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Chronic Wasting Disease is here

ANOTHER SOUTHWEST MONTANA DEER TESTS POSITIVE

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Two white-tailed deer tested positive for chronic wasting disease in the Ruby Valley.

The bucks harvested from Hunting District 322 west of Sheridan are the first CWD cases to be detected in southwest Montana. CWD is a fatal disease that affects the nervous system of deer, elk, moose and caribou. It has been detected in 25 states, two Canadian provinces, Norway, Finland, South Korea and continues to expand in areas.

"There is no reason this should deter hunters' love of hunting," Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks region one information officer Dillon Tabish said.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises not to eat meat of a CWD positive animal. The disease only is not transmittable to livestock or humans, according to FWP.

Over 7,000 animals

were sampled this year and 131 of them tested positive for CWD. Most positives came from areas where the disease has been known. FWP conducted CWD surveillance along the Montana high-line and around Philipsburg, Libby and Billings. Hunters could submit samples at no charge in areas that were not under priority surveillance.

"We accept samples all times of year," FWP region three information officer Morgan Jacobsen said.

According to FWP's 2019 Wildlife Health Program Priority Disease Summary, the prevalence of CWD in the area where it was first detected almost three years ago, south of Billings, is estimated to be 2% of the mule deer population and 1% of the white-tailed population.

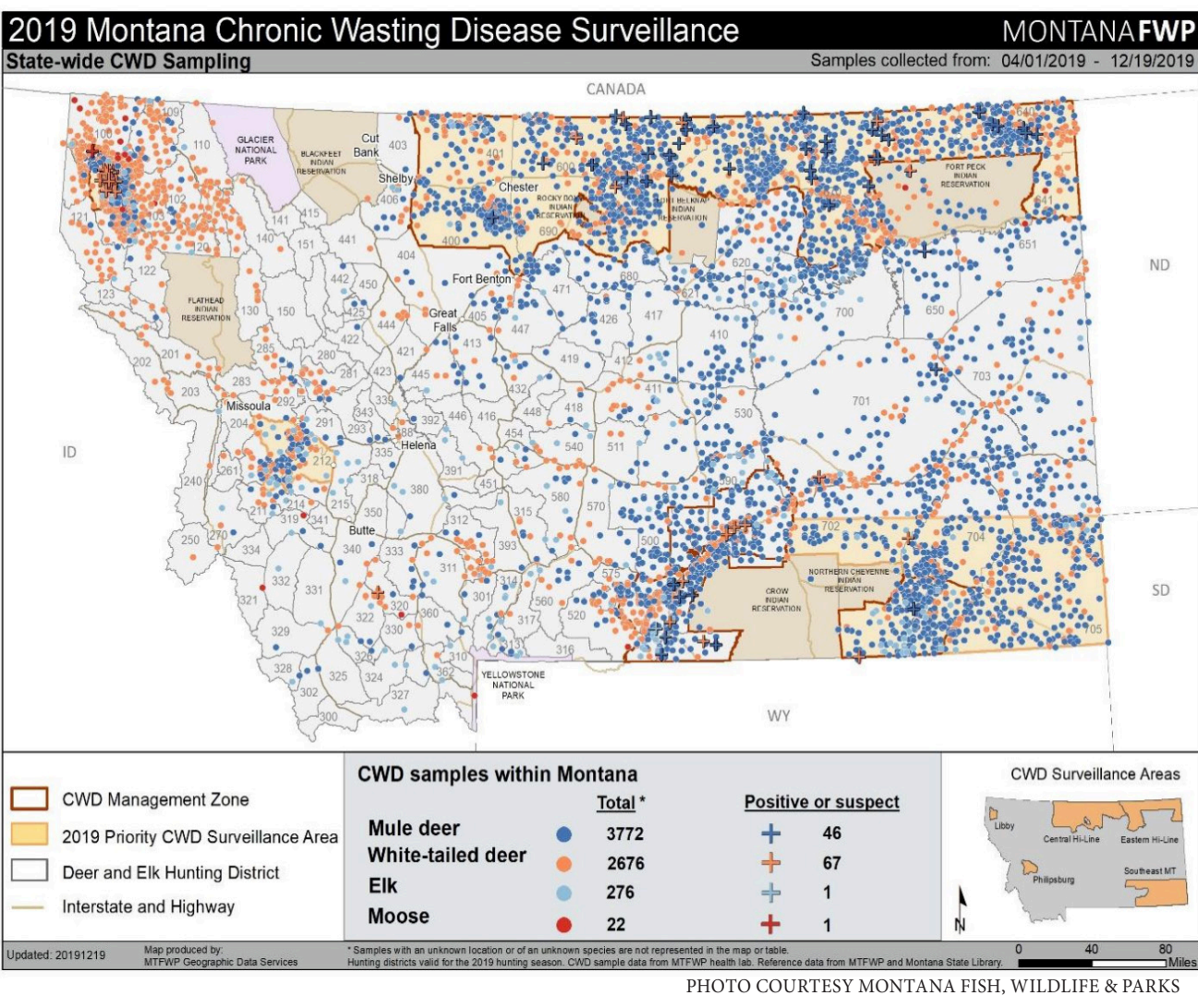
An abnormal protein, called a prion, causes the neurologic disease, much like "Mad Cow" disease in cows and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans. The abnormal proteins

accumulate and cause neuronal cell death that leads to fatal nerve and brain damage.

The protein has been found throughout the bodies of infected animals, including the lymph nodes, blood, saliva, urine and sheds. CWD is usually transmitted through animal-to-animal contact. It is harder for the disease to be transmitted through the contact of prion-contaminated environment, but prions can remain infectious in grass and soil for at least two years.

According to FWP's 2019 Wildlife Health Program Priority Disease Summary, it is difficult to determine the effects of the slow-moving disease on population. Several field studies and computer models found that populations could be substantially reduced over time.

CWD cannot be eradicated in a herd, but FWP management efforts focus on containment and limiting infected herds' contact with other populations.



COURTS

Bozeman Man connected to Harrison Post Office break in

Randolph F. Taylor pleaded not guilty to three felonies in Madison County District Court Dec. 16.

Taylor is charged with burglary, theft of unauthorized control over property and obstructing justice in connection to a break in at the Harrison Post Office June 16.

The investigation led to amending the original charges, including changing a charge of accountability to burglary to burglary. The court dismissed Taylor's claim that the case should be thrown out due to lack of probable cause Dec. 19.

The final pre-trial confer-

ence is scheduled for Feb. 10, 2020.

Fourth DUI conviction

Jovana Marie Gray of Butte was sentenced in Madison County District Court Dec. 16 on convictions of aggravated DUI, her fourth offense and a felony, and obstructing a peace officer, a misdemeanor.

Gray slid off of State Highway 55 and became stuck in the snowy median March 2, 2019. According to court records, Gray attempted to switch seats with the passenger before law enforcement arrived. She then intended to impair the breath sample with quarters in her mouth. The Madison County officer heard clinking in her mouth prior to taking the sam-

ple, according to the affidavit.

Gray was sentenced to 13 months at the Montana Department of Corrections and another three years that she will be able to serve on probation for the aggravated DUI. She was also fined \$500.

The court recommended Gray to the Warm Springs Addiction Treatment and Change, a 6-month residential program for people convicted of a fourth DUI. Upon completion of WATCH, her remaining sentence can be served on probation.

Gray received a suspended 6-month sentence and a \$500 fine for obstructing a peace officer. She has 180 days of credit for time served, which can go toward fines or sentences. Both sentences will be served at the same time.

Domestic violence sentence

Christopher Wayne Ransom, from Harrison, was convicted of strangulation of his partner, a felony, partner assault, a misdemeanor, and three counts of violating a no contact order, a misdemeanor, Dec. 16.

Ransom will serve at least seven days of his year-long-sentence for partner assault in the next three months. Madison County District Court suspended all of 10 days of the sentence and Ransom has three days of time-served-credit. He also has to pay \$300 in fines.

The court sentenced Ransom to 180 days in jail for violating a no contact order. Ransom will be able to serve the sentence on probation and

has to pay \$250 in fines.

Ransom charges originated July 18, 2019 in Ennis, according to the affidavit.

65 jurors pulled

Madison County District Court scheduled a draw of 65 jurors for a three-day trial starting Jan. 13, 2020.

Brenton Daniel Brown, of Sheridan, is charged with two felonies of sexual abuse of a child and tampering with a witness, and a misdemeanor of endangering the welfare of a child.

According to court documents, the Madison County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation from text messages that the 36-year-old man allegedly sent a 15-year-old girl.

The August 2018 allegations lead to charges against Brown Sept. 10, 2018.

Outstanding arrest warrant

Mark James Bohnemann from Bozeman did not appear at his change of plea hearing at Madison County District Court Dec. 16.

He is charged with two felonies of issuing bad checks. Bohnemann wrote a bad check of \$1,309.97 to Shedhorn Sports in Ennis April 14, 2018. He paid for the bad check with another bad check amounting to \$1,426 on Aug. 4, 2018.

Bohnenmann has an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

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SHUTDOWN WOES

A sign at the Ennis U.S. Forest Service office lets visitors know that the office will be closed until the partial federal government shutdown is lifted. The Forest Service, overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is unfunded during the shutdown. PHOTO BY REAGAN COLYER

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As of Jan. 21, the federal government's partial shutdown has stretched on for 31 days, the longest in U.S. history by 10 days. The Center for American Progress reports that over 6,000 of the around 800,000 furloughed federal workers are in Montana, spread across over a dozen federal offices. Employees missed their first paycheck of 2019 Jan. 11. Nearly 4,000 of those furloughed employees work for the Montana branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA includes several state agencies: 56 offices of the Farm Service Agency; the Office of Rural Development, which facilitates grants and loans for economic development and for projects like Sheridan's new million-dollar well project; the Forest Service and the staff that manage Montana's 10 national forests. The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is also not working, including the 22 people it employs to monitor and protect agricultural products and public health.

AVALANCHE NEAR PONY TAKES SKIER'S LIFE

Four skiers triggered an avalanche in the Bell Lake area in the Tobacco Root mountains on Friday, Jan. 25. Two were caught in the avalanche and carried over a thousand feet down the slope, causing injuries to one and resulting in the death of the other. PHOTO COURTESY GNFAAC

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A 35-year-old California man died after his group triggered an avalanche near Bell Lake in the Tobacco Root Mountains, south of Pony. He was later identified as Benjamin Hirsch McShane of San Francisco. The Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center reports that the group of four skiers were ascending a heavily-treed steep slope when they triggered a large avalanche. The pair highest up the slope was able to hold onto trees, while the two skiers farther down the hill were caught in the avalanche and partially buried. McShane died of blunt force injuries at the scene of the avalanche while the other skier who was caught was then airlifted with serious injuries. The other two skiers were not injured.

GRIZZLIES IN THE GRAVELLYS

Donivan Campbell's wound from the grizzly bear attack at St. James Healthcare in Butte, Montana. Sept. 17. "If we weren't together," Campbell said. "I think it's pretty obvious that I wouldn't be here." PHOTO BY CHRIS GREGERSEN

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Donivan Campbell wrapped his hands around the back of his head and neck as a grizzly bear pinned him face down in the Gravelly Mountains. He felt the moist warmth of the bear's mouth on the hand covering his head as a large tooth slid between his fingers. At the same moment, his hunting partner shot at the grizzly from behind, jolting the bear into the nearby brush crossing the hillside. Grizzly encounters in the Gravellys become increasingly common in 2019.

MADISON RIVER ICE GORGING CAUSES FLOODING

This scene, at Valley Garden FAS, shows the extent of the flooding – and subsequent freezing – as a result of the Madison River's flow being diverted by ice gorging. PHOTO BY JOHN TAYLOR

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Walk across the Highway 287 bridge over Odell Creek south of town and you will see a rather scary sight, a huge slug of water roaring under the bridge, mere inches away from cresting the concrete edge of the bridge. Ice gorging has backed up water, flooding the southern and eastern meadows around town, including the Valley Garden and Ennis Fishing Access Sites. And Ennis is not the only place contending with ice gorging. Similar issues are taking place on the Jefferson and Rosebud rivers.



GONE IN A BLINK

The former Ruby Valley Hospital building in Sheridan was torn down last week, after the hospital Board of Trustees voted unanimously to demolish the building in January. A call for proposals for a new use went unanswered, and now the board will deliberate on what the future of the lot will hold. The former medical clinic building, as well as a large pine tree and a trout statue, will remain in the space. PHOTO BY REAGAN COLYER

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And just like that, the old Ruby Valley Hospital building in Sheridan is gone. The hospital's Board of Trustees unanimously voted in January to tear down the building, after efforts to find an economically-viable use for the empty space were unsuccessful.

WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ENNIS?

Richard Sneigoski, a valued volunteer with Ennis Ambulance Service. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Safe Tech. Solutions, a consulting firm for emergency medical services based in Minnesota, conducted an assessment on the Ennis Ambulance Service from the conference room of the Madison Valley Bank, June 20.

The assessment looked into the future needs of the area and potential funding opportunities for the ambulance service. As Madison County grows and health care gets more complex, the services that the area provides will have to grow with it. The assessment considered the future reliability, viability and sustainability of the Ennis Ambulance Service, which is in good standings with current demands.



SINKING AIRCRAFT

Numerous departments, spanning at least two counties, responded to a sinking aircraft at the Ennis - Big Sky Airport July 15. "It was good to see the community response for sure," Choice Aviation manager, Troy Hunter said.

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A private aircraft at the Ennis - Big Sky Airport began sinking through the pavement of the south parking apron around 3 p.m. July 15.

According to Jani Flinn at the Madison County Commissioners Office, a \$2.4 million grant will be used to improve and upgrade the parking and taxing areas, including the south apron where the wheel of the Bombardier Global 7500 sunk into the pavement.

"The plane stopped in an area that it wasn't supposed to be in," Flinn said.

The aircraft swung too wide when it maneuvered the turn on the taxiway and entered the edge of the south parking apron, which isn't rated to withstand the aircraft's operating weight of 56,800 pounds. As it momentarily stopped for clearance, the 29-year-old pavement beneath it failed and the plane's right main gear wheel began to sink.

MADISON RIVER REGULATIONS

Sign over the entrance of the Madison Foods grocery store, indicating a prioritization of fishing in Ennis' economy Dec. 21. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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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 submit written comments to FWP.

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 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 River.



WILLOW CREEK DRAINAGE AFTER A MICROBURST

Megan Franecki and Donnie Williams keep a positive mindset as they try to find a way out of the debris with William's two dogs, Riddick and Mala, on Aug. 11. PHOTO COURTESY MEGAN FRANECKI.

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The big Montana sky darkened, and the wind howled. A rumble bellowed through a narrow mountaintop-valley, too intense to be thunder.

Megan Franecki and Donnie Williams stood under a large, dead tree with Williams' dogs, Riddick and Mala to avoid the jawbreaker-sized hail falling from the sky. Franecki clung to Williams, her eyes shut tight in fear.

"What is that?"

"Those are the trees," Williams said.

A microburst in the Tobacco Root Mountains near Granite Lake stranded them in its wreckage. Another couple, Bill and Kathy Bahny from Helena, were also stuck, and the four of them hiked and climbed to get out of the mess.

"I truly believe in strength in numbers," Franecki said. "But as it got darker and started raining again, it kicked in, we're not getting out of here by ourselves."

Madison County sustained substantial damage to structures, crops and vehicles during the Aug. 11 storm.



DECONSTRUCTION OF VARNEY BRIDGE

Moments after removing the west side of Varney Bridge, two construction workers stand on the new edge of the old bridge. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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It was a breezy, sunny day on Varney Road as a crane plucked the west side of the 122-year-old bridge from its concrete bearings around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28. Construction is still ongoing.



PLANE CRASH

This image of grizzly movement tracking via telemetry by airplane is from 2016. PHOTO COURTESY OF USGS, PUBLIC DOMAIN

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An Aviat-1A Husky crashed into a meadow 35 miles south of Ennis July 17. The passengers were a United States hired Geological Survey contractor who was also the pilot, and an USGS scientist. Neither had fatal injuries.

"They're part of our annual surveys of population monitoring of the Greater Yellowstone Grizzly Bear. (It is) one piece of data used in annual monitoring," Suzanna Soileau, outreach coordinator with USGS, said.

Allen Kenitzer, with the Office of Communications at the Federal Aviation Administration, described this type of plane as a, two-seat, high-wing, utility aircraft.



FORMER MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

In closing statements, Roger Thompson's attorney, Todd Whipple, said that Thompson "broke the rules, not the law and that's a huge difference." (L-R) Todd Whipple, Roger Thompson. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Former Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson was found guilty of official misconduct, a misdemeanor, in Madison County's District Court in Virginia City Nov. 7.

The jury deliberated for over four hours but was unable to conclude on a verdict for the two felony charges, tampering with evidence and perjury. Thompson pleaded guilty to an alternative charge of false swearing, a misdemeanor, at Lewis and Clark District Court Dec. 12.

MADISON COUNTY HOUSING NEEDS

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A survey to help identify housing needs in Madison County showed a majority of responders (61 percent) said that housing costs are 30 percent or more of their income.

An affordable housing issue has historically been indicated as housing costs exceeding 30 percent of household income. Montana housing costs continue to increase faster than wages, shrinking housing options for many Montanans.

"Without stable housing everything else falls apart," Madison County Housing Advisory Board member, Cindy Gockel said.

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Delbert Silas Hartford
February 24, 1925 to December 21, 2019



Delbert Silas Hartford died on Dec. 21, 2019, from complications due to congestive heart failure. He was born on Feb. 24, 1925, to Harrison and Isabella Hartford, on a dairy farm outside of Hancock, Wisconsin. He worked on the family farm and attended high school until he was drafted into the Army to serve in World War II. While stationed in Germany, he attended the Nuremburg Trials, and spent three days driving truckloads of soldiers to bear witness to the proceedings as well. During his time in the service, he was able to complete his GED. He was later medically discharged and sent back to the States.

Once back from the war, he returned to the family farm before heading to Minneapolis to train at a telegraphy school. While at home, he met the love of his life, Agnes Bednarek. They married on May 21, 1949 in Princeton, Wisconsin.

That same year, they briefly moved to Gardiner, Mont., where Del began his job as a telegrapher for the Northern Pacific Railroad. The family again moved briefly to Bozeman before finally settling in Alder. From this amazing marriage, six children were born: Roseanne, JoAnn (died as an infant), Robert, Daniel, MaryAnn and James. While in Alder, he worked as a Depot Agent for the Northern Pacific/Burlington Northern railroad company for over 45 years.

Del was a staple of his community, volunteering at the Tobacco Roots Mountain Care Center every week, and at Saint Mary's Catholic Parish in Laurin as a reader and Eucharistic minister. After 30 years of marriage, Agnes passed away in 1979. Del re-married in 1980 to Dorla Carol, who passed away earlier this year.

Del is survived by his five children, Roseann Troyer and

Mary Ann Birdsill (Dan) of Alder, Dan Hartford (Janet) and James Hartford (Christy) of Green River, Wyom., Robert Harford (Maya) of Bellingham, Wash., two sisters, JoAnn and Eileen, his two step-daughters, Tammie and Sue, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A prayer vigil will be held on Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. at K & L Mortuaries in Sheridan, Mont. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. at Saint Mary's of the Assumption in Laurin, Mont., with interment at Laurin Cemetery following. A reception will be held afterward at the Alder Community Center. In lieu of flowers, Del requested donations be made to St. Mary's Church, the Ruby Valley Medical Center, and the Tobacco Roots Mountain Care Center.

"God works in mysterious ways...and you can take that to the bank!" - Del

Dorothy Rae (Jones) Davis
July 17, 1939 to December 10, 2019



Billings as a bank teller, was employed by the political section of the American Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal in the mid 1960's, and later worked again as a bank teller for the Union Bank and First National Bank in Bozeman and Helena. Dorothy was an engaged, supportive and devoted mother. She was actively involved in and supported her children's school and extracurricular activities, was an excellent seamstress, was an amazing cook, and took great pride in her home and garden. As we grew up and had families of our own, we often wondered how she was able to do all that she did; she was an amazing Mom and we were so blessed to have her.

In August 1982 Dorothy married Michael G. Davis of Helena whom she met while working at the Montana Department of Justice where Dorothy worked in accounts payable/payroll and later a state driver's examiner and Mike was a member of the Montana Highway Patrol. Dorothy and Mike's occupations moved them to multiple locations across the state; Helena, Glendive, Miles City, and Butte until Dorothy was injured on the job in April

1994 and suffered a debilitating stroke and traumatic brain injury. Mike and Dorothy later settled in Sheridan, Montana to be close to her parents and her extended family. They remained in Sheridan for over 20 years until they returned to Helena in the spring of 2018.

Dorothy was a beautiful, giving, compassionate, and wonderful soul. She loved her children and grandchildren deeply and was extremely proud of all of them. She was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, niece, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Although Dorothy was challenged with more than her share of hardship and adversity, she never complained and always persevered. Dorothy was a caretaker through and through, she cared for her parents in their later years and mentored her grandchildren in the arts of driving, cross stitch, painting, crafts, gardening and most of all being kind. Dorothy was full of grace and kindness toward everyone; Heaven has welcomed a very special angel.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Michael Davis, her three children, Deborah Kenney Johnson of Missoula, Laurie Tobol (Tom) of Helena, and

Ronald L. Kenney, Jr. (Beth) of Naperville, Illinois. She is also survived by her grandchildren T.J. Tobol of Townsend, Brian Tobol of Helena, Jamie (Ben) Gates of Helena, Shaylene (Jake) Checketts of Ogden, UT, Amanda Johnson of Surrey, ND, Sean (Alexia Stingley) Johnson of Havre, Erin Johnson of Missoula, and Joshua Johnson of Minot, ND. Dorothy's seven great-grandchildren are Riley and Logan Tobol of Townsend, Taetum Gates of Helena, Paycen and Keeley Checketts of Ogden, UT, and Noah and Kylee Johnson of Havre. Dorothy is also survived by her sister-in-law Judy Jones and niece Christine Jones of Castlerock, WA, her dear Aunt Marjorie Mailey of Sheridan, MT and numerous cousins and extended family members.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Milton Jones, her brother Donald Jones, her granddaughter Baylea Kenney, and her great-grandson Tyler Dean Johnson.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held later. Memorial donations may be made to the Lewis and Clark Humane Society or a charity of choice.

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EVERYTHING THEY HAD
Twin Bridges' Daniel Krueger goes for a basket against an Arlee defender at the divisional challenge game in Deer Lodge on Wednesday, February 27. The Falcons lost to Arlee by one point, just missing out on a berth in the state tournament. PHOTO COURTESY GAIL BANKS

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After being twice delayed due to weather, the Twin Bridges Falcons played a challenge game against the Arlee Warriors in Deer Lodge on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Arlee was the runner up at the divisional championships, which took place in Butte February 21-23. But Twin Bridges, who placed third, were allowed to challenge the Warriors in an attempt to sweep their state championship berth out from under them.



BOZEMAN 12 C TRACK MEET RESULTS
Sophomore, Jackson Nye placed 1st in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:09:31. He also placed 1st in 400 Meters with a time of 55.44, 1st in 800 Meters with a time of 2:18:55, 6th in 300m Hurdles with a time of 50.78, and 2nd in Javelin with a throw of 126 feet 6 inches. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN

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Harrison, Ennis, Sheridan and Twin Bridges track teams competed at the District 11 - 12C Track Meet in Bozeman May 11. Harrison boys' track team is placed 1st for the second year in a row.



GOLFING STATE CHAMPION
A parade to honor the State Champs for Ennis golf and track on Fri., May 31 on Main Street. Pictured is Landri Paladichuk, who now holds the title of Class C state golf tournament champion. PHOTO COURTESY BRIAN HILTON

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Landri Paladichuk, a rising junior at Ennis High School, played one of her best games at the Golfing State Championship May 13 -15. Paladichuk scored an 88 on the first day of the championship rounds and 85 the second day, which was her second lowest score of the season. Paladichuk won the Class C state golf tournament.



CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS AT THE STATE MEET
Those smiles are indicative of hard work paying off, the Twin Bridges Falcons took 3rd at the state cross country meet. PHOTO COURTESY OF STACY DALE

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State cross country was held in Great Falls on Saturday and Madison County teams were ready to run, despite the snow and 30 degree thermometer readings. Conditions were wet and cold, making the golf course sloppy. Nonetheless, Twin Bridges boys took 3rd overall. Ennis girls' cross country placed 5th overall, the smallest team in the top five with all runners scoring. Luke Dvorak, Sheridan, placed 10th and made all-state with a time of 18:44.



2019 DISTRICT 12C VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS
After winning all their matches in Twin Bridges at the 2019 District 12C Volleyball Tournament, the Ennis Mustangs retain their championship title Nov. 1. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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The Ennis Mustangs clinched the District 12C championship Nov. 1. The two-day volleyball tournament in Twin Bridges led to a championship match between top-seeded Granite High School and second-seeded Ennis Mustangs. "We wanted to play Granite again because we always play better against them," Ennis senior volleyball player, Kennedy Davies said. "We play better against competition." Ennis Mustangs won in three rounds (25 – 14, 25 – 15, 25 – 12) and both teams advanced to the Western C division tournament.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Volunteering in review

Thoughts for the future

By KEELY LARSON

Volontaire: noun, French. One who offers himself for military service.

The term volunteer originated in the 1600s in a military sense, referring to someone who joined the forces by choice rather than being conscripted. It was recorded this way in the 1600s and in a more community service sense in the 1630s. Big, societal upheavals made people more aware of the disparities between neighbors and different groups started to work to help those in need. As the term progressed it came to be defined as a person who used their spare time and worked to benefit others through a variety of ways.

The Happiness Magazine lists seven reasons volunteering is important. As a tribute to our volunteers in 2019, we include this list and a brief description of each. Thank you to all our community members who have done so much for the betterment of our corners of the world.

1. Volunteering connects you with others
Feeling connected and making new relationships while working towards a goal one feels passionate about is a big effect of volunteering. Organizing a food pantry or wrapping Christmas presents with others provides a good medium for conversations.

2. Volunteering builds self-confidence and self-esteem
There is no getting around the fact that when accomplishing something selflessly, the feelings of satisfaction and accomplishment follow. This self-confidence boost does not take away from the job done—it adds to the overall positive outcome.

3. Volunteering is important for physical health
Research from Carnegie Mellon University in 2013 showed that adults over 50 who regularly volunteered were less likely to develop high blood pressure compared to non-volunteers. There is a lot to be said for volunteers who are in their late eighties but do not look a day over 70.

4. Volunteering is important for mental health
As some may be familiar with a runner's high, Happiness Magazine calls out a 'helper's high.' Putting someone else's well-being above your own has the ability to increase mental health on both sides of the equation.

5. Volunteering is important for a sense of purpose
The sense of purpose comes into play as volunteers have the agency to choose where to donate their time. Volunteers make the choice to work for however many hours a week for an organization or club that matters to them, adding to the physical and mental benefits.

6. Volunteering helps you forget your own problems
Diving into someone else's problems puts your own into perspective. Taking time to focus on something else may leave you with a renewed outlook and sense of what matters.

7. Volunteering is important for your career
This is important for younger generation of volunteers. Not only is volunteering a good resume builder, but it provides experiences not always found in the classroom, such as working with a wide demographic of people and improving time management skills.



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<p>December 22, 2019</p> <p>A disturbance was reported in Ennis. A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan. A traffic complaint was made in Ennis. A fire call was made in McAllister. A welfare check was performed in Pony.</p>	<p>December 26, 2019</p> <p>Medical aid was administered in Sheridan and Pony. A welfare check was performed in McAllister. A trespass complaint was made in Cameron. Lost/found property was reported in Sheridan.</p>
<p>December 23, 2019</p> <p>An accident occurred in Harrison. Medical aid was administered in Sheridan. A traffic complaint was made in Norris. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis. An animal complaint was made in Twin Bridges.</p>	<p>December 27, 2019</p> <p>Accidents occurred in Twin Bridges and Harrison. A traffic complaint was made in McAllister and Silver Star. Suspicious circumstances were reported in McAllister. A fire call was made in Sheridan. A DUI arrest was made in Ennis.</p>
<p>December 24, 2019</p> <p>A traffic complaint was made in Twin Bridges. Medical aid was administered in Norris. An accident occurred in Ennis and out of the county. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan and Ennis. A welfare check was performed in McAllister. A DUI arrest was made in Sheridan. A citizen was assisted in McAllister.</p>	<p>December 28, 2019</p> <p>An animal complaint was made in Twin Bridges. A citizen was assisted in Sheridan. A disturbance was reported in Virginia City. Warrant service was performed in Ennis. A welfare check was performed in McAllister.</p>
<p>December 25, 2019</p> <p>A theft complaint was reported in Sheridan.</p>	




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44TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA CITY ART SHOW
Lance Johnson from Billings, Mont. paints oil on canvas during the 44th annual Virginia City Art Show July 27.
PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE



YOUTH ART MONTH
March was designated Youth Art Month (YAM) in 1962 to encourage support for school art programs. Sheridan School was proud to have three students exhibiting their artwork in the YAM exhibit, Eagen Cordingley (1st grade), Faith Randolph (6th grade) and Sarah Anson (11th grade). Their work hung in the hallway leading to Gov. Bullock's office. SUBMITTED PHOTOS
L to R Anson, Randolph and Cordingley.



8TH ANNUAL COWBOY POETRY EVENT
About 200 people brought camping chairs and sat in the mowed lawn next to the one-room Bear Creek school-house and listened to cowboy poetry on July 20. A local band from Ennis, the Tune Tangles, played in-between readings at the 8th annual Cowboy Poetry in Cameron, Mont.
PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE



MADISON VALLEY ARTS FESTIVAL
Pop-up booths lined Peter T's Park next to Madison Valley Bank for the Madison Valley Annual Arts Festival in Ennis. The space was donated to the Ennis Arts Association, a non-profit, for the Saturday, Aug. 10 event. 59 artists came from all over to participate in the arts festival.
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COUNTY FAIR WINNERS

Donna Bernier and Don Neville won ribbons at the county fair in August, Bernier for her canvas painting and Neville for his handmade wooden frame. Bernier, legally blind, and Neville told stories of their past and explained why they enjoy these artistic endeavors. PHOTO BY SUSANNE HILL



HOWL! A MONTANA LOVE STORY

Virginia City's very own playwright Allyson Adams has always been bold. She is an artist in the true sense, pushing boundaries without really meaning to and finding inspiration in sometimes surprising places. "Howl! A Montana Love Story" about the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park premiered at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center. PHOTO COURTESY ALLYSON ADAMS



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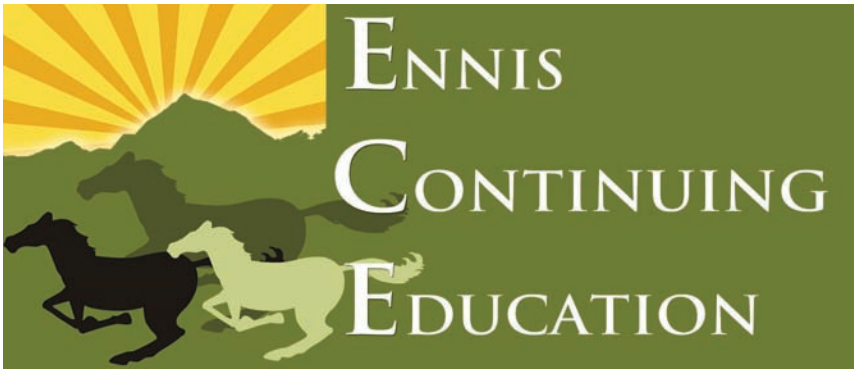
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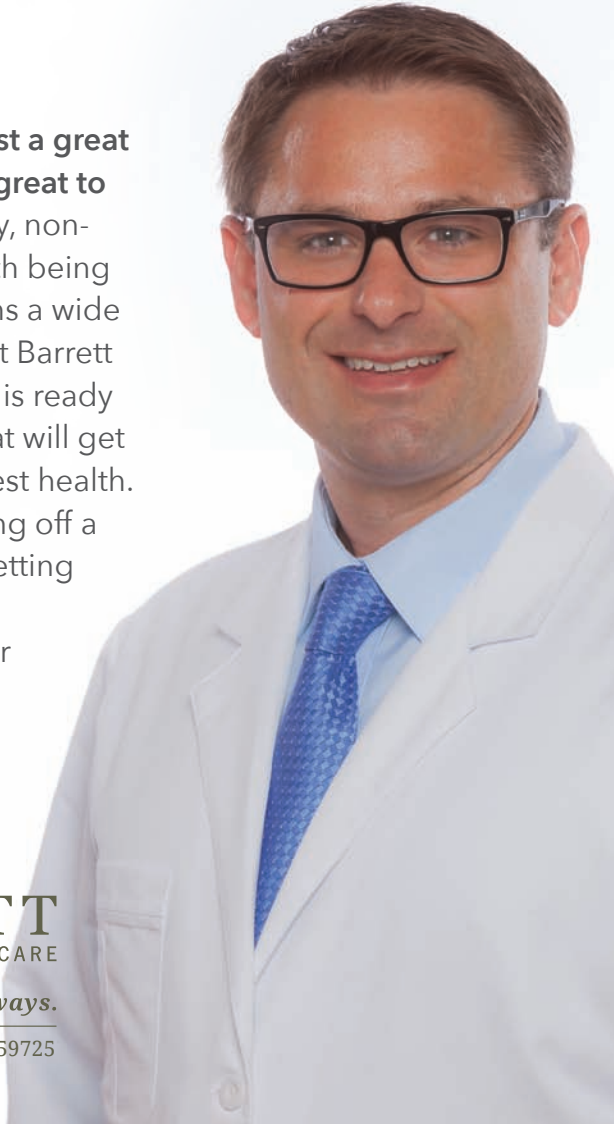
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Submitted by GREG LEMON

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission will meet Monday, Jan. 6 to discuss a few items of official business and to hold a work session.

The commission will consider a bull trout harvest closure on Lake Koocanusa and a petition to allow hovercraft on the Bitterroot and Clark Fork Rivers, along with the White Rock Coulee right of way easement and Helena urban deer plan

quota ranges.

Beyond this official business, the commission will also hold a work session to discuss elk shoulder seasons.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks headquarters in Helena and live streamed to all regional offices around the state. The public can participate in the official meeting at any of these locations. The work session is open to the public, but no comment will be taken.

FWP ensures its meetings are fully accessible to those with special needs. To request arrangements, call FWP at 406-444-3186.

For the full agenda and background on the scheduled topics, go to the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov; under “Quick Links” click “Commission.”

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MADISON COUNTY WEATHER


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Friday

 Mostly cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 41F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.


Saturday

 Partly cloudy and windy. High 44F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph.

Sunday

 Partly cloudy skies with gusty winds. High 36F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph.

Monday

 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 32F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.

Quote of the Week.

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.”

- OPRAH WINFREY

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GREEN TAKES OVER SHERIDAN FOR THE LEPRECHAUN DASH

Young competitors in Sheridan's 2019 Leprechaun Dash race down Main Street toward the finish line on Saturday, March 16. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRISTINA MCRAE-HOLLAND

BY REAGAN COLYER
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For several years now, one of Sheridan's most popular fundraising events has also been one of its most festive: The Leprechaun Dash, benefitting New Kids on the Block daycare. Sheridan celebrated the holiday early with one-mile and 5k runs as well as a 100-yard kids' dash March 16. Proceeds from the Leprechaun Dash, which totaled over \$2,000, benefit New Kids on the Block, a nonprofit daycare, which serves families around the Ruby Valley. It is one of the daycare's largest fundraising events of the year.



TWIN BRIDGES FLY-IN CAR SHOW

Maggie Dawson, 2, from Twin Bridges waits for the pilots' games to begin at the Twin Bridges Airport Fly-In Car Show during her first airshow June 15. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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The sun shone through the occasional cloud and the wind was calm at the Twin Bridges Airport's Fly-In Car show June 15. The favorable flying conditions contributed to a good turnout at the biennial event.

About 30 children became Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles as they soared the big sky with their EAA volunteer pilots. Grounded parents, some more anxious than others, waited on the tarmac for their children to land safely from a 10-minute loop in the Ruby Valley. Children, ages 8 through 17, saw a bird's-eye view of the event and the Tobacco Root Mountain Range, as tower-commands crackled in their headphones.



22ND ANNUAL GRAVELLY RANGE WILDFLOWER TOUR

Steve Hundley, a retired preacher living in Ennis, and other participants of the wildflower tour explore a meadow of wildflowers in the Gravelly Mountains on July 9. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Meadows rolled out on either side of Gravelly Range Road, wildflowers speckled the green hills with an assortment of colors. Participants at the 22nd Annual Gravelly Range Wildflower Tour followed the dirt road as it turned and climbed into the Gravelly Mountain Range southwest of Cameron, Montana July 9.



PONY DAYS

The Candy Wagon parades down Broadway Street during Pony Days Aug. 3. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Every three years people line Broadway Street in Pony, Montana to celebrate Pony Days with a parade. Local businesses, cowboys and cowgirls throw out candy and wave to spectators as they parade through the town's center.



PONY FARMERS MARKET

Max Maxfield from Pony Produce speaks with market-goers Sept. 7. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Vendors from around the region posted up at the Pony Farmers Market at the Ponyland Farm's Red Barn Sept. 7. Hay scattered the barn floor and a dim light poured through windows onto the perusing crowd. Organic produce, fresh cut flowers, pottery, local authors, sheep skins, soaps, essential oils, raw honey and other crafts wound through the red barn as August Ore's acoustics drifted among the chatter. Blue Smoke Barbeque from Bozeman rolled in around noon to serve pulled pork and brisket from their food truck.



34TH ANNUAL HUNTERS FEED

Max Maxfield from Pony Produce speaks with market-goers Sept. 7. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Familiar faces speckled through streams of newly arrived hunters and/or food enthusiasts on the downtown sidewalks of Ennis, all flowing toward Madison Valley Bank's Peter T's Park. Locals reveled with visitors in the elusive 2019 fall afternoon that shown bright and brisk for the 34th Annual Hunters Feed Oct. 25.



SHERIDAN LISTENS TO HONOR ITS VETERANS

Chris Mumme's hat captivates the attention of the youngest attendee at the Sheridan American Legion's Open House 100-year Celebration Nov. 13. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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The chatter in the log cabin fell quiet to hear six local veterans tell their stories of military service.

Sheridan's American Legion Post #89 celebrated its 100th year with an open house Nov. 13. The attendance more than doubled expectations. Side caps poked from a sea of seated people representing a range of military service. Friends and family sat in between.

"The American Legion formed its identity according to four primary pillars of advocacy," committee chairman of 100th anniversary events, Chris Mumme said. "Veterans, defense, youth and Americanism. That identity would be forged through individual obligation to community, state and nation."

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Hope for the caregiver

New Year's resolutions

By PETER ROSENBERGER
HopefortheCaregiver.com

There are an estimated 50 million caregivers in the United States today. These are largely children taking care of an elderly parent or a parent taking care of a child with special needs. Typically, when greeted by a friend or relative, they are almost always asked, "How is Joe or Jane?" rather than how they, the caregiver themselves, are doing?

Quite bluntly, all too many caregivers lose themselves in someone else's story. That loss of identity drifts into every part of a caregivers life, including New Year's Resolutions. Instead of pursuing things of personal

enhancements, many caregivers settle for just surviving.

Yet, caregivers can thrive as healthier, calmer, and even (dare it be said) more joyful individuals —regardless of their circumstances. But it takes a little physical (and emotional) elbow-grease, planning, and practical directions from someone who knows the trail.

Rather than loftier goals of losing 30 pounds and getting a better job or darker goals of simply not dying, caregivers' New Year's resolutions can be a series of small steps towards a better life for themselves—and allow them to better care for their loved one.

1) See a doctor yourself. More than 70% of caregivers

don't see a doctor.

2) Do something that reflects beauty and means something to your hear. Wood working, crafts, music, painting, gardening, and poetry/writing are example of things that we as caregivers have inside us. Sometimes we feel permission is required to express ourselves. So, for a great New Year's resolution, give yourself that permission.

3) Make list of those you resent. Read it slowly. Picture each person (even if YOUR name in on this list). Then burn the list. Lose grudges but keep boundaries with those who are not safe or affirming.

4) Make one small change in your diet. For instance, substitute water for a sugary drink.

Grab a piece of fruit instead of a candy bar. Substitute a salad for a burger. Olive oil for butter.

5) Mail a card to yourself for the next upcoming holiday, a Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Anniversary, Birthday. Pick out a card your loved one would send if he/she were healthy emotionally and physically. And put a \$10 bill in it.

6) Do something physical. Walk to the back of the house and back. Alan Alda walks around to John Phillips Sousa to help with his Parkinson's. He's not a doctor but he played one on TV ...and it's pretty good advice. He lifts up his knees. Something that simple can really benefit caregivers. Weight gain is common in caregivers. ("I once got so big that

my picture fell off the wall.")

7) Isolation is crippling. Find a support group. Yes, many exist online, but look for one close to you that matches your challenges(Alz, Parkinson's, Autism, etc.) If there's not one, go to a 12-step recovery group like Al-Anon. It doesn't have to match your situation exactly, but it's good to spend time around people working a program to help them deal with something they can't control.

8) Call a trusted friend and tell them you're struggling. Take a leap of faith that they will listen. Don't ask for solutions ... just an ear and a tender heart.

Small steps and attainable goals. Living as a caregiver doesn't require us to be miserable or unhealthy. Make this

new year a spectacular one for you—even while serving as a caregiver, and remember, "Healthy Caregivers Make Better Caregivers!"

ABOUT PETER ROSENBERGER

A 30+ year caregiver for his wife, Gracie, who lives with severe disabilities, Peter Rosenberger understands the caregiver's journey in ways few do. Broadcasting on Sirius XM's Family Talk Channel 131, and on an additional 180 stations through American Family Radio, Peter hosts the nation's #1 show for family caregivers. From Autism to Alzheimer's to addiction, Peter addresses the needs of those caring for loved ones with chronic impairments.

Ready to quit smoking?

'Quit, Don't Switch' to e-cigarettes

Submitted by HOLLY HARVEY
American Lung Association

Along with hitting the gym more often and starting a diet, quitting smoking tops many New Year's resolution lists. There are currently more than 146,000 smokers in Montana and about 50 percent of them tried to quit last year. New ads from e-cigarettes companies would have those smokers falsely believe that switching to vaping is quitting smoking. The American Lung Association is reminding Montana residents that the Food and Drug Administration has not found any e-cigarette to be safe and effective in helping smokers quit.

Misinformation about e-cigarettes is rampant and their use, especially among youth has become what the U.S. Surgeon General has declared an "epidemic." E-cigarettes are tobacco products, and the Lung Association has been a leader in helping people avoid and quit using tobacco for decades. Here are some straight facts about e-cigarettes:

- E-cigarettes are tobacco

products. No tobacco product is safe, and that includes e-cigarettes. Recent hospitalizations and deaths related to vaping underscore the fact that vaping is in fact harmful.

- Switching to e-cigarettes does not mean quitting. Quitting means ending your addiction to nicotine, which can be very difficult.
- Research shows that e-cigarettes contain dangerous metals and toxic chemicals that can cause cancer and irreversible lung disease.
- Get the facts at Lung.org/ecigs

"One of the biggest problems with e-cigarettes is that many times people become dual users, meaning they smoke cigarettes when they can and use vaping devices at other times," said Carrie Nyssen, senior director of advocacy for the American Lung Association in Montana. "Using e-cigarettes is not safe: a new study released in December found adults who currently or ever used e-cigarettes are 30 percent more likely to develop chronic lung disease, including asthma, bronchitis and emphysema."

For years, the American Lung Association has been urging the FDA to crack down on these unproven quit smoking claims made by the e-cigarette industry. These ongoing claims have made it more confusing for smokers to know what to do when they're ready to quit.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

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UPDATE

Update: The free blood pressure management class in Sheridan will be held every Monday beginning Jan. 6 from 4-5:30 p.m. for 8 weeks.

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A WORD FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Rental scams

Submitted by Hannah Stiff
BBB Northwest & Pacific

Welcome to the season of fresh starts. With the holidays in the rear view and a new year on the horizon, this is a popular time to make important decisions for improving our lives. Here in the Montana, re-locating to a new home is one of the most common changes residents are expected to make in 2020. Recent research reveals it may also be one of the riskiest.

According to an investigative study conducted nationally by the Better Business Bureau, nearly 45% of online shoppers encounter a fake listing when searching for a new apartment or home to rent. More than five million consumers fell victim

to rental scams in 2019 alone, accounting for a record \$37 million in reported losses.

The most common tactic fraudsters use to trick prospective renters is simple. A copied photo and description of a property is posted online along with the scammer's contact information. The "owner" or "manager" of the bogus property will typically communicate only through text messages or emails before eventually asking for a deposit and the first month's rent. Once those payments are received, both the scammer and the money disappear.

Targets for these rental

fraud scams skew younger, too. Consumers aged 19-29 years old were found to be 42% more likely to be victims. This is especially true in areas like Bozeman, where housing prices are on the rise, living options grow increasingly scarce, and college enrollment continues to soar.

More than 1,300 reports of rental fraud have been collected by BBB Scam Tracker dating back to 2016. The median rental loss reported to the Better Business Bureau was over \$900. In Montana, victims reported similar losses. A Missoula woman lost \$782 when she tried to rent an apartment and paid using bitcoin. The false listing

was posted on AirBnb. Similar accounts from Montana victims say the scam was perpetrated on popular rental and real estate sites like Craigslist and Zillow.

Better Business Bureau Northwest + Pacific encourages upcoming renters to get informed so they can stay off the list of victims this year.

- Seeing is believing. Be extra cautious when an alleged owner or property manager asks for money before showing you the property in person. Legitimate operations don't ask for payment prior to offering a walk-through of the rental space and to answer any ques-

tions.

- Rely on your research. A simple internet search can often reveal which listings are real and which ones may be scams. Use tools such as Google Maps or Google Image Search to confirm the address of the property is accurate and looks as advertised.
- Check for ID. When you're reviewing a rental space in person, don't be afraid to ask to see a driver's license or another form of identification. If you know exactly who you're doing business with, it's tougher to get taken advantage of.
- Be suspicious of super low rates. If the deposit amount or

monthly rate of a rental property seems unusually low, it may be too good to be true. Scammers like to attract potential victims with rates far below those typically seen in the marketplace. The lower the price, the more important it is to find out what's real and what isn't.

- Be wary of odd requests for payment. If you are asked to pay in bitcoin or wire money, especially for a property you've never seen in person, use caution.

Additional information and resources for avoiding rental fraud scams in your neighborhood is available by visiting www.BBB.org.

COMMODITY INSITE: THE DECADE OF THE TWENTY-TENTHIES

BY JERRY WELCH

This will be my final column for 2019 and the decade of the, "twenty-tens." Next week, a new decade dawns. According to Wikipedia, "The 2010s (pronounced 'twenty-tens' is the current decade in the Gregorian calendar that began on January 1, 2010 and will end on December 31, 2019."

My column this week will dip into the past and touch on the first column I wrote for the decade of the 2000's and the first column I penned for the decade of the, "twenty-tens" just coming to an end. The information comes from, "Haunted By Markets." I hope you find something of interest in my ramblings from decades ago.

On Jan. 1, 1990 in a chapter entitled, "Grocer To The World" I wrote, "The historic events unfolding in Eastern Europe signify not only the demise of Communism,

but provide further proof that the most dynamic markets in history for agribusiness are just around the corner. The 1990s will come to be known as the Golden Age of Agriculture as the entire world moves towards democracy and the free market system."

I went on to write, "Interestingly enough, the warmest years globally since records began about 100 years ago were all in the 1980s. In order, they are: 1988, 1987, 1983, 1981, 1980 and 1986. Since weather patterns tend to linger, the decade of the '90s may be nothing more than a repeat of the '80s. It is quite possible that the unusually hot and dry weather that plagued farmers and ranchers all over the globe in the 1980s will do so again in the final decade of the 20th Century. Mother Nature knows not when one decade ends and another be-

gins."

However, in the decade of the 1990's, there were no drought-like years that brought about by hot and dry growing seasons that hurt crop yields and production. And in the decade of the "twenty-tens," only 2012 was a drought year that sparked sharply higher grain prices. Thus, over the course of 20 years, two decades back-to-back, American farmers and ranchers only had to endure one drought year and that was eight years ago.

My column for next week, the first for the, "twenty-twenties" will touch on the weather ahead. I believe strongly that climate change will be the dominant fundamental force driving the agriculture markets. Of course, it did not happen in the 1990's and only once in the, "twenty-tens." But climate change, or, Mother Nature will impact the

world's ag-markets greatly in the new decade ahead.

On Jan. 8, 2010, in a chapter entitled, "One Of The Best Starts Ever!" I wrote the following. "On the first trading session of 2010, the Dow rose 155 points while the CRB Index gained 1025 points. It was one of the best starts in history for stocks and commodities going into to a New Year and new decade. The robust performance sparked numerous forecasts for even higher values for the months ahead."

I also wrote. "However, on the final trading day of 2009, the Dow fell 120 points and the S&P GSCI Index of 24 raw materials closed in the red. The dismal performance was one of the worst endings to a year and decade, and the poor performance was viewed as a bearish omen suggesting lower values were

likely."

Yes, the final trading day of 2009 was negative but the first trading day of 2010 was quite positive. From a historical standpoint, there is no hard evidence to suggest how a market ends one year (or, one decade) that it is a harbinger for the upcoming year as a whole. And for the year 2019, it was one of the best in history for stocks and despite the trade war with China, was a good year for most commodities highlighted by milk and palladium.

And from the second column I wrote in 2010, entitled, "Paper and Hard Assets Doing Quite Well," "The fundamentals (for agriculture) have gotten better," said legendary investor Jim Rogers. "The inventories are now at the lowest they've been in decades, not in years. Sometime in the next few

years we're going to have very serious shortages of food everywhere in the world and prices are going to go through the roof."

Obviously, commodity prices did not, "go through the roof" in the twenty-tens. Stocks or equities certainly did as they improved five-fold. But the "twenty-twenties" have now arrived. Expect weather issues never before faced by agricultural producers in the U.S. or other regions on the globe to surface. Serious issues at that.

And once a trade deal with China is signed in January, it will be one more bullish fundamental setting the stage for much more robust and bullish agriculture markets. The combination of unexpected demand from China and climate change will spawn historically volatile markets with a decidedly bullish bent.

MONTANA NIGHT SKY

HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY

BY RICHARD STOUFFER

The astronomical highlights for the Montana night sky in January include brilliant Venus in the evening sky and reddish Mars in the morning sky. Mars is joined later in the month by Jupiter as it rises out of the solar glare. There's also a prolific but very brief meteor shower, the Quadrantid Meteor Shower, which peaks early in the month.

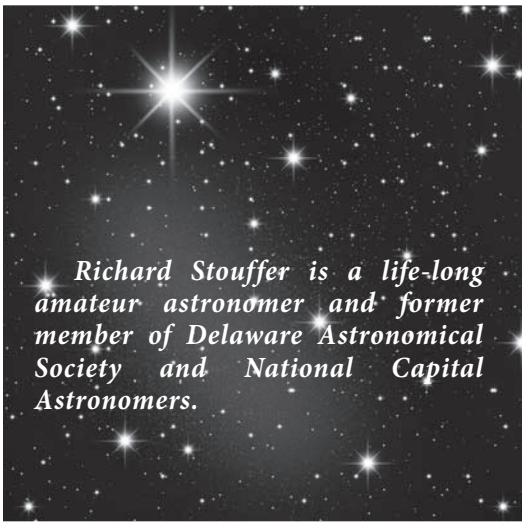
As December begins, Venus stands higher and higher in the night sky when darkness falls. Venus dominates the night sky until it sets almost three hours after the Sun as the month begins and about three and one-half hours after the Sun as the month comes to an end. After Venus sets, there are no planets visible for several hours until Mars rises about 4:50 a.m. as the month begins and about 4:35 a.m. by the end of the month. During the month, Mars passes above slightly brighter Antares, the brightest star in the constellation Scorpius, with the closest approach being on the mornings of January 17 and 18. Mars is joined by the giant planet Jupiter beginning about the middle of the month. By the end of the month, Jupiter rises at about 6:20 a.m.

As for the moon, the moon passes to the upper left of Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, on the evening of Jan. 7. On the morning of Jan. 20, the moon passes near Mars and Antares. The moon passes below Venus on the evening of Jan. 27 and above Venus the next evening.

Also occurring in January is the Quadrantid Meteor shower. This meteor shower peaks on the morning of Jan. 4 with no interference from the moon once the moon sets at about 1:40 a.m. While the Quadrantid Meteor shower is a major shower, it also has a very short peak of only about 4 hours. This year, the peak is predicted to occur over North America at about 1 a.m. As a result, the number of meteors per hour that will be visible in Mon-

tana should be close to optimal. This shower at its peak has produced up to 120 meteors per hour. Even if you miss the peak, this shower should put on a relatively good show with up to 30 meteors per hour possibly being visible in the hours around the peak. The meteors from this shower radiate from a location just off the handle of the Big Dipper, so the higher that part of the sky is, the better the viewing of this shower will be. Additionally, the meteors from this shower are normally relatively faint, so look away from any local source of light and look for the darkest viewing site that you can find. Then, after bundling up to face the cold of winter, enjoy watching this elusive meteor shower.

The Sun rises at its latest time for the year on January 4 except for the last day of October, just before the changeover from Daylight time to Standard time, which occurs on Nov. 1 this year.



A WRANGLER'S
RECKLESS
WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell



New Year's Eve Challenge

My wife gave me a challenge, last year on New Year's Eve, to welcome in a brand new year. I must have been naïve.

'Cuz I usually go to bed the same time chickens do at night. So for me to stay up late at night was really going to bite.

I hoped to stay awake by drinking caffeinated drinks; and drove on down to Walmart for my favorite smokie links.

My wife bought cheese and crackers and we made her onion dip. Was I ready for the evening? I had to get a grip.

It was only four more hours that I'd need to stay awake. But my eyes were getting sleepy. How much more could I take?

So at nine o'clock I ate the smokies, crackers and the cheese. Then I drank down all the soda pop.

Those drinks were just a tease.

At ten o'clock my eyelids felt like they should go to sleep. I realized this challenge was a little bit too steep.

At eleven sharp I closed my eyes to get a wink or two. It seems those winks turned out to be a little more than few.

I thought I heard my wife say, "Hon it's almost twelve o'clock." I swear it felt like dreaming. I was sleeping like a rock.

When I woke and looked around the room, I'd somehow climbed in bed. And then I heard my wife exclaim, "Good morning sleepy head."

How does a husband live it down? A wife just seems to know. She'd warned me not to close my eyes. Now she's saying, "Told you so."

I hope I stop accepting every challenge from my wife. I know I should resist. It always seems to cause me strife.

So next year when it's New Year's Eve, it won't be such a shock. There'll be no celebrating and in bed at eight o'clock.

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5. Jet follower
8. Sherlock Holmes' assignment
12. U in I.C.U.
13. Tiny river
14. Fires
15. Weather ____
16. *'"How to Make an American Quilt'" author
17. Distinguishing feature
18. *Master of legal thriller
20. "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay" singer
21. Keyboard key
22. G, in solfa
23. *Master of Western fiction
26. Flavorful rice dish, pl.
30. Former name of Tokyo
31. Broadcasting devices
34. Whiskey without water
35. Dried fruit and spices, in a pie
37. Member of Shoshonean people
38. Discombobulate
39. Drawn to light
40. Young traveler's inn
42. "____ it or lose it!"
43. Hindu spiritual retreat, pl.
45. Chase away
47. Philosophical system
48. Single-cell protozoan
50. Home on a limb
52. *James Bond creator
54. Cafe option
55. Site of Taj Mahal
56. First queen of Carthage
59. Goes up or down
60. Jiffs
61. What accomplices do
62. 2 aspirin, e.g.
63. Old college one
64. Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday

- DOWN
1. Blazer or Explorer
2. Baptist leader?
3. *'"The Body Electric'" by Whitman or Bradbury
4. Sound setup
5. Like a ballerina
6. "I do" spot
7. Thief
8. *Master of romance and particularly prolific
9. Palm tree berry
10. Sleigh runners

11. Is, in Paris
13. Podium
14. Counter seat
19. Habituate
22. Female sib
23. Helping theorem
24. Bye, in Castile
25. Calendar unit of time
26. *William Shakespeare or Dr. Seuss
27. Sick and tired
28. Wrong answer adjective
29. *Her every novel was a best-seller

32. Abbott and Costello, Rocky and Bullwinkle, etc.
33. "____ all fun and games..."
36. *Master of detective novel
38. "My wife can vouch for me," e.g.
40. Expression of doubt
41. Swellings
44. Daisy-like bloom
46. Summer shoe
48. *Master of the dime novel
49. Bryan Stevenson's "Just ____"
50. Brussels' org.
51. JFK or ORD postings
52. Like Usain Bolt
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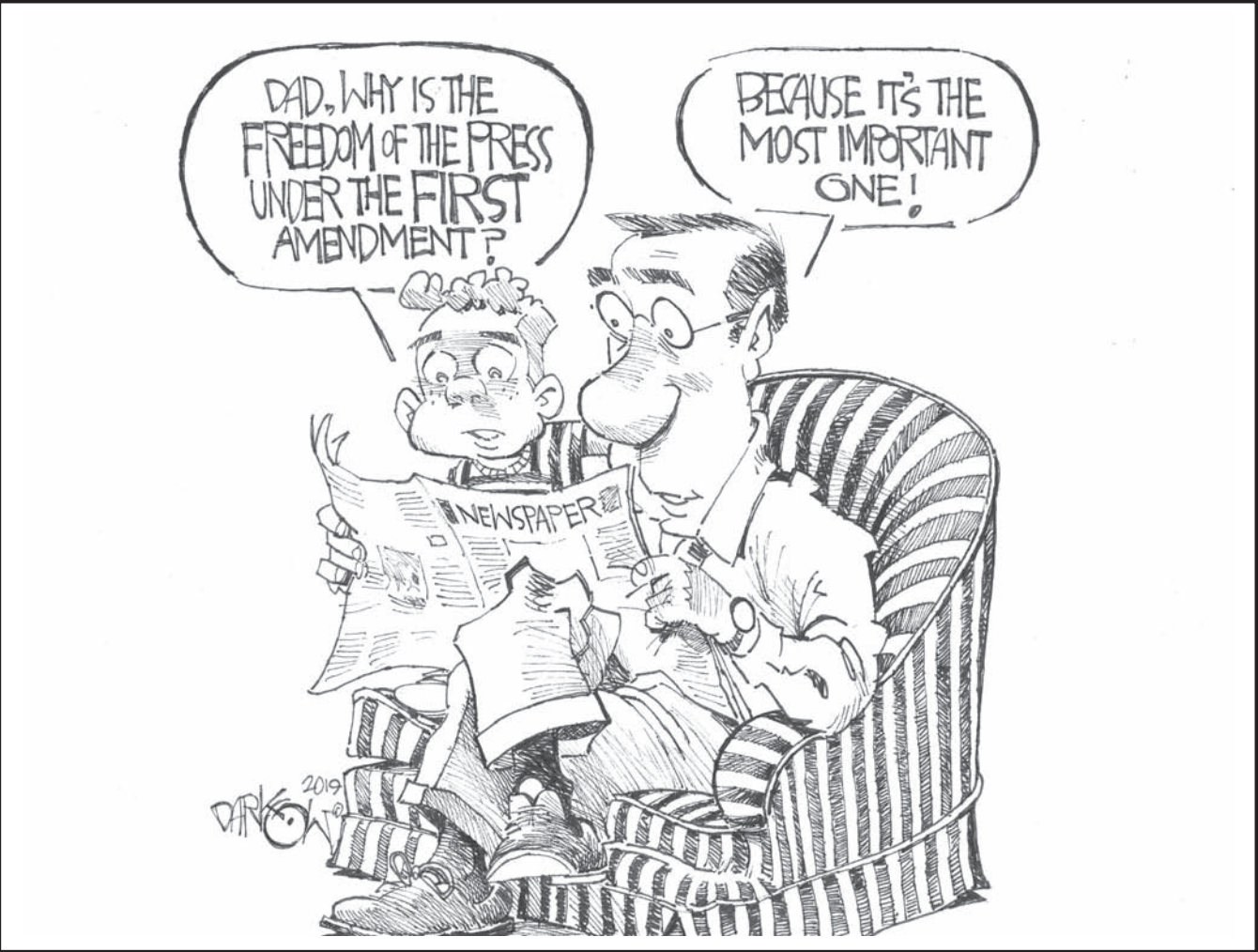
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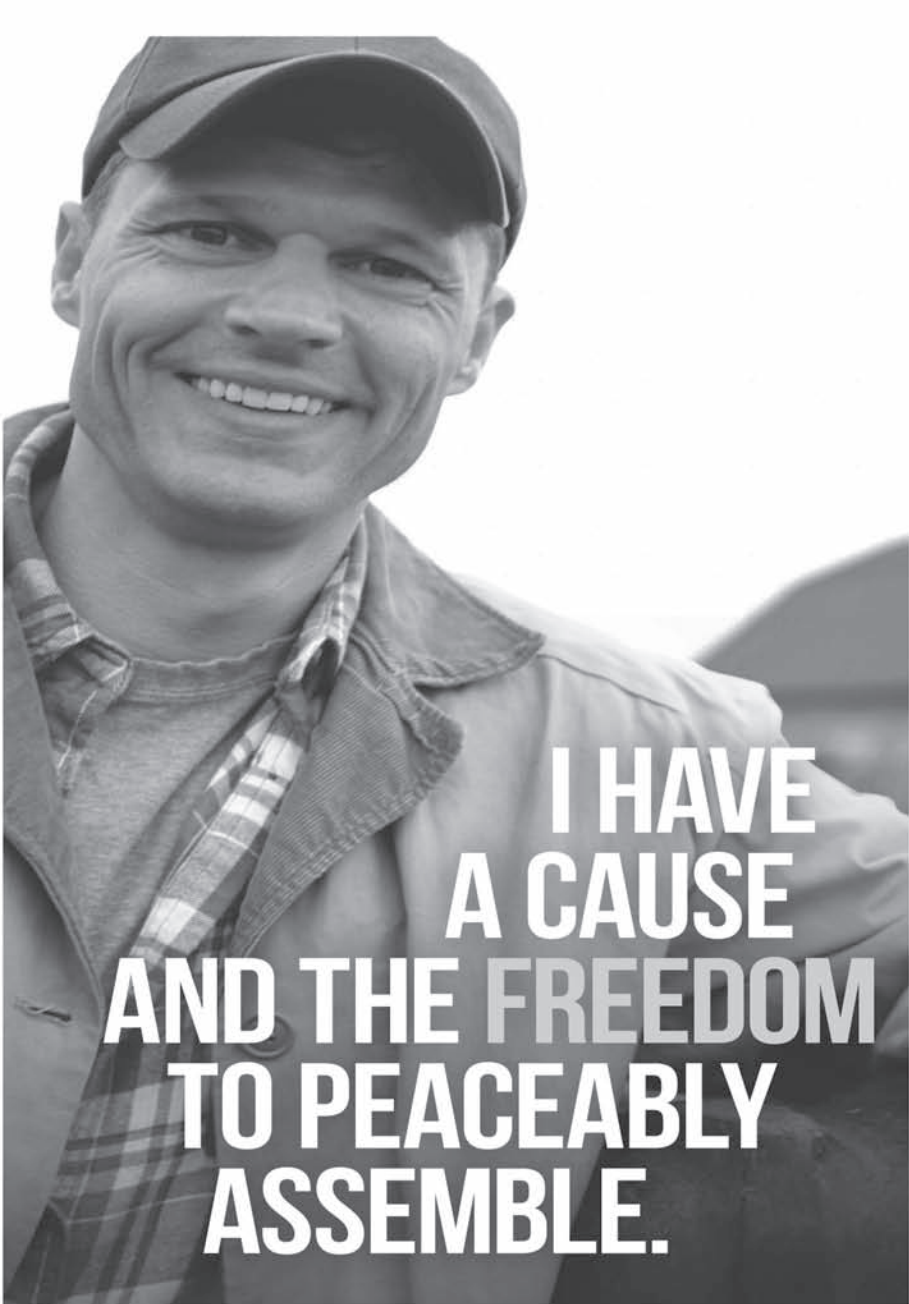
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The Sheridan Fire Department is selling 2 vehicles. These items will sell to the highest bidder over the reserve price. Bid Item 1. 1969-1970 Chevy Fire Truck No Reserve Bid Item 2. 1989 GMC Fire Truck 1000-gallon tank 1250 GPM passed pump certification last year, generator included – reserve price \$14,500 All bids must be sealed and shall be marked clearly on the outside of the envelope the Bid Item Number for which vehicle they are bidding. Sealed offers must be received at the office of Town of Sheridan by 4:00 on January 13th, 2010. Offers will be opened and read aloud on Monday, January 13th, 2020 during the Council Meeting. Please contact Ben Hitchcock at 660-2488 for questions (Pub. JAN. 2, 9, 2020)

TOWN OF SHERIDAN
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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST 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 protestor's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied. How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. 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. 26, 2019, JAN 2 2020) DEPT REVENUE MNAXLP



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MISSOURI RIVER CORPS OF REDISCOVERY

PART 29: COLD FRONT

“A verry warm day (worthy of remark that the water of this river or Some other Cause, I think that the most Probable throws out a greater preposn. of Swet than I could Suppose Could pass thro: the humane body Those men that do not work at all will wet a Shirt in a Few minits & those who work, the Swet will run off in Streams).”

—William Clark, July 6, 1804

Column and photos by
THOMAS J. ELP

“You’re lucky you weren’t here a few days ago when it was 95°F and humid,” Deb said, echoing the conditions Lewis and Clark experienced while ascending this stretch of the river in mid-summer.

Our last storm at Indian Cave State Park brought only light rain, but temperatures dropped precipitously in its wake. We were at the southern edge of a cold front that brought heavy snow and frigid temperatures up north, including two feet of snow in my hometown of Pony, Montana. We’ve been migrating south, trying to stay ahead of the changing seasons, but near-freezing temperatures and cold wind announced the end of summer vacation.

We paddled away from Indian Cave with a strong tailwind, largely ameliorated by heavy tree cover along the banks. Less than ten miles later we hit a treeless stretch with a side wind that blew us against the only patch of dry ground on the flooded river. We took shelter and spent the rest of the day reading.

Paddling conditions were vastly better by dawn. A hot water bottle in a reflective sack kept my feet warm through the chilly morning, and the afternoon was comfortable enough. Local river angel Deborah Bryan tracked our progress online, greeting us at the boat ramp moments after we arrived in White Cloud, Kansas. Deb invited us to stay in the old general store she is restoring on Main Street. She is working on several buildings and leading the effort to revitalize the community. We enjoyed hot stew from the crockpot, and Deb gave us an extensive tour of the area.

River conditions greatly improved below White Cloud, with fewer breaches in the levy system. I relaxed for the first time in days, comforted by the sight of nearly continuous dry

ground on both sides of the river channel. Light motorboat traffic hinted at functional boat ramps for access. A pleasant day of paddling brought us to St. Joseph, where river angels Emma Gossett and Derrick Boos waved us into town, generously treated us to dinner, and showed us around the town.

Deb had arranged permission to pitch our tents at the port, which was a great campsite, providing easy access to downtown St. Joseph. However, we returned to find three inches of water in the dugout canoe, thanks to a passing sand barge. Sand is dredged from the river bottom upstream for a concrete plant located a short distance downstream. I bailed out the canoe, hoping it wouldn’t happen again.

We stayed long enough in the morning to tour the home where Jesse James was shot and killed in 1882, meeting up briefly with Bicycle Dan, who has been riding parallel to our route. We also toured the Pony Express Museum, learning about the legendary mail service that employed 120 riders, 184 way stations, 400 horses, and hundreds of additional employees to provide fast and reliable communication between St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California. The Pony Express opened in April of 1860 and closed eighteen months later, eclipsed by nearly instant telegraph service.

All packed up and ready to leave town, we stood on the riverbank while the sand barge passed by, its massive wake riling the canoes into bucking broncos on the water. Chris’s dry bag bounced off into the river, and he sprang into action, diving flat onto the canoe, then over into the roiling waters to catch the bag. I bailed six inches of water out the canoe while he put on dry clothes. An otherwise pleasant day brought us to Atchison, Kansas, where we obtained permission through the police



The weather turned cold on us, with many miles yet to go.

department to pitch our tents on the narrow strip of grass between the road and the boat ramp.

Bicycle Dan showed up in the morning with Wendy Maupin of Weston, Missouri, who recognized Dan in town from our online posts. Wendy previously visited Montana while our mutual friend Churchill was staying at my house, and now we were in her neighborhood. We toured the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum on the bluff above town. Looking out over the river, I wondered how much that aerial view inspired Earhart’s interest in flying.

Wendy and Dan brought a kayak and joined us for an almost-warm day on the water, flying downstream at 6 mph. Local river angel, Larry Caster invited us to camp at his riverfront cabin. The structure was built on pylons above the ground, but spring flood waters still ran several feet deep through the house. Larry and wife Annette laboriously cleaned up the mud, but

haven’t fully refurnished the building. The access road was washed out by a new channel cut through a breach in the levy system, rendering the cabin inaccessible except by

MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued on B9



Deborah Bryan is working to restore and revitalize the town of White Cloud, Kansas.



Pet of the Week

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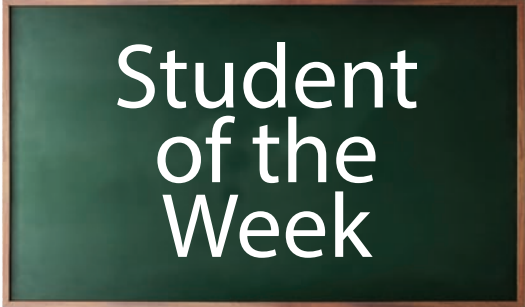
Trista

We wish you a blessed and Happy Mew Year. Sure hoping and purraying it will bring my brother and I a new forever home. We’ve been here since our dad passed away in 2018. We are well taken care of but it just isn’t the same as having our own family you know. We would really love to stay together, but could go separately. Purrease call Misty at 439-1405 and ask for us. We will be eternally grateful. Trista



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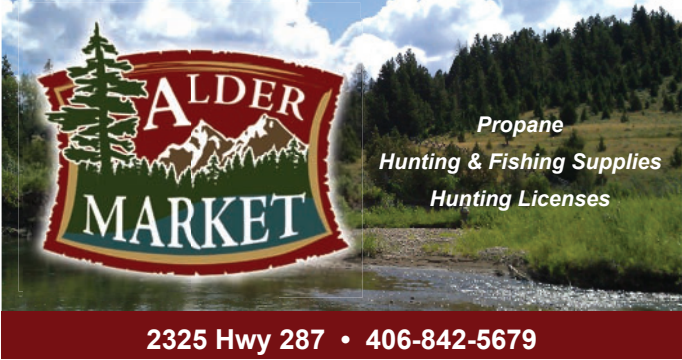
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ELI UBALDO has been nominated for this week’s Student of the Week for the Alder School. Eli, whose parents are Cassie and Fredy Ubaldo, was nominated because he is a hard worker and he encourages his peers to do the

same. Eli is in the second grade and he enjoys being outdoors with his family, playing with friends and doing crafts. Keep up the great work, Eli!

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MISSOURI CORPS OF REDISCOVERY continued FROM B8

boat.

We enjoyed a lovely afternoon around the fire before Larry, Wendy, and Dan all headed downriver, and we sought shelter inside, grateful for solid walls against the cold breeze.


Paddling to Bee Creek at dawn, Windy picked us up for a tour of historic Weston. We later paddled another fifteen miles, tied the canoes at the river bank and caught a ride back to her house to sleep. The chill of autumn nights is more than offset by the warm hospitality of folks all along the Missouri River. After four and half months living as vagabonds, we are ready for some civilized comforts.

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

A hot water bottle in a reflective sack kept my bare feet warm on a chilly morning.



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— LIFERING —

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

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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.

Monday, January 6 – Tuna noodle casserole, veggies, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7 – Swedish meatballs, mashers, veggies, dessert - “Pan” at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8 – Breakfast quiche, fruit, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Thursday January 9 – Chicken caesar wraps, chips, dessert - “Red Hat Ladies”

Friday, January 10 – Sloppy Joes, potato salad, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

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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.

Thursday, January 2 - Mac n’ cheese, roll, veggie, dessert

Tuesday, January 7 - BLT, soup, 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.

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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.





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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1



MONDAY, JANUARY 6

4-5:30 p.m.
Blood Pressure Management Classes begin
Weekly on Mondays in Sheridan for 8 weeks. Free to the public.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

6:30 p.m.
Mental Health Support Group
At the Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Noon
Brown Bag Lunch with Butte Historical Memorials
Jim McCarthy, Lindsay Mulcahy, and other board members will discuss the history of the “Great Dynamite Explosion of January 15, 1895.

6 p.m.
Ruby Valley Brew Trivia Night
Come enjoy trivia every Wednesday night at Ruby Valley Brew. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Noon - 3 p.m.
Pond Hockey Tournament
Annual Hockey Tournament in Virginia City.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Senior Center Dance and Social
Live music by Fan Mountain Frog Dogs at the Ennis Senior Center.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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.

MONDAYS	Madison County Library community room. 10:30 a.m. Story Hour, Twin Bridges Twin Bridges Library
2:30 p.m. Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Thompson-Hickman Library.	10:30 a.m. Books and Babies, Ennis Madison Valley Public Library.
10:30 a.m. Ennis Arts Association, Ennis Meet on the second Monday of every month. ennisartsassociation.org	11 a.m. Baby Bistro, Ennis First and third Wednesday of the month at the Madison Valley Public Library
5:15 P.M. First and Third Monday of Every Month. Free Meditation Classes at Sheridan Public Library.	2:30 p.m. Knitting, Twin Bridges Twin Bridges Library
TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS
9:30 a.m. Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Tuesday in the Annex Building.	MV Woman's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church
10:30 a.m. Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City Every Tuesday at the Thompson Hickman Library.	1 p.m. MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH Madison Valley Manor Sun Room
6 p.m. First and Third Tuesday of Every Month Dementia Care Giver Support Group Join us at the Tobacco Root Care Center Conference Room. The third Tuesday is a training session.	2 p.m. Knitting Club At the Sheridan Public Library. On the second Thursday of the month, meet at the Ruby Valley Brewery.
7 p.m. Movie Night, Virginia City Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every other Tuesday night.	7 p.m. First and Third Thursday of Every Month Movie at Sheridan Public Library
Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m. For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables at the Pony School.	FRIDAYS
Support group, Ennis Ennis family and friends support group for those struggling with addiction. 5 p.m. 100 Prairie Way.	11 a.m. Story Time, Ennis Pre-K to Grade 2. Madison Valley Public Library
WEDNESDAYS	FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY
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.	7 p.m. Live Music - Norris
9:30 a.m. Yoga with Emily Join us for yoga with Emily at the Thompson- Hickman	SUNDAY
	2 p.m. Live Music, Ennis Willie'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.



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