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White-tailed deer in Ruby Valley tests positive for CWD



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Submitted by JOLEEN TADAJ, FWP $\,$

white-tailed deer harvested by a hunter in the Ruby Valley in southwest Montana during the general hunting season tested positive for chronic wasting disease. The buck is one of 24 samples that came back positive for CWD in the latest batch of test results.

The other new positive samples were from deer harvested within CWD Management Zones elsewhere in the state where the disease is known to exist.

The Ruby Valley deer was harvested on private land about a mile west of Sheridan, within Hunting District 322. This case is the first detection of CWD in southwest Montana.

This year Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks conducted CWD surveillance in parts of northern, western and southeastern Montana, primarily from hunter-harvested animals. In addition, hunters in all parts of the state were able to submit their own samples for testing. All samples are sent for testing to Colorado State University and those results were reported on a weekly basis to FWP. This is the last round of results from animals harvested during the general rifle season. Hunters who submitted animals for testing, can check online for their results at fwp.mt.gov/

This year, more than 7,000 animals have been sampled statewide, and 115 have tested positive for CWD. CWD has been detected across much of Montana, including the northwest, northeast, southeast and southwest.

With the general hunting season now closed, FWP will review management strategies, testing results and other collected information to make plans for the next necessary steps in managing the disease. CWD cannot be eradicated once it infects a herd.

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

The disease was first discovered in the wild in Montana south of Billings in 2017. There is no known transmission of CWD to humans. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that hunters harvesting an animal in an area where CWD is known to be present have their animal tested. If the animal tests positive, CDC advises against eating the meat.

Public opinion sought

Deadline looms on Madison River regulations survey



Sign over the entrance of the Madison Foods grocery store, indicating a prioritization of fishing in Ennis' economy Dec. 21. "It's not to diminish ag dollars that come here," store owner Chris Gentry said. "This is just about what's happening right now." PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

www.surveymonkey.com/r/RDWKFXW and madisonrivercom@mt.gov

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

People have until Jan. 6 to participate in a survey and comment on potential Madison River regulations.

Survey results and written submissions will be considered before Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks drafts a proposal. Individuals who are not satisfied with the online survey, www.surveymonkey. com/r/RDWKFXW, can sub-

"THIS RIVER RUNS DEEP IN OUR COMMUNITY," -CHRIS GENTRY mit written comments to FWP.

"I hope the scoping process

"I hope the scoping process helps us narrow down to some options that can kind of meet the objective of providing a diversity angling opportunity without harming any specific group," FWP Commissioner Pat Byorth said.

It is FWP's first public process to weigh in the public's opinions on various alternatives on river use. Results could influence FWP's proposal, which the commission will either deny or open to

public comment in February.

In April 2019, FWP proposed regulations to the commission, which were denied. The proposal received mixed support from conservation organizations, Madison County businesses, the commercial fishing industry and recreational users of the Madison River. The underlying concern for some is FWP restricting the river to an unnecessary point that could negatively impact the local economy.

"The health of the river is

MADISON RIVER REGULATIONS continued on A2

Nate Konen to the Orediggers

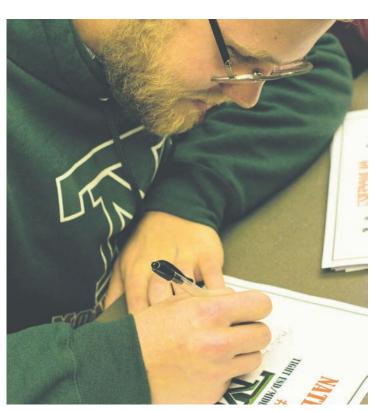
Twin Bridges football player signs with Montana Tech

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

win Bridges senior, Nate Konen, signed a Frontier Conference letter of intent to play football at Montana Technological University Dec. 18.

Hallways on both sides funneled students into the school's foyer. Konen stat behind a long table under a striking black and red falcon painted on the wall. His high school coach, Brett Nordahl, stood next to him to announce Konen's accomplishments of advancing in his football and academic career.

Nate Konen, Twin Bridges senior, signs dozens of autographs for his fellow Falcons Dec. 18. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE



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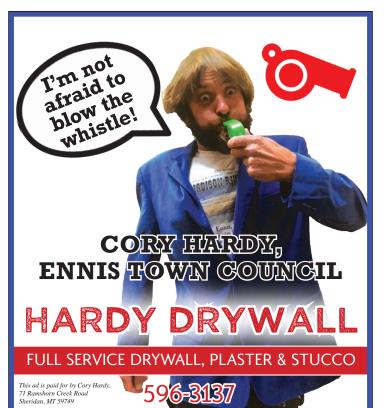
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MADISON RIVER REGULATIONS continued FROM A1 -

first, and I haven't heard anybody say anything to the contrary," Byorth said.

The community has been divided on the extent that regulations are needed to address conflict and crowding on sections of the river. The survey asks input on addressing four main issues, commercial fishing outfitter management, social conflict management on the upper Madison River, lower Madison River recreational management and angler use management on the upper Madison

"It's so important that we protect it [Madison River], while protecting our community's interests," owner of Madison Foods, Chris Gentry

Gentry has been outspoken about the issue. She worries that an online survey will produce skewed results. There is little security on the amount of times an individual can take the survey. She perceived some of the questions to be leading. FWP offered an additional way to comment other than the multiple-choice survey. People can submit written comments to madisonrivercom@mt.gov.

"We support FWP doing their jobs," Gentry said. "I don't know if you can win with a social conflict. Not everybody is going to be happy."

The social conflicts and concerns on the Madison River are agreed on, boat ramps are overcrowded, and there is a lot of activity on the river. "This river runs deep in our community,"

Gentry said.

"I hope the scoping process helps us narrow down to some options that can kind of meet the objective of providing a diversity angling opportunity without harming any specific group,"

Pat Byorth said.

KONEN continued FROM A1

Coach and player hugged in the echoes of applause. Family members who could make the after-school celebration came together for some photos, and then a surge of students crowed the table where Konen sat.

he signed dozens of autographs, "Nate Konen #7."

The stack of Orediggers-green trimmed paper dwindled as Konen selected MTU for its academic and athletic opportu-

"I'm ready to play in a place where everyone's favorite thing is football,"

Nate Konen said.

nities. He is second in his class and plans to pursue a degree in electrical engineering.

Nordahl said Konen's intelligence is his biggest strength on the field. Konen understands the game well and puts himself in positions to be successful. Konen made Twin Bridges' varsity eight-man football team his freshman year. He was a captain on the Falcons for his junior and senior years.

Konen was selected for first all-conference inside linebacker, second team all-conference fullback and an all-state selection his senior season. He was also selected to compete in the Bob Cleverly 8-man All Star game at Bob Green Field in Butte May

Konen is a diverse player capable of success as a center, tight end, fullback and inside linebacker.

"I just like to play," Konen said. "I'll play anywhere."

Konen is a dominant defensive player with 395 tackles, four fumble recoveries and three interceptions made during his time at Twin Bridges. His 2019 season consisted of 126 tackles, two fumble recoveries and an interception on defense.

"He had a breakout year offensively," Nordahl said. Konen totaled 345 yards rushing, 332 yards receiving and scored eight touchdowns in 2019.

"I'm ready to play in a place where everyone's favorite thing is football," Konen said.





Twin Bridges High School athlete, Nate Konen, stands with his family after signing to Montana Technological University Dec. 18. PHOTO PROVIDED BY GAIL BANKS.

SCHOOL BOARD ROUNDUP

HARRISON SCHOOL

Harrison School sports programs

Upholding Title IX in a small school district

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Harrison High School will not offer wrestling in 2020, so it will not offer softball.

The terms for funding a wrestling co-op with Whitehall High School were not agreed on between Dec. 10-12. A softball 2020 co-op between Harrison High School and Ennis High School was nulled because the two sport programs cannot exist without the other. Federal law requires schools to provide equal athletic opportunities for members of both sexes through Title IX.

Wrestling is Whitehall High School's most expensive sport. The majority of the cost is from travel, meals and accommodations on the road. The 2018 -2019 wrestling season cost Whitehall Schools \$37,518, according to Whitehall Superintendent Hannah Nieskens.

"Cost for Harrison athletes should not have to be paid by Whitehall taxpayers," Nieskens said.

The Harrison School Board and Whitehall School Board agreed on a \$975 per participant fee. Harrison Schools wanted the athletes and parents to pay the fee. Whitehall Schools insisted the co-op was contingent on Harrison Schools being responsible for the participant

"It's a school-to-school agreement,"

Nieskens said. "We need it from the school not the individual."

Harrison has to co-op with nearby schools for certain sport programs due to its small size. Four students will make up Harrison's graduating class of 2020. Its small number of students skews participation rates which effect the gender equity requirement.

Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sex and applies to all aspects of educational programs and activities in institutions that receive federal money. The federal law requires athletic programs to provide equal athletic opportunities for students of both sexes. If an activity is provided for students of one sex, like boys' wrestling, then a comparable opportunity must be provided for students of the other sex, like girls' softball.

Harrison Schools have to balance sport participation ratios among genders. A sporting opportunity for one student in a small school like Harrison is enough to tip the gender equity

Nieskens said that the potential co-op is not a contentious issue. The Whitehall School Board was not comfortable charging a Harrison School athlete \$975, when the rest of the athletes only have to pay \$75. The Harrison School Board did not agree that its taxpayers should cover the high cost for the low participation rate of a wrestling program.

QLUNTER SPOTLIGHT **GAME NIGHT, ANYONE?**

How Bunco and Facebook work together

By KEELY LARSON connect@madisoniannews.com

Facebook, with its ups and downs, is a force of good in certain situations. The Ask Ennis Facebook page is small-town and personal.

"We joined that Facebook group when we started to buy the home in July," Elizabeth Zippay said. Facebook groups are usually created by a person or two, and those wanting to be in the group request admittance. Zippay found being a part of the group was a good way to keep in touch with the local community from afar.

Topics range from good hair stylist recommendations, questions about the best cell phone provider for the area and requests for phone numbers for individual people, which are private messaged of course.

A particularly lovely moment on this page involved a group member looking for suggestions of things to do in town while waiting to take her kids back home from their activities. Zippay, not yet moved to Ennis from California, offered to be the woman's coffee buddy.

California was too expensive for Zippay and her fiancé to retire in, and they stumbled upon Ennis in their search. After finding



Britney Hirsch's smile was the closest to the camera, but not the only one in the shot. PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZABETH ZIPPAY

a home and renting it out in the meantime, Zippay got a job in Bozeman. She took the job and left for Ennis early and now rents a different space until they can move into their home.

After moving prematurely, Zippay returned to the Facebook page to see if anyone was interested in having a Bunco party. The post rendered 64 comments with people totally down and people asking what Bunco was. Zippay described the dice game as similar to Yahtzee with a buy-in component.

Bunco is played in partners and rotates tables. "You get to meet everyone who's at the party," Zippay said. This type of game night serves as a good ice breaker and conversation starter for groups of new people.

Zippay hosted at her temporary home and provided snacks. Six adults, in their late 20s and early 30s, brought their own beverages. Those who came enjoyed themselves and want the game night to become a monthly

occurrence. For this age demographic, there is not always something going on in Ennis on Friday nights. The Bunco night offered a new setting for people to mix and mingle and learn more about their neighbors.

"I was talking to everyone who was there and learned a lot about goats and everything going on in





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ENNIS SCHOOL

Keeping class sizes small

Ennis Schools need another teacher

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Ennis School is advertising for an additional elementary teacher for the next school year.

Part of the Ennis School District's Strategic Plan is keeping class sizes small at around 15 students per class. Reducing class sizes requires more teachers and classrooms, which can be an expensive endeavor. The Ennis School District's Strategic Plan will have its action planning session Jan. 22 to discuss where resources will best suit the needs and preferences of the community.

"The strategic plan is intended to help the district in focusing its resources in a manner that will best benefit the children enrolled in the district," Ennis Superintendent Casey Klasna said.

Ennis' fifth grade had 31 students this year, one over the maximum class-size limit for fifth through eighth grade. The Montana state law allows up

to six students to overflow the class-size standards, but an instructional aide is mandatory.

Other states have adopted laws on K-12 class sizes. Florida amended its state constitution to set class-size limits in all public schools' science, English and math classes (the core classes). The Florida law phased into full effect in 2010. According to the Florida Department of Education's Database Workshop, the policy cost \$20 billion to implement over eight years.

Many communities and education institutions around the world have considered the longterm benefits for students and society to offset the up-front costs of reducing class sizes.

Since the first large-scale experiment on class sizes in the late 1980s, the Tennessee Student Teacher Achievement Ratio study, research results are mixed on the benefits of small class sizes.

But most agree that large class-size reductions, 7-10 fewer students per class, can have

long-term benefits for students. Students benefit the most from small class sizes in the earliest grades.

STAR showed that black students and students from economically disadvantaged families gained the most from smaller class sizes. In 2000, the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics found a strong, positive relationship between small classes and secondary students' test scores.

The Ennis School Board will assess expenses, student teacher benefits, needs and preferences for the schools' future in its Strategic Plan. A first step toward smaller classes is the new hire of a certified elementary teacher. Klasna expects that it will be for the fourth or fifth grades, which have larger classes.

"We feel that students and teachers will benefit from that [small class sizes]," Ennis Superintendent Casey Klasna

Madison County

In areas with low cell phone coverage, you can now text 911 in case of emergency.

December 15, 2019

A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in McAllister.

A warrant service was performed in Ennis.

December 16, 2019

Vandalism was reported in Sheridan. A wildlife complaint was made in Norris. Medical aid was administered in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

December 17, 2019

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Pony. An animal complaint was made in Cameron.

December 18, 2019

An animal complaint was made in Twin Bridges.

A fire call was made in Sheridan.

December 19, 2019

A theft complaint was made in Virginia

A welfare check was performed in Pony. A disturbance was reported in Sheridan.

December 20, 2019

A citizen was assisted in Twin Bridges. A fire call was made in Virginia City. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.

An animal complaint was made in

McAllister. A welfare check was performed in Twin Bridges.

December 21, 2019

A DUI arrest was made in Ennis. A coroner call was made in Alder. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.

An animal complaint was made in Twin Bridges.

Traffic complaints were made in Alder and Virginia City.

A welfare check was made in Ennis.



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- Closing the racial achievement gap: 38% reduction in test-score gap in grades K-3
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OPINION

Madison County jail conversation continues

Dear Editor,

Well, I succeeded at one thing, there is now some public discourse on the subject of a Madison County jail. This response is to the two letters in The Madisonian addressing my opinions on that subject. This response is a little late in coming as we did not receive The Madisonian for three weeks, so I did not know till now that there were responses to my article.

First, I did not consider my article in the Madisonian a "paid political ad." The fact is that The Madisonian would not publish my letter as it was written. I had to purchase space out my own pocket to have my article published.

Second, I'm glad that Virginia City is willing to work with the county as I had "heard" that Justin Gatewood made the remark that "there will be no jail in Virginia City."

City."

Third, yes, I agree that the first jail proposed was too large. The concept was to be large enough to house prisoners from other counties. Them paying Madison County rather than Madison County paying them, thus offsetting the cost

of the jail. But it was just too much. That "bad taste" left in the voters mouths did not help consecutive voter responses.

Fourth, propaganda. It was a significant part the lingering "bad taste." I can still see the lipstick on a pig flyer. It worked.

Fifth, I don't believe that I promoted a large jail in my letter. If that was inferred, I'm sorry. If Madison County does build a jail, it should be large enough to handle the county's needs for at least 30 years, not something that will be too small in 10 years. It would be GREAT if the mold can be

remediated and the current holding facility be utilized again.

Sixth, please don't blow off the gravity of that mold infestation as it has caused SERIOUS illness already.

I'm out of space, If I say anymore I'll have to pay to have it published. I do have more to say reference prisoner costs and mold details. Stay tuned.

> Kim Hudson Malta, Montana 59538

OBITUARIES

Doris M. Daems July 31, 1923 to December 11, 2019



Doris Daemss passed away Dec. 11, 2019 at the Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis. She was born in Jeffers,

Mont. On July 31, 1923 to George and Helen Parker Mainwairing. She graduated from Ennis High School in 1941 and married Jim Daems on March 1, 1942. She lived on the family ranch in Varney until her death.

After Jim's passing in 1993, she spent five days a week volunteering. She spent countless hours helping with resident activities at the Madison Valley Manor. She collected bananas from banana bingo and returned them as treats for the residents in the form of banana bread. In recognition of the many hours she spent at the Manor, she was awarded the 1995 Volunteer of the Year award by the Montana Health Care Association. She also embroidered many quilt blocks for the Madison Valley Manor

Auxilliary annual quilt fund raiser. She volunteered her time by helping with the Senior Meal program. For many years, she bowled on several leagues at the Fish Bowl. She travelled to tournaments all over the state and had many pins for high scores.

She is survived by her

children: Joy Daems of Ennis, Allen Daems of Ennis, and Patricia Wirta of Snohomish, Wash. Grandsons: Mike Green (Jennifer) of McAllister and

their children Taylor, Dalton, Riley and Zoe. Wes Daems of Ennis and children Cassie and Noah.

Kevin Daems (Selena) of Ennis and their children Alexandra, Brianna, Caitlyn and Luke

Honorary Grandson Cooper Taylor of Ennis.

Siblings, Mick of Oregon, Stan of Pony, Keith of Belgrade, Marion Hedglin of Belgrade and Janet Pascale of Hattiesberg, Mississippi.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings David, Russell, Lora, Anna, John, George, Bud and Carol.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church, 606 Comley Way, Ennis, Mont.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Madison Valley Manor or the charity of your choice.

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The Stender family would like to thank for their thought, prayers and cards. They were all greatly appreciated.

LaRae Stender and Family



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Daines announces All 2019 Montana Student U. S. Military Academy nominations

Robinson Dale of Sheridan receives nomination

Submitted by KITT DALE

U.S. Senator Steve Daines announced his nominations for 15 Montana students who are applying for enrollment into U.S. military academies on Dec 13. Robinson Dale of Sheridan was one of Daines' nominees for USMA, USAF, USNA.

A congressional nomination is a critical step in the process for Montanans seeking admission to one of the nation's four military academies: the U.S.

Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs (USAFA), the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (USMA), the U.S. Naval Acade U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point (USMMA).

"One of my greatest honors as a U. S. Senator is to nominate

committed young Montanans to compete for an appointment to one of our nation's military academies," Daines said. "I commend these remarkable students for their commitment to serving our nation in

keeping with Montana's strong

legacy of service and I wish them the best as they continue in this extremely competitive process."

Students interested in applying to a U.S. military academy submitted an extensive application that documents their academic, civic and athletic abilities, as well as their commitment to military service. An academy selection board assembled by Daines reviewed the applications and conducted interviews of the applicants.

FWP accepting applications for Upper Missouri River Reservoir Plan advisory committee

Submitted by JOLEEN TADEJ, FWP

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is accepting applications for members to serve on an advisory committee for the Upper Missouri River Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan. The committee will meet one day each spring to evaluate fisheries trends and determine if further management action is needed.

The committee will consist of five members representing a variety of stakeholder

groups. Applicants who can represent many stakeholder groups are desirable.

The department will recommend committee members from the pool of applicants. The Fish and Wildlife Commission will make a final decision on committee members at its Feb. 6 meeting.

The application for the advisory committee can be found on the FWP website at fwp. mt.gov. Applications will be accepted until Jan. 15. For more information, call 444-2449 or email: fwpfsh@mt.gov.







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Two wins for Harrison

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

The Harrison boys' basketball team was successful in both games last week. They traveled to Absarokee to take on the Lone Peak Big Horns Dec. 14. The point gap widened to a secure 16-point lead in the second quarter. The Wildcats kept the Big Horns scoreless in the third quarter. Luke Cima lead the Wildcats in points and the Homner brothers each got a three-pointer against the Big Horns.

The Wildcats took on the Wolverines at home Dec. 17. It was a close game.

"The game was full of runs by both teams and wasn't decided until the final buzzer," head coach Zach Murphy said.

West Yellowstone went up for a three-pointer at the final buzzer. It would have tied the game 50 -50 but was missed. Wildcats took the win.

Vern Homner scored 26 of the 50 points for Harrison in just about every way, he made layups, two-pointers and



Junior Jackson Nye drains one in Harrison's home game, Tuesday, Dec. 17 against West Yellowstone. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRIS-TENSEN

three-pointers. In the second half alone, Homner scored 17 points. The Wildcats' success rate at the free throw line nearly doubled from the Lone Peak game.

FALCONS CLINCH CONFERENCE WINS

Doubling scores against the competition

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Twin Bridges' boys basketball team lead the start of the District 12C conference season.

They easily defeated the Lima Bears at home Dec. 17. The Falcons made whole team substitutions halfway through each quarter. Everyone had even playing time to rack up 81 points against the Bears. Nate Konen lead the Falcons in points with steady two-pointers. Zayne Carter and Tate Smith were successful with three points, and the Falcons had a positive free throw rate of 60 percent.

Twin Bridges traveled to Ennis to take on the Mustangs Dec. 19. The Falcons defense held the Mustangs to 30 points, while gaining 44 points against their opponent. Charlie Kruer shot for three points regularly throughout the game. Though he had a mere 33 percent success rate of three-pointers, he drained three of them. Kruer was more consistent making lower-scoring baskets, which brought him to 20 points against Lima.

Twin Bridges next game will be in the new year against Drummond Jan. 3.



DEC. 14 Harrison Wildcats: 17 31 42 Final: 59 Lone Peak Big Horns: 11 15 15 Final: 24

POINTS
Team total: 59
Individual leader: Luke
Cima
Individual total: 13

2-POINTERS
TEAM TOTAL: 24
INDIVIDUAL LEADER:
LUKE CIMA
INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 6

3-POINTERS TEAM TOTAL: 3 INDIVIDUAL LEADER: VERN HOMNER/ KYLE HOMNER/ SAGE BUUS INDIVIDUAL TOTAL: 1

FREE THROWS: 33 % SUCCESS RATE

DEC. 17 Harrison Wildcats: 16 24 36 Final: 50 West Yellowstone Wolverines: 2 30 37 Final: 47

POINTS
Team total: 50

Individual leader: Vern Homner Individual total: 26

2-POINTERS
Team total: 15
Individual leader: Vern
Homner
Individual total: 8

3-POINTERS
Team total: 2
Individual leader: Vern
Homner/ Cristian Contreras
Individual total: 1

FREE THROWS: 61% success rate

DEC. 17 Twin Bridges Falcons: 21 44 57 Final: 81 Lima Bears: 8 12 24 Final: 29

POINTS
Team total: 81
Individual leader: Nate
Konen
Individual total: 18

2-POINTERS
Team total: 27
Individual leader: Nate
Konen
Individual total: 8

3-POINTERS
Team total: 7
Individual leader: Zayne
Carter/ Tate Smith
Individual total: 2

FREE THROWS: 60% success rate

DEC. 19
Twin Bridges Falcons:
18 40 58 Final: 74
Ennis Mustangs:
4 15 24 Final: 30

POINTS Team total: 74 Individual leader: Charlie Kruer Individual total: 20

2-POINTERS
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Boggus participates in International bull riding event

Recently placed 1st in State Finals

By KEELY LARSON connect@madisoniannews.com

Brummie Boggus, age 12, left for Las Vegas with his father to attend the International Mini Bullriding Association's event Dec. 5-8. While Brummie has gone to Vegas for bull riding three times before, this was his first time with an international association.

To get to Vegas, median rodeo scores from the summer were tallied and four riders from each age group were selected. Brummie was the champion in his age group, his mother Holli said.

Over 300 kids ages 5 to 16 from around the world competed at this event. The day was divided into morning and afternoon sessions, which were supposed to be equal. Sessions ended up taking longer than organizers had planned which resulted in Brummie not riding until 9:30 p.m. on Friday when he was supposed to start at 1 p.m.

"He rode his first one on Thursday and then he got drug into the fence on Friday," Holli said. "When I saw the fence coming up, I let go because I didn't want to be dragged into the fence," Brummie said. Riders automatically get to ride two bulls during the event and even though he got bucked off, he was able to make it to the semifinals on Saturday.

Brummie placed 26th out of 89 kids in his age group, a score he was not altogether pleased with. In order to advance to the finals, riders had to place in the top 10.

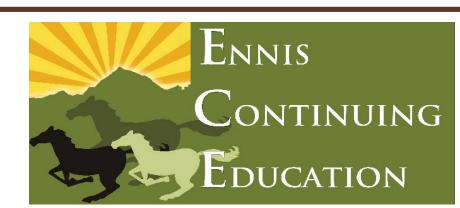
"I think what we're going to do is try to go with the other association that he's been twice before with," Holli said. The association he rode with before represents Wyoming, Utah, Montana and Idaho. "He's definitely striving to go again next year," Holli said.

On New Year's Eve Brummie will ride in a winter rodeo series in Ogden, Utah. "That

way he's not taking a whole break," Holli said. Brummie has participated in this before and is looking forward to ringing in the New Year with a bull ride. "There's some good bulls down there," he said. "They'll put me on some good bulls not just some squirts."



Brummie with his stock contractor, Scott Owens, after a win at the Ennis Rodeo. Photo courtesy of holliboggus



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Arts & Entertninment

Photographer David Yarrow has been coming to Virginia City for photoshoots for about five years.

arrow creatively pairs his subjects with animals, often large carnivores, in many of his photos. The layers of detail in his crisp, black and white shots contribute to a sense of culture and place. The Dec. 2-3 photoshoots traveled to the Nevada City Museum, Pioneer Bar, the Bale of Hay Saloon and the Brewery Follies. Two wolves and a mountain lion from the wildlife-casting agency in Bozeman, Animals of Montana Inc., accompanied the photoshoots.

Several of Yarrow's photos from Virginia City over the years are featured in his new book, David Yarrow. All proceeds from the book go toward preserving wildlife. David was recently acknowledged at the SAVOY in London this past Friday for the Great London Scot Award for outstanding achievement.

THE LAST CHANCE SALO

VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA - 2019

By DAVID YARROW

To return to the Pioneer Bar in Virginia City, Montana is to return to my comfort zone, and I feel an obligation to arrive with creative courage. We must push boundaries and not be lame in our conceptual processing. We have a free run here in the winter, when only 60 people live here and the Mayor only recently gave me the symbolic key to the city.

The group shots that I have photographed around the window end of the long bar have been well received and are difficult to top, especially as the last one included Cindy

My premise this time was to markedly up the number of people in the picture (the most we had used before was six). This puts pressure on both the construction and the casting, as one lame character can become a tension point and ruin the whole image. We have all experienced the difficulty of group pictures on Christmas Day or Thanksgiving

I think Ellen DeGeneres' Oscar selfie works so well, not just because of the number of people in the image, but because every character is an additive. It is my favorite selfie.

We assembled a strong cast - the models Kate Bock from Cleveland and Olivia Culpo from Charlotte, native American families from Northern Montana and then, of

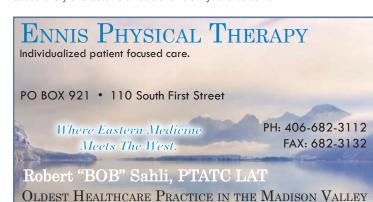


local mountain men. The hair and makeup/styling team, led by Nikki Parisi out of LA, was outstanding. My direction was 150 years ago Wild West - appropriate as in the 1860s, over 15,000 lived in Virginia City and The Pioneer Bar would have been very busy.

All 11 characters played their roles well that day, but perhaps the picture is stolen by a lovely 85-year- old lady called Mary from Butte, Montana. We nearly called the picture "There's Something About Mary" but perhaps her hair was not



Photos courtesy David Yarrow.





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MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday



Mostly cloudy skies early will become partly cloudy later in the day. High 32F. Winds SW at 5 to

Friday



Mostly sunny skies. High 27F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday



Mostly sunny skies. High 31F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday



Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. High 33F. Winds SSW at 5

Monday

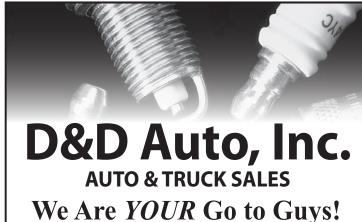


Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 32F. Winds SW at 5

Quote of the Week.

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

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Tates: Upper Canyon Panch

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Four generations of Tates. L to R: Jake McDonald, Oliver Ubaldo, Cassie Ubaldo, Fredy Ubaldo, Bernice Tate, Donna Tate, Bill Tate, Eli Ubaldo. Photo courtesy of Cassie Ubaldo

BY KEELY LARSON connect@madisoniannews.com

enerations of Tates have ranched, taught, loved and laughed on their land in the Upper Ruby Valley.

From Kansas, Earnest Parker 'Peck' Tate arrived in the Ruby Valley in the early 1900s to work on a horse ranch with his brother. Peck served in the first World War and afterward purchased a ranch in the same area to raise sheep and cattle.

Mary Mullen came out to the valley after a year of teaching school in Dillon. Out of a bunk house meant for employees, of which there were none yet, she taught three young girls who lived nearby. Mary and Peck married in 1924, "and then they tripled the school population," Cassie Ubaldo, Peck's

great-granddaughter, said.

After the second World War, the ranch transitioned from a sheep to a cattle ranch. With the development of nylon and rayon, the need for wool was less as synthetic materials became more popular. Peck died in 1949 leaving his oldest son, Bill Tate, only 14 years old and Mary with three young boys to raise. She sold the ranch, but kept 300

acres for family use. It was not enough to raise cattle, but it was just enough for Bill to take people hunting.

After a friend suggested guiding, Bill bought two laughably old trailers and ran power out to them. In 1984, the ranch had no running water. "I was 50 years old and had no retirement, so I needed something to go with my social security," he said. Up to this point, he had been in the service and worked in warehouses after his eight years of duty was up. Being a hunting guide was a way to make a little

extra income.
"It grew from there. I had

PHOTO COURTESY OF CASSIE UBALDO

no idea and most of it was just dumb luck. Things just fell into place," Bill said.

Bill and his wife Bernice of 60 years built everything by themselves and had basically no money to fall back on. "The two trailers paid for four and the four trailers paid for the A frame and each one paid for itself," Bill said. They were barely a step ahead.

Donna Tate McDonald, one of the first women outfitters in Montana, bought her parents out 25 years ago, Bill's leap of faith a good call in hindsight. She and her husband, Jake, added fly fishing and horse riding

to guiding. Eventually, they offered a conference center and are now able to host up to 45 guests. Three and a half years ago, Donna's daughter, Cassie, and her husband joined the family business.

With an undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's in education and counseling, Cassie brought a unique offering to UCO. She created a horse-based program to work on leadership and communication skills called Equine Facilitated Learning, offered to corporate groups, individuals and veterans. This program focuses on aligning different parts of one's life, working on congruency and being genuine. "It's really just mental well-being," Cassie said.

Both daughters and their families had plan B's in case UCO was not fruitful. With three generations involved, the plan B's ended up unnecessary. "It really is a family effort. No one person could ever do this job alone," Donna said.

She and her father took a chance on this business and relied on their resourcefulness and their heritage to make it

"I had no idea the possibility. I was just hoping for a couple little trailer houses (so) I could pick up a little extra money to go with my social security. That was my original intent," Bill said.

Five generations of Tates have been on this land and four live on it now. Each generation worked by the sweat of their brow to maintain and live off the land. Bill and Bernice hand picked rocks off the property to help it thrive. Cassie joked about all the knapweed they picked over the years to serve the same purpose. But it extends further.

"People look at land as an asset and we don't really look at it as an asset. We look at it as our heritage," Donna said.

Donna takes her insight about the value of land to national boards and goes to DC to talk to representatives about preservation and conservation. She understands the importance of looking past your property line and extending care and concern to adjacent lots to achieve a greater effect. "If you're going to live off the land and you're going to appreciate it, you have to be part of saving it and preserving it," Donna said.

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Things just fell into place:

Bill Tate.

founder of UCO said.



Bill got his elk this last hunting season and processed his meat within 48 hours. "I don't let nobody touch my meat," he said. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON























Free high blood pressure management program now available



Submitted by TINA PFERTSH, GN

In Montana, almost 30% of adults report having high blood pressure (hypertension) and nationally, only about half of these adults have their blood pressure controlled.

"Madison County residents now have a program available to help them manage their high blood pressure, which is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. This heart-healthy program gives participants resources to help them improve blood pressure control," said Melissa Brummell, RN with Madison County Public Health Department (MCPHD). MCPHD offers Health Coaches for Hypertension Control classes, which were created to empower partici-

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pants to take an active role in managing their blood pressure. The classes focus on nutrition, physical activity, stress management and other heart-healthy topics.

Participants who have previously completed the Health Coaches for Hypertension Control classes showed increased confidence in the ability to manage their condition. This program runs for 8 weeks, with each session lasting 90 minutes.

Anyone with high blood pressure is eligible to participate in these free classes. Health Coaches for Hypertension classes will be offered in Sheridan starting Jan 6th, 2020. To sign up, or for more questions, please call Melissa Brummell, RN or Tina Pfertsh, GN at Madison County Public Health Department at 406-843-4295.

Montanans affected by Medicare scams

Submitted by MONTANA NEWSPAPER **ASSOCIATION**

Multiple accounts of scam calls have been reported to Montana's Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). Just this month seven Montanans, believing that they were talking to Medicare, gave out their Medicare numbers. Those calls included "your Medicare number is invalid" and "Medicare is replacing cards with one that has a chip reader," and in all cases they asked to confirm the current numbers.

A direct result of people's Medicare numbers falling into the wrong hands is the

more than \$21,000 in documented fraud cases sent on to the Office of Inspector General this year by Montana SMP, with two more cases being compiled as this goes to print. Nationally, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services calculate fraudulent telemarketing and DME supplies at \$60 billion in fraudulent Medicare payments each year. While the rollout of new Medicare cards better protects recipients, it does not protect Medicare.

Two of the Montana residents scammed this month also shared their Social Security numbers and bank account information in addition to their Medicare numbers.

"Once your Social Security number is out there, it's a lifetime of monitoring," Renee Labrie-Shanks said, Montana SMP's Program Manager.

Medicare will never call and ask for personal information over the phone. If a beneficiary instigates a call, Medicare will need your number and birthdate in order to help you. However, they will not initiate calls and ask for personal information.

If you receive a call asking for personal information, whether it be from Medicare or any source, always err on the side of caution. According to Montana SMP, if something is urgent it probably isn't legitimate. Gather more information and hang up. Never call the number back that was given, but rather look the number up independently either in a phone book or on the internet.

If you're really suspicious and want to know if they are legitimate, or if you have given out personal information and it has to do with healthcare, please call your local Montana SMP at 1-800-551-3191.



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This, Our Valley

By Keth Axberg

THE TALES GIFTS TELL

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light – Isaiah 9

and the gifts are huddled beneath.

One may think of Christmas gifts as inanimate objects - things wrapped in fancy paper, tied with ribbons, topped with bows of varied sizes - but one would be wrong in their thinking.

Every gift lies quietly beneath the tree or within the stocking hung by the chimney, and while we may not hear them (with our ears) speaking or whispering, they do (in all truth) have stories to share and tales to tell.

Some gifts disappoint their recipients, of course. Who hasn't groaned a little inside opening up that floppy package knowing full-well it was going to be socks, underwear, or a new plaid shirt to

The tree is up, the lights are lit, replace the ones you've suddenly outgrown since school started? You plaster a smile on your face, look at Mom and Dad, and beam forth with the best, "Oh, gee, thanks," you can muster. Mom and Dad know the truth, and they certainly know the thanks is more tip of the tongue than bottom of the heart, but they accept it graciously as the morning mayhem continues.

> While the practical gifts may underwhelm their young recipients, they are more than made up for by gifts that dazzle. I still remember the thrill of coming out into the living room Christmas morning so many years ago as a young lad to find a brand new Schwinn bicycle standing next to

the tree – a THREE SPEED! That more than made up for the decade of underwear and socks, and my appreciation did arise from closer to the bottom of my heart.

Gifts tell a tale. Some tell us they're here to meet our basic needs. They may not be sexy, but they have a job to do, and they tell us loved ones are watching over us. Other gifts dazzle us like lightning flashing out of the blue - an unexpected shock (like a bike), or the special something that says, "You're the pitta to my patta!"

The gifts beneath the tree, of course, are stunt doubles. I've got a very nice high definition television at home and am amazed at how well I can now discern the use of stunt doubles on some of the old shows, like Star Trek or The Rifleman. Back in the halcyon days of black and white TVs with thirteen inch screens and grainy images such details simply could not be seen. But one can sure see those personnel switches now!

Likewise, the gifts beneath the tree are low-definition stunt doubles for the greatest gift of all - Jesus Christ.

I suspect many of us are so caught up "in the moment" of Christmas morning that meditating on that first nativity is lost in the busy hum of the day's activities: making breakfast, opening packages, getting the feast going (if hosting) or getting ready to head out to join up with family or friends.

I will confess that I have never asked God to "clothe me with your righteousness" as I've gotten dressed on Christmas morning. My primary goal is to remember to zip up and pray the buttons on my shirt match the button hole they're supposed to go through!

The fact is, though, at some point of the day, it is nice to stop, pause, and reflect that while the day's gifts may or may not delight us, they point beyond themselves to ONE who came not to tickle our fancy, but heal our wounds and tackle our woes. He does not need batteries to work, but will eventually be battered (and die) for our

By the end of the Day, the house will be a mess – a disaster. It

will look a bit like a proverbial tornado came blowing through while we were making merry. That, my friends, is reality's stunt-double. No matter how hard we work to make things right, at the end of the day life can be one chaotic mess and that's when the gifts tell us the rest of the story.

God did not come to spend time taking care of the mess. That's just a side-benefit of God's real purpose: to spend time with us. That's the tale the Christmas gifts tell in this, our valley. Merry Christmas everyone – and Happy New Year!

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

COMMODITY INSITE: TIME TO BE BOLD

The long and agonizing trade war with China appears to be over. It has been underway since March, 2018 and despite President Trump arguing that trade wars are, "fun and easy to win," I, for one, am thrilled it is over. And according to reliable sources, "Phase One" is the new trade deal that will nearly double U.S. exports to China over the next two years. The deal is expected to be signed in early January and go into effect 30 days later.

It is my understanding that China has pledged to buy \$40 billion of U.S. ag-products annually for the next two years as part of the new trade deal. Keep in mind that in 2017, China bought \$24 billion worth of goods and in 2012, bought \$21 billion. It was in 2012 that the CRB index, that is to the commodity markets as the Dow Jones is to the stock market hit an all-time historic high. When Chinese buying slacked off in 2012, commodity values per se have been on the decline ever

The ending of the trade war is flat out bullish. Soon, agriculture producers and traders will look back in time and realize that Phase One of the trade deal was revolutionary bullish for American farmers and ranchers. Here are some comments from, "Haunted By Markets" in a chapter entitled, "Staggering Demand From China" I penned in May, 2011 showing the influence China has on commodities in years gone by. The same will be seen in the

"An individual of note has recently emerged as a long term bull toward commodities. That was a

surprise because I have been reading his column for years because he is simply the best financial writer on the scene today. He is a legend on Wall Street for his forecasting ability coupled with his wry sense of humor. The writer is veteran financial journalist Alan Abelson of Barron's. As a fan of Mr. Abelson, I read carefully his insightful analysis of the markets and economy. Not once, however, can I recall him wandering into the world of commodities. Not once. But on May 14, he wrote an article entitled, "Paradigm Shift" with a subtitle summary stating, "the world is using up its natural resources at an alarming rate... causing a permanent shift in their value."

Mr. Abelson touched on why commodity prices hit the skids in the opening days of May but quickly begins to quoting from Jeremy Grantham and the GMO website. On that website, a table appears listing China's outsized appetite for commodities. The title next to the table has a heading that reads, "Time to Wake Up: Days of Abundant Resources and Falling Prices Are Over Forever."

From that table, here is the percentage of use for various world commodities consumed by the ever growing and robust Chinese economy. The percentages are eye opening; cement at 53.2%, iron ore at 47.7%, coal at 46.9%, pigs at 46.4%, steel at 45.4%, lead at 44.6%, zinc at 41.3%, aluminum at 40.6%, copper at 38.9%, eggs at 37.2%, nickel at 36.3%, rice at 28.1%, soybeans at 24.6%, wheat at 16.6%, chickens at 15.6%, crude oil at 10.3% and cattle at

To us, it means that whatever the day-to-day or even month-tomonth dips and blips in commodity prices, if Jeremy's right, the long-term trend has no place to go but up. Six weeks ago I wrote, "I am a stubborn bull convinced that commodities are buying opportunities on breaks." And this week, I write, "Welcome, Mr. Abelson and Mr. Grantham to my camp. The camp of the, 'stubborn

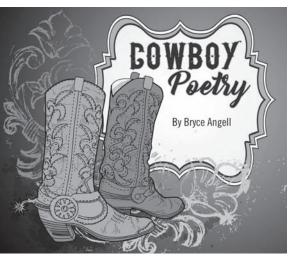
China experienced food inflation in Nov. of this year of 19%. The primary cause of higher food costs was pork that rose 100% in Nov. As we all know too well, pork prices rose sharply because swine fever has devastated the Chinese hog herd, causing it to decline more than a third in the past year. But that estimate seems optimistic. The losses are likely far greater in not only China but it a host of other nations as well.

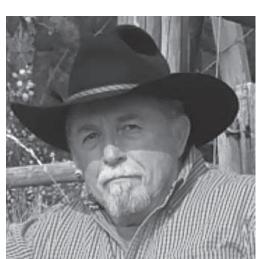
I believe the upside potential for the world's meat markets is huge with pork destined to be the upside leader. I also embrace what the late Alan Abelson stated years ago. "The world is using up its natural resources at an alarming rate and this has caused a permanent shift in their value."

Moving forward, as other trade agreements fall into place it will become more evident that a structural and permanent shift in the value of basic foods stuffs is unfolding right this very moment just as predicted in the spring of 2011 just before the CRB index rose to an all-time historic high.

Exciting and profitable times are ahead for U.S. agriculture. Do not be left behind. It is time to be bold.







Personal Plumber

Though some of us are getting old we still enjoy a ride. Our horses have been good to us. They've been a source of pride.

Each year I struggle more each time while climbing in the saddle. I never thought that getting old could turn to such a battle.

It seems to me that Mother Nature's got it out for us. Did she do this all on purpose? She is sure an ornery cuss! I've heard folks say, that as a man gets to his golden years, he urinates more frequently and grows

hair on his ears. A man can shave his ears, but with a hefty sized prostate, his bladder fills to full and feels like

someone closed the gate. And sitting in the saddle with an over filled up bladder, feels a little painful so I'd rather have it flatter.

Thank heaven for our doctor friend. He's there for every ride. He's a doctor of urology, well known both far and wide.

Now none of us has ever needed of his expertise. But knowing that he rides with us puts all our minds at ease. And when we're riding on the trail and far away this summer. We can proudly say we brought

along our personal plumber. Our personal plumber doesn't have a lot to say, but when he offers his advice it's in the kindest

Yes our personal plumber keeps an eye on us old men. He never thinks about himself, kinda like a mother hen.

He tells us, "Drink more water. You'll feel better all around." You'd think that we would listen as we tank our sodas down.

He'll wear a suit and tie all day or scrubs for surgery. But when he's home a pair of boots will set the doctor free.

Not everyone's as lucky as the men who ride with him. He's a positive attitude all filled up to the brim.

And the best advice he's given me, I'd like for you to know. "For sure you're still okay if you can pee your name in snow."

COMICS & PUZZLES

THEME: ANCIENT HISTORY

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mode

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15. Petroleum tanker

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17. "La" precursor

18. Big Dipper shape

19. *Between Stone Age and Bronze

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hot springs

28. Make like a cat

30. Mountain cover

35. Instinctive motive

37. "General Hospital," e.g.

39. Fresh Prince: "____ ya later!"

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44. Not odds 46. Distinctive elegance

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50. Green-eyed monster

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61. *Pharaoh's resting place 65. Tear-jerker

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71. Itsy-bitsy bits

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73. Opposite of WSW

74. *Per Aristotle, there are 3 categories of this

DOWN 1. Gaspar, Balthasar and Melchior

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8. Metallic mixture

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15. *Mesoamerica's earliest known civilization

20. One maxwell per square centi-

22. ____, snowshoe, tube

24. Movie teaser

25. *Mesopotamia's earliest civili-

26. Establish validity

27. End of a shoelace

29. *Romulus' domain

31. Ruler of emirate

32. Mothball substitute

33. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet 34. *Founder of first Academy in Athens

36. *Virgil wrote of this volcano in

the "Aeneid" 38. Blueprint or outline

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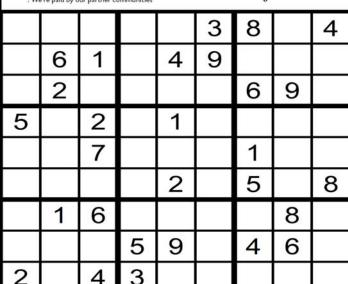
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MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN RE THE ESTATE OF Probate No. DP-29-2019-30 GANEL GAY GIVEN,

Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to LORI A. HARSHBARGER, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM., P.O. Box 310, Dillon, MT 59725 or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct." DATED this 4th day of December,

/s/ LORI HARSHBARGER C/O HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM PO BOX 310 DILLON, MT 59725 (Pub. Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2019) HARSHBARGER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MADISON COUNTY IN RE THE ESTATE OF

Probate No. DP-29-2019-26 PHYLLIS PATRICIA PETERSON,

Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to K. WALTON PETERSON, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM, P.O. Box 310, Dillon, MT 59725 or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct." DATED this 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019. /S/ K. WALTON PETERSON

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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PRO-TEST ISSUANCE OF ONE NEW MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC

BEVERAGES LICENSE THE BARN SPIRITS LLC (Samuel Byrne and Matthew Kidd, Owner(s)) has applied for one new Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 25-999-4521-009 to be operated at THE BARN SPIRITS LLC, 276 Yellowstone Mountain Club Trail, Big Sky, Madison County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law. Who can protest this transfer? Protests will

be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Madison County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4) (d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met. What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 25-999-4521-009 and the applicant's name THE BARN SPIRITS 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 19, 2020. What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Big Sky. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protester's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied. How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Jamie Williams, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-0712 or jwilliams@mt.gov. (Pub. Dec. 19, 26, 2019)

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FOR FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Madison County Administrator has received two Floodplain Development Permit application requests from Brown and Associates, Inc., on behalf of Rick Remitz to build two separate residential home structures and accompanying driveways/access roads within the Regulated Flood Hazard Area of the Jefferson River near Silver Star. The projects will not involve any work on the river bank nor encroach into any water bodies or designated wetlands. The first subject property is located off Loch Leven Lane in Section 13, Township 2 South, Range 6 West, P.M.M., Madison County, MT. The second subject property is located off Dean Drive in Section 13, Township 2 South, Range 6 West, P.M.M., Madison County, MT. A detailed 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 59755; by phone to (406) 843-5250; by fax to (406) 843-5229; or email to CMarxer@madisoncountymt.gov. Comments will be received through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020. In the event of substantial comment or protest to the issuance of the permits, the Madison County Floodplain Administrator may hold a public hearing to determine whether the permit shall be issued. Cody Marxer, Floodplain Administrator Madison County (Pub. Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 2019) MC PLANNING BOARD

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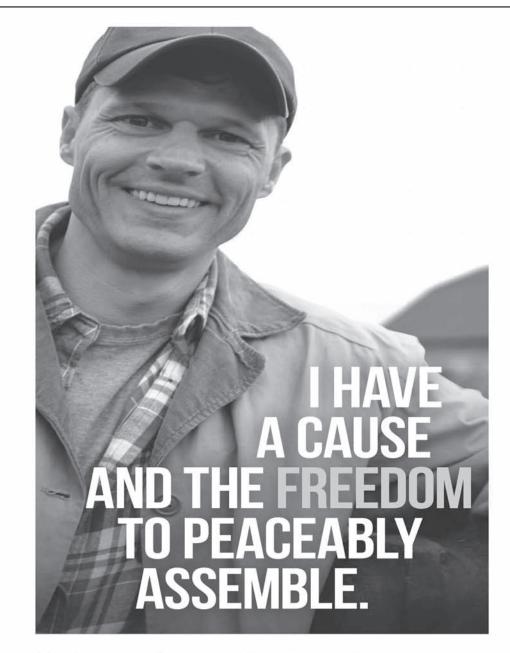
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-William Clark, August 3, 1804

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William Clark's vision for a fort at Council Bluff was realized fifteen years later when Col. Henry Atkinson led an expedition of 1,120 men to build a string of forts up the Missouri River. Their trial steamboats floundered against the river's currents, sandbars, and snags, making Council Bluff the terminus of the expedition. The soldiers constructed a short-lived fort in the woodlands below the bluff. Severe winter conditions contributed to scurvy, claiming the lives of 160 men, followed by record high spring runoff that flooded the fort and necessitated reconstruction on top of the bluff, per Clark's recommendations.

Fort Atkinson served as the gateway to the fur trade, becoming the first military post west of the Missouri River, the largest in the country. Westward colonization brought an end to the fort by 1827. It was reconstructed in the 1980s and 90s as Fort Atkinson State Historical Park.

The Missouri River long ago shifted three miles east of the fort, while ongoing flood conditions made landing impossible, so we paddled downriver to Omaha and caught a ride back.

Finding a dry and legal place to camp near Omaha proved problematic. We stopped to assess our options by Freedom Park, a Naval museum featuring a ship, submarine, jet and other military hardware. Unable to locate any place to camp legally, we ultimately pitched tents within the park, which was otherwise closed due to flooding. Scott called it, "the coolest campsite ever." I hid my green tent between two green army trucks grown over with grass, vines, and brush, as if hiding out in a post-apocalyptic era.

John paddled onward, bound for the finish line in St. Louis. I was sorry to lose him from the expedition, but he was urgently needed back home. The rest of us hunkered down for another major thunderstorm, which dropped a couple inches of rain, but thankfully tapered off by morning. We hiked uptown and caught a ride to Fort Atkinson.

Although Fort Atkinson was a military post, it's location far from civilization necessitated self-sufficiency, and most soldiers were employed tending crops and livestock. Re-enactors fired the canon, skinned and processed a bison, demonstrated blacksmithing, tinwork, and Dutch oven cooking, among dozens of activities.

Back in Omaha, we walked past homeless camps towards our riverside hideout, I too felt homeless. Hiding out in the bushes like fugitives gnawed on my nerves. Did anyone molest our tents or canoes? Would we get in trouble for camping in the closed park? Wading through the flooded access road and mud to get to our mosquito-infested camp amid the flood debris, I wondered if conditions might continue like this all the way to St. Louis.

In the morning we paddled down to Riverfront Marina, which was also closed due to flooding, but parked our canoes and climbed over the fence to tour the town. We enjoyed a short visit next door at National Park Service headquarters for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Back on the river, we paddled to Haworth Park Campground by Bellevue, which was entirely flooded except for half the parking lot by the submerged boat ramp. We pitched our tents on the asphalt. The nearby Children's Lewis & Clark Interpretive Art Wall tells the Corps of Discovery story in hand-painted tiles created by school kids grades 3 through 6 from communities along the



A re-enactor fires the cannon at Fort Atkinson.

trail. It is a fantastic mural.

The morning sun brought local police to investigate our tents in the closed campground, but they accepted our need for a safe campsite and wished us well. Flooding is widespread, but not deep. The river is lined with houses and campers on tiny islands surrounded by water, or at worst flooded a foot deep on the lower levels.

I can imagine folks cleaning up after spring flooding and putting their lives back together, but it's been six months of repeated flooding with no end of sight. Early snowfall on saturated soils across the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains hints at more flooding to come. Rather than a post-apocalyptic world, it seemed like a pre-apocalyptic glimpse of the new normal in a climate-changed world.

We haven't seen any boats on the river in days, not because it is particularly dangerous, but because the access ramps and marinas are all closed due to flooding. It the is safe enough to paddle down to

the channel, giving wide berth to breaks in the levees where swift currents exit or re-enter the main channel.

MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued on B9



for the journey.



Murrow! I bring greetings from all of us, but especially my sister Trista and me. We love a home together, but if that isn't possible we could go separately. We lost my dad last year in March and have been looking for a loving forever and ever home since. We are inside only kids and are UTD on vaccinations so all is taken care of. Well we will need our boosters but that isn't much. We are good loving babies. Sometimes it sounds like Trista is saying

Momma when our caretaker comes in. Purrease would you call Misty at 439-1405 soon and ask about one or both of us? Thanks in advance, Tyrell.







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MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued FROM B8

I've been wondering if we should have followed John's lead and paddled like crazy for the end. But arriving at Indian Cave State Park in southern Nebraska, we found great trails to explore and a whole new ecological zone dominated by sycamore trees, shagbark hickory, at least two species of oak, and paw-paw trees everywhere. As a botanist-forager-survivalist, finding ripe paw-paws has been a highlight of the journey. The raw fruits have a taste and texture similar to banana custard. For me, it is experiences like this that make

in the whole trip worthwhile. if hiding out Thomas J. Elpel lives in Pony, Montana. He is the author of Green Prosperity: Quit Your Job, Live Your Dreams. Go to www.Elas pel.info to learn more about Tom's books, the Missouri River Corps of Rediscovery, and the expedition fundraiser for the Jefferson River Canoe Trail.



Find Fellowship With Us



Monthly Open **Bible Study & Discussion**

Families, kids & everyone welcomed! 4th Saturday each month 2-5pm

Twin Bridges Senior & Community Center March 23 topic: Book of Esther Info (406) 684-5181 Scott or Dawn

3 RIVERS Family Church

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

Christian Science Services

Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.

ALL WELCOME

Each week a Bible lesson full of

healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service. 4983 US Hwy 287 N. • Ennis, Montana

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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

6 Blocks South of City Complex Located in the heart of

Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bishop Shaw 684-5255

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting

Sundays, 10:00 a.m Sunday School

11:20 a.m. R S & Priesthood

12:10 p.m.

Mutual (Youth Group) Weds. 7:00p.m. 3560 | MT State Hwy 287 Sheridan 842-5860

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

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



Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

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

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

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



Pastor Duane B. Deshner

Ruby Valley Food Pantry-

Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love

Valley Assembly 114 N. Main, Sheridan

Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Valley Kids- after school to 6:45 p.m.

Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon

People, and Reach the Valley.

Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor KJV 842-5602

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

One block behind IGA, Sheridan



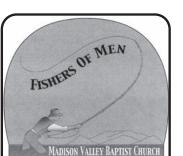
MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

> Saturday 4pm at St. Joseph's, Sheridan Sunday at 11 am St.Patrick's, Ennis Sunday 9:30am at St. Mary's, Laurin Sunday at 8 am

Notre Dame, Twin Bridges Saturday at 4 pm St. Joseph's, Sheridan

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

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



Phil 2:16 Holding forth the word of life:

Dr. Ray Teston Pastor

Peter Rosenberger Minister of Music

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m. Weds. Nights ~ prayer meeting 6 p.m.

5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT Phone 682-4244 SBC **MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** Aides for the hearing impaired

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish

Invites You To Worship With Us

Reverend Tonya Whaley Office: (406) 842-5934

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

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

Ready Set Grow Preschool Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456

AREA SENIOR MEALS

ENNIS SENIOR CENTER

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

Thursday, December 26 - Steak & cheese quesadilla, fruit, dessert

Friday, December 27 – Shrimp alfredo, salad, garlic bread, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

Monday December 30 - Broccoli cheese soup, salad, roll, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31 – Chicken & stuffing, veggies, dessert - Pan at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1 - CLOSED, HAPPY NEW YEAR Thursday, January 2 - Pork loin, baked potato, veggies, fruit, dessert

Friday, January 3 – Shrimp Po Boy, fries, veggie sticks, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN

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

NEW SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN

The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered for \$4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ

Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.

TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER

The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated.

Fresh home baked bread served with each meal Activities:

Monday is Bingo with Gayle Wednesday is cards, games and puzzles Blood pressure clinic (with county health nurse) - Each last Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY - NOON - 4 P.M. - COMMUNITY PRIME RIB DINNER - MERRY CHRISTMAS! Friday, December 27 - Leftover prime rib (or cook's choice)

Monday, December 30 - Breakfast, cheddar & ham omelet, assorted pastries, fruit Wednesday, December 31 -

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Surf & Turf, mashed potatoes, salad, and dessert

The Church of Word

and Sacrament

Visitors Welcome

"Now, if thou wishest to know the true remedy which will heal man from all sickness and will give him the health of the divine kingdom, know that it is the precepts and teachings of God. Focus thine attention upon them."

Bahá'ís of Madison County

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THE BAHA'I FAITH ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

• Sunday Service 9:00 am

• Sunday School 10:15 am

Pastor Ken Stensrud

• Bible Study

Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM **Wednesday Ministries** Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM Family Dinner 5:30 PM Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

10:15 am

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

402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood

682-4197 Madison County Episcopal Churches

Trinity Jeffers/Ennis 10 a.M. adult forum

11:00 a.m.

St. Paul's **Virginia City 9:00** a.m.

In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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www.rvec.org

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

GET RESULTS.

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



Bible Study

9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00aм at the

Alder School ALDER, MT Sunday School 9_{AM}

Christ-Centered • Bible Based Teaching Open Question Forum

(406) 842-5915 Pastor Tom Luksha

The Full Armour of God

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges

ALANON MEETING

(behind Methodist Church) Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m. Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help. SUN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking,

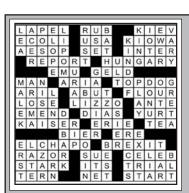
Virginia City Library
MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of
M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking 682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis

843-5352 Virginia City

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

- LIFERING -

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



King Crossword — **Answers**

Solution time: 25 mins. ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS

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

Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

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"Keep it Simple."
. A. MEETING Bethany Hall, Sheridan



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY MERRY MERRY!

Have a wonderful holiday!



MONDAYS THROUGH THE SUPERBOWL

6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Virginia City Elks Lodge Monday Night Football

This is a fundraising effort to keep the Lodge Open. Upstairs in the Bar at the Elks Lodge #390 in Virginia City. For more information call 406.843.5464.

FRIDAYS DURING FOOTBALL SEASON

5 p.m.

Virginia City Elks Lodge Friday Night "Happy Hours"

Bring an appetizer to share. Funds go to helping keep the Lodge Open. For more information call 406.843.5464.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 p.m.

Chautauqua

At the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City. Open to all seeking entertainment, intellectual or spiritual growth and local culture. To perform, contact Toni James for reservations at (406) 843-5454 or email ranksmerc@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 p.m. Chautaugua

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 6 p.m.: **Madison Valley Baptist** Church

December 24, 5:30 p.m.: **Lighthouse Fellowship** 101 First St, Ennis

December 24, 7 p.m.: **Christ Episcopal Church in** Sheridan

December 24, 7 p.m.: **Candlelit Christmas Eve** Service

At the Madison Valley

Presbyterian Church in Ennis

December 24, 7 p.m.: **Christmas Eve Service** At St. Paul's Episcopal Church

December 24, 7:30 p.m.: **Bethel United Methodist** Church, Sheridan

in Virginia City

CHRISTMAS DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

December 25, 12-4 p.m.: **Prime Rib Dinner** to be served at the

Twin Bridges Senior

Community Center

Let us know about your Christmas services at editor@



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

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

5:15 P.M. **First and Third Monday** of Every Month. Free Meditation Classes at Sheridan Public Library.

TUESDAYS 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City Madison Co. Commissioners

meet every Tuesday in the Annex Building. 10:30 a.m.

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City Every Tuesday at the Thompson Hickman Library.

> First and Third Tuesday of **Every Month Dementia Care Giver Support Group**

Join us at the Tobacco Root Care Center Conference

Movie Night, Virginia City Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library

7 p.m.

Every other Tuesday night. Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m. For all ages and skill le

- Two Tables at the Pony School. Support group, Ennis

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

WEDNESDAYS 5 p.m. Second Wednesday of each month **Ennis School Board Mtg.** 8:30 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m. Yoga with Emily Join us for yoga with Emily at the Thompson-Hickman **Books and Babies, Ennis** Madison Valley Public Library.

11 a.m. Baby Bistro,

First and third Wednesday of the month at the Madison Valley Public Library

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

THURSDAYS MV Woman's Club

FIRST THURS OF EA. **MONTH**

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

1 p.m. **MV Manor Auxilary** Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH Madison Valley Manor Sun Room

Knitting Club At the Sheridan Public Library. On the second Thursday of the month, meet at the Ruby Valley Brewery.

First and Third Thursday of **Every Month** Movie at Sheridan Public

Library **FRIDAYS** 11 a.m.

Story Time, **Ennis** Pre-K to Grade 2. Madison Valley Public Library

5:30 p.m. Live Music, Ennis Willlie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-**SUNDAY**

7 p.m. Live Music - Norris

SUNDAY

2 p.m. Live Music, Ennis Willlie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room

1:30 p.m. **Second Sunday of Every** Month Sheridan Book Club At the Sheridan Public Library.



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

Let's Go to the Movies this Weekend! Friday 7:15 · Saturday 7:15 pm · Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm

COMING SOON:

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

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January 15, 2020

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Reservations are Recommended Call Us at 684.5959 for More Informatio



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