Bernardini is said to have buried Sorrows' body, but the affidavit notes that bad weather and unpassable terrain hindered the search.

With the information provided by the CS, Agent Strangio obtained a search warrant for Bernardini's apartment, which was searched on November 29.

On searching the apartment, law enforcement found bloodstain patterns on the living room floor and bedroom walls and droplets of blood in the hallway leading between the two rooms, the affidavit states. There was also evidence of efforts to clean the affected areas, and law enforcement also found an empty bottle of bleach. While searching, Agent Strangio also found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the apartment's kitchen.

Strangio and another DCI agent, Bruce McDermott, interviewed Bernardini on November 30 according to the affidavit, and Bernardini "denied having anything to do with the disappearance and death of Sorrows." The document also says he "gave no reason why "human blood" would be on the walls and floors of his apartment and denied having any knowledge of or partaking in any type of clean-up efforts."

The affidavit cites Bernardini as also telling law enforcement that the truck allegedly used to transport Sorrows' body had broken down in Reno, Nevada. Investigators contacted the Reno Police Department, and the truck was later found and impounded by Reno police. It will be returned to Madison County as soon as arrangements can be made.

The affidavit states that the investigation revealed "corroborating facts that incriminating evidence was altered, partially destroyed, concealed, or removed," and that Bernardini may have been involved. Bernardini has been charged with three criminal counts, one of which is a felony, the only charge that directly relates to Sorrows' disappearance:

- Tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, a felony

MISSING continued on A2

Feedback on football co-op consumes Sheridan school board

A dozen community members share their thoughts

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SHERIDAN—Sheridan and Twin Bridges school districts are weighing a potential football cooperative agreement that would combine the turnout athletes from both schools into a single, eight-man team in coming years.

"The board really wants to hear everybody's concerns," said chairman Bill Wood at the start of the Sheridan meeting on Tuesday, December 11. To accommodate this, speakers were limited to three minutes to voice their thoughts on the merger.

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Commissioners approve Moonlight Basin subdivision

911 systems, Habitat for Humanity loan also discussed

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VIRGINIA CITY—The Madison County commissioners are remaining busy leading up to the holidays, hearing updates and public comment from a variety of sectors at their weekly meeting on Tuesday, December 11, including public feedback on a county loan for an upcoming Ennis housing project and final approvals for a Big Sky project in the works since summer.

Habitat for Humanity

Community member and local business owner Rich Lewis approached the commissioners to express dissatisfaction at the commission's decision at a meeting in October to grant a \$60,000 loan to Gallatin Valley Habitat for Humanity for a group of homes that will be built in Ennis as a way to provide more affordable housing in the area.

COUNTY continued on A2

Madison Valley Medical Center gets excellence in cardiac care award

MVMC one of 17 qualifying providers across Montana

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ENNIS—Madison Valley Medical Center received an award earlier this fall for its preparedness and prompt care of cardiac patients, one of fewer than 20 providers across the state to receive the honor.

Facilities around Montana applied for the Montana Cardiac Initiative's (MCI) awards, sending in their policies, procedures and order sets for evaluation. If they met state and national standards, they received a stipend to maintain those protocols, and will continue to report their data to MCI for evaluation to ensure patients are continuing to get excellent care over time.

"They're looking at those things to see if they're up to date and if they're meeting the standards for cardiac care nationally," says Allison Treloar. "And ours are."

Treloar is MVMC's chief nursing officer and was responsible for coordinating the hospital's application to MCI. She says MVMC has backlogged data on its policies and procedures to provide context for

how they're doing in their care of cardiac patients. They'll continue to do that in the future.

"It's a quality improvement project," she says. "They're ensuring that you continue to meet that standard."

The MCI award looks into just one part of what Treloar calls a cardiac care "continuum," made up of three main sections: primary care, acute cardiac events and cardiac rehabilitation. This award focuses on the second of those processes.

"Primary care clinics look at how we make sure people are healthy, preventing them from having bad cardiovascular health," she says. "Then there are instances when people come in with an acute, stressful situation where they need to be hospitalized or transferred for a procedure. And then when they come back to our community, we follow up with them."

"This project really looks at the piece in the hospital. When they're present to the ER and think they're



Madison Valley Medical Center was one of 17 critical care hospitals in Montana to be recognized by Montana Cardiac Initiative for its policies and procedures in caring for cardiac patients during acute cardiac events like heart attacks. (R. COLYER)

having a heart attack, what do we do?"

The critical element, Treloar says, is time. The national standard for dealing with a cardiac patient suffering from chest pain is to conduct an echocardiogram (EKG) within 10 minutes of the patient's arrival. MVMC meets that standard.

"The faster and more efficiently we can do it here, the better the outcome for the patient," says Treloar.

"We meet that standard. Even the front desk drops everything, then you react to it almost like a trauma: all hands on."

That part of the process was further expedited back in 2016, when MVMC received a grant from Montana Mission: Lifeline, which provided EMS services with the equipment and software to both take and transmit an EKG image to

MVMC continued on A2

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Gender: FEMALE
Date of Birth: 02/11/1981
Race: WHITE
Hair Color: BROWN
Eye Color: HAZEL
Height: 5' 4"
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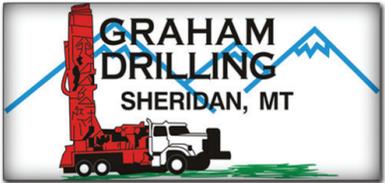
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COUNTY continued from A1: Commissioners discuss GIS updates, planning for Moonlight Basin

Habitat for Humanity plans to purchase 10 lots in the North 40 subdivision, a total cost of \$150,000 in addition to \$106,000 outfitting those lots with water and sewer services. A NeighborWorks Montana loan covers \$196,000 of the project, and the commissioners agreed to utilize \$60,000 of Madison County money to make up the remainder of the project, a loan that would be paid back incrementally as the homes were sold. The loan must be repaid within five years.

At the time of approval, the commissioners noted they didn't foresee a negative response from taxpayers in assisting with supplying affordable housing, something that is a perennial topic of discussion around Madison County. Lewis attended Tuesday's meeting to express just the negative response that wasn't initially expected.

"To me, this is totally wrong," Lewis told the commissioners. "You guys are going to put me out of business."

Lewis owns and operates Timberline Rentals and also works as a contractor. He acknowledged that the need for more affordable housing and more rental access is greater on the Ennis side of Madison County, but noted that he currently has spaces available for rent that he says are affordable accommodations.

Lewis brought with him a petition bearing 100 signatures of residents he said agreed with his opinion, that the commission overstepped its bounds in allocating the \$60,000.

Planning director Charity Fechter clarified that while the Habitat for Humanity branch facilitating the project is from Gallatin County, the \$60,000 would be staying in Madison County and would only be managed by

the nonprofit. Since Madison County doesn't have a Habitat for Humanity branch, Gallatin County's was the closest option. She also noted that the nonprofit hadn't been the initiating party in the housing project.

"The parties interested in the project approached Habitat for Humanity," Fechter said. "Not the other way around."

Commissioner Dan Allhands said the project—and the loan—were in an attempt to address what he called "a housing crisis we have."

Allhands noted that some of the impetus behind the decision was the idea that if fewer employees of Madison County businesses had to commute from cities like Bozeman, Butte or Dillon, there would be more children in Madison County's schools, more taxpayers and homeowners in the county, and greater economic prosperity in the long run.

Commissioner Jim Hart said Lewis had answered exactly the question the commission had weighed at the time they first made the decision.

"That was our bottom line question: would there be people who would be upset by the use of public funds?" said Hart. "You guys have asked the questions that we need to make sure we have answered," said Hart. While the loan agreement with Habitat for Humanity has already been settled, the commissioners agreed they would take an even more critical look at any similar projects that come up in the future, and may adjust how they decide to proceed.

GIS Update

Madison County Global Information Systems (GIS) Director Tommy Luksha updated the commissioners on the system that is used for ensuring that

emergency response crews are sent to the proper addresses when information is relayed from 911 dispatchers to ambulance, police and fire department response teams, among other tasks.

Luksha said that inconsistencies in the system show a match rate of just over 88 percent between Madison County's real roads and the ones that appear in a master street addressing guide database (MSAG). One source of inconsistencies, Luksha said, is when a given property with only one address has multiple buildings, but only one is a residence. Sometimes crews are sent to the wrong building at what might be the right "address," losing precious seconds on an emergency response.

"I expect this to change a lot of addresses," Luksha said. The usual way of improving the match rate of the addressing system is changing the numbers on houses in the inaccurate areas to make them match the data the systems are reading. "What I'm doing now is not enough to get to where we need to be quick enough."

Checking address accuracy is only one of Luksha's responsibilities, and as a result he can only commit about six hours per week to addressing the issues. He also updates voter precincts and school districts, helps ensure that roads are routed and platted correctly and plots new permanent addresses, like newly-built homes, in the county's GPS system.

Madison County residents need not worry about their addresses spontaneously changing in the immediate future.

Luksha said it would take a year at the bare minimum to evaluate the exact extent of the inaccuracies, and as many as a few years to get all of the neces-

sary adjustments made. He said his goal would be to have 98 percent accuracy across the board when it comes to the county's GIS system.

Planning Office

The Madison County Planning Board deliberated on a new plat in the Moonlight Basin area of Big Sky at several of its monthly meetings earlier this year, and the commissioners moved on the board's recommendation to approve the final plat proposal on Tuesday.

The plat sets aside 12.33 acres for three condominium lots and was first approved on July 3. It has since been adjusted to reflect the suggested provisions from the commissioners and the planning board, so construction will be able to move forward in 2019. The entire project will include both condominium and residential lots, as well as a club facility complete with a basketball gym, swimming pool and other offerings.

The planning office then asked the commissioners to extend the deadline for finalizing changes to the overall development plan (ODP) for the Spanish Peaks area of Big Sky. The ODP sets boundaries and regulations for development and new constructions in Spanish Peaks and is set to expire at the end of this month.

While the adjustments to the ODP are minor, changing the plan requires a number of public meetings, and is further complicated by the fact that part of Spanish Peaks lies in Gallatin County while the rest lies in Madison County. The planning office recommended that the commissioners extend the deadline until March 31, 2019, which the commissioners unanimously approved.

SHERIDAN continued from A1: Community members share their ideas on co-op football with Twin

Superintendent Mike Wetherbee began by reading three comment letters that had been mailed in for consideration:

"Our school identity—our football—is only one of the supports that holds our community together," wrote Sheridan junior Cade McParland, who has played for Sheridan's schools for six years. "I think what was neglected was what is in the heart of the player. I only want to sing 'Onward Panthers,' after games."

Another letter from Sheridan 6th grade teacher Sara Decker noted three primary concerns at the idea of the co-op. She worried about keeping students' academically eligible with the proposed addition of a junior varsity schedule; wondered if there would be enough buses to tote athletes back and forth to practices, something Sheridan already struggles with regarding some of its after-school programs; and questioned whether a co-op would harm school pride.

"This topic is honestly bringing out the worst in our staff," Decker wrote.

Opinions from the audience fell on both sides of the issue. Henry Sutton, an eighth

grader who played for Sheridan's middle school football team this year, said he thinks it provides a good opportunity.

"I'm up for it because it's a great chance for us to do new things if we put the time and effort into it," Sutton said. "I think we can learn a lot from them, and they can learn a lot from us."

A cooperative is usually a three-year commitment, Wetherbee told the board and audience. He also presented some numeric projections for both student body and athletic turnout between both Twin Bridges and Sheridan for the next several years.

In order to play eight-man football, a school or co-op must have a student body between 65 and 130. With a co-op, the combined student body of both schools must be within that range.

Wetherbee said the combined population of Twin Bridges and Sheridan high schools is projected to fall at about 131 in the 2019-2020 school year, 128 in 2021-2022, 116 in 2022-2023 and 119 in 2023-2024.

"Of the 46 teams in Class C Eight-man, six are co-ops," said Wetherbee. "Of those six, five

made the playoffs." That includes the Drummond/Granite Co-op, which won the 2018 8-man state title on November 17.

Some commenters noted they would have felt differently if the community had been more aware of the potential co-op from the beginning.

Community member Beau Decker said he may have supported the idea, but as the issue stands, he doesn't.

"I really want to know what we're teaching our kids," Decker told the board. "When things get tough, do you just quit? I would've probably had a different opinion if this had been handled differently. I've lost a lot of trust in the school board process."

Sheridan player Henry Sutton's father, Bobby, noted that with a greater number of athletes would allow players to focus on the positions that best suited them, rather than having to try and play every position at once. He also said playing on an 8-man team could get standout athletes noticed by college recruiters more easily.

"But if the board elects to go with the co-op, I think we

should record those concerns and get people together to address those," he said.

In the end, that's exactly what the board decided to do.

"There's no way we as a board can make a rational decision without answering some questions and figuring out these small details," said chairman Wood.

The board voted to create a committee to discuss and research topics from transportation and buses to a potential JV schedule, practice times to the cost of re-outfitting students with new uniforms.

The committee will also be on a time crunch, because a co-op proposal must be submitted to the Montana High School Association (MHSA) by February 1, 2019. So, the committee—which will consist of two board members, an athletic director, an administrator and a community member each from both Sheridan and Twin Bridges—will present its findings to the school board at its next regular meeting on January 8, where they will make their final vote on whether to submit the proposal to MHSA.

MISSING

continued from A1:

- Criminal possession of dangerous drugs, second or subsequent offense—a misdemeanor, for the marijuana found in the apartment upon DCI search
- Criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor, for items including a butane torch also found in the apartment.

Bernardini appeared before the Gallatin County 18th District Court on December 4, where he pleaded not guilty to all three of the charges outlined in the affidavit. His bail was set to \$100,000. His next court appearance date has not yet been set.

The disappearance of Michelle Sorrows remains an ongoing missing persons investigation by both the Madison County Sheriff's Office (MSCO) and the Montana Department of Criminal Investigations, and is also being investigated as a homicide. Anyone who may have additional information about the case is encouraged to contact MSCO at (406) 843-5301.

MVMC

continued from A1:

a medical facility from an ambulance or a patient's home. That makes it even easier for MVMC to reach its goal of getting a cardiac patient referred to where they need to go in 45 minutes or less.

If an EKG reveals that a patient really is having a heart attack, they'll be transferred from MVMC—a "referring facility," to a larger "receiving cardiac center," usually Bozeman's Deaconess Hospital. Having a good working relationship with Bozeman Health is another element of the cardiac award that will continue to be monitored in the future.

Treloar calls it "door to needle" time. "It's about how quickly we get medication administrators, get a consult and the transfer time, door in to door out. We're following the standard of care, now the goal is to make sure we continue to follow it."

MVMC will log data on how well it sticks to those procedures for the next three years. The data will show MCI that they're meeting state and national standards and identify areas for improvement, if there are any. MCI has been giving cardiac recognition awards since 2010, but this year is the first that MVMC has applied for one.

In the end, it's an award that helps guarantee maintained quality of care, says Treloar.

"It ensures that we're going to continue to do what we say we can do."



White belt ... Ennis Assembly of God's latest "white belt" recipient Benz de Charmoy, received his belt on Sunday, December 2. Willow Williams also received a white belt. Shown above are Submerge Kids Club Coach Melissa Carney, de Charmoy. The church offers Submerge Kids Club to kids in grade kindergarten through 5 on Wednesdays following school. Call the church for details 682-4197.



Ennis school board nixes TB testing

Facilitated bargaining date set, new adult ed courses approved

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ENNIS—The Ennis School Board covered a lot of ground in a short time at their monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 12, finalizing efforts that have been on at least three of their past agendas.

The board voted unanimously to do away with pre-employment tuberculosis testing, something that has been mandatory in the past for all employees and volunteers with the district. However, the state of Montana no longer requires testing, and Madison County has never had a positive tuberculosis test. Ennis and Alder were the only two schools in the county that still required testing.

Board members had considered the idea of creating a pre-employment questionnaire asking if applicants had traveled to certain areas or been exposed to certain infections to narrow down the likelihood that they could carry tuberculosis. But on Wednesday, Casey Klasna said that wouldn't be the best route.

Klasna said he had met with an attorney, and the advice he'd been given was that specific questionnaires like that can impinge on protections in place under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The board heard a presentation at their November meeting from school nurse Whitney Marsh on the likelihood of seeing a positive test, which was remote. Based on that information, the board decided to eliminate the mandatory testing.

Also continuing from last month's meeting, the board set the date for its next facilitated bargaining session, which will take place in January. The board decided earlier this year to pursue the facilitated bargaining process proposed by the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA) after hearing from a number of different independent contractors.

The MTSBA process will begin with a session facilitated by legal counsel representing the Association, and will be attended by board members, administration and members of the teachers' union. It will be the first in a series of meetings over the rest of the school year to negotiate everything from insurance benefits to teacher salaries.

Other business on the Ennis School Board's December meeting:

- Elementary principal Brian Hilton updated the board, saying that the elementary school gave out 46 perfect attendance awards during a recent student awards' ceremony. Hilton also said that 24 students recently competed in the Montana science Olympiad, assisted by a new science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) class taught by Tami Jenkins.

- In her high school update, principal Melissa Newman said the implementation of a school nurse, first approved this summer, had been a huge success so far this school year. Newman met with nurse Whitney Marsh, Madison Valley Medical Center's Dr. Maura Davenport and Chief Nursing Officer Alison Treloar to evaluate the first several months of the program. Newman also announced the Ennis High School student council's student of the month Dean Comer and teacher of the month Jamie Diehl.

- Continuing education director Kayla Way presented a list of 29 classes and workshops to be offered during the winter session of 2019. Way said it was the largest set of offerings the program has had, and the list was unanimously approved by the board. Registration and information about Ennis Continuing Education programs will be online after the new year, Way said.

- The board approved the addition of Josie Jenkins to Ennis's list of substitute teachers to be used in future terms. Jenkins was the valedictorian for the Ennis senior class of 2018 and is in teaching school. Klasna called her someone who "leads by example," and the board unanimously approved adding her to the substitute list.

Applicants sought for National Resource Advisory committees

DILLON—Candidates are needed for membership on the Southwest Montana and Tri-County Resource Advisory Committees.

Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) were established to review and recommend projects to be carried out using Title II funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and amended through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-141).

The purpose of each RAC is to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

Projects are funded that protect, restore, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat; improve the maintenance of existing Forest Service infrastructure; protect and enhance ecosystems on the national forests; and restore and improve land health and water quality. Past projects include maintenance of Forest Service roads, trails and infrastructure; replacement of county bridges; control of noxious and exotic weeds; and reestablishment of native species.

In 2018, it's expected the committee will make recommendations concerning projects in Beaverhead, Madison, Silver Bow, Granite, Powell, Jefferson, and Deer Lodge Counties. The committees are made of up to 15 representatives. Without simple majority of each of the three categories of members (a quorum), no recommendations can be made.

The committee has vacancies for members to represent the following interests:

- Outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation
 - Energy and mineral development or commercial or recreational fishing interests, commercial timber industry
 - Federal grazing permit holders or land use permit holders within the RAC area
 - Environmental organizations, archeological and historical interests, and others.
- An application form and additional information can be obtained from Jeanne Dawson, jeanne.dawson@usda.gov, (406) 683-3987, or online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/bdnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.
- Nominations and applications are due by January 11, 2019, and sent to Dawson.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Twin Bridges travels to Three Forks for two-day tournament; Falcons on a hot streak

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MADISON COUNTY—The Twin Bridges boys basketball team means business this season, and they held nothing back when they traveled to Three Forks for the two-day Imerys Tournament December 7 and 8.

On Friday the Falcons edged the Jefferson Panthers 48-40, with Nate Konen notching 15 points and Bryce Nye adding 12 more. The Falcons got off to a strong start, outscoring Jefferson 18-8 in the first quarter, before slowing in the second and third, their lead shrinking to just two points. But they rallied enough in the fourth to clinch a victory, continuing straight on into the afternoon's next game against West Yellowstone and clinching a decisive 72-40 victory.

They started equally strong against Gardiner on Saturday, outscoring the Bruins 29-16 in the first half. Nye brought the heat again, leading the Falcons with 18 points, while Charlie Kruer added 16—including three 3-pointers—and Konen added another 13. The Falcons would drop the Bruins 62-57 despite a blistering 21 points from Gardiner's Luke Stermitz and 18 points from Jacob Perius.

The lady Falcons weren't as lucky in their Friday game against host Three Forks, falling 56-33 against the Wolves. But Twin Bridges rallied strong in their second game of the tournament and making it a Falcon sweep of West Yellowstone, topping the Wolverines 51-39.

They maintained that momentum and swept the Gardiner Bruins on Saturday as well by a score of 51-35. The lady Falcons would end the tournament 2-1, while the boys clinched a perfect 3-0 record for the weekend.

Further down the Ruby Valley, the Sheridan Panthers have yet to win a game this season. Both boys and girls' teams fell to West Yellowstone on December 8, the boys in a score of 46-34 and the girls in a painful 55-14.

But the season continues, and the Panthers recovered their momentum to take on Granite and Harrison the following weekend, while Twin Bridges took on Lima and Ennis, Ennis added a game against Gardiner and Harrison matched up with Drummond.

Twin Bridges was first to play on Thursday evening, blowing the Lima Bears away and outscoring them by more than double in three of the four quarters. Led by 15 points from Clancy Phillip and 11 from Blu Keim, plus three-pointers from Phillip, Avery George and Kara Dale, the lady Falcons never let go of the lead and defeated the Bears 51-23.

The boys dropped the Bears by an even larger margin, notching an impressive 67-25 victory and remaining undefeated for the season thus far. They kept their streak alive on Friday when they steamrolled the Ennis Mustangs 83-39, while the lady Falcons fell at Ennis 50-26.

Ennis played Gardiner the following day with a similar result: a 55-25 victory for the girls and a closer but still painful defeat for the boys, who fell 78-57.

For Sheridan, the season's slow start continued into the weekend, with both Granite and Harrison defeating the Panthers. But the girls notched their first victory of the season, edging Harrison 49-41 on Saturday after falling to Granite 42-26 on Friday.

The final game of a packed weekend of basketball came when Harrison took on the Drummond Trojans, falling on both sides in games that ended with the exact same score: both boys and girls lost by a narrow eight points 54-46.

Local basketball teams will take a holiday break before games pick back up after the new year. Twin Bridges will travel to Whitehall on January 3 and on January 4, Sheridan will host Drummond, Harrison will travel to Lima and Ennis will travel to Philipsburg to play Granite.



ABOVE – Harrison's Dillon Christiansen makes a drive for the basket against Sheridan on Saturday, December 15. The Wildcats defeated the Panthers, keeping Sheridan winless so far this season. (A. CHRISTENSEN) BELOW – Ennis's Jourdain Klein goes for a layup on Friday, December 14. The Mustangs hosted Twin Bridges, defeating the Falcons 50-26. (R. COLYER)



Sheridan makes progress on future subdivision

Council commits to allow connection to town sewer system, beginning with one home

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SHERIDAN—The Sheridan town council took another step toward a new subdivision at its monthly meeting on Monday, December 10.

Todd Dahlman purchased the 5.27-acre parcel off Tolson Lane at the east edge of Sheridan and plans to begin by building his own home on the land. But he also hopes to divide the land into as many as seven residential lots.

"The genesis of this was to build a house for myself," Dahlman told the council. "But I don't need five and a quarter acres, and I don't want that much."

The only thing Dahlman sought from the council on Monday was a commitment to allow him to connect his own home to the city's sewer system via a single pipeline. When and if the subdivision goes through later, the business of connecting those homes or building a septic system will be revisited.

It would take around 100 days to subdivide the land, Dahlman said, followed by an "onerous" process to hook up the lots to the city system. Since the production of Dahlman's home along with a garage is the only certain project so far, there are no plans concerning the sewer system for the subdivision as a whole yet.

The council unanimously voted to make that commitment allowing Dahlman to hook up to Sheridan's sewer system, and Dahlman showed a preliminary outline of what potential subdivision plans may

look like. Each lot would be plenty large enough to accommodate a 3,000 square foot home and a 1,200 square foot outbuilding while remaining within the general guideline of having less than 30 percent of a lot "under a roof." Dahlman said those two buildings would constitute about a quarter of the acreage on each of the seven lots.

Another item brought up by members of the council was whether the subdivision would be annexed into the Sheridan city limits. While no formal move was made toward solidifying that commitment, both Dahlman and the council agreed that would be the most efficient and desirable avenue.

"It's the most readily available land to expand into," said Sheridan mayor Bob Stump. "It would be greatly beneficial."

Annexation would be a relatively simple process, Stump noted. The council added that it seemed only natural that a subdivision connected to town sewer and water systems would also be annexed as a formal part of the town itself.

On an unrelated note, Stump told the board that the town of Sheridan received its closing instructions from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development program (RD) for the town's proposed new well.

Stump described the instructions as a "form letter," saying that it outlined many of the requirements the town has already fulfilled, but said that though the process has been slow, he is seeing progress.

"There's some work our bond council has to do to prepare the bond transcript," Stump told the council. "Before we can go out to bid, we have to wait for comments from RD on our proposed contract, which has been out for about a week."

The RD program has 30 days to offer comments on that contract, at which point the town can then allow engineers and contractors to bid on the project. The hope remains to have the new well project underway or completed by next summer.

The Sheridan town council will hold its next meeting on January 14, at 6 p.m. at the Sheridan town hall.

Outfitted, guided experiences increasingly crucial to Montana tourism

MISSOULA – Expenditures from outfitted and guided experiences contribute to a large amount of the state's tourism revenue, according to a new report from the University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research.

In 2017, spending on outfitters and guides rose to the fourth highest spending category by nonresident visitors to the state, topping out at nearly \$374 million, or 11 percent of all visitor spending. Only fuel, restaurants and lodging outpaced the outfitting and guiding sector.

Last year, outfitters and guides

served more than 700,000 clients, 63 percent of whom were from out of state. These out-of-state visitors not only spent money locally on their hired guides, but also across other sectors of the economy as they dined, slept and drove throughout the state. In total, visitor groups who hired guides spent \$791 million.

Traditionally, outfitting and guiding in Montana was considered a hunting-, fishing- or rafting-based industry, but in recent years, this definition has become more fully encompassing of the Montana outdoor recreation experience. Not only

do visitors hire guides for fishing, hunting and rafting, but also for a wide swath of other activities—from horseback riding to snowmobiling to wildlife viewing and even outdoor education.

By total number of clients served, rafting, floating, canoeing and kayaking-type activities led the way, with roughly 39 percent of all clients taking part in these water-based trips. Fishing was the next highest client volume activity. By revenue generated from the outfitters and guides, fishing and hunting outfitters stood above all others,

with 33 and 24 percent of all outfitting revenues, respectively.

These visitors spend an average of seven nights in Montana, compared to around five for the typical visitor. Visitors taking guided trips also spend at higher rates than average—\$481 per day compared to \$128.

The full report is available on the ITRR website at <https://bit.ly/2Q4LCJy>. All information and reports published by ITRR are online at <http://itr.umn.edu/>.

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OPINION

Editor:

President Trump doesn't "believe" the latest non-partisan report commissioned by Congress involving more than 300 leading climate scientists. This study concludes that the changing climate will cost our economy billions of dollars and drastically disrupt people's lives, including those here in Montana.

However, President Trump comment-

ed that it was "surprisingly cold outside on Thanksgiving Day". Of course it was. Extreme weather is predicted and happening everywhere.

Unfortunately, Mr. Trump's willingness to ignore the conclusions of experts is dangerous to the security and well-being of our country. He can believe whatever nonsense he wants, but facts are facts.

America should be leading the global attempt to curb climate change, not withdrawing from it. With his inaction, he is stealing our children's and grandchildren's future. Without immediate action, what will their world look like in just a few years? It is frightening!

Mary Sedwick, Ennis

Access points can connect communities with food

By Rhea Landholm,
Center for Rural Affairs

How do we increase healthy, fresh foods in rural America? One way is to identify new opportunities for people to access food. Here are five suggestions for your community.

• Mobile grocery stores or veggie vans are refrigerated vans or trucks that bring affordable produce into communities at a certain time and day. The stores can be an effective way to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to communities that may not otherwise have

access to such produce.

• Community-Supported Agriculture, or CSAs, function like a magazine subscription—a customer pays in advance for a season of produce deliveries, receiving a "share" from a farmer. The farmer uses that money to grow food, then delivers a weekly box of produce to the customer.

• Farmers markets create a social environment for community members to access healthy foods and a place for local producers to sell their products. If the food is fresh and affordable, community members are willing to sup-

port local farmers and gardeners, which benefits the economy.

• Food hubs are networks that allow local producers to collaborate on marketing and distribution. Together, growers can supply more produce to meet larger scale wholesale or retail orders. These hubs create an opportunity for communities to simultaneously improve access to local foods and create business for local farmers, distributors, and retailers.

• Seed banks operate by allowing a person to "check out" seeds, rootstocks, or oth-

er plant materials, taking them home to grow, then saving seeds to give back following harvest. Seed banks not only protect such plant materials, but also provide farmers, gardeners, and other growers access to seeds.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

A patient-centered approach to Medicare drug reform

Dr. A. Mark Fendrick

The Trump administration has proposed sweeping changes to Medicare to curb taxpayer spending on prescription drugs. These include price setting, revamping how doctors and hospitals acquire drugs, and changing how physicians are reimbursed for medicines.

The changes apply to "Part B," the component of Medicare that covers medicines administered in a health-care facility, like gene therapies and advanced treatments for cancer. Today, physicians purchase these medications directly.

These changes may reduce short-term expenditures, but will restrict access to lifesaving medications.

The Trump administration's proposal, which is being pitched as a five-year experiment in half the country, has three key components.

First, it would set prices on Part B drugs. Rather than the current program, which sets Part B reimbursements on the aver-

age U.S. sales price of a drug, the government would index payments to a drug's average price in 16 foreign markets with socialized healthcare systems.

Second, it would revamp the process for acquiring medicines by injecting a middleman between physicians and manufacturers. These vendors would purchase Part B drugs from manufacturers, bill Medicare, and distribute them to doctors and hospitals. The administration believes middlemen will negotiate better discounts from manufacturers.

Finally, the proposal would alter the reimbursement formula for doctors. Rather than receiving a 4.3 percent markup, which is designed to cover handling, storage, and administration, doctors would receive a flat fee for each dose administered. Critics of the current formula suggest that doctors are incentivized to prescribe expensive drugs in order to maximize their payout.

The international pricing index makes little sense. Most of those 16 countries keep prices

artificially low by restricting patients' access to care.

Nearly 90 percent of new treatments introduced worldwide between 2011 and 2017 were available to Americans. In Japan and Canada, fewer than 50 percent of new treatments were available; in Greece, only 14 percent were.

History suggests that inserting more middlemen into the drug pricing equation won't curb costs. The U.S. government tried this approach from 2006 to 2008, when Medicare contracted with vendors to buy Part B medications. The government did not save money, and the program was axed amid disputes over contracts and low participation.

What's more, a flat fee could force some doctors to close their doors. Eighty percent of oncologists already say that reimbursement cuts impact their ability to sustain their practices.

A clinically driven approach that ensures seniors have access to high-value medicines and eliminates the use of care that does not improve health could

save billions and improve the health of seniors.

Take "value-based insurance design," or V-BID, a private-sector driven strategy with bipartisan political support. In V-BID programs, patient cost-sharing for certain highly effective drugs and procedures are eliminated or reduced to encourage their use -- even if those services that are initially expensive.

Slowing the growth of Medicare spending is imperative. Before we implement policies that deny seniors access to effective treatments, a focus on the identification and elimination of no-value care should be a priority.

Dr. A. Mark Fendrick is the director of the Center for Value-Based Insurance Design at the University of Michigan, where he is also a professor of internal medicine in the School of Medicine and a professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health.

OBITUARIES

Marcia Gae (Novich) Gibson December 9, 2018

Marcia passed away on December 9, 2018 after a short battle with cancer.

Marcia was born on July 24, 1946 in Whitehall, Montana to Steve and Margaret Novich. She was later joined by her three brothers Thomas, Steve (John) and Donald (Frank). Marcia attended and graduated Twin Bridges High School in 1964. Marcia spent her youth working on the family ranch doing everything except feeding the chickens. Because of an altercation with a rooster at a young age she was deathly afraid of birds. In the summers during her high school years she worked the horse shows at the Madison County Fair. After graduation from high school she spent some time working for the sheriff's office in Virginia City and the library on the campus of the University of Montana in Missoula. She would return to Twin Bridges area and receive her bachelor's degree from Western Montana College. While at Western she would meet her husband of 48 years William (Bill). They were married on July 11, 1970 and would soon have two sons, Travis and Trenton. Bill and Marcia would spend a few years in Harrison, Montana where Bill taught school and coached. In the early eighties they would move back to Twin Bridges where they



would make their home. Marcia would spend the next 23 years working for the Twin Bridges School District. Upon retirement she would spend countless hours at the museum in Twin Bridges, and working on history books of Twin Bridges, the town of Rochester, and the Montana Children's Center.

Marcia preceded in death by her parents Steve and Margaret Novich, her brothers Thomas Novich, Steven John Novich, Donald Frank Novich, her aunt

Judith Marceau, uncles Pete Novich, and Dan Novich and aunt Lucille Novich.

Marcia is survived by her husband of 48 years William, sons Travis (Ryann), Trenton (Sarah), grandchildren Peter, Jack, Tyler, Bryanna, Adryana, and Aspen. Numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Harry Craig Marconet December 4, 2018

Harry C. Marconet died unexpectedly at his home in Sheridan, on December 4, 2018, at the age of 68.

Harry leaves behind a daughter, Charlotte Allhands (Andy), their children, Jerrica and Nathan; and a son, Harry Jr., sister's Rosalind Lewien (d. Danny), and Connie Harrison (Doug), of Sheridan, ex-wife Sue, nephews, and nieces. Harry is preceded in death by his parents, Harry D. and Alma F. Marconet.

Harry was born and grew up in the small mid-western town of Larned, Kansas. He graduated from Larned High School and attended Hutchinson Community College. Harry joined the United States Navy and was stationed in Scotland and Adak, Alaska. In 1977, after his parents retired, they moved to Ennis Lake in McAllister, MT. A short time later, Harry followed his family to Montana, where he worked as a miner until he retired after 30 years.

Funeral services will take place on Sunday December 16, 2018 in the Old Twin Bridges High School gym at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers a memorial to the Twin Bridges Historical Association or the United Vets in Marcia's name.



Harry enjoyed listening to and playing music. He had a great passion for cars and loved his dogs. Harry was added much happiness to those who knew and loved him. Charlotte was always there when he needed help. Connie loved her younger brother and will miss him dearly. They were neighbors for over 20 years.

A private memorial service will be held with family and friends.

Celebrate the hibernal solstice at Norris Hot Springs

NORRIS - The hibernal or winter solstice is an astronomical phenomenon marking the day with the shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. It occurs when one of the Earth's poles has achieved a maximum tilt away from the Sun.

This happens twice yearly: In the Northern Hemisphere this is the December solstice, which takes place December 21 or 22. In the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are flipped and this takes place June 20 or 21, their wintertime.

During the winter solstice the Sun travels the shortest path through the sky, marking the traditional beginning of "true" winter.

After the solstice, each day, the daylight period will grow longer, until the vernal or spring equinox, a period when daylight and nighttime are of equal lengths, which takes place March 20 or 21 in the Northern Hemisphere and September 22 or 23 in the Southern Hemisphere. The vernal equinox is celebrated in many cultures as a time of rebirth.

Winter, says Joanne Gardner, of Norris Hot Springs, is when things really get cranking.

"The staff has insured that all pumps, lines and support gear are ready to insure the Water of the Gods is ready for happy people to soak," she says. "The kitchen is primed with delicious nutritious food and many drink options for the whole family or gang. The night sky getting darker gives you one of those amazing Montana opportunities - sitting in a soothing wooden pool full of hot water with stars twinkling above on a freezing night. That just doesn't happen in Florida."

To celebrate the winter solstice, or if you've got folks on your shopping list who are hard to buy for, Gardner suggested picking up some "soak passes" at Norris Hot Springs. "They fit everyone and work 12 months a year," she joked!



Soak passes make a great solstice gift, says Norris Hot Springs' Joanne Gardner (SUBMITTED)

If you've decided to skip the holiday hub-bub, here's what Norris Hot Springs has lined up:

- Friday, December 21 - Welcome the solstice with a new artist: Bozeman-based A Band Called Luck. Their first record is due out in early 2019. For more information visit their website www.whattheluckband.com.

- Saturday, December 22 - Aaron Banfield, another Bozeman artist, sings and plays originals along with some known and obscure covers ranging from ballads to up-tempo tunes.

- Sunday, December 23 - Wind up the solstice weekend with Jessica Eve Lechner, a Billings-based singer/songwriter who brings a folk sound that is driven by genuine, original songs as well as a few covers from acts such as Grace Potter and the Beatles. Lechner is an amazing performer.

For more information on hours, the designated driver free soak program, winter menu or more, visit www.norrishotsprings.com. Or call (406) 685-3303

DOI's Bernhardt overhauls grouse plans to benefit special interests, say WVP

Mandate breaks deal, a loss for Westerners, public lands, wildlife

WHITEFISH - On Thursday, December 6, the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its plan to mandate an overhaul of state-level habitat management plans for the greater sage-grouse. The revised plan breaks many of the compromises crafted in the 2015 cooperative plans that were finalized under the previous administration.

The overhaul was run by Deputy Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt, a former lobbyist and corporate lawyer.

"David Bernhardt spent years in the private sector advancing the policy goals of special interests who profit of our public lands," said Jayson O'Neill, Deputy Director of Western Values Project. "Despite his clear conflicts, Zinke put him in charge of ripping apart the plans just to help those very industries that Bernhardt used to work for, all at the expense of habitat, wildlife, and the

thousands of Americans who asked Interior to honor the deal and protect our way of life."

In 2015, the 11 Western states that contain the bird's habitat agreed to a sage grouse management plan, the result of a collaborative effort between multiple stakeholders that marked the greatest land conservation effort in U.S. history. The Interior Department began reworking the state-level plans in June 2017 to ensure they aligned with Secretary Zinke's and the Trump administration's policy of energy dominance. Western Values Project's analysis of thousands of pages of public documents found extent of industries influence over the entire process.

A recent New York Times story, based in part on Western Values Project research, exposed the extraordinary amount of access that the oil and gas industry had to the Interior officials who were conducting Interior's sage grouse review last summer, and Interior staff's willingness to grant industry requests.

Ex-lobbyist turned Interior Deputy David Bernhardt was charged with overseeing the greater sage-grouse management plans overhaul shortly after his controversial confirmation, an assignment that has raised red flags as one of his former lobbying clients, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, was one of the industry groups

pushing hardest to have sage grouse protections rolled back. After the review, IPAA even signed onto a letter thanking Bernhardt for his efforts that benefited the oil and gas industry.

Meanwhile, Westerners have been unhappy with the review. In January, co-chairs of the Western Governors Association Matt Mead and John Hickenlooper sent a letter to Deputy Secretary Bernhardt expressing their disappointment that Western states weren't being included in the changes Interior was making to sage grouse protection efforts.

Americans have submitted over half a million comments urging the Interior Department and the Bureau of Land Management to honor the deal that was agreed to in 2015. Whether or not Interior was valuing public input on the sage grouse review was called into question in March, when it was revealed that nearly 100,000 public comments submitted to BLM hadn't been counted.

Western Values Project, based in Whitefish, Montana, defends America's public lands through research and public education in order to hold policymakers and elected leaders accountable for jeopardizing the West's outdoor heritage.

Senate passes Tester's bill to address missing and murdered indigenous women epidemic

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jon Tester's bill to help address the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women epidemic unanimously passed the Senate Thursday night, just a few weeks after the Senate Indian Affairs Committee unanimously voted to send Savanna's Act to the Senate floor.

"All of us must work together to end this epidemic," Tester said. "Savanna's Act would ensure we all have access to the most comprehensive data regarding these crimes and make sure law enforcement agencies are on the same page as they investigate this unacceptable epidemic."

According to the National Insti-

tute of Justice, more than 80 percent of native women have experienced violence—almost half within the last year. As a senior member and former Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Tester has worked hard to raise awareness about this epidemic, support survivors, and bring their assailants to justice.

Savanna's Act would require the U.S. Department of Justice to better collect and report crime data and increase access to federal crime databases that track missing persons across Indian Country. It would also create standard guidelines for responding to cases of missing and murdered indigenous

women, laying out a clear framework for cooperation between tribal, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Earlier this year, Tester secured a historic \$133 million to help tribes assist survivors of violent crimes through the Crime Victims Fund and is sponsoring legislation to make this funding permanent. The SURVIVE Act was passed unanimously out of Committee and is currently awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.

Tester has called for a Senate hearing on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women epidemic, which will take place on December 12, 2018.

Falling gas pump prices making spirits bright

HELENA - Drivers will have more change jingling in their pockets this holiday season as they save on fuel fill-ups, especially compared to this summer. On the week, the national average shed 4.4 cents to land at \$2.399 per gallon. Prices in Montana dropped 7.6 cents to \$2.672.

The duration of the current downward price trend is largely dependent on crude inventories and prices. This comes after 10 weeks of consecutive inventory growth that helped to push crude prices to their lowest levels of 2018 - as cheap as \$50/bbl.

City	Today's price	Change from last month	Last year's price
Great Falls	\$2.654	-19.8	\$2.526
Billings	\$2.655	-24.1	\$2.592
Missoula	\$2.668	-30.0	\$2.649
Montana	\$2.672	-25.6	\$2.618
National	\$2.399	-27.9	\$2.453

This comes after 10 weeks of consecutive inventory growth that helped to push crude prices to their lowest levels of 2018 - as cheap as \$50/bbl.

"With inventories now falling, crude prices could increase," Donati said. "If this proves true,

then motorists will likely see pump prices increase during the first quarter of 2019."

Missouri and California hold the lowest and highest average price for the lower 48 states at \$1.983 and \$3.419 per gallon.

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DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court scheduled proceedings for six criminal cases the week of December 17:

- **Jeb Floyd Smithson** faces a total of eleven charges from three cases: felony possession of methamphetamine, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, possession of drug paraphernalia for pipes and syringes found in Smithson's possession, driving with a suspended or revoked license, driving without liability insurance, failure to secure license plates, a speed infraction on Montana highway 41 and a seatbelt violation were all brought in 2017. Smithson pleaded not guilty to all eight charges. He also faces charges of failure to register as a violent offender, felony theft and misdemeanor obstruction of a peace officer. Smithson was arrested earlier this year after failing to appear for a court appearance.

- **Kelly Ann Henderson** faces a petition to revoke a suspended sentence for drug and alcohol-related probation violations. Henderson pled guilty to a fourth or subsequent offense of driving under the influence, a felony, back in 2010, and was found guilty of previous probation violations in 2014. Another arrest warrant was issued after further violations in 2016, and Henderson was arrested in November.

- **Jennifer Rose Lince** is charged with felony exploitation of an older person for allegedly using her grandmother's funds or assets with intent to temporarily or permanently deprive her of those assets, between May and September of this year. Lince has pleaded not guilty to the charge.

- **Jessica Logan Bosch** is charged with aggravated driving under the influence, operation of a motor vehicle by a habitual traffic offender, driving without motor vehicle insurance and driving with an expired vehicle registration. Bosch pleaded not guilty to all four charges.

- **Peter William Miller** is charged with strangulation of a partner or family member, a felony to which he initially pleaded not guilty this July. Miller later entered a guilty plea and awaits sentencing.

- **Kymberlie Alyssa Saunders** was charged with criminal distribution of dangerous drugs and criminal possession of dangerous drugs for alleged possession and distribution of marijuana in June of this year. Saunders was also charged with attempting to obstruct a peace officer for allegedly telling an officer that she had a medical marijuana card, as well as four counts of criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Saunders pleaded not guilty to all seven charges in July, and a charge of solicitation of tampering with physical evidence was added to the list in August when evidence was found that Saunders may have asked a friend to destroy or damage her phone to make evidence unrecoverable.

AAA: One-in-three Americans will travel this holiday season, the most on record

HELENA – AAA projects a record-breaking 112.5 million Americans will travel this holiday season, meaning more than one-third of all Americans will take to the nation's roads and skies later this month. That's a 4.4 percent increase over last year and the most since AAA has been tracking holiday travel.

"This is projected to be the busiest holiday travel season in our country's history," said Michelle Donati, spokesperson for AAA Montana. "There will be almost 5 million more people traveling in 2018 compared with last year. This continues a nationwide trend of holiday travel growth over the last decade, driven by low unemployment and rising incomes, as well as stable prices for goods and services."

By the Numbers: AAA's 2018 Holiday Travel Forecast:

- **Hitting the Road:** The vast majority of people - more than 102 million - will hit the road between Saturday, Dec. 22 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, an increase of 4.4 percent over last year's traffic. Gas prices have fallen in recent weeks, with a statewide average of \$2.70 as of December 10, 8-cents more than a year ago.

- **Fuller skies:** More than 6.7 million Americans will take flight, up about 4.2 percent from last year. Expect the nation's airports

to be extremely busy — this is AAA's highest projected air travel forecast since 2003.

- **Car rental costs rising:** Travelers can expect to pay the highest prices for car rentals in 10 years. At \$76, the average daily rate is 3 percent higher than last year.

- **Hotel prices mixed:** Travelers will also pay a bit more at AAA Two Diamond hotels, where prices are 1 percent more than last year, or \$122 per night. Conversely, the average rate for AAA Three Diamond hotels has fallen 3 percent to an average nightly cost of \$152.

INRIX, a global mobility analytics company, expects drivers will experience the greatest amount of congestion before the holiday week — starting on Wednesday, Dec. 19 — as commuters and holiday travelers mix on our nation's busiest roadways. Thursday, Dec. 20 will be the nation's worst day to travel. Avoid traveling during peak commuting hours. If schedules allow, leave bright and early, or after the morning commute.

This holiday season, Saturday, December 22, Sunday, December 23 and Wednesday, December 26 will be the busiest days in the skies and at the airports.

"In most cases, the lightest days to travel will be on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve," Donati said. "Travelers should expect

big crowds at airports, and should be prepared to arrive at least two hours before their departure."

Also, AAA expects to rescue more than 960,000 motorists at the roadside over the 11-day travel period. Dead batteries, lockouts and flat tires will be the leading reasons AAA members will experience car trouble. AAA recommends motorists take their vehicle to a trusted repair facility to perform any needed maintenance before heading out. Oil changes, fluid level checks, battery tests and tire inspections go a long way toward reducing the chances of a breakdown.

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Consider Some New Year's Financial Resolutions

As the year winds down, you may want to look ahead to see which areas of your life you can improve in 2019. Perhaps you'll decide to exercise more, eat healthier foods, reconnect with old friends or volunteer at a school or charitable organization. All these goals are certainly worthwhile — but you also may want to add some New Year's financial resolutions to your list.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

- **Boost contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan.** Good news! Contribution limits will be increasing for many employer-sponsored retirement plans.

For 2019, you can contribute up to \$19,000 (up from \$18,500 in 2018), or \$25,000 (up from \$24,500 in 2018) if you're 50 or older to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while any earnings growth is tax-deferred. (Keep in mind that taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

- **Try to "max out" on your IRA.** Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2019, you can put in up to \$6,000 in a traditional or Roth IRA (up from \$5,500 in 2018), or \$7,000 (up from \$6,500) if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and any earnings growth is tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings growth can be withdrawn tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59 ½ and you've had your account at least

five years. You can put most types of investments — stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on — into an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

- **Build an emergency fund.** Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping in to your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair.

- **Control your debts.** Do what you can to keep your debts under control. Ultimately, the less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

- **Don't overreact to financial market volatility.** In 2018 — especially the last few months of the year — we saw considerable market volatility, with huge drops and big gains in rapid succession. What will 2019 bring? It's always difficult — and usually futile — trying to forecast the market's performance over the course of an entire year. But, in any case, try not to overreact to whatever ups and downs we may experience. Instead, continue pursuing an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Following these suggestions can help you become a better investor in 2019 — and beyond.

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Student of the Week

Madison Reynolds, a first grader at Harrison Elementary School, has been chosen as the Harrison Student of the Month! Madison is a kind, considerate little lady, who always does her best in all that she does. She is always willing to do more

than is expected of her. Madison is a friend to all and is a joy to have in class. Madison is the daughter of Travis and Melinda Reynolds. Congratulations, Madison, and keep up the good work!!

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Twin Bridges honor roll announced

TWIN BRIDGES – Twin Bridges school district has released the names of students added to the honor roll. They are:

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| <p>Seniors
Riah Edsall
Taryn Johnson
Brikayla Salerno
Makenna Adams*
Ayden Anderson*
Jace Caprara*
Cole Escott*
Nora Humbert*
Anna Kaiser*
Blu Keim*
Ethan Kneeland*
Daniel Krueger*
Clancy Phillips*
Jovenai Roscelott*
Steven Smathers</p> <p>Juniors
Mike Baughn
Avery Georg
Aaron Grabil
Brooke Mehlhoff
Rob Dale*
Ashleigh Guinane*
Trystan Harmon*
Jake Hughes*
Nate Konen*
Kenna Millhouse*
Bryce Nye*
Isaiah Redfield*
Dante Salerno*
CJ Wayland*
Kiki Kelly</p> <p>Sophomores
Axton Anderson
Molly Humbert
Hadley Johnson *</p> | <p>Matthew Kaiser*
Charlie Krueger*
Will Morris*
Delilah Puckett*
Hunter Sager*
Kyrie Salerno*
Trista Sarles-Redfield*
Carl Shaw*
Tate Smith*
Bailey Stockett*</p> <p>Freshmen
Addie Baker
Chase Fitzpatrick
Landen Wentzel
Pablo Babcock*
Jasmine Banks*
Kara Dale*
Kate Fisher*
Christopher Fraser*
Lilly Grabil*
Morgan Hendrickson*
Sam Konen*
Hailey Pack*
Tyler Pancost*
Francesca Pollore-na*
Lexie Stockett*
Mhanon Sullivan*
Ethan Wayland*
Riky Puckett
Taylor Smith</p> <p>8th Grade
Leah Carter
Millie Reynolds
Ellen Humbert *</p> | <p>Reid Johnson*
Callie Kaiser*
Connor Nye*
Zeke Redfield*
McKenzie Stack*
Wiley Stockett*
Ruby Waller*</p> <p>7th Grade
Ryan Baughn
Wyatt Frandsen
Pat Poirier
Jaxon Roscelott
Turner Stockett
Allie Dale*
George Dawson*
Ayla Janzen*
Emma Konen*
Emily LaYacona*
Cecilia Madden*
Ellianna Meek*
Amanda Millhouse*
Kyle Pancost*
Layne Smith*
Evan Smith</p> <p>6th Grade
Kole Anderson
Janel Baker
Mila Dawson*
Cody Fuller
Ben Humbert*
Audery Kish
Lily Mooney
Kris Poirier*
Mary Reynolds
Ben Wayland*
August Witham</p> <p>4th Grade
Flint Janzen
Adrienne Meek
Lila Smith
Matthew Stensrud</p> |  <p>Mila Dawson</p> <p>5th Grade
Andrew Anderson
Brooke Anderson
Ethan Babcock
Andrew Frecker
Mavrick Greemore
Gabrielle Gruby
Kristen Nelson
David Stack
Lilly Stockett
Mavrick Greemore
Gabby Gruby
Maisy Hutchinson*
Kinsey Johnson*
Aidan Manger
Kristen Nelson
David Stack
Lilly Stockett*
Aurora Todd-Sporich</p> <p>3rd Grade
Abrianna Brannon
Brandt Nelson
Levi Stonebraker</p> <p>2nd Grade
Lilly Banks
Mikayla Head
Ryder Reynolds
Dallin Smith
Tanner Stonebraker</p> <p>1st Grade
Sydnee Anderson
Jason Ferris
Jean Hayden</p> <p>Kindergarten
Johnny Banks
Makkotah Oswald
Brynnlee Reynolds
Roree Smith</p> <p>(*Denotes High Honor Roll)</p> <p>Zane Williams
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Charlie Ziting, year-round Ennis Lions Club volunteer.

Charlie Ziting

The Ennis Lions Club is busy year-round, but as they do for everyone, things get a little more hectic around the holidays. For Charlie Ziting, the added rush isn't a bother. Ziting is one of the Lions' year-round volunteers, and has been since shortly after he and his wife moved to Ennis from Northern Utah a dozen years ago. This year, Ziting and his wife, Cherrie—who was recently featured in another volunteer spotlight—provided hot chocolate to revelers at Ennis's Christmas Stroll during the tree lighting at Lion's Park, which Charlie had helped decorate in the week leading up to the stroll. Complete with a nativity scene, be-decked trees and light strings galore, the park was fully decked out for Christmas. Charlie also teaches adult education through Ennis Schools, and is helping one of his fellow teachers build a house on the weekends. He helps with weekly pickups for donations to the Lions Club auction that takes place each May, helps maintain Lions Park year-round and has even served as Santa Claus at the Ennis Elementary Christmas concert, where he handed out goodie bags to enthusiastic performers. "Anytime we're helping out the kids we just love it," he says. "There's just so much true enjoyment in their eyes." But he doesn't take the credit all for himself. It's a team effort with many members of the community, and it's his chance to give back. "Everything we do is for the community," he says. "There's just a whole lot to do, and it's a lot of fun."



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Madison County DISPATCH

December 9 - 15, 2018.

December 9 - Citizen Assist in 400 Blk Hugel St., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in Jeffers area, Ennis; Theft Complaint on Flyfisher Ln., Alder; Corner Call in Twin Bridges; Suspicious Circumstances on Sand Coulee Rd., Sheridan.

December 10 - Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk Main St., Norris; Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk Mill St., Sheridan; Medical Aid in 100 Blk W. Wallace St., Virginia City; Medical Aid in 400 Blk W. Hugel St., Ennis; Theft Complaint in 400 W Hugel St., Ennis; Welfare Check in 200 Madison St Sheridan

December 11 - Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 59, McAllister; Accident on US Hwy 287 / MT Hwy 87, Cameron; Animal Complaint on Deer Ln., Ennis;

Fire Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 64, Norris; Wildlife Complaint US Hwy 287, MM 40, Cameron.

December 12 - Trucking Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 37, Cameron; Accident in 200 Blk N. Main St., Ennis; Fire Complaint on Mill Creek Rd., Sheridan.

December 13 - Animal Complaint on Grizzly Mountain Ln., Cameron; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 40, Cameron.

December 14 - Alarm Call in 300 Blk Madison St Sheridan

December 15 - Disturbance in 100 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 57, McAllister; Citizen Assist in 400 Blk Beaverhead St., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 50, Silver Star; Traffic Complaint on Main St., Twin Bridges; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 55, MM 1, Silver Star.



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The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 67 Calls for Service from Dec. 9-15.



Ms. Myers' Ennis 1st grade class spent lunchtime on Monday, December 10, turning locally-grown carrots into "Frosty's Nose Noodles" as part of the Ennis Schools Harvest of the Month program, led by culinary arts teacher Jamie Diehl. See Page B1 for the story. (R. Colyer)



Lifesavers...

ABOVE LEFT - Members of Ennis Ambulance Service, Madison Valley Medical Center and community practiced their CPR skills under the direction of Jamie McBirnie, local instructor. Class members spent time with "Annie", the CPR mannequin, working on chest compressions. Participants also practiced using an AED (automated external defibrillator) that automatically diagnoses irregular heartbeats and can deliver a shock to the heart if needed. ABOVE RIGHT - Donna Evans, Captain of the Ennis Ambulance Service, and Richard Sneigowski practice CPR with "Annie." One partner starts chest compressions while the other partner starts ventilations with an adjunct airway and a BVM (Bag Valve Mask). Instructor Jamie McBirnie looks on. (SUBMITTED)

Fraud case yields more than \$1.2 million in fines, restitution

HELENA - Auditor Matt Rosendale recently announced that a fraud case before his office has resulted in more than \$1.2 million in fines and restitution from New York brokerage firm Alexander Capital and its employees.

Rosendale's office worked with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to resolve the case involving two Montanans who live in Townsend and Chester. Both Montanans were victims of fraudulent and unethical financial practices of Alexander Capital salespersons.

Rosendale's office alleged that Alexander Capital and its salesper-

sons William Gennity, Joseph Connolly and Ryan Murnane engaged in the unethical and fraudulent practices of unauthorized trading, excessive trading, and unsuitable trading in the brokerage accounts of the two Montanans.

It was also alleged that Alexander Capital's officers and supervisors, Barry Eisenberg, Timothy Stack and Rocco Guidiciopietro failed to reasonably supervise Gennity, Connolly and Murnane, and failed to comply with a heightened supervision agreement involving Murnane.

Alexander Capital charged

the Montana residents more than \$350,000 in commissions and the two investors lost more than \$600,000 due to the unethical and fraudulent practices.

The Auditor's office settled with Alexander Capital, Eisenberg, Stack, Guidiciopietro and Gennity and held a hearing regarding Connolly and Murnane.

As a result, Alexander Capital has paid the Townsend resident \$50,853 and the Chester resident \$45,800. Alexander Capital also paid a \$100,000 fine and another almost \$10,000 to a company associated with the Townsend resident.

Rosendale also ordered Connolly to pay \$200,000 in restitution to the Townsend resident and another \$35,000 to the resident's company. Murnane was ordered to pay over \$300,000 in restitution to the Chester resident.

Connolly was also fined \$200,000 and Murnane was fined \$300,000. The two men must also reimburse Rosendale's office nearly \$11,000 for investigation costs. The SEC recently settled with Gennity, who has paid additional restitution to the Townsend resident.

Gennity is no longer in the securities industry.

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Saturday
Mostly cloudy. High 31, low 16. Winds SW 4 mph, 20 percent chance of precipitation.

Sunday
Cloudy. High 32, low 10. Winds SSW 7 mph, 20 percent chance of precipitation.

Monday
Partly cloudy. High 34, low 18. Winds SSW 6 mph, 20 percent chance of precipitation.

Quote of the Week:

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love."

Francis of Assisi

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Harvest of the Month: Spiralizing Frosty's Nose

Ennis Elementary students continue learning about eating local

REAGAN COLYER
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ENNIS—The Ennis Schools Harvest of the Month program continued in December with another local crop, one that will also make an appearance on the faces of some snowmen this winter: carrots.

One of the most popular vegetables eaten in the United States—the average person eats around 17 pounds of them per year—carrots are an excellent source of beta carotene and vitamin C. The former, which was first discovered in carrots and thus partially named for them, is a member of the vitamin A family, is most commonly known for its contribution to healthy eyesight. However, it is also essential for healthy skin, as well as having antioxidant properties that make it beneficial to immune systems.

Vitamin C has many of the same properties, as well as such strong benefits to the immune system that some say it can mitigate the symptoms of the common cold. It's been attributed to everything from reduced risk of heart disease, cancer and stroke to better eye health and even greater life expectancy. A cup of carrots carries around 13 percent of the recommended daily value of the scurvy-fighting vitamin.

Students in Stephanie Myers' first grade class got to learn about growing and preparing carrots with Ennis Food and Culinary Science (FCS) teacher Jamie Diehl, who also helps coordinate the Ennis GROWW program (which focuses on Gardens, Resources, the Outdoors, Wildlife and Watersheds) and oversees the activities of the school garden. Diehl got Ennis Schools involved

in the Harvest of the Month program, an offering of Montana State University Food and Health Lab.

Each month, the students get to learn where a new crop comes from—always one that can be grown in their very own school garden. In the case of carrots, seeds are planted about a month before the first frost and can even last in the ground through the winter, making them a good option to grow in a cold place like Montana.

After exploring the growing process and the nutritional characteristics of the month's crop, students get their hands dirty in the kitchen. The Harvest of the Month program provides educational information, book recommendations, history and recipes to make lessons both interactive and productive.

So, at lunchtime on Monday, December 10, Diehl and Myers led the first graders in preparing "Frosty's Nose Noodles," with the help of some high school students who helped with equipment like sharp peelers and a new gadget some of the younger students hadn't seen before, a spiralizer.

Clamping the carrots into a brace, they turned a hand crank (with a little help from the big kids) and watched as carrot-noodles spilled out the other end. Roasted with olive oil and garlic and topped with some parmesan cheese, they became such a hit they might replace real noodles.

Well, maybe not. But thanks to Harvest of the Month, local snowman-builders may have to find an alternative vegetable to create the noses for their wintry friends.



Wine, wassail and other festive holiday beverages flowed at the Splendid Feast, which sold out long before the event took place. Organizers have considered adding a third day to future events since the Splendid Feast has proved so popular. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)

A feast fit for a king (or three)

VIRGINIA CITY – The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center's annual Splendid Feast was its usual rousing success the weekend of Friday and Saturday, December 14-15. Both evenings of the feast—which featured handmade decorations, a four-course dinner, seasonal beverages and festive music—sold out well in advance, which wasn't a surprise to organizers.

The Center was decked out in finery, including hundreds of local fir boughs and ornaments to fit the building's historic heritage. Each evening of the Splendid feast accommodated around 35 people, who then bid on the handmade wreath centerpieces to raise money for the many concerts, crafting events and educational programs put on by the Elling House throughout the year.

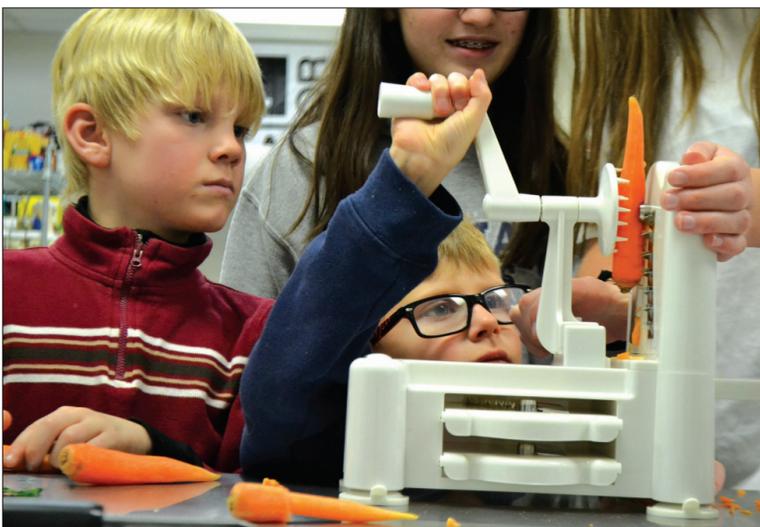


ABOVE – Wreaths made of local boughs by volunteers and local artists served as both centerpieces and auction items at the Splendid Feast.

LEFT – Splendid Feast guests were greeted by festive decorations before they even entered the Elling House; lights and trees lined the entryway, as well as votives guiding guests from the parking lot.



ABOVE – Guests at the Elling House's annual Splendid Feast enjoyed lights and festive decorations on every available space on December 14 and 15, to say nothing of the locally-prepared four-course meal that was the centerpiece of the event.



Some of the first-grade students learning about preparing and cooking local carrots used a spiralizer for the first time on Monday, December 10. It took a little bit of elbow grease, so help from some high school students was appreciated. (R. COLYER)

Frosty's Nose Noodles

- 4 medium carrots
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 400F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Spiralize your carrots. Place into a medium sized bowl and set aside.

In a small bowl mix oil, garlic, and onion powder. Add mix and cheese to carrots and toss until carrot noodles are evenly coated.

Spread carrots across a baking sheet. Roast for about 8-10 minutes or until carrots are cooked but still slightly crisp.

Garnish with additional parmesan cheese and parsley.

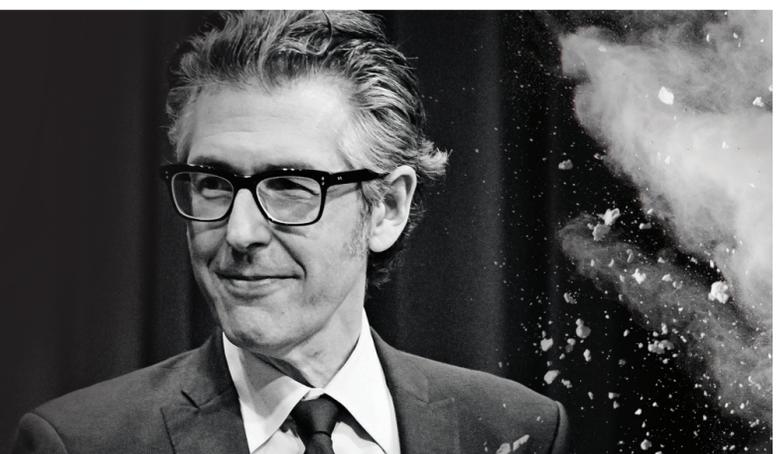
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Holiday foot care for diabetics

By Janet Howard-Ducsay

With all the activity and the hustle and bustle of the holidays, a person with diabetes should be extra attentive to their foot care. Between walking the malls, wearing holiday shoes that are often too tight, and not having time for daily foot exams and having holiday pedicures foot wounds can occur within a short period of time and go unnoticed.

A person with diabetes should exam their feet daily and twice a day if they have a wound, area of redness, cut or infection. Circulation is often decreased in a person with diabetes, and this can lead to poor wound healing. Neuropathy (damage or disease affecting the nerves) or Peripheral

Artery Disease (PAD) are responsible for poor circulation in the person with diabetes. Many people with diabetes also have diminished sensation of their lower extremities and may not be aware that a wound or foreign object is present in their foot. I personally have had patients with sewing needles and hardware nails in their feet from stepping on them and were completely unaware until a serious infection had set in.

The daily exam should include both a visual inspection as well as a tactile inspection. Look and feel for redness, swelling, blisters, calluses, cuts, or soreness. You can do this as you wash and dry your feet daily. It is essential to keep the area between your toes dry. Feet are often very dry, and a non-fragrance lotion is beneficial to put on the tops and bottoms of your feet but do not put lotion between your toes. It creates too much moisture and can lead to fungus. Trim your toenails straight across and file the edges with an emery board or nail file. Using nail clippers causes a risk of a cut. If you go to a salon for a pedicure make sure that you bring your personal tools and the salon maintains high standards of cleanliness.

Shoes should be well fitting and wide box-like around the toes. Narrow shoes can contribute to blisters, calluses, and bunions. Never treat corns or calluses yourself. No "bathroom surgery" or med-

icated pads. For these issues visit your health care provider for appropriate treatment. Check your shoes before putting them on to make sure the lining is smooth, and there is nothing in them like a spider or foreign object. Socks should be well fitting, keeping your feet dry and comfortable. There are quite a few socks that advertise being for "diabetic feet." Clean white cotton socks that are well fitting will do the trick.

Protect your feet from hot and cold especially this time of year. Test bath water before entering, lukewarm water is best. Avoid using heating pads or bottles and use caution using foot warmers in your boots or skis. When walking in the cold or snow make sure that your feet have the best protection from the cold.

Keep your feet active to enhance your circulation. Put your feet up when sitting. Wiggle your toes and move your ankles up and down for five minutes, two or three times a day. Don't cross your legs for long periods. Don't smoke.

By maintain healthy blood glucose levels, staying active and taking the best care of your feet it can be a happy, healthy time of the year.

Janet Howard-Ducsay is a RN Certified Diabetes Educator who lives in Ennis.



Distinctive Brain 'Subnetwork' Tied to Feeling Blue

By Dr. Francis Collins

Experiencing a range of emotions is a normal part of human life, but much remains to be discovered about the neuroscience of mood. In a step toward unraveling these mysteries, researchers recently identified a distinctive pattern of brain activity associated with worsening mood, particularly among people who tend to be anxious.

In the new study, researchers studied 21 people who were hospitalized as part of preparation for epilepsy surgery, and took continuous recordings of the brain's electrical activity for seven to 10 days. During that same period, the volunteers also kept track of their moods. In 13 of the participants, low mood turned out to be associated with stronger activity in a "subnetwork" that involved cross-talk between the brain's amygdala, which mediates fear and other emotions, and the hippocampus, which aids in memory.

The majority of volunteers with the amygdala-hippocampus subnetwork also scored high for baseline anxiety on a psychological test conducted before the study be-

gan. Interestingly, the subnetwork was absent in the remaining eight volunteers, all of whom had normal fluctuations in mood but a significantly lower tendency toward anxiety. Researchers speculate that mood changes may be driven by other factors in such individuals.

This work was supported by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) under the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies® (BRAIN) Initiative, a White House initiative launched in 2014 and co-led by NIH.

The new findings represent yet another critical step toward achieving the goal of creating implantable devices with the potential to help people with neuropsychiatric illnesses.

At the University of California, San Francisco's (UCSF) Epilepsy Center, neurosurgeon Edward Chang prepares for such operations by placing up to 70 tiny electrodes directly onto the surfaces of a patient's brain and within deep brain structures, such as the amygdala and hippocampus.

In their study, Chang, and col-

leagues decided to explore whether iEEG recording could also detect changes in communication among parts of the brain that control emotions. With their consent, the team used iEEG to look for such changes in the brains of 21 patients awaiting epilepsy surgery. Over the course of the week-long study, the patients also noted their mood swings on tablet devices.

Much to the researchers surprise, a single common subnetwork that fluctuated at a specific frequency between the amygdala and hippocampus was revealed. These parts of the brain were likely communicating. This subnetwork was active in nearly two-thirds of participants and correlated with mood. Researchers could even predict from the data when a person began feeling down in the dumps!

Researchers speculate that, during periods of deep self-doubt, emotions such as loneliness, sadness, and fear in the amygdala might trigger bad memories, or vice versa – findings that open the door for developing new ways to help people struggling with depression and other mood disorders.

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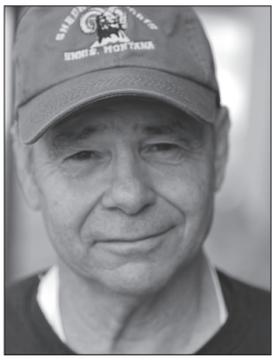


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Hollowtop Smoke Signals by Art Kehler

FLOPPING AT THE VIDEO DIGITAL GUMS



Adjusting to a new way of writing

About four months ago, I underwent a surgery. Regrettably, the procedure left me temporarily unable to type. As a result, I have been required to purchase voice-recognition software and install it on my computer. Lam-

entably, trying to learn how to use this newfangled software has proven to be more taxing than I had expected.

To begin, vocal writing is fundamentally different than traditional typing. Whereas a typist can add or change words to a sentence he is constructing as he goes along, a vocal writer must compose complete sentences as he speaks them. Otherwise, a novice dictation writer spends an inordinate amount of time correcting his mistakes. Put another way, I am struggling to synchronize my galloping lips with my plodding mind.

Moreover, learning to use my hands to a far less degree has turned out to be more awkward than anticipated. While my

right hand naturally reaches for the mouse, where it finds reasonable employment, my left hand is largely forcibly retired. In fact, right now, trying to hit a single key with one of its stiff fingers is akin to trying to separate two grains of rice with a sledgehammer. I suppose, the most logical thing to do would be to stick my left hand in my pocket. At this point, I simply don't know what to do with it.

On a positive note, my voice never hits the wrong keyboard key. However, one needs to be careful not to mutter bad words under his breath when something doesn't work as it should. Invariably, the ever-alert microphone will pick up the offending utterances and spell them out for

all the world see. Therefore, it is vitally important to proofread one's work before sending it off for publication.

Furthermore, I have found it advantageous to be sure the microphone is positioned in front of your mouth before speaking. Dictating after said listening device has slipped beneath one's chin does not work particularly well. This simple precaution prevents a lot of unnecessary jaw jacking, and lessens frustration levels considerably. Perhaps most importantly, I have learned never to sneeze when using voice-recognition software. The resultant word interpretation is not only illegible, it even looks vulgar. Worse yet, the nasal eruption often makes for a pretty

gross microphone.

Perhaps the most difficult aspect of mastering voice-activated software is learning the multitude of commands necessary to make it work. I have discovered that, no matter how stridently one shouts an incorrect command, the text will not be altered an iota. Then again, stopping the process numerous times to look up the correct utterance, is enough to drive a monk bonkers, and I'm no monk!

In the final analysis, I am still struggling to conceive of what I am doing as "writing." The hallowed traditional writing method of birthing an idea in the mind, allowing that thought to flow to the fingertips and from there, to the keyboard and finally the

monitor screen, is going the way of the dinosaurs. Nevertheless, it feels as though I am merely "flopping my digital gums." That just doesn't seem right. To me, it's like playing tennis without a racket. Nonetheless, given time, I have every intention of becoming proficient with voice-recognition software. After all, it may take a year for my hands to fully recover and I can't wait that long to write again. So, there's going to be a lot of digital gum flopping going on in Harrison.

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

Are We Really Good at Everything?

By Billy Whitehurst

I once asked a group of my students how many enterprises the typical cow/calf ranch has? Almost without fail they all said only one, the ranch. The answer in most cases is usually around four: the calf enterprise (selling calves at weaning), the replacement heifers (be it raising your own or for sale), the hay, and a land enterprise (this is where you analyze lease value of the property). Many ranches have added farming, custom grazing, hunting, and maybe a seedstock enterprise as well. With so many different aspects to manage it is easy to unknowingly let one successful enterprise carry one that is not successful. I have found very few people who are truly good at farming and good stockmen and vice versa. We all have something that we favor over the other or have a more natural gifting towards. There is nothing wrong with that. So how do we focus on our strengths and not let our weaknesses (or our pride) hinder the

bottom line?

Years ago, a business and economics teacher told me that most business owners would rather act like an employee instead of the owner and I think that's true for a lot of us. The hardest thing to do is sit down and be the manager when you really want to be the one out doing the job. Being the manager is hard, yet necessary. One rancher who finally did this came into my office about 5 years ago and told me he had decided to lease his place out when he realized that he could lease his place and profit \$60,000 per year from it with virtually no responsibility or time on his part whereas for the past 20 years he was working about 70 hours per week for a return of \$100,000. When the lights came on that he was working 70 hours per week for an extra \$40,000 that equated to approximately \$11 per hour he decided that he could do something else with his time for a higher return on his efforts. It was a hard decision and one that required him to admit he wasn't

as good at something as he originally thought he was. The reality is no matter what industry we are in, to stay sustainable we must be willing to either let go of things we aren't good at, or (dare I say it) hire someone who is better at it than we are to run that aspect of the business.

For many folks when the water turns on and the hay needs to be harvested, the cattle take a back seat and things fall through the cracks on that end. In some cases, cattle are calving when we need to be in the field farming and we're focused on cattle when we should be out farming. The list goes on and on and we could hash it to death, but the bottom line is that trying to do everything and be good at it is rarely a sustainable practice. In the end something always suffers. It may be the cattle, it may be the crops, or it may be the family unity and health from pushing too hard and trying to do it all. I read a survey about 10 years ago that was collected by (I believe) the Farmer's Union. The important thing is the result

which showed that the ranches with the highest degree of profit had some common habits.

- They all took a yearly vacation of at least one week to get away from the operation, recharge, and most importantly return with fresh eyes. It's easier not to see the forest because of the trees when we are in it all day every day.

- They used family members' and employees' talents in their areas of gifting. If one kid is a gifted farmer, guess what he focuses on? Another manages the maintenance of the place and equipment if he is a mechanic and engineer and so on and so forth.

- The most productive operations had a typical work week of 50 hours. Obviously, there are weeks of heavier work and lighter work, but regardless of the work season they ALL took at least one day off to rest. This resulted in less breakdowns, more productive time at work, less cost of employee turn-over, and more returns in the end.

- No one was allowed to come



home to the operation until they have spent time away somewhere else doing something. Many go to the military for a time, work construction, go to work on another operation, etc. The reason being is twofold... It ensures that when the person returns to the operation, he/she has tried some other occupations and is now sure they want to be working the operation and it also brings new perspectives, newly learned skills and fresh ideas back to the operation.

We each have unique gifts, talents, interests and resources.

When we stay within those areas our productivity and profitability tend to increase, and we'll be in a better mood when the day is done. With one year wrapping up and a new one coming on, let's all take some time to reflect on what we did well this year and see where we could either improve or eliminate areas of the operation that didn't prove as rewarding and commit to making positive changes moving forward.

COMMODITY INSITE: Annus Mirabilis: 2019

BY JERRY WELCH

The final quarter of this year, October through December has been brutally and surprisingly bearish for most all markets. The weakness was so pronounced and widespread that Bloomberg News described 2018 with a blaring headline that said it all, "It's the Worst Time to Make Money in Markets Since 1972."

The very first paragraph from the Bloomberg articles stated, "Market statisticians are falling over each other in 2018 to describe the pain being felt across asset classes. One venerable shop frames it this way: Things haven't been this bad since Richard Nixon's presidency."

Bloomberg News goes on to state, "Ned Davis Research puts markets into eight big asset classes — everything from bonds to U.S. and international stocks to commodities. And not a single one of them is on track to post a return this year of more than 5 percent, a phenomenon last observed in 1972, according to Ed Clissold, a strategist at the firm."

The weakness is being blamed on fears the US economy is sliding into a recession. Or, economic growth will slow substantially from cur-

rent levels. Regardless of the reasons this fact is clear. There has been nowhere to go for the sake of safety this year. More simply put, in 2018, if you were long, you are wrong.

But none of that should come as much of a surprise. In my column for this newspaper on November 30, I wrote, "Though there only a few weeks left in this calendar year, I am going to borrow the phrase, 'annus horribilis' to describe the performance of the Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities for 2018. The year has a bit more to run but by any measure, it has been a horrible year for investors, ag-producers and ag-traders."

No doubt and by any measure not much worked on the long side of the ledger in 2018. Not real estate, not commodities, not small-cap stocks, not large cap stocks, not investment-grade bond and so on. Of the few markets that will post gains this calendar year the ones that are up are doing so by percentages in the low single-digits.

Ned Davis Research is correct in stating that the last time all eight big asset classes did so poorly as this year was in 1972. But what

Ned Davis Research failed to mention was this. All major bull markets for commodities began around 1973, a watershed year. In fact, so many different commodity markets rose so sharply in value that the cover on Newsweek magazine dated November 19, 1973 showed Uncle Sam holding the Horn of Plenty upside down and virtually nothing was being spilled out. The cover story title was, "Running Out of Everything."

On November 15, 2017, forbes.com published piece entitled "Star Commodities Investor Says 'Fortune To Be Made' In The New Commodities Bull Cycle." Obviously, a "new commodities bull cycle" did not unfold over the past year. But here are some thoughts from that article written by Bryan Rich with the highlighted portions being mine.

"They have one of the most compelling charts I've seen in my 20-year career, to support the view that there is a generational bull breaking lose in commodities."

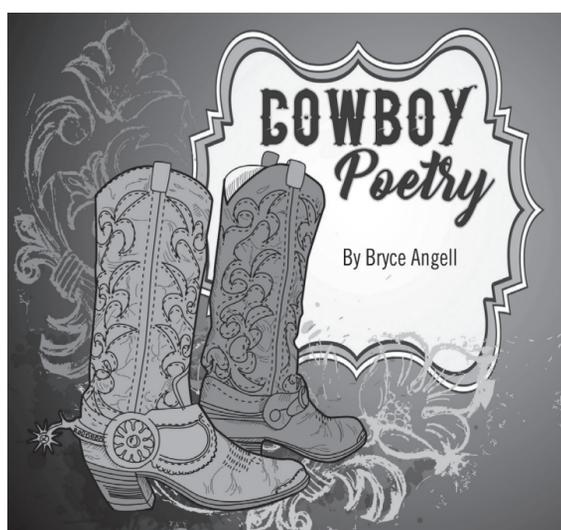
"Stocks minted billionaires in the 1980s. Currencies minted billionaires in the 1990s. Tech and housing (bust) minted billionaires in the early

2000s. Then it was equity activism (stocks). The next opportunity looks like commodities." And since Mr. Rich penned the information above, a year ago, commodities have declined in value!

From a timing standpoint, the article by Mr. Rich is off by quite a bit. But in the world of forecasting and predicting markets he may still still be right. In fact, I am in his camp with a firm conviction that commodities per se are on the cusp of moving much higher in the years to come, similar to what happened starting in 1973.

I am so convinced that a new commodities bull cycle is evolving that I am going to dub 2019 "annus mirabilis" which is a Latin phrase for, "wonderful year." But you already knew that was the name I had pegged for the New Year. I have been promoting it for the past several weeks.

If you know someone haunted by markets consider my book "Haunted By Markets" as a Christmas gift. Simply go to www.commodityinsite.com. Bull markets for commodities are about to unfold. Don't be left behind!



Little Red

He had a home but lived with us by order of the court. His name was Ryan Redfeather, or Little Red, for short.

A bright young boy was Little Red, and barely nine years old. He knew that he'd be safe with us, not left out in the cold.

He'd never had a Christmas, and he thought that kinda stunk. His parents took the Christmas cash, got either stoned or drunk.

Soon there'd be another Christmas, but he said he didn't care. "I know there ain't

no Santa. Reindeer can't fly in the air."

I tried to tell our Little Red that Santa would appear, but his eyes were filled with doubt, 'cuz he'd been let down every year.

Then one morning, just 'fore breakfast, Red scribbled out a note. "Santa if you're really real, I'd like a warm, new coat."

He asked me for a stamp and wrote "To Santa Claus, North Pole. He said, "It's kinda personal. Don't tell a single soul."

Well, our family stayed at Grandmas on that snowy Christmas Eve. And Grandma's eyes were twinkling when she said, "I still believe."

She tucked us children in, and last of all was Little Red. I wondered what was going on inside his little head.

At six a.m. I heard excited voices down below and saw a grinning Little Red. His eyes were all aglow.

In a box that had his name on it, he found a brand-new coat, a pair of boots and woolen

mitts. "From Santa," someone wrote.

He dug a little deeper in the box. That wasn't all. The last thing at the bottom was a New York Jets football.

He had to try that football out, so, bundled up and warm, we played and laughed till Grandma made us come in from the storm.

Though Santa Claus could not make all his problems go away, one hurting little Paiute boy felt love that Christmas Day

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ACROSS

1. Bundle of wheat
6. ____-been
9. Urban apartment
13. Peter, South of the border
14. In the manner of, French
15. Photo-editing color option
16. Chieftain
17. Not well
18. Lively
19. *Late McCain
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23. "Some Kind of Wonderful" actress Thompson
24. Your majesty
25. Floor cleaner
28. Greek portico
30. *Super Bowl champs
35. Swear, not curse
37. Place for an ace?
39. Type of newspaper
40. Bar order neither red nor white
41. *Halfpipe winner
43. Toothy wheel
44. Be needy
46. Hindu dress
47. Unfavorable prefix
48. Ballpark grub
50. Lion's share
52. It can be red or black
53. Burden
55. Break bread
57. *First North Korean to cross Demilitarized Zone
60. *October disaster
64. Acoustic output
65. In the past
67. Tanzania's neighbor
68. Coral reef island
69. First off sinking ship?
70. Type of closet
71. Not there
72. Dashboard unit
73. Clear the board

DOWN

1. R&R destinations
2. Part of hemoglobin
3. "I Dream of Jeannie" star
4. "He's _____ no-where man," Beatles
5. Strong suit, pl.
6. Age of Aquarius flick
7. Nothing alternative
8. Game ragout
9. Onion's kin
10. October stone
11. *CA's Camp ____
12. "Tit for ____"
15. Schmeat
20. Often taken with a bible, pl.
22. Aretha's first three
24. Arabic greetings

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25. *" ____ For Our Lives"
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31. *Cooper's leading lady
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33. Fill with spirits
34. *April missile strikes target
36. Make one's way
38. EU unit
42. One born to Japanese immigrants
45. 10 to the power of 100
49. Bearded antelope
51. Take on, as in a project
54. Take gun away
56. Not our
57. Burlap fiber
58. Airy emanation
59. Cairo's waterway
60. "Like a ____ to a flame"
61. *Starred with Blake in "A Simple Favor"
62. Some have them on the back of their head?
63. Swimmer's row
64. Follows #29 Down, sing.
66. Year off

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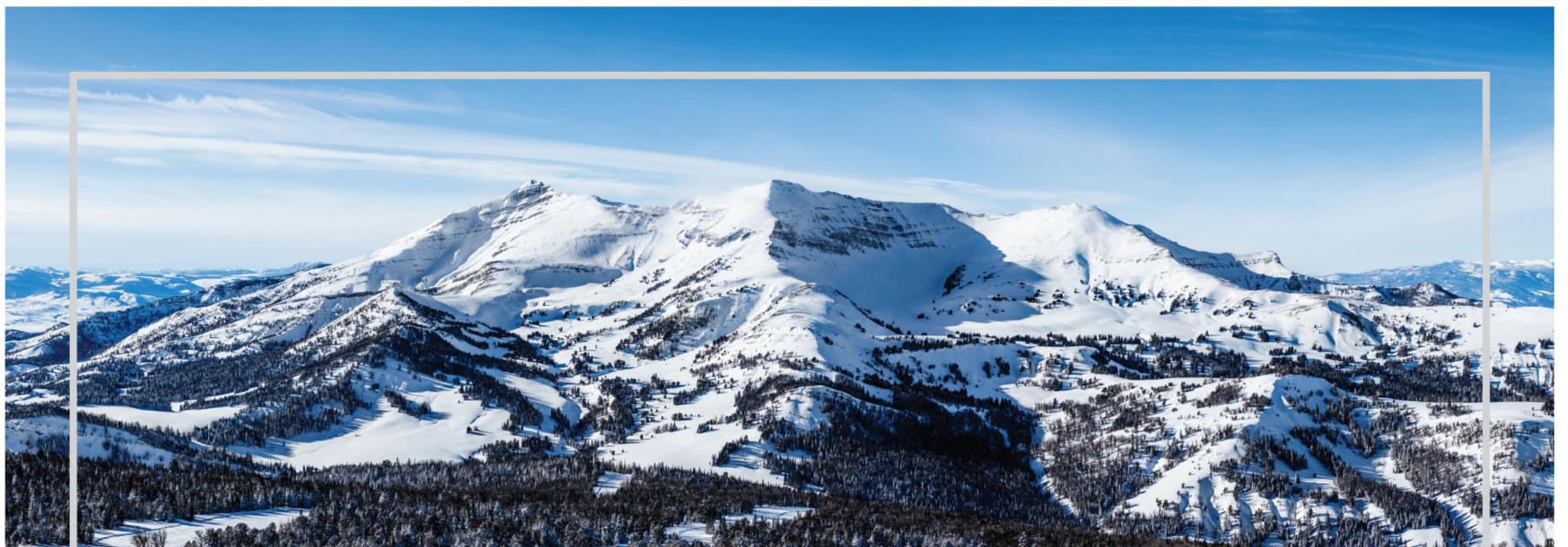


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PUBLIC NOTICES DECEMBER 20, 2018

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

Montana Fifth Judicial 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-titled 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 be granted; that the Department be granted temporary legal custody; and that said youth be otherwise care for. Now, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to appear on the 10th day of December, 2018, at 1:30 p., at the Courtroom of Madison County District Courthouse, 100 West Wallace, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, then and there to 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 Shaleena 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 judgment 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 for Madison County (406-843-4230) WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 26th day of November, 2018. /s/ Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court (Pub. Dec. 6,13, 20, 2018) MCA MNAXLP

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

Montana Fifth Judicial 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 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition has been filed in the above-titled 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 be granted; that the Department be granted temporary legal custody; and that said youth be otherwise care for. Now, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to appear on the 10th day of December, 2018, at 1:30 pm, at the Courtroom of Madison County District Courthouse, 100 West Wallace, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, then and there to 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 16th day of July, 2011. K.Q.'s birth mother is Shaleena 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 judgment 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 for Madison County (406-843-4230) WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 27th day of December, 2018. /s/ Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court (Pub. Dec. 6,13, 20, 2018) MCA MNAXLP

REQUEST FOR CATERING BIDS

Request for Catering Service bids for Madison and Ruby Valley Conservation District 2019 Banquet The MCD & RVCD banquet planning committee will be accepting bid proposals from catering contractors to prepare and serve the featured meal for the 2019 Annual Banquet for a guaranteed 250 people. The event will be held at the Round Barn in Twin Bridges, Montana, on Saturday April 27th, 2019 with cocktails beginning at 5:30 pm, dinner to be served at 6:30 pm. Caterer will be required to set up, tear down and clean kitchen after. The menu shall include: table snacks, a beef entrée, a vegetarian entrée, at least one side dish, a salad, bread, dessert, and service of water, non-alcoholic beverage and coffee. Service must include all higher quality plates, cutlery, napkins, and beverage cups. Selection criteria will include price, quality of menu, in kind donation amount, reputation, and source of menu products. Please include in the bid prices for serving family style and buffet style. Package bids will be considered, with costs for each clearly explained. Bids Due by 4:00pm on

January 2, 2019 in PDF format to rvcd@3rivers.net. Selection will be made by January 8, 2019. Selected caterer will receive ample advertising on promotional posters, print and electronic advertising. Please contact Shirley at 406-842-5741 x101 or at rvcd@3rivers.net with any questions. (Pub. Dec. 13, 20, 2018) MCD MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 25, 2018 or on January 1, 2019. However, they will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. The next regular meeting following these dates will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. (Pub. Dec. 13, 20, 2018) MCC MNAXLP

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE STORM WATER SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE STORM WATER SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT # 1, TOWN OF TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on December 10, 2018, the Town of Twin Bridges, Montana, passed Resolution No. 2018-13, which is a resolution of intention to create Town of Twin Bridges Storm Water Special Improvement District No. 1. The Town proposes to create Storm Water Special Improvement District No. 1, which will generally include all lots in Town east of the Beaverhead River and west of the railroad tracks as the proposed Special Improvement District. For a detailed description of the boundaries of, and the lots included in, Storm Water Special Improvement District # 1 (the "District") and the storm water improvements thereto, which are generally described as construction and installing storm drain inlets and grates and infiltration structures with grading and fills in various areas of the Town (the "Improvements"), and the estimated special assessment amounts, refer to the aforesaid resolution on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Twin Bridges, Montana. The estimated cost of the Improvements, including incidental expenditures as defined in Section 7-12-4222 MCA, and a deposit to an SID Revolving Fund (to also be created by the Town) is \$600,000, which is anticipated to be paid from a District Storm Water Special Improvement District No. 1 bond (the "Bond"). In order to pledge the SID Revolving Fund to secure the prompt payment of special improvement district bonds the Town is required to provide, in the Notice of Passage of the Resolution of Intention to Create a Special Improvement District, a statement that, subject to the limitations in Section 7-12-4222, MCA, (i) the general fund of the Town may be used to provide loans to the SID Revolving Fund; or(ii) a general tax levy may be imposed on all taxable property in the Town to meet the financial requirements of the SID Revolving Fund. This is notice of the Town's intention to pledge the soon to be created SID Revolving Fund as security for the payment of the Storm Water SID No. 1 Bond. Each lot or parcel of land in the District will be assessed an equal amount based upon the total cost of the Improvements as authorized in Section 7-12-4162(3)(a) Montana Code Annotated. The estimated annual assessment for each parcel of land for the Improvements is \$155, payable over 20 years, which includes estimated average interest on the Bond plus ½ of 1%, as required by Section 7-12-4189(1) (a) Montana Code Annotated. The estimated total principal assessment per parcel in the District is \$2,310. As provided in Section 7-12-4162(3)(b), MCA, if an increase occurs in the number of benefited lots or parcels within the boundaries of the District during the term of bonded indebtedness that is payable from the assessments, the Town Council shall recalculate the amount assessable to each lot or parcel. The Town Council shall base the recalculation on the amount of the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness for the current fiscal year and shall spread the assessments across the District based on the number of benefited lots or parcels within the boundaries of the District as of July 1 following the action that resulted in the increase in the number of benefited lots or parcels. At any time within seventeen (17) days from and after the date of the first publication of the notice of the passage and approval of Resolution No. 2018-13 by the Town, any owner of real property within the District subject to assessment for the cost and expense of making the Improvements may make and file a written protest against the proposed Improvements, or against creation of the District or both. Such protest must: be in writing; identify the property owned by the protestor; be signed by all property owners; and be filed with the Town Clerk by 5PM on December 31, 2018. The Town Council will, at its next regular meeting, January 8, 2019, at the Town Hall, at 6 PM, proceed to hear all such written protests so made and filed. For

more information, or to review a copy of Resolution No. 2018-13, contact the Town Clerk/Treasurer at the address and phone number below. Dated this 10th day of December, 2018. /s/ Kristi Millhouse T o w n Clerk/Treasurer 104 E. 6th Avenue Twin Bridges, Montana 59754 (4 0 6) 684-5243 (Pub. Dec. 13, 20, 2018) tobt MNAXLP

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST ISSUANCE OF NEW LICENSE FOR MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RESORT LICENSE

Village Spirits 1, LLC (Hans Williamson and John Hinkle, Owners) has applied for a new Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages Resort License No. 25-999-4504-009 to be operated at Village Spirits, 12 Warrens Way Units 1-004, Big Sky, Madison County. The public may protest this new license in accordance with the law. Who can protest this new license? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location (Madison), residents of adjoining Montana counties (Gallatin, Broadwater, Jefferson, Silver Bow and Beaverhead), and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4)(d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met. What informa-

tion 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 (25-999-4504-009) and the applicant's name (Village Spirits 1, 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 January 13, 2019. What happens if the new license is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Big Sky. 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 new license is approved or denied. How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Jamie Williams, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at (406) 444-0712 or JWilliams@mt.gov. (Pub. Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 2018) DOR MNAXLP

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: REQUEST FOR FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The Madison County Floodplain Administrator has received a Floodplain Development Permit application request from Great West Engineering on behalf of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to replace the functionally obsolete Varney Bridge across the Madison River. The single lane, two-span bridge will be replaced with a new two-lane single-span bridge at the existing location. The proposed project includes removal of the existing bridge abutments and center pier, placement of new bridge abutments, bank armoring, and streambank

stabilization to restore the banks following abutment removal. The Varney Fishing Access Site approach roadway will be relocated and one new approach culvert added to the Bennet Ditch overflow. The project is located on Varney Cutoff Road at the Madison River, approximately 8 miles south of Ennis and ¼ mile east of the Gravelly Range Road and Varney Cutoff Road (State Route 249) intersection, Sections 1 and 17, Township 7 S, Range 1 West. A description of the proposed project is available for review at the Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755. Comments concerning the above request should be directed to the Madison County Floodplain Administrator via mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59675; by phone to (406) 843-5250; by fax to (406) 843-5229; or email to cfechter@madisoncountymt.gov. Comments will be received through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019. In the event of substantial comment or protest to the issuance of the permit, the Madison County Floodplain Administrator may hold a public hearing to determine whether the permit shall be issued. Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator Madison County (Pub. Dec. 20, 27, 2018) MCPB MNAXLP

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2018 Farm Bill passes: Certainty provided for farmers and ranchers, forest management reforms

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Both Montana Senators, Steve Daines and Jon Tester, voted for the 2018 Farm Bill, which was approved by the U.S. Senate, 87-13; and Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte voted for the Farm Bill Conference Report, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives 369-47, on Dec. 12.

The Farm Bill must be passed by both House and Senate before moving to the President's desk to

be signed into law. The current Farm Bill expired in September.

"I'm glad to see that we're moving forward with the 2018 Farm Bill and helping our farmers and ranchers get the certainty they deserve. As Montana's lone voice on the Senate Ag Committee, and as the Chairman of the Senate Western Caucus, I fought hard to ensure we got it done. I look forward to sending this final compromise to the Presi-

dent Trump's desk and getting it signed into law," Daines said.

Tester, the Senate's only farmer, said he supported the Farm Bill because it strengthens crop insurance, supports conservation, protects nutrition assistance for seniors and families, and invests in rural communities.

"As the escalating trade war hurts our nation's producers, this bipartisan Farm Bill helps lessen the blow to Montana's family farmers and ranchers," Tester said. "It provides the kind of certainty producers can take to the bank, while protecting successful conservation tools and ensuring every hungry Montanan has access to quality food."

Gianforte speaking on the House of Representatives floor, urging his colleagues to vote for the legislation, said, "This Farm Bill is a win for Montana's farmers and ranchers who work the land to feed our country and the world."

Daines said he worked hard to get the bill passed. Tester also held seven open-to-the-public Farm Bill listening sessions across the state to gather feedback from producers, and these provisions were included in the bill.

Both senators point to the following Farm Bill items as important for Montana agriculture:

- Protected both Price Loss Coverage and Ag Risk Coverage (ARC) insurance, a critical part of the agriculture safety net to

mitigate risks. This, Daines said, included an amendment the help the ARC-County program, an important commodity support program, better reflect actual growing conditions in many of Montana's large counties.

- Protected the sugar program, which is critical to ensure Montana farmers are able to compete on a level playing field.

- Removes hemp from the list of controlled substances, enabling it to be sold as a commodity. Inclusion of the Hemp Farming Act, which allows states to regulate hemp production and research and make hemp eligible for crop insurance.

- Supported important conservation programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – acreage for this was expanded – the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) that help farmers and ranchers improve the best practices on their land.

- Reauthorizes critical USDA Rural Development Grants that are used to rebuild and construct water and wastewater infrastructure and expand access to high-speed (broadband) internet in rural areas that have no current re access.

- Daines pointed to an important vaccine bank to help better respond to animal disease outbreaks. Tester pointed to how the new Farm Bill directs USDA to



the national forest experiencing insect and disease epidemics.

"We are extremely pleased with passage of the Farm Bill," said Montana Farmers Union president Alan Merrill. "It provides certainty for Montana farmers and ranchers through support of programs like PLC and ARC with greater flexibility to choose the program that best fits a producer's operation. Under the conservation title we are also pleased with the preservation of the CRP Program and acreage increase."

Merrill also said MFU was extremely satisfied to see the preservation of the Crop Insurance Title as creating a safety net for farmers.

"The big provision in the Farm Bill that will highly impact Montana agriculture is the legalization of Industrial Hemp," he continued. "MFU policy supports the removal of Industrial Hemp as a Schedule I drug, which the Farm Bill does. This removal tears down the barriers to the production, sale and transport of Industrial Hemp. Montana farmers will be able to diversify their operation and now have the freedom to become major players in the Industrial Hemp market. We applaud the work of Congress to pass this legislation before the end of the year. The passage of the Farm Bill provides support for Montana farmers, ranchers and rural communities to thrive."

more actively fight the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease, also the reauthorization of the Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative, which is vital to the mission of the Northern Plains Research Lab in Sidney.

- Tester noted how the new Farm Bill funds the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program. Daines said funding for land grant universities, including MSU, specialty crops, and agriculture research stations across Montana was included in the new bill.

- Daines also harped on his work with the bill to "empower states to manage national forests" via the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) which allows the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to enter into agreements with counties and tribes to carry out timber sales and other work on national forest, also to reduce wildfire risks, and "reduce red tape" allowing USFS to expedite treatment in areas on

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Mini-grant funding requests are limited to a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$1,000. Demonstration project applications are due February 18, 2019. The current focus is on innovative projects addressing graz-

ing management, soil and rangeland health, concentrated animal feeding operations/animal feeding operations, and noxious weeds.

Projects must be initiated in 2019. Funding is dependent upon the yearly Montana GLCI budget allocation. Application submission does not guarantee project funding will be available. All applicants must show a one-to-one match for project costs.

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Senate Western Caucus applauds Trump rewrite of EPA WOTUS rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Steve Daines, chair of the Senate Western Caucus, and fellow senators and Caucus members Jim Inhofe, Lisa Murkowski, Joni Ernst, John Barrasso, Pat Roberts, Jeff Flake and Jon Kyl applauded the Trump administration's rewrite of the Obama era "Waters of the US" (WOTUS) rule.

The new EPA rule more narrowly defines "waters of the US" to focus on truly public waterways.

The WOTUS rule defines which bodies of water are subject to federal jurisdiction under the 1970 Clean Water Act. The Obama Administration rule was announced in 2015 and was written so broadly that to everything from puddles to irrigation ditches on private land could be considered "Waters of the US," and be subject to federal regulations. In today's announcement, the EPA stated that bodies of water on

private property that are not connected to larger waterways, as well as temporary streams that run only from rainfall will not be subject to regulation.

"The Obama WOTUS rule took federal government overreach in rural America to absurd new levels," Daines said. "Maybe the Obama administration should have spent more time focusing on economic growth and protecting the homeland rather than trying to regulate farm puddles. As chair of the Senate Western Caucus, I applaud the Trump administration for rewriting this rule so that it applies to actual public waterways and no longer does harm to farmers and ranchers."

"Americans deserve clean water and clear rules," Barrasso, chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW), said. "The Trump administration's new proposal respects the authority Congress gave EPA and the Army Corps under the

Clean Water Act. Regulations must follow the law and be easy for Americans to understand. This new proposal does that. The old WOTUS rule put Washington in control of ponds, puddles, and prairie potholes. The regulation was so confusing that property owners and businesses could not determine when permits were needed. Even worse, it inserted Washington into local decision making. This overreach put unfair restrictions on how farmers, ranchers, and landowners could use their property. I am glad the new proposal addresses these issues."

"I thank President Trump and the EPA for putting a priority on revising the WOTUS rule to be workable for farmers, ranchers, and landowners," Roberts, chair of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee said. "This revised rule scales back the previously affected areas, which represented a huge regulatory

overstep by the Obama administration. Farmers and ranchers can spend more time growing and raising food – instead of sifting through mounds of regulatory red tape."

"I applaud the administration's efforts to clarify and narrow the scope of the misguided Waters of the United States rule. The rewritten rule provides the consistency and predictability that landowners need, and stops the flow of the federal government into every dry ditch in Arizona," Flake said.

"I am pleased the EPA announced it will propose a change to the Clean Water Act's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule, which has continuously subjected Arizona farmers and ranchers, as well as Arizona's homebuilding industry, to federal overreach. A rule change would allow these industries continue to operate without unnecessary restrictions," Kyl said.

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- Thursday, December 20 - Pot roast and veggies, mashers and gravy, dessert
- Friday, December 21 - Shrimp basket, veggie sticks and roll, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, December 24 - Lasagna and veggies, roll, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 25 - Merry Christmas, closed
- Wednesday, December 26 - Brawt and onions, macaroni salad, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, December 27 - Broccoli beef over rice, roll, dessert.

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, December 20 – Hot beef sandwich w/ mashed potatoes, veggie, roll, dessert.
- Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas - closed
- Thursday, December 27 – Cheeseburger, fries, dessert.

Twin Bridges Senior Center

The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated. Activities include bingo each Monday, cards on Wednesday. The Senior Center Group meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

Find Fellowship With Us



Dayspring Church
Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School/Nursery 9 a.m.
Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship

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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

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Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome
Sacrament Meeting
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
Wed. 7:00p.m.
3560 | MT State Hwy 287
Sheridan 842-5860
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

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

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• Bible Study 10:15 am
• Sunday School 10:15 am

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Ennis Branch
Sacrament Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Family History Center
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614
President Chandler
682-3020

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Pastor
Nathan Nutter, Minister of Music and Youth
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Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Nights:
(dinner provided)
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Youth Group (7-12): 6-8pm

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Wednesday Ministries
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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

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842-5845
Pastor Duane B. Dethner
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

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

Ruby Valley Baptist Church
Tony Shaw, Pastor 842-5602

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Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

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100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)
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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

OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

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**Tuesday
December 18**

It's a Wonderful Life, Ennis

The last movie in Madison Theatre's free Christmas movie series is It's a Wonderful Life! Doors open at 5:30 at the movie starts at 6:15, 115 Main Street. Merry Christmas!

High School Dinner and Concert, Sheridan

Sheridan High School's third annual Christmas dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Sheridan Elementary Gym followed by a Christmas concert. Tickets \$15 for both, concert alone is free.

**Wednesday
December 19**

A Meaderville Christmas, Butte

The Butte Archives present a special Brown Bag Lunch with a presentation about the Christmas displays created by the Meaderville Volunteer Fire Department from 1945-1960. Presentation at noon at NorthWestern Energy Auditorium, 11 E. Park Street, guests encouraged to bring a sack lunch. For information call the Archives at 782-3280.

Cameron Schoolhouse Christmas Party

The historic Bear Creek

Schoolhouse will host an old-fashioned potluck supper followed by Christmas carols and a visit from Santa. Bring your favorite dish and a wrapped gift for the kids to put in Santa's bag in the foyer. Call Jan at 682-4636 for information.

**Monday
December 24**

Madison Valley Baptist Candlelight Service, Ennis

Please join MVBC for their candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

Grace Community Fellowship Candlelight Service, Alder

Christmas Even Candlelight Service will be at Alder School at 6 p.m. Please join us for an evening of celebration! Call 842-5915 for information.

St. Paul's Episcopal Christmas Eve Service, Virginia City

Christmas Eve Services will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. Special music, special vocalists and a children's presentation. Everyone welcome!

**Saturday
January 12**

Madison County Democratic Committee Meeting, Virginia City

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

Wildlife habitat management wins in court

MISSOULA, Mont.—A U.S. District Court judge ruled a habitat management project in west-central Montana designed to benefit wildlife will go forward as planned.

The Johnny Crow Project will utilize prescribed burning and the removal of invasive junipers into grasslands in the Elkhorn Mountains as part of an effort to rejuvenate forage for elk and other wildlife.

The judge denied claims by two environmental groups and ruled in favor of the U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and partners.

"This is a big win-win," said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO. "It is a victory for wildlife and it is a victory for the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Like so many other areas in elk country, it is in need of active treatments to create early seral conditions of grasslands, sage brush and forbs that are vital for bird and animal life."

In March 2017, the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest issued what's called a "categorical exclusion" which exempts the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) from completing an environmental assessment for certain actions determined to not significantly impact the environment. In January 2018, RMEF filed a brief in support of the USFS decision.

"We have seen time and time again that active management with

a focus on wildlife habitat in the form of prescribed burns, thinning and other treatments triggers the growth of new grasses and forbs that benefits elk and a wide array of wildlife species," said Blake Henning, RMEF chief conservation officer.

The Elkhorn Mountains lie within a unique wildlife management situation. Managed jointly by the USFS, Bureau of Land Management and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, they are within the only unit in the entire Forest Service system that is designated by Congress with a focus on wildlife and wildlife habitat.

The Elkhorns are also recognized as a location featuring some of the best elk hunting in Montana.

In a somewhat similar case, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied claims by several environmental groups approximately six months ago and ruled in favor of active forest management in southwestern Montana.

"We have seen time and time again that interference by environmental groups only thwarts efforts by wildlife habitat and forest managers to try to improve the condition of our forests. Such litigation only harms forests and wildlife as litigants seek payouts in the form of taxpayer dollars to pad their bottom line," added Weaver.

RMEF is a long-time advocate for active habitat and forest management as a benefit for wildlife and wild landscapes.

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.

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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In Order for Our Staff to Celebrate the Holidays with Family & Friends We Look Forward to Serving You in the New Year!
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